



Wisconsin Club Lamb Association

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SANCTION SHOW LETTER

WCLA Sanctioned Show Chairs,

WCLA strives to be an organization with the best interest of youth in mind, and to help grow the livestock program as a whole. To become a sanctioned show, please read over the enclosed information.

We look forward to having another year with high caliber sheep running our circuit in 2023. We have made a few changes to show regulations, please read this letter in its entirety and reach out with questions.

WCLA will be hosting an online consignment sale with SCONline Sales in March. 10% of each lamb sold will be retained by WCLA as a fundraiser. Any lamb sold on this sale, wether or ewe, will be automatically tracked for points throughout the year with breeder recognition on social media, and entered in points for year end awards. WCLA will have a show class at WI Sheep and Wool Festival for lambs bought on the sale, with awards given. This sale is open to any breeders across the county, with a limit of 3 sheep per breeder. Please follow our facebook page or email president Josh Reimer for important announcements regarding this sale.

Show ewe of the year will be by breeder nominated division only, with the exception of SCONline sale ewes.

Diana Ornes is our new WCLA Vice President and Points Chair. She can be reached at 608-633-6410 or email briaroak6738@gmail.com. Please reach out with questions regarding information needed to be recorded at your show. **All points must be emailed within 14 days after conclusion of your show. Ear tag numbers must be included in show results.**

New age limit! The board has voted to raise the age limit to age 21 or younger as of Jan 1, 2023. In the Collegiate age division, overall top 5 sweepstakes will receive awards.

The WCLA board has voted to no longer recognize the Suffolk breed.

Only one youth allowed to collect points on an individual sheep per show day. Youth member entered as exhibitor for show 1, will be allowed to track points on that animal for an entire show day. If another youth member exhibits the same sheep in show 2, this youth will not be allowed to track points, but the animal can still go in the ring with another kid at the head. This is per day during double header shows.

Example: John entered Hamp, Tag #003, and shows the lamb in show 1 and showmanship. John doesn't want to, or cannot be there to exhibit in show 2, so the owner of #003 decides to send Sally in for show 2 at the head. John is not at the head for show 2, so neither John nor Sally can gain points for show 2, but the sheep can still be shown.

Only one lamb per breed or commercial ewe category can collect points per youth per show. You may not exhibit more than one lamb in each breed category for points. The top collecting sheep will be used for points collection, unless communicated to the points chair, by email, within seven days of the show. Limit of 3 different breeds per show, and one commercial ewe per show.

The board recommends WCLA shows follow the same show order in order to help exhibitors plan and have consistency at all shows. The order we highly recommend using:

SHOW 1

Hamp

Dorset

Speck

Natural

Southdown

Crossbred

Commercial Ewe

Showmanship

SHOW 2

Hamp

Dorset

Speck

Natural

Southdown

Crossbred

Commercial Ewe

Holding a livestock show is a great way to promote interest in your organization. In addition, we will promote your show on social media. Please send pictures and information with final points results to points chair, Diana Ornes. Thank you for supporting WCLA and having interest in sanctioning your show.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Josh Riemer
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WCLA SANCTIONED SHOW POLICIES 2023

Sanction fee for a single show is \$50.00. Doubleheader shows \$100.00 sanction fee. This fee entitles your show information listed on the WCLA website, Instagram and Facebook pages. Please complete the enclosed WCLA Sanctioned Show form and send it with payment to Treasurer, Sam Thomas, by April 1, 2023, to ensure your show information is included in these publications.

WCLA requires all sanctioned shows to follow the rules stated in this document. Any questions should be directed to President Josh Riemer.

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

Membership is open to exhibitors age 21 or younger as of January 1, 2023. Showmanship classes: Beginner – ages 8 and under. Junior – ages 9 to 11. Intermediate – ages 12 to 15. Senior 16 to 19. Collegiate 20 to 21.

WCLA members must show their own lamb to receive points. A substitute showman (must be a WCLA membership exhibitor) will be allowed for the following reasons: two animals in the same class, death or family crisis, sickness, or a physical injury documented by a physician. Exhibitors must be able to control their lamb. If an exhibitor requires assistance with their lamb in the ring, they may be assisted by another WCLA member exhibitor only. Two exhibitors will be allowed in the ring for all commercial ewe classes.

