

2026 GENERAL FUTURITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations for Breeders and Exhibitors will apply to all Futurity divisions. Any division specific rules and all premiums will be listed under each individual division separately.

BREEDERS:

1. Eligible ewe lambs
 - a. Shall be born after September 1, 2025
 - b. Ewe lambs will compete in their specific age divisions
 - i. There are NO separate divisions for fall-born or spring-born
 - c. Separate ewe lamb divisions for Polled, Horned and Dorset Advantage
2. Nomination and Fees due to the Continental Dorset Club:
 - a. A Futurity Nomination Form must be submitted to the CDC office **PRIOR** to the start of the sale
 - i. Forms received during or after the sale will not be accepted
 - b. \$25.00 per head will be billed to the consignor directly
 - c. If nominating 10 or more ewe lambs for the year, then the fee will be a flat \$250.00
 - d. No transfers will be completed until the list and payment has been received
3. Paperwork and Identification
 - a. Each ewe lamb must bear the proper identification which corresponds to the registration certificate
 - i. This includes flock identification, individual identification and federal premise identification (scrapie, 840)
 - ii. **These must all appear on the registration certificate**
 - iii. Tags must be in the ewe when she is being shown to earn points
 1. If re-tags occur, then the CDC office must be notified immediately before the ewe is shown again
 - b. **Breeders must declare the new owner as a Junior exhibitor at the time of transfer**
 - i. The registration will be identified as a futurity participating ewe lamb
4. Sale Eligibility
 - a. Open Consignment or Production Sales
 - i. Ewe lambs must be nominated and designated **PRIOR** to entering the show ring of their class at the sale
 - ii. Breeders wanting the group rate must make the CDC aware of their intention by their first sale
 - iii. Sale managements must notify the CDC office with records of sales on any futurity ewe lambs for them to be eligible for the program
 - b. Online Sales
 - i. A Futurity Nomination Form must be submitted to the CDC office **PRIOR** to the start of the sale
 - c. Open Barn – to qualify as an Open Barn sale, the same must be:
 - i. **Publicized on a searchable medium such as a website, social media, etc,**
 - ii. **Open to the public – no individual sales qualify as an Open Barn sale**
 - iii. A Futurity Nomination Form must be submitted to the CDC office **PRIOR** to the start of the sale
5. Other
 - a. Each ewe lamb must conform and abide by the rules and regulations of each individual sale to which it is consigned
 - i. All normal entry fees and commissions apply
 - b. The CDC will not be held responsible for any dispute and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers

EXHIBITORS:

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility**
 - a. All juniors who meet the requirements for the Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition are eligible
 - i. Junior exhibitors 21 years old and under January 1, 2026 are eligible
 1. There is no lower age limit but must be physically capable of showing their own sheep
 - ii. Junior members must be present to show their own sheep unless physically impaired
 1. If the exhibitor has more than one ewe lamb in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the other ewe lamb as long as the exhibitor is showing one of the lambs
2. **Ownership**
 - a. Animal ownership must be registered with the CDC office by September 1, 2026
 - b. **Ownership must be in the youth's name**
 - i. Farm names or family ownerships are NOT acceptable
 - ii. 4-H clubs or FFA Chapter names are NOT acceptable
 - iii. Youth partnerships are acceptable as long as only one of the partners submit points for an individual lamb throughout the entire show season and as a yearling ewe
 - iv. Youth must have an up to date Youth or Lifetime membership in the CDC
 - c. The purchasing junior cannot be an immediate family member of the breeder or employee of the breeder as listed on the ewe's registration paper. Immediate family members would be described as any first-generation child, grandchild, sister, brother, niece or nephew.
 - d. If registration papers are not received by the first show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to show the lamb in the proper age category and have a sales receipt to prove ownership to the show management.
3. **Submitting Placings**
 - a. The period for eligible shows will be from January 1, 2026 through NAILE in November of the same year
 - b. An official CDC Placing Record Form (included below) must be submitted
 - c. Placings may be submitted from both the Open and/or Junior divisions at each individual show
 - i. The only exception is NAILE where only Junior show placings will be counted
 - ii. **Please note: if there is not a separate division for Dorsets and you are showing with other breeds, ONLY include the other Dorset ewes in the class in your total number of animals**
 - iii. Champion or Supreme Champion classes ARE NOT eligible for Futurity points
 - d. Unlimited placings may be turned in
 - i. ONLY THE TOP 5 PLACINGS WILL COUNT TOWARD FINAL REGIONAL PLACINGS
 - ii. One CDC National Regional Junior Show will count as DOUBLE points
 1. The points are doubled to include the Regional Junior Show as well as the hosting show
 - a. If placings are turned in for both the Regional Junior Show and hosting show, only the Regional Show placings will be counted toward your total
 2. If you show at more than one National Regional Junior Show, the highest placings will be doubled
 - iii. Regional Placings are based on any placings turned in PRIOR to NAILE
 - iv. National Placings are based on the total of Regional points PLUS points earned in the NAILE Junior Show
 1. Showing at NAILE is NOT REQUIRED
 - v. In the event of a tie – the higher National Regional Show placing will break the tie in the National Placing
 - e. **Submitted placings will be subject to random verifications with the host shows**
 - i. If it is found that placings are incorrectly submitted, the following consequences may be enforced:
 1. First offense will lead to the disqualification in the current year Futurity program AND a one year ban will be put in place for the next Futurity year
 2. Second offense will lead to a permanent ban from the Futurity program
 - ii. The CDC Board of Directors will have the final say on the severity of consequences
 - f. **Placings must be submitted either via email or mail within 21 days of the show listed on the form**
 - i. If there is a delay and the placings cannot be turned in to the CDC Office within 21 days, the exhibitor MUST contact the CDC Office within the 21 day timeframe to let them know
 - ii. Placings turned in after 21 days without notification of a delay will NOT be included in the points total
4. **Final Standings**
 - a. Final standings will be announced following all Junior Shows at NAILE at the NJDA Annual Meeting
 - b. Once final standings are announced, any questions or concerns regarding the standings are due to the CDC Office **no later than November 30 of the current year**
 - i. After said date, standings will be made final and payouts will be mailed

