

Junior Columbia Association National Show and Events Rules and Guidelines

1. Exhibitors shall be current paid members of the National Junior Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association website, www.columbiasheep.org, outlines the fees for Junior members.
2. Entry fees are **\$5** per entry (including group classes) Payment must accompany entries.
 - a. Entries can be made on-line at www.columbia-sheep.org. Entries can be made up until 8 PM CDT, June 2nd, 2026.
3. A maximum of two entries per class and one entry per pair class may be entered. In split classes, exhibitors are limited to two total entries for that particular class; i.e. two yearling ewes.
4. To be shown in the pair classes, both sheep must have been shown as individuals in their respective classes. Sibling Junior members may not combine animals for pairs classes.
5. Animals must be registered and registration certificates must be presented at check-in.
6. The CSBA states *“A CSBA Junior member may exhibit sheep owned by a CSBA Senior member (as determined by the current ownership listed on the registration paper of the Columbia sheep), if the junior meets the definition of immediate family. The CSBA defines immediate family as a child, grandchild, great grandchild, sister, brother (which includes step, adopted, and foster) or first generation niece or nephew. The Junior member may exhibit said sheep as an immediate family member in CSBA sponsored events including the National Columbia Show and Sale and the All-American Junior Show.”*
7. All sheep must have a flock tag in their ear that matches the private flock number officially recorded on the registration certificate.
8. Substitutions (within class and between classes) may be made at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
9. Classes will be divided if numbers justify doing so. Breaks will be based on age in lamb classes.
10. Exhibitors are allowed to have other Junior members assist them in showing; however, the registered owner must be present throughout the entire duration of the class. Failure to comply with this rule results in the loss of the placing and premium money for the animal.
11. If there are not enough Jr. members available to assist when showing in pairs classes, adults will be allowed to help.
12. Exhibitors should be professionally dressed for the show ring. Sweatpants, shorts, jeans with holes, etc. are not acceptable.
13. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles (i.e. hats, monogrammed shirts) in the show ring that advertise a sheep flock, membership name, or related enterprise, to prevent name recognition.
14. Exhibitors have five minutes to enter the show ring following the conclusion of the previous class. Judging will begin when this time expires. Entries not in the show ring will be left to the judge’s discretion.
15. All animals will stay in the ring until the judge completes verbal reasons.

General Information

1. Junior sheep shall be on the grounds by 8:00 PM CDT, June 2nd., 2026. Check-in will be held Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 from 5 PM to 8 PM CDT.
2. Pens will be assigned. Please note on your entry form if you want to be penned with traveling partners. Junior sheep are not always penned by sale sheep unless they are also entered in the sale. This varies by show location, but we always do our best to accommodate you.
3. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting equipment, feeding and pen maintenance equipment.
4. Class winners and second place animals will compete for Champion and Reserve Ram and Ewe titles.
5. Exhibitors’ show animals must be treated humanely with all four feet on the ground during showing and water in the pen at all times.
6. The judge is Matt Anderson.

7. The Junior Association will issue all premium checks. There is a minimum \$5 premium per placing, so all exhibitors will receive a premium check.
8. 1st -\$30 2nd -\$25 3rd -\$20 4th -\$17 5th -\$15 6th -\$12 7th -\$10 8th on -\$5
9. Early release of Jr Show Entries will need prior approval from the Jr Board.

Health Regulations for Sheep

1. All sheep must be accompanied by a standard interstate health certificate issued by a licensed, accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the arrival at the show. The health certificate must show identification as to breed, sex, number, etc.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for meeting health requirements of the state where the show is held. Information may be found in the Speaking of Columbias or online. Please contact your vet well before the show to ask about any special requirements such as a B-ovis test.
3. All sheep must have a USDA scrapie tag with an individual animal number.
4. The health certificate may be collected at check-in and retained until after the show, particularly when the show is held in a western state. It is helpful to have a copy that does not need to be returned.
5. Any sheep that is not accompanied by a properly filled out and signed health certificate or does not comply with any of the above regulations (e.g. scrapie tags) may not be admitted to the show.
6. All sheep must be free of fungus and disease (including sore mouth). Any active disease will disqualify the infected animal and may jeopardize the other animals traveling with the infected animal.

