

Jacob Sheep Breeders Association Recommended Scorecard

	DESIRABLE ("HIGH")	ACCEPTABLE ("MEDIUM")	UNACCEPTABLE ("LOW")
Conformation (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively small, fine-boned Straight back with rump sloping toward tail head Legs set square, no wool below the knee Head slender and triangular, no wool forward of horns in adults; small alert ears Brown, blue, or marbled eyes without evidence of split upper eyelid Tail docked, or reaching near hock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back not level over shoulders Square rump, not sloping Slightly cow-hocked Somewhat Roman-nosed Eyelid with minor evidence of a split upper eyelid that will not cause injury to the eye 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rams over 180 lbs; ewes over 130 lbs. Very large, heavy boned animal Large, square-jawed head, pendulous ears Wool on legs or face (forward of horns in adults) Split eyelid deformity that causes injury or discomfort to the eye Unsound
Fleece (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium, open, with soft springy handle Staple length of 3-7" With or without crimp, but uniform and desirable for handspinning Clean line between colored and white patches Minimal if any kemp; lambs may, however, have some loose fibers that are NOT kemp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finer, short, dense fleece Longer, coarser fleece that is more hairy in appearance Presence of some freckling obvious in the white wool Small amount of kemp Lacking in uniformity, or with excessive britch wool Significant "bleeding" between colored patches and white areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very coarse fleeces grading 38.9 microns (40 Bradford count) or coarser Very fine fleeces grading 23.5 microns (60 Bradford count) or finer Double coating Short, brittle fleeces with heavy kemp Fleeces that shed Excessive quilted appearance Excessive mottling or freckling, with "salt and pepper" appearance
Breed Characteristics (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well-marked, a white sheep with black or lilac patches, neither too light nor too dark. Two large eye patches; pigmented nose (in adults) or muzzle patch present Legs white or with colored patches, but not all black; black or striped hooves With even number of strong, well-balanced and spaced horns In general appearance, fine-boned, somewhat primitive, and alert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal color on body, but with typical Jacob color pattern Missing or slipped eye patch, or having only one facial marking (one eye patch or muzzle patch) One to three dark colored legs Horns less well-spaced, may be partially fused or evenly fused at base in adult rams Slightly forward tipping horns that will not impair grazing or harm the animal Ewes with scurs in place of lower (secondary) horns Somewhat coarse in appearance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 85% colored, or giving the appearance of a black animal with minimal white markings More than 85% white Having no facial patches All black legs Forward growing horns that harm the animal or impair the ability of the animal to graze Polled sheep Rams with scurs (except in addition to full horns) Ewes with scurs in place of top (primary) horns Very large and heavy boned
Showmanship (10%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonably clean and attractive but with minimal grooming of fleece Natural in appearance Well-conditioned, but not with expectation of same amount of cover as a meat breed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some trimming and washing to present an attractive animal Adult ewes that have lambd in somewhat lower condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals recently sheared without sufficient wool for evaluation Excessively fitted Very poor condition