

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES FOR GENERAL LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMALS ENTRIES:

All entries must be entered in the name of the owner of the species. Exhibitors are not limited to the number of entries and may show in any or all species (except in Market Classes, as set forth in the Junior Livestock Competition Requirements for number of head limits; Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Sheep, Market Goats are limited to no more than 3 head). In all species, the same animal may NOT be shown in both a market/meat class and a breeding/show class. All livestock entries must be made online through the 4-H entry system, overseen by Elbert County Extension. All exhibitors will be given an exhibitor packet during check-in, all exhibitors must sign IAFE Code of Ethics form, Elbert County Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and Market exhibitors must also sign a USDA Quality Assurance Certificate for each animal they will be showing and sign a sale designation form. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

EFFECT OF ENTRY:

Every exhibitor expressly understands and agrees that an exhibitor's completed entry form is his/her acceptance of all Elbert County Fair Competition Requirements, whether set forth in a general or a specific rule. The exhibitor further agrees and understands that he/she will abide by the competition requirements throughout the duration of his/her time at the Elbert County Fair. An exhibitor acknowledges and agrees to abide by all competition requirements when he or she signs his or her entry form for the competition. Additionally, the exhibitor agrees and understands that failure to comply with the competition requirements or fair officials may subject him/her to penalties, including the loss of privilege to sale at the Elbert County Fair Junior Market Sale, premium monies and other such penalties such as future expulsion from future Elbert County Fairs if deemed necessary.

RISK OF ENTRY:

All exhibitors entered at the fair do so at their own risk and fair officials are not responsible for damages or injuries to persons and/or animals and/or property. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him or her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, Elbert County Fair and Fair Board and Elbert County Government, Authority and Management thereof from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs, suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries or death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or exhibitor's entries. Exhibitors should contact their insurance company for additional information and coverage if needed.

BARRED EXHIBITORS:

The Elbert County Fair and the Elbert County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices, disqualified from competition at any major livestock show, from any state fair or county fair, or has had premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a violation of any Competition Requirement.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

Ownership of the animal must be designated at the time of weigh-in/tag-in at the official Fair Board Spring weigh-in for species that have an official weigh-in/tag-in (beef, lamb, goat, market poultry). Animals that are NOT weighed/tagged in at the official weigh-in will automatically be disqualified from competing for Grand Champion and disqualified from any rate of gain contest. Exhibitors unable to make the official weigh-in must coordinate with Extension Office and the Species Superintendent to be officially tagged before ownership deadline to qualify to exhibit at the fair. Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Dairy Cattle must be in possession of the Exhibitor by April 1 st and the ID entered in 4-H Online by May 1 st . All Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse and Dog must have ID's in 4-H online by May 1 in order to enter the county fair. All other livestock/animals (including birth doe of meat rabbits) must be in the exhibitor's possession and ID completed in 4-H Online by June 1. Exception will be for Show Birds that may be ID'd at the time of fair entry.

DRESS CODE:

Exhibitors should be conscious of their appearance. All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn during a show event.

Recommended dress is as follows: long- or short-sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended to protect the feet. Rabbits and Poultry: jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are recommended. Show officials may refuse anyone improperly dressed entry into the show ring until said exhibitor is properly dressed.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

All 4-H/FFA animals housed on the fairgrounds must submit to a Health Inspection. (Breeding animals coming in for a one day "trailer show" are not subject to a health check but the Elbert County Fair reserves the right to deny entry for an animal that appears unfit for show.) The health check service is available for each species according to the check-in

schedule and will be completed prior to an animal being stalled upon check-in. Animals coming onto the fairgrounds are subject to any health check procedures that the fair board, superintendent and the veterinarians deem necessary, NO EXCEPTIONS. All animals will be carefully examined on arrival by a licensed veterinarian for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases. If, in the opinion of the examining vet, any evidence of infectious or contagious disease is found the animal will not unload and will be promptly removed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors who protest the decision may contact a veterinarian and at their own expense have the animal(s) evaluated; then must provide a written request for entry into the fair with a veterinarian written report showing animal is safe for entry and, in the case of a market animal, safe for human consumption. This must be done timely so as not to delay classing or fair events; protests 8 hours or less before the start time of the show will not be recognized. Any animal, even once housed/stalled on the fairgrounds, that is deemed unhealthy at any time during the fair can be removed from the grounds with recommendation and/or approval of a veterinarian with the support of a fair official.

BEDDING:

All bedding must be supplied by the exhibitor. Wood chips/shavings is the preferred bedding. NO STRAW ALLOWED due to fire danger; however, an exception will be made for straw to be used only outdoors in beef tie-out area and in designated areas for lactating dairy cattle. (SEE BEEF/DAIRY RULES)

CHECK-IN:

All exhibitors should enter through the South gate at the time designated and proceed to their respective unloading area. Animals are not unloaded until health checked.

OFFICIAL FAIR WEIGH-IN:

See species specific schedule for weigh-in time and location. Re-weigh requests will be granted ONLY immediately following the balancing of the scales. No other animals will be weighed between the re-weigh and animals are not allowed to leave the weigh area or be subjected to any alterations or circumstances that could change the actual weight.

