

2021 General Rules and Regulations OF THE HERNANDO COUNTY FAIR YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & SALE

As a condition of acceptance and in return for the opportunity to enter projects with the intent of striving toward qualifying for the Hernando County Youth Livestock Show & Sale, all participants agree to abide by these rules and accept their interpretations and administration as set forth herein. Any violation of these rules will result in monies being withheld and/or could disqualify Exhibitor from the show and/or sale of the current year and/or the following year. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in the Hernando County Fair Association's Youth Livestock Committee (HCFAYLC).

It is required that you read and understand all of the following rules.

1. Youth currently enrolled in a Hernando County 4-H or FFA program, (*in good standing*), are eligible to enter. No one actively showing livestock in another Fair, other than open shows, will be allowed to enter an animal in the Hernando County Fair, unless it is something that the Hernando County Fair does not offer. (The only exception will be the State Fair).
2. **NEW OUT OF COUNTY EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED THIS YEAR.**
 - Approval covers continuous showing years. Approved letters will last until after your final year providing you show continuously within Hernando County.
3. Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor will at the discretion of the Hernando County Fair Association, (HCFA), result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the animal/s and the exhibitor from the Fairgrounds - with the loss of awards, across the boards add-ons, premiums, and show and/or sale privilege. Profanity at any event associated with the Fair will result in disqualification.
 - Unbecoming conduct with ANY individual associated to an exhibitor on the Fairgrounds will result in removal of that person/persons from the grounds.
4. **EXHIBITOR AND PARKING PASSES:** Each exhibitor will receive an armband. Should you lose your armband; there will be a \$25.00 replacement fee. Exhibitors will be admitted through the **Livestock/Fair Gate** to feed and care for their animals. Each exhibitor will receive one (1) parking pass. **PARK IN DESIGNATED LIVESTOCK PARKING ONLY!**
5. **PARENT PASSES:** Each Family will receive two (2) parent passes. These passes will be hole punched each day and hand will be stamped. **If you are in need of more passes, it is suggested that you purchase a Three, Six or Nine Day Fair Pass or a Fair Membership. Fair Passes and Fair Memberships can be purchased at the Fair Office. (Check with Fair Office for actual cutoff date of Membership Sales).**
6. **MAIN GATE:** The Fair Gate will be manned; Exhibitors and Parents must show pass for entry. All others will be asked to show their Fair Membership Card, or pay gate admission price. The Livestock gate will only be opened when the fair is not opened, once the fair has opened the livestock gate will be locked so enter through main gate.
7. **DRESS CODE FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS AND SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION:** All exhibitors, (**Clover Buds included**), must wear dark black pants, a solid white collared shirt, and either dark black or dark brown boots. 4-H exhibitors must wear their 4-H green representation. FFA exhibitors must wear black pants and a white shirt; along with official dress from advisor. **No hats or sneakers are permitted!**
Exhibitors NOT in Official Dress will NOT be allowed to show, and the following penalties will be invoked:
 - **Market Animal Exhibitors** - Animal will be sold at Buyback price.
 - **Regular Rabbit or Poultry Exhibitors** - Up to \$50.00 in show premiums withheld.
8. Showmanship is mandatory; all exhibitors must be present for the awards. If exhibitor fails to be present, that exhibitor then will be disqualified and then the next exhibitor will take their place. Any questions ask committee.
9. If more than 68 Swine, 50 Steer, 15 Pullets, 10 P.O.M. Poultry, and 8 P.O.M. Turkey. A lottery will be held to determine who will be in the show and sale, if entries exceed their limits.
10. All Exhibitors are banned from using electronic devices in the livestock areas during show times. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a fine of \$100 for the exhibitor and removal of the helper for the remainder of shows.
11. For safety reasons exhibitors will only be allowed to wear close toed shoes around animals. We highly recommend that

anyone assisting the exhibitor also wear close toed shoes. The HCFA or HCFAYLC are not liable for injury. Please wear the proper shoes when assisting with the animals.

12. Exhibitor assumes responsibility and liability in the event of loss, death or injury of his/her animal/s. The Hernando County Fair Association and HCFAYLC is not responsible for the health or safety of any animal entered or exhibited.
13. In the event of government or HCFA imposed quarantine of project(s) entered for exhibit or sale at The Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale, the HCFA and HCFAYLC accepts no responsibility for financial or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.
14. The HCFA and HCFAYLC are not responsible for, nor assures the buyers of carcass quality grade, meat color, or palatability. The Hernando County Fair Association is not responsible for spoilage after slaughter. Any carcass that is condemned due to disease damage, drug residue, or injury incurred prior to the loading after the Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must assume liability for his/her animal/s in case of death, injury during the Fair or condemnation at slaughter.
15. Exhibitors will be assigned stall/pen space by the HCFAYLC. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping there are clean and neat during the fair. The HCFAYLC will be using a Yellow and Red Tag Penalty System for making sure all animals are cared for and that the area in and around your stalls/pens are maintained. If a member of the HCFAYLC observes that your animal, or your stall/pen is being neglected you will receive a Yellow Tag (which is a warning), with the reason for it written on the tag. If the HCFAYLC notices your project/stall/pen is being neglected in any manner again, you will be given a Red Tag and fined \$50.00.
16. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted within 24 hours, after the discovery, in writing to the Livestock Committee Co-Chairs. Written protest must be accompanied with a \$50.00 payment to the HCFA. The HCFAYLC and/or FAIR BROAD will investigate protest, and notify protestor of findings in a timely manner. No protest will be accepted after an award is given.
17. If your project/projects go back after the original sale to be resold at that time you are allowed to resell two (2) more times; at that time if it goes back to be resold once again then the exhibitor will be moved to the end of the line to keep the sale moving.
18. Due to safety issues - There is to be no clipping of projects on the fairgrounds. This includes; scissors, clippers, or any other tool that shortens hair. If you are observed shortening your projects hair, you will be fined \$50.00 for each infraction.
19. The Fair Office will notify you once the Sales Check and/or premium is ready for pickup.
20. Any exhibitor making \$5,000.00 or more will have to have a W9 - Federal Tax regulation requires the Hernando County Fair Association (HCFA) to obtain Social Security Numbers (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) from exhibitors whom compensation over \$5,000.00 is paid. SSN or TIN are maintained and used by HCFA for the processing of payments due, and are reported to Federal and State agencies on forms required by law. HCFA will not disclose any SSN or TIN without your consent to anyone outside HCFA, except as mandated by law. Failure to provide a SSN or TIN will result in denial of compensation.
21. Exhibitors agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of you and/or your animal in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show & Sale. **Should you have a privacy issue, please let a Member of the HCFAYLC be aware of your situation, along with a letter to the office for documentation.**
22. The Hernando County Fair Assoc. Youth Livestock Committee can decide to amend rules as they see fit. All decisions of the HCFAYLC are final.
23. The HCFAYLC sponsors a Herdsman Award.
24. All rules are subject to change based on CDC Guidelines or current Government rules, regulations, or restrictions.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations, which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.
5. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
7. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
10. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
11. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
12. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.