

American Romney Breeders Association's

Junior Futurity 2017

The American Romney Breeders Association will sponsor a Romney ewe lamb futurity for 2017. Continuation for future years will be determined after evaluation of this year's level of participation. The development of this Futurity is an effort to get junior members more interested and involved, as well as, having the consignors take an active interest in Romney promotion through our youth. 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 the Futurity are as follows: Junior members purchase a ewe lamb at one of the designated sales, exhibit the lamb 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.

Designated sales for 2017 are The Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Sale in West Friendship, MD; The Romney Specialty Sale (Great Lakes Sale) at Wooster, Ohio; The New England Sheep Private Treaty Sale (held in conjunction with the NEYSS), Springfield, Massachusetts; ARBA's National Sale or any other public sale where Romneys can be sold at auction and Futurity fee collected. Ewe lambs purchased via online sales are eligible for the futurity if nominated prior to the sale.

Consignor Rules

1. The Futurity is open to all ewe lambs born between September 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.
2. The nominated ewe lamb must be properly identified according to its registration certificate. The scrapie tag number will be recorded and the ewe paint branded or identified with an **F before entering the sale ring.**
3. A nomination fee of \$20 will be collected by sale management from the consignor and remitted to The American Romney 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. ARBA is not responsible for and shall be held harmless for any disputes and/or disagreements between buyers and sellers.

Exhibitor Rules

1. Membership in the American Romney Breeders Association with dues paid up to date.
2. Futurity ewe lambs are to be registered in the member's name; no family, farm, partnership, or joint registrations will be accepted.

3. Juniors must be able to hold the head of the sheep (no minimum age set) with a maximum age of 21 years at NAILE in November 2017.
4. Ewe lambs associated Futurity points may not be transferred to another person. Likewise, Futurity points may not be transferred from one ewe to another.
5. Futurity entrants are limited to two ewe lambs of each color. Total points earned by two ewes may not be combined into one ewe's total.
6. Junior members must exhibit their own ewe within a class. If they have two ewes in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe.
7. If the owner of a Futurity nominated ewe is not present at a respective show, Futurity points are not eligible and may not be submitted.
8. The natural color and white Romneys (with exception of NAILE's Jr Romney Show) will show separate for futurity points and will be paid separately.
9. Futurity premiums will be paid using a percentage of the total money collected for Futurity entries.

Payout Percentages

First – 25%, Second – 22%, Third – 18%, Fourth – 15%, Fifth – 10%, Sixth – 5%, Seventh – 3%, and Eighth – 2%.

Premiums and awards will be presented after **NAILE** to assure that all points are received and calculated correctly. Additional recognition for the exhibitors and breeders will appear in the Romney Ramblings, Banner Magazine, and Website. Point Program runs from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017.

Point Scoring

1. A point card must be filled out for each show and submitted to JoAnn Mast, 58221 Lee Valley Rd, Coquille, OR 97423. **Cards must be post marked 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 e-mailed to jmast1952@gmail.com
2. At each individual show, the ewe lamb may earn Futurity points from the open division, the junior division, or from both.
3. One point is awarded for showing the ewe lamb and one point for everyone you beat, up to 10 points per class. Ten points is the highest number of points that can be awarded per class.
4. In the case of a tie, the total higher placing lambs will break the tie.
5. Ewe lambs can compete at an unlimited number of shows and the exhibitor may submit as many cards for each lamb as they choose. Points for each ewe lamb will be accumulated separately. In the end, however, the five highest point cards will be used to determine cash awards.

Point Scale

	<i>placing in class</i>																			
<i># in class</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>1</i>	1																			
<i>2-3</i>	3	2	1																	
<i>4-6</i>	6	5	4	3	2	1														
<i>7-10</i>	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1										
<i>11-15</i>	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
<i>16+</i>	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1