Rules and Regulation for the European Section of the French Young Shepherds Competition 2018

Article 1 – Purpose of rules and regulations

Inn'Ovin and INTERBEV Ovins organize a competition to test the practical and theoretical knowledge of sheep farming for students of agricultural schools and colleges. This competition has the following aims:

1. promote sheep farming amongst the students and apprentices of agricultural schools and colleges;
2. Strengthen the partnership between agricultural teaching and real farming ;
3. give a modern image of sheep farming ;
4. Promote careers in sheep farming;
5. Initiate a European network on the theme of training and starting out in sheep farming.

This competition is composed in two categories of tests:
- The individual tests s
- A team test

In 2018, Inn'Ovin and INTERBEV Ovins are creating a European section in the national final of French Young Shepherds Competition for individual tests only.

The rules concern the **European section of individual tests during the French final of young Shepherds Challenge 2018**. These tests will take place on Saturday **24ᵗʰ February 2018, on the Grand Ring in Hall 1 of the International Agricultural Show, in Paris.**

These rules and regulations are available and downloadable on our website using the following link: http://www.inn-ovin.fr/ovinpiades-des-jeunes-bergers.

Article 2 – Purpose of the competition

The pedagogical advantages of the initiative are as follows:
o acquisition of knowledge about the sheep industry;
o aptitude to organise and perform certain practical procedures;
o mastery of knowledge;
o management of the procedure whilst respecting health and safety regulations;

The European section of individual tests s includes the following tests:

1. two theoretical tests :
   o A quiz about European sheep industry, sheep nutrition, breeding, selection, health, current affairs, …
   o A breed recognition of 10 French sheep breeds
2. a test to sort a group of ewes using electronic ear tags
3. a test about handling tasks and evaluation of the body condition score of a group of ewes
4. a foot trimming test
5. a test for the evaluation of the body condition score and weight of a group of lambs

The terms of participation in the competition are described in this regulation. Participation in the competition includes full acceptance of these rules.

Article 3 - Conditions of participation

3.1. The European section of individual tests during the French final of young Shepherds Challenge 2018 is open to European students of agricultural schools and colleges.

3.2. The following are invited to participate in the competition: 2 candidates per nation +1 accompanying adult for each nation invited.

3.3. Competitors accompanied by pets will not be allowed to participate in the tests.

Article 4 - Terms and conditions

4.1. Acceptance of the rules

Participation in the competition includes full acceptance of these rules.

4.2. Selection of competitors

The selection of candidates is left to the discretion of the organizing bodies in each country.

The **accompanying persons** for each delegation must be adult (farmer, technician, teacher, etc.); they are responsible for the 2 candidates that they accompany.
Furthermore, they must take part in the international final by being a member of the jury on one or several tests.

Languages:
The candidates and accompanying adult are requested to have good English or French, so that they can understand the quiz, instructions, and make themselves understood by the juries and organisers.

4.3. Competition

4.3.a. **A professional steering committee,** composed of the President of INTERBEV Ovins, the President of the National Sheep Federation, and the President of Inn'Ovin, decides on the orientations of the Young Shepherd Competition, and validates the proposals of a technical group.

4.3.b. **The competition 2018** will take place on the International Agricultural Show, in Paris, on Saturday**, 24th February 2018.**

4.3.c. **Composition of the jury**
A jury is designated by the professional steering committee. It is composed of two or three people, ideally a farmer, a technician and a teacher.
The President of the jury is the President of INTERBEV Ovins. He may have to intervene in case of dispute.

4.3.d. **Scoring**
The final score is the total of the points obtained by the candidate at each test.
4.3.e. **Ranking of the candidates**
The ranking of the candidates is established by a jury composed of two people.

In case of ex-aequo for the first 3 places of the ranking, the candidates are separated by a subsidiary question of quiz inducing a quantitative answer. The candidate who provided the closest approximation will receive the highest ranking.

The jury's decision is final.

4.3.f. **Announcement of the results.**
The award Ceremony will take place late afternoon on the grand ring, on February 24th February, The presence of all the finalists and the accompanying adults is mandatory at this awards ceremony.

The results will be published on the Inn'Ovin website on Sunday, 25th February 2018. This date may be modified according to the needs of the organizers

Article 5 – Organization – Intervention of INYTERBEV Ovins.

INTERBEV Ovins is in charge of organizing the accommodation and meals from Friday 23th February in the evening (night) to Sunday 25th February in the morning (breakfast) for candidates and the accompanying adults.

