



## 2020 Sheep Department Rules and Information

Darke County Fairgrounds  
800 Sweitzer Street  
Greenville, OH 45331

**All sheep exhibitors will enter the fairgrounds through Gate 1.**

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**Sheep Barn Schedule** – Times subject to change as necessary pending entries and shows

**Session 1: July 27 & 28, 2020 – Market Lambs and Commercial Ewes**

Monday, July 27

**NO Trailer Staging Prior to 4 am**

6 am – 10 am: Arrival

6 am – 10 am: Check- In

10 am – 12 pm: Breed Classification

1 pm – **Market Lamb Show**

~*Judge: Jimmy Davis – Oklahoma*

Tuesday, July 28

9 am - **Commercial Ewe Show**

- Yearlings followed by Ewe Lambs (lightest to heaviest)

~*Judge: Barrett Carlisle – Texas*

**Showmanship – Immediately following Commercial Ewes**

- Youngest to Oldest

~*Judge: Barrett Carlisle*

**Barn Release – Immediately following showmanship**

- No trailers at barn area until showmanship is completed

**Session 2: August 4 & 5, 2020 – Breeding Sheep (All Registered Breeds)**

Tuesday, August 4

6 am - 12 pm: Arrival and Check-In

1:00 pm - **Breeding Sheep Showmanship**

- Youngest to Oldest

~*Judge: Evan Snyder – Pennsylvania*

5 pm - Breeding Sheep Show

- Ring 1: Hampshire

~*Judge: Evan Snyder, PA*

- Ring 2: Tunis

~*Judge: Craig Beckmier, IL*

Wednesday, August 5

9 am – Breeding Sheep Show

- **Ring 1:** Merino, Columbia, Rambouillet, Corriedale, Natural Colored, Lincoln, AOB Wool, Suffolk

~*Judge: Tor Sorenson, AZ*

- **Ring 2:** Border Cheviot, Oxford, Southdown, Horned Dorset, Polled Dorset

~*Judge: Craig Beckmier, IL*

- **Ring 3:** Shropshire, Dorper/White Dorper, AOB Meat, Montadale

~*Judge: Evan Snyder, PA*

**Supreme Top 5 Drive** – Rams

**Supreme Top 5 Drive** – Ewes

~*Judges: Tor Sorenson, Craig Beckmier, Evan Snyder*

**Barn Release** – Immediately following Supreme Top 5 Drive

# OYLE Rules:

## OYLE COVID-19 Risk & Liability Waiver

[Click here to view the waiver.](#)

***\*At any point leading up to and through the 2020 OYLE Sheep show, rules and show information may be updated to adhere to COVID-19 best practices, guidelines and restrictions.***

## Exhibitor & Sheep Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in the OYLE Sheep Show, an exhibitor must be a resident of the State of Ohio and be a current member in good standing of either 4-H or FFA, ages 8 years old and in third grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, as of January 1. Eligibility ends December 31 the year youth turns 19.

Exhibitors must have a confirmed Sheep Project (Breeding or Market) entered for 2020 at the county and/or state level.

- a. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor, or 4-H County Extension Professional that the entry is enrolled in the related specie project of that organization. Ineligible participants will be notified if the entry is not accepted, no refunds will be issued.

Exhibitors must have completed Quality Assurance in **one** of the following forms:

- b. Ohio Youth Quality Assurance (county or state)
- c. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
- d. Beef Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)
- e. Pork Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)

OYLE is not a terminal show, HOWEVER, All sheep entered must be free of all drug residue of any type, including prescribed and illegal, at the time of show and be eligible for immediate harvest following the show. The OYLE reserves the right to test ANY breed Champions or Reserve Champions in addition to Any Top 5 Overall animals. At the time of testing, any market lamb being tested must be clear of any drug residue and be clear of any withdrawal periods. Any breeding sheep being tested must be clear of any drug residue and/or withdrawal period on performance and show enhancing drugs.

## OYLE Sheep Code of Conduct

1. All OYLE exhibitors, their family members and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at the OYLE show. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the OYLE Sheep Committee for appropriate action, if the Committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity, or tampering with another exhibitor's animals. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to be barred from current or future participation in OYLE shows. The decision of the OYLE Sheep Committee regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.
2. Alcohol will NOT be permitted in the barn(s), make-up area or show ring of OYLE Sheep Shows. The OYLE Sheep Committee will strongly encourage local authorities to enforce legal drinking ages and open container laws.

