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YOU GROW IT, WE SHOW IT!
YOU RAISE IT, WE PRAISE IT!

OPEN AND YOUTH SHEEP COMPETITION GUIDE

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ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 8, 2026

RECEIVING
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
2:00 AM - 10:00 AM thru Gate 11

RELEASING
Sunday, October 4, 2026
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

LOCATION
Barn I

CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR
September 25 - October 4, 2026

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2026 SHEEP DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
SEP 6	**SEP 7**	**SEP 8**	**SEP 9**	**SEP 10**	**SEP 11**	**SEP 12**
		Online Registration Deadline				
SEP 13	**SEP 14**	**SEP 15**	**SEP 16**	**SEP 17**	**SEP 18**	**SEP 19**
SEP 20	**SEP 21**	**SEP 22**	**SEP 23**	**SEP 24**	**SEP 25**	**SEP 26**
					FIRST DAY OF FAIR	
SEP 27	**SEP 28**	**SEP 29**	**SEP 30**	**OCT 1**	**OCT 2**	**OCT 3**
			RECEIVING 2:00 AM - 10:00 AM thru Gate 11 Must be in place by 10am for vet inspection			Youth Sheep Show 10:00 AM - Barn I
OCT 4	**OCT 5**	**OCT 6**	**OCT 7**	**OCT 8**	**OCT 9**	**OCT 10**
Open Sheep Show 10:00 AM - Barn I **RELEASING** 6:30 PM LAST DAY OF FAIR						

PLEASE NOTE: The dates and times above were correct at time of publication; however circumstances may arise that require changes. Please check with the Department Superintendent for any updated schedules.

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OPEN SHEEP DEPARTMENT ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY FEE
$8.00 per animal
Group classes: $6.00 each class
Fitting & Showing classes: $5.00

LATE FEE
Animals registered after September 8, 2026 incur a $2 per animal late fee. You must add this fee manually when you register online.

PREMIUMS

Breeding Classes:
1st - $35.00 2nd - $30.00 3rd - $25.00
4th - $20.00 5th -$15.00

Group Classes:
1st - $17.00 2nd - $14.00 3rd - $11.00
4th - $8.00 5th -$5.00

Market Sheep Classes:
1st - $17.00 2nd - $14.00 3rd- $11.00
4th - $8.00 5th - $5.00

Open Fitting & Showing:
1st- 15.00 2nd - $12.00 3rd - $11.00
4th - $7.00 5th - $5.00

CHANGEOVER

Barns will be closed on Sunday, October 4th at 6:00pm; Banner line will go up at 6:00pm.

To assure guest safety no access will be allowed in the livestock area once the banner line has been installed. We are hopeful that we may clear the barn and livestock areas of fairgoers by 6:30pm, at which time exhibitors may finish hauling their tack and decorations.

Please do not start dismantling any displays or decorations until 5:30pm. Once this procedure is completed, we will have a general release with an estimated release time of 6:30pm. Please keep in mind that this depends on getting the barn areas cleared of fairgoers in a timely fashion.

You will be informed by your Superintendent of a definite release time once management (Livestock Show Supervisor) feels it is safe for everyone.

Long hauls will be given consideration for an earlier release if it is safe to do so. Gators and drivers will be available to assist you in hauling your tack and/or display items.

ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

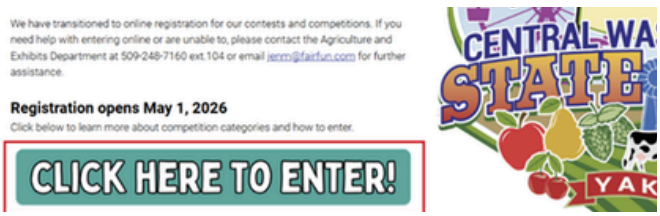
Read below, then register entry information online before bringing items to the Fair.

STEP 1

- Go to **FAIRFUN.COM**
- Hover over the "**Fair**" tab in the green navigation bar at the top of the page.
- From the drop-down menu, select "**Competitions & Contests**."

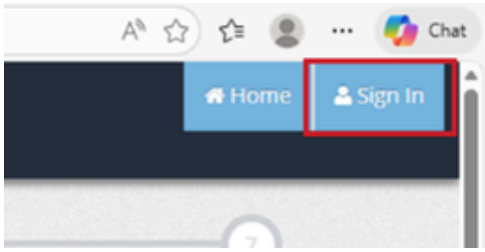
STEP 2

- Click the teal "**Click Here to Enter**" button. (Available May 1.)