Classes	Yearling Ram	(born 9-1-2024 to 8-31-2025)
	Fall Ram Lamb	(born 9-1-2025 to 12-31-2025)
	Spring Ram Lamb	(born 1-1-2026 and after)
	Champion/Reserve Ram	
	Yearling Ewe	(born 9-1-2024 to 8-31-2025)
	Pair of Yearling Ewes	
	Fall Ewe Lamb	(born 9-1-2025 to 12-31-2025)
	Early Spring Ewe Lamb	(born 1-1-2026 to 2-15-2026)
	Late Spring Ewe Lamb	(born 2-16-2026 and after)
	Champion/Reserve Ewe	
	Pair of Lambs	(two lambs, either sex)
	Best Fleece	(all exhibitors may participate, no entry fee required)

Showmanship

1. No cash premium is given.
2. To participate in showmanship, show people must be paid members of the Junior Association. Peewee showmen do not need to be paid members unless they are also entered in the Junior sheep show.
3. Showmen will be divided into Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Peewee classes based on their age the day of the show. Peewee showman will be 7 years and under. Age breaks for the other classes are flexible and will be determined based on the ages of the participants to create classes with even numbers.
4. Team Showmanship: Those who want to participate will be divided into two age groups. One name from each group will be drawn at random to create a team. This gives exhibitors the opportunity to collaborate and perform with another Junior member. This class is for experience, fun, and pride - no awards are given for team showmanship.
5. Show persons may show their own sheep that were entered in the National Columbia Junior Show or animals entered in the show by another junior member. You do not need to be an exhibitor in the Junior Show to take part in showmanship, only a paid member of the Jr. Association.

6. Judging will be based on:
 - a) Control and presentation of the animal, manner of handling the animal, overall impression.
 - b) Ability to answer questions, if asked by the judge
 - c) The judge will place Junior, Intermediate, and Senior showmanship classes.

Fitting Contest

1. A team of Junior members will be organized to fit a Columbia sheep as a team.
2. A sheep will be provided for each team. The sheep will be prepared at a similar level for each team.
3. Fitting contest will be Wednesday June 3rd at 10 AM. Prizes will be \$75 1st, \$50 2nd, \$25 3rd, \$20 4th and after.

National Columbia Ambassador--Guidelines for Application

1. Mission

- a. The Columbia Ambassador program is a unique way to help promote and be highly involved with Columbia sheep, the people who raise them and hone useful leadership skills for the future.
- b. During the one-year term, the Ambassador will represent the CSBA at sheep and lamb related activities and to interact with the people and institutions that impact the sheep industry.

2. Budget

- a. A maximum \$1500 is provided by the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association to defray costs for the Ambassador and any adult providing transportation and assistance to travel to the North American Livestock show in Louisville, KY. **Ambassador reimbursement shall be made with the CSBA Executive Secretary. Receipts and mileage verification must accompany reimbursement requests.**

3. Oversight

- a. An adult coordinator, representing the CSBA Youth Committee, will assist with scheduling, appearances and duties.

4. Eligibility

- a. The Ambassador is eligible from the ranks of the National Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. This may include someone who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred Columbia sheep OR be the child of a parent, grandparent, or guardian who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred Columbia sheep.
- b. The candidate shall be 14 years of age by the date of the National Columbia Show and Sale annual meeting but shall not have reached 22 years of age prior to that time. The 2026 qualification date is June 4, 2026.
- c. Young men and women are eligible.

6. Duties

- a. The Ambassador will attend events such as (but not limited to) county, state, and national shows, consumer-related lamb/wool events, parades, industry forums, and educational events to actively promote Columbia sheep.
- b. He/she will be an active member of the Junior Association Board of Directors and will regularly report to the National membership regarding activities.
- c. The Ambassador is highly encouraged to attend the All-American Columbia Show in Louisville, Kentucky.
- d. **Common duties may include handing out ribbons and awards, hand out promotional information, communicate with the public and be prepared to make public comments in order to promote the breed and CSBA on behalf of the CSBA.**
- e. **When attending events, the Ambassador shall represent the CSBA by wearing appropriate attire associated with the Ambassadorship and event. This includes appropriate apparel for**

the purpose of the event, accompanied by crown and sash for ladies and the Ambassador's belt for gentlemen.

- f. If the Ambassador is exhibiting sheep at the same event for which he/she is representing the CSBA as the Ambassador, the Ambassador may temporarily dispense with his/her duties and exhibit his/her futurity ewe(s).

7. Application

- a. Submit a brief article introducing yourself for the Speaking of Columbias sale catalog. Deadline April 15th, 2026.
- b. You are encouraged to attend the annual CSBA meeting on June 4, 2026, 5 pm and give a short presentation about your desire to become the Columbia Ambassador.
- c. Contact Charlie Worm for more details or if you cannot attend the National Show but are interested in the Ambassador position.

End Note: The Columbia Sheep Breeders' Association of America Board of Directors and Jr. Advisor reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules/regulations and settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, or connected with, the show and contests.