

Jersey Woolly – Sweeps for Dummies!

Each national breed club runs some sort of sweepstakes program. Each time you show Jersey Woolies at a NJWRC sanctioned show, you'll accumulate sweeps points. The NJWRC season runs from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Below you'll find a summary of the points contests. As it turns out, I've found there are a lot of NJWRC long-time members that don't understand the whole program either, so you're certainly not alone if you're a bit confused!

Overall Sweeps consists of:

***Class Points:** In each class (for instance, Self Senior Bucks), points are awarded for the top 5 placements as follows: 1st place 6 points for each rabbit in the class, 2nd place 4 points for each rabbit in the class, 3rd place 3 points for each rabbit in the class, 4th place 2 points for each rabbit in the class & 5th place 1 point for each rabbit shown in the class. NOTE: NJWRC Spring Nationals & ARBA Convention use a different formula, through 10th place as follows: 1st -12, 2nd -9, 3rd -8, 4th -7, 5th -6, 6th -5, 7th -4, 8th -3, 9th -2 & 10th -1 point per number shown in the class.

***Bonus Points:** Best of Breed (BOB) & Best Opposite of Breed (BOS) bonus points. These points are awarded as: BOB 1 point for each Jersey Woolly shown. BOS: 1 points for each "opposite" Jersey Woolly shown – meaning if BOB is a buck, and you win BOS with a doe, you'd get 1 point for each doe shown.

***Best In Show / RIS / B4C Points:** Should you win:

*Best In Show (all breed shows only - specialty shows don't count for this section), you will receive 1 extra point for every rabbit shown in the entire show.

*RIS (Reserve in Show) / 1st Reserve: you will receive 1 half-point for every rabbit shown in the entire show (rounded up to the nearest point).

*B4C (Best 4 Class): you will receive 1 half-point for each 4 Class rabbit in the entire show (rounded up to the nearest point).

Award of Excellence consists of: Best of Breed (BOB) & Best Opposite of Breed (BOS) bonus points. These points are awarded as: BOB: 1 point for each Jersey Woolly shown. BOS: 1 point for each "opposite" Jersey Woolly shown - meaning if BOB is a buck, and you win BOS with a doe, you'd get 1 point for each doe shown. (See Bonus Points as noted above – same thing here ☺)

Rabbit of the Year consists of: The individual rabbit also receives points, and they are awarded the same way the exhibitor is awarded the Award of Excellence points. The BOB rabbit receives 1 point for each Jersey Woolly shown, and the BOS rabbit gets 1 point for each "opposite" Jersey Woolly shown. (These are the same as the Bonus Points and Award of Excellence points outlined above.)

Herdsmen of the Year consists of: Truth be told, this one is a bit more complicated! For each BOB an exhibitor wins, they receive 2 Herdsman Points, and for each BOS an exhibitor wins, they receive 1 Herdsman Point. But, the exhibitor can only accumulate a maximum of 5 points with a specific animal. So, if you have a "hot" rabbit that's winning & winning & winning, the HM points stop at 5. Also, there are no HM points awarded unless the requirements of a Grand Champion Leg are met within the breed.

Wool Contests consist of: The NJWRC has both a White Wool & Colored Wool contest. The points are awarded the exact same way as the Overall Sweeps Points / Class Points outlined above, including the Spring Nationals & ARBA Convention expanded points formula.

Youth Showing in Open: As per the rules, all NJWRC Youth members' points are to be counted in the youth contests, even when showing in open. If you are a youth that shows in Open that wants your points left in open, kindly notify me in writing at your earliest possible convenience! The rules actually state this notification must be made by July 1st, but I'll happily accept it at any point.

Should you have any questions at all about how the points work, please let me know!