

# 2020-2021 Updates

2020 JSAF Parent Member Meeting

July 1, 2020

6:30 p.m. EST



# Overview

The Junior Sheep Association of Florida (JSAF) was established in 2017 with the goal of increasing awareness and involvement in Florida's sheep industry.

- We strive to promote sheep producers who are young, through our points series, JSAF sponsored sheep show and educational activities, and who are young at heart, with opportunities to become involved in sheep-related activities.
- Our organization is completely run by volunteers, and is a Florida certified not-for-profit corporation.
- JSAF is on the web at [juniorsheepassociationofflorida.org](http://juniorsheepassociationofflorida.org) and on Facebook.



# 2020-2021 Board Officers

- Chair of Board: Lori Smith
- Associate Chair of Finances: Dave Clay
- Associate Chair of Fundraising: Amanda Yarbrough
- Associate Chair of Public Relations: Abby Marion
- Associate Chair of Records: Rex/Doreen Lawson + Faith Hughes
- Associate Chair of End of Year Awards: Lori Smith
- Associate Chair of Junior Board: Amanda Yarbrough
- Associate Chair of Florida Bred: Faith Hughes + Rex/Doreen Lawson

If you have ideas or concerns about these areas, please reach out to the respective board member.



# Upcoming Events



# Upcoming Events - Workshop

- JSAF Champ Camp Workshop on Saturday, August 8
- Location TBA, Likely Lake or Marion County
- Clinic designed for novice/beginning showmen covering showmanship, care and the basics of showing sheep with “classroom” and “hands-on” activities as a one day “lamb camp.”
- Will require pre-registration and a registration fee.
- More information coming soon.



# Upcoming Events - Kickoff Show

- JSAF Summer Fling Kickoff Show on Saturday, August 29
- Location TBA, Likely Lake or Marion County
- Show will include classes for ewes, rams and market lambs as well as showmanship.
- Show will be members-only with online entries.
- More information coming soon.

If you know of anyone interested in sponsoring or helping, please let us know.



# Upcoming Events - Points Shows

- Confirmed:

East Coast Classic, DeLand on September 19

- We are aware that Wrangler Round Up is not happening in 2020 per their announcement on June 23, and look forward to their return in 2021.
- Due to COVID-19, many organizers have not been able to begin planning their shows and some may consider postponing or canceling this season, and are working with individual shows for their return to the series.
- We realize that our members and families want these dates as soon as possible to plan, and we are working on that.



# Updates to Official Rules





# Updates to Official Rules - Dues

## Membership, Section B

- Dues for the 2020-2021 season will be \$30.00 per member, paid online or in person at the first show of the seasons.
- This is comparable to other similar livestock organizations and will include membership in the organization, the ability to show at the JSAF Kickoff Show and family attendance at the banquet.



# Updates to Official Rules - Season Length

## Organization, Section D

- The official year for the 2020-2021 season will be from August 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.
- This is to accommodate the addition of the JSAF Kickoff Show on August 29, with the aim to have approximately one show per month.



# Updates to Official Rules - Points Calculations

## Points Circuit, Section C

- Will be updated to, “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.”
- This is to increase the accuracy of points tracking, and to allow all of our members to be considered for end of season awards.
- More information about points in next section.



# Updates to Official Rules - Points Accumulation

## Points Circuit, Section H

- Will be updated to, “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.”
- Eliminate Line 1 and Section I (due to points submission being eliminated) and change four to reflect the above in Line 2.
- This is being done to reflect updates to the number of shows anticipated to be in the series this season.



# Updates to Official Rules - Showmanship Recommendation

## Shows, Section C, Number 1

- Addendum: i. “The JSAF will also be encouraging shows to set showmanship divisions by grade (junior grades 3-5, intermediate 6-8 and senior 9-12) and conduct heats by grade as members may “age up,” but generally do not change grades during the season.”
- This is being done to establish consistency as some shows’ divisions have not matched the JSAF’s in the past, and to keep youth at a consistent “age” for showmanship throughout the season.



# Updates to Official Rules - Awards

## Awards/Tabulations, Section A

- Update to, “Effective 2020-21, the JSAF 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.”
- Discussed previously, updates will be posted in order to increase transparency and allow for errors to be addressed.

## Awards/Tabulations, Section B

- Update to, “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.”
- This is being done to discourage members from showing sheep that do not belong to them just for points, and for the opportunity for more members to be recognized.

