



# US Targhee Sheep Association

## National Show and Sale Rules

1. The Show/Sale Veterinarian will collect the CVI at the entry gate. A copy of the CVI is required for **each** animal and must accompany the animal in order to gain entrance. The inspector will retain the CVI. If the CVI does not accompany the animal(s), it (they) will not be unloaded.
2. Any question regarding health of an animal will be based on the animal's condition as it is presented to the Show/Sale Veterinarian. This determination is at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or the official representative. Decision of the Veterinarian is final in regard to sifting.
3. Sheep exhibited at the USTSA National Show & Sale, as well as the flocks from which they come, must be free from contagious or communicable diseases such as Foot Rot or Club Lamb Fungus.
4. All rams shall possess two testicles and be fully intact. All yearling rams require a scrotal circumference measurement recorded on the CVI. The minimum requirement is 30 cm.
5. The USTSA requires all sheep must be dipped or sprayed for external parasites at least 10 and not more than 30 days prior to sale date. A certificate must be furnished to the Show/Sale Veterinarian showing the date sprayed or dipped, the product used, and the dilution rate. Only products labeled for use in/on sheep will be accepted.
6. Sheep must be registered 30 days in advance of the National Show & Sale.
7. All sheep entered shall have a registration number tattoo in the right ear and a breeder's flock tag and Scrapie tag in the left ear. If a registration tag was used, it must be in their right ear **or** a registration tag placed in a sealed envelope stapled to their individual CVI. On the outside of the envelope, please write your name and the sheep's flock and registration numbers.
8. **All yearling rams and ewes** must have a side micron test taken and submitted for evaluation by a third party after **May 1st of 2024** in order to show or sell.
9. In regard to the Premier Exhibitor award, in classes pertaining, points will be administered according to the table below. Recipient with the highest amount of points will receive the award. In the case of a tie, the Show Judge will make the call.

Placing (per class)	Points Awarded
1st	5 points
2nd	4 points
3rd	3 points
4th	2 points
5th	1 point
Overall Grand	5 points
Overall Reserve	4 Points

## National Sheep Improvement Program Rules

1. All NSIP rams and ewes are subject to the National Targhee Show & Sale rules and regulations. Rams and ewes shall be owned by the breeder and the breeder's flock must be enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program.
2. EPVs for the following traits must be posted by the breeder on the pens for each sheep enrolled in an NSIP class: 60 Day Weaning Wt, Maternal Milk Wt, Yearling Wt, Grease Fleece Wt, Fiber Diameter, Staple Length, and Number of Lamb Born. The wool micron on NSIP entries will also be posted on the pen and taken within 30 days of show date.
3. Data for the required traits must be submitted for the **June 1st** run.
4. All rams and ewes must be shorn after **February 20th**.
5. A minimum of trimming will be allowed to clean up the sheep as long as it does not misrepresent the sheep or affect the natural character of the wool (eg. carding). No shearing of belly wool will be allowed after the animal's shearing date. Rams and ewes can be disqualified if the trimming misrepresents the sheep or wool (eg. wool blindness or level- ing of the topline).
6. In selecting the Outstanding NSIP ram and ewe, judging will be split 50/50 between the EPV records and the live show placing. Judging of the data will be done by the producers the morning of the show using the following point system. Every trait will be given equal rating and all animals ranked according to their EBV numbers with the "top" for each trait getting a 1 and the bottom getting the highest number. The individual rankings are tallied

and the lowest overall score is given a 1, second a 2 and so on. If there is a tie, both animals will receive the lower number.

7. After the live placing is announced by the judge, the scores will be tallied and the resulting placings will then be announced. The top rams will then continue on to the championship round. If there is a tie, the sheep with the higher NSIP score will be used as the tie breaker.

8. Two rams will be allowed per breeder or flock enrolled in NSIP. There is no limit on NSIP ewe entries.

## **State Health Requirements for South Dakota**

**All livestock entering South Dakota must have an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) stating:**

1. Name, address, and phone number of consignor; name and address of point of origination if different from consignor; name, physical address, and phone number of consignee; name and physical address of destination if different than consignee information.
2. Species of animal, age, sex, breed, number, purpose of movement, test results, etc.
3. Signature, address, and phone number of inspecting licensed accredited veterinarian.
4. Individual official identification listed as required.
5. Import shipping permit number for livestock. (As listed by species below.) NO import permit required on CVIs issued for domestic livestock using approved electronic systems (GlobalVetLink, VSPS, VetSentry, Sale Time Systems, and VET CVI).
6. Must be free of signs of infectious or contagious diseases.

\*CVI's must be written within 10 days of inspecting the animals. Import permits are valid for 15 days. CVI's are valid for 30 days.

### **Sheep and Goat Requirements**

*Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).* All sheep and goats imported into the state must be accompanied by a CVI, except the following:

1. Sheep and goats moving from their farm / ranch of origin in an adjacent state directly to an approved auction market, and
2. Sheep and goats consigned directly to a recognized slaughter establishment

NO import permit required on CVIs issued for sheep and goats using approved electronic systems (GlobalVetLink, VSPS, VetSentry, Sale Time Systems, and VET CVI).

# Terms for the National Targhee Sale

1. Terms of this sale --- Check or cash.
2. All purchases are to be settled for on the day of sale at the sale office.
3. Private sales of Targhee sheep before or during the auction are forbidden. The transaction of private sales, while sheep are still on the grounds, will be handled by the sale bookkeeper and the regular sale commission will be collected. Private sales of sheep are discouraged by the USTSA because of loss of revenue for consignors of the National Show & Sale.
4. All sheep consigned to the sale are held at the Consignor's risk until sold. Ownership changes when the sheep are sold in the ring.
5. Misunderstandings or disputes regarding bids will be settled by the auctioneer.
6. Only bonafide bids will be accepted. Sellers have the right to bid once upon each lot offered.
7. All bidding will be based on price per head – not on the pen as a whole.
8. No sheep will be released except at the sale office and not until full payment at the sale office has been made.
9. Transfer of registration certificates will be made at no cost to the buyer. Funds from the sale will be held by the Association Office until registration certificates and transfers are properly recorded in the Association books.

**GUARANTEE:** Every ram and ewe sold will be guaranteed by the breeder if properly handled. It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to return a non-breeder to the seller in acceptable condition. The seller, after a fair trial and the animal is found to be a non-breeder, shall have the privilege of replacing the ram or ewe with one of equal value to the satisfaction of the buyer, or refund the purchase price. This guarantee shall not apply to any sheep that are shown subsequent to the date of sale. Notification of a non-breeder ram and/or ewe must be made to the seller prior to July 1, 2025.