

# 2018 National Junior Suffolk Show Rules

## Boone Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana

July 5-8, 2018

### Rules & Regulations

#### For Your Information

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors and staff reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these regulations and rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the show and contests.



1. Exhibitors must be current paid members of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA). Dues are **\$15.00** for an annual membership. To join, send \$15.00 along with your completed membership application to: **UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642**
2. If you are an All-American exhibitor only and wish to participate in the Ewe Lead with Wool or Dress A Sheep events at the National Junior Suffolk Show, you will also need to become a member of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA). Dues are **\$15.00** for an annual membership. This membership will allow you to participate in as many of the selected events that you wish. To join, send \$15.00 along with your completed membership application, which can be found on the USSA website, [u-s-s-a.org](http://u-s-s-a.org), to: **UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642**
3. Entry fee is \$15 per head for registered animals. After June 10, late entries are doubled. Payment must accompany entries. Make checks payable to UJSSA, and mail to: **UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642**
4. Breeding sheep will be shown under either the bred and owned division or the owned division. The ownership deadline for owned Suffolks has been lifted. All breeding sheep must be registered in the USSA. Original USSA registration certificates must be presented to show officials at check-in. No photocopies are allowed. **ONE EXCEPTION: Sheep purchased at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia may show with a photocopy if it is signed by sale management.** Sheep must be registered in: a) the exhibitors name, b) a family partnership/farm name (ex. Grandparent, father, mother, brother, sister, children or grandchildren), or c) a partnership in which all partners are current members of UJSSA. If a transfer has had to be made to the animal to change the ownership name, it should be shown in the owned division. Sheep registered in a family partnership/farm name can be shown as bred and owned.
5. All sheep must have flock tags in their ear, which match the private flock number officially recorded on the certificate of registration.
6. Exhibitors must show their own sheep unless they have two entries in the same class, in which case another UJSSA member may show the sheep. Exhibitors are allowed to have a UJSSA member assist them in showing; however, the registered owner must either hold the head of the animal or set the animal's legs throughout the entire duration of the class. Failure to comply with this rule results in forfeiture of placing and premium money for the animal.
7. Market lambs cannot be exhibited in breeding sheep classes. Breeding sheep cannot be exhibited in market lamb classes.
8. Sheep must be shown without artificial coloration including oils, paints, dyes, powders or other compounds. Artificially colored sheep are subject to disqualification. All sheep may be randomly checked prior to entering the show arena. Any animal found with artificial coloration will be disqualified. This includes market lambs and breeding sheep.
9. Exhibitors should present a neat, professional image in the show ring. Shirts, blouses, jeans and slacks are acceptable. Sweatpants, shorts, tank tops, halters etc. are not acceptable. Any garment that contains messages, logos or wording found to be objectionable at the discretion of the Junior Coordinators must be removed or the entrant will be disqualified and premiums forfeited.
10. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles in the show ring, which advertise a sheep flock or membership name or related enterprises.
11. Exhibitors compete in divisions based on their age the first day of the junior show. To be a UJSSA member the individual, shall not have reached 22 years prior to January 1st of the current year. With this rule, there will be individuals who have reached 22 years old by the day of the show whom are eligible to participate.
12. No maximum number of entries per exhibitor in the market lamb divisions.
13. A maximum of two (2) entries per exhibitor in any one breeding sheep division. Sheep are limited to being shown once (only one entry per sheep).
14. Substitutions may be made within the same division at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
15. Exhibitors have five minutes to enter the show ring from the time the last entry of the previous class leaves the show ring. Judging will begin when this time limit has expired. Entries not in the show ring at this time will be disqualified.
16. All animals that receive premiums must stay in the ring for judge's reasons. All animals not receiving premiums will exit the ring

unless there are 10 or less in the class. Premiums will not be sent unless thank yous have been completed and turned in by the end of the show. Thank yous need to be written by all class winners and any champions; addresses will be provided by the junior board.

17. No muzzles will be allowed on any sheep entered in the show.
18. All sheep must be bedded with straw or shavings. Exhibitors can bring their own bedding and hay, or can be purchased at the fairgrounds. Cost is \$5 per bag of shaving; straw and hay available at market price.
19. For slick shorn ewe and ram classes, no patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body.
20. USSA reserves the right to perform random drug testing. Any exhibitor found showing sheep that test positive for drugs will be banned from showing at the National Junior Suffolk Show for two (2) years.

