

4-H | FFA | GRANGE | INDEPENDENT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

ALL livestock exhibitors **AT TIME** of registration **MUST** purchase exhibitor wristbands for County Fair. Exhibitor Bands must be worn for entrance throughout every day of the fair. Additional wristbands purchased for parents must be picked up at time of purchase.

All Beef, Swine, Sheep and market goats will be accepted on **Tuesday, of Fair Week, and must be in place by 9:00 PM, Tuesday.** For any deviation from receiving dates and/or times, prior approval must be received in writing from the Livestock Office.

NO SECOND WEIGH-IN

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR ULTRASOUND WITH AN EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM.

LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE GROUNDS EARLIER THAN 8 PM ON SUNDAY. **MARKET STEER, SHEEP & GOATS WILL LOAD AT 6 PM.**

1. **All animals must be duly entered in the fair or will not be allowed on fairgrounds.** Exception: Exhibition animals and nursing animals.
2. Due to weight variances, entries in Market and Feeder Divisions should be made by division number only. All market animals will be weighed on arrival at the fairgrounds. No entry will be judged or premium paid unless it is weighed-in. **ONE WEIGH-IN ONLY**
3. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to regular release date and without expressed and written permission or direction of the Livestock Office or Fair Manager.
4. Animals deemed unhealthy or dangerous by the show veterinarian or Fair Management will not be allowed to remain on the Fairgrounds.
5. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FAIR MANAGEMENT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE LIVESTOCK FITTING IS DONE BEFORE THE ANIMAL ARRIVES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND THAT THE JUNIOR EXHIBITORS CARE FOR THE ANIMALS. 4-H and Grange leaders and FFA advisors may demonstrate methods to the exhibitors only. Exhibitors must do the actual work. Adults and non-exhibiting youth are prohibited from performing work on Junior Exhibitors' animals while at the fairgrounds. Exceptions to this rule would be animals that are sick or need medical attention or obvious safety issues. Any person found guilty of breaking the above rule shall be subject to discipline as deemed appropriate by Fair Management. Infraction of this rule may be grounds for the Junior Exhibitor and animal involved to be disqualified and Cash Awards withheld.
6. All stalls, pens and cages will be cleaned and freshly bedded no later than 9 AM each day. ALL manure and dirty bedding shall be placed in area designated by Management. **Yellow Gate will be open for feeding daily from 6:00 – 9:00 AM Only, Wednesday through Sunday.**
7. All entry forms must be signed by leader, advisor, or authorized agent before submitting entry to Fair Entry Office and prior to closing of entries.
8. **All Cattle must have a TRANSPORTATION Slip when transporting cattle to and from Fair. (CA Food & Ag Code 21054)**
9. No "For Sale" signs may be displayed. Any animal sold during the fair must have delivery and transfer of title made after the fair and off the fairgrounds.
10. Management reserves the right to assign all pens and cages, as it sees fit.
11. Exhibitor will be responsible for all bedding. Stalls will NOT be furnished with the first bedding, exhibitors will maintain bedding in full, clean condition throughout the fair. Stalls must be cleaned completely at close of the fair or **\$20 will be charged to exhibitor. Failure to pay fine may jeopardize future shows at the County Fair. Any premium check due to exhibitor may be forfeited to cover the fine.**
12. In order to comply with State Laws regarding lotteries, no raffles of any nature may be held on the fairgrounds during the fair, i.e., no tickets may be sold for money for a drawing where a prize is offered.
13. As participation in the Junior Department of the fair is part of a total vocational education experience, FFA exhibitors will follow all school rules and above rules set down by FFA Advisors of El Dorado County, in addition to State and Local Rules as applicable.
14. All exhibitors must have a completed signed Code of Conduct on file. Exhibitors must abide by the Code of Conduct.
15. All Future Farmers of America, Grange and 4-H exhibitors of livestock are requested to follow the official dress code of the El Dorado County Fair which consists blue or white jeans or skirt and the official white collared shirts, jackets, scarves, neck ties, and hats of their organization while showing their animals.
16. Independents must wear all white or white shirt w/ blue jeans.
17. **MARKET ANIMALS that are SOLD at AUCTION WILL NOT RECEIVE CASH AWARDS.**
18. **MARKET ANIMAL ENTRIES are LIMITED to TWO (2) ANIMALS per SPECIES per EXHIBITOR.** If an exhibitor brings more than 2 animals, those exceeding the limit must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds.
19. **Drench guns are not approved for use while on fairgrounds. Anyone found to be using any type of drench gun to administer liquids or paste into any animal without the supervision and direction of an official fair veterinarian and/or designated fair official, will result in exhibit and/or exhibitor being disqualified.**
20. **ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS NO LATER THAN NOON, MONDAY, following fair.**
21. All exhibitors that show in Showmanship MUST enter and show in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class of that same species.
22. Any exhibitor paid in excess of premiums due, will reimburse the Fair or entity that over paid. **Failure to re-pay may jeopardize future shows at the County Fair.**
23. **Exhibitors MUST know all State & County Rules; State Rules may be obtained from www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe**
24. Animals must be tame enough to show and will be dismissed and/or Cash Awards and other awards withheld if in the judge's or fair management's opinion. Any animal or animals that constitute a danger to exhibitors or other animals must be removed from grounds.
25. All livestock exhibitors are to supply their own feed, water receptacles and cleaning tools, including wheelbarrows, for stalls, pens, and animals.
26. At Check in, Exhibitors MUST declare any vaccinations or medications administered within 30 days prior to fair.
27. Large market animals must have ear tags affixed to their ears and photographed with exhibitor. (Exception: Hogs do not have to have exhibitor in the picture; however, distinct markings of hog must be shown in picture with the ear tag). **Hogs** must have the ear tag affixed with the large number facing on the back of the ear, with button inside of ear. **Beef & Sheep** must have ear tag inside of ear facing forward. **Goats** must have ear tag affixed on outside of the ear. The left ear is preferred however not mandatory.
28. Hogs that exceed the required Market Weights will be put in to a Heavy Weight Class and will NOT sell in auction.
29. Animals sold at the auction may NOT have used any added hormone treatments. All animals must comply with the proper withdrawal times for all antibiotics, de-wormers and other pharmaceuticals.

