

2023-2024 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 **terminal** market/sale animal; a steer or swine. They may show/sell in addition to one Steer or one Swine a Market Lamb, Market Wether, POM Poultry and POM Rabbit.

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

(C) At the time of registration a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must submit up to 3 names (Showman) for their entry by the individual registration deadline except Steer, Market Lamb, Swine or Market Wether. Any Lamb, Steer, Swine or Wether club or chapter entry must submit up to 3 Showman names no later than tagging/weigh-in.

(D) Exhibitors may also show a POM Rabbit and/or POM Poultry and/or Market Lamb, Market Wether 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 \$15.00 entry fee.
 3. All shows carry ownership and registration deadlines, as listed in individual show rules.
 4. **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 Guardian **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least ONE of these to SHOW AND SALE. **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 sale.** All Pee Wee exhibitors are encouraged to attend but not MANDATORY.
 5. **YOUTH EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE:**
(A) Exhibitors of **Youth Beef, Youth Goat, Youth Horse, Youth Lamb, Youth Sheep, Youth Steer, Youth Swine, Youth Wether, POM and Youth Rabbit and POM and Youth Poultry** are required to wear appropriate uniforms and display their emblem, for Show, Showmanship & Sale night:
 - (1) DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS WITHOUT HOLES
 - (2) WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE WITH COLLAR, TUCKED INTO PANTS
 - (3) DARK Brown or Black BOOTS - (with a minimum of 6 inch uppers)
 - (4) 4-H JACKET OR VEST - IF NOT WEARING A 4-H JACKET OR VEST, A 4-H PATCH IS REQUIRED.
 - (5) FFA OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING A JACKET AND TIE OR SCARF, WHICH SHOULD BE TIED ON THE OUTSIDE OF A WHITE COLLARED SHIRT; SHIRT MUST BE TUCKED INTO PANTS
 - (6) SHOW, SHOWMANSHIP AND SALE NIGHT - NO HATS OF ANY KIND PERMITTED. NO GUM, CANDY OR OTHER MATERIALS IN THE EXHIBITORS MOUTH. YOUR ANIMAL MAY BE DECORATED BUT THE COSTUME MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.
- OPEN & PEE WEE EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE:**
- (B) Exhibitors competing in the **Open Beef, Open Horse, and all Pee Wee shows**, including showmanship will be required to wear:
 - (1) DARK SLACKS OR DARK JEANS WITHOUT HOLES
 - (2) SHIRT WITH COLLAR (No t-shirts), TUCKED INTO PANTS.
 - (3) DARK BOOTS Black or Brown (covering ankle)

5. **EXHIBITORS DRESS CODE** - (Cont)

(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 (Lamb, Pen of Meat Poultry, Pen of Meat Rabbit, Steer, Swine and Wether) and will not be able to participate in showmanship.

6. (A) The age for Showmanship and Skill-a-thon will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, as of September 1, 2023. Classes will be divided into Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14 and older).

(B) The age for Record Book will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, as of September 1, 2023.
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. Record books will be checked for completion before off-loading animals. If your record book is not completed (except for financial summary page for sale animals), you will be put at the end of the check in line.

7. ALL ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES. A current Health Certificate must be presented prior to animal being removed from the trailer for tagging and all weigh ins. The Health Certificate will be at the owner's expense.

8. The exhibitor needs to submit in writing to the fair office that their animal will be housed at another location, other than their home.

9. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, this includes showmanship classes.

10. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.

(A) If a medical excuse for an exhibitor not to be able to show / sale their animal is approved by the Livestock Chairman / Committee the following will be followed:

(1) The exhibitor will not be allowed to handle their animal in any capacity (Leading, Grooming, Bathing, Being in stall area, etc.) during the fair once medical excuse received unless an written medical excuse from MD received clearing exhibitor from injury.

(2) Showmanship will be forfeited (No refund). Animal cannot be shown in showmanship by person taking over for the exhibitor.

(3) Exhibitor may participate in sale by standing outside of the sale ring if safe for them to do so.

(4) Exhibitor may participate in sale picture with buyer only (no animal).

(5) It is preferred that a member from their own club / chapter take over the project for them that has met the qualifications for that species to show / sale for the injured person. However, we understand this cannot always be met. Then it could be any qualifying member from 4-H or FFA, depending on injured person's club participation.

11. All steers, swine, market lambs and market wethers 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.

12. STEER, MARKET LAMB, YOUTH BEEF AND OPEN BEEF entries will be double tied by a proper neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.

13. Grooming will be done by the Exhibitors only in all Youth shows.

14. 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.

15. All livestock exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.
16. 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.
17. 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.**
18. Youth Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except in champion classes. Individual show rules may take precedence.
19. 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.
20. The Modified Danish System may be used.
21. 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 for In County and Out of County Exhibitors and will become ineligible to Show/Sale 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
22. 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. All Pee Wee exhibitors are encouraged to attend but not MANDATORY.
23. (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 administration fees and expenses, 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.
24. LIMITATION OF ENTRIES MAY OCCUR IN ANY SHOW IF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE DETERMINES IT NECESSARY.
25. 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.
26. 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.

27. This is a Terminal Show. No Market Animal may be shown in ANY SHOW after it has been sold in the live auction at the Citrus County Fair. Any exhibitor doing so will become ineligible to participate in the Citrus County Fair next year. If the exhibitor is a graduating senior, a 25% assessment of the sale price will be charged.
28. 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.

The Citrus County Fair Livestock Addendum, IAFE and National Code of Show Ring Ethics apply to all Shows.

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