

2021 GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION: The following General Rules & Regulations apply to all departments including Open Class, 4-H and FFA. Please refer to each department for specific rules and requirements. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and regulations which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable Rules & Regulations.

2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND DISPUTES: The Nebraska State Fair Management (Ag Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, FFA Superintendent, and 4-H Program Leader) reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these Rules & Regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle all disputes and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.

3. FAIR LIABILITY: The Nebraska State Fair Management under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof.

4. VIOLATION: All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of Nebraska State Fair's Space Rental Rules & Regulations. Any violation of these Rules & Regulations will subject exhibitor to any penalties as Nebraska State Fair may order and/or penalties prescribed by law.

5. EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE: Exhibitors and their associates must cooperate with all Nebraska State Fair officials including office clerks, grounds, admission, security and parking personnel and volunteers in all matters of policy. The Nebraska State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules & Regulations, Health Requirements, Additional 4H/FFA General Rules & Regulations, the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers Association (NALSARMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID) will govern. By submitting an application for entry, exhibitors agree to comply with all Rules & Regulations governing the Nebraska State Fair as referenced in these Rules and available on the State Fair website.

6. VOLUNTARY WAIVER: The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules & Regulations by the Nebraska State Fair shall be final, without further complaint, appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the State Fair. By submitting application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the State Fair's determinations in that regard.

7. SMOKING/VAPING: To safeguard exhibitors and livestock, smoking and vaping is prohibited in all barns. Smoking/vaping is only allowed outside the buildings and barns. All exhibitors and guests are asked to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.

8. ALCOHOL ABUSE: To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.

10. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: The Nebraska State Fair management provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited.

11. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: All applications for entry, except llama/alpaca and stock dog entries, must be made online at www.statefair.org. **All Open Class Livestock entries must be made electronically through the State Fair website by 8:00 pm, August 10, 2021.** Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair or entry will not be accepted. **All FFA and 4-H livestock advance entries are also due electronically by 8:00 pm on August 10.** All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

PLACEMENT: No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made. All Llama/Alpaca and Stock Dog Trial entries must be made on regulation forms, properly filled out and accompanied by all fees. Entry blanks are available on-line. The Nebraska State Fair shall reserve the right to vacate or order the removal of any entry which has been found to be entered in violation of the entry requirements.

No person, other than those in authority, will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry data until such time as the entries shall have been closed. Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated.

Unless otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public. No animal or article will be considered unless provided for in the Entry Premium Book. In the Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Llama, Alpaca, Sheep and Swine departments, all pertinent information including animal's name and date of birth must be recorded on the entry form. All animals shown in Open Class shall have been the property of the exhibitor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Fair and must show on the records of the breed association in which they are recorded. **For specific 4-H/FFA ownership deadlines, please refer to the 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations included below.**

Original registration papers or a certificate of ownership **must be available** for inspection at check-in time. In case of inability to get animals recorded before the time limit, a certified copy of the animal's pedigree on a regular breed application blank **must also be available** for inspection at check-in time. This certificate of application is to be signed by both parties of the transaction and must agree with breed association records. **No papers need to be faxed in.** In case of dispute as to age of an animal exhibited, its certificate of registry shall be required for evidence of its age, and its owner shall be required to file an affidavit that it is the identical animal therein described.

Animals owned in partnership may be entered in all classes of the Fair in one owner's name. The entry shall carry a footnote showing the actual ownership of the animal as it appears in the herd book records.

12. LATE ENTRIES: Anyone wishing to make an entry in an Open class after the August 10 closing date may do so with a double entry fee up until midnight August 15. NO OPEN CLASS LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15. No late entries will be accepted for 4-H & FFA.

13. SUBSTITUTIONS: Open Class Breeding substitutions within the same age, same class and same owner will be accepted at check-in. Only one substitution for the original animal will be allowed. There will be no substitutions allowed for different age classifications or owners. NO EXCEPTIONS. See 4H/FFA Premium Book for Substitution Rules regarding 4H and FFA exhibitors.

14. ERRONEOUS ENTRY: Participants are responsible for their own entries, and those of their representatives, in preparation of entries. Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the Nebraska State Fair, who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.

15. RETURNED CHECKS: Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment, which is returned as non-sufficient funds or for any other reason not clearing their account, will be charged a \$40.00 service charge. No exhibitor will be permitted to show until the non-sufficient check has been paid. The exhibitor will have five (5) working days within which to make payment, by cash, cashier's check or money order, in the amount of the outstanding check plus the service charge. If any check is returned after exhibitor has shown, all premiums will be held until the amount of the check plus the service charge is paid.

