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North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale

Official Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME: The North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale (YSSS) committee and the North Idaho State Fair (NISF) Board and staff welcome you to the Youth Stock Show and Sale, held at the North Idaho State Fair on the Kootenai County Fairgrounds! We encourage your participation in the competition. The NISF Management Team is pleased to host you and your exhibits while you enjoy your stay at the North Idaho State Fair.

COMPETITION: Competition is open to youth exhibitors (see: Livestock Rules & Regulations #12 for specific residency restrictions and age classifications).

AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY: At no time will the YSSS assume care, custody, or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor. Exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the YSSS and NISF. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals through the scheduled release time.

NORTH IDAHO STATE FAIR YOUTH STOCK SHOW AND SALE COURTESY STATEMENT: In any barn where different species are present at the same time, all exhibitors will extend courtesy to other exhibitors and their animal exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, informational signage, and division barriers. Any questions regarding this should be referred to the Livestock Manager.

New Rule Changes for 2025

1. (page 5-6) Entry Requirements - All animal entries including but not limited to Livestock, Market, Breed, Pet and Pack, Small and Large Animal entries must be made electronically through the NISF website by 11:59 PM on the published entry deadline. Please note that entry deadlines vary by species. (Full schedule can be found at nisfair.fun)
2. (page 6) Entry Requirements - f. i. All animals will be assigned a tag number at initial weigh-in. Animals will then be tagged and DNA samples will be collected. If an exhibitor elects to not have their animal tagged at initial weigh-ins, they may take the NISF hang tag home with them and will be responsible for tagging the animal prior to final weigh-in. All custom tags will be removed at final weigh-in and only the official NISF YSSS hang tag will remain.
3. (Page 8, 11 and 19) **Additional General Rules and Regulations i.** If an animal fails to meet the minimum average daily gain required, they may elect to withdraw their animal from the market class and show in the progress class. This decision must be documented on an entry change form and turned in to the Livestock Office no later than 2 PM on the day of final weigh in. If no entry change form is received, the animal will remain in the market class as originally registered.

Species	Min Final Weight (lbs.)	CAP Sale Weight (lbs.)	Min ADG (lbs.)
Cattle	1100	1525	2.0
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Lambs	110	165	.40
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5. (Page 10-11) 28. **SHOWMANSHIP** - It is mandatory that ALL youth exhibitors show their own animal in showmanship; if exhibitors have a market and breeding animal within the same species, the market animal is to be shown. In cases of conflict, only another NISF registered youth livestock exhibitor may show for the animal's owner in quality or take the animal through the sale on their behalf. Such exceptions must be requested by the exhibitors, parent/guardian and respective program management in advance. If an exhibitor's animal is not present at the Fair due to illness or death, an exhibitor may show another NISF registered youth livestock exhibitor's animal with the owner's agreement. The exhibitor who wishes to show someone else's animal is responsible for selecting three (3) possible substitutes and presenting the options to the species superintendent, who will make the final choice.
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7. (Page 11) **Additional Rules and Regulations d.** This is a terminal sale. All market animals will be taken to a slaughter facility. Market animals allowed to leave the Fairgrounds for reasons other than

slaughter will be at the discretion of the NISF Official Veterinarian or the judge (in the case of white ribbons). There will be absolutely no take outs. Ownership must be with the exhibitor and will be transferred to the buyer immediately upon sale. Animal care is still the exhibitor's responsibility until check out.

8. (Page 12) **Additional Rules and Regulations n. Dress Code.**

- i. Shirts or blouses must be well-presented, professional in nature and free of rips, holes or distressing. No t-shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies are allowed in the show ring. Jackets or blazers may be worn.
- ii. Full-length pants or skirts knee-length or longer are required. No worn-out, ripped or distressed jeans are permitted.

9. (Page 13) **UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING POLICIES AND RULES SHOWING PREPARATION GUIDELINES** All animals must be clean and well fitted for the show. Each Independent, 4-H and FFA youth exhibitor must fit their own animal.

