

Official Rules

Junior Sheep Association of Florida Points Circuit

2020 - 2021

Membership:

- a. Any youth not having yet graduated from high school is eligible for membership in the Junior Sheep Association of Florida ("JSAF"). Graduating seniors may finish out their senior year after graduation.
 1. Members MUST be Florida residents.
 2. Members are NOT required to be members of any other agricultural youth organizations (4-H, FFA, breed associations), however it is encouraged.
 3. Membership in the JSAF is required to participate in the points circuit.
- b. As of 2020-2021, annual membership dues shall be set at \$30.00 for each youth member.
 1. Membership dues MUST be paid before the start of a show to be eligible to receive points for said show and any subsequent show.
 2. Membership dues MUST either be paid by filling out the online form and paying via credit card OR in person at the first points-eligible show of the season the member attends with cash or check during the specified time announced. No memberships that are not submitted via either of these methods will be accepted.
 3. Membership fees are non-refundable.

Organization:

- a. The JSAF will be led by a Board of Directors. A Junior Board will also be appointed, made up of members aged 14 and older.
- b. The JSAF Board of Directors will serve as the official organizers of the JSAF.
- c. The official website of the JSAF is www.juniorssheepassociationofflorida.org.
 1. The JSAF can also be found on Facebook under "Junior Sheep Association of Florida."
- d. The official year for the 2020-21 Points Series will be from August 1, 2020 until March 31, 2020.
- e. Official age divisions for the JSAF Points Circuit will be junior (ages 8-10), intermediate (ages 11-13) and senior (14-high school senior) as of September 1, 2020.
- f. The JSAF does not have any jurisdiction over individual show structures or activities. Please consult the organizers of individual specific shows for grievances or questions about show structures, policies or decisions.
- g. If a member or anyone acting on behalf of a member wishes to file a grievance with the organization, they may do so by completing the Grievance Form posted on the JSAF website and submitting it in writing via email or in person at a JSAF event with a \$50.00 fee.

Points Circuit:

- a. Official bona-fide JSAF members are eligible to receive points for their showmanship and animals' placings at official JSAF points eligible shows throughout the season.
- b. Membership dues MUST be paid prior to the start of a show to be eligible to receive points for the show.
 1. The date that a member is eligible to start receiving points will be based on the date the online form/payment are submitted for those joining online (if they are received on different dates, the latter date will prevail) or the date of the show for those joining in person (the show joined at will be eligible to be counted).
 2. Join dates will be recorded and verified during points submissions for all members.
- c. New for 2020-2021, JSAF members are encouraged to keep track of their points throughout the season, utilizing the JSAF Points Tracker if desired, but official points will be tallied by the JSAF Board of Directors for end of season awards.

- d. Points are awarded based on a sliding scale for showmanship, class points for sheep and special awards points for sheep, based upon how many exhibitors in an age division for showmanship, animals per class or total animals per division.

Showmanship Points Scale:

Showmanship Classes:

First Place	10 Points
Second Place	8 Points
Third Place	6 Points
Fourth Place	4 Points
Fifth Place	2 Points

*Exhibitors who participate in showmanship at a show as listed on official results who do not place in the top five in their age division are eligible to receive one (1) point for participation in showmanship at that show.

Class Points Scale:

Class Points for Sheep:

Number of Sheep in Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Placing										
First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Second		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Third			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fourth				1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fifth					1	2	3	4	5	6

*Exhibitors who exhibit a sheep in a class as listed on official results who do not receive a class placing or place below fifth in the class are eligible to receive one (1) point for that sheep at that show.

Special Awards Points Scale:

Special Awards Points: Black Face Ewe, White Face Ewe, AOB Ewe, Hair Ewe, Market Lamb Divisions

Grand Champion	15 Points
Reserve Champion	12 Points
Third Overall	9 Points
Fourth Overall	6 Points
Fifth Place	3 Points

*Divisional special awards points are awarded ONLY in the divisions listed above. "Breed" divisions (those for sheep of only a certain breed), are not eligible for divisional special awards points.

- e. Showmanship points are eligible to be awarded to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place winners in each age division at each JSAF Points Eligible show.
1. "Pewee" showmanship classes where each exhibitor receives a participation prize in lieu of a placing, are not eligible for points.
 2. In the event that a show's age divisions differ from the JSAF's age divisions, i.e. the junior division is from ages 8-11, intermediate division from ages 12-14, senior division from ages 15-19,

- and an exhibitor shows in a different division than their JSFAF age division at a certain show, the show can still be counted for points in their JSFAF age division.
3. Showmanship points are awarded for overall age division placings, not on Danish system awards (i.e. red ribbons are not equal to second place points if Danish system is used).
 - f. Class points are eligible to be awarded to the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place winners in each class at each JSFAF Points Eligible show.
 1. Sheep that are shown and listed on official results that do not place in the top five of their class are eligible to receive one (1) point for participating.
 - g. Special awards points are eligible to be awarded to the champion, reserve champion, third overall, fourth overall and fifth overall black face ewe, white face ewe, AOB ewe, haired ewe and market lamb at each JSFAF Points Eligible show.
 1. "Supreme" champion awards are not eligible for any additional points.
 2. Only divisions recognized by the JSFAF listed here are eligible for points.
 - h. Effective 2020-2021, the number of shows counted in points tabulations will be equal to the total number of points-eligible shows offered, minus one. (Ex. If there are five total shows, up to four will be counted.) In the event that a member attends all of the shows, the lowest scoring show for them in each division will be "dropped" in points tabulations.
 1. Exhibitors may attend less than the required number of shows throughout the season, but no special consideration will be given to those without the full amount of eligible shows to count.
 2. This number will be announced after the list of points-eligible shows has been finalized.

Shows:

- a. The JSFAF serves as an organization with the goal of increasing awareness and involvement in Florida's sheep industry. The JSFAF is NOT responsible for any activities or structures, policies or decisions made by individual shows.
 1. Please consult the organizers of individual specific shows for grievances or questions about show structures, policies or decisions.
- b. Only shows deemed as points eligible shows are eligible to be counted in end of year points submissions.
 1. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend other shows, however, shows that are not points eligible shows cannot be used in points calculations.
 2. An official list of JSFAF Points Eligible Shows will be published on the JSFAF website and updated as needed.
 3. Announcements will be made when new points eligible shows are added.
- c. Only shows who are open to all youth in Florida, regardless of county of residence, are eligible to become a JSFAF Points Series show.
 1. Shows must include classes for showmanship AND ewes AND/OR market lambs AND/OR rams and must agree to have the judge determine top five placings for each division, regardless if prizes are given for each placing.
 - a. The JSFAF will also be encouraging shows to set showmanship divisions by grade (junior grades 3-5, intermediate grades 6-8 and senior grades 9-12) and conduct heats by grade, as members may "age up," but generally do not change grades during the season.
 2. Shows must also agree to provide the JSFAF with access to results reports taken ringside the day of the show, so photographs can be taken and results recorded.
 3. Shows will be asked to sign an agreement outlining the JSFAF's requirements to be a points-eligible show before their show.
 4. If the JSFAF requirements are not followed during the execution of the show, the JSFAF reserves the right to cancel a show's status as a points-eligible show.
- d. The JSFAF is always looking for additional opportunities for our members. Shows within the points-series timeframe that meet or are willing to meet the above criteria and that are interested in

becoming a points-eligible show may contact a JSFA Board of Directors member for information on becoming eligible.

- e. The Florida State Fair will NOT be a points eligible show.
- f. There will be NO double points shows.
- g. Official show results will be posted in a reasonable timeframe after the show on the Show Results page on the JSFA website.
- h. Exhibitors are responsible for submitting their own entries by the cutoff time and abiding by all official rules and guidelines of each Points Eligible Show.
 - 1. Reminders for entry due dates and other information will be posted on the JSFA Facebook page and website, and sent out as needed through the JSFA newsletter.

Awards/Tabulations:

- a. Effective 2020-21, the JSFA will tabulate and keep points for each division for end of season awards. Updates on points standings will be posted at least two (2) times per season.
- b. Effective 2020-21, members will be eligible to receive awards for showmanship, rams, market lambs and up to two (2) divisions for ewes. If a member shows in more than two divisions for ewes, they will be asked to declare the two divisions they wish to be considered for awards in.
 - a. Members will be contacted by the JSFA to determine the divisions they choose, if necessary.
- c. The shows used for points may differ by division for each exhibitor, to not exceed the number eligible to count for points (ex. If a member attends all five shows, shows one, three, four and five may be counted for showmanship and shows two, three, four and five for their market lamb).
 - 1. As shows that meet the criteria may wish to seek approval from the JSFA within the points series timeframe throughout the season, if additional shows are added to the series beyond the original announcement at the beginning of the season, the amount of shows that are able to be counted in end of year points may be adjusted as needed by vote of the JSFA Board of Directors.
 - 2. If such a change occurs, this will be communicated before the added shows occur.
- d. Members are eligible to receive a point for participating in showmanship and a point for participating in the sheep show, for each points-eligible show they participate in the division for, within their shows counted for points, if no other placings are awarded to them.
- e. Ties will be broken first by the "dropped" show in points calculations, and then if there is still a tie, the tie will be broken based on the first show of the season, then the second, that each member attended and participated in the division at.
- f. Awards are dependent upon funding from sponsorships and number of JSFA members in each age division.
- g. Awards will be given for top exhibitors in showmanship, class/division placings and overall based upon the points systems, number and scope to be determined.
- h. Awards may include, but are not limited to, cash prizes, certificates, trophies, plaques, JSFA merchandise, college scholarships and others.
- i. Awards will be presented at an official function of the JSFA.

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