

## **TEXAS FLEECE AND FIBER FESTIVAL FLEECE SHOW RULES:**

1. All show fleeces will be judged on the basis of handspinning quality and character, stressing cleanliness, and strength. Uniformity will be judged where applicable to specific breed standards.
2. A fleece for show and sale must be properly rolled and placed in a clear plastic bag to be presented for show. To roll a fleece lay flat with cut side down. Fold in thirds lengthwise towards the middle. Starting at tail end roll to the neck end. Rooed fleeces can be arranged as much as possible as if they had been sheared and where possible rolled up. No tied or washed fleeces will be accepted. Mohair fleeces do not have to be rolled. **No fleeces with mothballs will be allowed in the show.**
3. Judges reserve the right to carefully unroll fleeces. Fine wool fleeces may be rolled with paper liners to prevent sticking.
4. Each entry must be tagged with a Texas Fleece and Fiber Festival tag available at the check-in table by **8:30 am Saturday October 25th**. Clear plastic bags will be available if you need them.
5. Awards: ribbons will be awarded through 3rd place.
6. A Champion and Reserve Champion fleece will be chosen for the entire show.
7. Producers or their proxy should be present during the judging Saturday morning and must put promotional material (price if for sale, business card, info about the individual sheep, washed samples) into the bag with their fleece as soon as the judging is finished.
8. **Producers and proxies must be present or available by phone to make transactions with buyers during the fleece sale. The Fleece Show Entries will be open to purchase one hour after the judging is finished and all day Saturday.** Note: It is recommended that producers who send fleeces with a proxy give them 33% of the sale prices on their fleeces.
9. **Producers or their proxies are required to pick up unsold fleeces and must sign a release sheet by 6:00 pm on Saturday.**
10. Please send entry form in with entry fee of \$5 per fleece postmarked by **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable to Texas Fleece and Fiber. Mail to Ellen Baize, 450 Smith Coffey Rd. Fort Davis, Texas, 79734.
11. **Producers may enter up to 4 fleeces per class sheared within a year up to the show date.**
12. If less than three total fleeces are entered in a class the Fleece Show and Sale Committee can combine classes at their discretion.
13. Show Committee reserves the right to pull fleeces from the Show and Sale upon the recommendation of the judge in order to maintain the recognized high standards of quality handspinning fleeces. Fleeces with wool rot, abnormal "vegetation" or other disqualifying issues will be pulled with a note provided as to the cause. Please see the chairperson at the registration table with fleeces that are questionable.

14. Precautions will be in place for a secure area at the show, but Texas Fleece and Fiber Festival and the Fleece Show and Sale Committee are not responsible for loss or damage to fleeces.