

# **2024 Sheep Show**

**\*\*Please make sure you read the health requirements**

**Entries are due May 20, 2024**

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## **Check-In:**

**The Superintendent must check in all Sheep.**

## **Show Times:**

In-place - 5 p.m. Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Release - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Junior showmanship all breeds sheep show 9 am, Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Natural

Colored Sheep Show – 9:30 am or following Junior show. Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> White

Handspinning Sheep show Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm

Heritage (Classic) Sheep show - 9 a.m. Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Registration Deadline:** Entries completed online by **May 20, 2024.**

No entries will be accepted after this date.

There are a limited number of pens available. The superintendent will assign pens. If you need a tack pen make sure you include that in your pen fees.

These sheep are raised primarily for the hand-spinning market and will be judged under the rules of the National Colored Wool Growers Association Judge's Guide, with exceptions as noted in the White Handspinning Sheep Division Rules.

All sheep will be judged 60 percent on wool and 40 percent on conformation. Excessive vegetable contamination will be penalized. Physical defects will be penalized.

### **Premiums:**

INDIVIDUAL CLASS PREMIUMS: First through third place: \$16, \$12, \$8, GROUP

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RIBBONS: First through third place, Champion and Reserve

### **Sheep Preparation:**

Sheep may be trimmed, tipped, or fuzzed off, but not blocked. Bellies, heads, lower legs, and dock area may have wool of any length preferred by the exhibitor, but wool must not be trimmed or blocked to unequal lengths on the chest, back, shoulders, sides, or britch area. Wool must be free of excessive vegetable contamination, manure, paint, permanent stains, wool rot, breaks or tenderness, and coting. These problems will be penalized according to severity. Washing of the entire animal/fleece is discouraged as it is undesirable in an unshorn hand-spinning fleece. NOTE: Due to the time of year and geographical location, sheep may be shown with a minimum of 1/2" of relaxed staple (the NCWGA 2" minimum staple requirement is waived for the Wool Market Show).

**Sheep-specific health regulations:** All sheep must have premise identification ear tags that comply with the National Scrapie Eradication Program ATTACHED TO THE ANIMAL. Call 866-USDATAG (866-873-2824) for help. In Colorado call the USDA-APHIS Area Veterinary Services at 303-231-5385 for tags.

### **SHOW RULES:**

\*\*\*All **IN-STATE** animals **do not** have to have a health certificate but must be examined by Dr. Ruehlman before unloading. Animals with any signs of infectious diseases will be banned from the show barn. Housing for these animals will be available on the fairgrounds

All **OUT OF STATE** entries must have official health certificates with a scrapie statement-for example:

*"The sheep on this certificate have had no diagnosis or history of Scrapie or any contact with a premises to which Scrapie has been traced to, or diagnosed within the last five years."*

Issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin within 30 days before the show, a paper copy must be presented when the animals are penned.

NOTE: May change to "5 days before show" at the discretion of State Veterinarian in years with vesicular stomatitis outbreaks.

All sheep coming in from out of state must abide by the Health Requirements for Moving Animals Into Colorado <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals>

This includes testing Rams older than 6 months for B. Ovis and having an entry permit.

Upon arrival, **all animals will be inspected by the superintendent – Dr Ruehlman**. If an animal is showing signs of a contagious disease, including but not limited to sore mouth, vesicular stomatitis, or ringworm, the exhibitor will be asked to keep suspect animals out of the show barn.

Federal Q fever rules state that no ewes that have lambed within 30 days or lambs younger than 30 days old will be entered in the show or be allowed in the show barn. Exhibitors with ewes that are close to lambing are strongly advised to leave those animals at home. If those animals lamb while at the show, they will be isolated and/or possibly asked to leave the grounds.

### **Class info**

Not more than three individual entries or one group per exhibitor will be accepted in each class to compete for Estes Park Wool Market money. Any exhibitor in the individual classes may receive no more than two premiums. Breed Association specials are controlled by the Associations.

Individual animals shown in all group classes must have been entered and shown in one of the classes for single animals. There are no group entry fees. Premiums for group classes will be one-half of the stated premiums. Only one premium will be paid per exhibitor for group classes.

Sheep entered in lamb classes must have lamb teeth in place. Those entered in yearling/aged classes may have two or more permanent teeth.

Where the animals of only one exhibitor or his immediate family are shown, the judge may award only one prize, which may be the grade to which the judge feels that the exhibitor is entitled, and need not necessarily be a first or second prize.

All sheep must be owned by the exhibitor before June 1, 2024. On sheep transferred, the date of transfer officially recorded by the breed association shall be the date of ownership.

At the discretion of the superintendent, large classes may be divided by the age and breed into classes of approximately equal numbers. Premiums will be paid in each class.

