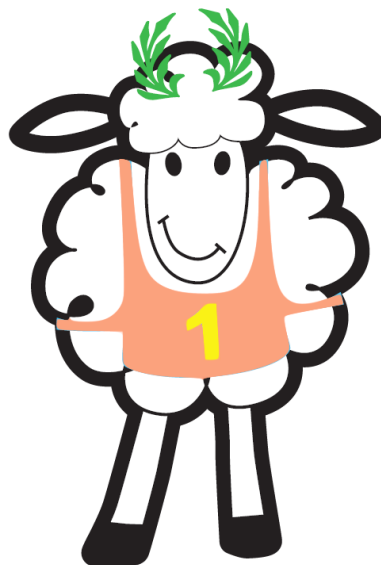




Rules and Regulation for the European Section of the French Young Shepherds Competition 2020



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
- A team test

In 2018, Inn'Ovin and INTERBEV Ovins created 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 2020**. These tests will take place on Saturday 22th February 2020, 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:

- acquisition of knowledge about the sheep industry;
- aptitude to organise and perform certain practical procedures;
- mastery of knowledge;
- management of the procedure whilst respecting health and safety regulations;

The European section of individual tests includes the following tests:

1. two theoretical tests :
 - A quiz about European sheep industry, sheep nutrition, breeding, selection, health, current affairs, ...
 - 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. An evaluation test of the fattening status of butchery and weighing 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 national final of the Young Shepherd Ovinpiades is open to learners from agricultural and rural educational institutions, aged between 16 and 24 years old included on the date of the final, therefore born between 25/02/1996 and 24/02 / 2004. Applicants under the age of 16 or 25 years of age or older will not be eligible to compete in the National Finals.

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 2020** will take place on the International Agricultural Show, in Paris, on Saturday, **22th February 2020**.

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 22th 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, 23th February 2020. This date may be modified according to the needs of the organizers

Article 5 – Organization – Intervention of INTERBEV Ovins.

INTERBEV Ovins is in charge of organizing the accommodation and meals from Friday 21th February in the evening (night) to Sunday 23th 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.

For each foreign team (1 adult and 2 participants) a total amount of 150 euros will be awarded to offset travel expenses.

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

5.3. Entry to the International Agricultural Show

Interbev Ovins offers 2 nominative entries per candidate and per accompanying adult at the International Agricultural Show (1 for Saturday, February 22, 2020 and 1 for Sunday, February 23, 2020).

5.4. Catering organized by INTERBEV Ovins

🍴 Saturday 22th February 2020 - Breakfast: CISP Kellermann.

- 🔊 Saturday 22th February 2020 – Lunch: Candidates and accompanying adults can pick up a picnic basket at the stand of INTERBEV Ovins / Inn'Ovin
- 🔊 Saturday 22th February 2020 – 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 22, 2020, on the site of the International Agricultural Show.
- 🔊 Sunday 23th February – Breakfast: CISP Kellermann.



5.5. Accommodation organized by INTERBEV Ovins

- 🔊 2 nights from Friday, February 21, 2020 to Sunday, February 22, 2019: 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 own third person insurance; they must bring proof of this insurance. 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 present at the 2019 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 2019 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:

Technical expertise / 14 points	Success of the goal / 5 points		Penalties to apply	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: to be able to seize, move, immobilize ewes, then assess the body condition by assigning them an appropriate status score.

Being able to judge whether the body condition score is consistent with the recommendations in relation to the physiological stage specified in the problem.

Technical references:

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

Organization: the competitor must:

1) block successively 3 animals previously designated by the jury (identification number) within a batch of 10 placed in a waiting area. He has 1.30 minutes to give the bodily condition note (1/2 point precision) of each of the 3 ewes to the jury, who enters it on the evaluation sheet with regard to the corresponding identification number;

2) seize a sheep previously designated by the jury (identification number) in the lot, take it out of the park, sit it in a defined area (1m²), then release the animal in the waiting area; all in 2 minutes.

3) The candidate draws a question corresponding to a problem, has 1 minute to prepare his answer. According to him, is the body condition score sufficient for the physiological stage of the ewe lot? For a maximum of 2 minutes, he exposes and argues his answer.