## General Information

1. Upon arrival, please report to the registration area for complete instructions and entry information.
2. Breeding sheep exhibitors check with show officials for registration check-in times or see schedule.
3. It is required that market lambs be slick shorn over the entire body upon arrival at the show.
4. It is recommended, but not required, that breeding sheep not carry more than 3/4 of an inch fleece on any part of their body.
5. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting, feeding and pen maintenance equipment such as brooms, shovels, pitchforks, etc.
6. A photographer will be present to take pictures.
7. Exhibitors must sign the ethics statement on the entry form.
8. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely and have all four feet on the ground when in the show ring.
9. Exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs and likenesses of exhibitor and animals may be used without compensation for advertising, promotion and news articles.
10. Hotel Accommodations

### Hotel Group Name: " Sheep Show"

**Holiday Inn Express - 765-483-4100**  
335 N Mt Zion Rd  
Lebanon, IN 46052

**Comfort Inn - 765-482-4800**  
210 Sam Ralston Rd  
Lebanon, IN 46052

11. Campgrounds at the Boone County Fairground  
The fairgrounds has a limited number of camping sites. Contact the fairgrounds at 765-482-0750 for more information.  
Rates per their website:  
Campers (individuals) \$25.00 per day  
Electric only & Electric & Water Sites available on a first come, first served basis  
Dump Station - \$5.00 per unit

## Health Regulations for Sheep

All sheep must be accompanied by a standard interstate health certificate issued by a licensed accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the entry to the show. The health certificate must show identification as to breed, sex, number, etc.

### Indiana Entry Health Requirements: Sheep & Goats

The following is a summary of Indiana's animal health laws governing the transportation of sheep and goats into Indiana. The transportation laws may be found at 345 IAC 1-3. For additional information, contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2400 or submit an e-mail inquiry to [animalhealth@boah.IN.gov](mailto:animalhealth@boah.IN.gov).

State of Indiana Entry Requirements: <https://www.in.gov/boah/2422.htm>

State of Indiana Exhibition Requirements: <http://www.in.gov/boah/files/2018%20Indiana%20Exhibition%20reqmts.pdf>

## Division 1-10: Market Lambs/Wether Dams & Sires

Market Lamb Judge: **TBD**

All premiums are prorated on the number of entries, and the UJSSA will issue the checks, as soon as possible after the show dates. Premiums will not be sent unless thank yous have been completed and turned in by the end of the show. Thank yous need to be written by all class winners and any champions; addresses will be provided by the junior board.

Market lamb classes are broken by weights. There is no minimum or maximum weight. There will be no re-weights. The first weight taken is the official weight used for breaking classes.

1. All market lambs and wether sires and dams need to be checked in on Thursday, July 5th from 3-5pm. No sheep will be checked in outside of this time.
2. Depending on the number of market lambs shown, show officials may split classes to show up to four (4) market lamb weight

division champions.

3. There will be a prescale check by the market lamb chairman who will determine health of sheep. If there are any sheep in question with health concerns then those sheep will be viewed by a health board to determine eligibility.
4. All Suffolk market lambs and wether dams must possess Suffolk breed characteristics with black legs, black head, bell-shaped ears and be approved by a sifting committee at weigh in, or check-in, to be qualified as a Suffolk to be eligible to show.
5. Suffolk Wether Dams and Sires must be registered as Purebred or Percentage Suffolks.
6. Champion Wether Dam and Wether Sire are eligible to compete for overall Champion Ewe on Saturday and overall Champion Ram on Sunday.

Division 1- Suffolk Market Lambs  
Division 2- Suffolk Cross Market Lambs  
Division 3- Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams  
Division 4- Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams  
Division 5- Suffolk Percentage Yearling Wether Dams

Division 6- Suffolk Percentage Ewe Lamb Wether Dams  
Division 7- Suffolk Yearling Wether Sires  
Division 8- Suffolk Ram Lamb Wether Sires  
Division 9- Suffolk Percentage Yearling Wether Sires  
Division 10- Suffolk Percentage Ram Lamb Wether Sires

## Divisions 11-24: Breeding Sheep

Breeding Sheep Judge: **TBD**

All premiums are prorated on the number of entries, and the UJSSA will issue the checks, as soon as possible after the show dates. Premiums will not be sent unless thank yous have been completed and turned in by the end of the show. Thank yous need to be written by all class winners and any champions; addresses will be provided by the junior board.

