

RULES GOVERNING THE 2026 NATIONAL COLUMBIA SHOW AND SALE

Entries Open: March 15, 2026

Entries Close: April 15, 2026

Entries submitted by April 15 **will be printed** in *Speaking of Columbias* sale catalog.

Late Entries: Late entries will be accepted from April 16 until 8 PM CDT, June 2nd, 2026, with no penalty.

Entries made on and after April 16 will be listed on the website www.columbiasheep.org.

On-Line Entries: Consignors will make NSS entries on-line at www.columbiasheep.org.

A JotForm is available under the NSS menu tab.

Payments can be made using PayPal, credit, or debit card.

Please provide lot description using on-line entries or provide typed descriptions.

Send mailed entries and fees to CSBA office.

Location: Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, IA

Dates and Days: Monday-June 1st through Saturday, June 6th, 2026

Events and Shows: Central Daylight Time

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
June 1	Monday	8 am	Barns open and penning available.
June 2	Tuesday	8 pm	NSS consigned sheep in the barn.
		5-8 pm	Consignor check-in.
		8 pm	National Show and Sale Entries Close
June 3	Wednesday	8 am	Yearling ram weigh-in and veterinary check & sifting committee check.
			Production sheep weigh-in and data collection.
		12-noon	Silent Auction items accepted, and bidding begins.
		1 pm	Wool Show
June 4	Thursday	3 pm	Production sheep show following the Junior Show.
			Natural Colored Columbia show to follow the Production show.
		5 pm	Annual Membership Meeting.
		6 pm	Host Barbeque
June 5	Friday	8 am	Futurity Comeback Show
		9 am	Open Sheep Show
		6:30 pm	Awards Banquet and Auction
			Sale Catalog available following the banquet and on-line.
June 6	Saturday	10 am	National Sale

**Viewing of the Junior Fitting event, Wool Show, Junior Show, Production Show, Natural Colored Show, Futurity Comeback Show, Open Show, and National Sale will be available on Facebook live.

Judges: Wool Show—Dave Pearson, Hettinger, ND
Open, Futurity, & Production Show – Lacie Peterson, Rockham, SD

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NATIONAL COLUMBIA SHEEP SHOW AND SALE RULES

(Back again in 2026)

The National Show & Sale Committee and Board have voted to bring back the Sifting Committee for the 2026 National Show & Sale. The purpose of the Sifting Committee is to ensure that the best sheep are sold at the National Show & Sale. The Sifting Committee will work in conjunction with the show & sale veterinarian. The Committee will focus on the following areas this year:

- A. Inverted eyelids**
- B. Faulty Teeth/Mouth – Any tendency toward overshot or undershot jaws.**
- C. Rams – Scrotal Size & two well developed testicles.**
- D. Wool – Deviations in wool quality. (See breed standards)**

The Sifting Committee reserves the right to sift any sheep. If the consignor would like to dispute the findings of the Sifting Committee, they can file a \$50 dispute fee. (See rule #26)

1. By consigning to the National Columbia Sheep Show and Sale (NSS), consignors agree to abide by all rules set forth by the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association (CSBA.) The sale committee has the right to interpret all rules.
2. All consignors shall be 2026 paid Senior members of the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association at the time of entry. Senior dues are \$50.00 and are payable to the CSBA at the time of entry. Junior members may show in the Junior Show and in the Open show. If a Junior member chooses to consign and sell in the NSS, he/she shall pay Senior membership dues of \$50.00 by time of entry.
3. Entries must be bred and owned by the consignor. Junior members may consign an animal which was purchased in dam.
4. Only registered, high quality sheep will be accepted for entry in the NSS. All entries shall be registered with the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. Registration certificates shall be completed prior to the NSS. Consignors will submit registration certificates at the time of check-in before consignments show.
 - a. The same rules apply for Natural Colored Columbia entries. NC must be noted on the entry form.
5. Entries are made online at www.columbiasheep.org. Go to the National Show & Sale tab.
 - a. Entries may, also, be mailed, Faxed, or emailed to the CSBA office.
 - b. Entries received on or before April 15, 2026, will be printed in the *Speaking of Columbias* Sale Catalog.
 - c. Consignments may be made after April 15 until entries close (at the NSS) at 8 pm, June 2, 2026. These entries will be added to the online sale catalog.
6. Entry for rams is \$30.00 per head. Entry for ewes is \$25.00 per head.
7. Consignment ratio
 - a. Open Show consignors shall consign in a 1-to-1 ratio, i.e., one ram entry equals one ewe entry.
 - b. No ratio or limit on production sheep consigned.

