

## **2018 OXFORD EWE LAMB FUTURITY**

**(Sponsored by the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc.)**

The American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc. (“AOSA”) is sponsoring its 9th annual ewe lamb youth futurity program (“futurity”) in 2018. The following rules shall apply to the futurity with full right to any interpretations, additions or changes to such rules being retained by the Board of Directors of AOSA. All participants are required to carefully read, be knowledgeable of and abide by these rules. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualification of the applicable participants and/or animals in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of AOSA.

### **General Description and Rules.**

The futurity is designed to allow junior members an opportunity to compete with breeder nominated Oxford ewe lambs purchased at designated public sales. Nominated ewe lambs will be announced as such prior to their sale. The nomination fees are paid by the breeder and such fees encompass the pool of funds available for premiums payable to futurity winners. Points for the futurity are accumulated through exhibiting the nominated ewe lambs at various shows. Placings from first through tenth will receive a premium for both national and district level participants.

### **Consignor Rules.**

1. Entries are limited to AOSA registered fall and spring born Oxford ewe lambs.
2. Futurity eligible ewe lambs may be nominated at the Illini All-Breeds Spring Sale, the Indiana Premier Sheep Sale, the Ohio Oxford Showcase Sale, the National Oxford Show and Sale, Great Lakes All-Breeds Sheep Show & Sale **and on-line sales of Oxford Breeders**. Nominated ewe lambs are futurity eligible only if sold and purchased at public auction through these sales. Ewe lambs sold privately, at any other auction or outside legitimate competitive bidding situations shall NOT be eligible for the futurity (e.g. sales to Consignor’s children, stepchildren, etc.).
3. To be eligible for the futurity, ewe lambs must be nominated and designated by the consignor on an AOSA approved Futurity Consignor Nomination form (attached) **and** a \$25.00 per head nomination fee paid to the American Oxford Sheep Association. The completed form and payment must be received by AOSA **PRIOR TO** the close of check-in for each sale or the nominated animal will be disqualified from futurity competition. Under no circumstances will nominations be accepted after the designated sale’s show begins.
4. **In the situation of nominations during on-line sales, the completed Nomination Form and the nomination fee (\$25.00 per head) must be received in the AOSA Office the day before the on-line sale is to begin.**
5. Each ewe lamb nominated must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned, including but not limited to, payment of entry and commission fees.
6. AOSA will not be held liable for any dispute and/or disagreement between the buyers and sellers.
7. All futurity ewe lambs must be permanently tagged with an official scrapie tag for futurity purposes prior to the sale of each animal. **Ewe lambs nominated through on-line sales must include a “head shot” photograph of the nominated animal, with scrapie tag clearly visible so all numbers are easily viewed, as part of the photographs of that animal on the on-line sale site.**

### **Exhibitor/Entrant Rules.**

1. All persons desiring to participate in the futurity shall fully complete an AOSA approved Futurity Entrant form (attached) and return it to the American Oxford Sheep Association, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141. No futurity points will accumulate until after the form is received by AOSA.
2. Rules of exhibition shall be those published and enforced by each respective show. Ownership deadlines may vary from state to state.
3. All persons who meet the requirements for eligibility to show in the Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) shall be eligible to participate in the futurity. Rules for the NAILE (and futurity) generally, but not exclusively, are:
  - a. Person is not more than 21 years of age on the date of the show in November with no lower age limit but must be physically capable of showing his/her own sheep.
  - b. Junior member must be present to show their own sheep unless physically impaired. Because this futurity program is designed for youth, AOSA encourages youth participants to control the ewe lamb's head during all exhibitions.
  - c. Person must have current up-to-date membership in the AOSA.
4. In order to be eligible for participation in the futurity, all ewe lambs must be properly nominated and registered in the name of the individual exhibitor only. No partnership, corporation, LLC, family farm, 4-H club or FFA chapter names will be accepted. Nominated ewe lambs must remain registered in the name of the individual exhibitor at least through the conclusion of the 2018 Junior Show at the NAILE.
5. Ewe lambs and points earned in the futurity are not transferable to any other person, other than the original owner, nor are the points transferable from one animal to another.
6. No futurity entrant may compete in the futurity with more than two ewe lambs. Total points earned by two ewe lambs cannot be combined to one lamb.
7. Futurity entrants are responsible to assure the original official scrapie tag is maintained in the futurity ewe lamb(s) in such manner as is required by the federal scrapie identification program.

