



Queensland Ag Shows

Competition Rules Merino Sheep & Fleece Young Judges

To be eligible to compete in the *Merino Sheep & Fleece State Finals*, competitors must comply with ALL rules noted below. Agricultural Society and Coordinators are to ensure relevant rules are consistently enforced for competitions under their control.

1 Age of Competitors

- 1.1 Competitors must be aged between 15 years of age and under 25 years as at the 1st May in the year of the *State Finals*.
- 1.2 Competitors under the age of 18 years must have the approval of a parent or guardian to compete and the appropriate waiver signed on the *nomination form*.
- 1.3 Different age classes may be added to programs at local show level. These classes will not be recognised at *State Finals*.

2 Eligibility to Compete

- 2.1 Competitors must meet one of the following criteria -
 - (a) A Queensland resident for a minimum of three (3) months prior to competing;
 - (b) Attend a Queensland educational institution;
 - (c) Residing interstate but can prove a connection with a Queensland Agricultural Society and satisfy one of the following criteria:
 - (i) Permanent address has a Queensland postcode;
 - (ii) Competitor or parents are active working members of that Agricultural Society.
- 2.2 Previous *National winners* are ineligible to compete at any level of competition.

3 Entry Forms

- 3.1 Entry Forms are available from the Queensland Ag Shows Website www.qldagshows.com.au.
- 3.2 Local Agricultural Show Stewards are to:
 - (a) Ensure Entry Forms are completed for all competitors and waivers are duly signed by eligible persons;
 - (b) Forward *WINNER* and *RUNNER UP* Entry Forms to the Queensland Ag Shows Office admin@qldagshows.com.au within 7 days of the competition conclusion.

4 Young Judges Competition Special Rules

- 4.1 **Hormel Slide OR Computerised Judging Scoring System** must be used at all levels in the Young Judges Competition. Please note that Hormel Slides are no longer available and have been replaced by the Computerised Judging Scoring System. The Computerised Judging Scoring System is an Excel spreadsheet and is available at www.qldagshows.com.au under Queensland Ag Shows Competitions | Young Judges and Paraders.



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- 4.2 In all competitions four (4) exhibits **NUMBER 1, 2 3** and **4** are to be used to suit the scoring from the Hormel Slide.
- 4.3 Where possible competitions should have the following classes:
 - (a) Merino Fleece – two (2) groups of four (4) merino fleeces – one group of fine wool and one group of medium wool
 - (b) Merino Sheep – two (2) groups of four (4) animals – one (1) group of rams and one (1) group of ewes

5 Competition (Procedures & Guidelines)

- 4.1 The competition is conducted in accordance with the Rules set by Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) for National Finals. The Agricultural Shows Australia Rules (Handbooks) can be found on their website www.agshowsaustralia.org.au/member-resources/national-competitions-guidelines/