## Consent to Medical Care

I consent to first aid, emergency medical care and if necessary, admission to an accredited hospital when necessary for executing such care, and for treatment for injuries or illness that I may sustain while participating in any activity associated with the showing of livestock.

## Photograph/Interview Release

I grant permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with OYLE shows. I understand the photographs or interviews may be used for print, digital media or other media. I release and indemnify OYLE for any claims related to photographs and interviews by OYLE.

## Skillathon

OYLE will NOT require exhibitors to participate in a skillathon; however, we encourage all exhibitors to complete their species' skillathon. Click here for more details: <https://bit.ly/3fPwckO>

## Show Entry & Fees

1. All entries will be made online at the following URL: <https://showman.app/#/>
  - a. Please note that this is not an app, but rather a website.
2. All entries must be made and paid with a credit card by **July 10th, 11:59 pm 2020**. No late entries or entries upon arrival will be accepted.
3. OYLE Sheep Entry Fees:  
**Session 1:** July 27 - 28, 2020  
Market/Commercial Show: **7 total head** - any combination with 6 market max., ewe lambs, or yearling ewes. Ewe lambs may be double entered in the market and commercial show.
  - a. Market Lambs/Commercial Ewes = \$25/head  
**Session 2:** August 4 - 5, 2020  
Breeding Sheep Show: All registered breeds are eligible, 2 entries per class limit
  - a. Breeding Sheep = \$15/head
4. The committee reserves the right to make a decision on refunds. No guarantee of refunds will be made, despite a cancellation, due to show expenses that have already been incurred.

## Sheep Exhibitor Requirements:

1. **All** sheep must have a USDA official scrapie ear tag for entry and check-in.
2. All sheep must be housed in space assigned by the management. **No sheep will show off trailers.**
3. All breeding & market animals must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry and not change ownership from entry through the OYLE show.
4. All sheep may be vet checked.
5. All registered sheep must be owned by the **junior exhibitor and must be registered in his/her name**, no family farm names will be accepted.
6. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The only exception is if an exhibitor has two animals in one class or is showing in a separate ring simultaneously. Only one exhibitor per animal in the show ring, except commercial yearling ewes (Session 1), and registered breeding sheep (Session 2). Prior to show day medical excuses and Sheep Committee ruling is also accepted.

7. Exhibitors must enter their class on time. Animals arriving late to their assigned class may be ineligible to participate per the Sheep Committee's discretion.
8. The Sheep Committee reserves the right to prorate any premiums and split classes.
9. No dogs are allowed in designated penning areas or at the show ring during the OYLE Sheep show.

## **SESSION 1 - Market Lambs and Commercial Ewes**

### **A. Market Lamb Classes** - shown by weight 95 - 140 lbs. and classification

Hampshire

Shropshire

Southdown

Suffolk

Dorset

Oxford

Natural Colored

White Face Cross

Crossbred

AOB (all breeds classifying outside the identified breeds listed)

Heavyweight - 141 lbs and higher (**Not eligible for grand champion drive**)

1. Upon check in at OYLE, each exhibitor **MUST** declare which of the lambs(s) they entered by July 10th will be shown. These lambs will be identified by their 10 digit federal scrapie number listed on the online entry.
2. The market lamb show will not be terminal.
3. A stockyards truck may be available on site if management can secure a market.

### **B. WEIGH-IN**

1. All sheep (**market and commercial**) will show by a declared weight and will be weighed back if in the top 5 in each class.
2. Lambs must re-weigh within 5 pounds of the official weigh-in weight on the upper side only. Lambs weighing 140 will be allowed a 5 pound re-weight, with a maximum weight of 145 pounds.
  - a. Lambs will move up in a class if a lamb is eliminated during re-weigh.
  - b. No lambs will be eliminated on the lower side.
  - c. No re-weighs will be permitted.
3. Belly/flank wool will be checked on the top 5 lambs in each class at the time of re-weigh before entering the scales. Lambs will move up in a class if a lamb is eliminated for belly/flank wool not equal to the length of the wool on the body. (Fitting Rules - pg. 7, #4)
4. Scales will be designated for exhibitors to identify weights before turning in weight cards.