8. Show fees will be administered by the CSBA at the time of sale.
 - a. Ten percent (10%) of the gross sale receipts, per sale, are collected by the CSBA.
 - b. An additional one percent (1%) is collected on behalf of the host committee.
 - c. The commission fees and transfer fees will be deducted from the consignor's sale proceeds.

9. Open Show yearling rams and ram lambs are accepted for entry.
 - a. All rams are shown and sold as single entries.
 - b. Consignors are urged to select rams that conform to the high standards of the breed.
 - c. Yearling rams shall be born on or after September 1, 2024.
 - d. Yearling rams shall be split into two classes based on lot number: an odd and an even class.
 - e. Yearling rams may have four solid teeth.
 - f. Fall born ram lambs shall be born on or after September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.
 - g. Spring are lambs that shall be born on or after January 1, 2026.
 - h. Fall and spring ram lambs may be divided into classes by birth date and/or number of entries as determined by the National Show and Sale Committee. Classes will be posted by 6 pm, Wednesday.
 - i. All ram lambs shall have a lamb's mouth and lamb's teeth.
 - j. Substitutes may be made between ram classes. A substitute will have a bar paint-branded below the lot number paint-branded on the ram.

10. Open Show yearling ewes and ewe lambs are accepted for entry.
 - a. Ewes are shown and sold as single and pair entries.
 - b. Consignors are urged to select ewes that conform to the high standards of the breed.
 - c. Yearling ewes shall be born on or after September 1, 2024.
 - d. Yearling ewes shall be split into classes based on lot number: an odd and an even class.
 - e. Yearling ewes may have four solid teeth.
 - k. Ewe lamb classes may be divided into classes by birth date and/or number of entries as determined by the National Show and Sale Committee. Classes will be posted by 6 pm, Wednesday.
 - g. Fall born ewe lambs shall be born on or after September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.
 - h. Spring ewe lambs shall be born on or after January 1, 2026.
 - j. All ewe lambs shall have a lamb's mouth and lamb's teeth.
 - l. Substitutes may be made between ewe classes. A substitute will have a bar paint-branded below the lot number paint-branded on the ewe.
 - m. Ewe lambs nominated for the Futurity program will be paint-branded with an F above lot number.

11. Production yearling rams and yearling ewes are accepted for entry.
 - a. Production sheep shall adhere to the same entry guidelines, health requirements, and all other rules and guidelines as the open show consignments to the NSS with the special conditions in 11 c-g.
 - b. Production yearling rams and ewes will be shown and sold as single entries.
 - c. There will be no consignment limits or ratios for production sheep consigned by one member.
 - d. Production sheep shall be sheared over the entire body after January 1, 2026, except for wool on the legs below the knee and hock, and the wool on the head can remain at the discretion on the consignor. Body wool may have a maximum variation of 3/8' over the entire body.
 - e. Production rams and ewes will be weighed at the same time open show yearling rams are weighed as per the NSS schedule. Data will be collected by the NSS managers and posted with the open show data for public viewing at the NSS, in the on-line catalog, and in the sale catalog.
 - f. Data, such as loin eye area and micron values, will be provided on production sheep if equipment is provided by the host committee. Data will be collected by the NSS managers and posted for viewing at the NSS, in the on-line catalog, and in the hardcopy sale catalog.