16. CHECK IN PROCEDURES: All Livestock will be checked and health certificates examined by a representative of the State Veterinary Office at the Check-In Trailer prior to any animals entering the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. All necessary paperwork must be in order to complete the check-in process. Prior to showing, all animals must be checked in by an authorized State Fair representative. Tattoos, ear notches and/or ear tags will be read and registration papers checked.

17. CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS: All cancellations for Open Class must be submitted in writing (email, fax or mail) no later than August 15. Entry fee refunds may be allowed in the case of a personal emergency for which a statement on an official letterhead from the licensed practitioner must be submitted. All letters must be submitted to the Livestock Office. No other Entry Fees will be refunded. No refunds will be given on tickets, badges or vehicle permits. Any refunds are at the discretion of the Nebraska State Fair Show Management and will be processed after the Fair. No refunds will be made on accounts of less than \$5.00. Requests for refunds of any kind will not be considered if received after November 1. All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

18. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All exhibitors must comply with the respective Livestock Health Requirements (see Livestock Health Requirements Section). All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the Ag Director. Additionally, all 4H/FFA sheep/goats may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair. All market lambs and goats must be completely slick shorn, including belly, to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.

19. PREMIUMS: Premiums for Open Class will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in each individual division. Some premiums may be paid according to a sliding scale. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in a show or in any one class, however, no more than two (2) premiums will be

awarded per class. Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits. Unworthy exhibit: judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving. An individual exhibitor may enter unlimited animals in any individual class but shall not be awarded more than two (2) premiums from the individual class. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.

Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the Fair and within sixty (60) days. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN \$2.00.** Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be called to our attention before November 1.

Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium. Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

No 4-H or FFA award money or premiums will be sent to the exhibitor for market animals until they have cleared drug testing protocol, DNA verification or until harvested animal carcasses have been cleared.

It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge, or any exhibitor who has conducted herself or himself in a manner inconsistent with the goals and values of the Fair. Such conduct may include, but not be limited to, theft of fair property, crude or crass behavior toward fair personnel, exhibitors, judges or spectators, or other actions amounting to moral turpitude on the part of the exhibitor or otherwise inconsistent with the spirit of fair competition.

The Nebraska State Fair is required to report payments of \$600 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Any exhibitor receiving \$600 or more will be required to provide the Nebraska State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. NO CHECK WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL A COMPLETED W-9 FORM IS IN THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE.

20. JUDGES / JUDGING: All judges' decisions are final. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations of this show. If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging arena. When there are three (3) judges making a placing, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.

21. INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS: The Nebraska State Fair is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Fair. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper care and treatment to animals. Abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Muzzles may be allowed for sheep or goats only for the safety and well-being of the animal. Nebraska State Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed in violation of the basic principles of animal husbandry, with no recourse. Animal care procedures are outlined in our "Animal Welfare Policy".

22. TREATMENT OF SICK MARKET ANIMALS: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the State Fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive to that sick animal. Animals which are administered treatments having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be ineligible from market competition. Furthermore, the Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Nebraska State Fair Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being. If the Official State Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, using any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, that animal shall be determined ineligible for competition. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be subject to sanctions by the Nebraska State Fair.

23. MARKET ANIMAL RULES/STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the following will be prohibited: the showing of unethically fitted animals, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals in violation of rules on prohibited substances.

24. UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING: The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the Nebraska State Fair, exhibitors agree to submit to State

Fair, at its discretion and request, any animal so entered for examination and/or immediate drug testing. Drug tests may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue, urine and/or eyeballs. Any drug test that indicates a result for the presence of a substance that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals, would constitute a "Violation" as that term is defined in Section 25 of this document "Violations and Sanctions" and Subsection R "4-H and FFA Nebraska State Fair Drug Residue, Drug Testing and Show Ethics Policy" under Additional 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, shall be addressed and enforced by The Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such violation on a case by case basis.

UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE: Unethical fitting and/or prohibited substances shall be defined as: the injection, use or administration of any drug or substance 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, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear; cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change, or modify the shape or appearance; any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e. doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin); any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal; the administration, use or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance 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; any unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process; 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 and marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception.