### **C. BREED CLASSIFICATION**

1. The above breeds will be classified by breed
  - a. All lambs entered in each breed (Hamp, Shrop, Southdown, Suffolk, Dorset, Oxford, Natural Colored, AOB, and White Face Cross) will be group-evaluated in 3 lines with each classifier walking all 3 lines. The (3) Classifiers will pull lambs to the "Classify Box" where those lambs will undergo the 3 classifier evaluation and vote. All lambs outside the "Classify Box" will have successfully been identified as the breed in which they entered.
  - b. Lambs must be freshly shorn and washed for classification and vet check
2. Breed Classes are for purebred lambs of either sex. Market lambs must exhibit characteristics that would qualify them for registry. Lambs with black fiber regardless of reason are not allowed to show in breed classes.
  - a. **Dorper/White Dorper:** Breed Standards are taken from the breed standard and training manual.

1. Point System: To distinguish the degree of excellence with a description and score by points on visual appearance. These values are the reflection of the animal.
  2. 5-Very Good; 4-Above Average; 3-Average; 2-Poor or below Average; 1-Very Poor, with cull points.
  3. Lambs receiving a score of 5, 4, or 3 from the appointed breed classifiers will be considered purebred Dorpers and entered in the All Other Breeds (AOB) purebred class.
- b. **White Faced Crossbreds**
1. Lambs showing evidence of both black face and white face breeding and must show evidence of such throughout the face, legs and ears and will be open to lambs of either sex. This class will also contain any Dorset, Southdown or AOB White Face Wool breeds that do not meet its breed criteria pending classification.
- c. **Natural Colored**
1. Lambs must have natural colored wool over 50% of their body, excluding head and leg hair and will be open to lambs of either sex.
- d. **Black Faced Crossbreds**
1. These grade or crossbred black face lambs are ones that do not qualify for the purebred classes (Hampshires, Shropshires, Oxfords, Suffolks) OR Natural colored and Black Faced All Other Breed(AOB) lambs, not meeting their specific criteria pending classification.

## **SESSION 2 - Registered Breeding Sheep**

### **A. BREEDS and CLASSES**

BORDER CHEVIOT  
 COLUMBIA  
 CORRIEDALE  
 DORPER/WHITE DORPER  
 HAMPSHIRE  
 HORNED DORSET  
 LINCOLN  
 MERINO  
 MONTADALE  
 NATURAL COLORED

OXFORD  
 POLLED DORSET  
 RAMBOUILLET  
 SHROPSHIRE  
 SOUTHDOWN  
 SUFFOLK  
 TUNIS  
 ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS  
 ALL OTHER WHITE WOOL BREEDS

### **Classes: Limit is 2 entries per class**

Yearling Ram (Sept. 1, 2018 - Aug. 31, 2019)  
 Fall Ram Lamb (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019)  
 Winter Ram Lamb (Dec. 1, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2020)  
 Spring Ram Lamb (Feb. 1, 2020 and after)  
 Champion Ram  
 Reserve Champion Ram

Yearling Ewe (Sept. 1, 2018 - Aug. 31, 2019)  
 Fall Ewe Lamb (Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2019)  
 Winter Ewe Lamb (Dec. 1, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2020)  
 Spring Ewe Lamb (Feb. 1, 2020 and after)  
 Champion Ewe  
 Reserve Champion Ewe

Flock 1 ram & 2 ewes (yearling or lamb or combination)  
 Premier Exhibitor

### **B. BREEDING SHEEP RULES:**

1. All breeding sheep are required to have an ear identification, i.e. Association Tags, Flock Tags, Tattoos, and Scrapie Tags will be accepted. All identification must be plainly readable by show ring officials. Animals will be disqualified if they do not have a readable tag or tattoo in their ear at the time of showing.
2. All breeding sheep exhibited must have registration papers in the exhibitor's possession at check-in time. No sheep will be allowed to show if proper transfers have not been made and the correct paper checked in

at the Office. No breed associations will be called.

3. All registered sheep must be owned by the **junior exhibitor and must be registered in his/her name**, no family farm names will be accepted.
4. No late arrivals and/or check-in's will be permitted the day of the show. No exceptions will be allowed.

## Showmanship Eligibility and Rules

1. OYLE Sheep Committee will determine classes for showmanship. Any changes to showmanship must be made **no later than 10:00 AM, July 28th and August 4th 8:00 AM**
2. Entry in showmanship is not required, **but exhibitors must select to participate when submitting their online entries.**
3. Showmanship will be held for both Market/Commercial Ewes (Session 1) and Breeding Sheep (Session 2) using the same age and division structure below
4. Ten age categories will be shown. Age of exhibitor is as of January 1, 2020.
  - Exhibitors age 8/9
  - Exhibitors age 10
  - Exhibitors age 11
  - Junior Division Champion**
  - Exhibitors age 12
  - Exhibitors age 13
  - Exhibitors age 14
  - Intermediate Division Champion**
  - Exhibitors age 15
  - Exhibitors age 16
  - Exhibitors age 17
  - Exhibitors age 18
  - Senior Division Champion**
5. Showmanship will be shown **youngest to oldest.**
6. Exhibitors must show their own animal that is entered and checked-in at the OYLE Sheep Show.
7. Exhibitors are NOT required to wear back numbers for showmanship.

