



# BC Agricultural Expo

September 23-26, 2022  
North Thompson Agriplex  
Barriere, BC



**Although Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted at this time, BC Ag Expo reserves the right to modify or restrict classes to comply with any future Public Health Orders.**

## **4-H and OPEN SHEEP REGULATIONS**

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 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - **ENTRY FEES:** 4-H Market Lambs -\$ 12.00; 4-H Females -\$ 12.00; Open Market Lambs -\$ 15.00; Open Youth (Pre-Club) Market Lambs -\$ 15.00; Open Females: \$15.00; 4H Lamb Carcass -\$85.00; Open Lamb Carcass \$90.00 All entry fees are subject to GST charges. Bill of sale required for all animals going through sale.
2. **All sheep and lambs must bear an approved CSIP ear tag before they leave the farm of origin and any subsequent premises.** CSIP tags must be in place and recorded before coming to BC Ag Expo. 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 **No refunds will be given on any entries**, including Ewe Lamb and Mature Ewe Projects, which are withdrawn from the fair or do not comply with the regulations.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 carcass animals must be in the barn by 5:00 p.m. Thursday of the Expo. All other lambs must be on the BC Ag Expo grounds between **3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** on the Thursday of the fair.
5. All Market Lambs must be recently shorn.
6. All Market lambs and ewe lamb entries must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Expo year and have a full mouth of milk teeth.
7. Market lambs must be free of any drug residue before fair date.
8. Unhealthy and/or Ked infested animals will be dismissed immediately from the Expo grounds.
9. **No wethers with testicles will be allowed on the Expo grounds UNLESS they are a ram at foot project.**
10. 4-H Ewe with Lamb(s) at foot class, do not have to be shown at BC Ag Expo as a previous 4-H project. Lambs must be tagged prior to June 1 as per 4-H rules. ( Ewes are shown with

lamb/lambs at foot). The lamb from that registered project can be sold at the end of the sale if it is registered in the office and put on the sale sheet.

a. Ram Lambs are permitted only if part of a Ewe with Lamb at foot project.

11. Open Division Yearling Ewe & Ewe with Lamb(s) at foot class, DO NOT HAVE TO BE shown at the BC Ag Expo as a previous Open Ewe Project. The OPEN FEMALE DIVISION is open to new entries; however, the Expo Committee encourages exhibitors to bring back returning Ewe Lamb entries for Yearling Ewe and Ewe w/ Lamb the following 2 years.

a. Ram Lambs are permitted only if part of a Ewe with Lamb at foot project.

12. Open Market, 4-H Market and carcass lambs must meet the following weight standard at the time of original weighing;

- 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.

13. No lamb may be shown in more than one weight division.

14. 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.

15. Weigh in time and procedure: *If clubs skip/miss their specified weigh in time – they will need to weigh in at the end. If the any club member &/or club leader knows that they are going to be late for their club weigh in time, they must inform the Weigh In committee at the OFFICE.*

**Weigh in procedure:** All 4-H and Open sheep projects must be weighed and inspected by the weigh in committee.

a. The committee will consist of three Livestock or 4-H Show people 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.

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.

16. All projects to be weighed and tags or tattoos 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.

17. The handler **MUST** be able to handle his/her own lamb without assistance. This will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. Sifters will assist the handling and health of each animal at weigh in therefore, handler must be present at that time. An Open Youth (5 to 9 years of age as of Friday of the Fair) contributor unable to handle his/her own lamb will automatically be put in an

open class. If there is a YOUTH contributor that is younger than 5 years of age they will be placed in the Open Class with the help of their parent/guardian.

