

# Arkansas State Fair Spring Show General Information and Rules 2022



## Arkansas State Fair Livestock Central Office

Livestock central office is located in Cattle Barn #3. Livestock Show Management operates from the office during the Arkansas State Fair Spring Show.

### Section 1: Exhibitor Eligibility

**Junior Shows** are restricted to any Arkansas junior 4-H or FFA member, aged 5-20 (eligibility ends following the fall after HS graduation or a GED is obtained). Species specific sanctioned show rules may apply for age restrictions. (Dairy goat exhibitors not restricted to in-state for Spring Show 2022.)

### Section 2: Entry Requirements

**Registration:** Entries will only be accepted online through the Showman App. and entries are paid through the Showman App. All livestock entries must be submitted online by April 23 for early entry fees. Late entries will be accepted online until midnight April 27th, however late fees will be applied. There will be NO on-site entries this year for shows held by ASF.

Spring Show – Entry Fees		
Entry	Early Entry Fee (By Midnight April 23)	Late Entry Fee (Midnight, April 27)
Breeding Beef	\$30	\$50
Commercial Heifers	\$30	\$50
Prospect Steers	\$30	\$50
Boer Goats	\$10	\$30
Dairy Goats	\$10	\$30
Rabbits	\$5	\$15
Rabbits (ASF Spring & ARBA)	\$10	\$30

**Accepted Entries:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally, any entry as it is intended that only such animals shall be entered and shown as have merit, and will be a credit to both the exhibitor and this exposition. Entries which do not meet eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

**Check-In of Animals:** All exhibitors must have animal checked in with clerk at designated time(s).

- Animals not checked in at the designated time will be scratched from competition.
- Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers and rabbits) must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within ninety (90) days prior to exhibition. [Livestock & Poultry - Arkansas Department of Agriculture](#)

- Original registration papers are required at check-in unless division rules specifically state otherwise. If an animal was either purchased or born during the current calendar year, and the exhibitor does not have the original registration paper, one of the following two forms will be accepted:
  - Bill of Sale that includes specific animal identification and date of sale.
  - Proof of registration (online registration from breed association, or submission of registration transfer) Failure to follow any check in requirement will result in ineligibility to compete.

**Animal Inspections:** As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the show management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by show management.

**Premiums:** Premiums will be paid on a percentage basis. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors at the address submitted through Showman App. (Please be sure to provide, both, the physical and mailing address). There is no limit to the number of entries an exhibitor may enter in any given class, but NO exhibitor is permitted to receive premiums for more than two places in any one class.

### **Section 3: Beef Cattle Show**

The Arkansas State Fair will host a junior beef cattle show on Saturday, April 30.

As of April 5, 2022, The AJCA will not be hosting a show in conjunction with the ASF Spring Show due to a scheduling conflict. Also, the Arkansas State Fair Spring Cattle show will not be sanctioned by the AJCA due to the ASF steer show being shown by breed classifications. However, the ASF Cattle show is a Beyond the Ring sanctioned junior cattle show.

The ASF Spring Show will be a premium show and exhibitors will be allowed to fit. Breeding bulls will compete for the top 5 overall. Commercial Heifers will show as English, American or Exotic. Commercial heifers will compete for top 5 and Breeding heifers will compete for the top 5. Steers will be classified as listed below and will compete for an overall top 5.

#### **2022 STEER CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS**

**DIVISION 1001— ANGUS** Live Animal Entry Requirements will be as follows: 1. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus. 2. Solid black. No white in front of navel, above the flank, or on leg, foot or tail. 3. Polled. No scurs or horns. No visible scaring from the removal of scurs or horns will be allowed. 4. Typical beef type confirmation. (No visible dairy influence) 6. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

**DIVISION 1002 – AMERICAN** Live Animal Entry Requirements will be as follows 1. Must exhibit predominate characteristics of Brahman, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, & Brangus 2. Can be of any color or color pattern. 3. Progression of importance to include BOS indicus-influenced head, eye, and ear (of moderate length, slightly pointed, dropping, and opening down and forward) 3. Crest or evidence of hump.

