

# 2009 MCLA Youth Challenge

Our fifth annual Youth Challenge is underway. If you are a new to the challenge, contact us for more details. If you are returning, Welcome Back. We are looking forward to another exciting year. Youth interested in the challenge may fill out the form attached and pay the appropriate entry fees. Once entered, the results of their placings at sanctioned shows for the year will be tallied and points will be assigned. At the end of the season, all entered youth will have earned a prize, and some will earn exciting things such as clippers, stands, or scholarships!

## Rules for Entry:

1. Entrant must be 7 years old by January 1, 2009 but not older than 21.
2. Entrant must be a resident of Michigan for more than 6 months in each calendar year and must attend a Michigan School.
3. Entrant must be (or become at time of entry) a junior member of the MCLA or have a family membership.
4. Entrants will show their own lambs unless they have multiple lambs in a class.
5. Entrants are not limited to showing only 2 sheep per show, however the points will only be accumulated from the two highest point-accumulating sheep. Sheep may only be shown once per show and by only one member.
6. Entrants who participate in showmanship will acquire points for each show regardless of the number of lambs shown.
7. Entrants will only accumulate points on their 4 best sanctioned shows.
8. Educational contests offered by shows are eligible for bonus points. The points are figured on the same scale as the market lamb and showmanship classes. Only one educational exhibit per show will be counted. Educational contests at the county fairs and the Michigan State Fair will **NOT** be eligible for these bonus points. Please note that not all shows offer educational contests, but will be encouraged to do so.
9. Again this year MCLA Youth Challenge will help in the support of an MCLA born contest. Shows will be hosted at the following places: Blue and Gold, Great Lakes Lamb Expo, Central Summer Classic & Southern Michigan Prospect Lamb Show. Please see contest guidelines under the link below. Participants will earn bonus points towards that show for participating in this contest.
10. We will be giving set bonus points to the overall top 5 lambs at each show. (see below)
11. There is no entry deadline for the contest, but the MCLA will only tally results from the date of entry forward.
12. Ties will be broken based on showmanship. If there is still a tie, a name will be drawn.
13. 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.
- 14: The top 5 will be chosen from all of the Challenge members. The second tier of prizes will be awarded by age groups. The top 5 for each age group will be awarded special prizes. The categories will be as follows: 7-10, 11-13, 14-17, 18-21 (age as of Jan 1st).

15: NEW THIS YEAR: For each member who recruits a new participant in the Youth Challenge will receive a free MCLA water bottle! New members must put the person who recruited them on their entry form.

**Points Breakdown:**

1st - 20 points 4th - 11 points

2nd - 17 points 5th - 8 points

3rd - 14 points 6th & under- 5 points

***Multiplied by the number of lambs in the class.***

**Bonus Points:**

Grand Champion - 100

Reserve Champion - 90

3rd Overall - 80

4th Overall - 70

5th Overall - 60

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