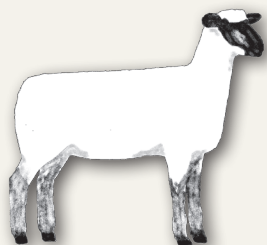


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Judging Standard

Priority of Judging

1. Soundness
2. Carcass Quality
3. Breed Character
4. General Appearance
5. Size

SOUNDNESS – 30 points

Structural Correctness

- a. Strong and straight topline
- b. Rib long and well sprung
- c. Hips wide and smooth
- d. Rump long, level and wide to dock
- e. Sound mouth

Sound feet and legs

- a. Strong and correctly set
- b. Upright pasterns
- c. Forelegs straight and strong
- d. Good bone

Carcass Quality – 25 points

- a. Loin broad, long and well-muscled
- b. Lean, well-muscled carcass
- c. Leg full, deep and well-muscled
- d. Forearm well-muscled

Breed Character – 25 points

Head

- a. Naturally clean dark face (not jet black), gray nose not objectionable.
- b. No sign of horns.
- c. White wool, covering the whole poll.
- d. Nose straight, masculine on rams, feminine on ewes.
- e. Straight or slightly dished face.
- f. Eyes bright and alert.

Ears

Alert and well set, thin to moderate thickness, medium length, color same as face and legs.

Neck

Proportional, with clean throat, fitting into the shoulders in graceful lines.

Legs

Strong and correctly set with substance of bone, upright pasterns. Light colored wool below the hock and knees (not black wool).

Skin and wool

Pale skin covered with dense, fine quality wool of good staple.

Body

Well fleshed, long, deep and symmetrical. A broad, straight back with well-sprung ribs. Rump – quarters long and wide, dock well set on and leg full and deep.

General Appearance – 10 points

Alert, attractive and stylish appearance running level to uphill with a clean breast tying into the neckline. Shoulders blending smoothly into the ribs and into the neckline. Good abdominal girth with a high chest floor, strong and straight back with adequate body capacity.

Size – 10 points

Medium sized, appropriate to age of animal.

Slick Shearing

It is required that all Shropshire sheep be exhibited slick shorn. Slick shorn is defined as being shorn completely to the hide within five days of the show date. The wool may be left from the rear hock down and the front knees down plus the wool cap defined as from the ears and poll forward. All belly wool must be shorn off and divots in the hock area must be sheared out.

Discriminations

Black fiber, wool blindness, bare bellies, or coarse wool on breech.
Excessive white on face, throat and legs.
Excessive wool-free areas around vulva, udder or scrotum.
Ears thick-skinned, coarse or excessively long or drooping.
Coarse or Roman nose.
Obesity or lack of thrift
Stubs or scurs.
Lack of wool cap, jet black face or leg color.
Black arm pits, lack of wool below hocks and knees.
Spots on face, throat, ears or legs.
Wrinkled hide.

Disqualifications

Horns

Over or under shot jaw
Severely splayed hooves
Very weak pasterns
Severely post-legged or sickle hocked.
Evidence of existing or surgically altered faults such as inverted eyelids, hernia, prolapse, abnormal sexual organs.
Hides that are black, blue or gray.