INTACT MALES/CRYPTORCHIDS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

Any species of beef, sheep, swine, goat, dog, or horse found to be intact or cryptorchid will be immediately disqualified. Protest of this will be at the exhibitor's expense and must be made through a licensed veterinarian, any protest must take place as soon as possible and must be accompanied by a written letter from a licensed veterinarian with accompanying proof as necessary. Disputes will not be heard within an 8-hour window of show time. Exception to this rule is for male calves being exhibited in a cow/calf breeding pair.

EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL IN MARKET AND SHOWMANSHIP:

If an exhibitor is unable to show an animal (either because of more than one of their animals in a class or due to a physical injury that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show); the replacement showman must be an Elbert County 4-H/FFA member who is currently a member of an Elbert County 4-H Club or Elbert County FFA Chapter and also must be exhibiting at the fair. Showmanship exception is allowed only for novice exhibitors, a novice exhibitor may show another animal in a showmanship class in a case where safety is an issue, and this exception is approved by the superintendent prior to the showmanship contest.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

As an exhibitor, or legal guardian of an exhibitor, or a person who is in any way affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal; you have the responsibility of representing yourself, your dependents and the exhibitor you are helping in the eyes of fellow exhibitors, fair officials and the public. Those participants who do not adhere to the General Rules, Livestock Exhibitor Rules and Species-specific Rules and the Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and the IAFE National Code of Showring Ethics, are subject to consequences based on the sole discretion of the Elbert County Fair Board. Those consequences can include removal from the fair and punishment of the exhibitor directly even for actions of the adult in the situation. Cooperation with fair officials, judges, and other exhibitors is expected, failure to do so may result in penalties as previously mentioned. All livestock exhibitors, legal guardians and any person who is in any way affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal must, at all times, behave in an ethical manner and practice acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. Unethical practices include, but are not limited to, actions that violate Federal, State, Local Laws, FDA law and/or 4-H rules through Colorado State University Extension. All livestock exhibitors, legal guardians of the exhibitor and/or any person who is in any way affiliated with the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal(s), must at all times behave in an ethical manner.

UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK:

The following are deemed unethical practices and may result in disciplinary action: 1. Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins", or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal; the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "fill-in," external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the

quality of the finish of an animal. 2. No animal may be decorated with any unnecessary paraphernalia during judging. 3. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body or any grooming material that allows color to be rubbed off from any animal will result in disqualification. 4. No altering structure of hair or wool coat; except for trimming and blocking will be allowed. 5. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified. 6. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age is prohibited. 7. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. 8. Any exhibitor committing any of the above-described unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by a fair official, will be subject to discipline as outlined above.

PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE WITH COMPETITIONS:

Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair official, other exhibitors, association representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, and fair officials or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent or representative, interferes with any judge during that judge's adjudication or behaves disrespectfully toward any judge or any fair official, then the fair may immediately remove said exhibitor from the judging area, may disqualify the exhibitor from further competition, may remove the exhibitor from the fairgrounds, may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded in any other event at the Fair, revoke participation in the Junior Market Sale and may be subject to a possible suspension from exhibiting at future Elbert County Fairs.

USDA WHOLESOME MEAT ACT:

Elbert County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and requires exhibitors' compliance. Exhibitors of all animal entries (except dog and horse) must certify their compliance with manufacturer pre-market withdrawal periods for all medications, drugs, pesticides, implants and/or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. Any exhibitor found to have violated this rule will be immediately barred from the Junior Market Sale and will forfeit all premiums.

PROPER CARE OF LIVESTOCK AT FAIR:

All livestock are to be cared for primarily by the exhibitor throughout the duration of the fair. All animals should be properly bedded, provided with food and water accordingly, and exercised as necessary. Animals should be clean and properly groomed. Stalls/pens shall

be cleaned daily and as necessary for animals' comfort and public viewing. Stall/pen signs must be displayed for the public to see easily; these are available at the fair office and required for each animal. Stall/pen space is assigned by superintendent; exhibitors are required to stall/pen animals as assigned or risk disqualification. Fair Officials reserve the right, at its discretion, to contact a veterinarian to determine if water should be given, if an animal becomes sick or injured or if the overall health of an animal is of concern. If this occurs without the exhibitor present, a fair official will make an attempt to contact the exhibitor using the contact numbers given through the 4-H online system. If the member cannot be reached and the decision is made to contact a veterinarian, this will be at the exhibitor's expense. The Elbert County Fair Board reserves the right to require an animal to be removed from the fairgrounds if necessary. If an animal requires an injection at the fair, this will only be allowed under the supervision of a fair official and upon approval of a veterinarian. No animal shall be fed or injected with any non-authorized substance unless the animal's health requires it, and this is approved by the veterinarian and then a fair official. Failure to follow Meat Quality Assurance guidelines and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act will automatically disqualify an animal. The consequence of being caught doing so without following this proper procedure will be subject to penalties as previously outlined and determined by the Elbert County Fair Board.

RELEASE OF ANIMALS:

No animal(s) are allowed to leave the fairgrounds once checked in without express written permission from the Elbert County Fair Board. See Check-Out times for animal release. Exhibitors must obtain release permission from the species-specific Livestock Superintendent for the release of all their animals. For equipment and tack, these may leave the grounds beginning on Sunday, the last day of fair, at any time, as long as the removal is done so without a motorized vehicle and without causing disruption to fair events or other exhibitors. Beef specific rules may allow for removal of blocking chutes at a separately designated time, see BEEF EXHIBITOR RULES.