

4-H Alberta Sheep Show

Rules and Regulations

The following rules are approved and enforced by the 4-H Alberta Sheep Show (4-HAB S.S.) Committee.

1. All 4-HAB S.S. registrations must be received by June 1st through the Alberta 4-H On-Line System. No late registrations will be allowed.
2. Tails must be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold. Docked tails must cover the vulva in ewes and the equivalent length in rams. Please refer to the Code of Practice or the Sheep Guide for more information.
3. All animals **must** be tagged with CSIP/RFID tags, provide any changes to 4-H Alberta as soon as possible.
4. All breeding stock animals must be current registered 4-H project animals, in their respective province with a completed and signed record book.
5. Lambs at foot may come in as intact rams. They cannot be cross entered in the market lamb class.
6. 4-H Alberta S.S Hi-Point Award will consist of accumulated points from designated classes and participation in all skill elements of the show including the educational component.
7. There are **five** required classes to be entered at the **4-HAB S.S.** in order to be eligible for **Summer Synergy Aggregate** awards. They include Breeding Stock, Showmanship, Trimming, SYNERGY Multi-Judging, and the SYNERGY Marketing Class. Jackpot Market Lamb is INELIGIBLE for Summer Synergy Aggregate and 4-H Aggregate.
8. Show products may be used on project animals for the conformation and showmanship classes.
9. Once you have entered the show ring you ARE REQUIRED to remain in the show ring until the class has ended.
10. The 4-H Alberta Sheep Show committee reserves the right to remove injured, sick or unfit lambs from the barns after consultation with the member and family involved.
11. Parental involvement is to be kept to minimal involvement. The member is expected to complete all trimming, feeding, show preparation and husbandry. If the member is unable to complete the aforementioned, the committee should be notified. Otherwise, a formal warning will be given to parent(s) by the committee, a second warning may result in member forfeiting awards.

The following classes are available:

1. **BREEDING STOCK CLASSES (Open to all Registered 4-H Projects)**
 - 1 ewe lamb* (which can be shown up to a total of three consecutive years). Ewe lambs must be born on or between December 15th and April 30th of the current 4-H club year as per 4-H Alberta Policy 6.10.
 - 1 yearling ewe* – open or with lambs at foot (must have been shown as a ewe lamb the previous year, at the club level).
 - 1 mature ewe* – open or with lambs at foot (must be shown as a yearling ewe the previous year, at the club level). Must be only a 2 year old ewe, as stated in 4-H Alberta Provincial Sheep Policy Guidelines.

- Flock Class will consist of the mature ewe, the yearling ewe and the current year's ewe lamb, and the associated lambs at foot. All must belong to and be registered for 4-H to the same 4-H member.

*Only the above 4-H Breeding Classes are eligible to be used as conformation points in SUMMER SYNERGY

2. SHOWMANSHIP

- Members will compete using their own calendar year ewe or market lamb project animal, provided the animal is registered for the 4-HAB S.S.
- A member entering the show without either a ewe or market project animal may be supplied with a lamb by the committee
- 4-H members will be judged throughout the conformation classes

3. MARKET LAMB CLASS *(Not Eligible for Aggregate Points)*

- 1 market lamb –Female or Male lambs (males must be castrated and fully healed by show date), {Intact ram lambs prohibited in this class, but are allowed as “lambs at foot” in both the yearling and mature classes (as offspring) and in the separate “lambs at foot” class.}
- Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs. at time of weigh-in.
- These lambs MUST be slick shorn completely within 10 days of the 4-HAB.S.S. These lambs will be inspected at weigh-in and those not slick shorn will not qualify for the Market Lamb class.
- This will be a “JACKPOT” class, with a **\$25.00** entry fee per market animal. All jackpot entry fees will be paid out as prizes (no ribbons) on a percentage basis (amounts to be determined based on the numbers of entries).
- Entry fee Payment, in **cash** please, for the jackpot market lamb.