On site (Metro): INTERBEV Ovins reimburses a maximum of 5 metro tickets per candidate and accompanying person on presentation of receipts.

Additional persons accompanying the candidates will not be catered for. INTERBEV Ovins will not cover any other costs.

5.3. Entrée au Salon International de l'Agriculture
Interbev Ovins offers 2 nominative entries per candidate and per accompanying adult at the International Agricultural Show (1 for Saturday, February 24, 2018 and 1 for Sunday, February 25, 2018).

5.4. Catering organized by INTERBEV Ovins
- Saturday 24th February 2018 - Breakfast: CISP Kellermann.
- Saturday 24th February 2018 – Lunch: Candidates and accompanying adults can pick up a picnic basket at the stand of INTERBEV Ovins / Inn'Ovin
- Saturday 24th February 2018 – Dinner : : a dinner will be organized for the candidates, the accompanying adults and the jury of the Ovinpiades, following the presentation of the award ceremony on Saturday, February 24, 2018, on the site of the International Agricultural Show.
- Sunday 25th February – Breakfast: CISP Kellermann.

5.5. Accommodation organized by INTERBEV Ovins
- 2 nights from Friday, February 23, 2018 to Sunday, February 25, 2018: INTERBEV Ovins organizes the hosting of the finalist teams at CISP Kellermann - 17, boulevard Kellermann - 75013 Paris http://www.cisp.fr

> D'autres accompagnateurs peuvent se joindre aux candidats **mais l'organisation et les frais liés à leur déplacement (hébergement, restauration, transport, entrée au SIA, etc.) sont entièrement à leur charge.**
>
> Other people can accompany the candidates but they should cover all their expenses

Article 6 – Insurance and responsibilities

1 - The candidates and accompanying persons must be covered by their <u>own third person insurance</u>; <u>they must bring proof of this insurance.</u> INTERBEV Ovins declines all responsibility.

2- Each participating country will designate an accompanying adult: the latter will be responsible for the students that they accompany.

3- Should the candidates have any health or dietary problems they must be reported on their registration form.

Article 7 – Image privacy rights

All participants and accompanying adults specifically renounce their image rights during the competition, just as they renounce any action against the organisers and approved partners for the use made of their image.

The candidates and accompanying adults must sign a document renouncing their image upon arrival.

Objective:
Be knowledgeable of certain technical aspects related to sheep farming.

Organisation :
1. Quiz: The candidate must answer 15 questions in 8 minutes; the questions have been specially prepared by a competent technical group. The following themes will be covered: knowledge of the European sheep industry, sheep nutrition, breeding, selection, health, current affairs.
2. Breed recognition: recognize 10 sheep breeds marching on the ovine ring (about 1min per animal); the list of breeds s present at the 2018 Agricultural Show is available below.

NB: The quiz will be given in English and French.

References: Economic data for the sheep industry // Institut de l'Elevage

Equipment:
- Quiz: questionnaires printed in advance, check the correct answer
- Breed recognition: write the name of the breed in front of each number

Evaluation:
• Quiz / 15 points: 1 pt / correct answer
• Breed recognition / 5 points: 0.5 pt / correct answer

Any communication or attempt to communicate by candidates between themselves or with third parties may result in their exclusion from the competition.

BREED RECOGNITION

Last Name and First Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………

Please write very clearly the correct answer

Any illegible answer will be considered false

- Recognize the breeds of 10 animals marching in the ovine ring (about 1min per animal)
- List of breeds present at the Salon de l'Agriculture available below
- Rating / 5 points: 0.5 pt / correct answer

Any cheating will result in a score of zero at the entire theoretical test

Write the name of the race presented:

1. ………………………………………..	2. ………………………………………..
2. ………………………………………..	3. ………………………………………..
3. ………………………………………..	4. ………………………………………..
4. ………………………………………..	5. ………………………………………..
5. ………………………………………..	6. ………………………………………..

List of breeds s present at the 2018 Agricultural Show:

Avranchin	Dorset Down	Mouton Vendéen
Basco Béarnaise	Est à Laine Mérinos	Noire du Velay
Berrichon de l'Indre	Finnoise	Préalpes
Berrichon du Cher	Grivette	Rava
Bizet	Hampshire	Romane
Blanche du Massif Central	Ile de France	Romanov
Bleu du Maine	Lacaune	Rouge d' Ouest
Boulonnais	Limousine	Roussin
Causse du Lot	Manech Tête Noire	Solognot
Charmoise	Manech Tête Rousse	Southdown
Charollais	Mérinos d'Arles	Suffolk
Clun Forest	Mérinos de Rambouillet	Tarasconnaise
Corse	Mourérous	Texel
Cotentin	Mouton d'Ouessant	Thônes et Marthod

Objective: Being able to isolate, within a group of 15 to 20 females, ewes to be culled according to a predefined criterion. The ewes will be identified thanks to a reader of electronic ear tags.