Breeding sheep classes are broken by the birth date of the entry. **ALL Junior lamb classes (divisions 13,16,19,23) will be split by month born (January, February, March & After). Classes with greater than 15 head will be split.**

1. Breeding sheep check-in is Thursday from 3-5pm and Friday 7-8am. No sheep will be checked in outside of this time.
2. Class winners from yearling and senior divisions will also compete for Senior Champions. Class winners from junior classes will also compete for Junior Champions. Junior and Senior Champions will compete for Grand Champion Ram and Ewe titles. Grand Champion Owned and Bred & Owned Rams and Ewes will show for Overall Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe, with (award to be announced) being awarded.
3. Junior and Senior Champions from the Slick Shorn Divisions in the Ram and Ewe Shows will compete for Grand Champion Slick Shorn Ram and Ewe. Junior and Senior Champions from the Production Divisions in the Ram and Ewe Shows will compete for Grand Champion Production Ram and Ewe. These Grand Champions, plus the Champion Wether Dam and Wether Sire, will compete with the other Grand Champions for Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe.
4. Maximum of two entries per division. Sheep are limited to being shown once (only one entry per sheep).
5. Owned means you purchased the animal that you intend to show or had to transfer the animal into your name. Bred & Owned means you owned the dam of the animal that you intend to enter, when she was bred and when she lambed.
6. Flocks must include two (2) senior ewes (yearlings &/or fall), two (2) ewe lambs and one (1) ram (yearling, senior or junior) shown in the 2018 National Junior Suffolk Show and entered by at least three separate individuals or partnerships residing in the same given state.
7. Exhibitors from a state with less than three exhibitors may participate by themselves. Exhibitors from a state with three or more exhibitors must group together with exhibitors from that state.
8. Entries will compete for a traveling trophy awarded by the UJSSA, and will be awarded first through eighth place ribbons. Traveling trophy must be returned for the following year's show or exhibitor will be charged for a new trophy. No added premiums will be awarded.

Division 11- Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production  
Division 12- Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2017 to 12/31/2017)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production  
Division 13- Junior Ram Lambs (born 1/1/2018 and later)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production  
Division 14- Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 15- Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2017 to 12/31/2017)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 16- Junior Ram Lambs (born 1/1/2018 and later)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 17- Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production

Division 18- Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2017 to 12/31/2017)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production  
Division 19- Junior Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/2018 and later)  
a. Slick Shorn      b. Production  
Division 20- Yearling Ewes/Weaned a Lamb (born 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 21- Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 22- Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2017 to 12/31/2017)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 23- Junior Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/2018 and later)  
a. Owned              b. Bred & Owned  
Division 24- State Suffolk Breeding Flock

## Fitting Contest

### Traditional Fitting--Senior & Junior Division:

1. To guarantee a sheep, exhibitors are encouraged to pre-enter for the fitting contest.
2. Each contestant will be asked to fit one Suffolk ewe lamb in its entirety during the one hour allotted for competition.
3. Sheep will be determined prior to the contest. The lambs will not have trimmed feet and will not be washed...all in the competition will be "fresh out of the field". Lambs will carry an approximate 75-day fleece.
4. Juniors may use fitting equipment of their own choice, **except** for electrical shearing or clipping equipment.
5. Seniors may use fitting equipment of their own choice, including electrical shearing and clipping equipment.
6. All contestants must furnish their own equipment including trimming stands, shears, clippers, extension cords, wool cards and traditional equipment.
7. Equipment may be shared with other contestants if an agreement is made prior to the contest. If contestants share, equipment must be handled safely and courteously. If, in the opinion of judges, a contestant is unable to control electrical equipment, they will be restricted to hand shearers.
8. Only water and soap may be used to wet fleece.
9. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Appearance of the finished animal and the image it would present if entering the show ring.
  - b. Manner of handling the animal and equipment while fitting to ensure safety.
  - c. Knowledge of and proper use of equipment and ability to answer questions from judges pertaining to fitting.
  - d. Courtesy to other contestants and show officials.