## Awards/Tabulations, Section F

- Update to, “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.”
- This is being done to address changes to points accumulation discussed previously.



# New Information



# New Info - Quick Notes

- County fairs will no longer be eligible to become points-eligible shows.

This decision was made due to the inability for show staff to control fair policies, the treatment of volunteers and show staff, the lateness of many of them in the season and the desire move to a jackpot-only series, similar to those of other species.

- Rams will remain a part of the series for 2020-21, with no changes to the way awards are presented.

This decision was made as the number of points submissions this season was high enough to sustain overall competitiveness, but the lack of funding to split into additional divisions for awards.

- Submissions and responses to the Virtual Suggestion Box are listed in the June 2020 Board Meeting Minutes on our website.





# New Info - Member Newsletter

- For 2020-21, a newsletter for our members and families covering upcoming events, deadlines, reminders and information will be created and sent monthly.
- Members and parents will receive it to the addresses provided at sign up, and others will be able to subscribe through our website.



# New Info - Sportsmanship Clause

- For 2020-21, members will be asked to read and agree to a Sportsmanship Clause, similar to the Conduct Agreement, as a part of the membership application. This is a requirement for membership.

“The following behaviors will be prohibited and could result in cancellation of points for the show the behavior occurred at for end of season awards if I as a JSAF member are observed performing them while in the show ring.

1. Striking your animal with excessive force.
2. Consistently crowding the person in front of you to prevent them from setting up.
3. Pulling your animal out of line to block the judge from seeing others or animals behind you.”



# New Info - Verification Process

- For the 2020-21 season, the JSAF will be implementing a “verification process” for all animals that members wish to use for points.
- This will consist of noseprinting and photography of each animal as well as certifying that the animal belongs to the member.
- Once verified, only the member who verifies will be eligible to receive points for that animal. Exceptions to this will be handled on a case-by-case basis if arisen.
- Mass verification will take place at the first show of the season, the JSAF Summer Fling Kickoff Show on August 29, before the show begins. Additional verification will also be available at later shows for new animals.



# New Info - Breeder Membership

- For the 2020-21 season, the JSAF will be bringing back a “breeder membership program” to promote the sheep industry in Florida, and to provide a directory of quality sheep breeders for our youth.
- Membership will be open to any interested breeder regardless of state, and will include a directory listing, a set number of ad blasts, a dedicated section in our newsletter and end of season recognition.
- Membership cost and information TBA, more information coming soon.



# New Info - Florida Bred Program

- In preparation for the 2021-22 season, in early 2021, the JSAF will be launching the Florida Bred Program, to encourage Florida-based producers (both youth and adult) to “nominate” lambs to a part of the program in the spring of 2021, where they will be microchipped to be shown in the 2021-22 season for special awards in 2022.
- Lambs **MUST** be born on or after January 1, 2021 to participate in this program, and the program will begin with only market lambs for the inaugural season
- Details on specifics, costs and how to participate will be announced closer to 2021.



# Final Thoughts/Updates

- Membership applications will be available later this week, online.
- Fundraiser raffle packets were distributed at End of Year Celebration, if you did not get one and would like one, let us know. An online option is also coming soon to purchase tickets online.
- Information over the clinic and show in August will be posted as soon as it is available.
- Updates about points-eligible show announcements will be communicated as soon as they are available.



# Questions from Attendees

- If we can't make the Aug. 29 show, will there still be a way for us to “verify” our animals in the new process?

Yes, though the first show will be the largest, JSAF representatives will also be available at future shows to verify your sheep.

- Where will the membership form be posted and can we sign up without attending the show on Aug. 29?

The membership form will be posted on our website later this week and can be completed without signing up for the show.

- Is the JSAF Clinic first come first serve and how do we register?

Yes, the clinic will be first come first serve and registration forms will be available online. There will be a cap on the number of participants.



# Questions from Attendees, Cont.

- Is the person who “verifies” the animal the only one eligible to earn points for the animal?

Yes, exceptions to this will be done on a case-by-case basis.

- What is the recommended age for the JSAF Clinic in August?

No specific age, but ages 5 and up who are beginning showmen are best suited to take part in the clinic.

- Which division will my animal get points in if JSAF says it is in one division and a show says another?

The animal will receive points for the division in which it’s verified in, if a show says different, you will need to ask the committee from the show, as JSAF does not control individual shows.

