



2026 OSIA LEAD Circuit Point Guide

Year End Award Eligibility

OSIA LEAD Shows

1. In order for a youth exhibitor to receive a year-end breed or showmanship award, the youth exhibitor must be a paid member in good standing with the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.
2. OSIA LEAD Council Points are only awarded at OSIA LEAD Council **sanctioned** shows, including the Ohio State Fair Junior Market Lamb, Open Youth Jackpot Ewe Show (Commercial Ewes) and Breeding Sheep Shows.
3. In order to accumulate points from any OSIA LEAD Council Sanctioned show, an exhibitor must be a current, paid member in good standing of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association (OSIA LEAD Council) **prior to the show or must remit OSIA membership payment on the day of that show prior to showing in that show** to be eligible to garner points for that show.
4. Both Market and Breeding: must have shown at least three (3) times in that breed, division and/or age showmanship class at a minimum of three (3) different OSIA LEAD Council sanctioned shows. Ohio State Fair is included (except novice), but only counts ONCE for breeding sheep showmanship.
5. Overall points will be accumulated over the best eight (7 of 10) shows for Market Exhibitors and the best five (4 of 5) shows for Breeding Sheep Exhibitors. (Points per show determined by total points won in each show including showmanship points. Market + Commercial Ewe points and Breeding points calculated separately)
6. Best six (6 of 9) shows for market lamb showmanship and best four (4) Breeding Sheep showmanship.

Award Structure

OSIA LEAD Shows

A. Market Lamb Division

1. Year-end awards: Top 5 all divisions
 - a. Each showmanship age division - Top 5 overall awarded
8-9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
 - b. Each Junior breed division
 - c. Each Senior breed division
 - d. Commercial Ewes - Top 5 overall awarded
 - e. Market Lambs - Top 5 overall awarded
2. All Novice meeting eligibility - 1 award
3. High Point Junior
4. Reserve High Point Junior
5. 3rd Overall Junior
6. 4th Overall Junior
7. 5th Overall Junior
8. High Point Senior
9. Reserve High Point Senior
10. 3rd Overall Senior
11. 4th Overall Senior
12. 5th Overall Senior

B. Breeding Sheep Division

1. Year-end awards:

- a. Each showmanship age division - Top 3
8/9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
 - b. Meat Breed Division - Top 3
 - c. Wool Breed Division - Top 3
 - 2. All Novice meeting eligibility - 1 award
 - 3. Overall Meat Breed Exhibitor - Top 5
 - 4. Overall Wool Breed Exhibitor - Top 5
- C. Best of the Buckeye** will be awarded to the HIGHEST point earning lamb with an OH scrapie tag
- a. Wether
 - b. Commercial Ewe
 - c. Meat Breed Ram and Ewe
 - d. Wool Breed Ram and Ewe

On-Line Entry

OSIA LEAD Shows

Number of head eligible for points

- 1. Market: 6 market lambs + 3 commercial ewes (total of 9 head)
 - 2. Breeding:
 - a. A MAXIMUM of eight (8) head can be shown in each breed by an exhibitor.
 - b. Only the three (3) sheep receiving the highest point value shall count toward the points in each breed per exhibitor.
 - 3. This does not limit a youth member from exhibiting more than nine (9) market/commercial lambs in any given OSIA LEAD Council sanctioned show. If an exhibitor is showing more than nine (9) lambs in the market commercial show at any one show, the highest placing of the set will earn points for that show.
- B. Points will be awarded on the following basis:**
- 1. Points will be awarded to each participant in each class in descending order, based on the number of lambs in that class (see example below).
 - 2. Points awarded in a class are based on the number of lambs shown with a maximum of fifteen (15) lambs/class.
 - 3. Ohio State Fair points are awarded based on information received from the OSF sheep department.
**Class Point Example: 10 in a class: 1st=10, 2nd=9, 3rd=8, 4th=7, 5th=6, 6th=5, 7th=4, 8th=3, 9th=2, 10th=1
- C. Champion, Reserve and Supreme Champion Points**
- 1. Breed Champion Points = 5 points (regardless of breed size) Reserve Breed Champion Points = 3 points
 - 2. Additional points awarded for Overall Grand (15 points)/Reserve Lamb (10 points)
 - 3. Additional points awarded for Supreme Ram and Supreme Ewe - Wool and Meat (10 points)
- D. Showmanship points will be calculated on a backwards scale with first place receiving 15 points, second place receiving 14 points, third place receiving 13 points, etc. No points will be awarded for 16th place and beyond. The 15-point scale will be used at all LEAD sanctioned shows including the OSF.**
- 1. Market and Breeding: (LEAD shows and Ohio State Fair)
 - a. Breeding: If showing in both sessions of Ohio State Fair, only best performance will count, not both
 - b. The Overall Junior and Senior Champion Showman for Market and Breeding sheep will receive five (5) points and the Overall Reserve Junior and Senior Champion will receive three (3) points.

E. Overall High Point Awards

1. Overall High Point Award is the cumulative points totaled on the MAX number of eligible head/placings per show PLUS the showmanship points from the best 7 of 9 Market shows, 6 of 8 market showmanships and or best 4 of 5 Breeding shows which the exhibitor participated (one (1) OSF breeding showmanship session)
2. **NOTE:** If an exhibitor has a Market champion or reserve champion of a breed and does not stay to participate in the final drive of the show that day, all points on that animal that day will be forfeited. Only champions (no reserve champions) need to stay for Supreme drive in Breeding shows.

F. Ohio State Fair

1. Ohio State Fair WILL NOT BE a participation show for NOVICE award eligibility.

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