

American Merino Record Association Ewe Lamb & Yearling Ewe Futurity Program

In an effort to get junior members more interested and involved, AMRA will sponsor a Merino Ewe Lamb, and Yearling Ewe Futurity program. The Futurity will make it beneficial for breeders to consign their very best animals to sales and motivate junior members to purchase and show high-quality breeding stock.

Requirements:

- The Futurity will run with the calendar year January 1 through the NAILE Jr. Show.
- The Futurity is open to all ewe lambs born between September 1- March 31 of the current show season.
- The nominated ewe lamb/yearling must be properly identified according to its registration certificate. Both the scrapie tag number and farm tag will be recorded. Nomination Forms will be available via Facebook or upon request (Samantha Marvin damsheepfarm@gmail.com)
- A nomination fee of \$20 must be paid to ADMRA with nomination form per ewe.
- Ewes in the Futurity may be purchased privately or through public sale. Any Futurity ewe bought through private treaty, online sale, or public sale must have nomination fee of \$20 per sheep and required nomination form. Such requirements must be submitted to the Superintendent by July 1 of the current show year. Points earned before requirements are met will be void. (Ex. If a junior wants to show in a show in May, the nomination fee and nomination form must be submitted before the show to be eligible for points). A Futurity ewe must be identified as such upon entering the sale ring.
- Each ewe must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned. All entry and commission fees will apply.
- The AMRA is not responsible for and shall be held harmless for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.
- Each youth member may nominate one ewe lamb, and or one yearling ewe from their farm/flock for his/her own participation, this will be referred to as "Self-Nominated". The dam of any Self-Nominated ewe lamb must be owned and properly transferred by the registry at the time of the birth of the nominated ewe lamb.
- The ownership of the ewe lamb/ yearling ewe must be a youth member in good standing with AMRA and identified on the registration certificate. No partnerships. No farm names.
- Juniors must be at least 5 years of age. Maximum age is 21 years old at NAILE in November.

- Junior members must exhibit their own sheep within a class. The exhibitor whose name the sheep is registered in must hold the head of that animal in the show ring (unless because of medical issues). If the junior member has two sheep in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe.
- Ewes and associated Futurity points may not be transferred to another person. Likewise, Futurity points may not be transferred from one ewe to another.
- If the owner of a Futurity nominated ewe is not present at a respective show, Futurity points are not eligible and may not be submitted.
- Point sheets that are not completely filled out will not be accepted. Each part of the point sheet must be completed in full, and the form **must be signed by the show superintendent.**
- Point sheets must be mailed or emailed to the Futurity superintendent within 30 days of the show in which the youth participated. A hard copy must be kept for any emailed form.
- At each individual show, the ewe may earn Futurity points from the open division, the junior division, or from both (when a different judge or day is involved) except at NAILE, where only the junior show placing will be counted.
- Premiums and awards will be presented in November at NAILE after the Junior Merino Show.
- Ewes can compete at an unlimited number of shows, and the exhibitor may submit as many sheets for each animal as they choose. Points for each ewe will be accumulated separately. In the end, however, the five highest point sheets will be used to determine cash awards. In the event of a tie the sixth highest point sheet will be used.
- Point System

FUTURITY POINTS

# IN CLASS	Placing In Class																								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1-5	5	4	3	2	1																				
6-10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1															
11-15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1										
16-20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
21+	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- Payouts will be as such;
 - Points Winner – 50% of nominated money
 - 2nd Place – 30 % of nominated money
 - 3rd Place – 20 % of nominated money
 - In the event of a tie of the top 5 earning shows, the 6th show points will be used.
 - All disputed will be handled as a board
 - Any unclaimed winnings will be rolled over to the following futurity program.