

National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association

Junior Futurity 2026

The National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association will sponsor a Lincoln ewe lamb and yearling ewe futurity for 2026.

In an effort to get junior members more interested and involved, NLSBA will sponsor a Lincoln Ewe Lamb and yearling ewe Futurity program. The Futurity will make it beneficial for breeders to consign their very best animals to sales and motivate junior members to purchase high quality breeding stock.

The rules of Futurity are as follows. Junior members purchase a ewe at one of the designated sales, exhibit the ewe at the shows you normally attend and then submit your results on the point record form. In addition to adding a top quality female to his or her flock, junior members are eligible to win a sizable premium.

Juniors members must become a Junior Member of the National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association. Junior dues are \$10 annually.

Designated sales for 2026 are The Illini All Breeds Sale in Bloomington, Illinois; The Ohio Showcase Sale, Greenville, OH (National Show & Sale for 2026); or any other public sale where Lincoln's can be sold at auction and Futurity fee collected. Ewe lambs purchased privately or via online sales are also eligible for the futurity starting in 2018.

CONSIGNOR RULES

1. The Futurity is open to all ewe lambs born between September 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026 and Yearling Ewes.
2. The nominated ewe lamb must be properly identified, according to its registration certificate. The scrapie tag number will be recorded and the sheep will be identified with an **F before entering the sale ring.**
3. A nomination fee of \$20 will be collected by sale management and remitted to The National Lincoln Sheep Breeders Association.
4. Each ewe must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned. All entry and commission fees will apply.
5. The NLSBA is not responsible for and shall be held harmless for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.
6. If the ewe is bought through a private treaty or online sale then the nomination fee and all information needs to be submitted by June 1, 2026.
7. Payments are to be sent to Debbie Vanderende along with a nomination form.
(To be eligible for futurity nomination, all sheep (except 1) must be sold to an exhibitor outside a family unit. A family unit is defined as a group of individuals all residing at the same residence. If you have any questions contact the futurity committee.)

EXHIBITOR RULES

1. Membership in the Junior Lincoln Breeders Association must be up to date.
2. Futurity ewe lambs and/or yearlings are to be registered in the member's name; no family, farm, partnership, or joint registrations will be accepted.
3. Juniors must be at least 5 years of age. The maximum age is 21 years old at NAILE in November.
4. Ewes and associated Futurity points may not be transferred to another person. Likewise, Futurity points may not be transferred from one lamb to another.
6. Futurity entrants are limited to two ewes of each color. Total points earned by two ewes may not be combined into one ewes total.
7. Junior members must exhibit their own sheep within a class. If they have two sheep in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe.
8. If the owner of a Futurity nominated lamb or yearling is not present at a respective show, Futurity points are not eligible and may not be submitted.
9. The natural color and white Lincoln's will show separately for futurity points and will be paid separately.
10. Futurity premiums will be paid using a percentage of the total money collected for Futurity entries.
- 11. Point sheets that are not completely filled out will not be accepted. Each part of the point sheet must be filled out in full.**
- 12. The exhibitor whose name the sheep is entered in must show and hold the head of that animal in the show ring (unless because of medical issues). If two entered in the same class, the exhibitor must show one animal and a junior show the other animal.**

Payout Percentages

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|--------|----|---------|----|
| First | 25 | Fifth | 10 |
| Second | 22 | Sixth | 5 |
| Third | 18 | Seventh | 3 |
| Fourth | 15 | Eight | 2 |

Premiums and awards will be presented in November at NAILE after the Junior Lincoln Show. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Lincoln newsletter and on the Lincoln Website.

POINT SCORING

1. A point card must be filled out for each show and submitted to Robert Sando 4204 Hursch Road Arcanum, Ohio 45304. **Cards must be postmarked within 14 days of the show to count.** The card must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show. Point cards can also be scanned and emailed to lincolnfuturity@gmail.com
2. At each individual show, the ewe may earn Futurity points from the open division, the junior

division, or from both (when a different judge or day is involved) except at NAILE, where only the junior show placing will be counted.

3. One point is awarded for showing the ewe and one point for everyone you place higher than, up to 10 points per class. Ten points is the highest number of points that can be awarded per class.

4. Double points are awarded at the All American Junior Show and the National Jr. Show (at NAILE in 2026).

The higher placing ewe at NAILE in Louisville will break ties.

5. Ewes can compete at an unlimited number of shows and the exhibitor may submit as many cards for each animal as they choose. Points for each ewe will be accumulated separately. In the end, however, the five highest point cards will be used to determine cash awards.

FUTURITY POINT SCALE

| # in Class | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | |
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| 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6-10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11-15 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| 16+ | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | |