

Illinois Club Lamb Association

Rules

Section 1: Membership and Dues

- A. ICLA membership is open to any youth, ages 5-21, who is a permanent Illinois resident.
- B. For the purpose of Section 1A, a permanent Illinois resident is defined as any person who resides in Illinois nine (9) or more months in a calendar year or attends a primary or secondary Illinois school (excludes non-permanent Illinois residents only residing in Illinois for the purpose of post-secondary schooling).
- C. Any youth who turns five (5) during the show season is eligible to participate at any ICLA show. In all other cases, a member must be 5 but not yet 21 years of age as of September 1 of the preceding calendar year.
- D. Membership applications can be downloaded from the ICLA website at www.illinoisclublamb.com.
- E. Current membership dues are \$35 per youth member, which includes a family with one youth member. Each additional youth member is \$20.
- F. An exhibitor will not accumulate ICLA points until he/she has become a member by paying the ICLA membership dues for the current year.
- G. An exhibitor must complete a membership application and pay the membership fee in full before the start of an ICLA sanctioned show in order to accumulate points for that show.

Section 2: Officers and Directors

- A. Members of the ICLA shall elect Officers and Directors by simple majority.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) Directors-at-Large and the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Coordinator, and Social Media Director.
- C. One (1) Director-at-Large shall serve from each of the five (5) districts as designated on the District Map attached in the Appendix.
- D. Members will also elect no more than twelve (12) Youth Directors, ages 14-21, to serve on the Board of Directors. Ages will be determined using the age eligibility rule provided in section 1C. The Youth Directors shall serve as representatives, with no voting privileges.
- E. All Officers and Directors, including Youth Directors, shall serve a one-year term beginning on November 1 or the Year-End Banquet, whichever comes later, of the preceding calendar year.
- F. Elections will take place by electronic ballot made available to all members no later than October 1 of the preceding calendar year.
- G. Any member who has paid membership dues for the preceding year will be eligible to serve as an Officer or Director.

- H. No one shall be nominated or elected whose consent to serve has not first been obtained.

Section 3: ICLA Sanctioned Shows

- A. Shows must be registered with and approved by the ICLA Board by April 1 of the current show season to be a sanctioned show. Sanctioned shows must abide by the guidelines set forth in this Section.
- B. Lambs must be exhibited by breed. A minimum of five (5) lambs are required for a breed to have its own class.
- C. If less than five (5) lambs of a particular breed are registered at a show, these lambs will be placed in an AOB class, but exhibitors must still assign each lamb a specific breed on their entry card.
- D. Class sizes should try to be as equal in quantity as possible to increase fairness of class point accumulation.
- E. Each sanctioned show committee has final say on any animals that are questionable on breed character classification.
- F. If a nonmember exhibitor is named as Grand Overall, Reserve Overall, Breed Champion, or Reserve Breed Champion, a lamb exhibited by an ICLA member needs to be chosen to replace the nonmember's lamb for point calculation purposes only.
- G. Showmanship classes must be available to exhibitors in four (4) divisions with the top three (3) winners selected in each category.
- H. Ages of showmanship exhibitors will be determined using the age eligibility rule provided in section 1C. The four (4) divisions will be as follows:
 - Novice: 5-8 years of age
 - Junior: 9-12 years of age
 - Intermediate: 13-16 years of age
 - Senior: 17-21 years of age
- I. Showmanship exhibitors must have lambs entered in the show in order to show in the showmanship classes.
- J. Sanctioned shows must provide full results to an ICLA Officer or Director immediately following the show, including a list of the entries with a scrapie tag number of each animal exhibited.
- K. The results provided shall also include the name of the Champion, Reserve, and 3rd place showmanship exhibitor in each showmanship category, along with all participating exhibitors in each category.
- L. If Wether Dam Division classes are offered at a sanctioned show, the Wether Dam Division will include a class for yearlings and a class (or two, depending on numbers) of ewe lambs. The class winners from the yearling and ewe lamb classes will then compete for Overall Wether Dam Champion.
- M. Exhibitors must be members of ICLA to exhibit at the ICLA Spring Jackpot show and the Illinois State Fair Market Ewe Lamb Show, which are both sponsored by the ICLA.
- N. No painting of sheep is allowed at any ICLA sanctioned show.

- O. Statement of Humane Treatment: Every animal exhibited at an ICLA sanctioned show shall, at all times, be treated humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion. The inhumane treatment of any lamb on show grounds is strictly prohibited. Treatment of any lamb will be considered inhumane if a reasonable person informed and experienced in generally accepted sheep husbandry, management, and exhibition, would perceive the conduct of the individual to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane. This probation against inhumane treatment applies to ICLA members as well as non-members. ICLA members may be held responsible for the actions of their family members, agents, and/or representatives.

