

## **ARKANSAS JUNIOR SHEEP COUNCIL SUMMER JACKPOT AWARDS PROGRAM**

To support youth participation and education in sheep husbandry, the Junior Council of the Arkansas State Sheep Council (ASSC) offers an accumulative points program to establish recognition for AJSC members.

1. Points will be accumulated from sanctioned shows, beginning at the first jackpot show of the season, which is typically the Arkansas State Fair Spring Livestock Show, and ending September 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year.
2. Points will be awarded only to AJSC members who have paid annual dues of \$15 by the day of the show in which they are participating. No points will be accumulated before membership is paid.
3. Shows must be sanctioned 45 days in advance to participate in the program. A sanctioning fee of \$35 will be assessed. Completed placing sheets must be turned in within two weeks of the show date. Although the AJSC does not want to dictate how each show is conducted, the sanctioned shows must follow the AJSC guidelines to provide uniformity of the AJSC points. Failure to comply with the AJSC guidelines may jeopardize future AJSC sanctioning.
4. Points will be awarded according to the point sheets returned to the AJSC from the individual jackpot coordinators/promoters. Although the AJSC and ASSC will do their best to obtain correct data, the AJSC will not be responsible for incorrect data. If you feel that an error has occurred please contact the Point coordinator within two weeks of point postings.
5. Category winners will be recognized at the Arkansas State Fair in October with monetary or special awards in the following categories:
  - Top 5 Premier Exhibitors - The premier exhibitors are the members with the most combined points, from the following categories: Showmanship, Market Lamb, and Arkansas Bred Lamb.
  - ABL High Point Lamb: Awarded to the member with the most consistent Arkansas Bred Lamb of the season, accumulating the most points. Points will be tallied from class placing and champion placing.
  - Rookie of the Year: Awarded to the first year lamb showman who is a Junior Sheep council member that accumulates the most overall points from the Premier Exhibitor totals.
  - Show of the Year: Voted on by the members of the Junior Sheep Council.
6. Monetary and special awards are based on yearly fund-raising efforts by the AJSC and therefore may vary from year to year.
7. Participants may enter any number of lambs in the shows. A member's points will be recorded on the 3 highest-placing lambs in the regular show and in the ABL show. For example: Jane shows 5 lambs that place 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Her 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place lambs will be counted in her point totals.
8. Lambs shown as Arkansas Bred must be officially registered in the Arkansas Bred Program of the ASSC and have an official Arkansas Bred Lamb ear tag in the ear at time of show checkin. An Arkansas Bred Lamb (ABL) is defined as an animal this is either bred by or purchased from a breeder who resides in the state of Arkansas and a current member in good standing of the Arkansas State Sheep Council. The lamb must be from a ewe that is owned by the breeder at the time of service and breeder has to have possession of said ewe within the state of Arkansas at the time of lambing.
9. Membership is open to any bona-fide 4-H or FFA member who is eligible to enter the first

show of the season. Pee-Wee members may compete in the regular show and the ABL show. Separate Pee Wee shows will not be counted.

10. The showmanship category in which an exhibitor will show in is determined either at the first AJSC sanctioned show of the season, (which is typically the Arkansas State Fair Spring Show) or the first show after membership fees have been paid. These categories are Pee-Wee (Age 8 & under), Junior (9-13), Senior (14 and over). The exhibitor will remain in that assigned category until the conclusion of the Summer Jackpot series. (This rule does not pertain to County, District or State fairs, only the AJSC Jackpot series.)

11. If a tie occurs at the end of point accumulation, the tie will be broken by giving the award to the member that attended the most ABL sanctioned shows.

12. ABL lambs may be shown only by the owner of the lamb. A substitute showman will not be allowed unless the showman has more than one lamb in a class, at which time another eligible showman may exhibit the lamb. No ABL lamb will be shown without the owner present.

13. Violation of ABL special rules, state fair special rules, or the show ring code of ethics may result in forfeiting premium money, trophies, and/or awards and possible expulsion from the AJSC/ASSC and/or any other action deemed necessary. Decisions will be made by the ASSC board in closed session.