30. Livestock, not sold, will be released Sunday at 8 PM according to a schedule determined by Fair Management through the Livestock Office.
31. No one may talk to the judge before or during livestock shows. Breaking this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
32. Pen assignments will be made by the Livestock officials and/or Fair Office. Changing pens MUST have authority from the Fair Office BEFORE changing pen from assignment.
33. "Livestock Officials" are made up of: Fair Manager, Fair Livestock Coordinators, Grange Representative, FFA Advisors, 4H Resource Leader Chairperson/s & 4H Program Representative.
34. Exhibitors under the age of 18, must have an adult chaperone with them on grounds at all times. Overnight is not allowed without their Parent or Guardian Supervision.
35. No Capping of waters or withholding water from animals at the fairgrounds, doing so may result in expulsion from the fair and fairgrounds.
36. **No feeders may be left in swine or beef pens "unattended." No mounted or permanent feeders are allowed.**
37. **Feeding times: Feeding may be done in the barns between 5:30 AM and 8 AM and 5 PM – 8 PM.**
38. Livestock shown in showmanship must be owned (or leased for alpacas and horses) by the exhibitor, entered by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market, breeding or performance class. If the exhibitor has a market animal that is weight sifted and as a result may not show in an individual market class, the exhibitor may use this animal for showmanship if and only if this animal is the only animal the exhibitor has brought to the Fair.
39. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor concurrently enter the same species of animal or bird (horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats, pygmy goats, poultry, pigeons, or rabbits) in FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent classes of the junior department (refer to 4H/FFA/Grange/F&E Agreement at www.cdffa.ca.ca.gov/fe for more information) .
40. Animals entered in market or feeder divisions may not be entered in breeding divisions.
41. Classes may be combined if there are less than 3 in a class.
42. **If CONFORMATION classes are combined, combining FFA, 4H, Grange and/or Independent. Separate awards will be given for each Group. For example: 4H & Independents combine classes, there will be a 1st for Independent and 1st for 4H and so on, if merited. There may be a champion for all 4 groups going in to the Supreme Champion class.**
43. All buckles, banners and special awards are supplied by each club/group. Independents and Clubs may purchase awards on their own. The Fair only supplies Rosettes and ribbons in Livestock Classes.
NOTE: Youth Organizations (FFA, 4H, Grange) may have different qualifications and expectations for their members associated with showing at the annual county fair. These organizations also may fundraise to award "their" highest placing member of "their organization," a special award. Because of this, a 2nd place (or lower) exhibitor may be awarded a Championship Buckle "from" their organization, not the fair. This does not change the placing in the "Fair contest," the 1st place fair exhibitor will still compete for Overall Supreme and the 1st Place Fair showman will move on to the Master Showmanship competition.
44. 4H/FFA/Grange all fundraise to buy awards (buckles, banners, etc.) for their participants. Supreme Buckle/Award is purchased by the prior years' winning organization. Because of this agreement, if an independent youth participant wins the award, they can purchase it and those fees will be carried over to the next year's buckle.
45. **Due to safety concerns, no intact male livestock animals will be allowed on the fairgrounds unless nursing on their Dam.**
46. **All Livestock exhibitors will be charged for Animal Liability Insurance, \$1 per exhibitor per species.**
47. **New: All Market Exhibitors selling at the auction must stay in uniform throughout the entire sale.**

