

2009 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS
FOR ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS

1. All exhibitors must be Citrus County 4-H or FFA Members for the duration of project, except for designated Open Shows. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H Office or School register to show a sale animal.
2.
 - (A) Individuals and Clubs may show and sell only one sale animal (except pen of meat rabbits and poultry). There will be no advertising or "For Sale" signs for any animal during the Fair.
 - (B) Double registration will not be allowed for steer & swine individual projects.
 - (C) All exhibitors are limited to showing one steer or swine animal. Club and Chapter are required to submit (3) names of show person at time of registration.
 - (D) Exhibitors may also show a pen of meat rabbit and/or poultry animal in addition to the steer or swine.
 - (E) All sale animals require a \$ 30.00 entry fee to defray the cost of all sale activities excluding Pen of Meat Rabbit and Poultry, which have a \$5.00 entry fee.
3. All shows carry ownership and registration deadlines, as listed in individual show rules.
4. **The Livestock Committee will present at least one educational meeting during the project period (March through February). The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, at least ONE of these in order to SHOW. Exhibitor and Parent/Guardian, 4-H Leader, Agriculture Teacher or responsible Adult must sign in to receive credit for attending.**
5.
 - (A) Exhibitors of Youth Heifer, Steer, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry (excluding Open Shows) will be required to wear appropriate uniforms and display their emblem, for Show & Sale night, consisting of:
 - (a) **DARK BLACK SLACKS OR DARK BLACK JEANS**
 - (b) **WHITE DRESS SHIRT OR WHITE BLOUSE**
 - (c) **TIES OPTIONAL FOR 4-H, REQUIRED FOR FFA OFFICIAL DRESS**
 - (d) **BOOTS OR LEATHER LACE-UP SHOES (NO TENNIS SHOES)**
 - (e) **4-H JACKET OR VEST OPTIONAL - FFA OFFICIAL DRESS IS REQUIRED INCLUDING JACKET AND TIE OR FFA SCARF**
 - (f) **WESTERN HAT OPTIONAL. SALE NIGHT ONLY - HATS ARE NOT ALLOWED SHOW NIGHT!**
 - (B) **Failure to comply with above dress code, unless approved by the Livestock Board, will result in the exhibitor forfeiting premium money and/or \$50.00 for all sale animals (steer, swine and pen of meat rabbits and chickens) and the privilege of participating in showmanship and fitting competition.**

6. The age of showmanship will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to **September 1, 2008**. Classes will be divided into **Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15 and older)**
7. ALL ANIMALS MUST CONFORM TO ALL STATE OF FLORIDA HEALTH RULES.
8. All show and sale animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless granted permission by the Livestock Board for the animal to be cared for at another location.
9. All entries must be shown by their designated exhibitor unless otherwise approved by the Livestock Board, **this includes showmanship classes.**
10. All exhibitors must be able to safely handle animals by himself/herself at all times while at the Fair.
11. **All steers and swine must be castrated before the initial weigh-in. Steers must be dehorned prior to initial weigh-in.** All heifers/cows must be polled or dehorned before entering the barn, although scurs are acceptable.
12. STEER, YOUTH HEIFER AND OPEN HEIFER entries will be double tied by a proper neck strap or neck rope and a lead rope.
13. Grooming will be done by the **Exhibitors only**, in all Youth shows.
14. Each exhibitor must be present during the entering of their animal and furnish feed and care for his/her animal while at the Fair. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. **AN EXHIBITOR SHOWING NEGLECT OF THEIR ANIMAL, AND/OR EXHIBIT AREA, SHALL FORFEIT ALL PRIZE MONEY.**
15. All exhibitors will be admitted through the Livestock Gate to feed and care for their animals. **ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD.**
16. All vehicles used to service animals (such as feed) must take place between the Livestock Gate opening and one hour before Fair opens to the public. **ALL UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES MUST BE MOVED OUTSIDE FENCE ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FAIR OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.**
17. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the barn after the Fair closes for the night or permitted to camp on the grounds.
18. Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except in champion classes. Individual show rules may take precedence.
19. Sale animals may not be resold on the premises.
20. The Modified Danish System will be used.
21. (A) All exhibitors who receive a trophy will write a Thank You Letter to the trophy sponsor. **(There is a trophy sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.)**
(B) A list of trophy sponsors with addresses will be filed in the Fair office and will be posted in the Livestock Barn.

21. (C) THANK YOU LETTERS FOR BUYERS, TROPHY SPONSORS AND ADD ONS MUST BE IN THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE A CHECK WILL BE ISSUED TO THE EXHIBITOR. BRING YOUR LETTERS TO BARN CLEAN UP, OR TO THE FAIR OFFICE BEFORE THE BARN CLEAN UP DATE. LETTERS MUST BE **STAMPED**, ADDRESSED AND **UNSEALED** WITH YOUR RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE. Letters must be turned in to the designated person who will be posted, so your name will be removed from the list. ALL monies will be withheld until letters are written. Should deadline be missed there will be a \$25.00 forfeit. (There is a trophy sponsor address label on the bottom of the trophy.)

22.

BARN CLEAN UP - Date and time to be set by the Livestock Committee. Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to clean up. **Failure to attend and participate in Barn Clean Up will result in a \$150.00 fine to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund.**

23. BUYER AND ADD-ON CHECKS must be made payable to the Citrus County Fair Association. 5% will be withheld to cover Photograph, Beef or Pork Council charge, and administration fees. A check will not be issued to the exhibitor until the buyer's check has cleared the Citrus County Fair Association's bank.
24. LIMITATION OF ENTRIES MAY OCCUR IN ANY SHOW IF THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE DETERMINES IT NECESSARY.
25. **THE CITRUS COUNTY LIVESTOCK BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY ANY ENTRY OR APPLICATION AT ANY TIME, OR REVOKE PREMIUMS EARNED FOR JUST CAUSE OR BAR EXHIBITOR FROM EXHIBITING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, WILL SUBJECT THE EXHIBITOR TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL FROM THE PROJECT AND THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
26. The Livestock Board will be the voting authority of the Livestock Committee, See Article 7, Section 7, of the Citrus County Fair Association's by-laws.
27. **There will be a 10% assessment of total sale price to any exhibitor who solicits to repurchase their animal from the buyer.**
28. The above rules can only be changed between April and the third Monday in July of each year, unless a 2/3 majority vote of Livestock Board and approval of the Executive Board of the Fair Association and with notification to the exhibitors.

The Citrus County Fair Livestock Addendum and the IAFE National Code of Showing Ethics applies to All Shows. See Attached!

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