

# 2008 Junior Show Rules

## National Columbia Junior Show

### Hendricks County, Indiana

#### Rules & Regulations

1. Exhibitors must be current paid members of the National Junior Columbia Sheep Breeders' Association. Please see membership information at [www.columbiasheep.org](http://www.columbiasheep.org) to determine which type of membership you need.
2. Entry fees are \$10 **per entry** (including pairs classes) and due by May 1. Late entries will be accepted, but entry fees will be doubled.
3. Payment must accompany entries. Mail entries and payment to Manda Geerts, 102 Birch Street, Prophetstown, IL 61277.
4. Maximum of **two entries per class** with the exception of pair of lambs where only one entry is allowed. Siblings may not combine animals for pairs classes if the animals are entered in individual names during individual classes.
5. To be shown in the Pair of Yearling Ewes class, both ewes must be shown as individuals in the in the Jr. Show Yearling Ewe class.
6. Animals must be registered and original registration certificates must be presented at check-in.
7. Junior sheep may be registered to either the individual or family, but are entered in the show by an individual member.
8. All sheep must have a flock tag in their ear that matches the private flock number officially recorded on the registration certificate.
9. **Within class substitutions** may be made at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks (i.e. you may bring a different spring ram than you originally entered, but you may not change your spring ram entry to a fall ram entry).
10. Classes will be divided if numbers justify doing so. Breaks will be based on age in lamb classes.
11. Exhibitors are allowed to have other junior members assist them in showing; however, the registered owner must be present throughout the entire duration of the class. Failure to comply with this rule results in the loss of the placing and premium money for the animal.
12. Exhibitors should be professionally dressed for the show ring. Sweatpants, shorts, jeans with holes, etc. are not acceptable.
13. Exhibitors **may not wear** any clothing or other articles (e.g., hats) in the show ring that advertise a sheep flock, membership name, or related enterprise to prevent name recognition.
14. Exhibitors have five minutes to enter the show ring following the conclusion of the previous class. Judging will begin when this time limit has expired. Entries not in the show ring at this time will be left to the judge's discretion.
15. All animals will stay in the ring until the judge completes verbal reasons.

#### General Information

1. Junior sheep are to be on the grounds by 8:00 A.M. Wednesday. Check-in will be held from 8am-12pm Wednesday.
2. Pens will be assigned. Please note on your entry form if you want to be penned with traveling partners. Junior sheep are not penned by sale sheep unless they are also entered in the sale.

3. It is recommended, but not required, that breeding sheep carry no more than 2 inches of fleece on any part of their body.
4. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, and fitting, feeding, and pen maintenance equipment.
5. Class winners and second place animals will compete for Champion and Reserve Ram and Ewe titles.
6. A photographer will be present to take pictures.
7. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely with all four feet on the ground during showing and water in the pen at all times.
8. The judge will be Jacob Reister from Washougal, Washington.
9. The Junior Association will issue all premium checks.

## Health Regulations for Sheep

1. All sheep must be accompanied by a standard interstate **health certificate** issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within **30 days** of the arrival at the show. The health certificate must show identification as to breed, sex, number, etc.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for meeting health requirements of the state where the show is held. Information may be found in the [Speaking of Columbias](#) or online. Please contact your vet well before the show to ask about any special requirements.
3. All sheep must have a USDA scrapie tag with an individual animal number.
4. The health certificate will be collected at check-in and retained until after the show. It is helpful to have a copy that does not need to be returned.
5. Any sheep that is not accompanied by a properly filled out and signed health certificate or does not comply with any of the above regulations (e.g. scrapie tags) may not be admitted to the show.
6. All sheep must be free of fungus and disease (including sore mouth). Any active disease will disqualify the infected animal and may jeopardize the other animals traveling with the infected animal.

## Classes

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Yearling Ram          | (born 9-1-2006 to 8-31-2007)  |
| 2. Fall Ram Lamb         | (born 9-1-2007 to 12-31-2007) |
| 3. Spring Ram Lamb       | (born 1-1-2008 and after)     |
| 4. Champion/Reserve Ram  |                               |
| 5. Yearling Ewe          | (born 9-1-2006 to 8-31-2007)  |
| 6. Pair of Yearling Ewes |                               |
| 7. Fall Ewe Lamb         | (born 9-1-2007 to 12-31-2007) |
| 8. Early Spring Ewe Lamb | (born 1-1-2008 to 2-15-2008)  |
| 9. Late Spring Ewe Lamb  | (born 2-16-2008 and after)    |
| 10. Pair of Lambs        | (two lambs, either sex)       |
| 11. Champion/Reserve Ewe |                               |

## **Showmanship**

You do not need to enter this class. No cash premium is given.

1. To participate in showmanship, Junior and Senior showman must be paid members of the Junior Association. Peewee showmen do not need to be paid members unless they are also entered in the show.
2. Showmen will be divided into Senior (15-21 years), Junior (9-14 years), and Peewee (8 years and under) classes based on their age the day of the show.
3. Showmen may show their own sheep that were entered in the National Columbia Junior Show or animals entered in the show by another junior member. You do not need to be an exhibitor in the Junior Show to take part in showmanship.
4. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Control and presentation of the animal.
  - b. Manner of handling the animal
  - c. Overall impression created in the show ring
  - d. Ability to answer questions, if asked by the judge
5. The judge will place Junior and Senior showmanship classes.

## **Knowledge Test**

You do not need to pre-enter.

How much do you know about sheep, the sheep industry, and Columbias? Take the knowledge test and find out!

Junior Association members can compete to win a top prize of \$25, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place. Three places will be awarded in both a Junior division (ages 14 and under) and Senior division (ages 15 and up). The test will include true/false, multiple choice, and fill-in-the-blank questions. Maybe you'll surprise yourself with how much you know!

## **Ambassador Contest**

Please contact the Junior advisor by April 1, 2008 to apply.

Continuing the tradition of great Junior Columbia members, the Columbia Ambassador Contest and program is a unique way to help promote and stay highly involved with Columbia sheep, the people who raise them, and to hone useful skills that will serve you well, whatever your future has in store. During your one-year term as Ambassador, you will have the chance to represent the association at sheep and lamb related activities and to interact with the people and institutions that impact all phases of the sheep industry. You'll have help from the adult coordinator and youth coordinator as you make your decisions about where and what to do during your time in office.

### **Who can be the Columbia Ambassador?**

The Columbia Ambassador comes from the ranks of the national association – someone who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred Columbia sheep OR be the child of a parent, grandparent, or guardian who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred

Columbia sheep. The candidate must be 15 years of age by January 1 of the year in which they are to compete in the contest, but shall not have reached 22 years of age prior to that time.

**Duties?**

He/she will attend events such as (but not limited to) county, state, and national shows, consumer-related lamb/wool events, parades, industry forums, and educational events to actively promote Columbias. He/she will be a member of the Junior Association Board of Directors. He/she will also give a report to the National membership regarding activities of the previous year..

**How do I get to be Columbia Ambassador?**

You must submit a resume and are strongly encouraged to attend the annual membership meeting and give a short speech. Email the Junior advisor for details.

**End Note:** The Columbia Sheep Breeders' Association of America Board of Directors and Jr. Advisor reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules/regulations and settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, or connected with the show and contests.