

2020 Livestock and Small Stock General Rules

The Arizona State Fair is currently planning on holding youth livestock shows in a live, in person format. In order to be eligible for an in person show, each department must receive a minimum of 10 exhibitors. If any department should have less than 10 exhibitors, the show will automatically be virtual. Should the livestock show be unable to take place in person, a Virtual show will be offered to exhibitors.

***PLEASE NOTE: IF LIVE SHOW GOES FORWARD, IT WILL BE A BLOW AND GO SHOW. NO FITTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

****IF LIVE SHOW GOES FORWARD – EVERYONE (EXHIBITORS, JUDGE, CLERKS, PARENTS, SIBLINGS, AND AUDIENCE) WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR PROPER FACE MASKS/COVERINGS.**

***A MINIMUM OF 10 EXHIBITORS (FOR THE DEPARTMENT) MUST ENTER. IF LESS THAN 10 EXHIBITORS, SHOW WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE A VIRTUAL SHOW.**

1. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board or their representative reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. **Any rule changes or exceptions may only be authorized by Executive Director and/or Livestock Director.**
2. Violation of any rule is subject to disqualification of entry, disqualification of exhibitor, forfeiture of premium money, forfeiture of sale proceeds, reporting of actions to other fairs or livestock shows and ineligibility to participate in future Arizona State Fairs.
3. Any exhibitor suspected of fraudulent or deceptive practices toward Fairground officials or other Fair participants may be barred from exhibiting and/or showing of animals at the Arizona State Fair. Anyone barred from exhibiting shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Director and any decision made by the Executive Director shall be final.
4. The Board or its representative reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as it deems necessary.
5. Any person who violates any of the rules may forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board or its representative may order.
6. No animal entered in the fair may be sold at the fair except for through the Youth Sale of Champions. Private treaty sales are not allowed without written consent of the Livestock Director.
7. The Fair Board does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and awards offered in this list by merchants or breeders' associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair Board with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.
8. Large livestock shall remain in the care, custody and control of the entrant. The entrant shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Arizona, Arizona State Fair and the Arizona State Fair Board it's employees, officers, agents or representatives for any injury, property damage and any real, incidental, or consequential damages resulting from the large livestock or caused by the large livestock. Entrant agrees to defend any claim brought against the Fair as a result of the large livestock. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, terrorism or acts of God.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. All entries for livestock exhibits must be made online and in accordance with instructions thereon and rules of the Exhibitor Handbook.
3. Online entries must be completed on or before the published deadline. Supporting documents must be uploaded within 5 days of entry deadline. Payment for entries must be made online at the time of entry. Exception – Showmanship entry payment will only be accepted onsite on the day of show.
4. All Entries are made with the distinct understanding that in no event will the Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board become responsible for any loss, illness or injury that may occur to any Animal. Entering online shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.
5. Exhibit will be rejected unless online entry is completed and documents are uploaded on or before deadline date specified in each department.
6. There will be NO REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES, either for overpayment, not showing or failure to bring in the entry. Should the show be virtual, there will be no refunds of entry fees. Entering in the fair, Exhibitor understands it may be an in person show, or may be a virtual show.

7. Exhibitors are responsible for providing complete and correct information for their entry to the fair office.

PREMIUM CHECKS

1. The Board will NOT PAY PREMIUMS on any article not specifically mentioned in the Exhibitor Handbook.
2. Judges books are the ONLY evidence regarding judging placement and the payment of premiums. No ribbons or cards are accepted for placement purposes.
3. A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid in livestock departments. An exhibitor's highest two placing entries in a class will be eligible for premiums. Ineligible premiums will be awarded to the next eligible entry. A maximum of one (1) premium will be paid per exhibitor for group classes.
4. To be awarded premiums, livestock must be brought into the show ring and judged. No premiums will be paid for judging of livestock entries (animals) in their pens or stalls.
5. Premium checks will be made payable to either the owner or the exhibitor as stated on the entry form. Total premiums and Auction Add-Ons of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after the Entry Department has received a completed IRS Form W-9.
6. Voucher checks for premiums will be mailed as soon after the Fair as possible. If check is not received within 60 days, the Director of Entries should be notified.
7. February 1 following the fair is the deadline for reporting any error in premium check or checks not having been received by the exhibitor. After that date, no changes will be made nor checks issued.
8. Premium checks not cashed within 6 months of issuance will not be reissued.
9. The Board will deduct any fees remaining unpaid at the conclusion of the Fair from premiums payments and will additionally deduct a \$35.00 administrative fee.
10. Premium checks will not be paid until all bills with the Arizona State Fair and the Arizona State Feed & Bedding Concession are paid.

EXHIBITORS

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY EXHIBIT OFFERED FOR EXHIBITION.

1. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination. In all cases the Entry Department reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.
2. Any exhibitor who for the purpose of defrauding or misrepresentation, makes any fraudulent entry in the name of another exhibitor for the purpose of exhibiting, may be permanently barred from the show or any future participation in any event held in connection with Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board and proof of ownership may be demanded at any time at the discretion of the department Coordinator.
3. No Participant shall be eligible to make an entry or compete, or having competed, be eligible to win a premium, if he/she has been disqualified from competition in a member show of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Manager's Association, or those livestock Exhibition(s), Show(s) and sale(s) that endorse the National Code of Show Ring Ethics, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violations involving deception, misrepresentation, fraud, sabotage, tampering or unethical fitting.
4. To be eligible to show as a YOUTH in a youth department or division, Exhibitor must meet the age requirements (at least 8 years old on January 1, 2020 and not have reached their 19th birthday by January 1, 2020).
5. Animal exhibit buildings will be closed to the public.
6. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO USE ONLY appliances that are properly grounded, and they must meet UL specifications (i.e. Clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.)

