

The North American Futurity Course Guidelines

The following outlines the Futurity course. Additional course-specific details will be posted no later than thirty (days prior to the Futurity).

Course Layout

- The outrun will be approximately **250 yards**.
- The **outrun and lift will be judged**.
- The remainder of the course will follow a **Nursery style course**, with **drive legs of approximately 100–125 yards each**.
- The course will include **two (2) to three (3) additional obstacles requiring** the sheep to be maneuvered through them.
 - Some obstacles may allow **handler assistance**.
 - Some obstacles may require **no handler assistance**.

Scoring

- Points will be awarded based on:
 - Performance on the **outrun and lift**, and
 - The **number of sheep successfully completing panels and obstacles**.

Course Requirements

- Sheep must **clearly break the plane of all drive panels**; cutting the course will not be permitted.
- **No retries** will be allowed for missed panels or obstacles.

Tie-Breaking Procedures

Ties will be resolved in the following order:

1. Combined **outrun and lift** score
2. **Outrun score**, followed by **lift score**
3. **Time**, if all scores and outwork remain tied

Judging Authority

- The judge shall call **grips** as he or she deems appropriate.
- The judge shall determine whether course rules are followed.

Course Intent

- This course is designed to replicate current **Nursery-level courses**, with additional elements intended to evaluate the practical working ability of both dog and handler.