- a. Only registered NISF YSSS exhibitors may provide hand-on-animal fitting or assistance. Registered YSSS exhibitors of any group are encouraged to assist other exhibitors and support the educational experience for all exhibitors. No third party or hired help is allowed.
- b. In no case should any adult or third-party fit, show or provide normal care for any youth exhibitor during the NISF. Intervention should only occur in the case of immediate safety concerns. The owner must be in attendance at all times during fitting.
- c. All animals must be able to be handled in a responsible and safe manner by the exhibitor or may be removed.
- d. All grooming and staging areas must be kept clean and tidy. No walls or closures will be allowed on any tents or canopies where show preparation is occurring.
- e. All animals must be fit in a designated area.

LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** The following Rules and Regulations apply to all departments including Independent, 4-H and FFA. Please refer to 4-H and FFA sections (following these Rules and Regulations) for any supplemental requirements related to their specific programs. For Open Class, refer to specific department rules. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and regulations which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable Rules and Regulations.
2. **INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND DISPUTES:** The North Idaho State Fair and the YSSS committee reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these Rules and Regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle all disputes and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair and all activities associated therein. Their final decision will be communicated by the NISF General Manager. Interpretation for specific 4-H and FFA rules will be made by their respective program management.
3. **FAIR LIABILITY:** The NISF Board, NISF Management and Kootenai County under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof.
4. **EXHIBITOR LIABILITY:** All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the NISF nor its officers or agents, shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that shall arise to the livestock or articles on exhibit. Each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss or damage done to another, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and will indemnify the NISF against all legal or other proceedings thereto, not only while on the fairgrounds but while being transported to or from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion in regard to the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and exhibitors must assume responsibility for any damages caused by or to their animals. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the NISF Official Rules and Regulations. Exhibitor shall indemnify the YSSS against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with the Fair.
5. **VIOLATION:** All exhibitors are bound by the most current edition of the NISF's Rules and Regulations. Violations of the rules are subject to Sanctions as defined in the "Violations and Sanctions" section of these rules and regulations.
6. **EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors and their associates must cooperate with all NISF and YSSS officials including show staff, veterinary staff, office clerks, grounds, admission, security and parking personnel and volunteers in all matters of policy. All exhibitors must comply with the

National Show Ring Code of Ethics. If an Exhibitor's conduct is such as to negatively reflect or discredit themselves or their chapter/club, it may be necessary to send the Exhibitor home with their animals. In such cases, all awards may be withheld. Additionally, if any exhibitor or their family members have outstanding fees owed to the NISF including any event produced by NISF or has committed a rule violation, the exhibitor will not be in good standing and must meet with the appropriate governing body to be considered for reinstatement as an exhibitor. Any inhumane or other inappropriate action to animals by an exhibitor may be cause for disqualification, and removal of the exhibitor and exhibit from the show grounds. The NISF Board reserves the right of interpretation of unethical behavior and can expand or reduce all penalties for violations & sanctions of this policy. By applying for entry, attending the event and entering the Fairgrounds, exhibitors and their parties agree to comply with all Rules and Regulations governing the YSSS as referenced in these Rules and available on the NISF website (nisfair.fun).

