BRITISH CHAROLAIS CATTLE SOCIETY

Pre-Sale Checks for Vendors

BEFORE BRINGING CATTLE TO A SOCIETY SALE

To help avoid disappointment from cattle being rejected at the pre-sale inspection, we recommend that all vendors complete the following checks before travelling to the sale. Please make sure your animals meet the relevant society sale requirements and are fit, sound and correctly prepared for inspection.

Your Pre-Sale Checklist

1	**Teeth & Dentition** Check that the animal's dentition is correct and that the incisor teeth are biting correctly on the upper pad.
2	**Testicles - Bulls** Check that both testicles are firm, evenly sized and meet the Society's minimum scrotal circumference requirements.

Age	Minimum Scrotal Circumference
13-18 months	34cm
Over 18-24 months	36cm
Over 24 months	38cm

3	**Health & Condition** Check that cattle are free from warts, ringworm, mange and any other infectious or contagious conditions. Particular attention should be paid to the sheath and scrotal area of the bulls.
4	**Feet, Legs & Locomotion** Check that the feet and legs are sound and that the animal moves freely with satisfactory locomotion.
5	**Minimum Age** All bulls must be halter-trained and at least 13 calendar months old on the date of the sale. For the Stirling February and October sales, bulls must be at least 14 calendar months old.
6	**Confirmation & Condition** Animals should be of good conformation and presented in suitable condition for sale.
7	**Weight for Age** Bulls must meet the British Charolais Cattle Society's minimum weight-for-age standard. See the full Bull Weight-for-Age Guide on page 2.

Before you Travel

- All required DNA testing is complete or in progress at the laboratory
- BVD vaccination and, where applicable, antigen testing requirements have been met
- Your herd health declaration has been completed
- The animals meet any additional requirements for the individual sale
- All required paperwork and declarations have been submitted

Need advice?

If you are unsure whether your cattle meet any of the pre-sale requirements, please contact the British Charolais Cattle Society office before travelling.
Tel: 02476 697222
A visit from one of the Society's Livestock Officers can also be arranged where required, at the members epensie.