



# British Pig Association

## Breed Standard and Standards of Excellence

### BRITISH SADDLEBACK



#### **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**

<u>Ears</u>	Carried forward
<u>Colour</u>	Black and white with a continuous belt of white hair encircling the shoulders and fore legs White is permissible on nose, tip of the tail and the hind legs but no higher than the hock.

#### **Breed Specific Disqualifications** which make the pig ineligible for Herdbook Registration

<u>Colour</u>	An animal not possessing a continuous belt of white hair over the shoulders and fore legs Chocolate or red coloured White hair on the face or body outside the band over shoulders and fore legs, and tip of tail
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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.

<u>Head</u>	Medium length, face very slightly dished, under-jaw clean-cut and free from jowl Medium width between ears.
<u>Ears</u>	Medium size, curbing but not obscuring vision.
<u>Neck</u>	Clean and of medium length
<u>Shoulders</u>	Medium width, free from coarseness, not too deep.
<u>Chest</u>	Wide and not too deep
<u>Back</u>	Long and straight
<u>Ribs</u>	Well sprung
<u>Loin</u>	Broad and strong and free from slackness.
<u>Sides</u>	Long and medium depth.
<u>Hams</u>	Broad, full and well-filled to hocks.
<u>Legs</u>	Strong with good bone, straight, well-set on each corner of the body..
<u>Feet</u>	Strong and of good size.
<u>Coat</u>	Fine, silky and straight.
<u>Underline</u>	Straight; with at least twelve sound, evenly spaced and well-placed teats starting well forward
<u>Action</u>	Firm and free

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

<u>Ears</u>	Pricked or floppy
<u>Head</u>	Badger face, short or turned up snout.
<u>Skin</u>	Coarse or wrinkled.
<u>Hair</u>	Curly or coarse coat, coarse mane
<u>Teats</u>	Unsound or unevenly placed teats.

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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