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4-H Alberta Sheep Project Policy All 4-H members registered in the sheep project must follow the requirements as set out by 4-H Alberta with consultation with the Provincial 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee.	<u>1.01</u>
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4-H Member Requirements

- For a 4-H member to receive credit for a club year, the member must:
 - ❖ Complete project records for each project and have them signed by the club or project leader.
 - ❖ Attend a minimum of 70% of designated club activities.
 - ❖ Complete a communication activity.
 - ❖ Participate in their 4-H Club Achievement Event. (If unable to attend in person, prior arrangement must be confirmed with the club leader to designate member's participation in some aspect of the achievement event.)
 - ❖ Complete a community service.
- Regardless of the level of show, registered 4-H project animal(s) must be shown only by the registered 4-H member in good standing, ages nine (9) to twenty (20) (as of December 31st of the current club year).
 - ❖ If a 4-H member is unable to show their sheep project animal, (due to medical, family emergency, or other reason that the show committee deems acceptable) another registered 4-H member will be allowed to show the project animal:
 - The project animal will be eligible for all conformation classes.
 - The project animal will be eligible for rate of gain classes.
 - The project animal and its showman will not be eligible for showmanship, trimming and other skill classes.
 - ❖ Priority for proxy showing will be club members first, followed by district members, and then regional members.

4-H Sheep Project Member Minimum Requirements

Project Animal(s)

- Replacement of animal(s) can only be done with the permission of the club or achievement day sale committee or the regional sheep committee. The replacement animal must meet project criteria and must have been registered with the 4-H club as a 4-H alternate animal.
- 4-H members must personally provide the major part of the feeding, care and management for their animal(s) for a minimum of sixty (60) days. Check with the club and sale committee for any further rules.
- Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, appearance, except external applications of substance to the

hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

- At the Achievement Day event, all market lamb projects (regardless of breed) must be slick shorn or trimmed to a maximum of one-quarter inch (1/4"), clean, tail docked by an approved method and castrated by an approved method (knife, Burdizzo or ringing/elastator band). The exception for tail docking is for the hair sheep breeds (Katahdin, Dorper, etc.) and short tailed breeds (East Friesian, Finn, Icelandic, Karakul, Romanov, Shetland).
- Market lambs may be purchased or home raised from the member's Mature Ewe or Flock Project.
- Members can only sell market sheep project(s) by auction at the club sale. Other project animals may be sold by private sale (live or rail graded).
- All wool breeding stock (Ewe Lamb, Yearling Ewe and Mature Ewe) must be shown at the Achievement Day event with a fleece one inch or less.
- Hair breed projects (Ewe Lamb, Yearling Ewe and Mature Ewe) must be shed or shorn at the show committee's discretion at the achievement day event.

Projects Available

- All projects must be registered with the club online by December 1st of the club year
- **Market Sheep Projects**
 - ❖ **Market Lamb**
 - The Market Lamb project must be born on or between December 15th and April 30th of the current 4-H year. Each member is to select and care for only one lamb from soon after birth or purchase to market age.
 - Members may select one alternate lamb, which would be used as an alternate at the show committee's discretion.
 - The project animal is sold by auction during the club sale.
 - Alternate animals not being used for show must be sold by private sale.
 - ❖ **Pen of Three**
 - The lambs in the Pen of Three Project must be born on or between December 15th and April 30th of the current 4-H year. Each member is to select and care for one set of three (3) lambs from soon after birth or purchase to market age.
 - Members may select an alternate lamb, which would be used as an alternate at the show committee's discretion.
 - Project animal(s) are sold by private sale or auction during the club sale.
 - Alternate animals not being used for show must be sold by private sale.
 - ❖ **Carcass**
 - The Carcass Lamb project must be born on or between December 15th and April 30th of the current 4-H year. Each member is to select and care for a lamb (wether or ewe) to be raised for slaughter and carcass evaluation and sale, usually through private means.

