

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES COUNCIL OF NSW

MEAT BREEDS SHEEP JUDGING COMPETITION

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RULES & REGULATIONS

- a) Competitors must be over 15 and under 25 years of age on 1st May in the year of the State Final at the Royal Easter Show. They must be living in NSW or be in regular paid employment there or be in full time education in NSW at the time of first competing in any competition year.
- b) Once a competitor has qualified to represent a Group at Sydney Royal Show in any one of the Judging or Parading Competition State Finals, he/she may not enter another Group Final as a potential qualifier in that type of competition in that competition year. He/She can, however, enter any one or more Group Finals anywhere in the state, for practice (and score), in the same type of competition as one in which he/she has previously qualified as long as he/she discloses this to the Group Final organizers at the time of entry and indicates that he/she is not eligible for a placing in that event. ("qualified" means First in Merino Sheep, First or Second in Meat Breeds Sheep, Merino Fleece, Beef Cattle and Grain, and First, Second or Third in Dairy Cattle and Fruit and Vegetables. In Beef Cattle Paraders, "qualified" means gaining one of the placings which the particular Group Final is entitled to award based on the scale of entries. The Stud Merino Breeders Association competitions in Merino Sheep Judging at Armidale, Canberra and Dubbo are classed as Group Finals.)
- c) No competitor can represent more than one show society in any one Group Final and no more than one group in a State Final. The winners of National Finals cannot compete thereafter at any level in the particular competition that they won.
- d) Winners of two (2) State Finals in any one class shall not be eligible for future competitions in that class.
- e) The Hormel Slide or the Computerized Scoring System are to be used at all Group and State Finals.
- f) Groups are entitled to be represented at State level by two (2) competitors unless otherwise stated.
- g) Group Secretaries **must** inform the ASC of the name, date of birth, address and telephone number of any competitor in judging competitions going on to State Finals. The ASC will advise these competitors of the venue and times of the State Final. In addition, a **complete list of all competitors in a Group Final must be sent to the ASC** the next working day after the competition.
- h) After the competition is over and awards have been given, the competitors can look at their scores on the master sheet only.
- i) Competitors will be eliminated from the competition if deemed by the Chief Steward to be receiving outside assistance.

Please Note:

- i. This is a master set of sheets for use in creating sheets or cards for competitions.
- ii. Competition Judges receive Sheets 6, 7, B & E (A copy of E is required by the Competition Judge for each competitor in the Oral Class.)
- iii. Competitors each receive a copy of Sheets 4, 5, A & D. (4 & 5 usually printed back to back.
- iv. Sheets should be given to Competition Judges and Competitors with time for them to read through before the competition begins.
- v. Sheets 1,2,3, C & F (or G only) are for the use of Competition Co-ordinators/Stewards(C & F) required only if using Hormel Slide otherwise G).
- vi. Additional requisites: Competitor Numbers and 2 sets of Poll Numbers (1-4).

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The arrangements for the conduct of a Meat Breeds Sheep Judging Competition are as follows:

PROCEDURE

1. Two groups of four animals are judged by competitors, one group to be of a Short Wool breed, and one group of a Long Wool breed.
2. Animals must be identified by the numbers 1-4, and not A, B, C, D. This is essential when using the Hormel Computing Slide or the Computerized Scoring System.
3. Non-oral judging will take place first. Competitors will be allowed 8 minutes (5 minutes sheep standing, 2 walking, 1 standing) to judge each group and to complete each Non-oral Judging Card.

At the discretion of the RAS Judging Competition Supervisor a minimum of the six top-placed competitors in the non-oral judging will participate in the oral judging.

4. Each competitor in the oral section is allowed 2 minutes to explain the reasons for his or her placings in each class. Once the two minutes has been reached 1 mark per 10 seconds or part thereof will be deducted from the total score by the stewards.
5. **Scoring:** The winner of the competition is marked out of a maximum of 200 points – 50 for placing each "Non-oral Class", 25 for handling each "Non-oral Class" and 50 for the "Oral Class".
6. The Competition Judge, in filling out his/her Master Card, is required to note a numerical difference between animals, as directed in instructions for the use of the Hormel Computing Slide or the Computerized Scoring System. This allows an accurate scoring of each competitor's placings in relation to those of the Competition Judge.
7. The Oral Section Guideline is retained for use by the competitor if required. It is designed to ensure competitors use comparative details in their oral description of the class.
8. The Reason Card is used to note those aspects in which the animal placed down the line is better than the animal placed before it.
9. Competitors in the oral class are scored on their accuracy of observation, their comparative statements, speaking ability and general presentation and dress.
10. In the case of a dead heat the contestant with the highest points for non-oral judging will be declared the winner, or if there is still a dead heat the Competition Judge will have the final say.