Organization: the entire group will enter the race; the chosen ewes will then be removed
Material: one pre-assembled holding pen, one pre-assembled sorting pen (race + gate + sorting gate), 15 to 20 ewes with electronic ear tags, one electronic tag reader.

Scoring:
► Circle the values corresponding to each test on the score table
► Timing: from the end of the oral presentation of the instructions to the time that the last ewe leaves the sorting race

Last Name and First Name:

			Penalties to apply	Points
Technical expertise / 14 points	**Success of the goal / 5 points**	Objective attained: the ewes to be culled have all been identified and sorted correctly	0	5
		Objective partially attained: the ewes to be culled have not all been correctly identified. There is no sorting error.	-1 point per ewe to sort missing	Calculate
		Objective partially attained: the ewes to be culled have not all been correctly identified and / or there is a sorting error.	-1 point per ewe to sort missing = AND -0.5 points per sorting error =	Calculate
		Objective non attained: none of the ewes to be culled has been correctly identified.	5	0
		Subtotal		**/5**
	Technical expertise / 9 points	Good organisation of the work space (race, reception area)		2
		Moderate to acceptable organisation		1
		Ineffective organisation		0
		Good grouping of the ewes with the race		2
		Difficulties with grouping		1
		Inappropriate choices		0
		Rational use of the sorting facilities and electronic identification		2
		Difficulties with the use of the equipment		1
		Major difficulties		0
		Appropriate handling of the animals		2
		Inappropriate handling		1
		Major handling / behavioural error		0
		Bonus (tricks, …)		+1
		Subtotal		**/9**
Speed / 6 points		Time < = 2'		+1
		2' < time < = 2'15		6
		2'15 < time < = 2'30		5
		2'30 < time < = 3'		4
		3' < time < = 3'30		3
		3'30 < time < = 4'		2
		4' < time < = 5'		1
		time > 5'		0
		Subtotal		**/6 + bonus**
SCORE FOR THE CANDIDATE				**/20**

Objective: Be able to catch, move and restrain a ewe and evaluate the body condition score by attributing a body condition score.

Technical references:
NEC MSA fact sheet - NEC Institut de l'Elevage / Ciirpo fact sheet

Organisation: The candidate must:
1) Successively block 3 animals previously chosen by the jury (identification n°). Then he/she has three minutes to attribute a body condition score (precision to the nearest 1/2 point) to each of the 3 ewes.
2) Then catch a ewe previously chosen by the jury (identification n°), move her out of the pen, make her walk following a marked path, sit the ewe in a defined zone (1m ²), release her in the holding-pen; all in **4 minutes.**

Material: holding pen, 10 ewes, a marked path (3 à 4 m)

Scoring:
► For each of the 3 ewes, record the score attributed by the jury then circle on the table the values corresponding to the intervention.
► Circle the values corresponding to each test on the score table
► Timing: from the end of the oral presentation of the instructions to the time that the candidate declares the third body condition score; from the catching of the ewe to the closing of the holding pen for the handling.

Last Name and First Name:

Technical skill shown during the test / 9 points	Appropriate restraint (e.g. grab the back leg at the hock, etc.)		3
	Restraint poorly mastered		1.5
	Restraint difficult or dangerous (grabbing the wool, foreleg)		0
	Moving the ewe		
	Appropriate technique of moving the ewe (appropriate position, fluidity of the movement, etc.)		3
	Poorly applied technique of moving the ewe (lifted too high, dropped the ewe, excessive physical force employed, etc.)		1.5
	Inappropriate or risky technique of moving the ewe (came out of the race, dragging the ewe, pulling the wool, etc.)		0
	Sitting the ewe		
	Appropriate technique for tipping the ewe (safe, pivoting, grab underneath, etc. minimal effort needed, fluidity, technique mastered, etc.)		3
	Poorly adapted technique (risky position, poor handling resulting in a struggling sheep, etc.)		1.5
	Inappropriate or risky technique (dangerous for the handler's back or the animal, too brutal for the ewe: from the top, lifting the sheep, etc.)		0
	Time : Time of reference = 2'30	Time < = 1'30	+0.5
		1'30 < Time < = 2'	+0.25
		2' < Time < = 2'30	1.5
		2'30 < temps < = 3'	1
		3' < Time < = 3'30'	0.5
		Time > 3'30	0
	Subtotal		**/10.5 + bonus**
Technical Expertise of evaluation of the ewes / 11 points	Appropriate body condition scoring technique **(cf. references tk)**		2
	Inappropriate body condition scoring technique		0
	ewe 1	Score of the jury identified	3
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	1
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	ewe 2	Score of the jury identified	3
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	1
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	ewe 3	Score of the jury identified	3
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	1
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	Time :		
	-1 point per minute overtime (after 4minutes)		
	Subtotal		**/11**
Penalty	-1 point per escaped ewe		
	Score for the candidate		**/20**

