Indiana Junior Club Lamb Circuit By-Laws

I. Organization

The Indiana Junior Club Lamb Circuit (IJCLC) is designed to allow junior enthusiasts to participate and compete throughout Indiana at sanctioned sheep shows. The IJCLC members will accumulate points for exhibiting their market lambs and breeding ewes at sanctioned shows throughout the show season. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the circuit to the exhibitors who achieve top honors in sheep performance, showmanship, and participation. Members will receive their awards during a ceremony at the Indiana State Fair.

Goals of the IJCLC:

- Allow junior exhibitors to participate and compete throughout the summer and receive awards for their hard work and dedication to the sheep project.
- Provide a learning experience for both junior member and their families by showing sheep, providing leadership, showing cooperation, and presenting good sportsmanship.
- Provide support for state and national sheep breeders.
- Offer support to the sheep industry.

The IJCLC is organized and managed by a group of volunteers. To participate and receive awards in the IJCLC, you must submit a membership form and a $30 fee made payable to the IJCLC. This membership fee will allow you to participate in the IJCLC. No points will be awarded until the membership fee is paid and the membership form is turned in to the IJCLC. Forms will be available at each show and membership will be accepted at any time throughout the year.

II. IJCLC Representatives

A. The IJCLC Executive Director is Jordan Morris with Executive Committee: Kim Tennant, John Mattingly, Jill Harker and Cassie Wallpe.
B. One representative from the IJCLC or an appointed representative will be present at each sanctioned show to serve as the official scorekeeper.
C. Decisions made by the IJCLC representatives are final.
D. Any exhibitor or their family member that seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of a rule must submit a $500 cash or cashier’s check with the grievance in writing to the IJCLC Committee with 24 hours of the incident. The IJCLC Committee shall review the protest. Should parties be found in violation of the rules, IJCLC Committee will take appropriate action regarding the situation. Committee action is not limited to the following but may result in an exhibitor losing points for a show, lose in multiple show points, and/or be barred from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the IJCJC Committee regarding the protest shall be final. The IJCLC Committee reserves the right to consult with the IJCLC attorney on the grievance and reserve the right to take seven days to reach a decision on the matter.

III. Membership

A. Membership in the IJCLC requires a $30 fee, which allows them to participate in the IJCLC.
B. Points will not begin to be awarded or accumulated until you become a member of the IJCLC. Therefore, you must sign up and pay dues before a show starts in order to accumulate points for that show.
C. IJCLC membership is only available to permanent Indiana residents which is defined as residing in Indiana nine or more months in a calendar year or attending a primary or secondary Indiana school (excludes non-permanent Indiana residents only residing in Indiana for the purpose of post-secondary schooling).
D. Exhibitor Eligibility - An IJCLC member is an exhibitor who is not more than 20 on January 1 of the current year. There is no lower age limit, but the junior must be physically capable of showing his/her own sheep.

E. Code of conduct - All IJCLC exhibitors, family members and others acting on behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at all sanctioned shows. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the IJCLC Committee for appropriate action, if the committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity. Committee action is not limited to the following but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to lose points for a show, lose multiple show points and/or be barred from current or future participation in the program. The decision of the Committee regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.

F. All members that choose to patronize the Indiana Junior Club Lamb Circuit shall promote the betterment and further promotion of the IJCLC in a positive fashion. A member will display respect of the IJCLC board, show committees, fellow members, and their families. Furthermore a member will compete with sportsmanship and on a fair and level playing field. Violation of these agreements will be grounds for IJCLC point losses or removal from future shows.

IV. Shows

A. Points will only be accumulated at IJCLC sanctioned shows
B. Shows must be registered by February 1st of the current show season. The IJCLC will take applications for the current show season beginning November 1st to January 1st of calendar year. The IJCLC Committee will review and determine the schedule based on applications received in that time period. Sanctioned shows must abide by the following guidelines:

i. Lambs must be exhibited by breed (ewes & market lambs). Breeds recognized by the IJCLC are listed in Section V, Item C. Class sizes should try to be equal in quantity as possible to increase fairness of class point accumulation. There is no minimum requirement on number of head per breed however a pro-rated payout scale will go into effect for numbers of two and under in a breed.

ii. In the market lamb & ewe division, a top five overall must be selected. These must be selected from the champion and reserve breed champions. (Any reserve breed champions may be eligible if the champion has been previously selected).

