2019 MCLA Youth Challenge Guidelines

Welcome to our 17th annual Youth Challenge!

The awards will be given at the Michigan Livestock Expo in July.

The 2019 guidelines are:

1. Entrant must be 7 years old by January 1, 2019, but not older than 21. Showmanship and Educational divisions age groups awards are as follows: 7-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-21 as of January 1.

2. Entrant must be a resident of Michigan for more than 6 months in each calendar year and must attend a Michigan School (exception made for Michigan resident college students attending out of State Institutions).

3. Entrants must show in a minimum of 4 shows to qualify for any award.

4. Several locations are now offering double shows. (two shows in one location on the same day) For purposes of the Youth Challenge, in order for a day to count twice there must be 2 lamb shows, 2 educational events, and 2 showmanship shows (may be judged by 2 judges concurrently with both results announced the day of the show). Show managers may break one educational test into 2 different scoring groups with approval of the on site MCLA Club Lamb Committee member.

5. Entrants will show their own lambs unless they have multiple lambs in a class.

6. There will be 4 award divisions per age group: MARKET LAMB, COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB, SHOWMANSHIP AND EDUCATION. The 4 highest point shows will be used for tabulations across all award and age divisions using the high placing points from an exhibitor’s top market lamb and top commercial ewe lamb at each show along with showmanship and educational contest placings. Exhibitors are not limited on the number of sheep shown, but points will only be counted from the highest placing market lamb or commercial ewe lamb classes. Classes at sanctioned shows will be worth a maximum of 50 pts.
6. The scoring for all classes will break as follows:

1st Place - 50 pts
2nd Place - 48 pts
3rd Place - 46 pts
4th Place - 44 pts
5th Place - 42 pts
6th Place or lower - 40 pts

7. Shows may offer additional breeding classes such as yearlings and rams (as non-point earning classes) and may break market classes by breed and/or weight.

8. There is no entry deadline for the contest, but the MCLA will only tally results from the date of paid entry forward. Youth Challenge entry payment needs to be postmarked before of the first show or given to a MCLA Youth Challenge representative before the start of the education contest at their first show.

9. Ties will be broken based on the members’ fifth show point total and subsequent shows until a tie is broken. If a tie is not broken, showmanship placings will be used for overall age awards and high point awards.

10. All decisions made by the MCLA Youth Challenge Committee are final. The main form of communication will be the website. Please check the website regularly to see any updates of information regarding shows, rules, and announcements. Participants will have 10 days from each shows posting of points to fix any errors that may have occurred with placing and/or point allocations.

11. Members compete for awards in the following categories:

Novice 7-11 Junior 12-14 Intermediate 15-17 Senior 18-21

Market Lamb - Top 3 in each age group
Commercial Ewe Lambs - Top 3 in each age group
Showmanship - Top 3 in each age group
Educational - Top 3 in each age group

Overall Novice
Overall Junior
Overall Intermediate
Overall Senior

Overall Grand and Reserve Grand
(recognizes the top two individuals and includes cumulative showmanship, education and top market lamb and commercial ewe lamb placings per show, and will include all MCLA sanctioned shows)