**DIVISION 1003— CHAROLAIS** Live animal entry requirements will be as follows: 1. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half blood or purebred Charolais 2. White, yellow, gray, or silver in

color. No black, red, dark smuts, excessive painting or spotting. 2. Typical beef type confirmation (No visible dairy influence) 3. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

DIVISION 1004 — CHIANINA Live animal entry requirements will be as follows: 1. Range in color from white to steel gray to black. 2. Black pigmented skin. 3. Typical beef type confirmation (No visible dairy influence) 3. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

DIVISION 1005 — HEREFORD Live Animal Entry Requirements will be as follows: 1. Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford. 3. Red body with white face, white underline, and white marked legs. 4. Traditional feather on crest. 5. Typical beef type confirmation. (No visible dairy influence) 6. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

DIVISION 1006 — MAINE-ANJOU Live Animal Entry Requirements will be as follows: 1. Range in color from red, black, red and white, and black and white. No brindle, roan or diluted color pattern. 2. Typical beef type confirmation with heavy skeletal structure. (No visible dairy influence) 3. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

DIVISION 1007 — SHORTHORN Live Animal Entry Requirements will be as follows: 1. Must display Shorthorn color and characteristics. 2. Red, white, red and white roan. 2. Typical beef type confirmation. (No visible dairy influence) 3. No hump or floppy ears; clean underline and no visible sheath (No visible Brahman influence).

DIVISION 1008 — CROSSBRED Any steer that does not satisfy the requirements of one of the above breeds will only have the option to be in the crossbred division.

DIVISION 1009 – SLICK-SHEAR Steers' hair must be shorn/clipped to no more than 1/4" length on any location of the body excluding the ears and excluding the tail switch (any hair on the tail not sheared and left on the tail above the tail switch shall not be more than 6" above the end of the cartilage of the tail).

Note – These Divisions will carry through to 2022 Arkansas State Fair (additional Divisions may be added if numbers deem it necessary).

### **Registered Heifers**

DIVISION 2001 AOB  
DIVISION 2002 Angus  
DIVISION 2003 Beefmaster  
DIVISION 2004 Brahman  
DIVISION 2005 Brangus  
DIVISION 2006 Charolais  
DIVISION 2007 Chianina  
DIVISION 2008 Hereford  
DIVISION 2009 Limousin/Lim-Flex  
DIVISION 2010 Maine-Anjou  
DIVISION 2011 Mini Hereford  
DIVISION 2012 Red Angus  
DIVISION 2013 Santa Gertrudis  
DIVISION 2014 Shorthorn  
DIVISION 2015 Simmental

### **Registered Composite Heifers**

DIVISION 2016 Charolais Plus  
DIVISION 2017 Chiangus  
DIVISION 2018 Maine Angus  
DIVISION 2019 Maintainer  
DIVISION 2020 Shorthorn Plus  
DIVISION 2021 Sim Solution  
DIVISION 2022 Star Five

### **Registered Bulls**

DIVISION 3001 AOB  
DIVISION 3002 Angus  
DIVISION 3003 Beefmaster  
DIVISION 3004 Brahman  
DIVISION 3005 Brangus  
DIVISION 3006 Charolais  
DIVISION 3007 Chianina  
DIVISION 3008 Hereford  
DIVISION 3009 Limousin/Lim-Flex  
DIVISION 3010 Maine-Anjou  
DIVISION 3011 Mini Hereford  
DIVISION 3012 Red Angus  
DIVISION 3013 Santa Gertrudis  
DIVISION 3014 Shorthorn  
DIVISION 3015 Simmental

**Registered Composite Bulls**

DIVISION 3016 Charolais Plus

DIVISION 3017 Chiangus

DIVISION 3018 Maine Angus

DIVISION 3019 Maintainer

DIVISION 3020 Shorthorn Plus

DIVISION 3021 Sim Solution

DIVISION 3022 Star Five

**Commercial Heifers**

DIVISION 4001 American Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics of Brahman, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Beefmaster, & Brangus

DIVISION 4002 English Commercial – Must exhibit characteristics Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Red Poll, Red Angus

DIVISION 4003 Exotic Commercial - Must exhibit characteristics Charolais, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Salers, Simmental, Chianina, & Tarentaise

\*Note – These Divisions will carry through to 2022 Arkansas State Fair (additional Divisions may be added if numbers deem it necessary).