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COMPETITION TIMING

From the point of view of the competitors, the animals and the spectators, it is important that the whole competition be completed without delay. However, a minimum of 1 hour 21 minutes is required as follows for a field of 8 competitors, and each 8 or part thereof will require another 23 minutes (approx.) as follows:

Non-oral Judging:

A group of 3 or 4 competitors judge the Long Wool Breed, while another group of 3 or 4 judge the Short Wool breed.

(5 minutes standing, 2 minutes walking, 1 minute standing)

8 mins

Hand in cards and change over

2 mins

Reverse judging

8 mins

Hand in cards

2 mins

Assessor Stewards finalise non-oral score

3 mins

Oral Judging:

All competitors, except one, taken out of hearing range of the judging ring

2 mins

6 competitors' oral class – 5 minutes each

(1 minute placing, 2 minutes speaking on long wool and
2 minutes speaking on short wool)

30 mins

Change over time (1 minute each)

6 mins

Comments from Competition Judge

10 mins

Announcement and presentation of awards

10 mins

TOTAL TIME

81 mins

In order to maintain the impetus of the competition, immediately the Competition Judge has completed his/her final comments, the competition results should be ready to be announced and the awards and presentations made.

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ORAL SECTION GUIDELINES

Upon entering the ring each competitor is to inform the Steward of their placings in the class to allow the Stewards to line up the exhibits prior to the presentation.

Each competitor is allowed 2 minutes for each class to clearly express your views to the Competition Judge and spectators on why you placed the exhibits in a particular order.

Have your reasons organised and emphasise the most important points you wish to make.

The main objective when giving your reasons is to inform the judge that you saw and compared each animal in the class.

It is important that you make comparisons between animals rather than describe individual animals.

Commence your oral reasoning as follows:

"I placed this class 4, 1, 3, 2".

Give the most important reasons first and remember to use comparative terms. Where necessary you will then follow with:

"I grant (admit) that 1 is better than 4 in".

This demonstrates to the judge the accuracy of your priorities. Mention major faults, if any.

Continue in similar manner by comparing and granting the middle pair and finally the bottom pair.

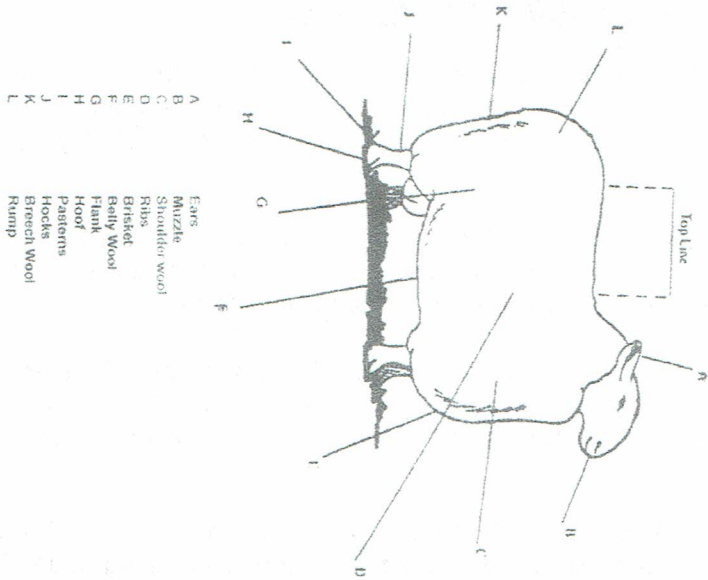
Remember:

- Be concise;
- Show conviction in your placings;
- Give important reasons first;
- Use comparative terms.

DRESS - Competitors must be neatly and suitably attired. Male competitors must wear a tie and female competitors must be attired to a similar standard (e.g. tie or scarf). Jackets are normally worn at State Finals. In Meat Breeds Sheep Judging, hats need not be worn unless outdoors, and jackets may be removed when handling sheep. Points will be deducted for poor presentation. Blue jeans are not normally worn for major competitions. Shorts and thongs are not permitted.

JUDGING POINTS—MEAT SHEEP

Long Wool Breeds



JUDGING POINTS—MEAT SHEEP

Short Wool Breeds

