

# American Dorper Sheep Breeder's Society Ewe Lamb Futurity Guidelines and Rules

## **General Description and Rules**

The futurity is designed to encourage the ADSBS Junior Members to become involved in the production and promotion of Dorper sheep and allow junior members an opportunity to compete with breeder nominated Dorper and White Dorper ewe lambs.

The fiscal year of the ewe lamb futurity is from April 1 of the current year to March 31 of the concurrent year.

## **Sales**

1. Eligible animals consist of fall, winter, and spring ewe lambs consigned to any public sale including but not limited to:
  - a. Midwest Stud Ram Sale
  - b. Mid-America Dorper Show & Sale
  - c. Ohio Dorper Showcase Show & Sale
  - d. Southern States Show & Sale
  - e. Sunflower Classic Sale
  - f. Texas Hill Country Dorper Show & Sale
  - g. Chisholm Trail Dorper Association, Western States Dorper Association, Great Lakes Dorper Association board approved sales and production sales
  - h. American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society (ADSBS) yearly sanctioned events
  - i. Online sales
  - j. Breeder Production Sales
2. Breeders will have 30 days from the date of sale to transfer the ewe lamb to the junior members name with the ADSBS.
3. Ewe lambs may not be purchased from immediate family.

## **Consignor Rules and Regulations**

1. The entries must be purebred or fullblood Dorper or White Dorper, registered by the ADSBS and have the proper identification (flock and permanent identification number /official scrapie tag) that accurately corresponds to the registration certificate.
2. The ewe futurity nomination fee is \$35 per head. A breeder has the option to nominate their entire ewe lamb line-up for a flat-rate fee of \$350. The flat-rate fee must be paid prior to their first sale. There will be no maximum nomination restrictions placed on Futurity entries.
3. All entries in public sales into the futurity must be nominated and designated by the consigner prior to the beginning of the sale. The nomination fee will be deducted from the net sales by the event's show and sale committee.
4. Futurity nominations from a production or online sale must be paid prior to the beginning of the sale.
5. Futurity nomination fees will not be returned to consignors or breeders.

6. Each ewe lamb purchased in a public sale must conform and abide by the rules and regulations of the sale to which each is consigned. All normal entry and commission fees apply.
7. The nomination fees retained by the ADSBS will be distributed as winnings to the high point standings defined in the exhibitor rules.
8. All ewe lambs in a public sale will be paint branded with an "F" for Futurity, prior to the sale to identify their eligibility into the Futurity program. Ewes not paint branded with an "F" and thus not designated as a Futurity ewe BEFORE the start of the sale will not be accepted for enrollment into the Futurity Program.
9. ADSBS will not be held responsible for any dispute and/or disagreement between buyers and sellers.

### **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 of the fiscal year and younger. Memberships and fees can be accepted at the date of the respective shows and sales. There is no minimum age requirement. However, unless physically or mentally impaired, each exhibitor must be capable of showing their own Futurity ewe.
2. Junior members must physically show from the head of their Futurity animal to qualify for points at each show. If there are two Futurity animals 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 futurity participant or junior must be in control of the sheep's head and any individual may assist setting feet.
3. Ownership of the animal must be in the junior member's name only. Partnerships, farms, families, 4-H Clubs or FFA chapters are not acceptable. Ewe lambs must stay in the junior member's name for the entire fiscal year of the futurity to be eligible for futurity points. If a ewe lamb is transferred out of the juniors name then all futurity points are forfeited for that year on that lamb.
4. A junior member can participate by purchasing 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 point earned on multiple ewes cannot be combined.
5. 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 futurity.
6. In the event of ewe lambs that are purchased as Futurity ewes during any year, the junior member will exhibit the ewes and earn points from date of purchase until March 31.
7. Upon entry into the Futurity program, the ADSBS will issue a copy of the program rules and regulations to the member along with appropriate forms.
8. Premiums: All futurity prize money will be determined by funds available in each given futurity year. Funds will be dispersed evenly within each region. The National Champion will receive a bonus based on funds available.

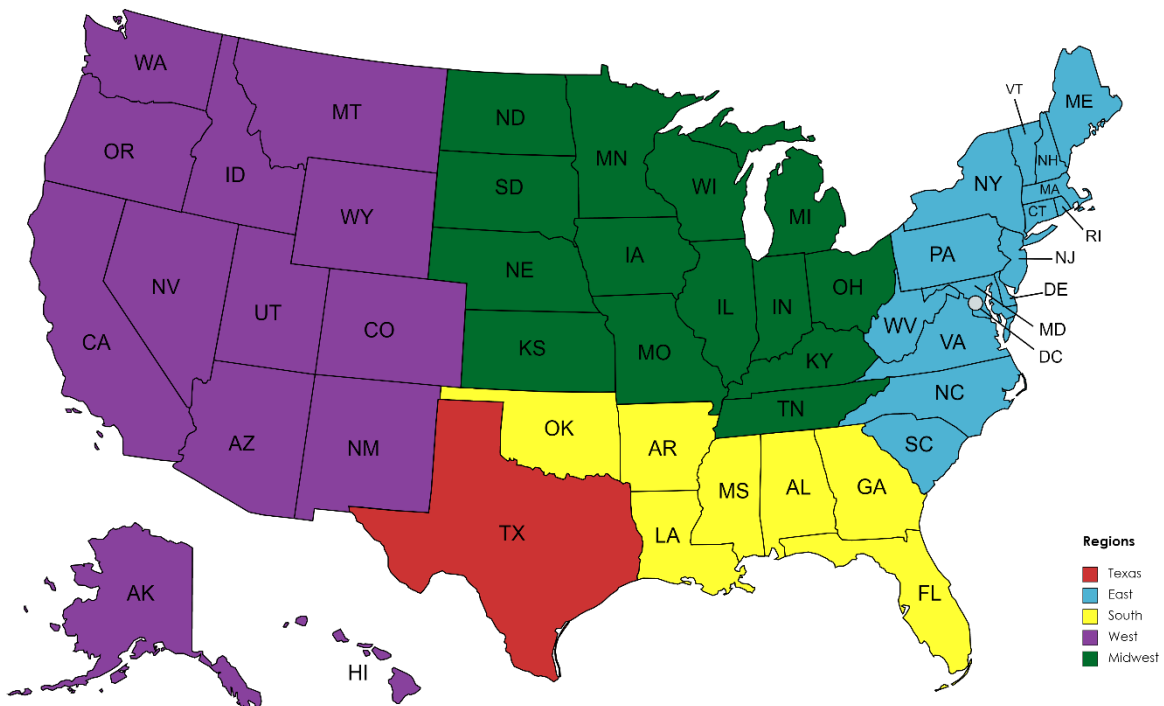
## Earning Points

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. Points may be earned from any show in any region, but points will only apply for awards in the region you reside. You are only eligible for awards in one region. All participants are eligible for the overall awards nationally.
4. **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. Only two double points show per ewe is allowed.**
5. 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.
6. Futurity awards will be announced at the ADSBS Annual Membership Meeting. Premiums will be mailed to the winners by ADSBS following the 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

## Regions



## **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 apply to the American Dorper Sheep Breeders' Society (ADSBS) 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.*