**Beef Cattle Show Classes**

<b>Female Classes</b>		
1	Heifers calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2021	Premium
2	Heifers calved between Sept 1 and October 31, 2021	Premium
3	Heifers calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2021	Premium
4	Heifers calved between May 1 and June 30, 2021	Premium
5	Heifers calved between March 1 and April 30, 2021	Premium
6	Heifers calved between Jan 1 and Feb 29, 2021	Premium
7	Heifers calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2020	Premium
8	Heifers calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2020	Premium
9	Heifers calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2020	Premium
10	Heifers calved between May 1 and June 30, 2020	Premium
11	CHAMPION FEMALE	BANNER
12	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE	BANNER
<b>Bull Classes</b>		
13	Bulls calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2021	Premium
14	Bulls calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2021	Premium
15	Bulls calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2021	Premium
16	Bulls calved between May 1 and June 30, 2021	Premium
17	Bulls calved between March 1 and April 30, 2021	Premium
18	Bulls calved between Jan 1 and Feb 29, 2021	Premium
19	Bulls calved between Nov 1 and Dec 31, 2020	Premium
20	Bulls calved between Sept 1 and Oct 31, 2020	Premium
21	Bulls calved between July 1 and Aug 31, 2020	Premium
22	Bulls calved between May 1 and June 30, 2020	Premium
23	GRAND CHAMPION BULL	BANNER
24	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL	BANNER

#### **Section 4: Boer Goat Show**

The Arkansas State Fair will host a Junior Boer Goat Show and Showmanship. Showmanship will be Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 9 a.m. followed by the Junior Show. The Arkansas Meat Goat Association is sponsoring a Junior & Senior Goat skill-a-thon on Friday, April 29 at 3 p.m. All awards for the junior show, showmanship and skill-a-thon are sponsored by the Arkansas Meat Goat Association.

#### **Boer Goat Show Classes**

<b>Percentage Does</b>		
1	Kids; 0-3 months	Premium
2	Kids; 3-6 months	Premium
3	Kids; 6-9 months	Premium
4	Kids; 9-12 months	Premium
5	Junior Champion	Rosette
6	Reserve Junior Champion	Rosette
7	Yearlings; 12-16 months	Premium
8	Yearlings; 16-20 months	Premium
9	Yearlings; 20-24 months	Premium
10	Yearling Champion	Rosette
11	Reserve Yearling Champion	Rosette
12	Does; 24-36 months	Premium
13	Does; 36 months and over	Premium
14	Senior Champion	Rosette
15	Reserve Senior Champion	Rosette
16	GRAND CHAMPION DOE	Banner
17	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE	Banner
<b>Purebred Does</b>		
18	Kids; 0-3 months	Premium
19	Kids; 3-6 months	Premium
20	Kids; 6-9 months	Premium
21	Kids; 9-12 months	Premium
22	Junior Champion	Rosette
23	Reserve Junior Champion	Rosette
24	Yearlings; 12-16 months	Premium
25	Yearlings; 16-20 months	Premium
26	Yearlings; 20-24 months	Premium
27	Yearling Champion	Rosette
28	Reserve Yearling Champion	Rosette
29	Does; 24-36 months	Premium
30	Does; 36 months and over	Premium
31	Senior Champion	Rosette
32	Reserve Senior Champion	Rosette
33	GRAND CHAMPION DOE	Banner
34	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE	Banner

<b>Purebred Bucks</b>		
35	Kids; 0-3 months	Premium
36	Kids; 3-6 months	Premium
37	Kids; 6-9 months	Premium
38	Kids; 9-12 months	Premium
39	Junior Champion	Rosette
40	Reserve Junior Champion	Rosette
41	Yearlings; 12-16 months	Premium
42	Yearlings; 16-20 months	Premium
43	Yearlings; 20-24 months	Premium
44	Yearling Champion	Rosette
45	Reserve Yearling Champion	Rosette
46	Bucks; 24-36 months	Premium
47	Bucks; 36 months and over	Premium
48	Senior Champion	Rosette
49	Reserve Senior Champion	Rosette
50	GRAND CHAMPION BUCK	Banner
51	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BUCK	Banner

### **Section 5: Dairy Goat Show**

The Arkansas State Fair will host a ADGA youth dairy goat show on Friday, April 29. ALL ADGA Rules shall govern in his show. This show is open to in-state and out of state youth that meet the eligibility guidelines. All out of state exhibitors must present a 30 day CVI upon arrival of the show.

All breeds recognized in the handbook for the current year fair will have a breed show at the State Fair Spring Show regardless of number of entries.