Before the show, the judge or superintendent may examine the sheep to determine if they have been entered into the proper categories and are not in violation of the show guidelines. This allows the exhibitor and the show officials to make necessary changes before the show begins

### **Junior All Breeds Sheep Show**

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 8th

**Location:** Pavilion

This division is for junior exhibitors 18 years of age and under. There will be two classes divided by the age of the exhibitor. All breeds of sheep are eligible. One ewe of any age per exhibitor can be entered. Judging will be based on both showmanship and on sheep wool/ conformation. Animals entered in this class can also be entered in their appropriate breed class.

JR-1 Exhibitor 12 years old and under

JR-2 Exhibitor 13 years old and up to/including 18 years old.

### **Natural Colored Wool Sheep Show**

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8th

**Location:** Pavilion

This division is divided into three categories based on the grade of wool on the sheep. All sheep must exhibit natural-colored wool in at least 35 percent of their fleece. No specific color, solid or variegated, pale or dark, is required and all should be considered equal.

**MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY WHICH CATEGORY THE ANIMAL IS BEING ENTERED.**

CATEGORY I: Long Wool Breeds - Wool grades 36 to 48

CATEGORY II: Medium and Fine Wool Breeds - Wool grades 50 and above

CATEGORY III: (For Natural Colored Sheep ONLY) Fur or hair breeds – Wool grades 36 and below (carpet and braid)

**CLASSES:**

S-1 Yearling or Aged Ram (born before 12-1-2023) S-2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024) S-3 Spring Ram Lamb (Born 3-1-2024 and after) S-4 Pair of Ram Lambs

S-5 Yearling or Aged Ewe (born before 12-1-2023) S-6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024) S-7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2024 and after) S-8 Pair of Ewe Lambs

S-9 Pair of Lambs - both sexes represented S-10 Lamb Flock - 1 Ram Lamb and 2 Ewe Lambs S-11 Best Four Head - 4 animals, both sexes represented S-12 Flock - 1 Ram, 2 Yearling or Aged Ewes and 2 Ewe Lambs

**White Handspinning Sheep Show**

**TIME:** 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Pavilion

This division is divided into two categories based on the foundation or origin of the sheep. The presence of colored fiber in the wool of these animals shall be penalized (replaces NCWGA - Judges Guide clause defining color)

**MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE ON YOUR ENTRY WHICH CATEGORY THE ANIMAL IS BEING ENTERED.**

CATEGORY I: Long Wools: Wool grades 48 and below

CATEGORY II: Medium and Fine Wool Breeds: Wool grades 50 and above.

**CLASSES:**

WS-1 Yearling or Aged Ram (born before 12-1-2023)

WS-2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024)

WS-3 Spring Ram Lamb (born 3-1-2024 and after)

WS-4 Pair of Ram Lambs

WS-5 Yearling or Aged Ewe Lamb (born before 12-1-2023)

WS-6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024)

WS-7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2024 or after)

WS-8 Pair of Ewe Lambs

WS-9 Pair of Lambs - both sexes represented

WS-10 Lamb Flock - 1 Ram Lamb and 2 Ewe Lambs

WS-11 Best of Four Head - 4 animals, both sexes represented

WS-12 Flock - 1 Ram, 2 Yearling or Aged Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs

## **Heritage/Classic Wool Sheep Show:**

**Time:** 9 a.m. Sunday, June 9th

**Location:** Pavilion

This is a category for the smaller rare or heritage breeds of wool sheep: Black Welsh Mountain, Icelandic, Jacobs, and Shetlands, etc. Although Karakul and Navaho/Churro sheep are heritage breeds these animals will show in Colored Category 3 unless pre-approved by the superintendent. Some kemp and medulated fiber is to be expected. This show will be judged by the Natural Colored Wool Growers Judge's Guidelines with one exception: colored and white will show together. The 35 percent color rule will not apply and there is no discrimination on colored fiber in the white. All Estes Park Wool Market rules apply.

### **Classes:**

HS/CS-1 Yearling or Aged Ram (born before 12-1-2023)

HS/CS--2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024)

HS/CS--3 Spring Ram Lamb (born 3-1-2024 and after)

HS/CS--4 Pair of Ram Lambs

HS/CS--5 Yearling or Aged Ewe (born before 12-1-2023)

HS/CS--6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2023 to 2-28-2024)

HS/CS--7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2024 and after)

HS/CS--8 Pair of Ewe Lambs

HS/CS--9 Pair of Lambs, both sexes represented

HS/CS--10 Lamb Flock - 1 Ram Lamb and 2 Ewe Lambs HS/CS--11

Best Four Head - 4 animals, both sexes represented HS/CS--12 Flock

- 1 Ram, 2 Yearling or Aged Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs