

# USSA SUFFOLK FUTURITY: Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb Division

## BRED & OWNED EWE LAMB FUTURITY RULES

1. The junior exhibitor is responsible to nominate their bred and owned ewe lamb by October 1 or prior to first show the exhibitor wants to claim points from.
2. Entries open to any ewe lamb born after September 1, 2020. Ewe lambs will compete in their specific age divisions.
3. Nomination fee is \$25.00 per head payable to the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Flock nomination does not apply to bred and owned ewe lambs.
4. 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 submitted to the USSA Office at the time of nomination.
5. Eligibility is open to ewe lambs bred by the immediate Family or by the junior member. Immediate family is defined as grandparents, parents and siblings of the junior exhibitor. 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. If the lamb is transferred out of the youth's name it will NO LONGER be eligible.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, 2021. Ownership must be only in the individual exhibitor's name.
  - d. Exhibitors must have current youth or lifetime membership in the USSA.
2. Ewe lambs and points earned in the futurity are not transferable to any other person, nor are points transferable from one lamb to another.
3. 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.*
4. No futurity entrant may compete with more than two ewe lambs **in each division**. Total points earned by two ewe lambs cannot be combined. **An exhibitor will be paid for one lamb in each division.**
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Futurity points are accepted until the youngest lamb entered in the futurity turns one year of age.
8. Premiums: The USSA Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity is a national competition, unlike the USSA Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity which is split into districts. There will be a 100% payback (the amount paid in through nominations will be paid out as premiums). Premiums will be paid within two weeks following April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## POINT SCORING

1. A point record form must be filled out for each showing. Points will automatically be added for ewes exhibited at NAILE. 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.*
4. The period for eligible shows will be until April 1, 2022.
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	
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.

