



# Northern Michigan Lamb & Wool Festival 2009 Skein Competition Rules

- A) Bring a skein of yarn that you have spun yourself, weighing one to three ounces, to Hospitality by 12:00 pm on Sunday, September 27. We encourage earlier drop-offs so the judge has more time to look over each skein carefully. Limit of three skeins per contestant. There is no cost to enter. Consider this an opportunity to learn how to improve your spinning!
- B) Fill out the entry / documentation form, available on our website at [lambandwoolfestival.com/skeinentryform.pdf](http://lambandwoolfestival.com/skeinentryform.pdf). The more information you provide on that form, the better the judge will understand your choices. Each skein must have a form to be entered in the contest.
- C) Your skein should be tied in three or more places, but not twisted – let it dangle loosely. Approximately one yard of yarn will be untied and possibly cut off for closer examination. Figure 8 ties not necessary.
- D) The yarn should be finished (for example, washed or not washed, blocked or not blocked, etc) in a way suited to the project you will use it in. Note: Please don't use perfumed rinses; the judge is allergic to many perfumes.
- E) The public part of the judging will begin at 2 pm on Sunday, September 27. If time and number of skeins permits, the judge will review each entry in public. Otherwise, only the best skeins will be publicly assessed. Each contestant will receive the judge's scorecard when skeins are picked up.
- F) See the judge's scorecard, [lambandwoolfestival.com/scorecard.pdf](http://lambandwoolfestival.com/scorecard.pdf), for information about what the judge will assess regarding your yarn's suitability for your planned project.
- G) Winners will be announced, at 4:00 pm on Sunday, and you may then pick up your skeins. You will receive the judge's scorecard with your skein when you pick it up. Ties, if any, will be resolved by the amount of hand preparation that went into the skein; more hand preparation of the fibers will win over less.
- H) Skeins will only be judged against their intended purposes, not against other entries, and will be judged kindly. Expect to hear tips on improving your spinning for this project, not harsh criticism.
- I) If you have any questions, please contact this year's judge, Holly Shaltz, 231 582 3206 or [holly@shaltzfarm.com](mailto:holly@shaltzfarm.com).