

The Event: Junior Show Rules

June 11, 2023 • Springfield, Illinois

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: **USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642**
2. Entry fee is \$10 per head for registered animals. Exhibitors are encouraged pre-enter by **May 27** to help us plan for the show. Entry can be made at the show. Payment must accompany entries. Make checks payable to USSA, and mail to: **USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642**
3. 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.
4. 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 from a recent sale – a photocopy and bill of sale must be provided.** Sheep must be registered/current ownership listed 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.
5. 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 USSA must be removed or the entrant will be disqualified and premiums forfeited.
6. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles in the show ring, which advertise a sheep flock or membership name or related enterprises.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. All sheep must be bedded with straw or shavings. Exhibitors can bring their own bedding and hay, or can be purchased at the fairgrounds.

General Information

1. Upon arrival, please report to the registration area for complete instructions and entry information.
2. Exhibitors check with show officials for registration check-in times or see schedule.
3. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting, feeding and pen maintenance equipment such as brooms, shovels, pitchforks, etc.
4. A photographer will be present to take pictures.
5. Exhibitors must sign the ethics statement on the entry form.
6. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely and have all four feet on the ground when in the show ring.
7. Exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs and likenesses of exhibitor and animals may be used without compensation for advertising, promotion and news articles.
8. Lodging accommodations are posted at www.suffolks.org "The Event: Suffolk Weekend 2023".

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.

Sheep Show Rules

Judge: Todd Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin

1. All premiums are prorated on the number of entries.
2. **Check-In** will be on Saturday, June 10, approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the sale until 4:00pm.
3. All sheep must have flock tags in their ear, which match the private flock number officially recorded on the certificate of registration.
4. Suffolk market lambs cannot be exhibited in breeding sheep classes. Breeding sheep cannot be exhibited in market lamb classes.
5. 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.
6. A maximum of two (2) entries per exhibitor in any one class. Sheep are limited to being shown once (only one entry per sheep).
7. Substitutions may be made within the same division at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
8. 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.
9. No muzzles will be allowed on any sheep entered in the show.
10. For slick shorn ewe and ram classes, no patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body.
11. USSA reserves the right to perform random drug testing. Any exhibitor found showing sheep that test positive for drugs will be banned from showing in United Suffolk Sheep Association shows for two (2) years.
12. Sheep containing a "D" for the dwarf gene are not eligible. The USSA reserves the right to conduct random testing.
13. Suffolk Market Lamb Rules
 - a. All market lambs will be weighed, and classes may be broken by weight. There is no minimum or maximum weight. There will be no re-weighs. The first weight taken is the official weight used for breaking classes.
 - b. See check-in area for the time and location of weigh-in.
 - c. It is required that market lambs be slick shorn over the entire body upon arrival at the show.
 - d. There will be a pre-scale 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
 - e. All Suffolk market lambs 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.
14. Breeding Sheep Rules
 - a. Breeding sheep classes are broken by the birth date of the entry. **Classes with greater than 15 head will be split.**
 - b. Class winners from yearling and senior/fall classes 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. Group classes are offered - Pair of Ram Lambs • Pair of Yearling Ewes • Pair of Ewe Lambs. Entry is at the ring. For group classes, sheep can be presented as slick shorn, fitted or both slick shorn and fitted.

RAMS

- Class 1 - Fitted Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)
- Class 2 - Slick Shorn Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)
- Class 3- Fitted Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)
- Class 4- Slick Shorn Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)
- Class 5- Fitted January Rams (born 1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023)
- Class 6- Slick Shorn January Rams (born 1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023)
- Class 7- Fitted February & Later Rams (born after 2/1/2023)
- Class 8- Slick Shorn February & Later Rams (born after 2/1/2023)

EWES

- Class 9 - Fitted Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)
- Class 10 - Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2021 to 8/31/2022)
- Class 11- Fitted Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)
- Class 12- Slick Shorn Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)
- Class 13- Fitted January Ewes (born 1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023)
- Class 14- Slick Shorn January Ewes (born 1/1/2023 to 1/31/2023)
- Class 15- Fitted February & Later Ewes (born after 2/1/2023)
- Class 16- Slick Shorn February & Later Ewes (born after 2/1/2023)

MARKET LAMBS

- Class 17 -Suffolk Market Lamb

Showmanship Contest

No pre-entry, exhibitors enter at the ring.

Showmanship age divisions are as follows: Beginner (9 & under) • Intermediate (10-14) • Senior (15 & Older).

Exhibitors participate in the age division they fall into based on the exhibitor's age on show day.