

## TEXAS FLEECE AND FIBER FESTIVAL 2026

### 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, placed in a **clear plastic bag**, and weighed to be presented for show. To roll a fleece lay flat with cut side down. Fold in thirds lengthwise towards the middle. Starting at the tail end, roll to the neck end. Roo- ed 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 Friday October 30th.**
5. Awards: Ribbons will be awarded.
6. A Best of Show fleece will be chosen for the entire show.
7. It is recommended that producers or their proxy be present during the judging Friday morning. If the fleece is for sale, an envelope containing the producer's/proxy's contact information (name and phone number), price, and optional info about the sheep and farm and fleece samples (washed recommended) should be placed in the bottom of the bag. The outside of the envelope should only have an identifying sheep name or number. This material in the envelope can be on display after the judging during the sale.
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 at 1:00 Friday through the end of the festival.** Note: It is recommended that producers who send fleeces with a proxy determine a compensation percentage before the show.
9. **Producers or their proxies are required to pick up unsold fleeces.**
10. Please send an entry form with the entry fee of \$5 per fleece postmarked by **October 15th.** Make checks payable to Texas Fleece and Fiber. Mail to Jack and Sandy Lyda, 11248 Yarbrough Ln., Troup, TX 75789.
11. **Producers may enter up to 4 fleeces per class sheared within a year of 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.