NORTH AMERICAN LEAD AND COSTUME CLASSES

November 14, 2014

Superintendent - Katie Conner

Entry Deadline - November 1 for entry fee & résumé

ENTRY FEE - $25.00

Resumes must be turned in by November 1.

Arrival Deadline:
November 14, 10:00 a.m.

Check-In & Arm Bands at 10:00 a.m.

Schedule of Events
12:00 Noon, Friday, November 14
Lead Classes
South Wing Show Ring

Six Classes:
Class 1 - Adults 22 & Up
Class 2 - Ages 8-10
Class 3 - Ages 11-13
Class 4 - Ages 14-16
Class 5 - Sheep Costume
Class 6 - Ages 17-21

The individual's age on the day of show will determine the class.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries in this class may be sponsored by an exhibitor of breeding sheep at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The objective of this class is to present a class of sheep in the most attractive manner, to give spectators a real opportunity to view a style show and to improve the image of a sheep show and promote wool.

2. A winning garment of prior years cannot be entered again within the same age class.

3. Sheep must be registered ewes, any age, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All rules for exhibiting sheep at the North American International Livestock Exposition pertain.

4. Entrants chosen by sponsors to participate in this class must have a sheep background or sheep interest. The entrant will be judged on the mode of clothing selected, which must be attractive and lend elegance to the class. The garment must be made of 70% wool. Entrants must furnish their own garment.

5. Judging Standards: (600 points total)

A. Garment Construction................................................................. 1-100 points
   Style and/or Fashion Accessories.............................................. 1-100 points
B. Entrant's Poise........................................................................... 1-100 points
   Entrant's Appearance............................................................... 1-100 points
C. Control of Animal...................................................................... 1-100 points
   Presentation and Appearance of Animal................................... 1-100 points
Total possible .............................................................................. 600 points
First Tiebreaker - Highest score in Style and/or Fashion and Accessories Category. 
Second Tiebreaker - Highest score in Presentation and Appearance of Animal Category. 
Third Tiebreaker - Highest score in Entrant’s Poise and Appearance.

6. **Resumé must be returned with entry fee by November 1.** Resumé must include name, address, social security number, birthdate, breed of sheep being lead, sponsor of animal (if any), brief biography, awards received, hobbies, sheep interests, schooling (limit to 100 words), and description of garment (limit to 100 words or less). This will be strictly enforced. Contestants may be penalized or disqualified for resumes of poor quality or excess length. *Entry fees and resumes arriving late will NOT be accepted. NO REFUNDS. Entry forms and resumés may be obtained from the North American International Livestock Exposition.*

7. The Sheep Costume Class is open to any individual or family interested in sheep. The object is to promote lamb and wool. The exhibit is to be judged on the attractiveness and originality of the costume and theme or idea presented. This class is open to exhibitors 6 months to 100 years old.

8. **Awards**

1. **Ages 8-10**

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Participation ribbons will be given to all entrants.

Ribbons will be given to winners with picture plaques to be presented the following year for classes 1-4.

The **MID-STATES WOOL GROWERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION** will sponsor a trophy to the winner of each class.
NEW!! ANYONE CAN WIN!!  
THERE WILL BE A GIVEAWAY AFTER EACH CLASS. ANYONE IN THE CLASS CAN WIN AN ADDITIONAL PRIZE, REGARDLESS OF PLACING.

THE AMERICAN BORDER CHEVIOT SHEEP SOCIETY will offer premiums of $25.00, $20.00 and $15.00 to the top three Border Cheviot entries in the North American Lead Class comprising of all four divisions. In case of a tie for 1st placing, premiums will be divided between 1st and 2nd. Premiums to be paid directly from the Society’s office.

THE CONTINENTAL DORSET CLUB We will offer $75.00 to the class winners in each age division & costume class if they are leading a registered Dorset.

AMERICAN HAMPSHIRE SHEEP ASSOCIATION SPECIAL will offer $20.00 to each entrant leading a Hampshire in the lead competition. We will offer $30.00 to the class winners if they are leading Hampshires.

THE MONTADALE SHEEP BREEDERS’ ASSOCIATION, INC. will offer $50 to class winners leading Montadales and $20 to all other entrants leading a Montadale.

THE AMERICAN OXFORD SHEEP ASSOCIATION will offer $10.00 to each entrant leading an Oxford in Lead Competition.

THE AMERICAN SHROPSHIRE SHEEP REGISTRY ASSOCIATION will offer premiums of $35.00, $25.00 and $10.00 to the top three Shropshire entrants in each class.

AMERICAN SOUTHDOWN BREEDERS’ ASSOCIATION SPECIAL - The following premiums will be offered: $25.00 to any Southdown entries who place in the top five of their respective class; $15.00 to any Southdown entries who place 6th through 10th; and $10.00 to all other Southdown entries who participate in any of the four North American Lead Classes.

THE UNITED SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION will offer $50.00 to each age division if a registered SUFFOLK is being led. The animal’s registration number and picture of the exhibitor and animal must be submitted within 30 days to the USSA office to receive the award.

THE NATIONAL TUNIS SHEEP REGISTRY INC. (NTSRI) will present $25.00 to any person leading a Tunis sheep in a NAILE Lead Line class. The NTSRI will offer $100.00 to any person winning their class in the NAILE Lead Line Show. Lead Line forms can be printed from the NTSRI website www.tunissheep.org.
ELIGIBILITY
Entrant must be enrolled or getting ready to enroll in college, technical school, or some other form of post secondary training.
Entrant must participate at the NAILE Lead Line contest in the year that they apply for the scholarship.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Complete the application form that is available online at www.livestockexpo.org.
Submit a letter of recommendation from someone within the Sheep Industry.
Submit a 500 word or less essay on how the scholarship will help applicant with post secondary education or training and how livestock has helped develop them as a person.

The application will be judged by livestock industry professionals. The judges’ decision is final.

Please submit application, letter of recommendation, and essay by November 1st to NAILE, Attn: Jeff Zinner, PO Box 36367, Louisville, KY 40233.

SCHOLARSHIP
The $500 payment of the scholarship will be made upon proof or acceptance for enrollment in a college or other institute of higher learning. Payment will be made directly to the recipient. The scholarship is only available for payment within a twenty four month period from winning. Please send a schedule of courses as proof of enrollment.

JUDGING CRITERIA
35% Academics and/or achievements
30% Involvement in the sheep industry
35% Essay