Guideline 2 – Market Lamb Show

Sanctioned shows are to follow the All-American Junior Show guidelines for breed classification. A copy of the guidelines is enclosed for your information. Sanctioned shows must be shown by breed. Both wethers and ewes can be shown in the market lamb show. **A ewe cannot be shown in both the commercial ewe show and market lamb show during the same show day.**

Lambs over 12 months of age are not eligible for the market lamb show. WCLA exhibitors are awarded breed points; therefore, each show must select a grand and reserve of each breed. WCLA recognizes the following breeds: Hampshire, Dorset, Speckled, Natural, Southdown, and Crossbred. You are required to have a class for each of the recognized breeds.

Only one lamb per breed can collect points per youth per show (maximum of 3 breeds per youth per day/show). You may not exhibit more than one lamb in each breed category for points. If more than one lamb per class is shown under one exhibitor, the highest placing sheep will be used for points collection, unless communicated to the points chair, by email, within 14 days of the show.

The show must select a TOP 5 Overall. 1st and 2nd will be considered Grand and Reserve Champion of the show. Runner-up should be selected if these winners are not WCLA members. The WCLA board highly recommends that all shows follow the same show order in an effort to make shows more uniform. The order we recommend is Hamp, Dorset, Speck, Natural, Southdown, Crossbred, Commercial Ewe, Showmanship. Repeat order for show 2. Only one showmanship per double header shows.

Guideline 3 – Commercial Ewe Show

A ewe of any breed can show in the commercial ewe show. Youth may not show the same ewe in both the commercial ewe show and market lamb show during the same show day. Ewes must be under 20 months of age to be eligible for the commercial ewe show. Only one commercial ewe can collect points per youth per show. You may not exhibit more than one commercial ewe for points. If more than one commercial ewe is shown under one exhibitor, the highest placing ewe will be used for points collection, unless communicated to the points chair, by email, within 14 days of the show.

Commercial ewe show will be broken by weight, not breed nor age. WCLA recommends, regardless of headcount, the heavyweight class be broken at 170 lbs and higher. This will avoid lambs competing in class

against yearlings. First and second place commercial ewes from each class will be brought back to the ring to compete for TOP 3 Overall of the commercial ewe show. Runner-up should be selected if these winners are not WCLA members. **This is a separate division and will not compete in the overall champion drive. The ewe show will follow the selection of the Top 5 market lambs in all WCLA sanctioned shows.**

Guideline 4 – Show Results

All show results must be emailed to the WCLA points chair within 14 days following the conclusion of your show. You need to provide FULL show results to **Diana Ornes, briaroak6738@gmail.com.** All breeds and commercial ewe classes need full placings, **please include ear tag numbers in your results.** **Showmanship needs to be placed top 10 for each age division.** WCLA will determine points as outlined on the WCLA website and will update points as we receive show results.

Guideline 5 – Ringworm Policy

All lambs must be visually inspected, 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 must be excused and will not be able to participate in the show. The show committee's decision supersedes veterinary 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 encourage your organization to provide hand wipes for judges to use between classes or when they feel it appropriate.

Breed Classification Guidelines

Market Lambs will be classified and judged by the “Three Strikes You’re Out” method. Discrimination and disqualifications for the breeds are as follows: PLEASE MAKE THE JUDGE AWARE THAT THIS IS THEIR JOB AND THEIR DECISION IS FINAL. **As of Jan 1 2023, there will no longer be a suffolk class.**

Hampshire

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

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

Absolute disqualifications

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

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. Dark colored septum - dividing the tissue between the nostrils
6. Dark colored lining of the nose or mouth

Absolute disqualification

1. All-black, colored or spotted (Holstein type) lambs

Speckled

A speckled market lamb must be the offspring of at least one whiteface parent (either sire or dam). The lamb must show white hair on its head (including ears) and show some evidence of a speckling pattern on its ears, face, jaw, flank or legs.

Natural Colored

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

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 pool on the head

Absolute disqualifications

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

Crossbred

Black Face AOBs must be shown in the Crossbred class unless they are classified as a Hampshire or Natural.



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WCLA SANCTIONED SHOW FORM

Show or Organization Name _____

Show Contact _____

Show Contact's email address _____

Show Contact's Phone _____

Show or Organization Website and/or Facebook _____

Date(s) of Show _____ Number of shows _____

Location of Show _____

Weigh-in Time _____ Show Time _____

Entry Fees _____ Payouts (optional) _____

Judge(s) _____

Complete this form and send it with a check written out to the WCLA for sanctioning fees (\$50 per single show, \$100 per double header) by April 1, 2023 to:

**Sam Thomas
WCLA Treasurer
4982 Potters Crossing
Pulaski, WI 54162**