

2019 LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK  
JUNIOR & OPEN LIVESTOCK SHOW  
GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES





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GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES**

**The following rules apply to both Open & Junior Shows**

The Arkansas State Fair “ASF” and the Arkansas Livestock Show Association “ALSA” are committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the animal’s safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture. The welfare of all animals exhibited is under the guidance of the State Veterinarian.

The requirement of DNA samples for Market Animals is in no way related to the National Animal Identification System.

**WHEN ENTERING ON LINE, PRINT AND KEEP YOUR RECEIPT AND BRING IT TO THE FAIR**

**WHEN ENTERING BY PAPER, MAIL VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND MAINTAIN YOUR RECEIPT**

**STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK CENTRAL OFFICE**

is located in Cattle barn #3.

Livestock Show Management operates from this office during the State Fair.

**THE LIVESTOCK SALES OFFICE**

is located in Cattle barn #4.

All financial transactions during the Fair will take place in this office.

**SECTION 1 - EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

**OPEN SHOWS** are open to anyone (See Open Show Rules for more specific information)

**JUNIOR SHOWS** are restricted to Arkansas 4-H Club members or Arkansas FFA Members enrolled in projects they are exhibiting this current school year.

---Certification of eligibility may be required from the County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor

---Exhibitors must be members in good standing of the designated club.

---Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age but cannot have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the current year’s state fair.

---Exhibitors may not show in a Junior show any later than the fall after graduating from high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of their age.

(See Junior Show Rules for more specific information).

**SECTION 2 - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**POULTRY ENTRIES:** Must be submitted by paper entry postmarked by Sept 15

**MARKET ANIMALS:** Must be submitted online by County Agent or Ag Instructor by June 30

**ALL OTHER LIVESTOCK:** Must be submitted on line by September 1 or by mailed paper entry postmarked by September 10 (late entry) with appropriate payment. **(CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS FOR ON LINE ENTRIES)**

**GROUP AND BRED & OWNED ENTRIES THAT MEET SEPTEMBER 1st ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE CHARGED \$5 per ENTRY. THERE WILL BE A \$25 CHARGE FOR ON SITE GROUP ENTRIES**

**BREEDING AND COMMERCIAL ANIMAL INDIVIDUAL CLASS ENTRY FEES**

OPEN DEPARTMENT			JUNIOR DEPARTMENT		
SPECIES	ONLINE by Midnight Sept. 1	PAPER Postmarked by Sept. 10	SPECIES	ONLINE by Midnight Sept. 1	PAPER Postmarked by Sept. 10
Sheep	\$15.00	\$30.00	Sheep	\$10.00	\$20.00
Swine	\$15.00	\$30.00	Swine	\$10.00	\$20.00
Dairy Goats	\$15.00	\$30.00	Dairy Goats	\$10.00	\$20.00
Goats	\$15.00	\$30.00	Goats	\$10.00	\$20.00
Cattle	\$30.00	\$50.00	Cattle	\$25.00	\$40.00

**Commercial Gilts, Junior Wether Dam Goats and Lambs: \$15 Entry**

**Jr Dairy Cattle: \$20**

**Open Dairy Cattle: \$25**

**NOTE- NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Late entries must be postmarked by September 10<sup>th</sup> by paper entry only (see form). Must pay paper entry fee for late entries.**

JUNIOR AND OPEN SHOWS REQUIRE SEPARATE ENTRIES (Except Poultry) – THERE ARE NO COMBINED ENTRIES.

**RABBIT & POULTRY ENTRY FEES**

OPEN DEPARTMENT	
MUST BE SUBMITTED ON PAPER BY SEPTEMBER 15	
Breeding Rabbits	\$4.00
Single Chicken	\$4.00
Trio Chicken	\$8.00
Duck	\$3.00
Goose & Turkey	\$5.00

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT	
MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY SEPTEMBER 15	
Breeding Rabbits	\$4.00
Meat Pen Rabbits	\$20.00
Single Fryer Rabbits	\$10.00
Single Chicken	\$5.00 (Entry in Open & Jr.)
Trio Chicken	\$8.00 (Entry in Open & Jr.)

**NOTE: ENTRY IN JUNIOR CHICKEN SHOW INCLUDES AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO OPEN SHOW.**

**CORRECTIONS:** Any entry form received that is incomplete, illegible, or inaccurate will be returned and will not be valid.

**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 animals checked in with clerk at designated time(s).

--Animals not checked in at the designated time will be scratched from competition.