Any use of artificial color (paint) or dye meant to alter or misrepresent breed characteristics and/or enhance the conformation of any swine, sheep, or goats will be prohibited. Artificial color (paint) will be allowed on cattle, but any attempt to change the original color and/or markings of the animal will be prohibited. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tailheads, switches, polls and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. No clipping or hoof treatments of Market Swine will be allowed.

UNAPPROVED DRUG USE: The showing of any animal that has been administered, or upon harvest or testing, shows any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication, is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for animals to be harvested, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

APPROVED DRUG USE: Any drug test that indicates a result for the presence of a substance that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals, would constitute a "Violation" as that term is defined in Section 25 of this document "Violations and Sanctions" and Subsection R "4-H and FFA Nebraska State Fair Drug Residue, Drug Testing and Show Ethics Policy" under Additional 4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations, shall be addressed and enforced by The Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska State Fair, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such Violation on a case by case basis.

DRUG TESTING: Animals selected for drug testing will be tested under the terms of the Nebraska State Fair Market Animal Drug Testing Policies and Procedures. During the collection procedure, the Exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the Superintendent. Following the collection, the exhibitor AND parent/guardian/responsible adult MUST sign the Nebraska State Fair Drug Use Notification and Test Sample Collection form. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule may be subject to disqualification.

25. VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS: Exhibitor compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is essential to the integrity of the State Fair and its shows, programs and exhibitions. Violation of any applicable rule or regulation may result in exhibitor sanctions. Sanctions may include, but not be limited to disqualification, withholding of premium money, withholding of payment for any animal carcass, assessment of carcass disposal fees, and exclusion from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair. Additionally, rule violations may be referred to law enforcement authorities when appropriate. The exhibitor will be notified of any sanction by the State Fair within 60 days of the

end of the Fair. An exhibitor may appeal the findings to the Nebraska State Fair Management Team. The determination of the State Fair as to any sanction shall be final, without recourse against the State Fair.

If deemed necessary by the Nebraska State Fair, an exhibitor found in violation of any show rules may be subject to have his/her name and the result of the violation submitted to the Rule Infraction Database (RID) administered by the NALSRMA. The exhibitor acknowledges that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

The State Fair reserves the right to refuse the entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of rule violation or unethical practices. Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any major show, or has had sanctions or disciplinary action taken against him or her, may not be eligible to make entry or compete, or having competed, may not be eligible to win a premium.

26. WHOLESOME MEAT ACT: The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to ALL market livestock exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair.

- 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. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal period for most approved drugs.
- d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
- e. The Nebraska State Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or the sale price of the animal.

f. Wholesome Assurance Statement:

aa. The use by non-veterinarians* of any animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with 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 license revocation.

bb. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

cc. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.

dd. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

27. CLASSIFICATIONS: No new livestock breed classifications shall be considered for the Entry Premium Book or for competition until such livestock classification has had a bona fide national association in existence for at least five (5) years, a bona fide state association for at least three (3) years, and a guarantee of five (5) or more exhibitors to show in the proposed classification.

Livestock classifications that have less than five (5) exhibitors and twenty (20) head exhibited for two (2) consecutive years will be placed on probation, and the state breed association will be informed in writing. If there are less than five (5) exhibitors and/or twenty (20) head are exhibited the following year, that breed will lose its classification at the Nebraska State Fair.

28. STALLS, TACK STALLS AND TIE OUTS: All "stall with" requests must be submitted online with the entry. There is no guarantee the request can or will be honored. The Nebraska State Fair Superintendents will assign stall space, as well as sheep and llama/alpaca tack stalls, within the barns at the time entry fees are paid in full. Tie spaces will be assigned by Fair Superintendents. Any tampering with other exhibitors' stalls or tie-out stalls will not be tolerated.

***29 AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS: No aerosol cans, paint cans, or pressurized cans of any sort will be allowed inside the Five Points Arena under any circumstances. Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena and sent back to the barn.**

30. GENERATORS, BLOCKING CHUTES, TRIM CHUTES, TRIM TABLES, PORTABLE SCALES: No generators will be allowed in the barns at any time. Generators will be allowed only outside the barns and in the tie out area. All Open Class blocking chutes will require a Blocking Chute permit, which can be purchased for \$35.00 on the Entry Form and must be affixed to the Chute. **Trim tables and blocking/trimming chutes for Open Class exhibitors will be restricted to each individual exhibitor's assigned stalling and tack area, not to interfere with other exhibitor's stalling areas or aisle ways. 4-H/FFA blocking chutes and trimming stands are required to have a permit. Permits should be purchased at the time or pre-entry but may also be purchased at the Livestock Check-In Trailer.** No outside portable scales will be allowed in any of the livestock barns. All portable scales in the Beef, Sheep or Swine Barns will be provided by the Nebraska State Fair.