## Fitting Rules

1. Handling, fitting, and/or sheep on trimming stands may only be conducted by the following: exhibitor, another exhibitor at the OYLE Sheep Show, the exhibitor's immediate family.
  - a. Immediate family is defined as: Mother, Father, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Brother, or Sister of an exhibitor by marriage or by law.
2. Any exhibitor not complying with the Fitting Rules may be ineligible to show at the discretion of the OYLE Sheep Committee.
3. At the make-up arena, **ONLY** the exhibitor and one additional immediate family member.
4. **The OYLE is a slick sheared market lamb show.** *All lambs must be freshly shorn with a 13 tooth comb or less and washed by weigh in time. Head wool is allowed at weigh in. Lambs will be allowed leg wool from the knees and hocks down. Belly and flank wool must be completely shorn and equal to the length of wool on the body at the time of the show. Belly and flank wool will be checked on the top 3 lambs in each class at the time of re-weigh before entering the scales. Lambs will move up in a class if eliminated for belly or flank wool not equal to the length of the wool on the body.*



## Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules

[Click here for a list of definitions pertaining to livestock exhibitions in the Ohio Revised Code.](#)

The exhibitors and their animals, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitors, will follow Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Law, Chapter 901 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all rules under Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules, as set forth in Sections 901-19-1 through 901-19-21 and Section 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The OYLE Sheep Committee reserves the right to test and/or ultrasound any animal at an OYLE Sheep Show. The OYLE Sheep Committee, at its sole discretion, may test and/or ultrasound winners, at random, or upon reasonable suspicion of possible violations of any of the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Law and its related rules or other OYLE Sheep Rules. By participating in an OYLE show, exhibitors consent to OYLE Sheep Committee members, and show management entering the tents, trailers, and other areas where animals may be housed at an OYLE show, prepared for the show, or transported to or from the show.

At the time of testing, any market animal being tested must be clear of any drug residue and be clear of any withdrawal periods. Any breeding sheep being tested must be clear of any drug residue and/or withdrawal period on performance and show enhancing drugs. Commercial ewe lambs that are also showing as market lambs that fall into both categories must abide by the market animal residue and withdrawal parameter.

A. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian.

### B. Grooming Requirements

Based upon Rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices, the following grooming practices are prohibited:

- a.) Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- b.) Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- c.) Pigmented grooming aides or materials.
- d.) Wool breed approved standards apply)

901-19-35- Recognition of disciplinary action

901-19-38- False, deceptive or unacceptable practices

a. No drenching or bottles permitted

b. No muzzles

901.19.19- Absolute Liability

In addition, colored or pigmented substances, i.e. paint, are prohibited from use on market lambs and breeding at all OYLE shows. Painting of the hooves is prohibited. Use of clear substances is permitted. The sponsor of the exhibition will enforce rule 901-19-33, Prohibited Grooming Practices. Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal OYLE show that does not follow the rule will be disqualified and all premiums and awards will be forfeited. If the disqualified exhibitor has shown the exhibitor's animals, all animals placing below them will not move up.

#### D. Penalties for Violation of Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules at OYLE Sheep Shows.

The OYLE Sheep Committee may impose discipline, and/or the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with O.R.C. 901.74. When determining penalties, OYLE will consider, among other factors, the fact that the OYLE Sheep program is for the development of youth, the desire and necessity of maintaining the integrity of the OYLE Sheep program, the severity of the violation compared to industry standards, and how similar violations have been handled in the past. OYLE Sheep Committee sanctions may include, but not be limited to, the following: the participant, family members (including but not limited to siblings who are OYLE Sheep participants), or business partners (including but not limited to their children who are OYLE Sheep participants) associated with the specific violation(s) be barred from current or future participation in the OYLE Sheep program and other OYLE events and programs. Persons found to have violated OYLE Sheep rules by the OYLE Sheep Committee have the right to appeal in writing within 30 days of the OYLE Sheep Committee's decision to the OYLE Sheep Committee and OYLE Executive Committee. The OYLE Executive Committee's decision will be communicated in writing and will be final.

