ROYAL JUNIOR SHEEP COMPETITION INFORMATION SHEET

**Being the first year, not all information is currently in place. This information sheet will be updated as information is confirmed and shared on the 4-H NS Sheep Project page.*
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- To be eligible, a member must be fourteen (14) years of age as of January 1, current 4-H year; and at minimum, have completed one (1) year of the sheep project and are currently registered in at least their second year of the project.
- Every 4-H sheep member interested in competing in the Junior Sheep Competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair must complete pre-registration by May 15 using www.assistexpo.ca/rawf.
    - The registration information entered on the Royal Show application form must match the Livestock Registration submitted to 4-H Nova Scotia for your project animal.
    - Note: *we hope in the future to move this due date to May 15th, to match the Royal Beef and Dairy teams. For 2026 we will waive this required registration until the team is chosen – only travelling team members will be required to register. Deadline: October 10, 2026*
- Members who have attended the Royal Junior Sheep Competition for two (2) consecutive years shall not be eligible to attend a third consecutive year but will be eligible to attend in subsequent years.
- Pre-registered members must be in good standing and participate in fundraising between registration and the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. It is the responsibility of the Member to confirm their eligibility in advance of the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show.
- All eligible entries **MUST** be a **EWE** lamb, purebred or commercial, born **AFTER January 1st** of the same year members would be attending the Royal Junior Sheep Competition. All lambs must have a proper CSIP tag; matching both pre-registration and the animal shown. Additionally, all lambs must follow CSBA tail length requirements (a caudal fold that can be seen or felt) to be eligible for show.

Team Selection

- Team Selection at the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show will be based on:

    1 - Senior Sheep Showperson (if pre-registered/eligible)

    1 - James Allan Memorial Award (if pre-registered/eligible)

    5 - Conformation Ewe Lambs (One animal selected from each of the eligible classes: Section 1 Suffolk, Section 2 Dorset, Section 3 North Country Cheviot, Section 4 Crossbred, Section 5 Other)

    1 - Spare, who will only travel if a lamb and/or member that is selected is unable to attend.

4-H Nova Scotia Royal Sheep Class Selection Requirements

- The team will be announced during a short presentation after the completion of the judging of these classes.
- Should the winner of either the Senior Sheep Showperson Class or James Allan Memorial Award Class have also won their conformation class, the next eligible placed animal in the conformation class will be given the place.
- If any one category is not filled as recommended, then an additional selection will be made based on conformation.
- The spare selected at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show will only participate in the Royal Junior Sheep Competition if one of the selected members and their sheep cannot attend the Royal Junior Sheep Competition.
- At the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show, all members must show their own 4-H lamb in the Senior Showperson Class or the James Allen Memorial Award Class when being considered for Royal selection (i.e. the lamb being shown in the class must be the lamb pre-registered by that member for the Royal).
- Two chaperones will be selected prior to the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show following an application process and assist the organizing team. Chaperone applications must be submitted by **September 10, 2026.**

Member Expectations

- Members selected for the team will be required to solicit sponsorship prior to departure.
- 4-H members are reminded that if selected to represent Nova Scotia at this event they are required to participate as part of the Nova Scotia Sheep team. Selected members are required to sign a delegate conduct form prior to participating and traveling that reinforces their commitment to the event; to the 4-H sheep team; and to the rules and guidelines outlined.
- 4-H members participating in the Royal Junior Sheep Competition must display professionalism and follow procedures and practices deemed ethical by the National Show organizers, the 4-H NS Sheep Committee, and 4-H Nova Scotia.
- All 4-H lambs must be identified in accordance with National Livestock Identification/CSIP for sheep.
- The Nova Scotia Sheep Committee nor 4-H Nova Scotia assumes no responsibility either financially or for the wellbeing/safety of the 4-H member outside the times that they are directly participating with the delegation.
- For additional information/questions, please contact royalsheep@4hnovascotia.ca

***Note for 2026** – with no funds already in place, we can only send this team upon success in fundraising. Should we not be successful, or if there is extra, that amount will be put toward sending a team in 2027.

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ROYAL JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW CHAPERONE INFORMATION

Volunteer chaperones are selected to accompany the 4-H Sheep Delegation from Nova Scotia to the Royal Junior Sheep Competition Show at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Airfare, accommodations, and some meals will be covered, but there will be additional expenses for the chaperones. Both chaperones must be screened and trained in accordance with the Youth Safety policy.

The chaperone responsibilities are varied, but may include:

- Travel to/from Toronto, and around the city with the members. (i.e., hotel, the Royal, airport, etc. and to chaperone the members while in Toronto), including responding to any medical concerns. Be responsible for the well-being and safety of the delegation travelling to the event.
- Assist with arrangements for trucking sheep. If possible, and if required, the chaperones will assist with loading the livestock truck and assist with travel arrangements for 4-H members.
- Meet with the members and their parents prior to departure and make any necessary contact with them prior to and after the event; handle any circumstances/concerns that may arise while en route, or in Toronto, to members or sheep.
- Assist with locating/purchasing/preparing necessary equipment and materials before departure.
- Coordinate improvement and set up of the display; promote the 4-H program and the Nova Scotia Sheep Industry; and ensure all materials are taken down and looked after before heading home.
- Assist/coordinate members and answer questions as they get their animals prepared for the competition.
- Work with the 4-H NS Royal Sheep Committee to ensure a successful event and report back to the 4-H NS Royal Sheep Committee following the event, with a final report
- Coordinate the financial resources provided while in Toronto, and provide receipts and financial statements upon completion of the trip.
- Maintain confidentiality for personal information provided by delegates to chaperones (ie. Medical forms)

These chaperones should be a sheep project leader, but does not have to be. The chaperone should be interested in working with 4-H members and have a strong knowledge of sheep. Experience in exhibiting sheep is an asset. It is the responsibility of the 4-H NS Sheep Committee to determine the chaperones.

If a parent or non-leader volunteer applies for this position, they must be screened and trained in accordance with the 4-H NS policy prior to being awarded this chaperone opportunity. If you think you may be interested in chaperoning, parents/non-leader volunteers should begin the screening process early. Please note that all applications are held on file until the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show to provide 4-H parents/ guardians with the opportunity to submit applications as well.

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ROYAL JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW CHAPERONE APPLICATION

Application to chaperone the 4-H Nova Scotia Royal Sheep Team to the Royal Winter Fair's Junior Sheep Show in Toronto. Expectations can be found on the Royal Junior Sheep Show Chaperone Information page.

Name:_____ Gender: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Are you a: 4-H Leader? ☐ 4-H Volunteer? ☐ 4-H Parent/Guardian? ☐ Other? ☐

Number of years as a 4-H Leader: _____ Number of years as a 4-H Member: _____

Are you completely screened under 4-H NS? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you completely trained under 4-H NS? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have up-to-date first aid training? Yes ☐ No ☐ Course Expiry: _____
(Please include a copy of your first aid certificate if you have one)

What has your involvement with 4-H been, including how many years, and in what capacity? If you are/were a leader, what projects do/have you led?

4-H Nova Scotia Royal Sheep Class Selection Requirements

Why do you feel qualified for this position?

What is your experience with sheep?

Any other comments you wish the committee to consider?

I hereby certify that the above information is correct: _____

Return no later than September 10, of the current 4-H year to:

4-H NS Sheep Committee

royalsheep@4hnovascotia.ca

or the 4-H Office (7 Atlantic Central Dr., East Mountain, NS, B6L 2Z2)

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