

ARKANSAS STATE SHEEP COUNCIL BYLAWS

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(Including Revisions Approved By Special Meeting December 15, 2025
with Revisions Reflected in Red)**

ARTICLE I NAME

A. The name of the organization shall be the Arkansas State Sheep Council (the "ASSC").

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

A. The primary purpose of the Arkansas State Sheep Council shall be to promote the general welfare of the entire sheep industry within the State of Arkansas. The Arkansas State Sheep Council shall act as the governing body of the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council (AJSC) and the Arkansas Breeding Sheep Council (ABSC). Input from AJSC and ABSC Coordinators, officers and members will be taken into consideration regarding AJSC and ABSC business when deemed necessary.

B. ASSC Mission Statement: The mission and purpose of the Arkansas State Sheep Council shall be to provide top quality club lambs to Arkansas youth; encourage the exhibition of Arkansas produced lambs; improve the genetics of Arkansas sheep breeds; support Arkansas youth agriculture programs; and help promote the sheep industry in Arkansas.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Arkansas State Sheep Council shall be by dues for farm membership for breeder members. Each farm membership will shall pay annual dues between January 1 through March 31 of the calendar

year. Dues are remitted to the Treasurer of the ASSC. Dues will be set by the Executive Committee with approval from the general membership.

B. The working year for Arkansas Sheep Council is January 1 through December 31.

C. A breeder member's farm membership shall be entitled to only 1 vote per farm. In no event shall families be entitled to split farm breeder memberships to acquire more than one vote.

D. To qualify as a breeder member, a farm shall meet the following: the breeder must be an Arkansas resident over the age of 19 years who owns ewes for production of Arkansas lambs. The lambs must be conceived by ewes the breeder owned at the time of service, and the breeder must have possession of said ewes within the State of Arkansas at the time of lambing. However, ownership can transfer from one Arkansas breeder in good standing to another Arkansas breeder in good standing during time of gestation.

E. For persons less than 19 years of age, the applicable rules for governance shall be set by the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council and/or the Arkansas Junior Breeding Sheep Council, which is under the direction of the ABSC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, an individual under the age of 19 years may submit a one-time Youth Breeder Scholarship Application, approved by the applicant's parent and Agriculture Teacher or County Agriculture or 4-H Agent, whereby the youth breeder may receive a scholarship necessary to cover the annual ASSC Breeder Membership dues as well as the cost for 3 ABL tags. If an individual under the age of 19 years has previously been a scholarship recipient or desires to raise more than 3 lambs, then the youth breeder will be responsible for payment of all ASSC membership dues at the rate established by the ASSC for youth breeder members as well as ABL tag fees. Further, the youth breeder will be held to the same eligibility rules for qualifying an Arkansas Bred Lamb as other ASSC members. For youth breeders, parents will be required to guarantee all payments required hereunder. Additionally, youth breeders will not have voting or appearance rights as part of the general membership of the ASSC; rather all youth members will be involved through the AJSC or AJBSC as appropriate.

F. A member new to the ASSC may join at any time provided the applicant meets the appropriate qualifications for membership.

G. To be considered in good standing with the ASSC, a farm membership shall have all outstanding debts with the ASSC paid in full. Such fees include, but are not limited to the following: annual membership dues and any currently due or past due lamb nomination fees, sponsorships, etc. for the current year as well any outstanding indebtedness for any prior period of time. Any member who is not in good standing shall not be entitled to vote upon matters of the ASSC until such time that reinstatement of good standing is achieved.

H. ABL tags will not be provided to any member not in good standing.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. The Executive Committee shall be: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Arkansas Junior Sheep Council (AJSC) Coordinator, and Arkansas Breeding Sheep Council (ABSC) Coordinator.

B. Executive Committee shall meet as needed. All Executive Committee members will be notified of meeting time and location by the President. Members of the Executive Committee who are present, if not less than three, shall constitute a quorum.

C. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by request of a majority of the officers.

