



Queensland Ag Shows

Competition Rules Merino Sheep and Merino Fleece Young Judges

To be eligible to compete in the Merino Sheep & Merino Fleece *State Finals*, competitors must comply with ALL rules noted below. Agricultural Society and Coordinators are to ensure relevant rules are consistently enforced for competitions under their control.

1 Age of Competitors

- 1.1 Competitors must be aged between 15 years of age and under 25 years as at the 1st May in the year of the *State Finals*.
- 1.2 Competitors under the age of 18 years must have the approval of a parent or guardian to compete and the appropriate waiver signed on the *nomination form*.
- 1.3 Different age classes may be added to programs at local show level. These classes will not be recognised at *State Finals*.

2 Eligibility to Compete

- 2.1 Competitors must meet one of the following criteria -
 - (a) A Queensland resident for a minimum of three (3) months prior to competing;
 - (b) Attend a Queensland educational institution;
 - (c) Residing interstate but can prove a connection with a Queensland Agricultural Society and satisfy one of the following criteria:
 - (i) Permanent address has a Queensland postcode;
- 2.2 Previous *National winners* are ineligible to compete at state level of competition.

3 Entry Forms

- 3.1 Entry Forms are available from the Queensland Ag Shows Website www.queenslandshows.com.au. Nominations may be accepted on the day of State Judging however prior nomination is preferred. Please send your completed entry form to competitions@queenslandshows.com.au.

4 National Competition (Procedures & Guidelines)

- 4.1 Rules are set by Agricultural Shows Australia (ASA) for National Finals. The Agricultural Shows Australia Rules (Handbooks) can be found on their website www.agshowsaustralia.org.au/member-resources/national-competitions-guidelines/
- 4.2 The Queensland State winner will be invited to represent Queensland at the following years National Finals held in a different State each year. (including New Zealand). Should the winner be unable to attend the invitation will be extended to the runner-up.