



BC Agricultural Expo

September 22-25, 2023
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H and OPEN SHEEP REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

- 1) Entry deadline for 4-H Sheep Projects (including 4-H Carcass) is June 30th. Entry deadline for Open Market Lambs, Open Females, Open Youth Market Lambs is August 31st and Open Carcasses is July 15th.

ENTRY FEES:

4-H Market Lambs	\$ 15.00	Open Market Lambs	\$ 20.00
4-H Females	\$ 15.00	Open Females	\$ 20.00
4-H Lamb Carcass	\$ 125.00	Open Lamb Carcass	\$ 140.00
4-H Judging Only	\$ 0.00	Open Market Lamb	\$ 20.00
		Open Showmanship	\$ 20.00

* All entry fees are subject to 5% GST charges. GST# 77836 2723

- 2) **All sheep and lambs must bear an approved CSIP ear tag before they leave the farm of origin and any subsequent premises.** All sheep and lambs must have a CSIP tag that matches the number on the Fair entry. The lack of a CSIP tag, or failure of the CSIP tag to match the entry information, may result in ineligibility. All market animals will be tagged on the fairgrounds with BC Ag Expo Tags at time of weigh in.
- 3) **No refunds will be given on any entries**, including Ewe Lamb and Mature Ewe Projects, which are withdrawn from the fair or do not comply with the regulations.
- 4) All Market lambs and ewe lamb entries must be born on or after January 1st of the Expo year and have a full mouth of milk teeth
- 5) Lambs from a registered 4-H two-year-old Ewe project may be used as a 4-H ewe lamb project or 4-H market lamb if desired, and tagged as such, as well as shown in the "Ewe with Lamb Class".
- 6) 4-H and open lamb entries may accompany a letter signed by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine certifying that the lamb's tail was docked to an appropriate length as outlined by the National Farm Animal Care Council Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep
This information is found at: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/sheep>

- a) Once this letter is received, the lamb will not require a tail inspection at the Expo.
- b) If an exhibitor chooses to enter without this supporting documentation, they may do so. They must acknowledge they are choosing to do so at the time of entry. In the event of this, the lamb will be subject to inspection by a veterinarian of the BC Ag Expo's choosing at weigh in of the Expo. If the tail length of the lamb is not found to meet the National Farm Animal Care Council Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/sheep> it will be expelled from the Expo and a grievance may be filed if that exhibitor so chooses.
- c) All lamb entries must either be accompanied by a letter/form from a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, or inspected by a veterinarian at the BC Ag Expo. No exceptions. A list of entries that provided documentation prior to the Expo will be available at weigh in.
- d) Once an ewe project's tail length has been approved, it is automatically approved in subsequent years that it may be shown at the BC Ag Expo.

***Please note that the tail pre-screen Veterinarian letter/form is an OPTIONAL policy for 4-H & Open Contributors.**

****A Vet Check Form will be available on our website – please note, if you do not use this form, you must include the same information on the vet letter submitted with entries.**

- 7) Ages for CLUB GROUP CLASSES ARE: GROUP OF TWO – Shown by Members 13 years of age and over. GROUP OF THREE – Shown by Members aged 9 – 12 years of age; GROUP OF FIVE – Shown by Mixed Age Group (Ages 9 and over). Group Classes are for market lambs only and must be shown by their owner. Inter-Club entries are permitted if a contributor's Club cannot meet the minimum number of entries.

WEIGH IN

- 8) All carcass animals must be in the barn by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday of the Expo.
- 9) Open Market, 4-H Market and carcass lambs must meet the BC Ag Expo weight standard at the time of original weighing which is 75lbs. Any entry found failing to meet the minimum live weight of 75 pounds will not be eligible to enter market classes or participate in the sale.
- 10) **Weigh in procedure:** All 4-H and Open sheep projects must be weighed and inspected by the Animal Care Committee.
 - a. The committee will consist of three industry professionals who will assess each animal independently and then compare notes privately at the end of weigh in before making a final decision if an animal is to be excused from the show.
 - b. The committee will inspect entries for health issues and compliance with Ag Expo rules and regulations.
 - c. After all entries are weighed and stalled, if the committee has an issue with a 4-H entry, the division Leader of the 4-H member will be contacted and the issue explained. If the division Leader is not available the Club A Leader will be contacted. If it is an Open entry the Contributor or their Parent or Guardian will be contacted.

- d. A Vet at Large will be available to the weigh in committee during the weigh in for any health concerns. Unfit or non-compliant animals will be asked to leave without refund.
- 11) All projects to be weighed and tags verified. Ewe Lambs & Yearling Ewes will be placed in classes according to age within their respective 4-H & Open Divisions. Market lambs will be placed in classes based on weight.
- 12) The handler **MUST** be able to handle his/her own lamb without assistance or assistance will be provided. This will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. The Animal Care Committee will assist with the handling and health check of each animal at the weigh in.

SHOWING

- 13) All Market Lambs must be recently shorn.
- 14) All sheep projects must be females or wethers UNLESS they are a ram lamb at foot project.
- 15) 4-H Ewe with Lamb(s) at foot do not have to be shown at BC Ag Expo as a previous 4-H project.
- 16) 4-H Projects are only allowed to compete in 4-H classes.
- 17) Ram Lambs- 4-H ram lambs must be shown by leader approved 4-H senior member. Open ram lambs must be shown by an adult. The breeding harnesses are to be worn at all times excluding show ring and must have a halter on at all times outside of the pen.
- 18) Ram Lamb pens must be clearly marked. Pens decorated by exhibitors with signs indicating rams.
- 19) 4-H & Open Ewe Lamb and mature ewe projects do not necessarily have to be shorn, but must be presented in a clean state, trimmed where necessary.
- 20) Stalls, pens and exhibiting places must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each day and all refuse matter as directed
- 21) No animals are to be removed from the barns prior to 3 pm on Sunday.