\*Winners of past UJSSA Fitting Contests will be ineligible to compete in the same division to win an award.

### Slicked Fitting Contest---Senior Division:

1. **Slicked Fitting Contest only open to Senior Division.**
2. To guarantee a sheep, exhibitors are encouraged to pre-enter for the fitting contest.
3. Each contestant will be asked to slick shear one Suffolk ewe lamb and get it show ready in its entirety during the hour allotted for competition.
4. Prior to contest, contestants will have drawn for their lambs. The lambs will not have trimmed feet but WILL be able to be washed, providing that the contestant does in the 30 minutes provided before the contest begins...all in the competition will be "fresh out of the field". Lambs will carry an approximate 75-day fleece.
5. Contestants may use fitting equipment of their own choice, including electrical shearing or clipping equipment.
6. All contestants must furnish their own equipment including trimming stands, shears, clippers, extension cords, wool cards and traditional equipment.
7. Equipment may be shared with other contestants if an agreement is made prior to the contest. If contestants share, equipment must be handled safely and courteously. If, in the opinion of judges, a contestant is unable to control electrical equipment, they will be restricted to hand shearers.
8. Only water and soap may be used to wash fleece, and no paint or white out may be used
9. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Appearance of the finished animal and the image it would present if entering the show ring.
  - b. Manner of handling the animal and equipment while fitting to ensure safety.
  - c. Knowledge of and proper use of equipment and ability to answer questions from judges pertaining to fitting.
  - d. Courtesy to other contestants and show officials.

\*Winners of past UJSSA Slicked Fitting Contests will be ineligible to compete in the same division to win award

## Showmanship Contest

No need to pre-enter - No cash premium - Senior, Intermediate, Youth and Team Prizes to be awarded

Team Showmanship – See rules listed at the Junior Show

1. Contestants must register with show officials at one of the check-in times. Refer to the schedule of events for the contest date and time.
2. UJSSA members may show their own sheep which are entered in the National Junior Suffolk Show or animals entered in the show by another junior member.
3. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Control and presentation of the animal.
  - b. Manner of handling the animal.
  - c. Ability to answer questions (if asked by the judge).
  - d. Overall impression created in the show ring.

## Suffolk Quiz Bowl Contest

Pre-entry recommended but can be determined at the show

An award or cash premium will be presented to Senior and Junior Champions

1. A team will consist of four (4) UJSSA members. Team members may, but are not required to, be residents of the same state.
2. Teams must register with contest officials at one of the check-in times.
3. Contest questions may cover the areas of sheep nutrition, management, marketing, health and technology, as well as breed association facts, history, Suffolk trivia and general sheep industry issues.
4. Contestants may study the Sheep Production Handbook. The handbook sells for \$89.95 per copy plus shipping and handling. To order, send payment to: American Sheep Industry Association, 9785 Maroon Circle, Suite 360, Centennial, CO 80112 or visit <http://www.sheepusa.org/shop>. Allow six weeks for delivery.
5. State junior association advisors may contact the UJSSA/USSA offices for materials to study.
6. As the moderator asks the question, the first contestant to trigger the system will have five seconds to answer the question. Contestants may not consult with team members except on bonus questions. Contestants will not be allowed to consult with the audience during the competition.
7. For each division, 10 questions will be asked per round.
8. Teams will receive 1 point for each correct answer and deduct 1 point for each incorrect answer.
9. A contest judge will be appointed to interpret questions requiring an opinion on accuracy.
10. Finals for the quiz bowl will immediately follow the regular competition. Awards will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive your award.
11. The junior division competes first, senior division follows.

## Judging Contest

Entry done at show check-in.

1. Contestants must register with show officials at one of the check-in times.
2. There will be a junior and senior division.
3. Awards will be presented at the banquet to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each division. Please be present to receive your award.
4. Contest will include classes of Suffolk sheep (yearling and lambs) and questions.
5. In the event of a tie, ties will be broken based on the question score.