iii. Breeding ewe division (ewe lamb and yearling) is mandatory. Ewe lambs and yearlings will show separately and by weight or age with an overall champion selected between them. Commercial ewes will not show against market lambs, however a commercial ewe class must be offered.

iv. New Breed Recognition - For a breed to be considered in the IJCLC, the individual must petition the IJCLC Committee to add the breed the following year.

v. Showmanship classes must be available to exhibitors in four arranged categories with a top five selected in each age division. Showmanship classes must be broken into multiple classes if there are 14 or more participants in a division. In the event of two classes per division, a final class must occur to select top five. The show must provide the IJCLC with results.

vi. Sanctioned shows will pay $125 per show or $1.50 per head (whichever is greater) to the IJCLC for each lamb entered per show per location. Payment must be made promptly after the completion of the show.

vii. Sanctioned shows must provide full results to an IJCLC representative 24 hours after the conclusion of the show by returning the following:

- Placing cards provided by the IJCLC
- The results from the show via email of breed champions, reserves, top 5 and showmanship champions

viii. The IJCLC will provide a photographer for all IJCLC sanctioned shows.
C. The IJCLC does not want to dictate how each show is ran, but sanctioned shows must follow the IJCLC guidelines to increase fairness of the IJCLC points system. Failure to comply with the IJCLC guidelines may result in not being a sanctioned show in future years. Show committees are not responsible for IJCLC point calculations. Show chairpersons will receive further information and placing cards prior to the show. All shows must read and sign guidelines and bylaws set forth by the IJCLC and adhere to the guidelines and bylaws set forth by the IJCLC. The show order must be reviewed by the IJCLC representative before it can be posted.

V. Market Lamb & Breeding Ewe Breeds

A. Breeds as listed in bylaws will be recognized by the IJCLC and awarded at an annual awards banquet.
B. Exhibitors must designate each lamb to a particular breed at the show.
C. Market Lamb & Breeding Ewe breeds that will be recognized and accumulate points are:
   - Dorset
   - Dorset Advantage*
   - Horned Dorset
   - Hampshire
   - Natural Colored
   - Oxford
   - Shropshire
   - Southdown
   - Suffolk
   - White Face Cross
   - Black Face Cross

*For breeding ewes only. There will not be a market lamb class offered for Dorset Advantage.

D. All breeding ewes must have registration papers and proof of ownership to show as a purebred. If recently purchased, you must show a bill of sale and obtain papers within 30 days of sale to exhibit as a purebred ewe. Any breed associations that are behind on providing registrations, the registration application may also serve as proof within 30 days of request date. For example, if purchased on May 3rd, a bill of sale can serve as proof of ownership until June 3rd. Or if registration application is submitted on May 3rd and registration association is behind, the application will be used until June 3rd.
E. Lambs may not be dual entered in both market lamb and breeding ewe show (may not show a Hampshire ewe lamb in the breeding show and then show her the same day in the market lamb show).
F. New Breed Recognition - For a breed to be considered in the IJCLC, the individual must petition the IJCLC Committee to add the breed the following year.

VI. Market Lamb/Breeding Ewe Point Accumulation

A. Points will only be accumulated by members who are signed up and have paid their dues. Members must designate one name per animal per show to receive points.
B. Members can accumulate points from all sanctioned shows, however only the 8 shows where a member accumulates the most points will count towards the member’s overall total for the year. For the Overall Points Winner Awards, the highest scoring 8 shows will count towards that total in market lamb & breeding ewe points only. (However, to receive points towards a particular breed or commercial ewe points, the lamb MUST be one of the exhibitor’s top four point earning lambs at the show.)
C. Points will be awarded at each show using the following guidelines:
Class Placing

- 1st Place = 10 points
- 2nd Place = 9 points
- 3rd Place = 8 points
- 4th Place = 7 points
- 5th Place = 6 points
- 6th Place = 5 points
- 7th Place = 4 points
- 8th Place = 3 points
- 9th Place to last place = 2 points
- Breed Champion = 15 points
- Reserve Breed Champion = 10 points
- Grand = 5 points
- Reserve Grand = 4 points
- 3rd overall = 3 points
- 4th overall = 2 points
- 5th overall = 1 point

Top animals will earn points in class and within their respective breed during the show from the IJCLC. Monetary payments will be awarded by the appropriate show committee that has chosen to sanction their respective show with the IJCLC.

