



# 2026 OSIA LEAD Council

## Sanctioned Show Rules

### Age Requirements

### OSIA LEAD Shows

#### A. JUNIOR DIVISION:

Exhibitors/owners must be of 4-H age, at least 8 years of age and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of January 1 of the current year and no older than 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

1. Verification of proof of age may be requested and/or required.
2. If an exhibitor is unable to verify their age, if requested, any lamb entered in their name is ineligible to be shown by that exhibitor or any other exhibitor.
3. Any lamb disqualified for any reason is ineligible to be shown that day and entries are non-refundable.

#### B. NOVICE DIVISION:

1. This division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep without assistance and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor.
2. Novice lambs are eligible to be shown only in novice classes by the novice showman/exhibitor (novice showmanship, novice market, novice breeding). Novice lambs must be owned by the novice exhibitor.
  - a. Dependent on entries, novice showmanship classes may be broken into 2 classes (7/8 year olds and 6 and Under; novice market classes broken by weight).
3. This class will be offered at OSIA LEAD Council shows with the exception of the Ohio State Fair.

### Exhibition Rules

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#### A. SHEEP:

1. All sheep must have official USDA scrapie ID tags or tattoo in the ear to be exhibited.
2. All sheep will be vet checked on site with a licensed veterinarian:
  - a. Blankets and leg wraps must be removed prior to inspection but can be reapplied prior to weigh-in
  - b. All lambs will be inspected for prolapses, fungus, sore mouth, ringworm, foot rot, and pinkeye.
  - c. Any sheep that has visible signs of any of the above will be disqualified from showing that day.
  - d. All veterinarian decisions are FINAL and ENTRY FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.
3. All out-of-state exhibitors must show valid 30-day health papers at check-in.
4. The following sections of the Ohio Revised Code for use in sanctioned shows:
  - a. 901-19-33- Prohibited grooming practices. (Wool breed approved standards apply.)
    - i. **No painting or artificial coloring of any kind is allowed.**
  - b. 901-19-35- Recognition of disciplinary action
  - c. 901-19-38- False, deceptive, or unacceptable practices
    - i. **No drenching or bottles permitted.**
    - ii. **No muzzles.**
  - d. 901-19-19- Absolute Liability
5. ALL sheep (market, commercial, slick breeding) must be slick shorn within 5 days of classification/check-in.
6. Lambs must be freshly washed within 24 hours prior to classification/check-in.  
**\*\*Classifiers reserve the right to have lambs re-washed and re-shorn prior to classification\*\***
7. Exhibitors **MUST** be on the head of their own sheep in class and all drives.  
Exceptions include: a. 2 entries in the class or champion drives, b. conflict with a showmanship class
  - a. In such a case, another junior exhibitor shall be on the head.

## B. ENTRY:

1. EWE LAMBS are eligible to be shown in Market (classification), Commercial Ewe (by weight) and Breeding (breed registration papers) divisions and entry fees are assessed with each entry in each division.
2. YEARLING EWES are eligible to be shown only in breeding (breed registration papers) divisions.

\*Exhibitors attempting to show across multiple classes - enter at own risk as show management will not be required to hold shows. (No refunds for missing classes.)

3. MARKET LAMBS
  - a. Select breed at entry - will be confirmed by classification at check-in.
  - b. See appendix A - Breed Guidelines
4. NOVICE MARKET: Showman may show 1 lamb in each division (blackface and whiteface).
  - a. A novice lamb is not eligible to be shown in any other division or class other than Novice.
5. BREEDING SHEEP
  - a. A MAXIMUM of (8) sheep per breed can be entered by an exhibitor.
  - b. Must be registered in the exhibitor's name at the time of show.

**\*\*Registration must be in exhibitor(s) name(s).**

  - c. Registration papers must be presented by the June 14, 2026.
6. NOVICE BREEDING: Showman may show one (1) lamb in each division (Meat breed and Wool breed).
  - a. A novice lamb is not eligible to be shown in any other division or class other than Novice.

On-Line Entry

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## A. SHOWMAN APP: <https://showman.app/shows#/>

1. ALL exhibitors will make entries using the Showman App.  
Pre-entries will open 20 days prior to the event.
  - a. Entry structure will be as follows:
    - i. Pre-entries = \$25/head market show, \$15/head registered breeding show (through Wednesday of show week)
    - ii. Late entries = \$35/head market show, \$20/head registered breeding show (beginning at 12:01 am on Thursday of show week)
    - iii. ALL NOVICE = \$15/head, with guaranteed payback of \$5
    - iv. Showmanship entries \$5 per entry
    - v. On-line payments ONLY - No entries/payments handled by show management "day of"
    - vi. NO refunds

Classes

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## A. MARKET SHOW CLASSES:

1. Market Lamb Division (Max for points = best 6 head)
  - a. Shown by weight and declared breed at time of entry.
    - i. Lambs will be weighed at the show. Classes will be established based on this show weight.
    - ii. A two-scale system will be used. Crossbreeds will weigh on one scale, with breeds on the second scale.
  - b. If less than 5 entries exist in a breed, they will be placed in the All Other Breeds (AOB) class.