D. Members of the Executive Committee will provide prior notification to the Committee in the event of an absence from the meeting to ensure quorum requirements are met. Further, Executive Committee members recognize the requirements and time constraints of being an officer; therefore, members agree to participate in scheduled meetings unless good cause for absence is shown.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

A. The officers of the Arkansas Sheep Council shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, AJSC Coordinator and ABSC Coordinator. Officers shall be elected at the January annual meeting by majority vote, for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

B. Nominations for Officers will be accepted from the floor at the January annual meeting of the general membership, provided that consent has been secured from the nominee. All nominees must be in good standing as a prerequisite to serve.

C. Vacancies among the officers and standing committee chairs shall be filled by the President, with approval of the Executive Committee, for the remainder of the un-expired term. However, if the office of either the President or Vice-President becomes vacant, it will be filled by a special election by the general membership.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

A. The President shall preside at all meetings at which he or she is present, and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and activities of the group. The President shall be responsible for selecting committee chairs for various committees and for assuring that the committees are functioning as necessary. The President may elect to serve either as a committee member or ex-officio in order to fulfill the above requirements. The President will also be responsible for preparing meeting agendas in conjunction with the secretary, when appropriate.

From time to time, the President may need to form ad hoc committees to address particular topics. In such event, the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may appoint such committees and members. At the following meeting of the general membership after such committee is formed, notice of appointed committee members will be provided and opportunity given for additional members of the general membership to join the committee as well. However, in no event shall an ad hoc contain more than 5 members, exclusive of the President and Vice President. Two or

more absences from any ad hoc committee meeting, without just cause as determined by the Executive Committee, shall be deemed a resignation from the committee.

B. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President whenever the President is absent or unable to perform his or her duties. The Vice-President shall also be responsible for the following tasks: ordering and distributing ABL tags (and verifying the good standing of members prior thereto); ordering the banners, jackets, or other determined prizes for district fairs; and communicating with appointed district fair liaisons and/or District Directors to ensure consistency in the running of district ABL shows, including, but not limited to: applicable ABL rules and required paperwork; show protocol to determine placings; judge selection and show administration to achieve consistency with district ABL shows across the state. The Vice-President may undertake other duties as assigned by the President.

C. The Secretary shall maintain written records of all meetings of the Arkansas State Sheep Council and meetings of the Executive Committee.

He or she shall:

1. Provide correspondence of the Arkansas State Sheep Council as directed by the President.
2. Provide minutes and meeting agenda in conjunction with the President and oversee website coordination in order to make the information available to the general membership.
3. Maintain a list of all committees and membership and provide this information to other Executive Committee members.
4. Be administrator over online spreadsheet where breeders can submit breeder lists.
5. Send meeting notifications and deadline reminders as appropriate.
6. The Secretary may undertake other duties as assigned by the President.

D. The Treasurer shall set up such accounts as necessary to fulfill the business of the Arkansas State Sheep Council.

The Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for oversight of the ASSC general fund as well as restricted funds earmarked for the AJSC and ABSC. (Revised 12/15/25)

2. Pay out all money, by check only, to cover the expenses of the ASSC, AJSC and ABSC as authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer will be responsible for remitting payment for all entities from as segregated and appropriate (i.e. ASSC expenses from general funds or AJSC and ABSC expenses from restricted funds).
3. Collect and receive dues from all members, including breeder members and junior breeders as well as junior members of the AJSC and/or ABSC.
4. Provide a financial report at each meeting of the Executive Committee as well as a written financial report at any meeting of the general membership reflecting financial matters, including, but not limited to: cash on hand, cash receipts and expenses paid for the ASSC and its divisions (i.e. AJSC and ABSC).
5. Work with the Peer Audit Committee to facilitate the annual audit of the books.
6. Treasurer will be added to the ASSC general account along with the President **and Vice-President** as appropriate; however, only one signature will be required for payment of invoices.
7. Send list to VP when tags have been paid for so the VP can send out the tags.
8. Collect money for ABL tags and deposit into ASSC general account.
9. The Treasurer shall be responsible for oversight of all required financial filings for the ASSC, including, but not limited to: applicable monthly, quarterly and annual reporting as well as yearly tax filings.
10. The Treasurer may undertake other duties as assigned by the President **as well as those duties set forth in the Operational Guidelines adopted by the general membership on December 15, 2025. (Revised 12/15/25)**