--Original registration papers are required at check in unless division rules specifically state otherwise (NO COPIES).

--It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to assure that their animal(s) are checked in at the appropriate time.

--Failure to follow any check in requirement will result in ineligibility to compete.

**SUBSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS:** Substitutions may be made within the same breed and gender.

--There is a **\$15.00** charge for each entry where an animal is substituted.

--Substitutions must be approved by Show Superintendent at check in.

--Approved Substitution Form must be taken to Barn 4 Sales Office for payment.

--Paid receipt must be taken back to show to complete substitution process.

**GROUP CLASSES:** Entry into any group class competition must be completed at the time of individual class entries and comply with entry deadlines for \$5 fee. THERE WILL BE ON SITE GROUP CLASS ENTRIES FOR A \$25 FEE.

--Animals entered in group classes must have shown in their individual class to be eligible.

**REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS:** Animals in all breeding classes (except Commercial Shows) must have registration number at time of entry.

-- No pending registrations will be accepted.

-- **Original registration certificates only will be accepted, regardless of Breed Association requirements. Copies of registration papers will not be accepted at check in.**

-- All animals in breeding classes except Commercial Shows must be recorded or accepted for record in the recognized book of record for their respective breeds.

-- Breeding of animals in purebred and composite classes must meet applicable breed standards.

-- Registration papers will be checked by Department clerk prior to judging and must be available at any time.

-- Failure to provide any required information will result in disqualification.

-- When required by breed associations, legible well healed tattoos, brands or ear marks must be in place.

**BREEDER (DEFINED):** The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time of service and shall be so considered in all classes that require animals to be bred by exhibitors. When a breeder, prior to close of entries, disposes of his herd to a corporation, wherein he is a stockholder, or manager, animals may be exhibited as bred by said corporation.

**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 management, FDA, USDA/FSIS, and/or Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by Veterinarian or Fair Official.

-- Animals exhibiting signs of warts will not be allowed to show or remain on the Fairgrounds.

- The ASF specifically reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition.
- The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the ASF or any of its officers.
- ASF specifically reserves the right to collect hair follicles, and/or perform a retinal scan which may be used to perform analyses to verify identification of an entry in the show using the DNA sample or retinal scan collected at the time of enrollment.
- Any and all samples collected are the property of the ASF and may be compared with samples collected by other fairs or livestock shows in order to confirm entry identification.

**PREMIUMS:** Premiums will be paid on a dollar basis and be mailed to exhibitors at the address submitted on entry form. -----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 – 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 ASF Security in regard to traffic and parking must be followed at all times while on Fairgrounds

- All trucks with livestock will enter through Gate 12 at 34<sup>th</sup> and Battery Streets.
- All trucks and trailers must be removed after unloading to the designated area.
- Most Livestock Trailers will be parked at an off-site location near the Fairgrounds at no charge to the exhibitor.
- The trailer parking lot will be monitored 24 hours per day by ASF Security.
- Trucks will be permitted in the area near the barns only between 6 & 9 AM, with the exception of the Swine Barn on Market Hog Move-In & Move-Out Days.
- No vehicle will be allowed to park in the streets after 9 AM daily.

**STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Stall assignments will be made by the ASF Livestock Department

- Exhibitors are required to comply with stalling assignments.

**NO STALL SPACE IS GUARANTEED & ASF MANAGEMENT'S DECISION ON STALL ASSIGNMENT IS FINAL.**

**CARE AND CUSTODY:** Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until the fair management has issued a release.

- If livestock is not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged against such exhibitor and all premiums or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld under such circumstances to apply toward any expenses incurred.
- 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 ASF Management personnel.
- As the Arkansas State Fair & Livestock Show 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.

- TBA is the ASF official veterinarian. He is not on the grounds at all times. If you require his services,

livestock staff in Barn 3 will contact him. Exhibitor will be responsible for all charges for his services.

**SMOKING IN BARN:** Smoking is prohibited in all barns by order of the Little Rock Fire Marshall.

**GROOMING CHUTES:** All grooming chutes on the Fairgrounds must display a 2018 Grooming Chute permit

-- Grooming chutes can be used ONLY in the Grooming Areas.

-- Permits are good for the entire 2019 season.

-- Permits must be purchased at the Barn 4 Sales Office at a cost of \$20.00 for each chute for cattle, and \$10 for lambs and goats.