JUDGING

1. In judging animals, the decision of the official veterinarian and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.
2. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Board or their representative, from whose decision there is no appeal.
3. Any exhibitor that publicly takes exception to the findings of a judge may be excluded from competing or exhibiting on the grounds.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

1. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00, which will not be returned if the protest is not sustained. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Director of Entries within six hours after the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests will be referred to

a committee appointed by the Executive Director. The committee's decision will be final. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.

2. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Board or their representative, whose decision shall be final.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors will be required to attend to their animals while on exhibition. They shall be kept well-groomed and in show condition. Exhibitors will see that their stalls/pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 8:30 a.m. each day, and the passageway kept clear and clean at all times before AND after the judging is completed. Department Coordinators will notify exhibitors of improper care. If improper care continues after this notification, and with the concurrence of the Livestock Director, the Coordinator may disqualify the animal(s) and require immediate removal from the grounds.
2. Uncontrollable animals as determined by the Department Coordinator will not be permitted to show and, must be immediately removed from the grounds. No animal will be allowed to run loose on the grounds.
3. Every animal entered for exhibition will be under the charge of the Department Coordinator, but the Arizona State Fair is not responsible for any loss, injury or illness that may occur. Entries are made and accepted on this condition.
4. Exhibitors must ascertain when their livestock will be judged. The Coordinator may exclude animals from competition if the animal is not in the show ring promptly after being called.
5. Exhibitors shall not display premiums, ribbons or decorations previously won by any animal prior to judging.
6. Exhibitors shall furnish such information concerning their animal as may be required, and in the case of refusal to obey this rule, any or all premiums will be forfeited.
7. Any exhibitor having an animal, which will not be shown, must notify the Coordinator before the class is called.
8. No for sale signs may be placed on or around any cage/pen/stall. Signs placed by exhibitors in the Livestock Department shall not be larger than 18" x 30".
9. There will be NO COOKING APPLIANCES in the barns or buildings.
10. No attendant or other person will be allowed in the show ring unless neatly dressed or in proper uniform.
11. Vehicular traffic, necessary to livestock exhibitors, must enter through the McDowell Gate.
12. Due to the congestion of people, livestock and vehicles in the Cattle Barn and Agriculture Center, exhibitors are requested to cooperate with the Livestock Director and Livestock Coordinators in parking and movement of trucks and trailers to expedite the unloading & loading of livestock and tack.
13. NO DOGS are permitted in any buildings or barns, service dogs being the only exception.
14. There will be NO GENERATORS in or around any of the livestock barns.
15. The IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
16. **There will be a limited number of places to park an RV. RV spaces must be reserved online through the online entry system. A fee of \$35 per day will apply and must be paid upon arrival.**
17. **EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK/FACE COVERING.**

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

AMATEUR	A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than as a profession (does not apply to junior organizations and horse shows.) (Anyone who derives less than 10% of their income from the sale of their articles.)
CLASS	Livestock: A group of like exhibits that are judged together; a sub-category of a division.
COMPETITION	A contest between two or more exhibits.
COMPETITIVE ENTRIES	Any item entered in the 4-H, Agriculture, Apiary, Beer & Wine, Fine Arts, Photography, Minerals & Jewelry, Student Art, Floriculture, Hobby, Home Arts, or Young Engineers and Scientists Department for competition.
DIVISION	Livestock: A generalized category of exhibits; a group of classes (Synonymous with Class in non-livestock.)
ENTRY	An eligible animal or exhibit which is entered to be judged.
EXHIBIT	An object or a collection of objects shown in a Class/Lot (synonymous with entry.)
EXHIBITOR	The individual or entity making entry and responsible for animals and articles entered. If not the owner of the articles or animals entered, the exhibitor is acting as agent for such owner. In the case of a minor, the exhibitor is defined as participant and parent and/or legal guardian.
JUDGING	(1) American System: The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and award one first placing, one second placing, etc. (2) Danish System: The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first (blue) placing, etc. as merited.
LARGE LIVESTOCK	Includes cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and llamas.
NOVICE	For State Fair purposes, a Novice is an exhibitor's first year showing a particular species.
OPEN DEPARTMENT	Any department not considered a youth department.
IND. YOUTH	A Class open to Youth exhibitors having an organization affiliation other than 4-H or FFA.
PREMIUM BOOK	An entry book, prize list, handbook, contest book or other publication that includes rules regarding fair contests, also called "Exhibitor Handbook."
PREMIUMS	Monies paid to successful contestants (synonymous with cash awards.)
PRODUCER	One who, in the area specified, raises in normally marketable or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered.
PUREBRED	An animal the breeding of whose sire and dam traces directly to registered animals of the same breed. An animal that is registered with a recognized breed association and meets the breed association's requirements of purebred.
SMALLSTOCK	Includes poultry, pigeons, rabbits and cavyes.
VIRTUAL	Videos and/or photos will be submitted by Exhibitor. Judging will be done online.