<b>Junior Dairy Goats</b>		
1	Does under 2 years	Premium
2	Does 2 years old	Premium
3	Does 3 years old	Premium
4	Does 4 years old	Premium
5	Does 5 years & Older	Premium
6	Senior Grand Champion	Banner
7	Reserve Senior Grand Champion	Banner
8	Junior Kid born after March 15, 2022	Premium
9	Intermediate Kid born between Jan 28, 2022 & March 14, 2022	Premium
10	Senior Kid born between October 28, 2021 and Jan 27, 2022	Premium
11	Junior Yearling born between April 29, 2021 and October 27, 2021	Premium
12	Intermediate Yearling born between October 28, 2020 and April 28, 2021	Premium
13	Senior Yearling born between April 28, 2020 and October 27, 2021	Premium
14	Junior Grand Champion	Banner
15	Junior Reserve Grand Champion	Banner
16	BEST OF BREED	Banner
17	RESERVE BEST OF BREED	Banner



### Section 7: Rabbit Show

The Arkansas State Fair will host two Youth rabbit shows on Saturday, April 30. Youth show 1 will be awarded ARBA points. Youth Show 2 (ASF Show) will be a premium show. Premiums will be paid based on percentages.

All breeds recognized in the handbook for the current year fair will have a breed show at the State Fair Spring Show regardless of number of entries.

Rabbits		
1	Jr Doe (does 3-6 months of age)	Premium
2	Intermediate Doe (does 6-8 months of age – commercial breeds)	Premium
3	Sr Doe (does 6 months or older)	Premium
4	Jr Buck (bucks 3-6 months of age)	Premium
5	Intermediate Buck (bucks 6-8 months of age – commercial breeds)	Premium
6	Sr Buck (bucks 6 months or older)	Premium
7	Best of Breed	Rosette
8	Best Opposite Sex	Rosette
9	BEST IN SHOW	Banner

### Section 8: Poultry Show

**THERE WILL NOT BE A 2022 SPRING POULTRY SHOW DUE TO THE EMERGENCY RULE IN PLACE REGARDING AVIAN INFLUENZA.**

### Section 9: Arkansas State Fair Complex Use

**Arrival/Release of Livestock:** Refer to Livestock Show Schedule for arrival and release times of animals. Non-compliance with show schedule may result in forfeiture of premiums earned.

**Truck & Trailer Regulations:** Instructions and directions of Arkansas State Fair Security, in regard to traffic and parking, must be followed at all times while on the fairgrounds.

- All trucks with livestock will enter through Gate 11 at Schiller Street.
- All trucks and trailers must be moved to the designated areas after unloading.

**Stall Assignments:** Stall assignments will be made by the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Department. Exhibitors are required to comply with stalling assignments.

**Care & Custody:** Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until released from the fairgrounds.

- If livestock are not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements, and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged to the exhibitor and all premiums or sale money earned by said exhibitor will be withheld.
- All owners of property or livestock, or other persons having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same so as not to cause injury or damage to any member of the general public, any other exhibitor, or any Arkansas State Fair show management.

- As the Arkansas State Fair does not undertake to do so, it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners, handlers, or trainers thereof.
- The Arkansas State Fair, its insurance carriers, and the state of Arkansas are not liable or responsible for and expressly disclaim any liability or responsibility for the acts, failure to act, misconduct, or negligence of any third party relative thereto.
- The official Arkansas State Fair veterinarian may be requested by exhibitors at any point during the fair. Exhibitors should contact show management in the Livestock Show Office for any requests. Exhibitor will be responsible for all charges associated with the request.

**Smoking is Prohibited** in all barns by order of the Little Rock Fire Marshall.

**Feed & Bedding:** Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed and bedding.

- Bedding (straw or bagged shavings) will be available for purchase from the Livestock Sales Office.
- Any unauthorized sale or delivery of any feed, hay, or bedding materials is strictly prohibited.
- Only bagged or baled shavings or wood chips, baled straw will be permitted on the grounds.

**Dogs are Prohibited** on fairgrounds; particularly in livestock exhibition areas except for service animals required by law. Questions should be addressed to Arkansas State Fair Security.