-- Chutes without permits or in an area not designated for grooming, will be confiscated and may be picked up at the Security Office at Gate 11 for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.

**FEEDING AND BEDDING:** Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding.

-- Any unauthorized sale or delivery of any feed, hay or bedding materials is strictly prohibited.

-- Only bagged or baled shavings or wood chips and baled straw, in very limited quantities will be permitted on the grounds.

-- Bedding of all kinds will be available from the Feed Store on the grounds.

-- The Feed Store will not deliver to your stall inside the Barns.

**ANIMAL MOVEMENT & HOUSING:** Any questions concerning animal movement or housing should be asked in advance in Barn 3 Livestock Office.

-- All animals are not to be moved from their assigned pen, stall or tie out space between the hours of 11 PM and 4 AM. -----Exhibitor access to animals during this time will be permitted.

--Animals must be on display in the barns during required times. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

--Animals are not allowed to be housed inside livestock trailers except when being transported at appropriate time.

--At no time shall an animal enter a barn where different species are to be or are currently housed.

**DOGS:** Dogs are strictly prohibited on Fairgrounds; particularly in Livestock Exhibition areas except service animals as required by law. Questions should be addressed to ASF Security.

**LIABILITY:** All livestock exhibitors, livestock handlers, livestock trainers, etc. and their livestock will be under the control, supervision, and direction of ASF management, but it is agreed as a condition to exhibiting, handling, or training all livestock that the ASF 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, their property, 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 ASF, 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 ASF 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 or 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 Management of the ASF reserves the right to use any photograph for publicity or advertising purposes without the permission or consent of the owner of the livestock.
- Exhibitors winning Grand or Reserve Champion awards are required to have official photographs made in order to receive premiums.

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

- ASF management reserves the right to remove any signs deemed inappropriate.
- No commercial or advertising signs will be permitted.
- No signs may be nailed to walls or fences.

**IN CASE OF 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 ASF Livestock Department and arrangements will be made for disposal.

- Do not remove the animal from the exhibit area before notifying and receiving direction from the ASF Management.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any costs related to disposal of the animal.

**PASSES:** Exhibitors entered for the Fair must purchase passes

- Additional passes may be purchased at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net).

**CAMPING FACILITIES:** Camping facilities are available for Livestock Exhibitors on the Arkansas State Fairgrounds. Refer to the Special Section "Camping" in the online Livestock Exhibitor Handbook at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net) for details.

**FIRST AID:** Emergency medical services (MEMS) will be on the State Fairgrounds with headquarters located in the North Lot beside Barton Coliseum. In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

#### **SECTION 4 – SHOW RULES**

**DECISION OF JUDGES:** Judges are selected by the ASF 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 management or such referee as it may appoint, 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 ASF or the ALSA event in which he or she is participating, the ASF Livestock Show Management may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, and such action will 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, in the opinion of the Show official, an animal is unruly to the point of endangering other exhibitors or animals, 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 old or older, must be shown with nose ring or nose clip and lead.

**TIME OF JUDGING:** The Livestock Schedule, as published in the online 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.

**ANIMALS DISQUALIFIED:** 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 into 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 Department management of the ASF 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 ASF Livestock 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 Arkansas State Fair Livestock Management. Protest 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 ASF Management. All questions in dispute or difference not covered by these rules will be referred to the ASF Livestock 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 Livestock 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 management may order.

**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 barred from future competition at the Arkansas State Fair or any ALSA event. Delinquent Acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

### **PROHIBITED ACTS**

- 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 ASF Personnel and administered by an ASF 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 to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attaching 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 bovine, sheep, swine or goat for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act. (Available at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net))
- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics. (Available at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net))
- 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 statement as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at Arkansas State Fair.

**EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the 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:** An 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 ALSA event.
- The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Arkansas State Fair or any ALSA 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 National Association of Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in this database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database – you may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Arkansas State Fair or any ALSA event.
- Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums shall 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 awards 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.

**PERSONS INVOLVED IN PROHIBITED ACT:** Any person that in any way performs any prohibited act, with or without the owner's permission, may be forever barred from showing at the Arkansas State Fair. In addition the case will be turned over to appropriate authority. Any sponsoring Agent, Advisor or Person associated with the sponsoring Agent, Advisor, Leader, Parent or Guardians who are found to be involved with the encouragement of prohibited acts may be barred from future participation at the Arkansas State Fair.

**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. You are to submit the basis for your request for a review of the decision within 7 days of being notified by the Livestock management of the decision made.