31. FANS, EXTENSION CORDS AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES: All fans, extension cords and electrical appliances used in the livestock barns must have a ground, must have safe wiring and must be in safe working condition. All fans used

in the barns must have a protective screen (front and back). Free standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. Only 1 fan per animal! All fans must be hung to the left of the beef animals and above the stalling area to help with air circulation. Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledge the following:

A. The superintendent has the express authority to determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device complies with this rule.

B. Should the superintendent determine that a fan, extension cord or other electrical device does not comply with this provision; the superintendent has the authority to require that the use of the fan, extension cord or other electrical device be immediately discontinued.

C. Failure to comply with this provision in a timely manner shall be grounds for immediate dismissal from continued participation in the Fair and the forfeiture of all entry fees, charges, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.

D. Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by this Premium Book are responsible for performing all steps necessary to assure that any fans, extension cords and other electrical devices are in good repair and free of dangerous conditions or defects. Pursuant to the provision of this Premium Book the Fair may, but has no duty to do so, determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device meets these requirements established in this portion of this Premium Book.

32. SHOW BACK NUMBERS: Each animal entered in the Nebraska State Fair Open Class Division will be assigned a number. Those numbers will be given to each exhibitor as a back number at the time of check-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to the waist before entering the show ring. If the back number does not correspond with the original entry on the official judge's sheet, the result may be disqualification of that animal. **Please refer to 4-H/FFA General Rules & Regulations for specific rules.**

33. WATER: A water container, with water, must be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each penned/stalled area at all times. Nebraska State Fair Management Team reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to contact a Nebraska State Fair veterinarian to determine if water should be given.

34. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS: As a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), the Nebraska State Fair follows the National Code of Show Ring Ethics and uses that code as a governing philosophy for all shows hosted during the fair. For more information, please refer to the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics document on the Nebraska State Fair website.

35. PROTESTS: The Nebraska State Fair will handle ALL protests. Verbal protests will be directed to the proper specie superintendent and if necessary, brought to the State Fair Livestock Superintendent. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the Ag Director. All forms must be signed by three individuals, and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$150.00, cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the State Fair Livestock Superintendent immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered by the Nebraska State Fair Management Team. This complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Ag Director and Executive Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be presented to a neutral panel appointed by the Executive Director for review. The panel shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and proposed decision to the Ag Director and the Executive Director. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped, or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. Where a formal protest is to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of same must be filed with the Department Superintendent before the class is judged or prior to any Division or Grand Champion Final Drive. Once an animal/exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be accepted. Any decision rendered by the Ag Director and Executive Director based upon the review and proposed decision of the neutral panel shall be deemed a final decision.

36. STATE FIRE MARSHAL: By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly prohibited. These types of materials must be used outside of the buildings only. Any and all lighting used by exhibitors must be securely fastened.

The electrical boxes in the barns MUST be kept clear at all times. Also, the aisles must be maintained at all times in the Cattle Barn. Yellow lines are painted on the floor designating these boundaries. ALL show equipment, blocking chutes, chairs, etc., MUST be kept within these boundaries at all times.

In addition, any use of refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, ovens and electric cookers is strictly prohibited. This will be enforced!

37. CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES: All exhibits, concessions and/or commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Fair Management. Under no circumstances will any advertising material be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees or other places on the grounds or otherwise distributed without Management permission.

38. EXHIBITOR LIABILITY: Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion in regard to the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and exhibitor must assume responsibility for any damages caused by or to their animals. The exhibitor 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/her and for its description as given in the Premium Book. Exhibitor shall indemnify the Nebraska State Fair against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with the Fair.

39. PHOTOGRAPHS: The Nebraska State Fair will hire a photographer who will take the official photographs for the Fair. Exhibitor must agree to present themselves and their animal(s) at the request of show officials for official photographs. Official photographs are those that will be used for promotional purposes or used in any official publications. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs MAY NOT be published without written approval of the Nebraska State Fair Staff. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer.

