

## **Texel Sheep Breeders Society 2019 Junior Futurity Program**

In an effort to get a greater number of junior members interested and in turn involved, the Texel Sheep Breeders Society will be sponsoring a Futurity program for a Texel ewe lamb and yearling ewe beginning in 2019. In addition, the implementation of this program will encourage more producers to exhibit and participate in Texel sheep sales around the country, thus exposing the Texel breed to a larger audience. The Futurity program will make it beneficial for breeders to consign their very best animals to sales and motivate junior members to purchase high quality breeding stock.

### The rules of the Futurity are as follows:

Junior members must purchase a ewe(s) at one of the designated sales, exhibit the purchased ewe(s) at county, state, and national show(s), and submit show results on the point record form. In addition to adding a top quality female to his or her flock, junior members are eligible to win additional premiums and awards at the conclusion of the exhibition year. The Futurity program will run from January 1, 2019 and conclude on December 31, 2019. In order to participate, junior members must obtain ownership by July 1, 2019.

In order to qualify as a Futurity nominated female, Texel ewes must be purchased at a public auction/sale. Sales in which Texel ewes may be purchased from include but are not limited to the Big Ohio Sheep Show and Sale in Eaton, Ohio; the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri; or any other public sale where Texel sheep are sold at auction and a Futurity fee can be collected. Ewes purchased private treaty or via online sale ARE NOT eligible for the Futurity program.

### **CONSIGNOR RULES**

1. The Futurity program is open to all ewe lambs born between September 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019 and 2018 yearling ewes.
2. Each nominated ewe must be properly identified according to its registration certificate. At the sale, ewes will be identified with an “F” prior to entering the show and sale rings.
3. A nomination fee of \$20 accompanied by the Texel Nomination Form will be collected by a Texel Sheep Breeders Society Board Director prior to the beginning of the sale.
4. Each ewe must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned. All entry and commission fees will apply.
5. The Texel Sheep Breeders Society is not responsible for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.

### **EXHIBITOR RULES**

1. Membership as a junior member of the Texel Sheep Breeders Society must be up to date.
2. Futurity ewe lambs and/or yearling ewes must be registered in the junior member's name; no family, farm, partnership, or joint registrations will be accepted.
3. Ewes and associated Futurity points may not be transferred from one person to another. Likewise, Futurity points may not be transferred from one ewe to another.
4. Futurity entrants are limited to two ewes of each category (ewe lambs and yearling ewes). Total points earned by two ewes may not be combined into one ewe's total.

5. Junior members must exhibit their own sheep within a class. If two sheep are exhibited in the same class, another junior member (regardless of association affiliation) may exhibit the additional ewe.
6. If the owner of a Futurity nominated ewe lamb or yearling ewe is not present at a respective show, Futurity points are not eligible and may not be submitted.
7. Futurity premiums will be rewarded using a percentage of the total money collected for Futurity entries as illustrated below.

**Payout Percentages:**

First	25%	Fifth	10%
Second	22%	Sixth	5%
Third	18%	Seventh	3%
Fourth	15%	Eighth	2%

Premiums and awards will be presented at the Texel Sheep Breeders Society Annual meeting during the subsequent year. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Texel Times and on the Texel Sheep Breeders Society website.

**POINT SCORING**

1. A point card must be filled out for each show and either be mailed to: Walter Threlfall, 7012 Old Liberty Rd., Powell, OH 43065 or can be sent via email to: [texelfuturity@gmail.com](mailto:texelfuturity@gmail.com). Cards must be postmarked or emailed within 14 days of the recorded show to count. The card must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show.
2. At each individual show, sheep may earn Futurity points from the junior division, open division, or from both (when a different judge or day is involved).
3. Points will be allocated as followed: One point will be awarded for showing the ewe and one point for every individual the exhibitor places higher than, with a maximum of 10 points per class. Ten points will be the highest number of points that will be awarded per class.
4. Double points will awarded to exhibitors that show in Texel only shows (i.e. show must be labeled as a Texel show – A.O.B. shows that consist of only Texel’s WILL NOT be awarded double points).
5. At the conclusion of the Big Ohio Sheep Show and Sale in Eaton, Ohio and the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri, Futurity nominated ewes purchased by junior exhibitors will be eligible for a points show. In order to participate, junior exhibitors must be present to show their purchased ewe(s) and a selected judge will place the exhibited ewes. These shows will count towards the final point assessment and will follow the same point allotment system as in #3.
6. Ewes can compete at an unlimited number of shows and the exhibitor may submit a corresponding number of point cards for each animal as they choose. Points for each ewe will be accumulated separately. In the end, however, the five highest point shows will be used to determine premiums and awards.

**FUTURITY POINT SCALE**

# in Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	1																		
3	3	2	1																
5	5	4	3	2	1														
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1												
6-10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1									
11-15	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
16+	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2