

JUNIOR Exhibit Guide



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Northern Wisconsin State Fair
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Junior Sheep – Department B04

All exhibitors are expected to be familiar with and follow all expectations covered at the beginning of this guide: Topics include:

1. Exhibit Guide: Use only this year's guide. Follow the schedule listed on page 1.
2. Method of Registration:
 - online at <http://nwsfa.fairwire.com>
 - Payment is required to complete registration.
 - A registration worksheet with fee details is available on the website.
 - Premise ID, YQCA and other required paperwork may be collected as part of the registration process.
 - By registering to exhibit at the Fair you authorize the use of your image (photo, audio, or video) for NWSF advertising and marketing.
3. Perks of Registering
4. Exhibit Tags
5. Registration: Changes, Additions, Substitutions and Refunds.
6. Exhibit Arrival / Drop-Off:
 - All health or DATCP required paperwork must be presented to the Department Leaders prior to unloading any animal. Purebred animals may be asked to show pedigree papers.
 - Display a printed information card over each stall or pen used for your animals. Some items which fairgoers may want to know include the name, breed, and age of each animal.
7. Judging: DATCP allows classes with low entry numbers to be merged into an 'any other' class at the time of judging. And for large classes to be split into heats. The decision of the certified judge is final.
8. Premiums & Ribbons
9. Parking & Entry to the Grounds
10. Removal of Exhibits
11. Camping
12. Leadership Structure
13. Ethics for Non-Animal Exhibits (Open 14–28 & Junior 10–33) Show respect to everyone.
14. Guidelines for Livestock Exhibits — Open (01–11) & Junior (01–13)
15. Ethics for livestock exhibits Open 01-11 & Junior 01-13 .
16. NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – I.A.F.E.
17. Liability Information

Items specific to this department exhibitors agree to:

- A. A charge of \$5.00 per head is required in this department.
- B. Exhibitors must be both a member of an Approved Youth Organization from Chippewa County and at least 8 years of age and younger than 20 on January 1 of the current year.
- C. Proof of ownership must be provided upon request.
- D. Health paperwork required for this species: Scrappies
 - An Animal Identification Form must be completed and submitted prior to unloading animals and must include the full scrapie, registration, or tattoo number.
 - Sheep from within Wisconsin need: If sexually intact they need official individual ID *at any age*; If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are *12 months or older*; Official ID includes scrapie ear tags or tattoos, USDA 840 ear tag, approved microchips if a reader is available and if accompanied by breed registration papers in the owner's name, or breed association tattoo if accompanied by registration papers in the owner's name; Cannot be under restriction for movement to fairs and shows
 - Ear tags and association numbers are required for all purebred animals.

- E. Exhibitors must provide a valid YQCA certificate number during registration and submit a printed or electronic copy to the fair office by the registration deadline.
- F. Showmanship class must be entered during registration.
- G. Each exhibitor may exhibit a total of six (6) animals, with no more than two (2) market lambs.
- H. Individual sheep classes must meet the following requirements: All wool breed classes, including registered Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets, and Targhees, must be shown with no more than two (2) inches of fleece. Lambs exhibited in breeding classes are not eligible to be shown in market classes.
- I. Group sheep classes include the following: A pair of lambs may consist of a spring or fall ram and a spring or fall ewe lamb owned by the exhibitor (Junior Division). A flock consists of three (3) animals—a ram (yearling or lamb), an ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe—owned by the exhibitor (Junior Division).
- J. Exhibitors must respect decisions of Rural Leadership regarding blue-ribbon Junior Fair exhibitors being permitted to carry over to the Open Class for ribbon-only participation, provided Department Leaders approve and space allows.

Age definitions per DATCP:

- **Individual Classes**

- (a) A spring lamb is one born on or after February 16 of the exhibit year.
- (b) A fall lamb is one born between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- (c) A winter lamb is one born between January 1 and February 15 of the exhibit year.
- (d) A yearling ram or ewe is one born outside the date of birth limitations in pars. (a) through (c). The age of yearlings may be subject to verification by a veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.