EMERGENCY OR SITUATIONS OUT OF THE CONTROL OF EXHIBITORS:

If an exhibitor has an emergency or a situation that is not in control of exhibitor and that it interferes with the exhibitor being able to show

their animal or sell their animal in the auction. There will be a process to petition for another registered exhibitor to show/sell the animal in their place (with the exception of Showmanship classes). A representative each from 4H, FFA, Grange & Fair will meet to discuss the issues surrounding situation. The representatives should be: Fair Manager, 4H Program Director, FFA School Advisor/teacher & the Grange Leader. This group will look at each situation separately each year and vote. Prior decisions will have no bearing on current or future decisions.

NOTE: Cash award checks WILL NOT be mailed. Checks not picked up with entries must be picked up at the fair office during regular fair office hours.

Traffic on Fairgrounds:

After Wednesday of Fair Week vehicles will be admitted on the fairgrounds through the Yellow Gate for a specific purpose with a special temporary Livestock Vehicle Pass between 6 AM and 9 AM.

HORSE: Rules for Horse Show Exhibitors: The age of an exhibitor on January 1 shall be maintained through the calendar year.

CLASS/AWARDS FOR MARKET ANIMALS:

1. 1ST THROUGH 3RD Place Ribbons will be awarded to Owner Bred Market Animals in all large animal species.

GOLDEN JOHNNY TROPHY

The Golden Johnny trophy is awarded to the Club or Exhibitor that is judged to be the best decorated Livestock Area with the current year's Fair Theme. The decorations MUST stay intact throughout Fair. A panel of judges will judge livestock areas during fair and will double check Sunday late afternoon to ensure decorations are intact and exhibit is not being dismantled prior to 8 PM Sunday. Cleanliness is taken in to consideration.

ORDER OF SHOWING

4H will show 1st in all ODD years.
FFA will show 1st in all EVEN years.

VEHICLES ON GROUNDS PRE-FAIR:

Monday through Wednesday: ONE WAY TRAFFIC:

Enter through Red Gate (through parking tiers and behind racetrack)
Exit through Yellow Gate, Fair Lane next to Denny's.

No Vehicles may be PARKED on grounds. All vehicles must park in Livestock parking area or parking tiers.

VEHICLES ON GROUNDS DURING FAIR:

Thursday- Sunday 6:00 am – 9:00 am ONLY:
Enter & Exit through Yellow Gate.

No PARKING on grounds, all vehicles must park in Livestock parking area.

A BIG THANK YOU

To the members of the **Junior Livestock Auction Committee** who generously donate their time and talents to make the Auction a success! And to the Livestock Team:

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Randy Lund

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