**Liability:** All livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, etc. and their livestock will be under the control, supervision, and direction of Arkansas State Fair Show Management, but it is agreed as a condition of exhibiting, handling, or training all livestock that the Arkansas State Fair will in no event and under no circumstances be responsible or liable for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur to livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, their livestock, and/or the general public. Each exhibitor, handler, or trainer will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him or her or representing parties of him or her and for its description as given in the general information, rules and regulations. He or she shall indemnify and hold harmless the Arkansas State Fair, its members, agents, servants, employees, officers, directors, and board of governors from and against all loss, claims, judgments, damages, actions, or causes of action or other proceedings of and brought by third parties including without limitation any member of the general public in regard to and arising from the exhibition or sale of any animals or their transportation to or from the Arkansas State Fair fairgrounds, or other matters or events related thereto, including damage or injury occurring or manifesting itself at any time to any other such person or his or her property, caused directly or indirectly by the exhibitor, his or her agents, his or her independent contractors, or any of the animals exhibited by him or her, arising out of or in any way connected with such exhibition, transportation, or sale of the activities or conduct of any of the animals so exhibited.

**Official Photographer:** An official livestock photographer will be present on the grounds during the show.

- An official backdrop will be provided for use by the official photographer.
- Exhibitors are allowed to use backdrop for personal photos when backdrop is not in use by official photographer.
- The Arkansas State Fair Show Management reserves the right to use any photograph for publicity or advertising purposes without the permission or consent of the owner of the livestock.

**Signs:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign over each exhibit advertising their own herd.

- Show Management reserves the right to remove any signs deemed inappropriate.
- No commercial or advertising signs will be permitted.
- No signs may be nailed/screwed to walls or fences.

**Fire Marshall Regulations:** The following rules apply to all livestock barns:

- All streets must be cleared on move-in days. Any unattended vehicle can be towed without notice at the owner's expense.
- The following items are prohibited in all barns:
  - Tents inside barns, tarps or covered stalls
  - Hot plates, microwaves, slow cookers, televisions, refrigerators
  - Butt fans
  - Generators (inside barns or breezeways)
- The following rules apply to power cords:
  - There will be only one GFCI outlet per grooming area. Any grooming with electricity must be done in grooming areas or inside barns.
  - No power cords can be run from inside the barn to the outside of a barn or across walkways.
  - In cases of wet conditions exhibitors may not be allowed to use grooming areas or power cords. Show Management will notify exhibitors if this action needs to be taken.
  - Only one power cord allowed per electric outlet. No quad or duplex boxes will be allowed on the end of a power cord, and only one dryer, fan, radio, etc. per power outlet.
  - All cords must be a heavy-duty commercial cord with a ground. Cords must also be of proper length (do not run 100 ft of cord if 10 ft from outlet).
  - No ragged, taped, or altered cords will be allowed.
  - All electrical boxes will remain locked and accessible ONLY to Arkansas State Fair electrical/maintenance department staff.
  - The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to inspect any equipment, cords, electrical connections, etc. at any time. Failure to cooperate with the instructions of state fair personnel will result in immediate disqualification from competition at any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event for a minimum of one year and premiums from the current Arkansas State Fair will be forfeited.

**Animal Death:** In the event an animal expires on the fairgrounds, the owner or exhibitor of the animal must immediately report the death to the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Office and arrangements will be made for disposal. ASF – Livestock office Barn 3 (501) 372-4628

- DO NOT remove the animal from the exhibit area before notifying and receiving direction from the show management.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any costs related to the disposal of the animal.

### **Section 10: Show Rules**

**Decision of Judges:** Judges are selected by the Arkansas State Fair Show Management, and in every case the judge is selected with the utmost care, and as far as possible, will be of national reputation. The decisions of the judges are final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the show management will

make the final decision.

**Interference with Judges:** If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, the Arkansas State Fair or the Arkansas Livestock Show Association event in which he or she is participating, the Arkansas State Fair show management may exclude him or her from competition and from the ring and may also withhold from such exhibitors any premiums that may have been awarded.

**Control of Animals:** All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring at all times. If an animal gets loose from an exhibitor at least three times, that animal will be excused from the ring and disqualified. All breeding cattle and steers for exhibition must be shown with halters and be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. All bulls, 6 months or older, must be shown with nose ring or nose clip and lead.

**Time of Judging:** The Livestock Schedule, as published in the Livestock Exhibitor Handbook, will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain as to what time their exhibits would be

judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly on schedule will be ruled out and barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the ground that the judge overlooked exhibits will be considered. Paging for shows is provided as a courtesy by the Arkansas State Fair, but it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to maintain the required schedule.

**Disqualified Animals:** Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prizes should graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them. If a Champion or Reserve Champion is disqualified after the show, a Reserve Champion will not be named.