**Point Scoring.**

1. Points will be awarded on a sliding scale based upon the animal's placing and the number of animals in the class. The following table illustrates how points will be awarded:

Number in Class	Placing																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
19	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
18	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
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9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1											
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1												
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1													
6	6	5	4	3	2	1														
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2	2	1																		
1	1																			

**Points**

2. In order for points to be earned, entrants must make certain that an AOSA approved Futurity Point Record form (attached) is fully completed and forwarded to the American Oxford Sheep Association, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141 **within 14 days of the date of show** for which the points are being earned. The form must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show. If the form is not completed and returned properly, no points will accumulate for that show.
3. No futurity points may be accumulated prior to the National Oxford Show and Sale with the exception of the 2018 Mid-West Preview Show. Points will only accumulate during the period from the afore mentioned beginning period and until the conclusion of the NAILE Junior Show.
4. Futurity ewe lambs may earn futurity points from either the open division or junior division of any individual show but not both. However, at the NAILE, only junior show placings will be counted toward points totals.
5. Ewe lambs may compete at an unlimited number of shows with only the top five (5) points awards plus points earned at the NAILE Junior Show counting toward the futurity final point total.
6. Double points will be awarded at the NAILE Junior Show and either the All-American Junior Show **or** the Mid-West Preview Show
7. For purposes of the individual district futurity points, double points will be awarded at the designated district show for each district.
8. The futurity districts are as follows determined by the entrant's state of residence upon entry for the futurity:

- a. District 1. The States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.
  - b. District 2. The States of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas.
  - c. District 3. The States of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.
  - d. District 4. The State of Illinois.
  - e. District 5. The State of Ohio.
  - f. District 6. The States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.
  - g. District 7. The States of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia (Washington), Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.
9. The following are the designated district shows (*in the case of 2 shows designated for a district, double points will only be awarded for one show; however, a participant may show at both shows and the higher points total will be the one that is doubled*):
- a. District 1. California State Fair or Washington State Fair
  - b. District 2. Iowa State Fair or Missouri State Fair
  - c. District 3. Wisconsin State Fair or Fifth Third Michigan State Fair
  - d. District 4. Illinois State Fair.
  - e. District 5. Ohio State Fair.
  - f. District 6. Indiana State Fair or Appalachian Fair
  - g. District 7. Keystone International Livestock Exposition or North East Youth Sheep Show
10. In case of a points tie for national placings, the points accumulated at the NAILE Junior Show shall serve as the tiebreaker. In case of a points tie for district placings, the points accumulated at the entrant's designated district show shall serve as the tiebreaker. In case of any other points tie, the points accumulated at double points shows shall serve as the tiebreaker.

### **Awards and Premiums.**

1. Futurity awards will be announced following the NAILE Junior Show. Premiums will be mailed to the winners by AOSA following NAILE. The national and district winners will also be recognized at the next AOSA annual membership meeting.
2. There will be a National Oxford Futurity winner and placings through not more than tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place based upon the highest total points as described above compared to total points for all other futurity entrants.
3. There will also be a District Oxford Futurity winner from each district and placings through not more than tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place based upon the highest total points as described above compared to total points for other entrants from the individual district. No award or premiums shall be given in any district where there are no futurity entrants.
4. Premiums shall be paid from a pool consisting of consignor nomination fees with sixty percent (60%) being paid to the National winners and forty (40%) being paid to the District winners.
5. Premiums for National and District winners shall be allocated and payable as follows, subject to alteration based on lack of participation:

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Percentage of Premiums Allotted</b>
First (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Twenty Percent (20%)
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Fifteen Percent (15%)
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Twelve and One-Half Percent (12.5%)
Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Eleven and One-Fourth Percent (11.25%)
Fifth (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Ten Percent (10%)
Sixth (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Eight and Three-Fourths Percent (8.75%)
Seventh (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Seven and One-Half Percent (7.5%)
Eighth (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Six and One-Fourth Percent (6.25%)
Ninth (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Five Percent (5%)
Tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Three and Three-Fourths Percent (3.75%)

**Authorization, Indemnity, Disclaimer.** By participating in the futurity, all parties hereby authorize and appoint the AOSA and its Board of Directors and officers to receive all information necessary to administer the futurity and further release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc. and its Board of Directors, officers, members, successors, volunteers, agents and representatives of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, accounts, debts, claims and demands whatsoever, at law or in equity, and however arising, involving the futurity. No parties, including but not limited to, the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc., any sale or show management or sponsoring organizations, shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise, express or implied, resulting from participation in the futurity program.

*Please call the AOSA office at (812) 256-3478 if you have any questions. You may also fax forms to AOSA at (812) 256-3478 (call first) or email the forms to [secretary@americanoxfords.org](mailto:secretary@americanoxfords.org) but you must thereafter also mail the completed, signed original form to AOSA as well.*

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR EWE LAMB!**