[Does NOT include whiteface cross (WFX) and Blackface Cross (BFX)]

2. Commercial Ewe Division (Max for points = best 3 head)

- a. Ewe lambs of any breed will be shown by weight.
  - b. An overall champion and reserve champion commercial ewe will be selected
3. Novice Divisions - Shown by weight when more than 15 per class. An exhibitor may only show one (1) novice blackface market lamb, one (1) novice white face market lamb and one (1) novice commercial ewe.
- a. Black Face lambs (ewes or wethers)
  - b. White Face and White Face Cross (WFX) (ewes or wethers)
  - c. Novice Commercial Ewe

**B. BREEDING SHOW CLASSES:**

- 1. All breeds eligible with proof of registration papers from respective breed association.
- 2. Classes will be the following in all breeds, rams and ewes
  - a. Yearling (Sept 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2024)
  - b. Fall Lambs (Sept. 1, 2024 - Nov. 30, 2024)
  - c. Winter (Dec. 1, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025)
  - d. Spring Lambs (Feb. 1, 2025 & after)
  - e. Novice Wool Ewe Lamb (Sept. 1, 2024 & after)
  - f. Novice Meat Ewe Lamb (Sept.1, 2024 & after)

**Showmanship** **OSIA LEAD Shows**

- I. Exhibitor **must show their own sheep** entered in the show.
- II. Showmanship classes are by 4-H age as of January 1 of current year.
- III. Entry fee \$5 per exhibitor per showmanship entry.

**A. MARKET SHOW:**

- a. Showmanship divisions will be each year in age.
  - 1. 8/9 4-H age, 10, 11, 12, 13, (Junior Division Drive), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (Senior Division Drive)
  - 2. Novice division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep **without assistance** and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor.
    - a. Classes may be broken, dependent on entries: 7/8 year olds and 6 and under

**B. BREEDING SHOW:**

- a. Showmanship divisions will be:
  - 1. 8/9 4-H age, 10, 11, 12, 13, (Junior Division Drive), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, (Senior Division Drive).
  - 2. Novice division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep **without assistance** and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor.
    - a. Classes may be broken, dependent on entries: 7/8 year olds and 6 and under
    - No yearlings or rams permitted in novice showmanship**

**Show Order** **OSIA LEAD Shows**

**A. MARKET SHOW: SINGLE Show Schedule**

**Check In: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Show starts: 10:00 a.m.**

**Market Type Show Order**

SHOWMANSHIP - Oldest to Youngest (No Max Limit - all one class)

Age 18 - Age 17 - Age 16 - Age 15 - Age 14

. **Sr. Division Drive**

Age 13 - Age 12 - Age 11 - Age 10 - Age 9 & 8 (official 4H)

## Jr. Division Drive

4. Novice: This division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep **without assistance** and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor.
- COMMERCIAL EWE SHOW (Max: 15 head/class)
    - o Novice Commercial Ewe
    - o White-Face Ewe Lambs (open to any white face breeds (ie Southdown, Dorset) and any WFX ewe lambs. WFX ewe lambs will be lambs that show evidence of both black face and white face breeding on the face, legs and ears).
    - o Black Face Ewe Lambs
    - o \*Champion Ewe Drive\*
  - NOVICE BLACK FACE
  - MARKET LAMB SHOW (Weight classes within breed, followed by Breed Champion Drives) (Max 15 head/class)
    - o Hampshire
  - NOVICE WHITE FACE
    - o Shropshire
    - o Southdown
    - o Oxford
    - o Dorset
    - o Hair Breeds
    - o All Other Breeds (AOB) **All other lambs classifying in a breed with less than 5 head exhibiting,** [Does NOT include whiteface cross (WFX) and blackface cross (BFX)]
    - o Whiteface Cross (WFX)
    - o Natural Colored
    - o Blackface Cross (BFX)
    - o \*Market Lamb Champion Drive\* (All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - o Minimum Required = Champion & Reserve only (additional overall[s] is a SHOW CHOICE)

### MARKET SHOW - **DOUBLE Show Schedule Recommended Order**

8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Weigh-In

Show begins @ 10:30 a.m.