Material: a waiting park (15 m²), 10 ewes

Evaluation:

► For each of the 3 ewes, write the note relating to the judgment and then circle on the grid the values corresponding to the intervention

► Circle the values corresponding to the intervention on the grid

► Time measurement (only for the NEC): from the end of the oral presentation of the instructions to the dictation of the third note for the status note; from the seizure of the ewe to the closing of the park to the return for the manipulation, from the reading of the question until the end of the argumentation for the mastery of the NEC in connection with the management of the feeding

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.)		2
	Restraint poorly mastered		1
	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.)		2
	Poorly applied technique of moving the ewe (lifted too high, dropped the ewe, excessive physical force employed, etc.)		1
	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.)		2
	Poorly adapted technique (risky position, poor handling resulting in a struggling sheep, etc.)		1
	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
	Subtotal		/6
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	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	1
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	.5
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	ewe 2	Score of the jury identified	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	1
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	0.5
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	ewe 3	Score of the jury identified	2
		Difference in the score of +/- 0.5 points	1
		Difference in the score of +/- 1 point	0.5
		Difference in the score of > 1 point	0
	Time :		
-1 point per minute overtime (after 4minutes)			
Subtotal		/8	
Mastery of the NEC in connection with the management of food	Wrong answer and irrelevant argumentation	0	
	Correct answer and then imprecise, evasive argumentation	1.5	
	Just answer then confused but thoughtful argumentation	3	
	Just answer then clear argument, constructed but incomplete	4.5	
	Just answer then relevant and rigorous argumentation	6	
Sub-total			/6
Penalty	-1 point per escaped ewe		
Score for the candidate			/20

SCORECARD OF TEST N°4 – FOOT TRIMMING TEST

Objective: 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

Organization: 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.

Material: 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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SCORECARD OF TEST N°5: EVALUATION OF BODY CONDITION SCORE OF FINISHING LAMBS

Objective: to be able to evaluate the fattening and finishing condition of 4 lambs, to weigh them and to sort them according to the instructions given:

- Estimate their fattening status: excess fat, good level of finish, unfinished
- Weigh the lamb with the available scale and propose a suitable carcass weight
- Sort the lambs (Good from or not) according to their fattening score and weight (secondary criterion).

Reference: Grid EUROP state of fattening

NB: the candidate will have to feel the lambs at least at the level of the back (palpation of the tie of the tail and the optional ribs) and to give the sex, he will have to justify his choice of sorting.

Organization: The competitor has 5 minutes to palpate 4 lambs designated by the jury, assign them a fattening note, weigh them and sort them according to their state of completion: good to go or not.

Equipment: a batch of butchery lambs in a waiting area, a cage adapted toggle, a small corridor and 2 waiting pens.

Evaluation :

- Circle the values corresponding to the intervention on the grid
- Time measurement: from the end of the instructions to the attribution of the live weight of the last lamb.

Last Name and First Name:

		N° Agneaux				
Technical mastery of the intervention / 15	Accuracy of the evaluation of the finish / 4	Note Jury				
		Note Candidat				
		Etat du jury identifié	1	1	1	1
		Non identifié	0	0	0	0
		Total 4 agneaux	/4			
	Weighing lambs / 2	Carcass weight identification (difference <0.5 kg)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
		Distance > 0.5 kg	0	0	0	0
		Total 4 agneaux	/2			
	Control of palpation / 9	Contention adapted during the intervention (calm, ...)	4			
		Inadequate control of the restraint	2			
		Contention difficult or at risk	0			
			/4			
		Adapted palpation technique (back and ribs at least)	3			
		Incomplete and / or imprecise technique	1,5			
		Inadequate technique	0			
			/3			
		The student controlled the sex of the 3 lambs for sorting and did not err	2			
		Student looked but made mistakes (-0.5 / error)	-0.5 par erreur			
		The student did not do the operation	0			
			/2			
Good decision making/2		Depending on the fattening state, sex and weight, the candidate makes the right decision to keep or sell his lamb	/0.5	/0.5	/0.5	/0.5
			/2			
Speed of intervention /3		Temps < = 3	3			
		3' < temps < = 4'	2			
		4' < temps < = 5'	1			
		5' < temps	0			
			/3			
		Total candidat	/ 20			

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