As a Nebraska State Fair exhibitor, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken by the official Nebraska State Fair Photographer for use by the Nebraska State Fair and agree to release and hold harmless the Nebraska State Fair Board, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph will be taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and you agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

ADDITIONAL 4-H & FFA GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A. STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES: Be sure to review State Fair General Livestock Information, Rules and Regulations in addition to the following rules. Also refer to specific species rules for additional information. Exhibitors are responsible for adhering to all livestock rules.

B. INTERPRETATION OF RULES: The FFA and 4-H divisions will refer the Nebraska State Fair Management Team (Ag Director, Executive Director, Chair of the Ag Committee, FFA Livestock Superintendent, and 4-H Program Leader) for the final and absolute right to interpret, determine and settle all matters, questions and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the fair.

C. ENTRY DEADLINES & REQUIREMENTS: All applications for entry must be made online at www.statefair.org. All FFA and 4-H advance entries must be made through the State Fair website by 8:00 pm on August 10. Advance entries include: livestock, dogs, poultry, rabbits, and livestock contests. Entries must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due the State Fair, or entry will not be accepted. All 4-H and FFA entry fees are non-refundable.

D. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS: 4-H — Exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by June 15 of the current year. In classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits and judging contests, a 4-H member must be 10 years of age before January 1 of the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year in which the member becomes 19 years of age.

FFA — Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members that have paid dues shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. Members may retain their active membership until the 30th day of November following the fourth National FFA Convention which occurs after the member graduates from or leaves high school. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

E. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS: Qualified animals for a 4-H or FFA class at the State Fair must be registered purebred or non-registered commercial breeding animals, market beef, feeder calves, market lambs, market goats, market swine and those exotic breeds of breeding beef where the respective associations issue certified papers. A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration paper or certificate must indicate one of the following (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family (members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household) or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. Copies of the registration paper or certificate must be submitted with State Fair entries; original registration papers or certificates must be presented

at check-in. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Any animal that is disqualified from the State Fair for any reason is not eligible to be used in showmanship or any other 4-H or FFA contest while at the State Fair.

Any FFA or 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the 4-H and FFA livestock classes at the Nebraska State Fair. This includes animals offered for sale in other events at the Nebraska State Fair, when the event is prior to the FFA and 4-H event the animal is entered in. A project animal that has been through a “premium only” auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A “premium only” auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit.

F. 4-H/FFA EXHIBITS: Training offered by agricultural education/FFA and Extension/4-H contribute to youth’s preparation for a future in agricultural production, agribusiness and other areas. Simultaneous participation in both programs is acceptable and encouraged, if students choose to do so.

For purposes of exhibition, an animal can be nominated for the state fair in both organizations but only shown in one organization or the other, not both. Exhibitors must submit proper nomination material by the appropriate date by June 15. Refer to the [Nebraska 4-H website](#) and [Nebraska FFA website](#) for additional information regarding identification requirements.

G. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS, RABBITS & POULTRY: All animals, rabbits and poultry in the FFA and 4-H Shows must be owned by the exhibitor. Ownership of animals must be certified where required on the appropriate DNA and online nomination submission in the Show Stock Manager website. Extension offices and FFA advisors will subsequently send DNA samples to the Aksarben Stock Show office. All market animals (beef, sheep, swine & meat goats) must have a hair sample for DNA testing on file at the Aksarben Stock Show by June 15 in order to be exhibited at the State Fair. All animals must be nominated online in Show Stock Manager by June 15.

In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the ownership affidavit in the State 4-H Office. Both 4-H and FFA dairy affidavits are to be sent to the State 4-H Office by June 22.

H. SHOWMAN SUBSTITUTIONS: An animal must be shown by the FFA or 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in a 4-H or FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another FFA or 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. A substitute exhibitor for an FFA animal can only be another FFA exhibitor at the current State Fair, and a substitute exhibitor for a 4-H animal can only be another 4-H exhibitor at the current State Fair. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman (available in the Livestock Office and/or from species superintendent).

I. PREMIUMS: Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the Fair and within sixty (60) days. **NO AWARD CHECK WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR FOR LESS THAN \$2.00.** Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be called to our attention before November 1.

Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. The Nebraska State Fair will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the Nebraska State Fair, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium. Not all departments will award all ribbon places.

No 4-H or FFA award money or premiums will be sent to the exhibitor for market animals until they have cleared drug testing protocol, DNA verification or until harvested animal carcasses have been cleared.

