

Lower Mainland Sheep Producers Association

FLEECE COMPETITION AND SALE GUIDELINES

1. All producers welcome. Members or Non-Members but must be the owners of the sheep to the fleece they have entered.
2. Shearer's who are members of the LMSPA may enter fleece that they have shorn and is not owned by them, with the understanding, the fleece will be judged and sold through the auction but not eligible for a ribbon or prize money. If the sheep and fleece that is entered is owned by the shearer the previous rule is exempt.
3. **PRE-REGISTRATION** –You must pre-register and estimate how many fleece you may be entering. Please inform the committee if this number has changed once you have shorn and skirted. Pre-registration deadline is June 15, 2024
4. **A limit of 10 fleece** per producer, unless there are fewer than 50 fleeces entered.
5. Fleece must be from sheep shorn within the last 10 months prior to sale date. Please enter only your **BEST** fleece. This is a “select sale”, **NOT** a “disposal”.
6. Entry fee is \$5.00 per fleece, nonrefundable. Due at registration/drop off. Cash, Mastercard, Visa, Debit, or cheque is accepted for payment of fleece entries. \$30.00 will be charged on NSF cheques.
7. **BIO SECURITY: SKIRTING: MUST BE DONE BEFORE** dropping off fleece, it is the responsibility of the Producer to properly skirt (ALL FACE, BELLY, LEG AND TAG WOOL REMOVED), rolled, and displayed in clear plastic lawn/leaf bags. Fleece must be in its “natural” condition (no cutting tips, dyeing) Clear plastic Bags will be available at \$0.50 each if not provided or properly bagged by the Producer.
8. All fleece will be evaluated when dropped off. Fleece will be divided into classes or categories, such as bold (long), medium or fine, primitive, coloured or white, as decided by the Producer. The fleece will be judged for preparation, cleanliness and health, and uniformity of crimp, color and texture and breed Standard.
9. The Sale committee and Judge reserves the right to reject fleeces which are not up to standard, e.g. improper skirting: manure tags, matting; excess foreign matter: string; baler twine; cut tips; excessive second cuts; moisture; odor: Mildew or mothballs; keds.

10. This is a competition and Sale of quality local fleece. Fleece will be sold in a live auction with a fixed base price (reserved bid) – bidders on sale day will increase from the reserved bid price. Fleece entered must be offered for sale, and may not be pre-sold. All unsold fleece from the first day will be sold on the second day with a 15% increase from the reserved bid price.
11. Specialty ribbon : BC Purebred Top score – you will be required to show proof of sheep registration either with paperwork or online and filling in ear tag number on the Fleece entry form.
12. LABELS: Producers will be asked to complete TWO (attached) labels for each fleece, with the sellers name, type of fleece, breed of sheep, name of sheep, age of sheep (e.g. lamb, yearling (1st shearing), 2, 3, 4 years etc) and price per pound. You may staple your business card to this paper.
13. PRICE of fleece: The minimum price will be \$5.00 per pound; the maximum is up to the Producer. All Fleece must be priced at time of registration. **Prices cannot be changed after the fleece has been registered.**
14. Once fleece entries have been dropped off and paid for, the fleece will be the property of the LMSPA until the sale day is complete and/or the Fleece Sale Coordinator returns the unsold fleece.
15. Fleece Registration/entries dropping off: **MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT between Saturday JULY 6 and Friday JULY 12, 2024.** Fleece entries will NOT be accepted after Friday, JULY 12, 2024. If these dates are not suitable for you, please call to make drop off arrangements BEFORE Saturday, JULY 6, 2024. Please call 604-785-3859 to set up an appointment.
16. Judge day will be Saturday, JULY 13, 2024. If need be, judging will be July 13 & 14. Volunteers assist with the layout and re-bag of fleece for the judge and scribe and record the results. There is to be no speaking with the judge until he/she is on a break.
17. The LMSPA assumes no responsibility for the safety of the fleece entries **BUT will do everything possible to maintain quality and safety of the fleece.**
18. Commission – there will be a 10% commission fee collected on Members sold fleece and 20% commission fee collected on Non Members sold fleece.
19. ALL SOLD and UNSOLD Fleece must be Paid for and removed from the Venue by 6pm on Sunday July 28, 2024.
20. Unsold fleece will go home with the Fleece Sale coordinator to be picked up by the producer at a later date; **unless previous arrangements have been made with the Fleece sale committee.** **NO fleece will be sold privately on Fairground premises before, during or after the sale/Fair ends.**

21. Payments will be made to the Producers from LMSPA as promptly as possible.

22. AWARDS: Highest overall scored fleece & judges choice: If a fleece has won any of the top 3 awards (A, B, C) they cannot win 1st in Class. But it can win a special award.

a) Grand Champion: Highest scored fleece overall

Receives \$100, a ribbon to keep and the trophy to display for a year.

b) Reserve Champion: Second highest scored fleece overall

Receives \$75.00 and a ribbon

c) Glibbery/Tuytel Spinners Delight – The judge chooses a fleece they feel would be a fibre artist dream to process and spin.

Receives \$50 and a ribbon

CLASSES: These are the available Classes for prizes. There must be at least 3 fleeces registered to make a Class. If a fleece wins A, B or C in a Class that only has 3 fleeces registered the Class will then be combined; white and colour mixed into one Class to become LONGWOOL, FINE, PRIMITIVE or DOWN

- 1) Longwool white: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 2) Longwool Colour: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 3) Longwool: all mixed: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 4) Fine White: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 5) Fine Colour: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 6) Fine: all mixed: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 7) Primitive White: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 8) Primitive Colour: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 9) Primitive: all mixed: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 10) Down white: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 11) Down Colour: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class
- 12) Down: all mixed: 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes receive a ribbon for highest scores in its Class

SPECIAL AWARDS: Sponsored by outside supporters and may not be available every year. The fleece that wins in the Special Awards category can also win 1st in its Class.

BC Purebred Top Score – This award is sponsored by the BC Purebred Sheep Breeders Association. It goes to the Top scored fleece that is from a registered purebred sheep. The recipient receives a ribbon

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