12. The sale catalog will be printed in the Speaking of Columbias magazine.
 - a. Consignments will show a two-generation pedigree, including Association numbers, breeders' name, and address.
 - b. Consignor name, address, phone number, and email will be listed with consignments.
 - c. Lot descriptions are limited to 255 characters per entry. Typed lot descriptions are necessary to avoid errors. Use the on-line submission form or provide hard copy, typed lot descriptions.
 - d. "Information Sale Day" will not be accepted or printed as a catalog entry information.
 - e. A "Certified Ram" will be noted in a consignment pedigree.
13. The entry fee will not be refunded for an animal rejected by the veterinarian, sifting committee, or judge.
14. All open, production, and junior sheep entries must be in place by Tuesday, June 2, 8 pm, CDT, at the Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, IA.
15. All registration and health certificates shall be completed and checked in with the sale committee from 5 to 8 pm, Tuesday, June 2, 2026. No sheep will be allowed to show or sell unless registration and health papers are checked and approved. No substitutions are allowed after entries close.
16. Yearling rams will be weighed and evaluated by the show veterinarian and sifting committee beginning at 8 am, Wednesday, June 3. Scrotal size will be measured. Weight per day of age will be calculated. The veterinarian & sifting committee will make a qualified evaluation for general health, structural soundness including feet and legs, eyes and eyelids, and mouth. Data will be collected by the NSS managers and posted for viewing at the NSS, in the on-line catalog, and in the hardcopy sale catalog.
17. Ram lambs will be weighed from beginning at 8 am, Wednesday, June 3. Weight per day of age will be calculated. Birthdate, weight, and WDA will be posted when the analysis is complete. The ram lamb veterinary & sifting committee check will take place at the same time. Data will be collected by the NSS managers and posted for viewing at the NSS, in the on-line catalog, and in the hardcopy sale catalog.
18. The show Veterinarian & sifting committee will examine all remaining entries following the ram weigh-in. All consigned sheep will be examined for general health, structural soundness including feet and legs, eyes and eyelids, and mouth.
19. Any questionable animals found by the veterinarian, sifting committee or judge will be discussed privately with the sales sifting committee. A determination will be made if the sheep shall be shown and/or offered for purchase in the National Sale.
20. Consignors will be responsible for paint branding their own consignments prior to the show. Paint branding equipment and paint will be provided by the NSS committee.
21. Any evidence of tampering, to cover a disqualification, will eliminate animals from the sale.
22. All sheep on the grounds are held at the consignor's risk until sold. Ownership changes when the auctioneer says, "sold." Sheep are held at the purchaser's risk from that time forward. The Columbia Sheep Breeders Association assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever, for sheep on the grounds, or prior to or after the sale. The CSBA assumes no liability due to fire, floods, thefts, wind, lockouts, accidents, or any other causes.

23. Each consignor will be allowed one reserved bid to the auctioneer prior to the sale of the sheep. Any sheep purchased by reserve bid will be listed as “passed.” A 10% commission and 1% host committee assessment will be collected on all sheep “passed” at the reserve bid.
24. Registration certificates will be transferred to buyers when payment clears. Should the buyer need to transfer papers immediately the buyer shall pay cash or credit card with an additional 4% fee.
25. Sale checks will be issued within 30 days after the sale. Transfer papers to buyers will be issued when the appropriate money transaction occurs between the buyer and the CSBA.
26. Should a dispute occur, a \$50.00 inquiry or complaint may be given in writing to the CSBA Board of Directors. If the complainant in the inquiry is found correct, the complainant’s money will be refunded. If not found correct, the Association will retain the fee.
27. In the case of disputes not settled, an arbitration committee, to include the executive committee and a representative for the buyer and seller, will hold a conference call to determine a binding agreement between the parties in dispute.
28. There will be no “by bidding.” The Board of Directors will review transfers of the National Show and Sale to verify that there was no by bidding. Board action will be taken if infractions are found to be appropriate and as defined by the CSBA By-Laws.
29. Consignors will make entries on-line. The on-line entry form is at www.columbiasheep.org.
 - a. Lot description shall be typed using the on-line form or submitted as a typed, hard copy of entry form. Lot descriptions may not exceed 255 characters per entry.
 - b. On-line fees may be completed using PayPal, credit, or debit card.
 - c. If necessary, hard copy entries and fees shall be mailed to CSBA, P.O. 772, Lakefield, MN 56150, and must be received on April 15, 2026, to be printed in the Speaking of Columbias sale catalog.
30. The Board of Directors has the right to bar any consignor who violates any rules and/or procedures of the National Columbia Sheep Show and Sale. The violator will be barred for a period of two years from consigning to the NSS.
31. The Futurity Program will be administered by the CSBA. See Futurity Rules.