E. The AJSC Coordinator shall obtain and record current AJSC membership annually.

The AJSC Coordinator shall:

1. **Be responsible for oversight of AJSC sanctioned summer jackpot series shows.**
2. **Prepare cost detail for proposed AJSC awards and/or expenditures; obtain approval in accordance with Article VIII for expenditures; provide checks request(s) with supporting**

documentation to the Treasurer for the Treasurer's use in payment of such expenses and in order to preserve record keeping requirements. (Revised 12/15/25)

3. Communicate with the Executive Committee about current finances as outlined in the Operational Guidelines adopted by the general membership.

4. Keep AJSC members updated on meetings and activities.

5. Provide guidance to AJSC members and elected officers.

6. Order AJSC awards for the summer jackpot series.

7. Provide Secretary updated information for AJSC webpage.

8. Provide ASSC Secretary and Points Director with current membership of AJSC members.

9. Coordinate with Treasurer for collection and deposit of AJSC sanctioned show fees into the ASSC general fund. (Revised 12/15/25)

10. The AJSC Coordinator may undertake other duties as assigned by the President.

F. The Arkansas Breeding Sheep Coordinator shall obtain and record current ABSC membership annually.

The ABSC coordinator shall:

1. Be responsible for oversight of AJSC sanctioned summer jackpot series shows.

2. Prepare cost detail for proposed AJSC awards and/or expenditures; obtain approval in accordance with Article VIII for expenditures; provide checks request(s) with supporting documentation to the Treasurer for the Treasurer's use in payment of such expenses and in order to preserve record keeping requirements. (Revised 12/15/25)

3. Keep ABSC members updated on meetings and activities.

4. Provide guidance to ABSC members and elected officers.

5. Order ABSC awards for breeding show season.

6. Provide Secretary updated information for ABSC webpage.

7. Coordinate the Breeding Sheep Spring Show and Sheep and Wool Field Day and any other special shows coordinated by ABSC.

8. The ABSC Coordinator may undertake other duties as assigned by the President.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

A. General Membership:

- a. There will be quarterly meetings held with place and time determined by the Executive Committee during the months of January, April, July and October.
- b. The January meeting will be deemed as the Annual Meeting with election of officers.
- c. Other general membership meetings shall be on an “as needed basis” and shall be referenced as Special Meetings.
- d. Quorum shall be the members present.

B. Electronic

a. Both Executive Committee meetings and General Membership meetings can be held by electronic means, such as e-mail or other internet communication systems subject to the following:

i. The Executive Committee or the General Membership shall have access to the appropriate electronic meeting media (as verified by their response to a call for any particular meeting) to constitute a quorum, and a “dial in” option will be available to ensure opportunity for access.

ii. The technology used for the electronic meetings shall allow the participants full access to and full participation in all meeting transactions either continuously or intermittently throughout the specified time of the meeting.

iii. Procedural rules related to the conduct of electronic meetings shall be established by the Executive Committee, which shall include notice requirements and time period for the duration of the meeting.

iv. For matters voted upon and passed by the general membership, such matters are not subject to reintroduction or review until the next calendar year at the Annual Meeting, provided notice and agenda were provided to the general membership denoting items to be voted upon.

v. For all general membership meetings, notice of meeting and agenda will be sent out to all current members in good standing 10 days prior to the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, notice will be provided to all members as of 12/31 of the prior year as well as all current members for the January Annual Meeting, in the event there is old business to address from the prior year.

ARTICLE VIII FINANCES

A. All revenue received shall be deposited into a general fund in the name of the Arkansas State Sheep Council. Funds may be received either by check or electronically received through Stripe in the name of the Arkansas State Sheep Council. Those are the only two methods by which funds should be collected by the Arkansas State Sheep Council or any of its junior youth councils.

