

2019-2020 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of project, except for designated Open and Pee Wee Shows. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H Office or School to register to a show or sale an animal.
2. (A) Individual exhibitors may only show and sell one market / sale animal; a steer or swine. They may show / sell in addition to one steer or one swine a Market Lamb, POM Poultry and POM Rabbit.

(B) A 4-H Club or FFA Chapter may show and sell one of each market / sale animals; A Steer, Swine, Market Lamb, POM Poultry and POM Rabbit.

(C) At the time of registration a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter may submit up to 3 names (Showman) for the club or chapter entry on the registration form.

(D) Exhibitors may also show a pen of meat rabbit and/or pen of meat poultry and /or youth market lamb in addition to the steer or swine.

(E) All sale animals require a \$30.00 entry fee to defray the cost of all sale activities excluding Pen of Meat Rabbit which has a \$5.00 entry fee.
3. All shows carry ownership and registration deadlines, as listed in individual show rules.
4. The Livestock Committee will present at least one educational meeting during the project period (September through February). The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher or responsible Adult, **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least ONE of these in order to SHOW. **Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, FFA Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.**



5. Any Exhibitor requesting a special exception (for any rule) must submit their request in writing to the Livestock Chairman and the Superintendent of the show involved. For the Livestock Committee to review the request, it must be signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian and the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. The Livestock Chairman may request an appearance by the Exhibitor, Parent or Guardian, and the 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.
6. **YOUTH EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE:**
 - (A) Exhibitors of Youth Beef, Sheep, Swine, Horses, Steer, Rabbit and Poultry are required to wear appropriate uniforms and display their emblem, for Show, Showmanship & Sale night:
 - (1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS
 - (2) WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE **WITH COLLAR**
 - (3) TIES OPTIONAL FOR 4-H, REQUIRED FOR FFA OFFICIAL DRESS
 - (4) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE -UP SHOES (NO TENNIS SHOES)
 - (5) 4-H JACKET OR VEST OPTIONAL - FFA OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING JACKET AND TIE OR FFA SCARF
 - (6) SALE NIGHT - EXHIBITORS MUST BE IN OFFICAL DRESS AS LISTED ABOVE. ANIMAL MAY BE DECORATED. ANIMAL COSTUME MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

OPEN & PEE WEE EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE:

- (B) Exhibitors competing in the Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, Horses and Beef shows, including showmanship will be required to wear:
- (1) DARK SLACKS OR DARK JEANS **WITHOUT HOLES**
 - (2) SHIRT WITH COLLAR (No t-shirts)
 - (3) DARK BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE-UP SHOES (NO TENNIS SHOES)
- (C) Failure to comply with above dress code, unless approved by the Livestock Board, will result in the exhibitor forfeiting premium money and/or \$50.00 for all sale animals (steer, swine and pen of meat rabbits and chickens) and the privilege of participating in showmanship competition.
7. (A) The age for Showmanship and Skill-a-thon will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, as of September 1, 2019. Classes will be divided into Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14 and older).
- (B) The age for Record Book award will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, as of September 1, 2019.
4-H - Jr Int Sr and FFA - Jr Sr
- (C) Proof of "Project Work" for Youth 4-H or FFA exhibitors will be your completed record book. If entering more than one animal in a project area, then each animal will need to have a separate information page included in the record book. **All completed record books are due at check-in.**
8. ALL ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES.
9. All show and sale animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless granted permission by the Livestock Board, in writing for the animal to be cared for at another location.
10. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.
11. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.
12. All steers and swine must be castrated before the initial weigh-in. Steers must be dehorned prior to initial weigh-in. All heifers/cows must be polled or dehorned before entering the barn, although scurs are acceptable.
13. STEER, YOUTH BEEF AND OPEN BEEF entries will be double tied by a proper neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.
14. Grooming will be done by the Exhibitors only in all Youth shows.
15. Each exhibitor must be present during the entering of their animal and furnish feed and care for his/her animal while at the Fair. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. **AN EXHIBITOR SHOWING NEGLECT OF THEIR ANIMAL AND/OR EXHIBIT AREA, SHALL FORFEIT ALL PRIZE MONEY.**
16. **All exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**
17. All vehicles used to service animals (such as feed) must take place between Livestock Gate opening and one hour before Fair opens to the public. **ALL UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES MUST BE MOVED OUTSIDE FENCE ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FAIR OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.**
18. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the barn after the Fair closes for the night. Camping is not permitted on the fairgrounds or in the parking lot except for approved designation areas.

19. Youth Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except in champion classes. Individual show rules may take precedence.
20. Sale animals may not be resold on the premises. There will be no advertising or "For Sale" signs for any animals at the educational meeting, registration or during the Fair.
21. The Modified Danish System may be used.
22. (A) All exhibitors who receive a trophy / plaque or belt buckle will write a Thank You Letter to the sponsor. All money will be withheld until thank you letters are written.
(B) A list of trophy / plaque sponsors with addresses will be on file in the Fair office and will be posted in the Livestock Barn.
(C) Thank you letters for Buyers, Trophy / Plaque Sponsors, Add-Ons and Belt Buckles must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office no later than the 3rd Friday in April. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up)**. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy, plaque and belt buckle.)
23. Barn Set-up is Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9 am OR you must attend Barn Clean-up which is Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 9 am. **Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending**. Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to set up or clean up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up OR Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund.
24. (A) BUYER AND ADD-ON CHECKS must be made payable to the Citrus County Fair Association. A deduction of 5% will be withheld to cover Photograph and administration fees excluding add-ons. The required Beef or Pork Council charges will also be deducted. A check will not be issued to the exhibitor until the buyer's check has cleared the Citrus County Fair Association's bank.
(B) Any Exhibitor who earns more than \$600 in premium, add-ons and sale proceeds must turn in a completed W-9 before a check will be issued.
25. LIMITATION OF ENTRIES MAY OCCUR IN ANY SHOW IF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE DETERMINES IT NECESSARY.
26. THE CITRUS COUNTY LIVESTOCK BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY ANY ENTRY OR APPLICATION AT ANY TIME, OR REVOKE PREMIUMS EARNED FOR JUST CAUSE OR BAR EXHIBITOR FROM EXHIBITING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, WILL SUBJECT THE EXHIBITOR TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PROJECT AND THE FAIRGROUNDS.
27. The Livestock Board will be the voting authority of the Livestock Committee, See Article 7, Section 7, of the Citrus County Fair Association's by-laws.
28. There will be a 10% assessment of total sale price to any exhibitor who solicits to repurchase their animal from the buyer.
29. The above rules can only be changed between April and the third Monday in July of each year, unless a 2/3 majority vote of Livestock Board and approval of the Executive Board of the Fair Association and with notification to the exhibitors.