D. All exhibitor points for each sheep will accumulate throughout the show. For example: the exhibitor of the Grand Champion will accumulate class points + Breed Champion points plus top 5 points.

E. Members are required to show their own lamb and be on the head and in control in order to earn points. Substitute showmen are ONLY to be used if the owner is not able to be at the show or is injured and unable to show his/her animal. Substitute showmen must be IJCLC members for a lamb’s owner to receive points for the lamb being shown by a substitute showman. All substitute showmen, regardless if they are siblings, must file a substitute showman form with the IJCLC prior to the beginning of a show. An IJCLC member may receive points for the first three shows in which a substitute showman is used. Any additional shows in which a substitute showman is used will not be counted for the IJCLC owner/exhibitor. Substitute showman forms do not need to be filled out if a member has more than one animal in a champion drive or class (and he/she is in attendance showing), however, the substitute showman must be an IJCLC member for the owner/exhibitor to receive points. Any lamb shown by a non-member will automatically be disqualified to receive ANY POINTS for that particular show. Any questions as to the membership status of a particular showman must be brought to the attention of the IJCLC rep before the selection of the Grand Champion Market Lamb. Substitute showmen will not receive points from another exhibitor’s lamb entered in the show.

F. Exhibitors will accumulate points in the following categories: Market Lambs (only top 4 sheep will count towards overall total) Breeding Ewes (only top 4 sheep will count towards overall total) Showmanship. Exhibitors are not limited to showing only four sheep per show, but points will only be accumulated from the four highest point accumulating sheep. Sheep may only be shown once and by only one IJCLC exhibitor per sanctioned show.

VII. Showmanship Information and Point Accumulation

A. Showmanship participants must have lambs entered in the show in order to receive points in showmanship. Showmanship participants must exhibit their own lamb in showmanship that was entered in the exhibitor’s name on that given show day. Market and Breeding Sheep will show in showmanship together.

B. One Showmanship class per exhibitor.
• Champion = 15 points
• Reserve Champion = 13 points
• 3rd = 11 points
• 4th = 9 points
• 5th = 7 points

C. Age Divisions - as of January 1 of the current year:

• Novice – members who are in 2nd grade and below
• Junior – members who are in grades 3-5
• Intermediate – members who are in grades 6-8
• Senior – members who are in grades 9-12 plus those graduates who are 20 years old or younger

D. In the event there is a tie, the tie will be broken by calculating which individual had the most champion wins followed by the most reserve champion wins.

VIII. Market Lamb/Breeding Ewe/Showmanship Awards

A. Awards will be given at an awards banquet.
B. Members will receive awards for points in the following categories, Showmanship points will not count towards overall awards in the market lamb and breeding ewe divisions:

Market Lamb Awards:

• Top 5 in each breed
• Champion Overall Points Exhibitor
• Reserve Overall Points Exhibitor
• 3rd Overall Points Exhibitor
• 4th Overall Points Exhibitor
• 5th Overall Points Exhibitor
• 6th-10th Overall Points Exhibitor

Breeding Ewe Awards:

• Top 5 in each breed
• Champion Overall Points Exhibitor
• Reserve Overall Points Exhibitor
• 3rd Overall Points Exhibitor
• 4th Overall Points Exhibitor
• 5th Overall Points Exhibitor
• 6th-10th Overall Points Exhibitor

Showmanship Awards

• Novice Awards – Champion thru 5th
• Junior Awards – Champion thru 5th
• Intermediate Awards – Champion thru 5th
• Senior Awards – Champion thru 5th

Overall top 20 in combined Market, Breeding & Showmanship
C. Each IJCLC member will also be qualified for a chance at a raffle drawing. You earn raffle tickets for every lamb exhibited at an IJCLC sanctioned show. (no limit per show)

IV. Indiana Junior Club Lamb Circuit Scholarship

A. The IJCLC Committee will award a scholarship(s) to a graduating high school senior selected from the completed scholarship forms. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual IJCLC banquet.

The 2017 Indiana Junior Club Lamb Official Bylaws have been created in good faith by the IJCLC Board Members. All decisions made by the Board going forward will be made to further promote the IJCLC and the success of its members.

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