#### **Market Type Show Order**

- COMMERCIAL EWE SHOW (Max: 15 head/class)
  - o Novice Commercial Ewe
  - o White-Face Ewe Lambs (open to any white face breeds (i.e. Southdown, Dorset) and any WFX ewe lambs. WFX ewe lambs will be lambs that show evidence of both black face and white face breeding on the face, legs and ears).
  - o Black Face Ewe Lambs
  - o \*Champion Ewe Drive\*
- NOVICE BLACK FACE
- MARKET LAMB SHOW (Weight classes within breed, followed by Breed Champion Drives) (Max 15 head/class)
  - o Hampshire
- NOVICE WHITE FACE
  - o Shropshire
  - o Southdown
  - o Oxford
  - o Dorset

- Hair Breeds
- All Other Breeds (AOB) All other lambs classifying in a breed with less than 5 head exhibiting, [Does NOT include whiteface cross (WFX) and blackface cross (BFX)]
- Whiteface Cross (WFX)
- Natural Colored
- Blackface Cross (BFX)
- \*Market Lamb Champion Drive\* (All Breed Champions and Reserves)
- Minimum Required = Champion & Reserve only (additional overall[s] is a SHOW CHOICE)

SHOWMANSHIP - Double Show Order (No Max Limit - all one class)

RING A	RING B
Age 18	Age 13
Age 17	Age 12
Age 16	Age 11
Age 15	Age 10
Age 14	Age 9 & 8 (official 4H)

Sr. Division Drive                      Jr. Division Drive

- ❖ Novice: This division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep without assistance and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor.

When using 2 judges for showmanship, one judge will judge seniors (14-18) and the other will judge the juniors (8-13).

**\*2<sup>nd</sup> MARKET TYPE SHOW ORDER WILL BE SAME AS THE FIRST FOLLOWING SHOWMANSHIP\***

## B. BREEDING SHOW

Check-In Time: 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Show begins @ 10:30 p.m.

### Breeding Sheep Show Order

- SHOWMANSHIP - Oldest to youngest (No Max. Limit - All one class)  
Age 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8&9

Novice: This division is open to any age capable of exhibiting sheep without assistance and not yet age eligible to be showing as an official 4-H exhibitor and may be split dependent on entries: 7/8 year olds and 6 and under - No yearlings or rams permitted in novice classes

- BREEDING SHEEP SHOW - Wool and Meat Breeds run simultaneous in 2 rings

#### Wool Breed Show Order

##### **NOVICE** Wool Ewe Lambs

Border Leicester  
Columbia  
Corriedale  
Merino  
Natural Colored  
Natural Colored Lincoln  
Rambouillet  
White Lincolns  
White Romney  
AOB Wool (Natural Border Leicester,

#### Meat Breed Show Order

Border Cheviot  
Dorper/White Dorper  
Dorset Advantage  
Hampshire  
Novice Meat Ewe lambs  
Oxford  
Polled Dorst  
Shropshire  
Southdown  
Suffolk

Natural Romney Shetland, Valais,  
Babydoll Southdowns,)

AOB Meat (Horned Dorset, Katahdin, Montadale, Tunis, Texel)

❖ **Beginning in 2026, the following breed number guidelines will be followed:**

- Any breed that averages less than five (5) animals at OSIA LEAD Council Sanctioned shows the prior year, exclusive of the Ohio State Fair Junior Show will be placed in either an AOB Meat Division or an AOB Wool Division.
- These breed number guidelines will be re-evaluated at the end of each show season.
- Breeds showing in AOB that average over five (5) animals per show for 2026 will be pulled out of AOB for the 2027 show season and given their own breed classes

**Show order in ALL Breeds:**

Yearling Rams

Fall Ram Lambs

Winter Ram Lambs

Spring Ram Lambs

**Champion Ram Drive**

Yearling Ewes

Fall Ewe Lambs

Winter Ewe Lambs

Spring Ewe Lambs

**Champion Ewe Drive**

**Supreme Drive Order** (management can use 1 judge for supreme selection in respect to show finish times)

**~Breed Champions Only~**

~Supreme Ram Drive - Wool Breeds

~Supreme Ram Drive - Meat Breeds

~Supreme Ewe Drive - Wool Breeds

~Supreme Ewe Drive - Meat Breeds

Guideline Regulations

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**A. PROTEST:**

Any exhibitor or their family member who seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of a rule must submit a non-refundable \$500.00 cash or cashier's check with the grievance in writing to the OSIA LEAD Council within 24 hours of the incident. These funds will be deposited into the OSIA LEAD Council "Miscellaneous Income" fund with discretion of use of funds going to the OSIA LEAD Council. The OSIA LEAD Council shall review the protest. Should parties be found in violation of the rules, the OSIA LEAD Council will take appropriate action regarding the situation. OSIA LEAD Council action is not limited to the following, but may result in an exhibitor losing points for a show, loss of multiple show points, and/or be barred from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the OSIA LEAD Council regarding the protest shall be final. The OSIA LEAD Council reserves the right to consult with an attorney on the grievance and reserves the right to take

seven (7) days to reach a decision on the matter. This "Protest Rule" only applies to the OSIA LEAD Council shows; the Ohio State Fair already has "Protest Rule" guidelines.