2026 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL POLLED EWE LAMB FUTURITY PREMIUMS AND RULES

The Polled Ewe Lamb Futurity divisions will follow the General Futurity Rules and Regulations listed above. Premiums and any division specific rules for the Polled Ewe Lamb Futurity are listed below.

1. PREMIUMS

a. A minimum of \$2760 will be awarded to be divided among the six regions and the National placings. The guaranteed money total will be given as follows:

REGION		NATIONAL	
First	\$120	First	\$200
Second	\$85	Second	\$150
Third	\$65	Third	\$100
Fourth	\$50	Fourth	\$85
Fifth	\$40	Fifth	\$65

a. Only two premiums per junior exhibitor will be paid even if they turn in points for more animals
b. Total points earned by two ewe lambs cannot be combined
c. If total nomination fees of ewe lambs and donations are greater than the \$2760 total, premiums may be increased accordingly

2026 NATIONAL HORNED DORSET EWE LAMB FUTURITY PREMIUMS AND RULES

The Horned Dorset Ewe Lamb Futurity divisions will follow the General Futurity Rules and Regulations listed above. Premiums and any division specific rules for the Horned Dorset Ewe Lamb Futurity are listed below.

a. 1. PREMIUMS

a. There will only be **ONE** National premium scale payout – No Regional placings will be awarded
b. The guaranteed premium scale is as follows:

First	\$200
Second	\$150
Third	\$100
Fourth	\$85
Fifth	\$65

c. Junior participants can only collect premiums on **ONE** Horned ewe lamb although you can participate with an unlimited number of Horned ewe lambs

2. SUBMITTING PLACINGS

a. Placings turned in can only be from other Horned ewe lamb competition

- When showing in a Horned Dorset only class, the whole class total will count
- When showing a Horned Dorset ewe lamb in AOB or Crossbred class, you must **ONLY** base your class totals and placings on the number of Horned Dorset animals in the class
 - For example: You are showing in an AOB class of 10 head and five are Horned Dorset animals. Your lamb placed second among the Horned Dorsets. Your placing form should read that you placed second out of five regardless where you placed in the whole class.

2026 NATIONAL DORSET ADVANTAGE EWE LAMB FUTURITY PREMIUMS AND RULES

The Dorset Advantage Ewe Lamb Futurity divisions will follow the General Futurity Rules and Regulations listed above. Premiums and any division specific rules for the Dorset Advantage Ewe Lamb Futurity are listed below.

1. PREMIUMS

- There will only be **ONE** National premium scale payout – No Regional placings will be awarded
- The guaranteed premium scale is as follows:

First	\$200
Second	\$150
Third	\$100
Fourth	\$85
Fifth	\$65

- Junior participants can only collect premiums on **ONE** Dorset Advantage ewe lamb although you can participate with an unlimited number of Dorset Advantage ewe lambs

2. SUBMITTING PLACINGS

- Placings turned in can only be from other Dorset Advantage ewe lamb competition
 - When showing in a Dorset Advantage only class, the whole class total will count
 - When showing a Dorset Advantage ewe lamb in AOB or Crossbred class, you must **ONLY** base your class totals and placings on the number of Dorset Advantage animals in the class
 - For example: You are showing in an AOB class of 10 head and five are Dorset Advantage animals. Your lamb placed second among the Dorset Advantages. Your placing form should read that you placed second out of five regardless where you placed in the whole class.