4. TRIMMING

- A lamb which has never been washed or trimmed will be provided for participants. Lambs are to be distributed at random and all competitors will be given 45 minutes to trim.
- Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors to compete separately.
- **No Products will be allowed in this class.** It is a dry class, meaning no water either.
- Be prepared for Feedlot Lambs

5. JUDGING

- All members participating in the 4-HAB S.S. will be expected to participate in the Synergy Multi Judging component of the week
- For the sheep judging component of the show, each member will judge three classes, these classes will be determined prior to the competition and members will be informed after registration on Tuesday evening. The combined results of these three classes will determine the results for 4-HAB.S.S. sheep judging competition.

6. SHOW TEAM JUDGING

- Open to all Intermediates and Seniors at the 4-HAB S.S.
- For the show team sheep judging component of the show, members will consist of teams of two members, the team will be judged on their ability to work the show ring and judge a Class.
- Senior can “choose” their Show Team partner at the show; those that do not have a partner will be assigned a partner prior to the competition.

- Intermediate member will be assigned partners prior to the competition.
- Members are encouraged to wear appropriate “Show/Judge” attire.
- Members are encouraged to provide and show an animal for the competition.

7. **4-H MARKETING** (Criteria and information will be sent out prior to or at the program)

CLASS SIZES and SPLITS

- **Breeding Ewes:** Junior, Intermediates and Seniors will show together. Classes are determined by age of ewe. The top two from each class will advance to overall Grand and Reserve Yearling and Grand and Reserve Mature.
- **Market Lamb:** Junior, Intermediates and Seniors will show together. A minimum of two lambs from each class advance to Grand and Reserve class. Classes will be split based on weight.
- **Showmanship:** Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will compete separately. The top two in each age category will advance to compete for overall Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship.
- **Judging:** Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be marked separately.

OTHER GENERAL RULES

- All animals **MUST** be in the barns no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday afternoon.
- Upon arrival, ALL animals will be checked for fleece length, breeding stock **MUST** show in fleece that is less than 1” in length. All ewes must be sheared within the calendar year. Any animals not within the maximum allowable wool length will **NOT** be allowed to show without meeting the criteria (1 inch maximum anywhere on the animal).
- All animals need to be trimmed and checked by the assigned committee members by Wednesday at **6:00 pm**. It is the member’s responsibility to find an Assigned Committee Member to have their animals checked. If these requirements are not met by Wednesday at 6:00 pm the animal will not be allowed to be shown.
- Project animals will be checked to insure proper ear tags (CSIP) and general health, **any** changes to the CSIP number are provided to 4-H Alberta prior to the show. When animals are checked in, members with breeding stock MUST also present their 4-H breeding stock project book.
- Those members who are participating without breeding stock must provide written confirmation from their club leader (not parent) that they are a member in good standing.
- Penning assignments will be posted Sunday. Members must use their assigned pens.
- ALL members are expected to be actively involved in preparing their own animals.
- If special circumstances arise where a 4-H member is not able to show their sheep, the member is responsible to make arrangements with the 4-H Sheep Show Committee prior to the show.

- No animals can be removed from the barns until released.
- Biosecurity rules will be in place, any communicable disease will not be allowed in barns. No active sore mouth, pink eye, foot rot, etc. will be allowed in the barns at 4-HAB S.S. Ewe lambs and Yearlings unable to show due to a biosecurity risk will be eligible to show the following year (Leaders to confirm and notify). This rule also applies to trimming lambs. Any animals showing communicable disease will be refused entry to the show (at the discretion of the 4-HAB S.S. Committee)
- Hi-Point Awards for the 4-HAB S.S. will consist of accumulated points from all classes and participation including all elements of the show including the educational component.

Prizes

All classes, including the skill classes, will have a Grand and Reserve award. All participating members will receive recognition for participation in the class.

4-HAB S.S. Committee

Decisions regarding these rules or special situations arising at the show will be at the discretion of the 4-H Alberta Sheep Show Committee. The Committee's decision will be final.

In case of any inquiries,

- **4-H record books are mandatory, and will be required for proof of age and/or ownership of specific sheep breeding stock project**

4-H Alberta Sheep Show Committee

A special thank you to the 4-H Alberta Sheep Show committee for the countless hours and enthusiasm they contribute to the success of the show.

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