7. **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS:** As a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), the YSSS follows the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and uses that code as a governing philosophy for all shows hosted during the fair. For more information, please refer to the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics document on the NISF website. See attached Code of Ethics.
8. **CONDUCT:** Direct criticism or any interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited by anyone including but not limited to veterinary staff, exhibitors, family or parents/guardians, and will be subject to the disciplinary action denoted within the rules and regulations. Any violators will face immediate expulsion from the Fair and associated exhibitor may forfeit any privileges or premiums associated with the Fair. The NISF Board will be notified of all violations of this policy. The NISF Board reserves the right of interpretation of unethical behavior and can expand or reduce all penalties for violations and disciplinary actions of this policy.
9. **VOLUNTARY WAIVER:** The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules and Regulations by the YSSS shall be final, without further complaint, appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the NISF. By submitting an application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the NISF's determinations in that regard.
10. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** The NISF reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary with or without notice.
11. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** The NISF provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Fair without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited. Any behavior that violates this policy from any exhibitor is deemed a violation of rules and discipline may be invoked.
12. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All Livestock applications for entry must be made online at <https://www.nisfair.fun>. **All animal entries including but not limited to Livestock, Market, Breed, Pet and Pack, Small and Large Animal entries must be made electronically through the NISF website by 11:59 PM on the published entry deadline. Please note that entry deadlines**

vary by species. (Full schedule can be found at nisfair.fun). Entries must be accompanied by all documents, fees and other sums due the NISF or entry will not be accepted. All entry fees are non-refundable.

- a. Entry is limited to livestock exhibitors ages 8-18 as of January 1 of the current calendar year. Exhibitors must enter and pay all exhibitors fees through the NISF.
- b. ADDITIONALLY, youth livestock exhibitors must meet one of the following criteria for entry:
 - i. Youth living in Kootenai or Shoshone County
 - ii. Kootenai and Shoshone County 4-H members in good standing
 - iii. FFA members in good standing who attend a school within Kootenai or Shoshone County and their immediate youth family members (who may show as Independent exhibitors)
- c. No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made. The YSSS shall reserve the right to vacate or order the removal of any entry which has been found to be entered in violation of the entry requirements.
- d. No person, other than those in authority (under the discretion of the YSSS), will be allowed to see the entries or have access to the entry data until such time as the entries shall have been closed. Should any individual enter an animal 1) in a name other than that of a bona fide owner, 2) not disclosed as a leased, loaned or other situation with proof of original ownership and usage guidance OR 3) attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated.
- e. No animal or article will be considered unless provided for in the NISF Exhibitor's Handbook. In animal and livestock departments, all pertinent information including exhibitor's name, animal's name, tag number (if applicable), ADG and breeding animal's date of birth must be recorded and displayed on the stall cards provided by the YSSS. The Livestock Manager will ensure compliance.
- f. The exhibitor must own and manage/care for their market animals continuously from at least initial weigh-in date through the date of the market livestock sale. Market animals must be declared as 4-H, FFA or Independent at the initial weigh-in and cannot be subsequently changed. In cases of hardship, exhibitors may switch from 4-H or FFA to Independent before the final fair entry deadline only with a granted appeal from the YSSS. Only market animals presented and tagged at designated initial weigh-ins will be eligible to exhibit at the NISF. These tagged animals may not be shown as breeding projects in the same year. All entries must be grown during the current project year. **For specific ownership and possession deadlines please refer to your specific species department (i.e. 4-H, FFA).**
 - i. All animals will be assigned a tag number at initial weigh-in. Animals will then be tagged and DNA samples will be collected. If an exhibitor elects to not have their animal tagged at initial weigh-ins, they may take the NISF hang tag home with them and will be responsible for tagging the animal prior to final weigh-in. All custom tags will be removed at final weigh-in and only the official NISF YSSS hang tag will remain.
- g. No exhibitor may show or sell an animal which has been previously exhibited or sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair and/or livestock show, whether or not there was an actual change of ownership.
- h. Breeding animals may be leased or owned in partnership and may be entered in all

classes of the Fair in one owner's name. The entry shall carry a footnote showing the actual ownership of the animal as it appears in the herd book records and be able to provide immediate contact information of the actual owner(s) on demand. Animal age disputes may result in the request for breeding or herd paperwork or other proof of age.