2026 NATIONAL YEARLING EWE FUTURITY PREMIUMS AND RULES

The Yearling Ewe Futurity division will follow the General Futurity Rules and Regulations listed above. Premiums and any additional division specific rules for the Yearling Ewe Futurity are listed below.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Any Yearling Ewe that was nominated and/or purchased or registered by a Junior for participation in the Futurity program as a ewe lamb in 2025
- No points need to have been turned in for the ewe as a lamb in 2025
- No transfer of ownership can have taken place since the original purchase or registration

2. NOMINATION AND FEES DUE TO THE CDC OFFICE

- A Yearling Ewe nomination form (below) must be completed and returned to the CDC Office **by May 1, 2026**
- \$25.00 per head nomination fee must be paid to the CDC Office **by May 1, 2026**
- Each nominator may only nominate **TWO** ewe lambs

3. PREMIUMS

- There will only be **ONE** National premium scale payout
- If there are 5 or more of each individual type (i.e. Polled, Horned, Dorset Advantage) submitting point records, there may be a separate premium scale paid by type.
- The guaranteed premium scale is as follows:

First	\$200
Second	\$150
Third	\$100
Fourth	\$85
Fifth	\$65
- Junior participants can only collect premiums on **ONE** Yearling Ewe although you can participate with an unlimited number of Yearling Ewes

2026 NATIONAL BRED & OWNED EWE LAMB FUTURITY PREMIUMS AND RULES

The Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity divisions will follow the General Futurity Rules and Regulations listed above. Premiums and any additional division specific rules for the Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb Futurity are listed below.

1. DIVISIONS

- a. Three (3) nomination divisions available - Polled Slick Shorn, Polled Fitted, Horned
- b. There must be at least five (5) lambs nominated to make an official division
 - i. If any division has less than five (5) nominations, divisions may be combined into one premium payout
- c. Please note – there is **NOT** a Dorset Advantage Bred & Owned division available

2. NOMINATION AND FEES DUE TO THE CDC OFFICE

- a. A Bred & Owned nomination form (below) must be completed and returned to the CDC Office **by May 1, 2026**
- b. \$25.00 per head nomination fee must be paid to the CDC Office **by May 1, 2026**
- c. Each nominator may only nominate **TWO** ewe lambs

3. PAPERWORK AND IDENTIFICATION

- a. Nominator's name must match the Breeder & Owner listed on the registration certificate EXACTLY
 - i. The only exception is if the nominator is listed in a youth partnership as Breeder & Owner
 1. The lamb must then be transferred to only the nominator's name to participate prior to the 2026 season
- b. Each ewe lamb must bear the proper identification which corresponds to the registration certificate
 - i. This includes flock identification, individual identification and federal premise identification
 - ii. **These must all appear on the registration certificate**
 - iii. Tags must be in the ewe when she is being shown to earn points
 1. If re-tags occur, the CDC office must be notified immediately before the ewe is shown again

4. PREMIUMS

- a. There will only be **ONE** National premium scale payout for each division
- b. The guaranteed premium scale is as follows:

First	\$200
Second	\$150
Third	\$100
Fourth	\$85
Fifth	\$65

- c. Junior participants can only collect premiums on **ONE** Bred & Owned ewe lamb per division

2026 Polled and/or Horned Dorset Bred & Owned Ewe Futurity Nomination Form

Junior Breeder/Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Ewe Lamb Flock Name & Number: _____

Scrapie # _____ CDC Registration Number: _____

Check Division: Fitted Polled Slick Shorn Polled Horned

Send completed form with \$25.00 nomination fee postmarked by May 1, 2026 to:

Continental Dorset Club

PO Box 186

Good Hope, IL 61438-0186

2026 Dorset Yearling Ewe Futurity Nomination Form

Junior Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Yearling Ewe Flock Name & Number: _____ Scrapie # _____

CDC Registration Number: _____ Circle One: Polled Horned DA

Bred & Owned Date of Birth: _____

2025 Purchase Date: _____ Name of Sale Where Purchased: _____

Send completed form with \$25.00 renomination fee postmarked by May 1, 2026 to:

Continental Dorset Club

PO Box 186

Good Hope, IL 61438-0186

PLACING RECORD FORM & POINT SCALE:

Below is the futurity point scale from which points will be determined. Points are recorded in the CDC office based on the Placings submitted on the Placing Record Form below.

HELPFUL HINT: Fill in Exhibitor Name, Division, Flock Name & Number, CDC Registration # and Scrapie ID # fields for each animal in the Futurity program. Make copies of each form and keep them with your Registration Papers so you will have them ready to enter placings and have them signed.

FUTURITY POINTS

# IN CLASS	PLACING IN CLASS						FUTURITY POINTS																		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1-5	5	4	3	2	1																				
6-10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1															
11-15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1										
16-20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
21+	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

2026 National Dorset Ewe Futurity Placing Record Form

Exhibitor Name: _____

Division (mark one): Ewe Lambs: Polled _____ Horned _____ DA _____ Yearling Ewe _____
Bred & Owned: Polled Fitted _____ Polled Slick _____ Horned _____

Flock Name & Number: _____

CDC Registration #: _____ Scrapie ID#: _____

Mark here if this was a CDC Regional Junior Show: (if marked, do not submit points for the host show as well)

This ewe placed _____ in a class of _____ ewes, and was shown in the

_____ (open or junior) division at the following livestock show,

_____ on _____, 2026.

This placing is verified by the superintendent of the above listed show.

(signature)

(title)

Please make sure all spaces are completed when mailed to the CDC office or the form will be invalid.

Forms are required to be mailed or emailed within 21 days of the date of the show.