➤ **Sheep Breeding Projects**

❖ **Ewe Lamb**

- The Ewe Lamb project must be born on or between December 15th and April 30th of the current 4-H year. The member selects their project animal after birth or purchase and raises it until the Achievement Day event.
- This animal cannot be sold at the club sale and should continue on for two (2) years in the Breeding Ewe Program.

❖ **Yearling Ewe**

- The yearling ewe must have been registered to the member and shown as a Ewe Lamb in the previous 4-H club year.
- Yearling ewe may be shown with or without lambs at foot.
- This ewe and lambs at foot cannot be sold at the club sale and should continue on in the Breeding Ewe Program as a mature ewe. The exception would be that the lamb(s) can be used as the member's market project.

❖ **Mature Ewe**

- The mature ewe must have been registered to the member as a Yearling Ewe project and shown in the previous 4-H club year.
- The mature ewe and lambs at foot are to be shown at the achievement day event.
- This ewe and lambs cannot be sold at the club sale. The exception would be that the lamb(s) can be used as the member's market project.

❖ **Flock**

- The animals in the Flock project would include the Ewe Lamb, Yearling Ewe and Mature Ewe projects.
- The Flock cannot be sold at the club sale. The exception would be those lambs that have been registered as the member's market project.

❖ **Sheep Creative Options**

- The sheep Creative Options project must be above and beyond the traditional project, and should focus on exploration or non-traditional sheep research type of project that is agreed upon by the member's club and leader. Record book must be completed for this project.
- Any project that is registered in Creative Options that involves sheep is ineligible to compete against any registered sheep project (identified above) under the sheep projects.
- Any project that is registered in Creative Options that involves sheep cannot be sold as a sheep project at an Achievement Event, but can be marketed through "private treaty" sale.

❖ **Green Certificate**

- Sheep Production Technician.
- Sheep Production Supervisor

Events Beyond Local Achievement Day

- 4-H project animal(s) must be shown at the local level achievement day event to be eligible to be shown at district, regional and provincial events. Clubs that have their local achievement day event after the 4-H Alberta Sheep Show; the member must be able to present an up to date record book, letter of "Good Standing" from the club leader or designate and inform the show committee of timing of the Achievement Day event.

- In the event a project animal(s) is sick or injured at the local level achievement day event, a veterinarian certificate is required for the animal to be shown at district, regional and provincial events.

Project Identification

Animals must be identified as the 4-H member's project by:

- ❖ All registered project animals must be identified with a CSIP tag.
- ❖ A bill of sale to or a lease agreement in the name of the 4-H member, unless born on the property of the member.
- ❖ One or more of the following, as required by the club, district or regional sheep committee: a 4-H tag, 4-H tattoo or electronic identification.

Medications and Feed Additive Withdrawal Times

- Drugs and some feed additives have withdrawal periods listed on their labels according to the dosage given. It is the legal responsibility of the owner of the animal, to be sold for slaughter, to insure that the withdrawal period has passed. If withdrawal period(s) has/have not passed at the time of sale, it is the responsibility of the member to tell the 4-H sale committee and the responsibility of the sale committee to communicate this to the potential buyers. Animals that show drug residues at time of slaughter are condemned. It is the responsibility of the owner to compensate the buyer.

4-H Event Safety

- Safety is and will continue to be a priority at any level of achievement.
- It is strongly recommended that members wear appropriate safety gear. For example, leather boots when working with and showing project animals.
- Event organizers have the authority to remove dangerous or unsafe project animals from 4-H classes or events.
- Members are required to abide by event rules.
- All members attending a 4-H achievement day or other project event must have a designated responsible adult present at the event.

Local or Interclub Project Regulations

In addition to these basic provincial minimum requirements, there may be additional regulations from the local or interclub project committees. It is your responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

Anyone violating any of the above requirements will not be able to advance with that project to any 4-H project event, during the remainder of the project year.