

Judges Expectations

Alyx Cory, 2022 Asotin County Fair Sheep and Goat Judge

Market Classes

Here are a few things I will be looking at in my quality classes:

- Good structure – can they walk well?
- Heavy muscle – a nice package for the consumer
- Clean front ends – both for meat and breeding.
- Balance, good tops, rib shape, and overall eye appeal.

Showmanship

For showmanship here are a few things I will be looking for. Remember – showmanship is not won at the fair, it is won at home.

- I will be looking for kids who are quick to get their animals set up, showing they have worked at home.
- Sheep/goat legs should always be set square/rectangular. Never in a profile (that is for cattle kids).
- Animals should be clean and properly fit. Ewes and wethers should be slick shorn a day or two before the show, and legs should be properly fit. Wether goats should also be clipped up with only the legs not shaved and rather hair should be pulled up to make them look as big boned as possible. Breeding does should be properly trimmed – topline, neck hair. Hair blown and combed properly as well.
- I will ask a few questions about your project and possibly about the industry. Not a major knowledge bowl, but you should know something about your project.
- I may have you switch animals in showmanship – only in an intermediate or senior class.
- If your animal is not wanting to cooperate, I would rather see you continue to try, stay calm and do the best you can. Don't give up.
- Sheep and goats (except for does) look best in a brace on the profile.
- Know a few things you like about your animal and a few things you would change.
- I expect showmen to be dressed to the fair dress code – clean pants, a nice shirt (doesn't have to be expensive but clean & pressed is always a good look), hair out of your face, no hats, no sunglasses, leather shoes if you own a pair (Hey Dudes, Tennis Shoes, etc. are not ideal), belts are good even if they have to be borrowed for the showmanship class.
- Eat breakfast and drink water before you show – no need to be nervous. Let's have fun!