The Nebraska State Fair is required to report payments of \$600 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Any exhibitor receiving \$600 or more will be required to provide the Nebraska State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. NO CHECK WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL A COMPLETED W-9 FORM IS IN THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE.

J. NO WITHDRAWALS: Animals selected as division champions and reserve champions cannot be withdrawn from the grand champion drive. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification and exhibitor may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.

K. BACK TAGS: Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor will have their own unique number printed on a back tag. Exhibitors must have this number on their back while exhibiting animals.

L. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS: All youth enrolled in livestock projects must complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) or testing through a Nebraska Extension program or high school agriculture education program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Completion of training will be certified by an FFA advisor or county extension staff.

M. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All 4H/FFA Livestock must meet the Nebraska State Fair Health Requirements (see Health Requirements section). All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the Director of Livestock Division. Additionally, all 4H/FFA sheep/goats may be checked for club lamb fungus at any time of the fair. All market lambs and goats must be completely slick shorn, including belly, to within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at show. Wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. Any decision by the State Fair inspectors is final.

N. GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK: Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of the State Fair exhibitor; however, assistance may be provided by other State Fair 4-H or FFA exhibitors, immediate family members or another person acting in a mentoring and teaching capacity. The intent of this policy is to promote and foster positive youth development and a high-quality learning experience which are core values of 4-H and FFA.

1.) All 4-H livestock shows will be Blow and Go; animals may be clipped, blown and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. Guidelines for the Blow and Go show:

1. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
2. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through, or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Natural Hold, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, and baby powder.
3. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Pink Oil, white show foam, Freshen Up, Silk, and Sudden Impact. Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.
4. Any animal found to have prohibited products applied (adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products) will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited, and no refunds will be made.

All animals will be subject to visual inspection and/or toweling (before and/or after entering the show ring) using a disposable blue shop towel for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Toweling of the animal may include, but is not limited to, the topline, legs, chest, belly, flank, and cod/udder areas. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products applied it will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited, and no refunds will be made.

2.) All FFA livestock shows will allow fitting of animals with adhesives, glues, paints and powdered products. However, any fitting practices that would violate the unethical fitting clause as defined in Rule 24 are strictly prohibited.

***O. AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS: No aerosol cans, paint cans, or pressurized cans of any sort will be allowed inside the Five Points Arena under any circumstances. Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena and sent back to the barn.**

P. BLOCKING CHUTES and Trimming Stands: – All 4-H/FFA blocking chutes and trimming stands are required to have a permit. Permits should be purchased at the time of pre-entry but may also be purchased at the Livestock Check-In Trailer.

Q. DRESS CODE: When showing animals, exhibitors must wear the official State Fair FFA or 4-H T-shirt. Blue jeans are appropriate; however, refer to Department 35 for dairy dress code. Hats shall not be worn in the show ring.

R. RIGHT TO EXCUSE: The superintendent of the area and/or the show management has the right to excuse any exhibit from the Nebraska State Fair if the exhibit is not a quality exhibit.

S. 4-H and FFA NEBRASKA STATE FAIR DRUG RESIDUE, DRUG TESTING AND SHOW ETHICS POLICY:

1. All livestock exhibitors must submit a signed ethics affidavit and statement of disclosure to the show superintendent for each species they are exhibiting at the time of check in. This form shall serve as an acknowledgement of having read the fair/premium book and a willingness to abide by it. By submitting and signing the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian do not have knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, by signing these forms, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of drug and chemical residue that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals.

