



South Dakota State Fair Market Lamb Classification Rules

Market Lambs will be classified by the "Two Strikes You're Out Method." One "Absolute DQ" listed results in the lamb being ineligible to show in the classified breed division and they will be moved to the crossbred division.

ALL BLANKETS AND LEG WRAPS ARE TO BE REMOVED FOR CLASSIFICATION.

Adapted from All-American Junior Sheep Show

Dorper/White Dorper:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Tall, leggy, shallow, narrow-bodied lambs.
- ☐ A limited amount of spots on body and underline not to exceed a total of 4 square inches (size of softball).
- ☐ A white sheep with brown or red colored speckles in the covering confined to the neck and head.
- ☐ Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
- ☐ Wool forward of poll.
- ☐ Heavy horns.
- ☐ Long, pendulous ears.
- ☐ Long, narrow muzzle.

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch
- ☐ Wool below the knees or hocks.
- ☐ Wool on the ears.
- ☐ Sheep with more than 4 square inches (softball size) or cumulative color back of the heart girth.
- ☐ Solid brown, red or rust colored head.
- ☐ Speckling or spots from knee to dewclaw or from hock to dewclaw.
- ☐ Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper.
- ☐ Surgical alterations other than redocking.
- ☐ Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- ☐ Evidence of color alterations.

Polled Dorset:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Large ears and/or droopy
- ☐ Fine textured silky hair covering
- ☐ Dewlaps, excessive loose skin or large wrinkles and folds
- ☐ Hooves with excessive black striping
- ☐ Any color other than pink on the nose, septum or mouth
- ☐ Any dark colored spots in the haired portion of sheep

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Sheep with a completely black hoof
- ☐ A completely black or dark colored lining of the mouth or nose
- ☐ The presence of highly objectionable dark color (as defined in Highly Objectionable Traits #6) on the haired portion of two or more anatomical regions. The head (nose, face and ears) is considered in an anatomical region and each individual leg is considered an anatomical region.
- ☐ All black woolled, colored woolled or spotted woolled lambs.

Horned Dorset:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Large ears and/or droopy
- ☐ Fine textured silky hair covering
- ☐ Dewlaps, excessive loose skin or large wrinkles and folds
- ☐ Hooves with excessive black striping
- ☐ Any color other than pink on the nose, septum or mouth
- ☐ Any dark colored spots in the haired portion of sheep
- ☐ Horns that curve backward, grow in a backward curve, or the tips of the horns grow inward and close to the neck

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Sheep with a completely black hoof
- ☐ A completely black or dark colored lining of the mouth or nose
- ☐ The presence of highly objectionable dark color (as defined in Highly Objectionable Traits #6) on the haired portion of two or more anatomical regions. The head (nose, face and ears) is considered on anatomical region and each individual leg is considered an anatomical region.
- ☐ All black woolled, colored woolled or spotted woolled lambs.
- ☐ Lack of horns

Hampshire:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Broken wool cap
- ☐ Very fine or thin hair on face or legs
- ☐ Scurs
- ☐ Excessive white hair on jaw or legs (more than 25%)

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double-muscled
- ☐ Horns
- ☐ Speckled face so that the lamb appears to be a "brockle"
- ☐ Excessively dark or blue hide
- ☐ Inadequate wool covering on head and legs

Southdown:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Solid white hair color on muzzle
- ☐ Pink nose
- ☐ Excessive white on face, ears or legs
- ☐ Completely slick ears
- ☐ Pink or striped hooves
- ☐ Black spots in the fleece
- ☐ Open poll on the head

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Speckled face or legs
- ☐ Horns or solid scurs
- ☐ Solid black lambs
- ☐ Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled

Suffolk:

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Full wool cap
- ☐ Wool below the knees
- ☐ White coloring on head or legs
- ☐ White stripes on the hooves
- ☐ Black hided (silver hided is okay)
- ☐ Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double muscled

Natural Colored:

Any animal that is at least 35% Natural Colored excluding head and legs is acceptable.

Oxford:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Long droopy, black ears
- ☐ Bare face
- ☐ Black spots in wool or hair
- ☐ Inverted eyelids

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Speckled face and/or legs
- ☐ Horns or solid scurs
- ☐ Lack of top-knot
- ☐ Long, slick, droopy black ears
- ☐ Steep hip and genetic tendency to double muscle and white spots on the ear

Shropshire:

2 of the following will result in disqualification:

- ☐ Coarse or long, droopy ears
- ☐ Coarse or roman nose
- ☐ Excessive white on face, ears or legs
- ☐ Legs completely bare of wool below the knee and hock
- ☐ Black arm-pits or black spots in skin or wool

Absolute disqualifications:

- ☐ Horns
- ☐ Lack of wool cap
- ☐ Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled

Speckled-face: The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture to the right). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed.

Any Other Breed: Any other purebred appearing sheep who's breed is not stated above. If your sheep's breed is not listed above you must designate what breed you wish to classify as when making entries. The classifiers will use their industry knowledge to classify these sheep. If three or more sheep classify as the same breed within the AOB division that breed will become its own division.

Crossbred: Any lamb can be classified as crossbred, whether by exhibitor's decision or classifier. **Lambs which do not meet classification standards for a declared breed division will be placed in the crossbred division.**

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