

JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION

JUDGE – Kurt Henry (Rainbow, TX)

ENTRY DEADLINE – January 15, 2024

ENTRY FEE - \$20 per entry

DELIVERY TO SHOWGROUNDS – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

CHECK-IN – 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2024

JUDGING – 8:00 a.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

RELEASE – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2024

Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – Hidalgo County Farm Bureau/Texas Farm Bureau Insurance
Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle Sponsor – 4C Cattle Company

SPECIAL RULES FOR JR BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION

1. Each exhibitor must be a bona fide member of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter and enrolled in elementary, secondary, or home school.
2. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or 9 years old, but less than 20 years of age, as of January 1, 2024.
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. All Jr. Breeding Sheep must be from a Texas premises, as defined by the Texas Animal Health Commission. No sheep traveling from out of the state of Texas or considered by TAHC as “intrastate” will be permitted on the showgrounds.
6. Sheep must have a legible/visible state validation tattoo, or original registration tattoo corresponding to its registration certification number.
7. All exhibitors participating in showmanship must enter through the online Showworks system by January 15, 2024.
8. Identification – State Validation Committee members will verify ear tag, tattoo, and nose prints. 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 showing are required to have a validation ear tag.
9. Sheep entered in this division are ineligible to be shown in the Market Lamb Division.
10. 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.
11. General Equipment – Blocking of aisles with any kind of equipment, show boxes, feed pans, feed, chairs, etc. is strictly prohibited.
12. Pens – Pens will NOT be taken apart or altered in any way without the 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.

13. Fitting: Pure water only. If an exhibitor is caught at the gate with a 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 at the showgrounds 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.
14. 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.
15. Trimming Tables – Trimming tables will not be allowed in the barn and must be placed in locations designated by the superintendents. All trim tables are required to be labeled with the name of the 4-H club or FFA chapter.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Sheep Age – Sheep will be shown according to tooth development. If there are less than 5 entries in a class, classes may be combined in the respective breed. Combining classes in a respective breed will be at the discretion of the division superintendent. There will be no appeal in this determination.
19. 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.
 - c. 4-6 TOOTH 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.
20. Scholarships will be awarded as follows:
 - Scholarships will not be awarded when there are less than 5 head shown in competition in any weight division of the Jr Breeding Sheep Division.
 - If there are 5 to 14 entries shown, 50% of the full scholarship will be awarded to the Division Champion of each weight division.
 - 15 head and more will result in full scholarship amounts.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 23 also apply.

JR BREEDING SHEEP BREEDS

SOUTHDOWN

- Class 1 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 2 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 3 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 4 – Breed Champion Ewe – \$500 Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 5 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

HAIRED SHEEP

- Class 6 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 7 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 8 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 9 – Breed Champion Ewe – \$500 Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 10 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

SUFFOLK

- Class 11 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 12 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 13 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 14 – Breed Champion Ewe – \$500 Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 15 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & Rosette

HAMPSHIRE

- Class 16 – Ewe Lamb
- Class 17 – 2 Tooth Ewe
- Class 18 – 4 to 6 Tooth Ewe
- Class 19 – Breed Champion Ewe – \$500 Scholarship, Banner & Rosette
- Class 20 – Reserve Breed Champion Ewe – Banner & 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 three groups based on their grade as of the day of the show. Exhibitors must show their own animal.

DIVISIONS

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

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

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