



## 2023 IDAHO STATE RAM SALE RULES & TERMS OF CONSIGNMENT

**Determination of Consignments-** The Ram Sale Committee has final say on all pen requests, make-up of stock pens and consignment requests. Consignors may address the Committee at the annual meeting the week of May 1, 2023. Final details on the annual meeting will be released as they are available.

**Determination of Health and Soundness-** All rams will be inspected by a veterinarian, and the sifting committee for health and soundness. Livestock will be inspected on the day before the sale at the sale site. (All livestock must be on sale site by 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, for inspection.)

**Flock Identification-** All breeding animals sold at the Idaho State Ram Sale must be properly identified according to the provisions of the Idaho Scrapie Program.

**Maximum Allowed Entries-** Each consignor is allowed no more than twenty-five (25) head of rams in the ram sale including: whiteface, blackface, yearlings and lambs.

**Allowable Increases-** Consignors to the ram sale will be allowed to increase entries according to their success at the previous sale. Consignors from the previous sale will be ranked according to average price with the highest average at the top. Ranking is determined according to blackface and whiteface breeds and according to yearlings and lambs. The top 1/2 of the list will be allowed to increase their previous allotment by two (2) head of the previous year's sales in order to increase their allotment at a more reasonable rate for high quality rams. The bottom 1/2 of the list will reduce their previous allotment by 10% of the previous year's allotment. If consignors have additional animals to consign, they may indicate accordingly on the entry form for the consideration of the Ram Sale Committee.

**Allotment-** The individual allotment ratio of blackface, whiteface, yearlings and lambs, should not deviate considerably from year to year. (Example: A consignor allowed to increase his/her whiteface rams may not convert this increase to blackface lambs in future years.)

**Non-participation-** Consignors who have not sold for a continuous period of two (2) years or more will lose 20% of last entry allotment for each year of non-participation in the ram sale. Consignors who have not sold for a continuous period of five (5) years will lose all existing entries and be treated as a new consignor.

**Transfer of Consignment-** A consignor is allowed to transfer up to one-half their current ram sale allotment along with the sale of their ewe flock. The buyer may use the transferred allotment as a new consignor or add to buyer's current allotment as long as it does not exceed the maximum allowable entry. (This would include partnerships and be enacted to include only transactions from January 1, 1999.) Once a consignor transfers their allotment, they will be excluded from the sale for five (5) years and be treated as a new consignor.

**Preferences-** In determining increases, preference is given to yearling rams over ram lambs.

**Health Designations in Catalog-** it is not mandatory for consignment animals to be semen tested or enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (VSFCP). However, the Ram Sale Committee recommends it. Upon the request of the consignor, this information will be recorded in the sale catalog.

**Shearing-** All whiteface breeds must be shorn on or after March 1, 2022. All blackface breeds must be shorn on or after May 1, 2022. This includes all rams, yearlings and lambs. Blackface breeds may not have more than one inch of wool at the time of sale. All animals will be inspected according to wool length. The Rams Sale Committee reserves the right to reject entries that do not conform to this ruling as determined by the inspector.

**New Consignors-** New consignors seeking entry to the range ram sale are allowed up to five (5) rams. Rams should be yearlings, although consignors may request to consign ram lambs.

**Proof of Registration-** All singles must be registered. Sellers are to deliver recorded pedigrees for all registered sheep to the office prior to sale. Buyers may request pedigrees of rams sold as "eligible for registration". Upon request, the seller will deliver pedigrees to the buyer at the buyer's expense. Ram pens of 2-5 are not required to be registered.

**Pens and Individual Sale-** Rams will be sold in pens of no more than five (5) rams.

**No Sales and Sifted Sheep-** "No sales" and "sifted sheep" cannot be sold on the sale site under any circumstances without approval of the Ram Sale Committee.

**Decorations-** No banners or other decorations may be hung from pens of sheep to be sold in the ram sale. An 8.5 x 11" card may be displayed on ram pens to document grade of wool, semen check, testing and other information.

**IWGA Membership-** All Consignors, including individual family members who have consigned sheep, will need to be members of the Idaho Wool Growers Association. If the membership has not already been paid, the membership fee should be submitted with the entry fee for participation in the ram sale to be considered.

**Liability-** Under no circumstances does the Idaho Wool Growers Association assume any liability whatsoever.

**Enforcement-** Violation of rules will result in dismissal from the sale and barring from future sales.

**Authorization-** Consignors, in making entry, agree to comply with above provisions.