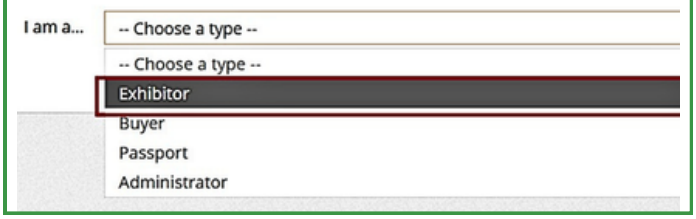
STEP 3

- In the top right corner, click the blue "**Sign In**" button to create your account.



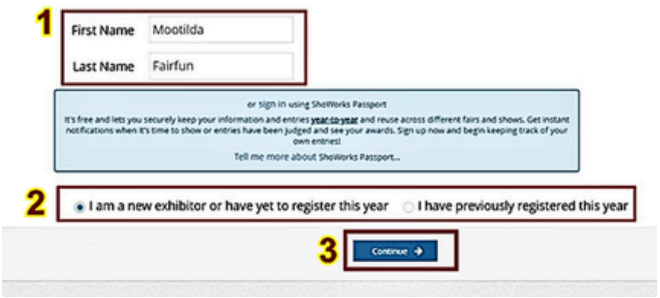
STEP 4

- From the dropdown menu, select "**Exhibitor**."



STEP 5

- Enter the exhibitor's first and last name.
  - If you are registering for a youth, use the exhibitor's name.
  - Select "I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year."
  - Click the blue "**Continue**" button.

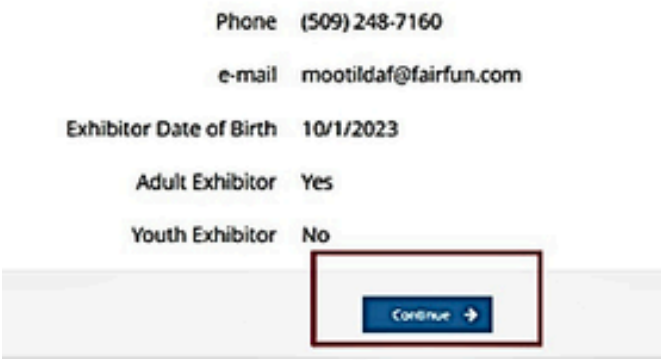


STEP 6

- Fill out all exhibitor information fields.
  - Choose a password you will remember (or write it down). Click "**Continue**."

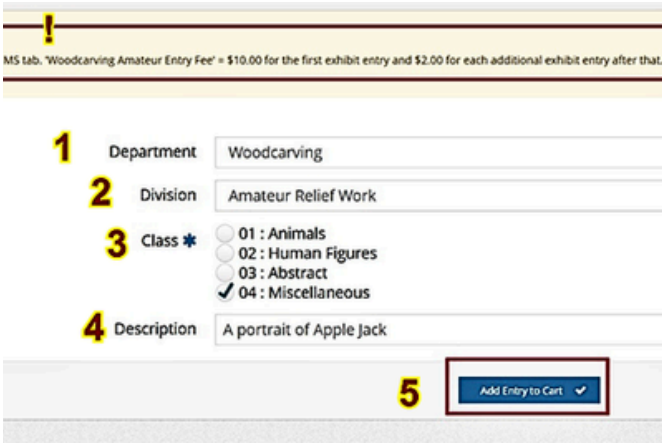
STEP 7

- Review your exhibitor information.
  - Make sure your address is correct — this is where your premium check will be mailed. Click "**Continue**."



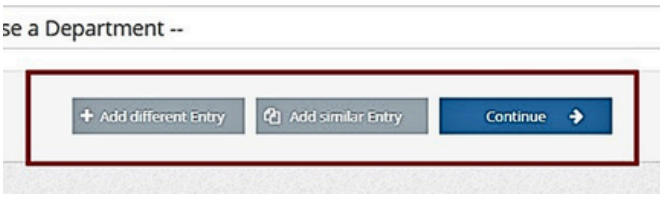
STEP 8

- Add your entries:
  - Select a department (example: Woodcarving).
  - Select a division (example: Amateur Relief Work).
  - Select a Class (example: Miscellaneous).
  - Fill in all additional information, such as title or description.
  - The light-yellow box will tell you which entry fees you will need to add later. Click "**Continue**."



