

Department 10 - 4-H - GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

Exhibitors are required to abide by the rules set forth in the Livestock General Rules and Regulations as well as Department 10 Livestock Requirements and Health Rules and Regulations as set forth by the PA Department of Agriculture.

It is the exhibitors responsibility to read and be aware of all rules and regulations!

1. Exhibitors must be:
 - 4-H members, with a project in the field in which they wish to make entry and be under the supervision of Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension Service.
 - Students enrolled in an accepted Vocational School curriculum and must be conducting a project in the class in which they wish to make entry. Students enrolled in general home economics in a comprehensive High School are considered qualifying. All entries shall be approved prior to the Fair by a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Agriculture or Family and Consumer Science staff or their designated representative.
2. Exhibitors must have the animals tagged and registered with the proper identification.
3. All entry forms and fees must be completed and returned by the due date. Late registrations will not be accepted. **Premiums cannot be paid if proper information is not given correctly.**
4. Department 10 exhibitors can not show the same animal in open class.
5. Questions concerning an exhibitors eligibility to show in Department 10 must be expressed to the barn Superintendant and Extension/Vocational Educator prior to the fair. This is only time and exhibitor's eligibility can be questioned.
6. All animals will be checked in/weighed as scheduled by the Fair office. Identification will be verified and health papers checked upon arrival. All animals will be inspected before entering the barn. Every effort will be made to get the animals off the trucks/trailers in a swift manner, however, please be prepared to keep your animals comfortable if warm weather is a factor.
7. Animals will be weighed by designated individuals appointed by the American Legion County Fair. They will be weighed only once.
8. If an animal is in question a vet will be called at the expense of the exhibitor.
9. Any exhibitor showing unacceptable behavior toward their or any other project animals will forfeit their awards/placing. Practices deemed Unethical or In-Humane are not permitted will result in disqualification and ineligibility to sell animal(s) at the Youth Livestock Sale.
10. All animals MUST be identified with an exhibitor card. Farm signs are also permitted.
11. Show clothing should be neat and clean. Any clothing bearing farm names or advertising will not be acceptable in the show/sale ring. NO HATS will be permitted in the show/sale ring.
12. No Pronged Show Halters or Collars will be permitted for any specie. There will be NO WARNING FOR THIS RULE – ANY VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, LOSS OF ANY PREMIUMS AWARDED, AND NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL ANIMAL(S) AT THE LIVESTOCK SALE.
13. Animals should be trained prior to the fair.

14. Exhibitors must be present and have charge of his/her animal any time it is not penned.
15. Exhibitors, or their substitute showman, must be present and have charge of their animals at the time of judging and the sale.
16. Show Stewards will be present during the Shows. The Barn Superintendents/Show Stewards will observe the handling of all animals, both in and out of the show ring, and will have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor for unethical practices. They will notify the Barn Superintendents and judge of any infractions. Any exhibitor/family member failing to abide by the behavior standards will result in disqualification from the contest. In the case of an unruly animal, adult supervision may be provided at ringside for the exhibitor. In any case, the exhibitor must remain with the animal. If the animal poses to be a safety risk to any of the exhibitors or other animals, it will be removed from the ring at the discretion of the superintendent /show stewards. This, in turn, will forfeit any class placing, and the animal will be ineligible to be sold through the Youth Livestock Sale.
17. Any special needs exhibitor will be permitted assistance in the show/sale ring from a parent, youth exhibitor, or educator.
18. The Barn Superintendent has the right to withdraw animals from the show/sale that are of unacceptable quality or are uncontrollable.
19. Immediately following the Junior Show, members are required to inform the Barn Superintendent of animal(s) NOT to be cataloged for the sale. Failure to comply will result in the animal(s) being sold through the Livestock Auction.
20. Owner is responsible for the care of their animal(s) for the entire week. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO FEED, WATER AND CHANGE BEDDING BEFORE AND AFTER THE AUCTION - UNTIL THEIR ANIMALS ARE REMOVED FROM BARN. Enforcement: Barn Superintendent(s) will notify the Exhibitor, the Fair and Extension offices. If the animal(s) is not tended to, Fair Premiums and/or Eligibility may be revoked if conditions continue.
21. Any animal entered in the livestock show or sale shall not receive any treatment with drugs or biologics within the withdrawal time prior to slaughter. If upon slaughter, a recent treatment with drugs or biologics is found to have been administered prior to the sale and the treatment is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass will be borne by the exhibitor.
22. On sale night, the youth exhibitor and a responsible adult MUST BE PRESENT IN THE BARN TO HELP BRING THE ANIMAL(S) TO THE ARENA, to the catch pen or to the on-deck pen while the previous animal is being sold or their animal will be scratched from the Youth Livestock Sale and taken back to the barn.
23. Animals may only be resold ONE time. Resale money Will NOT go to the youth owner. The money must be donated to a 4-H club or charity of their choice.
24. Following the Junior Livestock sale, each exhibitor is responsible for the proper care of their animal until it is loaded for the buyer. NOTE: EACH EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOADING THEIR ANIMALS.
25. All animals MUST be product free before leaving fair grounds. (All fitting products MUST be washed out.)

26. If rules/guidelines are violated; youth exhibitors will be disqualified, forfeit any Fair premiums, and if a market animal(s); the junior market animal(s) will be ineligible to be sold at the Youth Livestock Sale.
27. Exhibitors will be charged a commission of 5% gross sales per head for animals sold through the Youth Livestock Sale.
28. Youth exhibitors are strongly urged to send thank you notes to trophy sponsors, banner sponsors and livestock buyers. Your cooperation will enable the program to retain those individuals and businesses that support our contests and sale.
29. All disputes will be brought to the barn superintendent and educator who will attempt to resolve the dispute. If no resolution is agreed upon the dispute will go to fair management whose decision will be final.

Substitute Showman Rule:

The purpose of the Cambria County Junior livestock shows held during the American Legion County Fair is to enable youth to have a satisfactory experience in the show ring. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to show his/her own animal. The only exceptions that will be allowed are:

- If sickness or physical injury after arriving at the show prevents the exhibitor from showing his/her own animal. In the case of a previous injury or illness prohibiting an exhibitor from showing, a doctor's excuse will be required.
- If the exhibitor has two or more animals in the same class or owns different species of animal that is being shown at the same time.
- If the exhibitor finds it impossible to attend due to medical, direct participation in scholastic/school activities or military commitments, verification of this activity must be confirmed in writing to the Cambria County Extension Office/Vocational Program. If there is conflict of interest, please notify the Extension Office at least one week prior to the fair. Request for a Substitute Showman must be approved and will be forwarded to the Barn Superintendent.

In the above instances, the exhibitor may request a substitute showman. The substitute showman must notify the ring manager when entering the ring that he/she is not the owner. The substitute showman must be another youth exhibitor. The substitute showman will not be considered for a Master Showman award. Any exhibitor that gets a Substitute Showman and is physically capable of showing will be disqualified.

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