# 2018 USSA SUFFOLK EWE LAMB FUTURITY

## CONSIGNOR RULES

1. Entries open to any ewe lamb born after September 1, 2017. Ewe lambs will compete in their specific age divisions.
2. Nomination fee is $25.00 per head payable to the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Breeders may nominate all of their ewe lamb consignments during the 2018 sale season for a flat fee of $250. Ewe lambs must be nominated and designated prior to leaving the show ring of their class at a futurity sale. Payment of nomination fee is to be made prior to the sale of the ewe lambs or, for consignment sales, the nomination fee can be deducted from the consignor's check (done by sale management). Breeders wanting to take advantage of the group rate must make the USSA aware of their intention before the first sale at which they intend to sell futurity lambs. For all ewe lambs nominated, the consignor will be billed for the nomination even if the lamb is not purchased by a junior.
3. Each ewe lamb must bear the proper identification corresponding to the registration certificate. The official identifying tag for each lamb is the lamb's scrapie tag or flock tag. The scrapie tag or flock tag number must be recorded prior to selling and either (1) submitted to the USSA Office or (2) must be recorded by a USSA Board of Directors Representative.
4. Each ewe lamb must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the sale to which it is consigned. All normal entry fees and commissions apply.
5. The USSA will not be held responsible for any dispute and/or disagreement between buyers and sellers.
6. Sale Options for Nomination:
    a. **Consignment Sales**. Lambs can be consigned at the following sales: Oklahoma Black and White Sale, Illini All Breeds Sale, USSA Online Sales, Ohio Suffolk Sale, Nugget All American, Midwest Stud Ram Sale, New England Sale, Crossroads of the West Sale and Keystone Ram & Ewe Sale. Ewe lambs sold at NAILE Suffolk Sale can be nominated for eligibility in the yearling ewe futurity the following year. For any other sale please contact the USSA Office for eligibility.
    b. **Organized Production Sales.** An individual who desires to nominate ewe lambs sold in their production sale must submit their information to the USSA office prior to the sale for approval. Once a production sale is approved, that sale does not need to be reapproved the following years, if they would like to continue to participate in the USSA Futurity. In order for lambs to be eligible, the consignor/seller must submit a list of the sheep with each animal's respective scrapie tag number, which are being nominated 24 hours prior to the sale. Then, within 48 hours following the sale the consignor must provide complete information for the buyer of the ewe lamb(s). For production sales, the consignor must pay the $25 nomination fee per head prior to the sale or inform the USSA office and a bill will be sent to the consignor.
    c. **Organized Internet Sales**. For individuals who would like to nominate ewe lambs through an organized internet sale, must submit a list of the sheep with each animal's respective scrapie tag number, which are being nominated 24 hours prior to the sale. Then, within 48 hours following the sale the consignor must provide complete information for the buyer of the ewe lamb(s). For internet sales, the consignor must pay the $25 nomination fee per head prior to the sale or inform the USSA office and a bill will be sent to the consignor.

**Ewe lambs that were not nominated prior to the sale are not eligible for the futurity points or premiums. Sales management shall send in nominations and do not have the right after the sale to put a ewe lamb in for a breeder or junior member after the lamb has been sold.**

## EXHIBITOR RULES

1. All juniors who meet the requirements for the Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition are eligible. Rules for the NAILE are:
    a. The participant must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1st. There is no lower age limit but the exhibitor must be physically able to show their own sheep.
    b. Junior members must be present to show their own sheep unless physically impaired.

c. Animals ownership must be registered with the USSA office by September 1, 2018. Ownership must be in the exhibitor's name. Youth partnerships, farm names or family ownerships are not permitted.
d. Exhibitors must have current youth or lifetime membership in the USSA.

2. Ewe lambs are to be registered in the INDIVIDUAL NAME ONLY. No partnerships, farm, family, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter names accepted in the futurity program.
3. The junior exhibitor of a futurity ewe lamb may not be a family member or employee of the breeder as listed on the registration paper. For purposes of the USSA Ewe Lamb Futurity, family members shall include children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.
4. Ewe lambs and points earned in the futurity are not transferable to any other person, nor are points transferable from one lamb to another.
5. Ewe lambs can be shown in any class, including commercial ewe and market lamb classes. The USSA is aware that many fairs no longer offer breed classes, this allows more youth to participate in the futurity. *Eligibility is no longer restricted to Suffolk classes.*
6. No futurity entrant may compete with more than two ewe lambs. Total points earned by two ewe lambs cannot be combined.
7. If registration papers are not received by the first show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to show the lamb in the proper age category and have sales receipt to prove ownership.
8. The registered owner of the lamb must exhibit the lamb. However, if an exhibitor has two ewe lambs in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe lamb.
9. Premiums: A minimum of $100 will be paid to the winner of each district. Premium payout will be based on participation. The overall USSA Futurity winner will receive a minimum of $500 total premium payout. Premiums will be paid out by December 31, 2018.
10. The participant with the most points (across districts) at the end of the exhibiting year will receive a trophy given by Quam Suffolks.

## POINT SCORING

1. A point record form must be filled out for each showing and forward to the USSA office by December 1st. The form must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show.
2. At each individual show the ewe lamb may earn futurity points from both open division and/or the junior division.
3. Ewe lambs may compete at an unlimited number of shows. However, only the top seven (7) point awards go towards their total. *There will be no double points rewarded.* Each year the overall winner (across districts) of the will be rewarded with a trophy donated by Quam Suffolks.
4. The period for eligible shows will be from the Oklahoma Black and White Sale in April until the NAILE in November of the current year.
5. Although both fall and spring ewe lambs are eligible for the futurity, only one set of premiums will be paid for the USSA Futurity. The lambs are to be shown in their proper age division at the shows and the point totals combined for the futurity placing. Wether and market ewe lamb classes are not eligible for futurity points.
6. Futurity points will be awarded according to the following scale*:

| # In Class | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
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| 1 - 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 - 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 - 15 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 - 20 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| 21+ | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

** The Futurity points scale is based on a combination of the class placing and the number of participants in the class.*

An individual, who purchases a nominated ewe lamb and chooses to participate in the futurity, should contact the USSA office to obtain copies of the rules and regulations and point record forms. This information and point record form appearing here may also be used.