

2017 MCLA Youth Challenge

Welcome to our 12th annual Youth Challenge! There are a few changes so please make sure that you read carefully. Most changes are highlighted in yellow. PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MICHIGAN LIVESTOCK EXPO.

1. Entrant must be 7 years old by January 1, 2017 but not older than 21. Showmanship and Educational divisions age groups are as follows:

7-10,

11-13,

14-17,

18-21

(age as of Jan 1st).

2. Entrant must be a resident of Michigan for more than 6 months in each calendar year and must attend a Michigan School (exception made for Michigan resident college students attending out of State Institutions).

3. Entrants must show in a minimum of **4** shows to qualify for any award.

4. Several locations are now offering double shows. (two shows in one location on the same day) For purposes of the Youth Challenge in order for a day to count twice there must be 2 lamb shows, 2 educational events, and 2 showmanship shows. (show managers may break one educational test into 2 different scoring groups with approval of the on site MCLA Club Lamb Committee member)

5. Entrants will show their own lambs unless they have multiple lambs in a class.

6. THERE WILL BE 3 DIVISIONS: MARKET LAMB, SHOWMANSHIP AND EDUCATION. The points from an exhibitor's top lamb at each show, along with showmanship and educational contest points will count toward an individual's point total for that show. Exhibitors are not limited on the number of sheep, but points will only be counted from the highest point market lamb or commercial ewe lamb. All Classes at all sanctioned shows will be worth a maximum of 50 pts. The scoring for all classes will break as follows:

1 st Place	50 pts
2 nd Place	48 pts
3 rd Place	46 pts
4 th Place	44 pts
5 th Place	42 pts
6 th Place	40 pts
7 th Place	38 pts

8 th Place	36 pts
9 th Place	34 pts
10 th Place	32 pts
11 th or lower	15 pts

7. Shows are encouraged to offer breeding classes, yearlings and may break market classes by breed. The above classes will be the only ones that count toward the points challenge

8. Members will accumulate points on their **4** highest scoring sanctioned shows for the overall awards. Individual lamb, showmanship and educational winners for the top **4** shows for that particular division will be counted toward that total.

9. There is no entry deadline for the contest, but the MCLA will only tally results from the date of entry forward. **Youth Challenge Entries - need to be mailed in ahead of your first show (postmarked) or given to a YC committee member before the start of the education contest at your first show.**

10. Ties will be broken based on the members' **fifth** show point total. If there is still a tie, showmanship points will be the second tie breaking criteria.

11. All decisions made by the MCLA Youth Challenge Committee are final. Note: Our main form of communication with you will be the website. Please check the website regularly to see any updates of information regarding shows, rules, and announcements. Participants will have 10 days from each shows posting of points to fix any errors that may have occurred both with placing and point allocations.

12. Members will receive awards for points in the following categories:

Novice 7-10	Junior 11-13	Intermediate 14-17	Senior 18-21
Market Lamb	Market Lamb	Market Lamb	Market Lamb
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd
Showmanship	Showmanship	Showmanship	Showmanship
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st

2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd
Educational	Educational	Educational	Educational
1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st
2 nd	2 nd	2 nd	2 nd
3 rd	3 rd	3 rd	3 rd
Overall Novice	Overall Junior	Overall Intermediate	Overall Senior

13. There will be no bonus points.