OYLE Sheep rule violators will be responsible for reimbursing legal fees incurred by the OYLE before they are considered in good standing with OYLE for the purposes of future event or program eligibility. Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor, that violate mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code or other OYLE Sheep rules not part of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will cause the exhibitor and the exhibitor's animals to be subject to severe disciplinary action. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's immediate family members (siblings with the same address), may also be subject to being barred from participating in an OYLE Sheep show for a period of up to three years from the date of the violation. The barred exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may request a hearing for reinstatement with the OYLE Sheep Committee at any time during the penalty period determined by the OYLE Sheep Committee. The Sheep Committee reserves the right to adjust the penalty period based upon the findings of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In the final months of any penalty period, the OYLE Sheep Committee, in its sole discretion, may review the facts and circumstances prior to reinstating barred exhibitors. If the OYLE Sheep Committee has not notified the exhibitor of the status of reinstatement prior to the last day of the penalty period, the exhibitor will be deemed reinstated.

OYLE reserves the right to publish names of all parties, youth and/or adults involved in a rule violation through official OYLE print publications and digital communication.

#### E. OYLE Show Eligibility Resulting from Violations of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at Other Shows

Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be in violation of mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has been barred for future show participation (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting sheep in any OYLE Sheep show. OYLE will give all decisions of sponsors and other bodies holding fairs and shows full faith and credit and will observe and enforce such decisions coextensively at shows.

## Arrival, Penning, Facility Rules

1. Early arrival is not permitted.
2. Arrival is **NO** earlier than **6:00 AM, July 27th. NO Trailer Staging prior to 4 am**
3. Sheep Exhibitors will enter through Gate 4.
4. Traffic flow and parking will be designated upon arrival by the OYLE Sheep Committee and volunteers.
5. Upon arrival, exhibitors must go to the show office to receive stalling assignments. Barn penning will be assigned by the OYLE Sheep Committee.
6. The OYLE Sheep Committee reserves the right to require non-compliance exhibitors to cover any costs associated with additional removal or clean-up.
7. Trimming stands will only be permitted inside of the barn on breeding and market animal show days.
8. Exhibitors are able to set up open-sided tents in designated areas by the OYLE Sheep Committee.
9. Exhibitors are limited to the space on the wall or in front of their pen for any/all tack and equipment.
10. All fans must be overhead, no fan carts will be permitted inside the barn.
11. Generators are permitted for use outside of the barn and must be kept in their designated area.
12. Port-A-Cools and misting devices are able to be used in the barn; however, ALL hoses and cords must be out of walkways and traffic flow.
13. Any equipment is subject to be asked to move given circumstantial conditions or at the discretion of the OYLE Sheep Committee at any time during the show.
14. Late arrivals will only be permitted in the instance of overlap with a county fair. Any exhibitor requesting late arrival **MUST** be pre-approved by the OYLE Sheep Committee Chair no later than **July 10th**.
15. All late arrivals must be in place on the fairgrounds and sheep checked-in by the Sheep Committee no later than 12 pm, July 27 and 1 pm, August 4 Any animal that requires a weight declaration, must submit declared weight by **11:30 AM, July 27th** (Session 1) (written communication by text or email accepted for late arrivals only).
16. Exhibitors will be permitted to leave once the entire event has been completed.

## Complaint or Protest Procedure

Anyone who seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of an OYLE rule must submit a fee of \$250 to the OYLE Sheep Committee. The OYLE Sheep Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the OYLE Committee. Formal protests pertaining to the OYLE must be made during the species' session in which the protest is being filed. The OYLE Committee also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation on its own without a complaint first being filed. The OYLE Committee, in its discretion, will determine the appropriate action, if any, and reserves the right to use any combination of tools and/or technology to conduct a thorough investigation pertaining to the protest.

If the results of the investigation clearly do not support the complaint or protest, the matter will be dropped. If the results of the investigation appear to support the complaint or protest, the OYLE Committee will provide the participant who is the subject of the complaint or protest with at least 10 days' notice of a meeting, where the participant and the participant's family and any other involved parties will have an opportunity to present evidence or argument in their defense. The party making the protest also may attend and present evidence or argument in support of the protest. The OYLE Committee will share the results of its investigation. Following the meeting, the OYLE Sheep Committee in conjunction with the OYLE Executive Committee will make a determination and inform the participant of its decision in writing.

## **Committee Decisions**

The decisions of the OYLE Sheep Committee, subject to approval of the OYLE Executive Committee, on all issues pertaining to the OYLE Sheep program and events at OYLE Sheep shows shall be final.