**SPECIFIC RULES APPLY FOR INDIVIDUAL SHOWS. REFER TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE ONLINE EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK FOR GUIDELINES.**

## **JUNIOR DIVISION SPECIAL RULES**

**GENERAL RULES:** All General Rules and Regulations listed for Arkansas State Fair Livestock competitions apply. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand these Rules and Regulations.

The following rules further apply to Junior Shows held under the direction of ASF Management and the ALSA.

#### **OWNERSHIP:**

- Exhibitor must own the animal being shown
- Exhibitor must have acquired title and taken possession of the animal on or before July 15, 2019.
- Animal must be registered solely in the individual's name (Junior Exhibitor).
- No co-ownerships, no chapter ownerships, no club ownerships, or farm names are allowed.
- Exhibitors must show **original registration papers** at check in or at any time requested by show management. **No copies will be accepted.**
- Registration papers must specify exhibitor's full legal name and may not be in a farm or any other name from July 15 through completion of the show

#### **CARE AND CUSTODY:**

- All animals must remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor during the duration of the project
- All animals must be personally cared for by the exhibitor during the duration of the project.
- ASF officials reserve the right to inspect ownership and request specific information regarding care and custody of an animal at any time during the duration of the project.

#### **FITTING/GROOMING AND ANIMAL CARE:**

- The primary care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form.
- The exhibitor must be present and must participate at all times during fitting when assistance is being provided except such times as the exhibitor may be exhibiting livestock in another class.
- Painting of switches, tail heads, and boning of legs are permissible.
- The International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics is incorporated herein as part of the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show rules.
- Artificial filling of any animal, whether by tubing, drenching, filling with air or other means, is expressly prohibited.
- Anyone found in violation of any of the above rules will be subject to immediate disqualification and possible banning from future exhibition.
- All decisions by management will be final and not subject to protest..

#### **SHOWING ANIMALS:**

- Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal.
- Substitute exhibitors may be allowed for the following reasons:
  - 1 - Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician
  - 2 - Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species
  - 3 - Two animals in the same class
  - 4 - A pre-approved 4-H, FFA, or other Arkansas State Fair competition.
- No other school activity will qualify.
- Approval must be obtained for a substitute showman prior to the start of the class in which there is a conflict by filling out a substitute form (found online) and signed by your FFA Advisor/4H Agent.
- Any substitute exhibitor must be a member of Arkansas 4-H or FFA that has a current Junior Livestock entry -
- In no case may a parent, agent or advisor present or assist with presentation of any animal (Any exceptions to these rules will be handled on a case by case basis)

#### **VIOLATION OF DRUG OR DNA REGULATIONS**

- Any drug or DNA violation will be reviewed by an Animal Care and Use Committee consisting of at least a

County Extension Agent, an FFA Advisor, a Livestock and Poultry Employee, a Veterinarian, and an Arkansas State Fair staff member, as well as, the Livestock Director

--Committee will make a recommendation to Arkansas State Fair Management.

--Arkansas State Fair Management reserves the right to make a final determination outside of the committee's recommendation.

--The results of drug testing administered by the Arkansas State Fair will be conducted by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission. **All test results will be final.**

### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS IN JUNIOR SHOWS**

--Penalties for violation of any ASF or ALSA Livestock Show rule are listed in the General Rules and Regulations for ASF Livestock Show Competitions and are subject to discretionary decisions made by ASF Management.

### **RULE INFRACTION PENALTIES EXHIBITORS, PARENTS, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS & VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS**

If an exhibitor, the parent(s) of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, or Vocational Agriculture Instructor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Exhibitors' Handbook (so deemed by Arkansas State Fair Management or Show Officials), the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Arkansas State Fair Complex for at least, but not restricted to, one year.

In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Exhibitors' Handbook (so deemed by Arkansas State Fair Management or Show Officials) is a County Extension Agent, or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nomination forms, or any other official paperwork submitted to the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Office and they too will be banned from the Arkansas State Fairgrounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but not restricted to, one year.

If action must be taken towards a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, documentation of this action will be reported to his/her superior(s) at the discretion of the Arkansas State Fair Management.

The Arkansas State Fair reserves to its 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 incidental to the Arkansas State Fair and its operations and the right to amend or add to these Rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order. The decision of the Arkansas State Fair Management is final and is not subject to protest.



