

American Shropshire Registry Association, Inc.



Judging Standard

Priority of Judging

1. Soundness
2. Carcass Quality
3. Breed Character
- 4 Size

SOUNDNESS

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

Sound feet and legs

- a. Strong and correctly set with substance of bone
- b. Upright pasterns
- c. Forelegs straight and strong

Good bone

Sound mouth

25 points

CARCASS QUALITY

Loin broad, long and well muscled

Lean, highly muscled carcass

Leg full, deep and well muscled

Forearm well muscled

25 points

BREED CHARACTER

25 points

Head

Naturally clean dark face (not jet black), gray nose not objectionable. No sign of horns. White wool, covering the whole poll. Nose straight, masculine on rams, feminine on ewes. Straight or slightly dished face. 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. Wool on legs below hock and knees.

SIZE

10 points

Medium sized, appropriate to age of animal

GENERAL APPEARANCE

10 points

Alert, attractive and stylish appearance, showing the true characteristics of the Shropshire. Shoulders blending smoothly into the ribs. A full heart girth, strong and straight back with adequate body capacity. See body description

WOOL

5 points

Free from Black fiber and hairiness

SLICK SHEARING

It is strongly recommended 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. Please contact the individual shows to see if this recommendation has been adopted as a rule.

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, systems indicating systemic infection or chronic illness. Stubs or scurs. Lack of wool cap, jet black face or leg color. Black arm pits, lack of wool below hocks and knees.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Lack of breed type, 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 or wrinkles.