## Public Speaking Contest

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at Show

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Contestants must register with contest officials at one of the check-in times.
2. There will be two divisions:
  - a. Division 1: Traditional Public Speaking
    - i. Speeches should relate to Suffolks. Possible topics might include: members' experiences with Suffolks, strengths of lean lamb produced by Suffolks, marketing strategies, management, breed promotion or education, the role Suffolks play in the total U.S. sheep industry, health issues, etc.
    - ii. Contestants are allowed to use props or visual aids in presenting speeches.
    - iii. A copy of your speech, typed and double spaced, should be handed to the judge or judges.
    - iv. Junior speeches may be 1-2 minutes long, but not more than four (4) minutes. Senior speeches must be at least four (4) minutes, but not more than six (6) minutes. Three points will be deducted for each minute over or under the time limit. Juniors are encouraged to create short, fun speeches.
  - b. Division 2 - Impromptu Speaking
    - i. Topics will be related to the sheep industry specifically the Suffolk industry
    - ii. The different age divisions will be given a certain amount of time to prepare the speech.  
Junior- 20 minutes to prepare  
Senior- 10 minutes to prepare
    - iii. The different age divisions will also be given a certain amount of time, in which they must meet, in order to successfully advertise their topic.  
Junior-30 seconds  
Senior- 2 minutes
3. General Rules for all divisions:
  - a. A new group was added, "**Family**". This can be siblings, parent & child or any grouping of the family, up to 3 members, that work together to create this public speech. Be creative!!!

- b. Contestants may refer to notes on index cards while presenting their speech. However, contestants are encouraged to avoid reading directly from a manuscript.
- c. If reference sources are utilized, proper credit should be given to material directly quoted from other materials or publications by listing sources in bibliography attached to a copy of the speech.
- d. Judging will be based on:
  - i. **Organization** - 30 points (composition or choice of material, use of language and grammar, sentence structure).
  - ii. **Delivery** - 35 points (projection and delivery to audience, fluency or power of expression, communication, ability and audience contact).
  - iii. **Content** - 35 point (content and accuracy of subject matter, relevance of topic to Suffolk industry &/or contestant, factual, current information utilized in developing speech, etc).
- e. Judges will evaluate each speech and provide written comments.

### **"Ewe" Lead with Wool**

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at the show

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. A new group has been added, "**Pairs**". This can be 2 exhibitors, an exhibitor and an adult or 2 adults that show together in the contest.
2. Your commentary, containing your name, address, city, state, age, school if applicable, sheep's name and age and whether animal was fitted and trained by contestant must be turned in at one of the check-in times. Commentary should be limited to 300 words, approximately 150 words on the contestant, awards and hobbies, and should also include approximately 150 words about the garment.
3. Contest officials reserve the right to edit activities resumes.
4. Sheep must be a registered Suffolk yearling ewe, senior ewe or ewe lamb conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All sheep must be entered and shown in their respective breeding sheep class in the 2018 National Junior Suffolk Show.
5. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Outfit-35 points (fit and style of entrant's clothing) (Main garment(s) must be made of at least 60 % wool fiber. Contestants must furnish their own garment(s) which may be handmade and/or purchased.)
  - b. Poise & Appearance-35 points (suitability of the outfit to the contestant, overall impression created by the contestant and the Suffolk sheep)
  - c. Sheep-30 points (control, conformation and presentation of the animal)
6. Judges will evaluate these three categories, assigning points accordingly. The highest number of points determines the winner. In the case of a tie, bonus points will be awarded for creativity and originality.

### **Dress-A-Sheep Contest**

Entry done at show check-in.

An award or cash premium will be presented top team at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Up to four contestants may participate in each team.
2. Teams will be given 10 minutes to dress their sheep in the ring.
3. Contestants are encouraged to have their sheep costumes prepared ahead of time, so assembly can go quickly.
4. Teams are encouraged to dress up with their sheep, and can do so ahead of time.
5. Ewes or rams may be used.
6. Teams need to provide a 50 to 75 word summary about their sheep costume to be read during the contest.

