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## Welcome to the Dorset Futurity Program!

Congratulations on purchasing a Futurity nominated ewe! The Futurity program is made possible by breeders like the one you purchased your ewe from; without the breeder's support, we cannot have this program. So, whether this is your first time or you are an old hand, we are delighted that you are participating in the Dorset Futurity Program!

### What is a Futurity Program?

A Futurity Program is a way that the Continental Dorset Club and our Breeders can give back to our Youth exhibitors.

The breeder you purchased your lamb from has nominated your lamb for our Futurity program by paying a fee which then goes into an account until the end of this year's program in November. Every show you exhibit your lamb will earn points that can be counted towards the Futurity total for your lamb. In November, we total all the points and pay out money to the top 5 in each division. It's that easy!

### How do you earn points?

Every show you go to, no matter how big or small, can earn you points based on the placing you receive in your lamb's class. Included in this packet is a Placings Record Form that you will fill out and have signed by the show official for verification. You will then email or mail that form into the office within 21 days of the show and we will keep track of the points you earned.

On the Placings Record Form is the rubric we will use to convert your placings into points. The more animals in your class, the more points you can earn. You can turn in as many Placings Record Forms for your lamb as you want, but we only use the top 5 point totals to count towards your final tally.

### If I only go to one show, why would I turn in points?

Because in recent years we have had some divisions that don't have 5 exhibitors participating so we are actually leaving money on the table. You never know, just that one show may put you in the money.

### Sounds like a lot of work.

Sometimes on show day it's hard to remember all these things. We've all been there. A helpful suggestion...Fill out a form for your lamb with all the information filled in except the placings, show name, signature and date. Make several copies and keep them with your registration papers. Every time you go to check in, you will see the papers and remember to get them filled out.

Included you will find a copy of our rules, premiums paid and the Placing Form to turn into the office. If you still have questions, please ask your breeder or feel free to call our office!

# 2026 EXHIBITORS GENERAL FUTURITY RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

## 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:

<u>REGION</u>		<u>NATIONAL</u>	
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
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# 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
    - i. When showing in a Horned Dorset only class, the whole class total will count
    - ii. 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
      1. 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.
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# 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

- 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** Dorset Advantage ewe lamb although you can participate with an unlimited number of Dorset Advantage ewe lambs

## 2. SUBMITTING PLACINGS

- a. Placings turned in can only be from other Dorset Advantage ewe lamb competition
  - iii. When showing in a Dorset Advantage only class, the whole class total will count
  - iv. 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
    - 1. 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.

## 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																								
	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.