- a. Ram Lambs- 4- H ram lambs must be shown by leader approved 4-H senior member. Open rams 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. Feeding, watering and stall maintenance shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor, or his representative, from the time of arrival until after sale day, muzzles will not be tolerated.
    - a. Ram Lamb pens must be clearly marked. Pens decorated by exhibitors with signs indicating rams.
  19. Stalls, pens and exhibiting places must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each day and all refuse matter disposed of as directed.
  20. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for having his or her animal ready when class is called. Any unnecessary delay may result in the animal being disqualified from the class. Any exhibitor not ready with his/her animal at the time it is called into the ring for the sale must wait until all other lambs are sold before the animal may be brought into the ring.
  21. Strict monitoring of grooming to eliminate parental help will be enforced. 4-H members must be the ones that are doing the grooming and fitting. Adults can help at any time to meet safety concerns or emergencies. Adults can help, coach, advise or teach (at appropriate times) as long as they do not perform the tasks of the 4-H members during the 4-H section of the show. It is the responsibility of the 4-H leader to ensure the parents understand and adhere to these rules. Any breach of the rules is to be reported to the Grievance Committee via a grievance form obtained at the BC Ag Expo office for them to handle.
  22. 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.
  23. All market stock entries must be sold through the sale ring. Female projects and their progeny may be sold at the member's discretion. The BC Ag Expo office must be notified at the intention of sale **by noon on the Friday of the fair preceding the sale**. No withdrawals are permitted once the sale sheet has been printed.
  24. All lambs, including carcass, will be sold by the dollar.
  25. **SHEEP ORDER OF SALE** – Grand and Reserve Champion Lamb, Champion 4-H Lamb, Champion Youth Open Lamb, Champion Open Single Lamb, Reserve Champion 4-H Lamb, Reserve Champion Youth Open Lamb, Reserve Champion Open Single Lamb, Grand Champion and Reserve Lamb Carcass, Champion 4-H Lamb Carcass, Champion Open Single Lamb Carcass, Reserve Champion 4-H Lamb Carcass, Reserve Champion Open Single Lamb Carcass -followed by 4-H Lambs in order of class placing, Youth Open Lambs in order of placing, Open Single Lambs in order of class placing. All other carcass will be sold throughout the sale in blocks. Any Female Projects and their progeny registered for sale.

26. There will be no re-sales at this year's sale. All projects donated back will be rail graded with the proceeds going to the Charity of the Buyers choice.
27. All decisions on these rules shall be made in conference with the BC Ag Expo Grievance Committee and shall be considered final. Any breach of these rules may lead to expulsion from the current and/or future BC Agriculture Expos.
28. The Home Grown Market lamb class entry is to be completed in advance of the Fair on the *4-H Lamb Entry* form S3. (previously it was entered on a signup page during the fair.)
29. Twemlow Family Event lambs **WILL** be a 4-H members' market project animal
30. 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".
31. No animals are to be removed from the barns prior to 3 pm on Sunday.
32. **No unaltered long-tailed lambs.** Lambs not compliant with the below will not be admitted to the Expo.

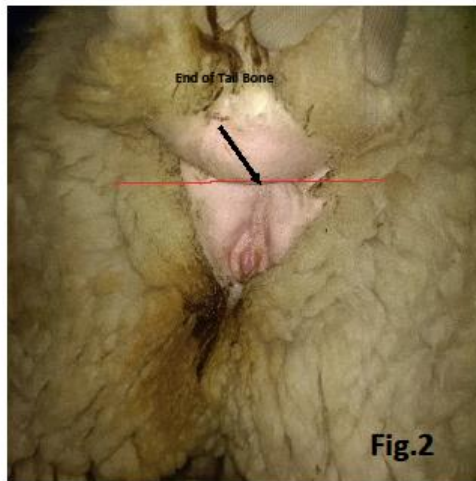
**Rule:** All Sheep entries must have a tail bone that completely covers the anus when the tail is down and the wool on the end of the tail is held up. In order to help ensure you comply with this rule, we recommend you refer to the Canadian Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep for proper docking techniques. Note:

- a) Female sheep projects need to meet inspection criteria annually at the Fair. Having a project pass inspection one year will not guarantee it will pass inspection in subsequent years.
- b) Sheep females shown at the 2017 BC Ag Expo will be exempt from the tail docking portion of the inspection.

Photos to help determine compliance with above rule.



The animal in Fig.1 would not pass tail inspection due to tail bone being located above the rectum , as show by red line.



The animal in Fig.2 would pass tail inspection due to the tail bone being located below the animals rectum, as show by red line.