

# Okanagan Shuswap Sheep Producers' Association (OSSPA)

## 2018 FLEECE COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. Fleece Entry Form and cheque or money order to be sent with BC Sheep Federation AGM and Educational Conference registration to Karen Mernett, 2501 Powerhouse Road, Armstrong, BC V0E 1B8. Registration deadline is September 5, 2018.
2. Entry fee is \$5.00 per fleece, non-refundable. Suggested limit of three fleeces per producer, unless there are fewer than 20 fleeces entered.
3. Fleeces must be delivered to the Oddfellows Hall either Thursday, September 27 between 7 PM and 9 PM, or Friday, September 28 between 8:00 and 9:00 AM.
4. The committee and judge reserve the right to reject fleeces which are not up to standard, e.g. improper skirting, excess foreign matter, moisture, odor such as mildew or mothballs, etc., plastic string or keds.
5. OSSPA assumes no responsibility for the safety of the fleece entries but will do everything possible to maintain quality and safety of the fleece.
6. Fleece must be from sheep shorn within the last 10 months prior to the competition. Please enter quality fleece.
7. SKIRTING: Before dropping off each fleece, it is the responsibility of the producer to properly skirt (all face, belly, leg, and tag wool removed), roll and display the fleece in clear plastic bag, open, **NOT sealed**. Fleece must be in its "natural" condition (no cutting tips, dyeing).
8. Each fleece will be evaluated when dropped off. The fleece will be divided into classes or categories, such as bold (long), medium or fine, primitive, colored or white. The judge has the option to change the classes or categories if necessary. The fleece will be judged for cleanliness and health, uniformity of crimp, color, and texture, and breed.
9. Fleece Entry Forms: Producers will be asked to complete TWO labels for each fleece, with their name, type of fleece, breed of sheep, age of sheep (e.g. lamb, yearling; 1<sup>st</sup> shearing, 2, 3, 4 years, etc.). One Fleece Entry Form must be submitted with registration, the other to be put in the bag with the fleece. You may staple your business card to the Fleece Entry Form that is placed in the bag with the fleece.
10. There will be no fleece auction, but entrants may sell their fleeces privately. All fleeces must be removed from the venue by 3:00 PM on Saturday. Please do not remove any fleece from the venue without reporting to the fleece coordinator as OSSPA is responsible for the fleece whereabouts.