



# **BULL INSPECTION GUIDE**

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This guide is for members wishing to register bulls born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. It will outline the inspections process, the data which will be recorded and the criteria upon which a bull can fail inspection. Members can use this guide to assess whether they wish to commit their bull to inspection.

### FEES

There are two options. Firstly, bulls notified to the Society with 'intention to register' within three months of birth will be subject to a £20 fee. Alternatively, bull calves notified as 'birth notification only' (free of charge) within three months of birth will be subject to the following fees if the Secretary is subsequently informed of intention to register:

3-6 months:	£40
6-12 months:	£60
12-18 months:	£125

## APPLYING FOR INSPECTION

Bulls will be registered upon passing inspection between 10 and 18 months of age. Members will be required to apply for their bulls to be inspected with a notice of at least one month to allow the Society time to make arrangements.

### WHO WILL INSPECT?

Inspectors will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the British White Cattle Society.

Inspectors will record data as outlined in the following information.

After inspection, the member will be provided with a summary sheet detailing all information recorded. Should a bull fail, explanation will be given as to which criteria were not met.

# CONDITIONS FOR INSPECTION

IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT AN ACCURATE INSPECTION, THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE:

- FULLY WORKING AND ACCESSIBLE CRUSH WITH FACILITY FOR HEAD RESTRAINT, EITHER BY HALTER OR YOKE/SCOOP
- MEANS OF WEIGHING THE BULL, PREFERABLY ON A SCALE
- CONTAINED HARD STANDING AREA WHERE THE BULL CAN BE ASSESSED WHILE WALKING FREELY

## PASS OR FAIL?

THE FOLLOWING PAGES OF THIS BOOKLET EXPLAIN HOW THE INSPECTION WILL BE RECORDED. EACH SECTION IS MARKED TO SHOW WHETHER THE CRITERIA ARE FOR DATA COLLECTION ONLY OR CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE BULL COULD PASS OR FAIL.

 DATA RECORD ONLY

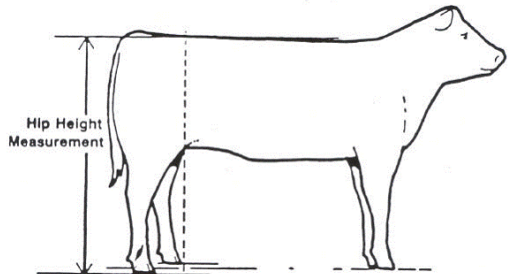
 PASS OR FAIL

# INSPECTION CRITERIA

## FRAME SCORE

● **PASS OR FAIL – BULLS FRAME 3 OR BELOW WILL FAIL INSPECTION**

Frame score is recorded by taking a hip height measurement at a point directly over the hip bones (hooks) with the animal standing on a level surface, as shown in the diagram.



The table below shows hip height (measured in inches) marked against age in months to give a frame score.

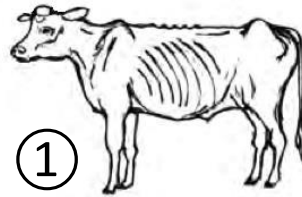
Months of age	Frame 3	Frame 4	Frame 5	Frame 6	Frame 7
10	43.3	45.3	47.3	49.3	51.3
11	44.2	46.2	48.2	50.2	52.2
12	45.0	47.0	49.0	51.0	53.0
13	45.8	47.8	49.8	51.8	53.8
14	46.5	48.5	50.5	52.5	54.5
15	47.1	49.0	51.0	53.0	55.0
16	47.6	49.5	51.5	53.5	55.5
17	48.1	49.8	51.8	53.8	55.8
18	48.5	50.0	52.0	54.0	56.0

# INSPECTION CRITERIA

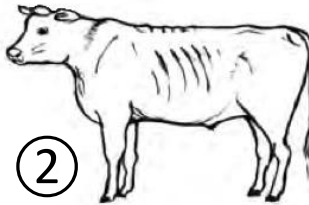
## WEIGHT

### ● DATA RECORD ONLY

Actual weight in kilograms (kg) will be recorded using a weigh scale. If a scale is not available, weight may have to be estimated using a weigh tape.



Backbone, hips and shoulder bones prominent, ribs clearly visible, tail head area recessed, skeletal body outline



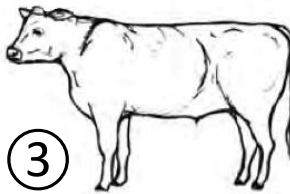
Backbone, hips and shoulder bones visible, ribs faintly visible, tail head area slightly recessed, bony body outline

## CONDITION SCORE

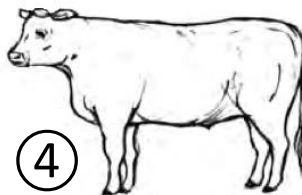
### ● DATA RECORD ONLY

Condition score will be recorded on a scale of 1 to 5 using the guide shown in the diagrams (right).

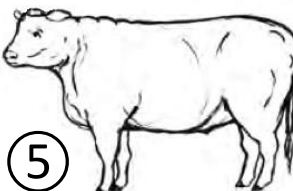
Recording condition score is important in interpreting the bull's weight for age. This will help the Society to produce breed averages for weight relative to condition score.



