



Wisconsin Club Lamb Association
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WCLA Sanctioned Show Chairs,

We appreciate your hard work in 2016 and look forward to having the WCLA members bring their best sheep to your 2017 jackpot shows! Enclosed you will find information for hosting a WCLA sanctioned show in 2017. **To have WCLA sanctioned show, all show information and sanctioning fees must be sent to the WCLA Treasurer by April 1, 2017.** Show information and sanctioning fees should be sent to Heidi Thorson, WCLA Treasurer, W460 Sydo Road, Columbus, WI 53925-1891.

The WCLA awards points to exhibitors in three categories: showmanship, breed champions and sweepstakes. Please read over the enclosed information on becoming a sanctioned show and our breed classification standards.

Holding a livestock show is a great way to promote interest in your organization. We post breed WCLA winners on the website along with any WCLA showmanship winners from your show. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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WCLA SANCTIONED SHOW POLICIES

The fee for a single show is \$50.00. Doubleheader shows must pay a \$100.00 sanctioning fee. This fee will entitle your show to have an ad/information advertising and promoting your show on the WCLA Web site at www.wisconsinclublambassociation.com. Your show information will also be published in our spring newsletter and various other locations including press releases in multiple publications. Please complete the enclosed WCLA Sanctioned Show Information form and send with payment to the WCLA Treasurer by April 1, 2017 to ensure your show information is included in these publications.

Guideline 1 – Ages are as of January 1 of the current year.

All sanctioned shows must provide showmanship classes for each show. **If you hold a double show (2 different judges) there needs to be showmanship classes for each show.** The WCLA requests that classes are broke as follows: Beginner – ages 8 and under, Junior – ages 9 to 11, Intermediate – ages 12 to 15 and Senior 16 to 19. **Rule clarification** - a WCLA junior member must show his or her own lamb to receive points. A substitution showman (WCLA Junior member) will be allowed for the following reasons: two animals in same class, death or family crisis, sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician.

Guideline 2 – Breed Classification

We require sanctioned shows to follow the All-American Junior Show guidelines. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed for your information. All WCLA sanctioned shows must show by breed. WCLA members are awarded breed points; therefore, each show must select a WCLA grand and reserve of each breed. The WCLA recognizes the following breeds: Hampshire, Suffolk, Crossbred, Natural Colored and White Face Any Other Breed (AOB). A WCLA show requires the following breed classes Hampshire, Suffolk, Crossbred, Natural Colored, AOB and Market Ewe (ewe of any breed).

Black lambs must show as Natural Colored. **Speckled and/or Black Face AOBs must be shown in the Crossbred class unless they are classified as a Suffolk, Hampshire or Natural.**

The show must also select a Grand and Reserve WCLA for each breed as well as a TOP 5 Overall, 1 and 2 will be considered Grand and Reserved Champion WCLA. The TOP 5 selection will allow judges to select runners up in the case that the top 2 sheep are not WCLA members.

Guideline 3 – Ringworm Policy

All lambs must be visually inspected when coming off the trailer. If a lamb must be touched for inspection, disposable gloves must be used. If a member of your organization determines that a lamb has ringworm/fungus, the whole trailer or load of sheep will be excused and will not be able to participate in the show. The show committee's decision supersedes veterinarian health certificates. For a lamb to pass inspection, the ringworm/fungus must be dead, no scabs, no red swollen areas and wool must be growing back in the area. We also encourage your organization to provide hand wipes for judges to use between classes or when they feel it appropriate.

Guideline 4 – Show Results

All show results must be given to the WCLA. You may give show results directly after the show to a WCLA board member or email them to Terri Dallas at tdallas@crinet.com

Your organization needs to keep track of who is a member of the WCLA. We request that you give full listings of all classes, including showmanship. The WCLA will determine points as outlined on the WCLA website.

Breed Classification Guidelines

Market lambs will be classified and judged by the “Three Strikes You’re Out” method.

Suffolk

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. White in face and legs 20%
2. Wool on head
3. Coarse hair on head and legs
4. Short thick ears
5. Wool on legs
6. Brown, not black head
7. Hooves not black

Absolute disqualification:

1. Excessively blue or dark hided
2. Speckled face or legs
3. Horn

Hampshire

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Broken wool cap
2. Very fine/thin hair on face or legs
3. Scurs
4. Excessive (more than 25%) white hair on jaw or legs

Absolute disqualification:

1. Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double-muscled
2. Horns
3. Speckled face so that the lamb appears to be a “brockle”
4. Excessively dark or blue hide
5. Inadequate wool covering on head and legs

Polled Dorset

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Any dark colored spots in the hair or wool
2. Large, drooping ears
3. Fine textured, silky hair covering
4. Absence of hair covering in typical areas
5. All solid, black hooves
6. Dark colored septum-dividing tissue between the nostrils
7. Dark colored lining of the nose or mouth
8. All-black, colored or spotted (Holstein-type) lamb

Natural Colored

At least 35 % natural colored, excluding head and legs, is acceptable.

Oxford

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Long, droopy black ears
2. Bare face
3. Black spots in wool or hair
4. Inverted eyelids

Absolute disqualification:

1. Speckled face and/or legs
2. Horns or solid scurs
3. Lack of top-knot
4. Long, slick, droopy black ears
5. Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double muscle and white spots on the ear

Shropshire

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Coarse or long, droopy ears
2. Coarse or Roman nose
3. Excessive white on face, ears or legs
4. Legs completely bare of wool below the knee and hock
5. Black armpits or black spots in skin or wool

Absolute disqualification

1. Horns
2. Lack of wool cap
3. Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double-muscled

Southdown

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid white hair color on muzzle
2. Pink nose
3. Excessive white on face, ears or legs
4. Completely slick ears
5. Pink or striped hooves
6. Black spots in the fleece
7. Open poll on the head

Absolute disqualification:

1. Speckled face or legs
2. Horns or solid scurs
3. Solid black lamb
4. Steep hip or genetic tendency to be double-muscled

WCLA SANCTIONED SHOW INFORMATION

Organization Name _____

Show Contact _____

Show Contact _____

Show Contact's email address _____

Organization's Web site _____

Date of Show _____ Number of shows _____

Location of Show _____

Weigh-in Time _____ Show Time _____

Payouts (optional) _____

Additional information (i.e. directions, judges names, show order, etc.)

**Complete this form and send with sanctioning fees (\$50 per show) by April 1, 2017 to:
Heidi Thorson, WCLA Treasurer, W460 Sydo Road, Columbus, WI 53925.**