### **Photography Contest**

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at the show

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Contestants are not required to attend the National Junior Show to compete in the photography contest. Therefore, mail your entries by June 10 to UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642. Entries delivered to the show must be checked in during one of the check-in times.
2. Photos should be mounted but not framed and no larger than 8x10 inches in size, for display at the National Junior Show. Attach a card to the back of each entry with name, address, telephone number, camera used, entry category and division (senior or junior).
3. Photos must be the original work of each contestant.
4. Contestants may enter one photo in each category or 3 entries total.
5. Categories are
  - a. "Proud to be a Suffolk" - Any image depicting a powerful Suffolk sheep in their "working clothes"
  - b. "Suffolks in the Show Ring"- Any pictures of Suffolk's being shown

- c. "Suffolk Connection"- Any picture showing a bond between a Suffolk sheep and something else like a dog, kid, etc.
6. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Subject Matter
  - b. Quality of Entry
7. Photo editing programs may be used on all photos, however, it must be noted on the entry card.
8. All entries become the property of the UJSSA. All rights, including the right to edit and publish any photo without payment for the contestant will be afforded to the UJSSA.

### Graphic Design Contest

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at the show.

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Contestants are not required to attend the National Junior Show to compete in the graphic design contest. Therefore, mail your entries by June 10th to UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642. Entries delivered to the show must be checked in during one of the check-in times.
2. The graphic design contest encourages UJSSA members to use their imagination and creativity to develop a graphic design to help advertise the Suffolk breed and the 2019 National Junior Suffolk Show which will be held at the Kansas State Fairgrounds.
3. Contestants are encouraged to use the use Suffolk graphic designs, but the use of copyrighted information or registered trademarks is prohibited without permission. Examples of restricted materials might include cartoon characters, brand or product names, television or movie characters, sports teams, etc.
4. All graphic designs must be the original work of the contestant.
5. Designs should be no larger than an 8x11.5 sheet of paper and cannot exceed three colors. Contestants may use any type of computer program to produce the design.
6. The winning contestant's design may be used throughout the next year to advertise the breed and association. Such as advertisements including, but not limited to, the Suffolk Directory, Suffolk Newsletter or the Banner. For this reason, the contestant of the winning design must be willing to provide a digital copy of the design.
7. Each contestant may submit up to three graphic designs, but the contestant is limited to earning only one placing in the contest.
8. All entries become the property of the UJSSA. All rights, including the right to edit and publish any graphic design without payment to the contestant will be afforded to the UJSSA.
9. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Message 10 points
  - b. Appeal 10 points
  - c. Originality 10 points
  - d. Use of Space 10 points
  - e. Design 10 points

### Essay Contest

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at one of the check-in times.

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Contestants are not required to attend the National Junior Show to compete in the essay contest. Therefore, mail your entry by June 10th to UJSSA, PO Box 121 Holland, IA 50642. Essays delivered to the show must be checked during one of the check-in times.
2. Essays should relate to one of three possible themes:
  - a. Why Suffolk? (Explain to us why Suffolk's are the BEST!)
  - b. What impact do Suffolk's bring to the ring? (Explain to us why Suffolk's make such a great impression on the industry and people)
  - c. What's ahead for the Suffolk business in the next decade . . . and beyond? (Use your essay to explain the challenges you see facing the Suffolk industry during the year 2018 and as we head into 2019 and beyond. Explain how you think the Suffolk industry will and should deal with these challenges to continue to lead the sheep industry.) Or any other subject relating to the promotion of Suffolk sheep.
3. Essays must be the original work of each contestant.
4. If sources of reference information are utilized, proper credit should be given to information directly quoted from other materials or publications, by citing sources in bibliography attached to the essay.
5. Senior division essay is limited to 500 words. Junior division essay is limited to 300 words.
6. Essays should be MLA format, typed and double spaced in Times New Roman size 12 font. For MLA format information, please reference: <https://www.mla.org/MLA-Style>.
7. Each essay should contain a title page listing the contestant's name, age, division, address and year, along with the title of the essay.

8. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Neatness-15 points
  - b. Content & Theme-15 points
  - c. Originality-15 points
  - d. Organization-15 points
  - e. Sentence Structure-15 points
  - f. Grammar-15 points
  - g. Spelling-10 points
9. Judges will evaluate each essay and provide written comments. Score sheets will be returned with your essay.
10. All entries become the property of the UJSSA or the USSA. All rights, including the right to edit and publish any essay without payment to the contestant, will be afforded to the UJSSA or USSA.

### **Arts Contest \*\*NEW\*\***

Pre-enter prior to June 10 or at one of the check-in times at the show

An award or cash premium will be presented at the banquet. Please be present to receive it.