Hip bones faintly visible, ribs generally not visible, tail head area not recessed, body outline almost smooth



Hip bones not visible, ribs well covered, tail head area slightly lumpy, body outline rounded



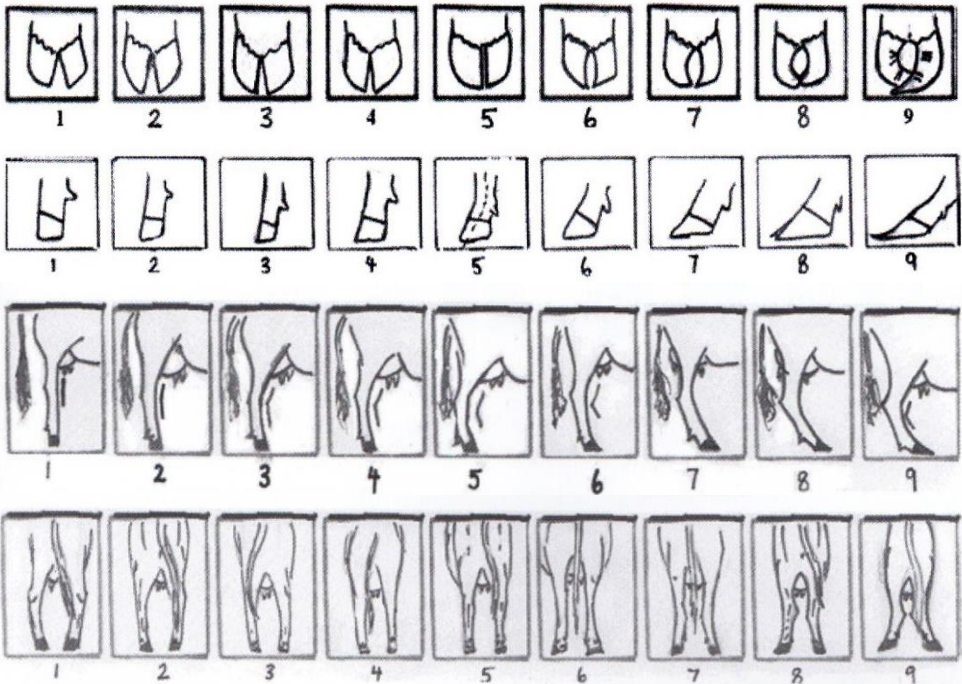
Hip bones showing fat deposit, ribs very well covered, tail head area very lumpy, body outline bulging due to fat

# INSPECTION CRITERIA

## FEET AND LEG ALIGNMENT

### ● PASS OR FAIL

A score of 5 in each of the diagrams is ideal, 1 and 9 are extreme faults. A bull may fail inspection if he displays extremely undesirable feet or leg alignment.



## MOUTH

### ● PASS OR FAIL

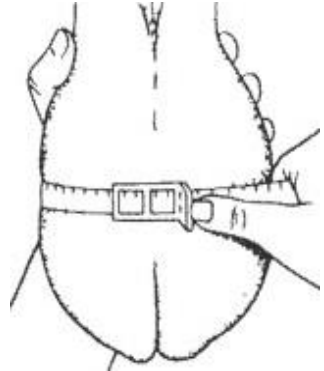
Prominent under or overshoot jaws will be considered grounds for failure.

# INSPECTION CRITERIA

## SCROTAL CIRCUMFERENCE

### ● DATA RECORD ONLY

Measured by holding the testicles to the bottom of the scrotal sack and placing the tape around the widest point.



## UNDESCENDED/UNEVEN TESTICLES

### ● PASS OR FAIL

While the scrotal circumference measurement will only be recorded and is not a condition on which a bull will be denied registration at this stage, any bull with undescended or uneven testicles may fail inspection.

## TEMPERAMENT

### ● PASS OR FAIL

The temperament of each bull will not be graded, however if he displays behaviour during inspection such that an accurate recording of data cannot be completed, this will be considered grounds for failure.

## HORNS/SCURS

### ● PASS OR FAIL

The presence of horns or scurs (horn-like growths not attached to the skull) will be considered grounds for failure.

# EXTRA NOTES

ALONG WITH INSPECTION CRITERIA, THE FOLLOWING DETAILS WILL BE RECORDED ON THE INSPECTION FORM: EAR TAG NUMBER, REGISTRATION NUMBER, NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SIRE, DAM, MARKING

TWO IDENTICAL FORMS WILL BE COMPLETED DURING INSPECTION; ONE TO BE RETURNED TO THE SOCIETY BY THE INSPECTOR(S), ONE TO BE RETAINED BY THE BULL'S OWNER FOR THEIR INFORMATION

BULL CALVES MAY BE SOLD PRIOR TO INSPECTION - THE NEW OWNER WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE BULL TO BE INSPECTED

BULL CALVES WILL RETAIN THE HERD PREFIX OF THE HOLDING ON WHICH THEY WERE BORN, EVEN IF INSPECTION/REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE AFTER THE BULL HAS BEEN SOLD

# ANY QUESTIONS?

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