



## 2026 Sheep Show Rules & Regulations

**\*\*Please make sure you read the health requirements  
Entries are due May 25, 2026**

### **Superintendent:**

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### **Judge:**

James Hewson, Manitoba, Canada

### **Check-In:**

The Superintendent and CSU vet must check in all Sheep. CSU vet will be available during the weekend.

### **Show Times:**

In-place - 5 p.m. Friday, June 12th

Release - 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14th

- Junior showmanship all breeds sheep show- 9 am, Saturday, June 13th
- Natural Colored Sheep Show – 9:30 am or following Junior show Saturday June 13th.
- White Handspinning Sheep show- 1pm Saturday, June 13th,
- Blue Face Leicester National Show -9:30am Sunday June 14th
- Heritage ( aka Classic) Sheep show -1pm Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> or after the BFL show

### **Registration Deadline:**

Entries completed online by May 25, 2026. 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, 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 CLASS PREMIUMS: First through third place: \$8, \$6, \$4
- RIBBONS: First through third place, Champion and Reserve

### **Premium Payout Hours:**

- **Saturday, June 13:** 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- **Sunday, June 14:** Noon – 1:00 PM & 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**Please note that Premium Payouts will only be available during these designated hours.**

### **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:**

#### **IN-STATE Animals:**

- Do not require a health certificate.
- Must be examined by Lorraine and the CSU Vet .
- Animals showing signs of infectious diseases will be excluded from the show barn.
- Housing for these animals is available on the fairgrounds.

#### **OUT-OF-STATE Animals:**

- Must have an official health certificate with a scrapie statement, such as:  
*"The sheep on this certificate have had no diagnosis or history of Scrapie or contact with any premises diagnosed with Scrapie in the last five years."*

- Health certificates must be issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin within 30 days before the show. A paper copy must be presented when animals are penned.
- Note: The 30-day requirement may change to 5 days in years with vesicular stomatitis outbreaks, at the discretion of the State Veterinarian.
- All out-of-state sheep must comply with the Health Requirements for Moving Animals into Colorado: Colorado Animal Health Requirements.
- Rams over 6 months old must be tested for *Brucella ovis* and require an entry permit.

### **Arrival & Inspection:**

- Upon arrival, Lorraine & a vet will inspect all animals.
- Animals showing signs of contagious diseases (e.g., sore mouth, vesicular stomatitis, ringworm) will not be allowed in the show barn.
- Federal Regulations:
  - Ewes that have lambed within the last 30 days or lambs under 30 days old are not allowed in the show barn.
  - Exhibitors with ewes close to lambing are strongly advised to leave them at home. If they lamb at the show, they will be isolated and may be 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, 2025. 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 13th**

**Location: Pavilion**

- Open to exhibitors aged 18 and under.
- The division will have two classes, divided by the exhibitor's age.
- All sheep breeds are eligible.
- Each exhibitor may enter one ewe of any age.
- Judging will be based on both showmanship and the ewe's wool quality and conformation.
- Animals entered in this division may also compete in their respective 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 13th**

**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.

**Please ensure that you specify which category you are entering your animal in on your entry form.**

**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 12-1-2024)
- S-2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- S-3 Spring Ram Lamb (Born 3-1-2025 and after)
- S-4 Pair of Ram Lambs
- S-5 Yearling or Aged Ewe (born before 12-1-2024)
- S-6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- S-7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2025 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 13th**

**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 12-1-2024)
- WS-2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- WS-3 Spring Ram Lamb (born 3-1-2025 and after)
- WS-4 Pair of Ram Lambs
- WS-5 Yearling or Aged Ewe Lamb (born before 12-1-2024)
- WS-6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- WS-7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2025 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

## **Blue Face Leicester National Show**

**Time: 9:30am Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: Pavilion**

This is the national show for the BFL. Contact the organization for further information on show entry requirements. All BFL competitors are invited to enter the other shows/ classes that their sheep qualify for.

**White & black will show separately (as entries allow).**

**Individual Classes: Each exhibitor is allowed 2 entries per class.**

### **Classes: White only**

- BFLW-1 Yearling Ram
- BFLW-2 Fall Ram Lamb
- BFLW-3 January Ram Lamb
- BFLW-4 February Ram Lamb
- BFLW-5 March & Later Ram Lamb
- BFLW-6 Yearling Ewe
- BFLW-7 Fall Ewe Lamb
- BFLW-8 January Ewe Lamb
- BFLW-9 February Ram Lamb
- BFLW-10 March & Later ewe Lamb

**Classes: Black only**

BFLB-1 Yearling Ram  
BFLB-2 Fall Ram Lamb  
BFLB-3 January Ram Lamb  
BFLB-4 February Ram Lamb  
BFLB-5 March & Later Ram Lamb  
BFLB-6 Yearling Ewe  
BFLB-7 Fall Ewe Lamb  
BFLB-8 January Ewe Lamb  
BFLB-9 February Ram Lamb  
BFLB-10 March & Later ewe Lamb

**Group & special classes both colors allowed: each exhibitor allowed one entry per class**

BFL-11 Pen of 3 lambs/ young flock. 2 ewe lambs & 1 ram lamb  
BFL-12 Flock, 2 ewe lambs, 2 yearling ewes, & 1 ram  
BFL-13 Best Head, Ram (white only)  
BFL-14 Best head Ewe (white only)  
BFL-15 Best fleece on the hoof

**Heritage (formerly Classic) Wool Sheep Show:**

**Time: 1 pm Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> or after the BFL show**

**Location: Pavilion**

This is a category for the smaller rare or heritage breeds of wool sheep: Black Welsh Mountain, Icelandic, Jacobs, and Shetlands, Finetc. 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 medullated fiber are 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-1 Yearling or Aged Ram (born before 12-1-2024)
- HS--2 Winter Ram Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- HS--3 Spring Ram Lamb (born 3-1-2025 and after)
- HS--4 Pair of Ram Lambs
- HS--5 Yearling or Aged Ewe (born before 12-1-2024)
- HS--6 Winter Ewe Lamb (born 12-1-2024 to 2-28-2025)
- HS--7 Spring Ewe Lamb (born 3-1-2025 and after)
- HS--8 Pair of Ewe Lambs
- HS--9 Pair of Lambs, both sexes represented
- HS--10 Lamb Flock - 1 Ram Lamb and 2 Ewe Lambs
- HS--11 Best Four Head - 4 animals, both sexes represented
- HS--12 Flock - 1 Ram, 2 Yearling or Aged Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs

## **BEDDING / FEED**

### **5BigHorn Sheep, LLC – 2026 Pricing**

- \$18 Timothy grass per bale
- \$19 alfalfa per bale
- \$13 shavings per bag
- \$10 straw per bale
- \$9.99 bedding pellets per bag
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Prices are subject to change depending on production and availability. No outside bedding allowed.

You may place your order of bedding & feed for the 2026 Wool Market via the order form. For questions, please contact BigHorn Sheep, LLC at [napaestes@gmail.com](mailto:napaestes@gmail.com) or call 970-412-8887.

**A 15% service charge will be added to all sales.**