1. Contestants are not required to attend the National Junior Show to compete in the Arts Contest. Therefore, mail your entries by June 10th to UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642. Entries delivered to the show must be checked in during one of the check-in times.
2. The category, "**Family**", means that the exhibitor, along with anyone else in the family, up to 3 members, can help with the piece of art. It can be another sibling, mother, father, grandparents, etc.
3. Artwork must be the original work of each contestant.
4. Artwork must be clearly and directly related to Suffolks.
5. Categories are:
  - a. **2-D artwork** (any artwork that is painted onto canvas or paper or drawn using utensils such as pencils and pens)
  - b. **3-D artwork** (woodworking, metal art, clay sculptures or pottery, string and yarn art)
6. Entries must be entered with a short description of the artwork telling what it is meant for, how it is related to Suffolks, and how you created the piece (materials, technique, time frame).
7. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Quality and originality of artwork
  - b. Detail and precision put into the piece
  - c. The significance and usefulness of the artwork
8. Judges will evaluate each entry and provide written comments with the return of each piece.
9. Artwork must either be picked up before or at the start of the banquet or left to be auctioned off at the end of the banquet.

### **Top Gun Award**

A belt buckle will be awarded to the senior and junior division winners during the closing ceremony.

\*Winners of past UJSSA Top Gun Awards will be ineligible to receive this award.

Award Calculations:

Points: 1st place receives 25 points descending to 1 point for 25th place.

Points accumulate for each exhibitor from their placings in the following competitions:

1. Breeding sheep classes \*#
2. Market lamb classes \*#
3. Leadership Contests (includes Public Speaking, Photography, Logo, Essay, Scrapbook) &
4. Individual Showmanship &
5. Individual Fitting &
6. Judging Contest &
7. 'Ewe' Lead with Wool &

Further Details on Top Gun calculations:

\*: points given for individual and group classes, but not champions or reserves in breeding stock and market lamb competition

&: in the leadership contests, showmanship, fitting, judging and 'Ewe' lead with Wool, 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings receive their respective points. All others receive 4th place points

#: only points from your highest placing 14 individual and group classes will be included in the top gun calculation from breeding stock and market lamb classes.



### **Good Shepherd Award (Pen Decoration Contest)**

No need to pre-enter

An award or cash premium will be presented at the closing ceremony.

This is a special award presented to exhibitors effectively promoting Suffolks by keeping their pens neat and clean, showing originality and creativity in decorations and utilizing innovative display techniques to present factual information and create a positive overall impression. Winner will be announced on Sunday after the State Flock Division.

### **Cagney Award**

All Exhibitors who have not reached their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by the last day of the show are eligible for this award. They are automatically entered and there is no additional entry fee. Selection will be based on individual knowledge, attitude, participation and cooperative spirit. Selection will be by a team of anonymous judges who will observe exhibitors over a period of days. An award will be given to the Cagney Award recipient and winner will be announced at the banquet or closing ceremony.

### **UJSSA Director Applications**

UJSSA members interested in serving the Junior Association for a two-year term as a volunteer director must apply for the position by completing a Director Application. Juniors who have not served as a UJSSA Director must apply for to be a UJSSA Director Intern, a one year term, before being eligible to be a Director. Applications are reviewed by the UJSSA Coordinators and qualified applicants will interview at the Junior Show. All applicants will be notified whether or not they will be selected for the interview process. Candidates shall not have reached their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they finish their final term. Those elected in 2018 begin serving as directors effective with the July 8, 2018 UJSSA Annual Meeting.

UJSSA members elect the President (Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the Directors from among themselves) during the UJSSA annual meeting. Directors who have served on the UJSSA Board of Directors for at least one year are eligible for election as officers of the organization.

The nominations for President will be taken at the end of the banquet. Speeches by the nominees will take place during the Saturday evening banquet. The voting will be done by ballot at the banquet after speeches have been made. The new President will be announced at the banquet after the votes have been tallied.

UJSSA officers and directors are expected to attend the 2018 and 2019 National Junior Suffolk Shows, assist with fundraising for the junior show and junior promotional projects, attend the UJSSA Director meeting at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky in November and promote interest in the Suffolk breed and membership in UJSSA through various promotional and educational activities.

UJSSA officers are expected to participate in all UJSSA Board conference calls. If a Director is absent for two consecutive meetings or conference calls they will be relieved of their position on the board.