13. **LATE ENTRIES:** Independent division exhibitors wishing to make an entry in any animal classes (including but not limited to Livestock Market, Breeding, Pet and Pack, Small and Large Animals) after 11:59 pm on the published entry deadline through 11:59pm on the published late entry deadline closing date may do so with double the entry fee. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER the late entry deadline.**
14. **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Only one alternate market animal per species may be substituted at entry into the show upon request by the exhibitor if the animal was recorded, tagged and weighed at initial weigh-in and has followed all applicable program guidelines. Once an animal is requested as an alternate and crosses the scale at final weigh-in, it must be used for the exhibit. Check-in staff and Species Superintendents must be made aware that an alternate animal is being used at final check-in.
15. **ERRONEOUS ENTRY:** Participants are responsible for their own entries, and those of their representatives, in preparation of entries. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.
16. **CHECK IN PROCEDURES:** All animals are subject to a health inspection at the time of arrival and at any time during their stay on the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. The NISF official veterinarian will determine the health status of animals on the grounds. No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds showing any evidence of any communicable diseases or severe injury under the discretion of the NISF official veterinarian. All market animals must demonstrate control by the exhibitor in order to be weighed prior to the start of show. Control is subject to approval by the superintendent of that species. All animals must be clean and dry to cross the scale. Lambs **must** be sheared prior to weighing in. Shearing should consist of the majority of wool being removed from the body. Market and Dairy Goats must be clipped. Breeding, pet and pack goats should be clean and groomed. No drenching will be allowed prior to weigh in. All required documentation must be submitted before crossing the scale to include bill of sale and/or proof of ownership. No blankets shall be on any animals, halters must be standard and subject to inspection or removal. All sheep and goats exhibited require a scrapies identification, beef/dairy cattle require bangs vaccinations as required by the State of Idaho, and poultry requiring avian influenza testing must be in compliance to exhibit at the NISF. Rabbits will require a tattoo prior to fair on the scheduled tattooing date. Any rabbits not tattooed at the official tattooing date will be ineligible to show and/or sell. All records of testing must be made available if requested by the Livestock Manager, Superintendent or Fair Staff.

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Min Final Weight = Minimum market animal weight required to show in quality and be sale eligible

CAP Sale Weight = Any large species animal above this weight will sell at the CAP weight, small animals exceeding the cap weight are ineligible to sell through the NISF Youth Stock Sale

Minimum ADG = Minimum ADG required to compete in quality judging championships (final drive)

17. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors must comply with the respective Livestock Health Requirements as specified in the *Idaho Livestock Exhibitors Reference Manual* (available on the NISF website). All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. Animals that become injured or develop illness after the initial examination on arrival will be held in quarantine and treated at the owner's expense or sent home. Cattle must be dehorned. No horn or scur may be more than two inches. Additionally, all market lambs and goats must be shorn sufficiently short to allow inspection for fungus at any time of the fair. The Livestock Manager and/or the YSSS has the right to excuse any exhibit if the exhibit is deemed not to be a quality exhibit. Any decision by the NISF official veterinarian is final and may not be appealed.
18. **JUDGES / JUDGING:** All judge's decisions are final. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she or any family members may be competing for an award or have ownership of any animal or article entered in such class. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules and Regulations of the show. If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as the YSSS Committee may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging arena. Judges will be provided by the NISF and there is no expectation to share information ahead of the scheduled event. Every exhibit will be judged on the Danish system. Exhibits awarded a blue ribbon are eligible for top prizes at the judge's discretion.
19. **INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** The NISF is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Fair. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper care and treatment to animals. Abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Muzzles may be allowed for sheep or goats only for the safety and well-being of the animal and not in the show ring. The YSSS reserves the

right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed in violation of the basic principles of animal husbandry, with no recourse.