- **Group Classes**

- (a) A get of sire shall consist of 4 lambs or yearlings, or both, of either sex, from one sire, which were bred and are owned by the exhibitor.
- (b) An exhibitor's flock shall consist of one yearling or ram lamb, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs which are owned by the exhibitor.
- (c) A junior division pair of lambs may include a spring or fall ram and spring or fall ewe lamb owned by the exhibitor.
- (d) A junior division flock shall be comprised of 3 sheep consisting of a yearling or lamb ram, an ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe, all of which are owned by the exhibitor.

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Division A - Suffolk

Division B - Hampshire

Division C - Dorset

Division D - Tunis

Division E - Any Other Breed, Wool Type

Division F - Any Other Breed, Meat Type

Sheep Class # - Description

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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1. Yearling Ram or older (previous year before 8/31)
2. Fall Ram Lamb (previous year 9/1 to 12/31)
3. Winter Ram Lamb (1/1 to 2/15)
4. Spring Ram Lamb (after 2/16)

Champion Ram

Ribbon

Reserve Champion Ram

Ribbon

5. Yearling Ewe (previous year before 8/31)
6. Fall Ewe Lamb (previous year 9/1 to 12/31)
7. Winter Ewe Lamb (1/1 to 2/15)
8. Spring Ewe Lamb (after 2/16)
9. Mature Ewe

Champion Ewe

Ribbon

Reserve Champion Ewe

Ribbon

Sheep Group Classes

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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10. Pair of lambs
11. Exhibitors Flock

Division G - Grades and Crossbreeds

Sheep Class # - Description

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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1. Yearling Ewe (previous year before 8/31)

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2. Fall Ewe Lamb (previous year 9/1 to 12/31)
3. Winter Ewe Lamb (1/1 to 2/15)
4. Spring Ewe Lamb (after 2/16)
5. Mature Ewe

Champion Ewe	Ribbon
Reserve Champion Ewe	Ribbon

Overall – Classes A-G

Grand Champion Female	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Female	Rosette
Grand Champion Male	Rosette
Reserve Grand Champion Male	Rosette

Division H: Sheep Group Classes

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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1. Pair of lambs
2. Exhibitors Flock

Division J - Market Lambs

Sheep Class # - Description

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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11. Market Lamb

Market Lamb Awards * Must compete in Showmanship

Supreme Champion Market Animal	Banner
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Animal	Banner

Division K - Carcass All MAP participants should include this class in their registration.

Sheep Class # - Description

Premium	1st =\$6	2nd =\$5	3rd =\$4	4th =\$3
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1. Carcass (only animals in auction eligible)

MAP Sheep Awards

Champion Carcass	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
Reserve Champion Carcass				
Rate of Gain Champion				
Rate of Gain Reserve Champion				
Total Performance Champion				
Total Performance Reserve Champion				

Division L – Sheep Showmanship

Premium	1st =\$3	2nd =\$2.50	3rd =\$2	4th =\$1.50
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Sheep Class # - Description

1. Beginner, completed grades 3-6
2. Intermediate, completed grades 7-9
3. Senior, completed grades 10-13
 - A banners will be given to the senior showman.

Division M - Lead Line

Sheep Class # - Description

Lead Line Class ~ **Ribbon** only ~ This class is open to all sheep exhibitors at the fair. Exhibitors wear attire made with wool fabrics. The class will be judged on a percentage as follows: 40% on attire of exhibitor, 30% on sheep and manner on which it is handled, 30% on personality and showmanship of exhibitor. Only ewes may be used in this class. Exhibitors shall provide the sheep chairman with a short resume, including name, age, address, parents, description of outfit, youth activities, and activities within sheep industry at the time of registration papers are checked.

Division P – Open Displays related to Sheep

Premium	1st =\$5	2nd =\$4	3rd =\$3	4th =\$2
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Class # - Description

1. Display sheep fleece
2. Display of wool
3. Wool Apparel, handmade
4. Wool item, handmade (not apparel)

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5. Art item, related to Sheep wool/fleece

** Consider entering apparel, wool items and art in Department A28 Home Furnishings or A26 Clothing, or A16 Cultural Arts. These Departments have display space in Building A and are on display throughout the fair.