**Showing for Adjudication:** All exhibitors must bring in to the arena for adjudication any animal or animals properly entered in any show class as eligible for competition. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and properly exhibited before the judge in the show ring.

**Protests:** All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Office to show management within two hours after the occasion for such protest. Any protest as to the eligibility on account of age of breeding of animals must be filed with the show management prior to the day on which they are to be judged. In this case, the decision of the Breed Association of Record for the animal(s) in question will stand in accordance with the conclusion of the show management. Protests must be submitted either prior to judging or immediately after the conclusion of class judging. Judging procedures will NOT be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. In addition to the right to protest herein granted to exhibitor, the Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an exhibit, and take such action as may be deemed just and proper, and as may be warranted in these premises. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent will be considered by the show management. All questions in dispute or difference not covered by these rules will be referred to the show management, whose decision shall be final. The decision of Classifiers, Weigh Masters, Judges, and Veterinarians shall NOT be subject to protest or appeal.

**Interpretations and Violations of Rules:** The Arkansas State Fair reserves to its show management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to the Arkansas State Fair; and the right to amend, interpret, or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will be subject to such penalty as the Livestock Department show management deems necessary.

**Attesting of Awards:** The judges, superintendent, and a clerk must sign the award book with awards entered after each show. The judge and superintendent should use special care to see that each award is properly entered in the award book.

**Discourtesy/Disobedience:** Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Arkansas State Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents, or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with clerks' and judges' books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.

**Delinquent Acts:** If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act or being involved with a disqualified entry, they may be removed from the grounds, forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots, and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed and the exhibitor may be banned from future competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas LivestockShow Association event. Delinquent Acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

**Prohibited Acts:** The following actions are prohibited at the Arkansas State Fair.

- The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law.
- The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition, or age or by making the animal appear more sound than would otherwise appear.
- Being found in possession of stomach pumping equipment. Treatment of severely sick or dehydrated animals must be pre-approved by show management and administered by an Arkansas State Fair approved veterinarian.
- The administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment, or otherwise change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attached to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.
- Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of livestock for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act.

- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- Violations of the Arkansas State Fair ownership requirements or care and custody rules listed in this premium book. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statements as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at the Arkansas State Fair.
- Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false switches).
- Altering of hooves using unnatural products.

**Exhibitor Responsibility:** It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of an exhibitor with regard to the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

**Penalties:** Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management may order, including but not limited to:

- Such animal being barred from competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- The exhibitor being barred from entering/or participating at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- The exhibitor; the exhibitor's family; representative or agents of the exhibitor; or all of them being barred from any further participation in the Arkansas State Fair.
- Violator's name and address being reported to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in this database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If an exhibitor is listed in this database, they may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Arkansas State Fair or any Arkansas Livestock Show Association event.
- Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Arkansas State Fair to animal in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Arkansas State Fair, immediately return all award and premiums given to such animal.
- All money earned at the Arkansas State Fair Junior Livestock Sale being withheld.
- Exhibitor being liable to the Arkansas State Fair and shall indemnify and hold the Arkansas State Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, State Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Arkansas State Fair rules and regulations.

**Right of Decision Review:** If an exhibitor is subject to any penalty or violation under these rules, the exhibitor has the right to have the decision reviewed by the Arkansas State Fair. Exhibitors must contact the Livestock Office to obtain the procedure for review. The basis for review must be submitted within seven days of being notified by the show management of the decision made.

**Specific Rules** may apply for individual shows and will be listed in the Livestock Handbook in appropriate locations.

### **Section 11: Junior Division Special Rules**

**Showing Animals:** Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal.

- Substitute exhibitors may be requested and approved for the following reasons:
  - Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician
  - Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species
  - Two animals in the same class
  - A pre-approved 4-H, FFA, or other Arkansas State Fair competition.
- No other school activities will qualify for a substitution request.
- Approval must be obtained for a substitute showman prior to the start of the class to the show superintendent.
- In no case may a parent, agent, or advisor present or assist with presentation of any animal.

**Showmanship:** Arkansas State Fair Showmanship competitions are divided in to three divisions:

- Pee Wee Division – Ages 5-8
- Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
- Senior Division – Ages 14 -20 (must meet Arkansas State Fair Junior Show eligibility)
- Base date for computing showmanship competition age is the opening day of Spring Fair.
- Showmanship exhibitor must own the animal shown in showmanship competitions and must have exhibited that animal in the same year Arkansas State Spring Show.