Certain funds received shall be ear-marked as restricted funds for use by the junior councils and segregated for payment of expenses as follows:

1. Funds received which are to be segregated as restricted funds for payment of AJSC related expenses as set out below are as follows:

- a. AJSC Membership Dues;
- b. AJSC Junior Exhibitor Lamb Nomination Fees; and
- c. AJSC Fundraising proceeds.

2. Funds received which are to be segregated as restricted funds for payment of ABSC related expenses as set out below are as follows:

- a. ABSC Membership Dues;
- b. ABSC Junior Exhibitor Lamb Nomination Fees, if any; and
- c. ABSC Fundraising proceeds.

3. All other funds (including, but not limited to: ASSC membership dues; ABL Tag Fees; Breeder Lamb Nomination Fees; ASSC Fundraising proceeds; and donations) shall be placed in the ASSC general fund.

B. Pursuant to the Bylaws of the ASSC Article VIII (B), any expenses over \$500.00 shall be approved by the Executive Committee. Furthermore, pursuant to Article VIII (G), a legitimate receipt must be turned in to the treasurer within thirty (30) days of purchase for any approved expenditures to be reimburse. (Revised 12/15/25)

The Treasurer will pay for expenses based upon receipt of the following items:

- a. A verified invoice submitted to ASSC for an approved charge;
- b. A check request submitted to the Treasurer for an approved charge with an invoice attached to same; or
- c. A charge approved by the general membership as a result of a membership meeting with documented minutes approving the charge as substantiation of such charge.

A copy of the standard ASSC expense payment/check request is attached to these operating guidelines.

Pursuant to the ASSC Bylaws at Article VI D, pay out of all money shall be by check only for both transparency and traceability except in the instances where cash is the only available option for funds received from a donor or sponsor. In such case, a receipt must be given to the sponsor and a copy of the receipt provided to the Treasurer with a deposit ticket maintained evidencing deposit of such cash into the ASSC general account and the sponsor/donor and receiver of the cash noted as "received from." (Revised 12/15/25)

C. Fundraising activities for the Arkansas State Sheep Council may be authorized by the Executive Committee when the purpose of such activities is in agreement with the objectives of the ASSC and not in conflict with the nature of the organization.

D. For AJSC and ABSC expenses, junior exhibitor nomination fees shall be used for payment of items such as: end of season awards and state level show expenses such as cost of judges, class pay-outs or other state level show expenses.

E. At the end of each calendar year, the Treasurer shall provide an annual financial report to the Peer Audit Committee. The Peer Audit Committee will give an audit report during the January meeting for the prior calendar year. General membership must approve the audit report.

F. Any officer or member of the ASSC assigned with performing duties relating to finances of the ASSC shall conduct business with a fully insured financial institution approved by the Executive Committee and/or the general membership. One signature only will be required for signing checks in order to pay bills on behalf of the Association; however, the ASSC account must contain at least two signatures on file with the bank for the ASSC account.

G. For payments made on behalf of the AJSC and/or ABSC, prior approval of such expense must be obtained as set forth in these Bylaws and a check request with supporting documentation presented prior to payment of such expenses by the Treasurer.

H. The duties of the Treasurer shall be undertaken and performed with accounting oversight to ensure appropriate segregation of duties as well as functional system of checks and balances concerning all financial matters.

I. Financial matters shall be undertaken and performed in accordance with the Operational Guidelines approved by the general membership on December 15, 2025, a copy of which is on file with the Treasurer with a copy also maintained in the ASSC corporate book.

J. For the sake of consistency, the forms appended to the Operational Guidelines shall be used by the Treasurer for transacting ASSC business and for clear record keeping. (Revised 12/15/25)

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Normal rules of parliamentary procedure shall apply to meetings of the ASSC; in the event of any conflict in understanding between members concerning parliamentary procedure, the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the

Arkansas State Sheep Council in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that have been adopted.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Arkansas State Sheep Council, the Executive Committee shall pay or make provisions for all liabilities of the Arkansas State Sheep Council to be settled. All remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more 501(c)3 non-profit organizations dedicated to small ruminant development to be used at their discretion in their educational programs.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Arkansas State Sheep Council by 2/3 of the votes cast, by hand-count if meeting is held in person or by documented roll call assent of each member present if meeting is held by electronic means and provided that written notice of the proposed changes were received by the membership twenty-one (21) days prior to the vote.