## DRUG TESTING & DNA COMPARISON PROCEDURES FOR ASF JUNIOR MARKET SHOWS

All animals qualifying for the Sale of Champions and alternates are required to submit a urine test and are also required to have a DNA Sample pulled to be compared to the sample submitted at Nomination Time. The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to pull urine or DNA from any animal entered in the ASF Market Shows and submit the sample for testing.

### **DRUG TESTING / URINE SAMPLES**

Once a urine sample has been collected, it will be sealed and signed by the Exhibitor, a Parent or Guardian (may be a Vo-Ag Instructor or County Extension Agent, or other appropriate personnel.) Animals may not leave the collection area until an adult signature has been acquired on the specimen jars. Once all samples have been collected, specimen will be transported to a secure facility as determined by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission. Specimens will then be tested for drug violations. Any violations found will be submitted to ASF Management, which will then form a committee to make a determination regarding the violation. Information regarding the committee and penalties for the violation are listed in the Junior Division General Rules. All sample collections and testing are supervised by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission. See detailed collection procedure information in the General Rules of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show.

### **DNA COMPARISON**

Prior to nomination into the ASF Market Show, exhibitors are required to submit a hair sample for DNA comparison for each animal nominated. DNA Samples MUST include hair follicles. Original samples that are submitted without follicles intact or empty envelopes may be subject to disqualification, premiums being withheld, and auction money being withheld. If the sample is deemed inconclusive by the laboratory because of missing hair follicles, the test will be considered a mismatch and appropriate penalties will be applied. Individual Animal ID must match exactly the ID that was submitted on and inside the DNA Sample Envelope. Any discrepancy or confusion in Animal ID will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Questions arising as the result of exhibitor error will be handled on a case by case basis by show officials. Should extra DNA testing be required, and is approved by show officials, to remedy any problem, the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 per test, payable immediately.

## GROOMING & FITTING GUIDELINES

**EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the 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.

-- TBA is the ASF official veterinarian. He is not on the grounds at all times. If you require his services, livestock staff in Barn 3 will contact him. Exhibitor will be responsible for all charges for his services.

**FITTING/GROOMING AND ANIMAL CARE--** The primary care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry form.

--The exhibitor must be present and must participate at all times during fitting when assistance is being provided except such times as the exhibitor may be exhibiting livestock in another class.

--Painting of switches, tail heads, and boning of legs are permissible.

--The International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics is incorporated herein as part of the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Show rules.

--Artificial filling of any animal, whether by tubing, drenching, filling with air or other means, is expressly prohibited.

--Anyone found in violation of any of the above rules will be subject to immediate disqualification and possible banning from future exhibition.

--All decisions by management will be final and not subject to protest.

**OPEN & JUNIOR SHOW PROHIBITED ACTS -** The following are Prohibited Acts:

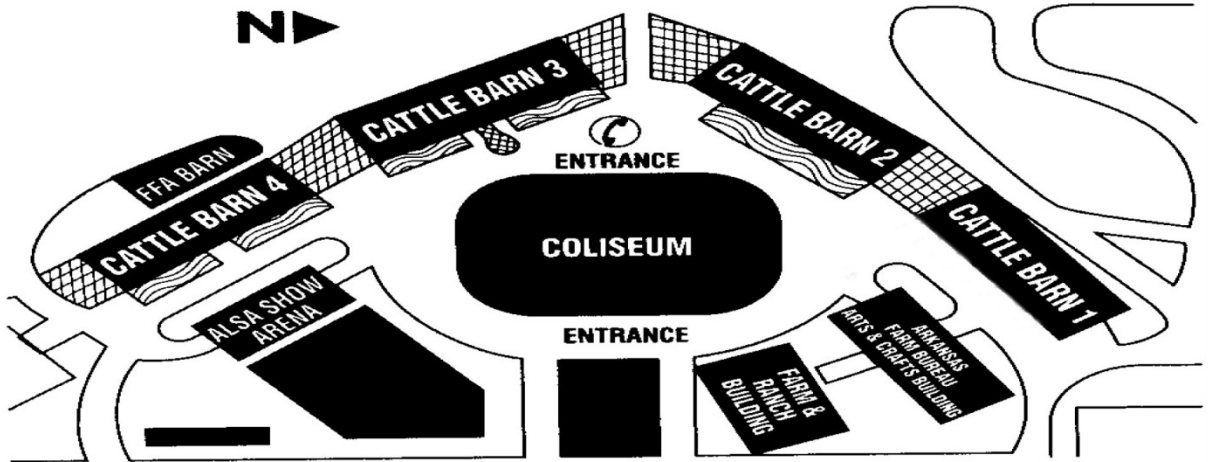
- The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law.
- The injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or 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 ASF Personnel and administered by an ASF 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 to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attaching 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 bovine, sheep, swine or goat for deception.
- Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act. (Available at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net))
- Violations of the International Association of Fairs & Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics. (Available at [www.asfg.net](http://www.asfg.net))
- Violations of the Arkansas State Fair Ownership requirements or Care and Custody rules listed in this exhibitor handbook. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statement as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at Arkansas State Fair.
- No hair coloring of any type will be allowed to be used on any exhibit above the flank of the animal except tailheads, switches, and poles.
- Added hair or other material, natural or man-made (excluding false-switches) may not be used in the grooming of any exhibit. Altering of hooves using unnatural products is not allowed.
- Any attempt to change the composition or appearance of any animal in an unnatural manner will result in disqualification.
- Paints and glues ARE allowed when used in a manner that does not conflict with specific show rules. Boning legs is allowed.
- Grooming chutes must be used ONLY in the Grooming Areas. All exhibitors must purchase a permit at the



