



American Dorper Sheep Breeder's Society Junior Bred and Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity Guidelines and Rules

General Description and Rules

The Junior Bred and Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity is designed to recognize ADSBS Junior Members that are building their own flocks and showing ewe lambs out of their own breeding programs. The fiscal year of the Junior Bred and Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity is from April 1 of the current year to March 31 of the concurrent year.

1. The junior member is responsible to nominate their bred and owned fall, winter, and spring ewe lambs prior to first show the exhibitor wants to claim points from.
2. **Nomination fee is \$25.00 per head.** There will be no maximum nomination restrictions placed on Junior Bred and Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity entries.
3. Each ewe lamb must bear the proper identification corresponding to the registration certificate. The official identifying tag for each lamb is the lamb's scrapie tag or flock tag. The scrapie tag or flock tag number must be submitted to the ADSBS Office at the time of nomination.
4. Eligibility is open to ewe lambs bred by either a junior member **or siblings/stepiblings, as long as both are junior members who reside in the same household,** that owned **or co-owned** the dam at time of conception.
5. Ewe lambs are to be registered in one junior member's name only. **If the dam is co-owned by siblings/stepiblings, the ewe lamb may only be in one of the Junior members name.** Partnerships, farm, family, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter names are not accepted in the futurity program.
6. If the lamb is transferred out of the youth's name, it will no longer be eligible for the program.

Exhibitor Rules and Regulations

1. Exhibitors must have a current junior membership in the ADSBS. The ADSBS recognizes a junior member as a member 21 years of age as of January 1 and younger. There is no minimum age requirement. However, unless physically or mentally impaired, each exhibitor must be capable of showing their own lamb.
2. Junior members must physically show from the head of their lamb to qualify for points at each show. If there are two lambs in the same class, the junior must exhibit one and another junior member must exhibit the second animal. No points are awarded if the second animal is shown by an adult. If in an open show, the exhibitor must be in control of the sheep's head and any individual may assist setting feet.
3. A junior member can participate by nominating an unlimited number of futurity lambs and earning points on each. However, a junior member may only receive Futurity premiums on a maximum of two ewe lambs. Total points earned on multiple ewes cannot be combined.
4. Ewe lambs can be shown in any class, including Dorper/ White Dorper, All Other Breeds (AOB), commercial ewe and market lamb classes. The ADSBS is aware that many fairs no longer offer breed classes, this allows more youth to participate in the program.
5. Upon entry into the program, the ADSBS will issue a copy of the program rules and regulations to the member along with appropriate forms.

6. Premiums: The ADSBS Junior Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity is a national competition. There will be a 100% payback (the amount paid in through nominations will be paid out as premiums) Additional premium money will be added by the ADSBS along with the nomination fees. Premiums will be mailed to the winners by ADSBS following the Annual Membership Meeting.

Earning Points

1. At each individual show, the ewe may earn futurity points from both the junior and open class divisions. Points may be earned only in breeding or market classes on the individual animal. Showmanship does not count.
2. **The highest 10 shows per ewe will count as the final points total for that futurity year.** Exhibitors are allowed to compete with their ewes in unlimited local, regional, or national shows, **but only the highest 10 shows will count towards their final points total.**
3. **Exhibitors can assign double points for any two shows of their choosing and must identify the show as such on the form at time of submission.**
4. Points earned are not transferable to any person other than the original junior owner. In addition, points are not transferable from one ewe to another.
5. Awards will be announced at the ADSBS Annual Membership Meeting.

Futurity Point System										
No. in Class	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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
16-20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
21+	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16

** Any sheep placing outside of the top 10 would receive 1 point

Submitting Points

1. A Point Record Form must be submitted within 30 days after a show and have the signature **and/or phone number** of the superintendent of the appropriate show.
 - a. **If in attendance, the ADSBS Executive Director or a current ADSBS Board Member may serve as an official signature on the Point Record Form if the superintendent is unavailable.**
2. A Point Record Form may be submitted by **electronic form**, email or by mail (must be postmarked within 30 days after the show)
3. If a form is unable to be completed, a copy of the show results that is published by the show management is sufficient. If the show results are submitted to the ADSBS office, please attach the results to a Point Record Form to clarify who is submitting the placing(s).

These rules shall apply to the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society (ADSBS) Junior Bred and Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity with full right to any interpretations, additions or changes to such rules being retained by the Board of Directors of ADSBS. All participants are required to carefully read, be knowledgeable of and abide by these rules. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualification of the applicable participants and/or animals in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of ADSBS.