Standing Rules to the Bylaws Adopted 4-7-25

Standing Rules Adopted: 7-7-25 & 10-27-25

(With Revisions Approved January 26, 2026)

What is an Arkansas Bred Lamb:

An Arkansas Bred Lamb (ABL) is defined by the ASSC as an animal that is either bred by or purchased from a breeder that is:

1. A current breeder member in good standing of the Arkansas State Sheep Council (ASSC);
2. The breeder member must reside in the State of Arkansas;
3. The breeder member must own the ewe that the ABL lamb is born from; and
4. The breeder member must have possession of the ewe within the state of Arkansas at the time of lambing.

An individual who is not already a breeder in good standing with the ASSC is not considered to be eligible as an ABL breeder; good standing membership in the ASSC is a prerequisite to being an ABL breeder.

In addition, a bred ewe that is purchased outside the state and brought into Arkansas before lambing, does not qualify for its offspring to be considered an ABL lamb. Ownership of the ewe at the time of conception is a prerequisite for ABL status.

The only exception concerning ownership involves existing Arkansas ASSC breeders; in that instance, ownership can transfer from one Arkansas ASSC breeder in good standing to another Arkansas ASSC breeder in good standing during the time of gestation.

How to Become A New Arkansas Breeder Member:

Step 1: You must raise show lambs in the State of Arkansas. Lambs must be conceived by ewes the breeder owned at the time of service, and the breeder must have possession of the ewes within the state of Arkansas at the time of lambing.

Step 2: Membership in the Arkansas State Sheep Council shall be by dues for farm membership for breeder members. Complete the ASSC Farm Membership Form at the bottom of the ASSC Breeder page and pay the \$60 annual dues. Farm listing will not be on website until dues are paid. A breeder member's farm membership shall be entitled to only 1 vote per farm. In no event shall families be entitled to split farm breeder memberships to acquire more than one vote.

Step 3: Complete the ABL Tag Order Form to order tags for the lambs you plan to sell. All tags must be ordered prior to June 15, and no tags will be sent unless dues are paid and all outstanding debts to the ASSC have been satisfied. NOTE: All lambs must be owned by exhibitor by July 1. ABL Tag must be in place when exhibitor takes possession.

Step 4: Complete the [Arkansas Bred Lamb Breeder Qualified Form](#) for all the ABL Lambs sold and submit payment of \$15 per lamb by August 21st. This is the breeder nomination for the district fairs, AR State Fair and AYE.

Step 5: Update the online document for breeder nominations. Each Breeder will be emailed a link to the Google Document to enter all lambs nominated, and this must be updated by August 21st. This is where you can see if the exhibitors you sold lambs to have paid their AJSC Memberships or nominated their lambs.

All Forms listed above are on the Breeder page of the ASSC website under Forms and Information.

It is recommended that when you purchase your animals that you intend to breed, you join the ASSC so that you are considered a breeder member at the time your ewes enter Arkansas and before they are bred.

[General Business Items](#): The following is a thumbnail of general business items:

1. The ASSC meets quarterly January, April, July and October.
2. General Elections for Officers are held in January (typically via zoom meetings).
3. Officer Positions for the Executive Committee are: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; AJSC Coordinator (Junior Sheep Council); and ABSC Coordinator (Breeding Sheep Council).
3. The ASSC oversees District Fair Arkansas Bred Lamb Shows; there are 6 Districts recognized by the ASSC for Arkansas Bred Lamb Shows: the AR-OK district; the Northwest district; the Southwest district; the North Central district; the Northeast district; and the South Arkansas district. Each district has a director, and contact information is listed on the Business tab of the ASSC web page.
4. Rules for Junior sheep exhibitors are set through the ASSC in conjunction with its division known as the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council (AJSC).
5. Rules for breeding sheep exhibitors are set through the ASSC in conjunction with its division known as the Arkansas Breeding Sheep Council (ABSC). Information and forms for both the AJSC and ABSC can be found under the respective tabs on the ASSC website.

