

Jackson Co. 4-H Livestock Association

Rules and Regulations

All Large Animal Species

Jackson County Fair – 4-H, FFA, Youth Age Policy:

You shall be at least 8 years as of January 1st of this current calendar year to show in 4-H, FFA, Youth livestock classes at the fair. The age you are on January 1 (this year) is the age you list on your entry form.

4-H Showmanship Ages: (as of January 1st of the current year)

- ❖ Junior 8-9-10-11 years
- ❖ Intermediate 12-13-14-15 years
- ❖ Senior 16-17-18-19 years.

Rule Changes:

Rule changes made at the September, November, January, and March Meetings will go into effect for the upcoming fair to allow enough time to communicate changes to participants.

Grievance Policy:

Purpose: Any exhibitor who feels that a violation of the rules or regulations of the fair book/ bylaws has occurred, must go through a protest/ appeals process.

- ❖ Any grievances will be handled by the Livestock Association Executive Board.
- ❖ Any grievances must be delivered in writing, signed, and dated by the exhibitor(s) with parent/guardian signatures making the protest and discussed with the 4-H Extension Staff.
- ❖ Grievances must be received by the 4-H Extension Staff within 24hrs following the occasion for the grievance.
- ❖ Grievance must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal.
- ❖ The executive board will act within 24hrs of receiving a written complaint or appeal.
- ❖ Following any decision, the course of action will be entered into writing and delivered to any and all persons involved.
- ❖ Grievance forms must be accompanied by a \$100 grievance fee, which will be retained by the Livestock Association if the grievance is not sustained.

- ❖ All grievances will be kept on file at the Extension Office for 2 years, following the grievance.

Projects:

All animal entries shall come in at the time specified for each division. All animal truck and/or trailers shall enter at the Ganson Street livestock gate and exit at the North Street gate during check-in, unless stated otherwise. Exhibitors arriving late with their exhibit(s) may be disqualified from exhibiting. Late arrivals do not have the option of exhibiting and forfeiting their premium.

Only one entry may be made in each class number by any one exhibitor, except in divisions where the exhibitor is limited to one or more entries per division or section.

Pre Fair check-in paperwork is to be turned in for Beef projects on the 1st weekend of February and Sheep and Swine projects on the 1st weekend of May.

Only immediate family members are allowed to tag beef, sheep, and swine as a group.

- ❖ Immediate family members are defined as an exhibitor's parent, step-parent, parent's cohabitating partner, legal guardian, sibling, or grandparent.

Ownership shall be defined as all animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Ownership Dates for all Market Animals will be the Pre-Fair Paperwork due dates for each prospective species. Breeding Stock possession for sheep will be due at the time of Pre-Fair Paperwork and Cattle Breeding Stock and Feeder Calf possession will be May 1st.

No animals may enter a livestock barn without being properly checked in by the respective Superintendent(s).

At respective species meetings suggestions for judges will be taken, this list of suggestions will be given to the Extension Office no later than the November Meeting and they will contact judges and handle all contracts.

Exhibitors will receive ONE citation for any pen cleaning infraction. From the time of citation you will have TWO hours to clean your pens (Need to add time). If the pen is still not cleaned you will be fined \$50.00 per offense deducted from your auction check and/or paid by the end of the fair. If not paid you will not be allowed to exhibit large animals the following year. You will only receive ONE citation; anything after that will be a fine. Brightly colored tags will be placed on offensive pens that state to see the Superintendent, both the 4-H/FFA member and

parent/FFA Advisor will need to sign that they have corrected the infraction. Pen cleaning will be enforced by Superintendents

To replace a project animal that, according to a Licensed Veterinarian, is deemed unfit to show at the fair, you must contact the species Superintendent for a request for replacement 30 days prior to fair opening. If it is less than 30 days, the decision on the request for replacement will be made by the Executive Committee. Any replacement must be replaced within 10 days of approval to replace the animal. Notification of an animal's death must be given to the superintendent within 48hrs of death.

Homegrown is an animal born and raised on your farm, or immediate family's farm or the JACC FFA Livestock Co-op Farm.

All Species must be properly tagged as follows:

- ❖ Sheep-Scrapie Tags
- ❖ Swine- 840/RFID Tags
- ❖ Cattle-RFID Tags

***If at any point a tag is lost or damaged the exhibitor is responsible for a replacement.

Market Performance Class and Showmanship is mandatory in order to sell; doctor's excuse will be handled by the respective superintendents. If market class is missed and not excused then they will be sold for support price at auction

Fitting of large animals must be performed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's immediate family member, a Jackson County 4-H Leader, JACC FFA leader, or another Jackson County 4-H member. Violations will result in the removal of the animal from the sale and/or loss of premiums and could result in being banned from exhibiting the following years.