## **B. IMMEDIATE ACTION:**

IF any OSIA Lead Council rule or regulation needs to be solved immediately due to any impact that any particular rule may have on the continuation of the show, then an OSIA Lead Council Show Sub-Committee, with a minimum of five (5) members and the show manager, should be brought together at the show to make a final decision on the matter. The responsibility of the OSIA Lead Council Show Sub-Committee will determine any immediate action that needs to take place at the show, in order to solve the issue and allow the show to continue in a timely manner. If the issue cannot be solved in a timely manner, the issue will need to be referred to the OSIA Lead Council and the "Protest Rule" statement above will take effect.

Immediate action could result in any of the following:

1. Verbal warning
2. Loss of points on lamb or showman in which infraction was made

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3. Loss of multiple show points
4. Disqualifications of exhibitor/family from show(s) (all lambs, all points if applicable)
5. Removal from all LEAD shows for the season (OSIA LEAD Board vote)

## **C. CHAIN OF COMMAND:**

In the event an issue or concern must be handled, the following methods shall be initiated:

Show Manager - OSIA Lead Council member - Show Committee Chair(s) with 5 LEAD Council members - OSIA Lead Executive Committee - OSIA Lead Council Board - **Final Decision = OSIA Board of 5** (appointed by the President)

The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association LEAD Council seeks to install positive character-building traits in our youth programs, through the demonstration of great sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, and care of livestock. We ask that show managers and volunteers reflect the best interest of the LEAD sanctioned events and agree to the following items, while representing the LEAD youth organization.

**When attending and representing LEAD Sanction Shows, I/we therefore agree that:**

- I will be a positive role model for the youth and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all exhibits, judges, spectators, and the LEAD representatives at every show or event in person and in social media.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of the show participants or animals.
- I will teach youth to show by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

- I will demand that my volunteers treat other individuals involved in our association with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, or ability.
- I will never ridicule any child, volunteer, or spectator in person or via social media outlets, for making a mistake.
- I will respect the opinion of judges and the authority of the LEAD Committee during shows/ events and will never question, discuss, or confront the LEAD Council members during a show, or in the barns, and will take time to speak with a LEAD representative at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will not verbally abuse or assault any showman, judge, parent, show coordinator, or a LEAD Council member.
- I will not attempt to intimidate any showman, judge, parent, show coordinator, or a LEAD Council member.
- I will not engage in any other type of violent behavior, such as throwing equipment or other objects.
- I will not engage in physical abuse of any showman, or engage in any lewd, inappropriate physical or sexual conduct.
- I will not engage in alcohol or illicit substances while attending or participating in any LEAD Event.
- I also agree that, if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following in this order:
  1. Verbal warning
  2. Loss of points on lamb(s) or class of in which the infraction was made
  3. Loss of multiple show points
  4. Disqualification of exhibitor/family from show(s) (all lambs, all points if applicable)
  5. Removal from all LEAD shows for the season (OSIA LEAD Board vote)

## Appendix A

## OSIA LEAD Shows

1. All lambs entered in each breed (Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Dorset, Oxford, Natural Colored, AOB, WFX, and BFX and Hair Breed) will be declared by the exhibitor on the Showman App.
  - a. Sheep will be confirmed at check-in by a 3-person classification committee.
2. Lambs must be freshly shorn and washed for classification and vet check.
3. Breed Classes are for purebred lambs of either sex. Market lambs must exhibit characteristics that would qualify them for registry.
  - a. Lambs with black fiber, regardless of reason, are not allowed to show in breed classes.
- i. 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.

ii. White-Faced Crossbreds (WFX)

1. Lambs showing evidence of both black face and white face breeding 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 Wood breeds that do not meet its breed criteria pending classification.

iii. Natural Colored (NC)

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.

iv. Black-Faced Crossbreds (BFX)

1. These grade or crossbred black-face lambs are ones that do not qualify for the purebred classes (Hampshire, Shropshire, Oxfords, Suffolk) OR Natural colored and Black-faced All Other Breed (AOB) lambs, not meeting their specific criteria pending classification.