[The Value of Joining the Arkansas State Sheep Council](#): Many breeders join the ASSC because there is power in the numbers. ASSC allows breeders to have a voice and platform to influence club lamb production in the State of Arkansas from quality and genetics to exhibition and support of Arkansas youth agriculture programs -- all with a concerted attempt to promote the sheep industry in Arkansas. Additionally, ASSC breeder members are listed as eligible ABL (Arkansas Bred Lamb) breeders through ASSC's breeder directory, and their farms can be spot-lighted on the ASSC website.

[Arkansas Junior Sheep Council](#): AJSC is the junior council of the ASSC and serves its junior members ages 5-19. Participation not only provides education in sheep husbandry but also offers: 1.) points and prizes through an accumulative points program for recognition of its members through exhibition of sheep during the summer months through the Summer Jackpot Series and 2.) exhibition through fall shows on the district and state levels through district fairs and the Arkansas State Fair and/or Arkansas

Youth Expo. All AJSC shows only include show lambs born for the current year, and only ABL sheep can be used for showmanship in the ABL shows on the state level.

The following steps are necessary to become an AJSC member:

Step 1:

Purchase ABL Lamb from a Breeder who is an [ASSC Breeder](#) member. An ABL Tag must be in place when exhibitor takes possession of the lamb, and all ABL lambs must be owned by the exhibitor by **July 31st**.

Step 2:

For participation in the Summer Jackpot Series, complete the [AJSC Membership & ABL Nomination Form](#) and send annual dues of \$15 prior to the first AJSC Sanctioned Jackpot Show you plan to attend to receive points at that show. If an exhibitor plans to participate in the jackpot show circuit, that exhibitor must have his/her membership paid prior to the first show the exhibitors plans to attend. Through participation in the Summer Jackpot Series, AJSC members receive ABL and showmanship points from all sanctioned shows they attend during the summer, and there is an awards ceremony during the Arkansas State Fair for series winners.

If not participating in the summer jackpot series but the exhibitor will be showing on the district and/or state level, then membership can be paid by July 31st at which time the exhibitor also nominates his/her ABL lamb(s) for district and state exhibition.

For all exhibitors who will be showing on the district and state levels in the Fall, all ABL lambs must be nominated (and membership dues paid if not already paid) by **July 31st**. Membership in AJSC is required to show in the ABL portion of district fairs and on state level shows (i.e. Arkansas State Fair and/or Arkansas Youth Expo), and membership is paid to the AJSC Coordinator at the address reflected on the form; membership is not paid to show officials. The [AJSC Membership & ABL Nomination](#) form is found in the AJSC tab of the ASSC website. ABL Lambs cannot show at district fair, AR State Fair or AYE if lambs are not nominated. Send in the ABL Nomination Form and fees of \$15 per lamb by **July 31st**.

[Arkansas Breeding Sheep Council](#): ABSC is the council of the ASSC that serves its members ages 5 through 19 who are interested in breeding sheep. While promoting production and exhibition of registered breeding sheep in the State of Arkansas, ABSC invests in the personal development of future sheep breeders through its junior council. ABSC recognizes those exhibitors who are members of the Arkansas Junior Breeding Sheep Council (AJBSC) and awards their successes during the Junior Breeding Sheep Show at the Arkansas State Fair.

Membership in the AJBSC is required to be eligible for any awards or scholarships given by ABSC. The [Arkansas Junior Breeding Sheep Council](#) membership form can be found in the Breeding Sheep Council tab of the ASSC website.

[Memberships](#): Membership in the ASSC does not include memberships in AJSC, ABSC or AJBSC. Each membership is separate and must be held separately. Further, each membership requires a separate membership form which can be found in the respective tabs on the ASSC website.