NATIONAL COLUMBIA SHEEP SHOW AND SALE PROCEDURES

1. Champions will be selected from the first-place class winners. Reserve Champions will be selected from the balance of the first-place class winners and the second-place finisher from the Champion’s class.
2. The Production Ram and Ewe classes will be shown following the Jr. Show at 3 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2026.
 - Class 1 Production Rams (yearling only.)
 - **Champion and Reserve Production Ram Selection**
 - Class 2 Production Ewes (yearling only.)
 - **Champion and Reserve Production Ewe Selection**
 - Class 3 Natural Colored yearling rams
 - Class 4 Natural Colored fall ram Lambs
 - Class 5 Natural Colored spring ram lambs
 - **Champion and Reserve Natural Colored Ram (not eligible for overall Grand Champion NSS Ram)**
 - Class 6 Natural Colored Yearling Ewes

Class 7 Natural Colored fall ewe lambs

Class 8 Natural Colored spring ewe lambs

- **Champion and Reserve Natural Colored Ram (not eligible for overall Grand Champion NSS Ram)**

3. The Wool Show will begin promptly at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Class 9 Ram Fleeces

- **Champion and Reserve Champion Ram Fleece Selection**

Class 10 Ewe Fleeces

- **Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe Fleece Selection**
- **Grand Champion Fleece** (selected between Champion Ram and Champion Ewe Fleece)
- **Reserve Grand Champion Fleece** (selected between the remaining class champion and second place fleece to the Grand Champion.)

4. The National Open show will begin promptly at 8 AM, Friday, June 5, 2026. Classes may be split upon the discretion of the judge, sale committee, and/or size of the show ring. Split classes will be posted by 6 pm, Wednesday.

Class 11 Futurity Comeback Show

- **Champion and Reserve Champion Futurity "2025 Comeback" Ewe selection**

Class 12 Pair of spring ewe lambs

Class 13 Pair of fall ewe lambs

Class 14 Pair of Yearling Ewes

- **Selection of Champion and Reserve Champion Pair of Ewes**

Class 15 Spring Ewe Lambs. Late and early classes split by DOB when determined by NSS committee.

Class 16 Fall ewe lambs. Late and early classes split by DOB when determined by NSS committee.

Class 17 Odd lot numbered yearling ewes

Class 18 Even lot numbered yearling ewes

Class 19 Best fleeced 'live' ewe--any consigned ewe entry is eligible.

Limited to one entry per consignor.

No advanced entry for this class is required.

- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe Selection**

Class 20 Spring ram lambs. Late and early classes split by DOB when determined by NSS committee.

Class 21 Fall ram lambs. Late and early classes split by DOB when determined by NSS committee.

Class 22 Odd lot numbered yearling rams

Class 23 Even lot numbered yearling rams

Class 24 Best fleeced 'live' ram--any consigned ram entry is eligible.

Limited to one entry per consignor.

No advanced entry for this class is required.

- **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram Selection**

5. The "**Best Consignment**" Award will be determined by assigning "reverse" points based on the placing and the number of sheep in the class, i.e., if 10 animals in the class then 1st place is awarded 10 points and 10th place is awarded 1 point.

7. The "**Consignor's Choice**" Award is awarded to an NSS consignor who tallies the most votes as determined by the vote of fellow consignors. One ballot per consignor.

8. The ram sale order shall be:
 - a. Grand Champion Ram followed by the Reserve Grand Champion Ram
 - c. Remainder of open show yearling rams alternating between classes determined by final show placing.
 - d. Followed by the production rams, fall ram lambs, and spring ram lamb classes; sold in order of placing.

9. The ewe sale order shall be:
 - a. Grand Champion Ewe followed by the Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
 - b. Champion Pair of Ewes followed by the Reserve Champion Pair of Ewes
 - c. Remainder of open show yearling ewes alternating between classes determined by final show placing.
 - d. Followed by the production ewes, fall ewe lambs, and spring ewe lamb classes; sold in order of placing.
 - e. All ewe pairs will be evenly dispersed within each age class; sold in order of placing.

10. Natural Colored Sheep will sell following the same order upon conclusion of the white sale.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. All sheep must be accompanied by individual health certificates or duplicate copies of the original certificate, certified by a veterinarian that such sheep and their flock of origin were inspected within 30 days of the show/sale and free of any contagious disease. Your veterinarian should review state requirements where the National Show and Sale are held. State requirements change often. Flock ear tag numbers and scrapie tag numbers must be listed on the health certificate.
2. All rams, 6 months of age and older, must test negative for Brucella Ovis within 30 days of sale or must originate from a negative status B. Ovis flock. If a ram over 6 months has not been tested for B. Ovis, the show Veterinarian will test that animal, at the consignor's expense. All sheep must be free of foot rot, blue tongue, and any other contagious diseases. This information must appear on the certificate of veterinary inspection or health certificate.
3. All animals must have an official scrapie identification ear tag attached.
4. Each animal must be listed individually on the health certificate with scrapie state premise identification number and individual scrapie tag number.
5. Consignors are encouraged to have Codon DNA test information available but not required.
6. Sheep are not tested for OPP.
7. Consignors shall provide one copy of the health certificate for each lot consigned.