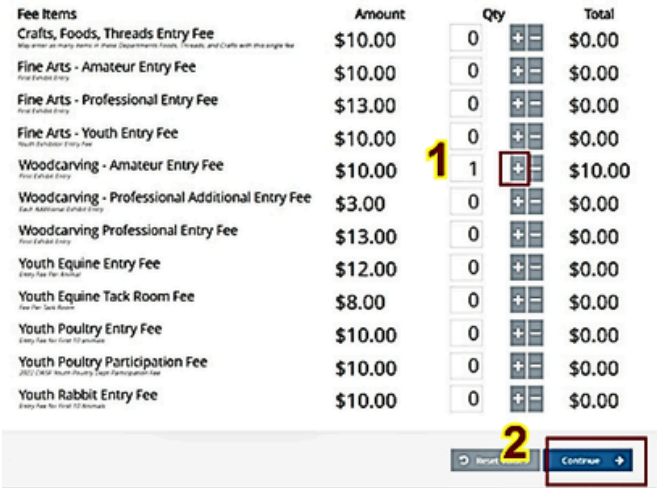
STEP 9

- If you have more entries:
  - Click "Add Similar Entry" for another item in the same department.
  - Click "Add Different Entry" for a new department.
  - Continue until all entries are added, then click "**Continue**."



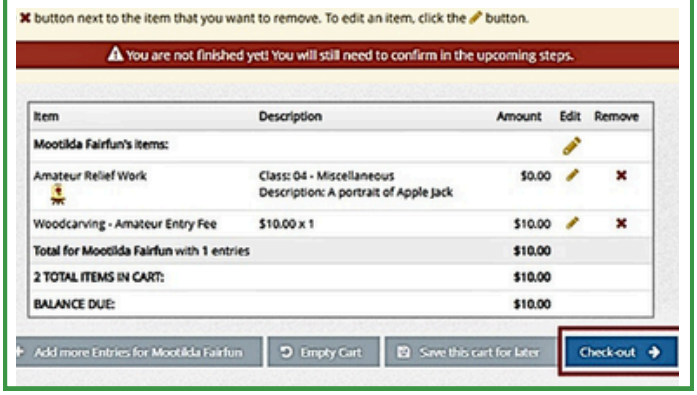
STEP 10

- Add your entry fees by clicking the "+" button next to each fee. Click "**Continue**."



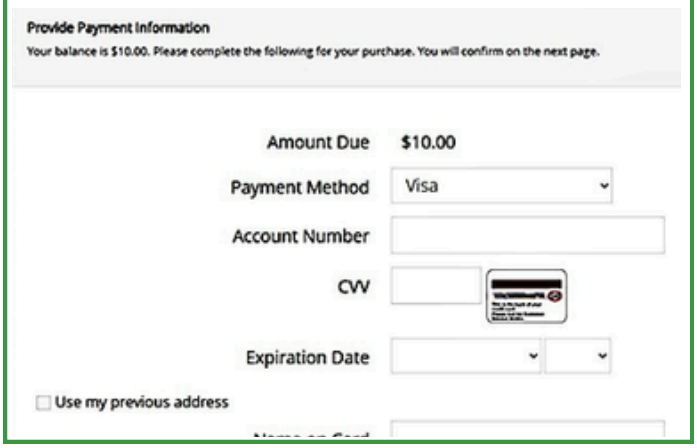
STEP 11

- Review your entries and fees.
  - Click the "X" to remove something.
  - Click the pencil icon to edit.
  - When everything looks correct, click "**Check Out**."



STEP 12

- Enter your payment information and click "**Continue**."
- Type "**Yes**" to agree to the terms and conditions in the Exhibitor's Guidebook, then click "Submit."



NEED HELP?

- Contact Sophia at 509.248.7160 x112 or sophias@fairfun.com

OPEN SHEEP BREEDS DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations. All rules and regulations as stated apply to all exhibitors and entries.

- Open to all ages. Youth sheep show exhibitors may cross enter into Open Sheep Show.
- No sheep except animals entered in competition will be allowed to unload on the grounds.
- All pens must be cleaned daily by 10am, bedding is provided.
- All Sheep must have scrapie tags.
- Lambs should be fitted according to breed class.
- Lamb breed classes may be split by birthdate.

