

JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 13, 2023

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 10

CHECK IN – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 11

JUDGING – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 12

RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12

JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION RULES

Sexually intact sheep brought to the showgrounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder, the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old, but less than twenty years of age, as of January 1, 2023
3. Exhibitors will not be limited to the number of entries they can enter in this division, but may enter no more than two entries per class
4. Livestock projects must be raised at the physical address of validation record. Prior approval must be granted by the “Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee” in the event the animal will be outside the direct care of the exhibitor, immediate family/guardian, and/or the supervising county extension agent or Agriculture Science Teacher. Failure to gain approval from the supervising Agriculture Science Teacher/County Extension Agent and the Species Specific County-Level State Validation Committee will result in the disqualification of all state validated livestock
5. A copy of the state validation papers must be presented at the time of check in to verify entry
6. Identification – Committee members will verify ear tag, tattoo and nose prints at time of check in. All entries must have a legible ear tag corresponding to the required validation records at time of check in. All Jr Breeding Sheep entering the showring are required to have a validation ear tag
7. All Jr Breeding Sheep must have a legible county tattoo
8. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Lamb Division.
9. General Equipment – Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment, show boxes, feed pans, feed, chairs, etc. is strictly prohibited

10. Pens – Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way without approval of the superintendents. No lights are to be strung on the pens. Superintendents reserve the right to pen a minimum of three head per pen

11. Fitting: Pure water ONLY. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with foreign substance on a lamb, there will be immediate disqualification. Foreign material including (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. No clippers requiring an electrical cord are allowed to be used once the animal has arrived on the showgrounds. Touch up clipping with cordless clippers, scissors, or hand shears will be allowed. Significant clipping/shearing on the body is NOT considered touch up clipping and the lamb is subject to disqualification. Shearing: Lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints before arrival to the grounds. This will be strictly enforced. Refer to rule 15 Fitting.

12. Abnormalities – Sheep showing any pronounced defect, abnormality or open wounds will be barred from showing. Any evidence of cosmetic surgical alteration to enhance the physical conformation of an animal or dying of hair will disqualify the entry

13. Trimming Tables – Trimming tables will not be allowed in the barn and must be placed in locations designated by the superintendents. All trimming tables will require an identification tag of the 4-H club or FFA chapter

14. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the holding areas, judging arena, or on the arena director's stand during sifting and judging

15. After an animal becomes loose from an exhibitor 3 times, the committee chair, RGVLS Management, and/or RGVLS Director will have the animal removed from the ring and disqualified from showing.

16. Sheep Age – Sheep will be shown according to tooth development. If there are less than 5 entries in class, classes may be combined in the respective breed. Combining of classes in a respective breed will be at the discretion of the division superintendent. There will be no appeal from this determination

17. Classes

- a. LAMB CLASSES – All lambs must be carrying all milk teeth at time of check in. Lambs which show either or both of their first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to be shown in the lamb class. Lambs under 6 months of age will not be eligible.
- b. 2 TOOTH CLASS – All sheep must show one or both teeth or first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show one or both teeth of the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in 2-tooth class
- c. AGED CLASS – All sheep must show more than the first pair of permanent incisors. Sheep which show more than the first pair of permanent incisors are eligible to show only in the aged class

18. Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any breed of the Jr Breeding Sheep Division. If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Breed Champion of each division. 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.

BREEDS

- Southdown
- Haired Sheep
- Suffolk
- Hampshire

JR BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

SOUTHDOWN

- Class 1 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 2 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 3 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 4 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 5 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Rosette

HAIRED SHEEP

- Class 6 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 7 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 8 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 9 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 10 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Rosette

SUFFOLK

- Class 11 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 12 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 13 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 14 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 15 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Rosette

HAMPSHIRE

- Class 16 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 17 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 18 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 19 – Breed Champion Ewe – Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 20 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Rosette

CLASS 21 – SUPREME CHAMPION EWE – BUCKLE & BANNER

SCHEDULE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS

- 1st place - \$26
- 2nd place - \$25
- 3rd place - \$24

JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors of Jr Breeding Sheep are eligible to compete. Exhibitors will be divided into age groups

DIVISIONS

- Junior – Grades 3rd -5th
- Intermediate – Grades 6th – 8th
- Seniors – Grades 9th – 12th

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

- Champion - \$100 & Buckle
- Reserve Champion - \$75 & Ribbon
- 3rd place - \$50 & Ribbon