MAIL AND PHONE BIDS

1. Mail and phone bids can be handled by the Executive Secretary at 507-360-2610.

ON-LINE VIEWING

1. CSBA National Show and Sale events will be streamed on-line. Technology at the NSS host location will determine method of streaming.
2. The Junior Fitting Contest, Junior Show, Wool Show, Production Show, Comeback Show, and Open Show will be live streamed. Other events may be live streamed. Notices will be made on Facebook.

TERMS

1. Cash and credit card are accepted for payment of sheep on sale day. All purchases are to be settled with the clerk(s) immediately following the sale and before the sheep are removed from the premises. Any exceptions must be approved and arranged between the Sale Manager and buyer before the animal(s) leave the premises.
2. The auctioneer's decision is final on any disputed bids.

3. All animals are at the purchaser's risk as soon as sold.
4. A 20% surcharge will be assessed for checks returned to the CSBA due to insufficient funds.
5. Buyer shall be responsible for all costs of collection, including attorney' fees.
6. Registration papers will not be transferred to the buyer immediately. The buyer's payment must be complete before transfer occurs.

SALE GUARANTEE

1. Every ram and ewe sold will be guaranteed as a breeder if properly handled.
 - a) It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to return the non-breeder to the seller in acceptable breeding condition.
 - b) The seller, after fair trial and the animal is found to be a non-breeder, shall have the privilege of replacing the ram or ewe with one of equal value, to the satisfaction of the buyer, or refunding the purchase price.
 - c) This guarantee shall not apply in the first year for any sheep that are shown after the date of the sale.
 - d) Ewe lambs are exempt from the breeding guarantee the first year.
 2. Notification of non-breeder rams must be made to the seller prior to January 1st following the sale.
 3. Notification of non-breeder ewes must be made to the seller prior to June 1st of the following year.
 4. Any lamb that drops its teeth prior to 11 months in age as determined by their registration paper shall be replaced with a lamb of equal value to the satisfaction of the buyer and seller, or the buyer refunds the purchase price.
 5. This guarantee shall constitute a contract between the buyer and seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legally or otherwise, expressed, or implied.
 6. Neither the Sale Manager(s) nor sponsoring organization(s) can or will assume any responsibility as to the authenticity of the pedigrees, bloodlines, or information provided in the sale catalog, pen cards or otherwise, and the subsequent genetic performance of any sheep purchased. All such information must be accepted at face value. Any statements or information given on sale day supersedes cataloged information. Any special guarantees or claims offered by individual consignors are strictly between the consignor and the buyer and will not be enforced by the Sale Manager(s) or the sponsoring organization.
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2026 National Columbia Wool Show Rules

Spencer, IA

Chair – David Brown 701-840-7598 or genevahillsfarm@gmail.com

The show will be held on Wednesday June 3rd at 1 pm CDT.

Entry fee - \$5 per fleece paid by the time of entry.

Deadline for wool show entries will be Wednesday June 3rd at 9 am CDT.

Pre-registration is not necessary, but fees and Senior membership dues must be paid by time of entry. Pre-entry is highly encouraged by entering online.

Judge – Dave Pearson

1. The National Columbia Wool Show is open to all current paid Senior members of the CSBA.
2. Animal must be registered with the CSBA and in the ownership name of a current paid CSBA member.
3. Entries are open to Ram and Ewe as well as Natural Colored fleeces.
4. Natural Colored Class will not be split unless there are more than 10 entries of a specific division (ewe or ram.)

5. Fleeces must be shorn in the last 12 months prior to the show and should be one year's growth or less.
6. A Champion and Reserve Champion Fleece will be selected from the ewe and ram divisions.
7. An Overall and Reserve Overall Fleece will be named from the top four fleeces.
8. A Champion and Reserve Champion Colored Columbia Fleece will be selected.
9. The CSBA has agreed to purchase the Overall Champion Fleece for \$150 if exhibitor agrees. The fleece will be used for promotional and marketing purposes.

End Note: The Columbia Sheep Breeders' Association of America Board of Directors 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.