

2022-2023 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

STEER SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. (A) All Exhibitors must be 11 years of age as of September 1, 2022 to show and sell a steer. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show a sale animal.

(B) Entry form and Entry fee of \$30.00 (non-refundable) must be in the fair office on or before by 5:00 pm Friday, September 23, 2022. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date.

(C) MANDATORY TO ATTEND ONE EDUCATIONAL MEETING. The Livestock Committee will present at least two educational meetings during the project period (August through February). REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Legal Guardians WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, at least ONE of these to SHOW and SELL. Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show and sell.
2. Exhibitor may show and sell only one steer. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters may show and sell only one steer per group.
3. (A) A current Health Certificate must be presented prior to animal being removed from the trailer for **all scheduled activities at the fairgrounds except for initial weigh-in. Animals do not co-mingle at the initial weigh-in.** The Health Certificate will be at the owner's expense.

(B) All Steers must be brought to the fairgrounds on the date designated by the Livestock Committee for initial weigh in. All Steers must be tagged with USDA tags at that time. No steers will be accepted at initial weigh in without that OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION and the Fair is not able to tag any animals with USDA official tags. All Exhibitors must be present at initial weigh-in unless excused by the Livestock Chairman. All steers must be castrated and dehorned prior to weigh-in. Each steer will be tagged with a CCFA Numerical Tag at initial weigh-in.

(C) In the event a steer loses its OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TAG, OR the CITRUS COUNTY NUMERICAL TAG, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE WITHIN 72 HOURS. If the lost tag is the USDA ID Tag, then a replacement USDA TAG must be obtained (BY THE EXHIBITOR) and the animal retagged. Once the retagging is complete, the fair office must be notified. If the lost tag is the CCFA Numerical tag, retagging prior to entry into the fair is at the discretion of the Steer Superintendent or the Livestock Chairman. No Steer will be off-loaded from the trailer at either initial or final weigh-in without Official USDA identification.
4. Each steer will be given an official starting weight and will be marked by the Livestock Committee. Steers will be accepted with a minimum starting weight of 500 Lbs. and a maximum weight of 900 Lbs.
5. **Steers cannot be over 27 months of age. Steer may be mouthed for age. Any steer with permanent teeth can be disqualified. This can take place at any time during the duration of current project year (Initial weigh-in up to and including during the fair).**
6. (A) Only steers grading Select or better or gaining 2.5 lbs. Per day during the feeding period and conforming to the minimum weight of 900 Lbs. at the Fair weigh-in, will be eligible for show and sell. No steer over 27 months of age will be accepted. The Livestock Committee will divide all steers into classes by weight.

(B) The top placing blue ribbon County Bred Steer from each class will be called back to compete for Best County Bred Steer. If Grand or Reserve is a county bred steer they would automatic be awarded the Best County Bred Steer.
7. Exhibitors will not be paid for (nor will any buyer be charged for) any weight over **1350** Lbs.
8. Each steer will be weighed and graded before judging. A shrink weight will be used for sale if required by packers or buyers. Steers accepted in the show must be consigned to the auction sale. The Livestock Committee will not sponsor a sale for unqualified or sifted steers. All unqualified or sifted steers must be removed from the grounds immediately.
9. Exhibitors and their parent or guardian will be required to sign a drug certificate which must be turned in at final weigh in. Their animal must not have been given any medications that are not past the proper withdrawal period of time.
10. Grooming will be done by the Exhibitors only.

11. All steers will be exhibited in a regular show halter unless approved by the Steer Superintendent or the Livestock Chairman. No training devices are allowed, including but not limited to the Big Jim halter, the cruise control halters and other wire halters. These devices are not to be used under or with your show halters, rope halters, nylon halters, etc.

12. All steers must arrive with a maximum of ¼ inch hair length, leaving only switch. All steers must be sheared prior to arrival at final weigh in. Clipping includes the head, body, underline, and legs above the knee and hock. **Steers will be checked at final weigh-in and not be allowed to show if they have more than ¼ inch of hair.**

13. All steers are to be double tied with a neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.

14. Two separate Buyer Letters (One to a Previous Buyer and One to a New Buyer, Addressed, Stamped, and unsealed with your name and your return address) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office. Buyer Letter deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however, you are encouraged to send out more on your own. All exhibitors must use the current list of previous buyers posted online at citruscountyfair.com you can pick up a list from the Fair office.

15. AWARDS & PREMIUMS: Entries will be judged by the Modified Danish System.

BLUE RIBBON \$5.00 RED RIBBON \$3.00 WHITE RIBBON \$1.00

Exhibitor wishing to compete in the Optional Showmanship and pay a non-refundable \$10.00 fee deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet.

Payout for Showmanship is a % of entry fees collected. Ribbons will be awarded 1st - 6th

1 ST	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 TH	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 ND	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 TH	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

16. All Livestock Exhibitors will be admitted Free for the duration of your project through the Livestock Gate. **ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**

17. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up or Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. 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 Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a **\$150.00** fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund.

18. Thank you letters for Buyers, Add-Ons, Skill-a-thon and all Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up).** Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope.** All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies and Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show/Sell for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.

19. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Beef Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2022.

20. (A) All exhibitors of steers are required to wear long pants at all times. No shorts will be permitted during this project while on the fairgrounds.

(B) All exhibitors need to be in school appropriate dress. Boots (with minimum of 6 inch uppers) are required while in barn and / or all livestock areas. No Crocs, sandals, flip flops, No casual shoes like Sperry's, Hey Dudes, Twisted X, etc unless all leather with a minimum 6 inch upper.

21. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, THE CITRUS COUNTY FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.

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