Livestock Sales Office in Cattle Barn #4 for a Grooming Chute Permit. Permits are \$20.00 for each chute for cattle and \$10 for lambs/goats. Chutes without permits, or in an area not designated for grooming, will be confiscated and may be picked up at the Security Office at Gate 11 for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.

- No grooming of sheep is allowed in the Goat Center.
- Absolutely **no generators allowed in barns or breezeways**. Must be kept in grooming areas.
- No butt fans allowed in the barns

# Arkansas State Fair Cattle Grooming Areas

← MIDWAY →



-  — areas where grooming is **NOT** allowed
-  — areas where grooming **IS** allowed



**OPEN SHOW DIVISION SPECIAL RULES**  
These rules apply specifically to ASF Open Shows

**GENERAL RULES:** All General Rules and Regulations listed for Arkansas State Fair Livestock Competition apply. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand these Rules and Regulations.

**OWNERSHIP:** To be eligible for competition, whether single or in groups, animals must have been owned by the owner not less than 30 days prior to the opening day of the Livestock Show. Only an original registration certificate will be accepted as proof of ownership. Entry must be made in the name of the owner/owners. Owner/owners can be individual, farm, ranch, club, or family.

**ENTRY INFORMATION & PREMIUM PAYMENTS:** Entries must be made in the name of the owner. If animals are being exhibited by anyone other than the owner, contact information for the Exhibitor is required. All premiums will be made payable to the owner.

**ARKANSAS BRED CHAMPION:** To be considered for Arkansas Bred Champion, registration papers must indicate the breeder as an Arkansas breeder. Animal must be owned by the exhibitor who is an Arkansas resident. Partnerships with out of state breeders will not be considered Arkansas bred.

# ARKANSAS EXHIBITORS NOTICE

## ARKANSAS STATE SHOW

All animals which are entered in the OPEN SHOWS in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Swine, Sheep, and Boer Goats; owned and cared for within the State of Arkansas and which meet the Open Ownership Requirements will be eligible for entry in the Arkansas State Show.

Animals qualifying for the Arkansas State show must have an Arkansas address listed on their registration papers.

The first four animals in each class belonging to an Arkansas exhibitor will receive premiums in this show.

They will be first, second, third and fourth.

Arkansas Premiums will NOT be paid in group or Champion Classes.

An Arkansas Bred Champion Male or Female will be selected in each breed and an appropriate banner will be presented.

The amount of premiums paid in the Arkansas State Show is listed at the beginning of each eligible department.

### **Arkansas State Show Premium Scale**

#### **Open Cattle (Dairy & Beef)**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$20.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$12.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$8.00  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$4.00

#### **Open Dairy Goats, Open Breeding Swine, Open Breeding Sheep, Open Boer Goats**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$ 8.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 6.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$ 4.00  
4<sup>th</sup> - \$ 2.00

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WHOLESOME MEAT ACT**

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Arkansas State Fair as follows:

- a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the Arkansas State Fair, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

**Wholesome Assurance Statement**

Attention: The use by non-veterinarians\* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law.

\*Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as licensed revocation. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS



## NATIONAL 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 National 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 absolutely 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. 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 with the approval of the Official Show Veterinarian.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 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 proceeding 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 Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. 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 National 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.

For more information regarding this policy, contact:

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