

Frequently Asked Questions AAJS

The All-American Junior Show is strictly a volunteer effort, so keeping your calls to a minimum will really help your respective breed secretaries complete your regular work (i.e. your registration papers & transfers).

We have continually tried to develop the All-American Junior Show without an overwhelming number of rules so that this show can be as stress-free and fun as possible for our sheep families. We have found that many questions have been the result of trying to make things harder than they really are.

Questions & Answers:

Q. Our flock of sheep is registered in more than one of our children's names, how do we enter them at the All-American Show?

A. You may enter different sheep for each of your children or simply enter them all in one child's name. For All-American purposes each exhibitor needs to be designated as one name only. This is because the Top-Gun Award is a belt buckle which we have yet to figure out how to divide!

Q. Why is there not more criteria for the promotional contests?

A. We are looking for creativity here. Originality absolutely counts.

Q. How early can we arrive? and how late can we stay?

A. You may arrive **NO EARLIER than 12:00pm on Wednesday and must leave NO LATER than 11:00pm Sunday**. No exceptions will be made, as the Center has a tight turn around for another event.

Q. OK then, how about if we need a late arrival or early release?

A. **Check-in must be done by 10:00am on Friday and everyone MUST STAY through the end of Closing Ceremonies on Sunday**. Exceptions will only be made in case of family emergencies, disabled vehicles and "Acts of God" – not to attend other shows. (However, if you get delayed in route, please come and we will accommodate you) You may call 401-829-1360 in case of emergency.

Q. After we entered, circumstances have arisen that prevent my child from attending and/or showing his own sheep. What can we do?

A. Please contact the AAJS as soon as possible so the penning chart can be revised. With regard to return of entry fees, the Executive Committee will then review each circumstance and make decisions on an individual basis.

Q. Will there be bedding available for purchase?

A. Very limited quantities will be available on site for purchase at market price. **Please use the Pre-Order Bedding form to the right to insure that you have adequate bedding/hay while at the show.**

Q. How do I know my entries were received?

A. We do not mail any confirmation, but do send a pre-show email with some final information. You can always check with us to make sure that your entries were received.
Email: cdcdorset@cox.net

Q. How is the penning chart decided on and assigned?

A. The number of entries and breed is considered for each exhibitor when assigning pens. Families will automatically be penned together, and request can be made for groups wanting to be in the same vicinity. List the names of other exhibitors whom you would like to be penned with on the provided section on the Main Entry Form. We will do our best to accommodate the request.

Q. We are bringing other kids with us who are not exhibitors, can they still participate in any contest?

A. Absolutely, (if younger kid) lamb camp participants need not be exhibitors, but should be entered on the Lamb Camp form. Also the three-on-three basketball tourney, skill-a-thon, judging contest, and showmanship(s) are open to non-exhibitors. You are encouraged to enter them like an exhibitor so that cards for those contest can be pre-printed and they can still receive an exhibitor packet and shirt. Participation cards for these contest can also be obtained or entered at the show and any extra kids are welcome to participate.

Brief History of AAJS Locations AAJS

AAJS started in 1993 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, IN with 6 breeds (Columbia, Polled and Horned Dorset, Hampshire, Montadale, Rambouillet and Southdown).

In 1995 they moved to the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin, IN. It stayed there until they started to rotate the show into different regions starting with Sedalia, MO in 2002 (12 breeds at that show).

2003 - Darke County Fairgrounds - Greenville, OH
2004 - Wisconsin State Fairgrounds - Milwaukee, WI
2005 - Missouri State Fairgrounds - Sedalia, MO
2006 - Big E Complex - West Springfield, MA
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2010 - Michigan State Univ - East Lansing, MI
2011 - Delaware State Fairgrounds - Harrington, DE
2012 - Iowa State Fairgrounds - Des Moines, IA
2013 - Michigan State Univ - East Lansing, MI
2014 - Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, KS
2015 - Big E Complex - West Springfield, MA
2016 - Michigan State Univ - East Lansing, MI
2017 - Alliant Energy Center - Madison, WI
2018 - 25th Anniversary -
Indiana State Fairgrounds - Indianapolis, IN
2019 - Kansas State Fairgrounds - Hutchinson, KS
2020 - to be announced