2. Any medication administered prior to the Nebraska State Fair should be disclosed on the Nebraska State Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure and submitted during check-in.
3. If an exhibitor chooses or needs to administer medication to an animal prior to the Nebraska State Fair, read all product labels closely to ensure that the medication does not contain an ingredient that could be considered to give the animal a competitive advantage. The exhibitor is further cautioned that it often takes longer than the labeled withdrawal time for complete elimination of drug residue from an animal's system.
4. All animals must arrive and remain at the State Fairgrounds free and clear of any violative drug and chemical residues.
If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the State Fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive to that sick animal. Animals which are administered treatments having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be ineligible from competition. Furthermore, the Official State Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with State Fair Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official State Fair Veterinarian it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being. If the Official State Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, using any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, that animal shall be determined ineligible for competition. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be subject to sanctions by the Nebraska State Fair.
5. The Nebraska State Fair has the right to examine and/or test any animal (deceased or living), feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. The Nebraska State Fair may sample an animal's blood, urine, milk, saliva, and/or tissue. Any samples taken for testing become the property of the Nebraska State Fair. Samples may be collected, stored and tested in any manner the Nebraska State Fair Board deems appropriate. Positive test results may be made public.
6. The Nebraska State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the Nebraska State Fair is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the Nebraska State Fair receives final test results.
7. The Nebraska State Fair may test any 4-H or FFA market animal DNA sample collected at the Nebraska State Fair against the DNA submitted by the exhibitor as part of the 4-H/FFA state fair animal nomination process. It is a violation if a DNA sample collected at the Nebraska State Fair does not match the DNA sample submitted by the exhibitor as part of the animal nomination process. The Nebraska State Fair will run a sample collected at the fair by the request and expense of the exhibitor against all animals submitted by that exhibitor during the nomination in the event of a mislabeled DNA envelope.
8. All 4-H and FFA Grand and Reserve Grand Champion beef, lamb, goat and swine market animals will be tested for prohibited substances. Testing will be done immediately following the Final Selection of each species. Each exhibitor's cooperation is required. All animals tested will be harvested and held until all testing has been completed. ALL OTHER MARKET ANIMALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM TESTING. Random tested animals will not be harvested but will be subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification, forfeiture of all monies, assessment of carcass disposal fees and may be barred from future participation at the Nebraska State Fair.
9. The animal owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and associated participant bear absolute responsibility for an animal's condition, whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the administration of drugs or medication or treatment of the animal.
10. Exhibitor compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is essential to the integrity of the State Fair and its shows, programs, and exhibitions. Violation of any applicable rule or regulation may result in exhibitor sanctions.
11. Violations:
 - a. Drug Administration: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal after it has arrived on the State Fairgrounds without the supervision of the Official State Fair Veterinarian.
 - b. Non-FDA-Approved Drugs: It is a violation if a market animal tests "positive" (not a quantitative test) for any drug that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for such type of animal. (There are certain feed additives that are approved for certain species but not for others, i.e. optiflex and paylean). However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection if the exhibitor disclosed the drug specifically as follows: the exhibitor provides to the Nebraska State Fair, at check-in, the Nebraska State Fair Livestock Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure along with

prescription completed by the veterinarian that properly prescribed the non-FDA-approved drug for the animal. It shall also not be a violation of this subsection if the State Fair Veterinarian prescribes a non-FDA-approved drug for an animal during the Nebraska State Fair and provides that documentation to show management. If the prescribed drug has a withdrawal time that would not be met, however, that animal would not be eligible to show. Please be aware that federal law prohibits the use of certain drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above, it is a violation, with an increased penalty, if a market animal tests "positive" (not quantitative test) for any of these prohibited drugs or drug families. Please refer to one of the following website for clarification: <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcr/cfrsearch.cfm?fr=530.41>

- c. FDA Approved Drugs (Tolerance): It is a violation if a test result indicates the presence of an approved drug, additive, or contaminant that exceeds a residue limit (tolerance) set by the FDA and applied by the FSIS.
 - d. Competitive Advantage (All Animals): It is a violation if a test indicates the presence of a substance, practice or other adulterant that could give an animal a competitive advantage. Competitive advantage substances include, but are not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers.
 - e. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is violation if an animal evidences air pumping or the presence of inappropriate substances to alter conformation. Similarly, it is a violation to use artificial colors or dyes meant to misrepresent breed characteristics or enhance animal conformation. Methods such as stomach pumping to induce artificial fill, performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animals's configuration or the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, excessive needle marks, or unethical fitting are grounds for disqualification. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, drenching, and docking of tails.
 - f. Falsification of Entries or Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records or registration of animals.
 - g. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: It is a violation for an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and associated participant to act in any way that is outright discourteous or disrespectful to other exhibitors, judges, fair personnel or fair visitors, or to deliberately place or cause to be placed any animals or other person in a potentially harmful or disadvantageous position.
 - h. Approaching a Judge: It is a violation for any individual, except Nebraska State Fair personnel to approach a judge during a show.
12. Sanctions: In the event of a violation, the exhibitor may be subject to the sanctions including, but not limited to the following:
- a. Disqualification of the animal.
 - b. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including premium proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair. The exhibitor also forfeits rights to any product resulting there from.
 - c. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
 - d. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
 - e. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the Nebraska State Fair in future years.