

2025 Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Show
Saturday, September 27, 2025
Virginia State Fairgrounds, The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, VA
Youth Advisor—David Shiflett
Treasurer—Jason Shiflett

Schedule:

Arrival and Check-in.....Friday September 26th 4-8pm, and Saturday September 27th until 10am
Show.....11 AM Beginning with Pee-Wee Showmanship
Pizza party lunch..... Between breeds close to noon (Judge eats first followed by members, helpers, parents, etc..) seconds available if there's enough pizza
Show continues after lunch
Annual VJSBA Meeting... 15-20 minutes after the conclusion of the Supreme Champion Drive
Watermelon Social..... Immediately following the Annual meeting
Premium Checks will be printed starting at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.
Once they are ready, an announcement will be made that they can be picked up
Once premium checks are picked up, the animals are released

RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) State Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules (**including health regulations**) and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this show. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.
- 2) The show is open to all Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Association members. Regular members must have paid annual membership dues and met their obligation to attend an educational program and work a fundraising food booth prior to the show. New members are not required to meet these obligations for their first year of participation.
- 3) VJSBA membership is open to all youth who reside in Virginia, 21 years of age and younger on the day of the show. There is no minimum age, however for safety purposes, the youth are expected to handle and show their sheep with minimal assistance. **Meaning that the exhibitor needs to be the person primarily in control of the animal whenever possible. Parents please be sure that the animals are broken enough to be reasonably handled by the exhibitor.**
- 4) Entries deadline dates will be determined annually by the Show Management.
- 5) Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class (or in group classes), or permission is given by the Show Management. Substitute show persons must be another VJSBA member.
- 6) Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
- 7) The use of coloring agents is prohibited.

- 8) Sheep must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor before August 1 of the current year and continuously thereafter.
- 9) Both registered sheep (any breed) as well as commercial crossbred sheep may be shown. Registered sheep must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. Junior show guidelines established by individual breeds will be followed regarding registration requirements for exhibition. All sheep must be registered in the flock books of their respective breed and carry their corresponding flock tag and/or tattoo.
- 10) Breeds must have a minimum of 10 sheep from at least 3 exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds division. The AOB division may be split into two divisions, wool breeds and meat breeds, as entry numbers warrant.
- 11) All sheep must be the property of, registered, and certificates issued in the name of the exhibitor prior to August 1 of the current year. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the show. Ownership of registered sheep may be joint with an immediate family member, provided the exhibitor's name is found on the certificate.
- 12) Entries may be made in the name of an individual exhibitor, or under farm/family joint ownership name. However, sheep must be shown under the same entry name for all classes (sheep shown under different individual names may not be combined for group classes, nor may farm/family entries be split to form group class entries using a different name).
- 13) The date of birth must be verified for all entries by their registration papers.
- 14) Sheep exhibited in the registered breeding sheep division may not be shown in the commercial division.
- 15) Sheep are to be exhibited in fleece appropriate for the respective breed. Sheep may be slick sheared, and if fitted, it is recommended they not have more than one inch of wool on any part of their body. Wool breeds should be shown with fleece presentation and length appropriate for their respective breed. Commercial sheep must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
- 16) All exhibitors must check their entries, registration papers, and health papers with show officials by the designated time.
- 17) Classes may be split at the discretion of show officials.
- 18) Exhibitors are limited to a total of two (2) premiums per class in individual classes, and one (1) premium in pair and group classes.
- 19) Substitute entries day of show shall be permitted provided all other rules are abided by.

20) Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:

- A. Pee Wee Division- exhibitors 8 years of age and younger on day of show
- B. Junior Division- exhibitors 9-11 years of age on day of show
- C. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 12-14 years of age on day of show
- D. Senior Division- exhibitors 15 years of age and older on day of show

Show Order

The show will start with Pee-Wee Showmanship, which is a non-competitive class. In this class the exhibitors can have as much help as needed, and the help does not need to be a VJSBA member (this is the only class that non-VJSBA members are allowed to help in the ring). All exhibitors in the Pee-Wee showmanship receive a prize.

Following Pee-Wee, the showmanship order will be as follows:

- Senior
- Intermediate
- Junior

Following Showmanship, the breeding show order will be as follows:

- AOB (if necessary)
- Cheviot (currently in AOB)
- Dorset
- Hampshire (currently in AOB)
- Southdown
- Suffolk
- Commercial

Other breeds may be added as needed

Following the selection of the Champion and Reserve Commercial Ewe, the Supreme and Reserve Supreme Ram and Ewe will be selected

CLASSES & ENTRIES

Enter class from following list. Include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, and animal birth date on entry form. Breed shows include Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Commercial. If breed is not listed, indicate breed on entry. Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor for individual classes, and 1 entry per exhibitor for pair and group classes.

Class Number	Description
1	Senior Ram Lamb- born 9/1 to 12/31/24
2	Intermediate Ram Lamb- born 1/1 to 2/15/25
3	Junior Ram Lamb- born 2/16/25 and later
4	Pair of Ram Lambs- two ram lambs
5	Yearling Ewe- born 9/1/23 to 8/31/24
6	Pair of Yearling Ewes- two yearling ewes
7	Senior Ewe Lamb- born 9/1 to 12/31/24
8	Intermediate Ewe Lamb- born 1/1 to 2/15/25
9	Junior Ewe Lamb- born 2/16/25 and later
10	Pair of Ewe Lambs- two ewe lambs
11	Pair of Lambs- ram and ewe lamb
12	Flock- 1 ram, 1 yearling ewe, 1 ewe lamb
13	Bred & Owned- ram or ewe bred by exhibitor

Entry Fees

A \$5 annual membership fee is due for each Participating Member (exhibitors and helpers). This fee helps pay for shirts that will be handed out at the show and are to be worn while showing. Extra shirts may be available to purchase at the show

Entry Fees are \$4 per entered animal

PREMIUMS & AWARDS

Sheep Premium Schedule

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd and lower</u>
Individual & Group Classes	\$13	\$12	\$8

Additional prizes will be provided for showmanship classes as well as breed Champion and Reserve Champion Rams & Ewes as well as the Supreme Champion and Reserve Ram & Ewe.