

# 2020 FAIR SPECIAL EDITION IOWA 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOWS GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Under Management of IOWA STATE FAIR BOARD  
Chapter 173 - Code of Iowa



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## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Iowa State Fair Management reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations as well as Iowa State Fair Administrative Rules (available at the Manager's Office), and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Show. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of these rules are subject to all premium cancellations.
2. Breed-specific rules and regulations are outlined in their respective section of the Premium Book. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and procedures which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern. **Exhibitors are required to read these rules and regulations and be prepared to comply with them. PLEASE REVIEW HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND RULES LISTED ON THE IOWA STATE FAIR WEBSITE.**
3. **NO PETS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** The sale of dogs, cats or other pets is prohibited.
4. No golf carts of any type are permitted, except for official Iowa State Fair carts.
5. There will be no unauthorized use of utilities on the Fairgrounds.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6. Each exhibitor, as a requirement for entry, will pay an entry fee. **Entry Fee must accompany entry or it will be returned.** Payment of fees must be in the form of cash, cashiers check, personal check, MasterCard, Visa or money order. Absolutely no two party checks of any kind will be accepted.
7. There will be a \$20 charge for each returned check and issuer could be liable for up to three times the amount of the check. **Cash, cashiers check or money order will be required if a check is returned for insufficient funds. All insufficient fund checks must be cleared before October 15. If such checks are not cleared by October 15, these exhibitors may enter the next year's Fair only on a cash basis and must include payment of funds past due.**
8. No refunds of fees will be made unless cancellation is received **IN WRITING** (letter, fax or e-mail) by **July 21**. No refunds of \$10.00 or less will be issued. Refunds will be made by mail after the close of the Show (separate from premium checks). Requests for refunds of any kind will not be considered if received after October 15.
9. Should any individual enter an animal or article in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premium. In case of question as to the age of an animal, the superintendent shall appoint an expert whose decision shall be final.
10. **The Management reserves the right to return any entries received beyond the capacity of the facilities offered.**
11. See special rules in each department for date and time when exhibits are due.
12. All livestock release dates are listed in the special rules for each department. Any exhibitor removing animals from the grounds prior to release date and time, without special permission, will forfeit all premiums earned; no pen fees paid will be refunded. See special rules in each department for date and time when exhibits are released.
13. The Management will use diligence in caring for the safety of livestock or articles after their arrival, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
14. The Show reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions on the basis of unethical practices, violation of drug residue avoidance programs, or violation of any Show rules.
15. As an exhibitor, I hereby acknowledge that my photograph may be taken by the official show photographer for use by the show and agree to release and hold harmless the State of Iowa, Iowa State Fair Authority, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph was taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and I agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

## PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

16. Premises Identification Numbers are not mandatory to exhibit livestock (beef, dairy, horses, swine\*, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits) at the show. Producers who choose to register their premises will be better informed to protect their premises and their livelihood. In turn, they will help prevent disease spread and minimize the economic damage of an animal disease outbreak or animal health event. Registering a premise involves obtaining a seven-character alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where livestock or fowl are handled, housed, managed or processed.

When including the Premises ID number on entry forms, please use the identifier for the location where the animal is primarily housed.

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If an exhibitor wants to register their premises, an application form can be found on-line at [www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry.asp](http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry.asp). An application can also be obtained by calling 888/778-7675. The application process may take up to 4 weeks to receive the number.

### PREMIUMS

17. Premium checks in all departments will be paid as soon after the close of the show as possible. Since the books for the show will be closed in October, any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be called to our attention before October 15. No claims for error after that date can be honored.
18. The Show Board is pleased to list special premiums and awards in the Premium Book, but will not be responsible for their payment or delivery unless they have been received by the Competitive Events Director by opening day of the show.
19. Special prizes will not be accepted for classes that do not conform to the regular classifications of the department in which they are offered unless for reasons satisfactory to the Executive Committee and the superintendent of the department in which they are offered.
20. When there is only one exhibitor in a class, the first prize, if merited, will be awarded. When animals are not worthy of first prize, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animals merit. When there is competition, all prizes may be awarded so far as there are worthy entries. If two entries are equal, both place monies are to be totaled and divided equally.
21. The Iowa State Fair Authority 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 show with a completed IRS Form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. These exhibitors will be sent a form from the Iowa State Fair Competitive Events Department. The exhibitor's premium check will be mailed after a completed W-9 has been returned to the Competitive Events Department.

### TIE RINGS & BEDDING

22. Any and all persons participating in any and all events governed by this Premium Book acknowledge the following:
  - A. If applicable, said participants must tie their animal(s) in the tie ring(s) furnished by the show.
  - B. The use of paper bedding is prohibited in the Iowa State Fairground's barns.
  - C. Failure to comply with this provision in a timely manner shall be grounds for immediate dismissal from continued participation in the show and the forfeiture of all entry fees, charges, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.

