

2017 Junior Show Rules

National Columbia Junior Show

June 7-10 in Spencer, IA

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 to determine which type of membership you need.
2. Entry fees are **\$5 per entry** (including the pairs class) and are to be postmarked 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 Davis, 43W770 Rowe Rd, Elburn, IL 60119.
4. Maximum of **two entries per individual class** and **one entry per pair class**. In classes that are split, exhibitors are limited to two total entries for that particular age group (e.g. two yearling ewes).
5. To be shown in the pair classes, both sheep must have been shown as individuals in their respective classes. Siblings may not combine animals for pairs classes.
6. Animals must be registered and 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. Substitutions (within class and between classes) may be made at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
10. Classes will be divided if numbers justify doing so. Breaks will be based on age in lamb classes. The wether class will be divided based on weight.
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. If there are not enough Jr. members available for pairs classes, adults will be allowed to help.
13. Exhibitors should be professionally dressed for the show ring. Sweatpants, shorts, jeans with holes, etc. are not acceptable.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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 Wednesday morning, with the time to be posted in the sale-issue of the Speaking of Columbias.
2. Pens will be assigned. Please note on your entry form if you want to be penned with traveling partners. Junior sheep are not always penned by sale sheep unless they are also entered in the sale. This varies by show location, but we always do our best to accommodate you.
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. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely with all four feet on the ground during showing and water in the pen at all times.
7. The judge will be Lynn Frey from Granville, ND.
8. The Junior Association will issue all premium checks. There is a minimum \$5 premium per placing, so all exhibitors will receive a premium check.
1st -\$30 2nd -\$25 3rd -\$20 4th -\$17 5th -\$15 6th -\$12 7th -\$10 8th on -\$5

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 such as a B-ovis test.
3. All sheep must have a USDA scrapie tag with an individual animal number.
4. The health certificate may be collected at check-in and retained until after the show, particularly when the show is held in a western state. 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

1. Yearling Ram (born 9-1-2015 to 8-31-2016)
2. Fall Ram Lamb (born 9-1-2016 to 12-31-2016)
3. Spring Ram Lamb (born 1-1-2017 and after)
4. Champion/Reserve Ram
5. Yearling Ewe (born 9-1-2015 to 8-31-2016)
6. Pair of Yearling Ewes
7. Fall Ewe Lamb (born 9-1-2016 to 12-31-2016)
8. Senior Champion/Reserve Ewe
9. Early Spring Ewe Lamb (born 1-1-2017 to 2-15-2017)
10. Late Spring Ewe Lamb (born 2-16-2017 and after)
11. Junior Champion/Reserve Ewe
12. Champion/Reserve Ewe
13. Pair of Lambs (two lambs, either sex)
14. Best Fleece (all exhibitors may participate, no entry fee required)

Showmanship

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

1. To participate in showmanship, 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, Intermediate, Junior and Peewee** classes based on their **age the day of the show**. Peewee showman will be 7 years and under. Age breaks for the other classes are flexible and will be determined based on the ages of the participants to create classes with even numbers.
3. **Team Showmanship!** Those who want to participate will be divided into two age groups. One name from each group will be drawn at random to create a team. This gives exhibitors the opportunity to show with someone they may not have otherwise. This class is for experience, fun, and pride - no awards are given for team showmanship.
4. 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, only a paid member of the Jr. Association.
5. 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
6. The judge will place Junior, Intermediate, 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!

Thanks to a generous donation, in 2017, Junior Association members can compete to win prizes of \$50, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place. That's double the previous winnings. Three places will be awarded in both a Junior division (ages 14 and under) and Senior division (ages 15 and up). You might surprise yourself with how much you know!

Ambassador Contest

Please contact the Junior Advisor by April 15, 2017 if you are interested.

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 14 years of age by the date of the National Show and Sale, 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. A travel stipend of 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 are asked to submit a brief article introducing yourself for the Speaking of Columbias and are encouraged to attend the annual membership meeting and give a short speech. Email the Junior Advisor for more details or if you are interested and unable to attend the National Show this year.

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.