

LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

Barn Chairperson: John Faber

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK:

1. Exhibitors must comply with the State of Maryland Health Regulations for livestock, and submit a copy of a **MARYLAND** health certificate with entries.
2. **Entries must be post marked or in Fair office by August 21st.** Mail to Anne Arundel County Fair P.O. Box 372, Crownsville, MD 21032-0372. Priority will be given to A. A. County residence.
All entry forms must be filled out completely and legible, if not they will NOT be accepted and mailed back to you.
3. Stalls and pens will be allotted on a space available basis. Check in time is Tuesday Fair week from 12 noon to 7 p.m., and check out time is Sunday Fair week 6:30 p.m., nothing can be removed from pens or stalls prior to this time.
4. Substitutions will be allowed if ownership is identical with the original entry.
5. Where there is but one animal in a class, the award shall depend upon the merit of the animal and is left to the discretion of the judge. Premiums will not be awarded where there is no merit.
6. Exhibitors will be expected to comply with the arrival, release and show times specified for their respective departments
7. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the check in date of the Fair or be a Fair approved leasing program. All groups of animals must be owned by the exhibitor if shown as such.
8. No exhibitor can win more than two monies in one class. No more than two entries or exhibits per class.
9. Registration and health certificates for each animal must be furnished and available anytime during the Fair. Certificates will be checked prior to check in.
10. All animals must be registered in the name of exhibitor. All animals, in order to be eligible for the group classes, must be entered and shown in their respective individual classes.
11. Animals cannot be cross entered or in market and breeding classes.
12. Sanitary conditions must be maintained in the barns, wash rack and tie -out areas at all times. Proper bedding must be kept in pens/stalls at all times and ready for viewing one hour before opening daily.
13. Tie-out times are from the time the fair closes until one hour before the fair opens the next day. Animals are to be ready for viewing by fairgoers one hour later. **NO** walking of animals during the time the fair is open to the public is allowed with the exception of to and from the wash rack and show ring.
14. Initial bedding will be provided or you may bring your own Fair approved bedding. Additional bedding will be for sale at Fairgrounds. All exhibitors are responsible for the cleaning of pens/stalls. Premiums will be withheld for noncompliance.
15. The Anne Arundel County Fair reserves the right to send any animal home that they believe should not be shown.
16. Participants must comply with the Rules & Regulations listed for each department, division and class.
17. **Noncompliance with any rules, regulations, or directives from the Livestock Superintendent may result in forfeiture of premiums and expulsion from the Fairgrounds.**
18. The Anne Arundel County Fair extends the privilege to 4H exhibitors to also compete in the open division of all livestock classes. See Rule #2 For entry procedures.
19. The right to modify, merge and/or cancel any division or class is reserved by the Anne Arundel County Fair Week Committee or specific Division chairperson.
20. 4H and 4H Volunteer enrollment cards are considered passes to the Anne Arundel County Fair. Other passes are available at the discretion of the Livestock Superintendent.
21. Exhibitors are limited to 6 head of cattle per breed and 10 sheep or goats per breed.
22. 4H members selling in the Livestock Auction are limited to 1 steer, 2 lambs, 2 hogs and 2 market goats.
23. The Anne Arundel County Fair reserves the right to cancel any event or contest without notice at any time prior to the actual holding thereof, without liability except for return of any entry fee.
24. Management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage from any causes.
25. During week fair, **NO** pets or exotic animals, **NO** Alcohol, Drugs or Fire Arms, and **NO** Coolers allowed on the fairgrounds.
26. Slick Shearing of sheep and goats is **PROHIBITED** unless **PRE-APPROVED** as a demonstration.
27. **Only upon these conditions will your entry be accepted.**

CHAIRPERSON:

1. Chairpersons are responsible for making their departments ready to receive and place animals and articles in their department. Pen assignments are to be made **NO LATER** than Labor Day.
2. Chairperson will have care and complete supervision of their departments and to make sure all rules and regulations are followed.

JUDGES:

1. Decision of the judges will be final.
2. No exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in any manner, subject to forfeiture of any or all awards.
3. All protest must be made in writing, must state plainly the complaint, be accompanied by a fee of \$10 which shall be forfeited to the Fair Association in the case the protest is not sustained, and must be delivered to the Fair Management within 48 hours following the judging of the class in dispute.
4. Judges will not award any animal a premium unless in their opinion it is so merited.
5. Animals will be judged at a time and place designated by the Fair Association.
6. When there is but one exhibitor in a class the judges will award only the premium merited in the opinion of the judges.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) **NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS April 2016**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct 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 drugs. 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 chemical 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 approved 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 hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed 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, conformation, 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 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 any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published 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 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.