2018 California State Fair
Dorper Classification Guidelines

A. Acceptable
   1. Must be a Dorper, White Dorper, or a cross between these two breeds.
   2. Conformation - long, deep, wide body with well sprung ribs and excellent muscling. Relationship between body depth and hip height should be roughly in equal proportion.
   3. Legs should not be longer than body depth. Avoid extremely leggy, shallow bodied lambs.
   4. Head should be strong and bold, with a deep jaw.
   5. Polled, scurs or small horns.
   6. Must have at least 1/3 hair primarily on belly, forearm, and britch. Lambs should be shorn with blades that leave enough stubble to be able to distinguish hair and/or wool. Classifiers have the authority to disqualify lambs that have been clipped too close to make this distinction.
   7. Moderate size ear with no wool covering.
   8. No wool below the knees and hocks.
   9. No wool forward of poll.
   10. Color: **Dorper** - white sheep with solid black head. Black may extend down the neck and forequarter but not below the knee or past the shoulder. A blaze over the top of the head is permissible. **White Dorper** - white sheep.

B. Discriminatory (two or more is a disqualification)
   1. Tall, leggy, shallow bodied, narrow, light muscled lambs.
   2. Excessive wool covering more than 2/3 of body (belly, forearm, and britch).
   3. Heavy horns.
   4. Long, pendulous ears.
   5. Long, narrow muzzle.
   6. Wool forward of poll.
   7. Excessive coloring on the body (paints).
   8. Excessive speckling in the fleece or on the body.
   9. Lambs with predominately solid black bodies.

C. Absolute Disqualifications
   1. All wool or very little evidence of hair on belly, forearm, or britch.
   2. Wool below the knees or hocks.
   3. Wool on the ears.
   4. Significant speckling on face, ears, or legs.
   5. Strong breed characteristics of breeds other than Dorper or White Dorper.
   6. Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
   7. Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.