

# ***“Walk the Red Carpet”* The Suffolk Event Junior Show**

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## **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 or through the Suffolk Event junior show entry form.**
2. Entry fee is \$15 per head Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter by **May 15** to help us plan for the show. Entry can be made at the show. See entry form for submission and payment options.
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. **ONE EXCEPTION: Sheep purchased from a recent sale – a photocopy of the USSA registration certificate 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. The Illinois Junior Preview Show will again be held in conjunction with the Suffolk Event Junior Show. Illinois youth exhibitors will be automatically entered in the state show by completing the Suffolk Event Junior Show entry form.
6. Exhibitors should present a neat, professional image in the show ring.
7. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles in the show ring, that advertise a sheep flock or membership name or related enterprises.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. All sheep must be bedded with straw or shavings. Exhibitors need to bring their own bedding and hay.

## **General Information**

1. Upon arrival, please report to the Suffolk booth area for complete instructions and entry information. Depending on the exhibitor's arrival date/time (Friday, June 7) there may be no Suffolk representatives in the barn as the educational sessions are at Lincoln Land Community College. Exhibitors are asked to pen sheep in the Suffolk area. There are no assigned pen assignments.
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.

## **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: TBA

1. All premiums will be determined by number of entries and awarded as sheep leave the ring.
2. Arrival Time: Sheep may arrive beginning on Thursday afternoon. For Juniors coming to the show only, entry information must be submitted by 4 pm on Saturday, and animals must be penned by 7 am Sunday.
3. **Check-In** will be on Saturday, June 8, approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the sale until 4:00pm.

4. All sheep must have flock tags in their ear, which match the private flock number officially recorded on the USSA certificate of registration and on the health papers.
5. Suffolk market lambs cannot be exhibited in breeding sheep classes. Breeding sheep cannot be exhibited in market lamb classes.
6. 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.
7. A maximum of two (2) entries per exhibitor in any one class. Sheep are limited to being shown once (only one entry per sheep) other than showmanship classes.
8. Substitutions may be made within the same division at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
9. All animals that receive premiums must stay in the ring for judge's reasons.
10. No muzzles will be allowed on any sheep entered in the show.
11. For slick shorn ewe and ram classes, no patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body.
12. 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.
13. Sheep containing a "D" for the dwarf gene are not eligible. The USSA reserves the right to conduct random testing.
14. Suffolk Market Lamb Rules
  - a. All Suffolk market lambs must slick shorn over the whole body and possess Suffolk breed characteristics with black legs, black head, bell-shaped ears and be approved by a sifting committee at check-in, to be qualified as a Suffolk to be eligible to show. ***Excessive Leg shag and head wool may be cause for disqualification.***
15. 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. 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.

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Join the excitement as a new show season gets underway.

Class 1: Another Opening...Another Show”. All junior show exhibitors will walk the red carpet into the showring, accompanied by a sheep, as introductions are made. Simple costuming or accessorizing of youth and/or sheep is encouraged. Onlookers will be casting People's Choice Award ballots for the exhibitor best expressing the spirit of the show and theme. A group photo will be taken. There will be a ten-minute break for exhibitors to be in proper show attire before the show resumes with Class 2.