### FANS, OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES & EXTENSION CORDS

23. All fans, electrical appliances and extension cords used in the livestock barns or buildings must include a ground, must have safe wiring and must be in safe operating condition. All fans used in livestock barns or dormitories must have a protective screen (front and back). Only one fan per animal will be allowed. The use of butt fans is prohibited in all barns. For Beef and Dairy Cattle only overhead fans located in the front half of stalling area will be allowed. No air duct apparatuses will be permitted. If any and all persons participating in any and all events governed by this Premium Book are in doubt concerning the acceptability of their fan, other electrical appliance or extension cord they should consult the superintendent. 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, other electrical appliance or extension cord complies with this rule.
  - B. Should the superintendent determine that a fan, other electrical appliance or extension cord does not comply with this provision; the superintendent has the express authority to require that use of the fan, other electrical appliance or extension cord 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 show 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, other electrical appliances and extension cords are in good repair and free of dangerous conditions or defects. Pursuant to the provision of this Premium Book the show may, but has no duty to do so, determine if any fan, other electrical appliance or extension cord meets these requirements established in this portion of this Premium Book.
  - E. Exhibitors found to be using excessive electrical outlets will be asked to discontinue use by the Superintendent. Failure to comply with this request in a timely manner shall subject the exhibitor to disciplinary action.

### VETERINARY OFFICE

24. The Veterinary Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., August 6-7, 13-14, 20-21. Please schedule your arrival to give yourself ample time to go to the Veterinary Office for checking of health certificates.
25. Exhibitors are responsible for taking their animals' health certificates to the Veterinary Office for approval. Health certificates must be examined, approved and stamped by the veterinarian in the Veterinary Office prior to animals being checked in.
26. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES NOT COMPLETED PROPERLY WILL BE DENIED AND THE OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A NEW CERTIFICATE AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**
27. Falsifying or tampering with a health certificate is a federal and state offense and will be grounds for disqualification and removal of all animals listed on the health certificate. (Iowa Code 163.18 and 163.24) Official show Veterinarians are available to inspect animals and complete health certificates if a problem arises.
28. No drugs or medications **or medical treatment** of any kind may be administered except by the Official show Veterinarian once an animal arrives on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. All animals are subject to random drug test.

### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

29. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE 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:

- A. 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.
- B. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- C. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- D. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which cumulates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internal or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- E. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
- K. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE 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.

### PROTESTS

- 30. Protests - Disciplinary Action. Any and all participants in any and all events described in this Premium Book hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in any and all events covered by this Premium Book and that the participant shall abide by and is subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this Premium Book. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge the following as an express condition of their voluntary decision to participate in any and all events covered by this Premium Book:
  - A. The protest procedures and remedies set out in this section of the Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any protest, discipline or complaint regarding any action of the Show arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.
  - B. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that no right to pursue an action as a contested case pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A exists concerning any decision or action on any protest, discipline or complaint taken by the Show arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Premium Book. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledge and expressly agree that the procedures and remedies set out in this Premium Book shall be the exclusive procedures and remedies available to any and all participants concerning any decision or action taken by the Show on any protest, discipline or complaint in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.
  - C. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any protest, discipline or complaint brought under the provisions of this Premium Book.
    - 1. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book shall have 24 hours from the conclusion of the show involving the class in question to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book which involve any issue other than the results of drug testing.
    - 2. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book shall have 10 days following the receipt of testing results to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book involving the results of

- drug testing.
3. The Show will not consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.
  4. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing using the **Show Official Protest Form** and shall be filed with Fair Board Secretary within the above-referenced time period(s).
  5. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$250 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Deposit must be filed with Fair Board Secretary contemporaneously with any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints.
  6. The Competition Committee of the State Fair Board shall consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph as speedily as possible and their decision may be appealed exclusively using the appeal procedure set out in paragraph 37 of this Premium Book.
- D. The Iowa State Fair Board shall only consider protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed by a Participant entered in the same Department as the Participant that is the subject of the protest, challenge of disciplinary action or complaint.

#### APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

31. Appeals of Disciplinary Action - Any and all participants in any and all events described in this Premium Book hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in any and all events covered by this Premium Book and that the participant shall abide by and is subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this Premium Book. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge the following as express conditions of their voluntary decision to participate in any and all events covered by this Premium Book:
- A. The appeal procedures and remedies set out in this section of the Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any appeal of any action of the Show arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.
  - B. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledge and expressly agree that the procedures and remedies outlined in this Premium Book shall be the exclusive appellate procedures and remedies available to any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.
  - C. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any appeal brought under the provisions of this Premium Book.
  - D. Specific procedures for appeals concerning positive drug tests or questions of animal identification are set out in board policy which are available upon request. These procedures are incorporated by reference herein.
- The appeal procedures are as follows:
1. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book shall have 10 days from the entrance of a decision of the Competition Committee concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book to file an appeal of said decision.
  2. The Show will not consider any appeal based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.
  3. Any and all appeals of any decision of the Competition Committee concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book shall be in writing and shall be filed with Fair Board Secretary within the above-referenced time period(s).
  4. Any and all appeals of any decision of the Competition Committee concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$250 which will be forfeited if the appeal is not sustained. Deposit must be filed with Fair Board Secretary contemporaneously with any and all appeals.
  5. The State Fair Board shall consider any and all appeals of any decision of the Competition Committee concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book filed pursuant to this paragraph as speedily as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final. In considering appeals from the Competition Committee the Board may follow the procedures set forth in 371 Iowa Administrative Code 1.3(3).