Tear down/Barn Clean-out are mandatory for all exhibiting families and will aid in load-out of animals.

All animals should be washed in the following designated areas:

- ❖ Cattle-Wash rack is located between North St. and the Cattle barn.
- ❖ Sheep- Wash rack is located by the scale barn between the Horse and Swine barns
- ❖ Swine- Wash rack is located between the Swine and Goat barns

Beef Projects

Exhibitors in this department may be able to show in Open Class Department 1. Please see rules under RULES GOVERNING ENTRIES, EXHIBITS AND AWARDS

All Market steers must be owned and castrated by February 1st of the year exhibited. If there is doubt a veterinarian will have the final say.

All Cattle are to be tied with rope halters and a neck rope while on exhibit at the fair.

A representative of each 4-H Club must be present at load-out to collect halters and neck ropes.

A member may show and sell only one (1) market beef animal.

The member may exhibit only one (1) animal in Class 42 or 43 and shall sell that animal in the livestock auction

Any market steers, market heifers, or breeding stock with horns/scurs over one inch shall not be allowed to stay and or exhibit at the fair.

A "Rate of Gain" Award shall be presented to the 4-H member that exhibits the Market Beef animal with the highest daily rate of gain (pounds gained per day).

- ❖ In order to be considered for the Market Beef "Rate of Gain" contest shall have been weighed-in on the date and at the location approved by the Jackson County 4-H Livestock Association.

In order to show a Market Dairy animal, the animal must be a purebred or purebred dairy cross dairy calf. If the calf is crossbred with a beef purebred/crossbred it shall be shown in the Market Beef Class.

Market Dairy will be awarded their own Champions in the following categories

- ❖ Overall Top 5
- ❖ Homegrown
- ❖ Rate of Gain

Feeder Cattle:

- ❖ Beef and Dairy Calves weight requirements 250 lbs to 700 lbs.
- ❖ Heifers may show in the feeder class but will not be eligible for breeding classes.

Mini Beef Cattle:

- ❖ Minimum Weight 600 lbs
- ❖ Must not have a hip height exceeding 47in
- ❖ Must declare Mini with DNA and paperwork in February
- ❖ If over hip height and under 900 lbs the animal will be sent home

If showing a registered animal in Sections 1 through 7 you must show registration papers in the exhibitor's name to the beef superintendents.

Dairy Projects

Neck ropes and halters are required for all dairy animals during fair week.

Showmanship is mandatory

Sheep Projects

All market and breeding stock animals must be owned by the exhibitor.

Lambs MUST only be ear tagged under one exhibitor/family.

No sheep is eligible unless the exhibitor has had the sheep in his/her possession since May 1 of the current year.

Exhibitors may tag up to FOUR market lambs.

All sheep will be checked at weigh-in for any visible signs of prolapse, fungus, sore mouth or contagious infectious disease or other medical conditions deemed unsound as diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. Superintendents will have final determination of the requirements and may not be allowed and will be removed from the fairgrounds.

Swine Projects

The Jackson County Fair Swine Show shall be non-terminal.

Exhibitors in swine may bring TWO hogs consisting of one barrow and one gilt or two of the same gender (ie. two barrows or two gilts). All hogs shall be shown as individuals. No pairs shall be shown.

All hogs for show are to be unloaded and placed in pens assigned to their respective 4-H/FFA club/chapter during the designated load-in time.

At check-in exhibitors must indicate if they are entering their swine as Homegrown, Purebred, or Crossbred.

The H1N1 vaccine will be required for all swine entries.

All swine are required to have a minimum hair length of ½ inch. Any hog with less than ½" of body hair is subject to a \$40.00 fine per hog.

Weights:

- ❖ Market hog weights will be 220 lbs to 290 lbs
- ❖ Hogs over 290 lbs, will be placed in a Super Heavy Division and will not be eligible for the Champion Drive. Exhibitors will only be paid for 290 lbs, if hog is over 290 lbs.
- ❖ Hogs under 220 lbs will be allowed in showmanship only and must be taken home Thursday night.

Crossbred Swine:

- ❖ All hogs will be shown separately as gilts and barrows
- ❖ The crossbred show will be divided into the following five divisions:
 - > Lightweight
 - > Light Medium Weight
 - > Medium Weight
 - > Light Heavyweight
 - > Heavyweight
- ❖ Each Division will select a champion

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