British Pig Association
Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence
TAMWORTH

Section A - To be eligible for Herd Book entry a pig must (except in exceptional circumstances) be:

- bred in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland
- have at least 12 sound teats
- ear-marked and birth recorded with the BPA in accordance with current regulations
- the offspring of parents already registered either in the Herd Book of the same breed (or in a supplementary register of the Herd Book maintained at BPA's discretion)
- Free from congenital defects (e.g. Umbilical and Scrotal Hernias , Atresia Ani (blind anus), cryptorchid boars, extra cleys, twisted, overshot or undershot jaw and rose on the back)
- conform to any other such regulations as are made by the BPA Council from time to time

In exceptional circumstances a pig which does not fulfil all the criteria above may be accepted for herdbook registration following an inspection.

Breed Specific Requirements for Herdbook Registration

Colour	Golden-red and as free from black hairs as possible

Breed Specific Disqualifications which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

None

Section B – Standard of Excellence – These are recommendations only - breeders should try to achieve these standards in their breeding programmes. Pigs will be judged against these standards of excellence at BPA shows.

Coat	Abundant, straight and fine and as free from black hairs as possible.
Head	Not too long, face slightly dished, wide between ears, jowl light.
Ears	Rather large with fine fringe, carried rigid and inclined slightly.
Neck	Light, medium length, proportionately and evenly set on shoulders.
Chest	Well sprung and not too deep.
Shoulders	Light, free from coarseness and in alignment with forelegs below and with side as seen from in front.
Legs	Strong and shapely, with good quality bone and set well outside body; pasterns short and springy, standing well up on toe.
Back	Long and deep.
Sides	Long and of medium depth.
Loin	Strong and broad.
Tail	Set high and well tasselled.
Belly	Straight underline with at least twelve sound, evenly spaced and well placed teats starting well forward.
Flank	Full and well let down.
Hams	Well developed with plenty of width and giving a firm appearance.
Skin	Flesh coloured, free from coarseness, wrinkles or black spots.
Action	Firm and free.

Breed Specific Objections – Breeders should try to avoid these in their breeding programmes

Coat	Black hairs growing from black spots

No oil or other enhancement is to be applied to the coat for the show ring.

Pigs must comply with Section A. Breeders should aspire to breed pigs which meet the Standards of Excellence in Section B. More information is available in the BPA leaflet – Pedigree Breeding the Next Steps.

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