

## 2026 MCLA Youth Challenge Sanctioning Guidelines For Show Management

### Welcome to our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Challenge!

**Please read the guidelines so you are aware of the process. \$150 single show; \$200 double show sanction fees by February 1, 2026.** All sanction fees must be paid (cash, check or Venmo) to MCLA and mailed to Chelsea Ketchum (Treasurer), 1325 W. Grant Rd., Perrington, MI 48871. MCLA does not take Venmo. Please contact Chelsea Ketchum at 906-440-2452 to get the Venmo code. **All shows that sanction after February 1<sup>st</sup> will be accessed a \$25 late fee.**

The 2026 guidelines are:

1. Exhibitors must be 7 years old by January 1, 2026, but not older than 21 by January 1, 2026. Showmanship and Educational division age groups **are as follows**: 7-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-21 as of January 1, 2025. Please **DO NOT** change these age divisions, this is how MCLA breaks the age groups for points. Shows can offer PEEWEE Showmanship for exhibitors 6 and under.
2. 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 market lamb shows, 2 ewe lamb shows, 2 educational events, and 2 showmanship shows (judged by 2 judges concurrently or separately with both results **ANNOUNCED** the day of the show). MCLA Educational Quiz will be broken into evens and odds – even numbered questions for show A, odd numbered questions for show B. Only one quiz will be given for a double show.
3. **MCLA has also made the decision that there will only be 2 shows on any given day, and they must be at least 75 miles apart.** We want each show to be successful and give exhibitors the chance to attend as many shows as possible.
4. **MCLA needs placings in each class out to 5<sup>th</sup> place, but all exhibitors in the class must be listed.**
5. All **CHAMPION** classes will also need to be placed out to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Youth participating in the Futurity gain bonus points for placings in overall champion classes. You do not have to have awards for 5 placings, but the Futurity Committee needs to know the top 5 in each overall champion class – Market Lambs & Ewe Lambs.
6. MCLA will have 4 award divisions per age group: MARKET LAMB, COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB, SHOWMANSHIP AND EDUCATION. These will be determined from the **5 highest total point shows** for each category. Exhibitors are not limited on the number of sheep shown, but points will only be counted from the highest placing market lamb, highest placing commercial ewe lamb classes, showmanship placing and quiz placing.
7. Shows may offer additional breeding classes such as yearling ewes and rams (as non-point earning classes) and may break market classes by breed and/or weight.

8. Education Quiz – an MCLA representative will administer the quiz at the designated time and location. They will check in with the show management to let them know who the representative is for that show.

- If a show is also having a goat show, please take into consideration the timing of the educational quiz to allow for the goat exhibitors to take the quiz if they are also showing lambs.

9. MCLA does allow for ewe lambs to be shown as market lambs. It is considered an additional entry to your show and paid accordingly.

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

11. Final results from a sanctioned show **MUST** be sent within **1 (one) week** of show to Karen Scovill ([scovillsheepcity@wowway.com](mailto:scovillsheepcity@wowway.com)). Please make sure that all classes are included in the final results, this includes any additional showmanship classes if a double show.

12. MCLA Lamb Futurity – MCLA will be having a Futurity contest this year. Youth participating in the Futurity will submit their own forms online. The committee will review all exhibitor forms to make sure they match what the show managers turn into the MCLA.

MCLA thanks you for organizing and putting on your show. It provides the youth in our state with the opportunity to compete, make new friends and be a part of our great sheep industry.

If you have any questions please contact:

Karen Scovill – President MCLA  
Youth Challenge questions  
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