<u>Objective:</u> be capable to prepare the material and to intervene on a ewe taken from a group, using a turn table.

Technical references: practical video by "Inn'Ovin" "foot trimming" - foot trimming fact sheet edited by the MSA, France

<u>Organization:</u> the candidate prepares his equipment , moves the ewe into the corridor, then the holding pen, blocks the designated ewe in the turn table cage, performs the trim (trim of all four feet), and releases her with the rest of the flock.

<u>Material:</u> several ewes to be trimmed, secateurs, veterinary products, holding pen, corridor, turn table cage, gloves.

Scoring:
► Circle the values corresponding to each test on the score table
► Timing: from the end of the instructions for the trimming up to the release of the ewe into the flock.

Last Name and First Name:

Technical skill shown during the test / 15 points	**Technical skill / 6 points**	appropriate approach and restraint during the procedure	3
		inadequate approach or restraint	1.5
		difficult or dangerous approach and restraint	0
		the participant has mastered the techniques and postures	3
		the participant has not fully mastered the techniques and postures	1.5
		the participant uses inappropriate techniques and postures	0
		Subtotal	**/6**
	Quality of the procedure / 9 points	**Perfect**, no injuries, clean cuts	10
		Very satisfactory, few imperfect cuts	8
		Satisfactory, good balance, some horn remaining	6
		Moderate, unbalanced trim, sections that are a bit too short, or other defects	4
		Mediocre, superficial trim, traces very visible, frequent left-overs	2
		very mediocre, injuries + lots of left-overs	0
		Subtotal	**/10**
Speed of the intervention / 2 points		Time < = 2'	+1
		2' < Time < = 3'	4
		3' < Time < = 4'	3
		4' < Time < = 5'	2
		5' < Time < = 6'	1.5
		6' < Time < = 7'	1
		7' < Time < = 8'	0.5
		Time > 8'	0
			/4 + bonus
Score for the candidate			**/20**

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Objective: be able to evaluate the body condition and finish of 3 lambs, and attribute a score from 1 to 4, according to the EUROP classification.

Reference: EUROP fattening condition score table
Note: UK EUROP grid includes subdivisions of 3 and 4 scores for fat: 3H (higher fat score) and 3 L (lower fat score) La classification britannique inclut deux sous classes (H pour haut et L pour bas) pour les états d'engraissement 3 et 4.

NB: the method used is not scored, but the candidate must palpate the lambs at least over the back (palpation of the tail head and ribs optional).

Organization: the candidate has 2.30 minutes to palpate 4 lambs designated by the jury, and give them a score.

Material: one group of finishing lambs in a holding pen.

Scoring
► Circle the values corresponding to each test on the score table
► Timing: from the end of the instructions up to the attribution of the live weight of the last lamb.

Last Name and First Name:

		Identification N°			
Technical skill shown during the test / 16	**Precision of the finishing score / 9**	Score of the jury			
		Score of the candidate			
		Score of the jury identified	3	3	3
		Difference in the score of +/ - 1 point	2	2	2
		Difference in the score of +/ - 2 points	1	1	1
		Difference in the score of +/ - 2 points	0	0	0
		Total 3 lambs	**/9**		
	Accuracy of the palpation / 7	Appropriate restraint during the procedure (calm ...)	4		
		Restraint poorly mastered	2		
		Restraint difficult or dangerous	0		
		Appropriate palpation technique (at least of the back)	3		
		Incomplete and/or imprecise Technique	1,5		
		Inappropriate technique	0		
			/7		
			/16		
Speed of the intervention / 4		Time < = 2'	+1		
		Time < = 2'30	4		
		2'30 < Time < = 3'	3		
		3' < Time < = 4'	2		
		4' < Time < = 5'	1		
		5' < Time	0		
			/4 + Bonus		
Score for the candidat			**/ 20+ Bonus**		

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