Section 4: Point Accumulation for Year-End Awards

- A. Points for year-end awards will only be accumulated at ICLA sanctioned shows.
- B. Points will only be accumulated by members who have completed the membership application and have paid their dues.
- C. Members must show in at least three (3) ICLA sanctioned shows to be eligible for year-end awards. Year-end award totals will be based on the points from a maximum of 60% of the sanctioned shows. If an exhibitor participates in more than 60% of the sanctioned shows, the exhibitor's lowest points at a show will be dropped.
- D. An exhibitor's top three (3) sheep at each show will count for the exhibitor's overall point total for the year.
- E. A member may exhibit more than three (3) animals per show and will receive points for the respective breed category in which each animal is shown. However, an exhibitor is limited to two (2) animals per show to count toward year-end point totals in each breed.
- F. Points earned in both shows at a double-header event will count toward year-end awards.
- G. When specific breeds are shown in an All Other Breeds (AOB) class, regardless of the particular breed, a lamb's final placing in the AOB class will be used to calculate points and will go toward the breed in which the lamb was entered at the beginning of the show. Those totals, however, will remain in an AOB division for final points if that particular breed does not meet the separate breed award criteria provided in Section 5B.
- H. Points are accumulated per exhibitor. Lambs must be entered in the exhibitor's name and must be exhibited by that exhibitor to earn points throughout the year, except if that exhibitor has two (2) lambs that are in the same class.
- I. In case of injury or illness of an exhibitor, another ICLA member may exhibit a member's lamb with board approval prior to the show.
- J. If a class has a nonmember exhibitor in it, the ICLA member's lamb will move up for point calculation purposes, and the points will be calculated based on the number of ICLA-member lambs shown. If a nonmember exhibitor's lamb is named as Grand Overall, Reserve Overall, Breed Champion or Reserve Breed Champion, a lamb

exhibited by an ICLA member must be chosen to replace the nonmember's lamb for point calculation purposes only.

K. Points for all sanctioned ICLA shows shall be calculated as follows:

1st in class: 6 x # head in class
2nd in class: 5 x # head in class
3rd in class: 4 x # head in class
4th in class: 3 x # head in class
5th in class: 2 x # head in class
6th or lower in class: 5 points

Classes may exceed 5 head, but the maximum number-of-head-in-class factor for points calculation will be 5. (For example, a class of 8 will be scored 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 5, 5.)

Breed Champions: 15 points
Reserve Breed Champion: 10 points
Grand Overall: 15 points
Reserve Overall: 12 points
3rd Overall: 9 points
4th Overall: 6 points
5th Overall: 3 points

- L. The Wether Dam Division will be awarded year-end awards but will not be counted in the overall Market Lamb Division for year-end market lamb awards. The Wether Dam Division will be treated as a separate division, much like an individual breed.
- M. The maximum number of shows that may be used to calculate Wether Dam Division points is five (5).
- N. To be eligible for any additional awards given by the ICLA at the Illinois State Fair Junior Market Lamb Show, a membership form must be filled out and dues must be paid at the ewe lamb check-in on Wednesday before the ICLA Market Ewe Lamb Show. (NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED.)
- O. Showmanship points will be awarded as follows:
Champion: 12 points
Reserve: 9 points
3rd: 7 points
All other participants: 6 points
- P. Showmanship points are scored separately, and are not included in overall point totals. Members must show in at least three (3) shows in order to be eligible for the end of the year showmanship award. Points will be tabulated for those awards based on participation in a maximum of 60% of the shows.

Section 5: Market Lamb Breeds

- A. All breeds that qualify as a separate breed will be recognized by the ICLA and provided awards at the year-end Awards Banquet.
- B. To qualify as a separate breed, there must be at least five (5) lambs that have entered and shown in a specific breed at a minimum of three (3) sanctioned shows throughout the current show season. If less than five (5) lambs have entered a specific breed at less than three (3) ICLA sanctioned shows, those breeds will be combined for an All Other Breeds (AOB) division for year-end awards.
- C. Exhibitors must assign each lamb (except for blackface crossbred lambs) to a particular breed at a show, even if the lamb is put into an AOB class. (For example: If an exhibitor has a Dorset wether and there are not enough Dorsets to make a class at a particular show, the exhibitor must still enter the lamb as a Dorset on the entry card for ICLA breed points. However, the Dorset lamb may show as an AOB for that show. Each lamb needs to be entered with their official scrapie tag number at the show.
- D. Each exhibitor and family is responsible for placing their animals in the appropriate breeds at the show. There will not be classifiers at any shows except the Illinois State Fair Market Ewe Show. At shows that do not have a classification process, the show committee/superintendents have the final say on any questionable animals.

Section 6: Illinois State Fair Market Ewe Lamb Show

- A. The Illinois State Fair has elected to include ewe lambs in both the Junior Market Lamb Show and the Open Market Lamb Show at the State Fair.
- B. The ICLA will still host a market ewe lamb show at the Illinois State Fair on Thursday before the Junior Market Lamb Show.
- C. The membership and age rules set forth in Section 1 apply to all eligible exhibitors for the ICLA State Fair Ewe Lamb Show.
- D. In order to show a market ewe lamb in the ICLA State Fair Market Ewe Lamb Show, a member's ewe lamb must be shown at a minimum of one (1) ICLA sanctioned show during the current year, with the official scrapie tag listed on the entry form for that show.
- E. Any ewe lamb that does not meet the requirement listed in Section 6D will not be allowed to enter or show in the ICLA Illinois State Fair Market Ewe Lamb Show.
- F. Ewe lambs must be slick shorn.
- G. The ICLA State Fair Market Ewe Lamb Show will be a jackpot show, with 100% payback and additional awards. There will be a \$20 entry fee per head and all entries must be made the day of weigh-in.

Section 7: Terms and Amendments

- A. For purposes of these Rules, the term lamb shall include wethers, ewe lambs, and yearling ewes.
- B. Changes to these rules shall only be made by amendment.
- C. All amendments must be voted on and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Directors.

Appendix

District Map