Yearling Ewe Class Rules:

- At the judge's discretion, the top Yearling Ewes from each class will be brought back for the championship class.

Ewe Lamb Class Rules:

- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the ewe lamb class.
- At the judge's discretion, the top Ewe Lambs from each class will be brought back for the championship class

Ram Lamb Class Rules:

- At the judge's discretion, the top Ram Lambs from each class will be brought back for the championship class.
- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the ram lamb classes.

OPEN SHEEP AWARDS

Rosettes for the following titles, all breeds competing:

- Market Lamb Champion & Reserve
- Ewe Champion & Reserve Champion
- Ram Champion & Reserve Champion
- Pair of Ram Lambs Champion
- Pair of Ewe Lambs Champion
- Pair of Yearling Ewes Champion
- Pair of Aged Ewes Champion
- Breeder's Young Flock Champion
- Get of Sire Champion
- Flock Champion

OPEN SHEEP BREEDS DIVISION 2000-2012

Shropshire ..... Div. 2000
Valais Blacknose ..... Div. 2001
Dorset ..... Div. 2002
Dorset Advantage ..... Div. 2003
Hampshire ..... Div. 2004
Natural Colored ..... Div. 2005
Southdown ..... Div. 2006
Suffolk ..... Div. 2007
Katahdin ..... Div. 2008
Other Wool Breeds ..... Div. 2009
Other Meat Breeds ..... Div. 2010
Crossbred Wool Breeds ..... Div. 2011
Crossbred Meat Breeds ..... Div. 2012

Individual Classes

1. Fall Ewe Lamb
2. Spring Ewe Lamb
3. Fall Ram Lamb
4. Spring Ram Lamb
5. Yearling Ewe
6. Yearling Ram
7. Aged Ewe - 2 years and older

Group Classes

8. Pair of Ram Lambs
    - owned and bred by exhibitor
9. Pair of Ewe Lambs
    - owned and bred by exhibitor
10. Pair of Yearling Ewes
11. Pair of Aged Ewes
12. Breeder's Young Flock
    - one ram lamb & two ewe lambs
    - owned & bred by exhibitor
13. Get of Sire
    - 4 animals, any age, both sexes represented, all by one sire.
    - Sire number must be listed on entry.
    - Bred and owned by exhibitor
14. Flock

- 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes, and 2 ewe lambs
- Bred and owned by exhibitor

OPEN MARKET SHEEP
DIVISION 2013

Division Rules

- Market lambs may cross enter into other breeding classes, Youth or Open Sheep Show.
- This is not a terminal show and there is no market sale.
- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the market class.
- Market lambs must be wethers or ewes. No ram lambs, short scrotum rams, or cryptorchid lambs are permitted.
- Market lambs must be slick shorn.
- At the judge's discretion, the top Market Lambs from each weight division will be brought back for the Championship Drive.
- Lambs will be weighed at the show for Class divisions. Lambs will be divided into Prospect or Market class at weigh in.

Class

1. Prospect Market Lambs - 100 lbs & under
2. Market Lambs - Over 100 lbs

Awards

Rosettes for the following titles, and:

Grand Champion Market $50.00
Reserve Champion Market $25.00
Grand Champion Prospect $50.00
Reserve Champion Prospect $25.00

OPEN SHEEP FITTING AND SHOWING
DIVISION 2014

Requirements

- Must not already be participating in Youth Fit & Show
- For those 19 years of age or older

Class

1. Fit & Show

YOUTH SHEEP DEPARTMENT RULES

Please also read the CWSF Rules and Regulations. All rules and regulations as stated apply to all exhibitors and entries.

- Open to all youth 5-18 years old. The age you are on January 1st of the present year.
- You may enter up to age 21 with Association Membership card. Please email copy of card to the Competitive Exhibits Office (sophias@fairfun.com) at time of entry.
- Youth sheep are encouraged to cross enter into the Open Sheep show.
- No sheep except animals entered in competition will be allowed to unload on the grounds.
- All pens must be cleaned daily by 10am, bedding is provided.
- All Sheep must have scrapie tags.
- Lambs should be fitted according to breed class.