[Scholarships](#): ASSC and its councils offer a variety of scholarships. Annually as funds permit, the following scholarships may be offered by ASSC and its councils:

a. The AJSC may offer a scholarship to a graduating senior who is an AJSC member. That scholarship application can be found in the AJSC tab on the ASSC website. Interested applicants may reach out to the AJSC coordinator for scholarship offerings and deadlines; AJSC Coordinator contact information may be found under the Business tab on the ASSC website.

b. The ABSC may offer a scholarship to a graduating senior for the degree plan and college or trade school of the applicant's choice. The scholarship rules and application can be found in the Breeding Sheep Council tab on the ASSC website. Interested applicants may reach out to the ABSC coordinator for scholarship offerings and deadlines; ABSC Coordinator contact information may be found under the Business tab on the ASSC website.

c. The ASSC offers a one-time youth breeder scholarship to support AJSC members that intend to raise lambs which will be nominated and shown in the Arkansas Bred Lamb program. An individual under the age of 19 years may submit a one-time Youth Breeder Scholarship Application, approved by the applicant's parent and Agriculture Teacher or County Agriculture or 4-H Agent, whereby the youth breeder may receive a scholarship necessary to cover the annual ASSC Breeder Membership dues as well as the cost for 3 ABL tags. The scholarship rules and application can be found in the AJSC tab on the ASSC website.

Junior Breeders: The ASSC recognizes youth breeders. An individual under the age of 19 years, who has previously been a scholarship recipient or who desires to raise more than 3 lambs, may become a youth breeder. In such case the youth breeder is responsible for payment of all ASSC membership dues at the rate established by the ASSC for youth breeder members as well as ABL tag fees. Further, the youth breeder is held to the same eligibility rules for qualifying an Arkansas Bred Lamb as other ASSC members. For youth breeders, parents are required to guarantee all required payments. Youth breeders do not have voting or appearance rights as part of the general membership of the ASSC; however, youth members may be involved through the AJSC or AJBSC as desired.

Breed Classifications & ABL Shows: For state level ABL shows (i.e. for Fall ABL shows at the Arkansas State Fair and/or Arkansas Youth Expo), the ABL shows, with regard to breed classifications, will mirror the same breeds as recognized for the market show for that hosting sponsor. In other words, for the ABL show at Arkansas State Fair, the ABL breeds recognized for the ABL show will be the same as the breeds recognized for the ASF market show; likewise, for an ABL show at AYE, the breeds recognized for the ABL show at AYE will be the same as the breeds recognized for the AYE market show.

However, for ABL shows outlined above, the ASSC requires a minimum of 5 entries for a breed to make a class; if there are less than 5 entries, those entries will then be transferred to an AOB Class.

For the state level Fall ABL shows mentioned above, the top 10 overall ABL winners are awarded. For the state level shows (i.e. Arkansas State Fair and/or Arkansas Youth Expo.), the ASSC will announce annually the dates and locations where ABL shows will be held as well as the date and location for the annual ASSC awards ceremony.

For district fair ABL shows, the top 5 overall places will be awarded within each district. Further, district ABL shows are only open to participation by current Arkansas 4-H or FFA members in good standing at the time of the fair. An exhibitor may show in the district of his/her choice; however, each year, an exhibitor is limited to showing within one district only.

For Summer Jackpot Series ABL shows, breed classifications, show requirements, entry fees and payouts are set and publicized by the host sponsoring the jackpot show which receives ABL sanctioning. ABL sanctioned summer jackpot shows are listed on the AJSC Facebook page as well as the ASSC website.

ABL Judges: It is the goal of the ASSC to avoid any appearance of impropriety in the judging of ABL shows for the mutual benefit of our breeders, exhibitors and educators. To that end, no Arkansas breeder, no Arkansas FFA teacher or advisor or no Arkansas 4-H extension personnel or club leader shall serve as a judge for a sanctioned ABL show. This rule specifically excludes collegiate level personnel, including instructors or coaches.

Note: Please read these Standing Rules in conjunction with the ASSC Bylaws to better understand ASSC fundamentals. ASSC reserves the right to make amendments to these rules as determined by its membership and/or committees.

Amendments Adopted 1/26/26:

1. For state level shows (i.e. Arkansas State Fair and Arkansas Youth Expo) ABL entries will be limited to 3 ABL animals per show.
2. Beginning in 2027, animals born in October, November and December will be eligible to enter shows occurring the following calendar year.