YOUTH CLASS JUDGING & ENTRY INFORMATION

JUDGING
Danish judging system

ENTRY FEE
$8 per animal
$6.00 per group class
Fitting & Showing classes: $5.00

LATE FEE
Animals registered after September 8, 2026 incur a $2 per animal late fee. You must add this fee manually when you register online.

PREMIUMS
1st – $15.00 2nd – $12.00 3rd –$9.00

Special awards available.
See Division for details.

YOUTH SHEEP BREEDS DIVISION 2020-2032

Ewe Lamb Class Rules:

- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the ewe lamb class.
- Lambs should be fitted according to breed class.
- At the judge's discretion, the top Ewe Lambs from each class will be brought back for the championship drive.
- Lamb breed classes may be split by birthdate.
- All ages will show together in each breed class.

Ram Lamb Class Rules:

- At the judge's discretion, the top Ram Lambs from each class will be brought back for the championship class.
- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the ram lamb classes.
- Lambs should be fitted according to breed classes.
- Lamb breed classes may be split by birthdate.

Shropshire	Div. 2020
Valais Blacknose	Div. 2021
Dorset	Div. 2022
Dorset Advantage	Div. 2023
Hampshire	Div. 2024
Natural Colored	Div. 2025
Southdown	Div. 2026
Suffolk	Div. 2027
Katahdin	Div. 2028
Other Wool Breeds	Div. 2029
Other Meat Breeds	Div. 2030
Crossbred Wool Breeds	Div. 2031
Crossbred Meat Breeds	Div. 2032

Individual Classes

1. Fall Ewe Lamb
2. Spring Ewe Lamb
3. Fall Ram Lamb
4. Spring Ram Lamb
5. Yearling Ewe
6. Yearling Ram
7. Aged Ewe - 2 years and older

Group Classes

8. Pair of Ram Lambs
    - owned and bred by exhibitor
9. Pair of Ewe Lambs
    - owned and bred by exhibitor
10. Pair of Yearling Ewes
11. Pair of Aged Ewes
12. Breeder's Young Flock
    - one ram lamb & two ewe lambs
    - owned & bred by exhibitor
13. Produce of Dam
    - 2 animals, either sex, not to be twins. (Dam must be shown with class)
14. Get of Sire
    - 4 animals, any age, both sexes represented, all by one sire.
    - Sire number must be listed on entry.
    - Bred and owned by exhibitor
15. Flock
    - 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes, and 2 ewe lambs
    - Bred and owned by exhibitor

YOUTH MARKET SHEEP
DIVISION 2033

Division Rules

- Market lambs may cross enter into other breeding classes, Youth or Open Sheep Show.
- This is not a terminal show and there is no market sale.
- Only those lambs having lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the market class.
- Market lambs must be wethers or ewes.
- No ram lambs, short scrotum rams, or cryptorchid lambs are permitted.
- Market lambs must be slick shorn.
- At the judge's discretion, the top Market Lambs from each weight division will be brought back for the Championship Drive.
- Lambs will be weighed at the show for Class divisions. Lambs will be divided into Prospect or Market class at weigh in.

Class

1. Prospect Market Lambs - 100 lbs & under
2. Market Lambs - Over 100 lbs

Awards

Rosettes for the following titles, and:

Grand Champion Market $50.00
Reserve Champion Market $25.00
Grand Champion Prospect $50.00
Reserve Champion Prospect $25.00

Buckles will be awarded to all Grand Champions.

YOUTH SHEEP FITTING & SHOWING DIVISION 2034

Requirements

- Superintendents will be responsible for the Fitting and Showing Contest in their respective area.
- Fitting and Showing is not mandatory.
- Enter age you were on January 1 of 2026.

Class

1. Pre Junior: ages 5-8
2. Junior: ages 9-11
3. Intermediate: ages 12-14
4. Senior: ages 15-18*

Note: Senior can be 19 years old if birthday is after January 1 of present year, or 20-21 years old with a current FFA or Association membership card

FITTING & SHOWING DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Division 2034 blue ribbon winners will be eligible for this special award.

Using the American system, the judge will select the Best of Class winner for fitting and showmanship.

Award: $10.00 and Plaque

YOUTH SHEEP PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

Requirements

- For children under 5 years old and younger that do not qualify to compete in the fitting and showing classes.
- May show with parent's assistance.
- No entry fee. Sign-up with Superintendent when you arrive at fair.
- Ribbons awarded to all participants.

Class

1. Under 5 years old