20. **TREATMENT OF SICK ANIMALS:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Fairgrounds, only the NISF official Veterinarian (or other Veterinarian approved by the Livestock Manager and YSSS) will be allowed to administer treatment to that animal. Animals which are administered treatments having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the sale date will be ineligible from competition and sale. Furthermore, the NISF official Veterinarian, in agreement with YSSS, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the NISF official Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being. Refusal of recommended treatment will be subject to sanctions as defined in these rules.
21. **ANIMAL RULES/STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the following will be prohibited: the showing of unethically fitted animals, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals in violation of rules on prohibited substances. A signed NISF YSSS Animal Affidavit is required at final weigh in. Please see the "*Unethical Fitting/Prohibited Substances Policies and Rules*" section for specific details.
22. **GENERATORS, BLOCKING CHUTES, TRIM CHUTES, TRIM TABLES :** No generators will be allowed in the barns at any time. Generators will be allowed only outside the barns and in the tie out area. Within species, exhibitor's trim tables and blocking/trimming chutes will be restricted to designated areas, not to interfere with other exhibitor's stalling areas or aisle ways.
23. **FANS, EXTENSION CORDS AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES:** All fans, extension cords and electrical appliances used in the livestock barns must have a ground, safe wiring and be in safe, working condition. All fans used in the barns must have a protective screen (front and back) and be securely fastened. All persons participating in all events covered by the Rules and Regulations hereby acknowledge the following:
 - a. The Livestock Manager has the express authority to determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device complies with this rule.
 - b. Should the Livestock Manager determine that a fan, extension cord or other electrical device does not comply with this provision; the Livestock Manager has the authority to require that the use of the fan, extension cord or other electrical device 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 NISF and the forfeiture of all entry fees, charges, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.
24. **SHOW BACK NUMBERS:** Each exhibitor entered in the NISF will be assigned a unique exhibitor number. Those numbers will be given to each exhibitor as a back number. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to the waist before entering the show ring.
25. **INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** All Independent NISF YSSS

youth livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a completed Independent Exhibitor Project Record for all projects, to include Market, Breeding, Pet, Pack, Exhibition and Dairy classes. Completed forms are due to the Fair Office within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the Fair. No sale proceeds will be distributed if completed forms are not received by the deadline and exhibitors will be prohibited from showing in future years if Independent Exhibitors Documentation is not received. Forms are available at nisfair.fun.

- 26. PROTESTS: The YSSS will handle ALL protests.** Verbal protests will be directed to the Livestock Manager and, if necessary, brought to the YSSS committee. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the NISF General Manager. All protests must be signed and be accompanied by a monetary fee of \$300.00, cash or certified check. This fee is non refundable and will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the protest. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the NISF General Manager immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered. The protest will be presented to the YSSS for review. The committee shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and decision to the Fair General Manager. The review shall happen as soon as possible. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped, or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. Any decision rendered by the YSSS Committee and Fair Board shall be the final decision. If deemed necessary, local or federal law enforcement will be contacted.
- 27. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:** All exhibitor's animal areas must be cleaned by 10 AM daily (or as advised by the Livestock Manager). Exhibitors not following cleaning expectations after a verbal and subsequent written warning may be fined up to \$100 per day or be subject to sanctions as defined in these rules for non-compliance with superintendent instruction regarding pen cleanliness. Exhibitors must stall in assigned areas and utilize designated and approved bedding materials, no exceptions. Any animal out of their stall must stay within the designated exhibit area. Exhibitors must furnish hay and other feeds at their own expense. Self-water and optional self-feeders are allowed in swine pens and are to be no larger than 12x12 at the base, however buckets and pans must be removed after feeding. Failure to provide proper care (feed, water, etc.) of any animals may result in disqualification and removal of affected animals. All exhibitors are responsible for their animals until removal as scheduled or notified by Species Superintendents for check out. At check out, exhibitors' stalls must be cleaned per the Species Superintendent rules. Superintendents are responsible for the proper adherence to the check-out process. Unauthorized removal of exhibits prior to scheduled release times will result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards and/or sale proceeds, and be subject to further disciplinary action as deemed appropriate.
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options to the species superintendent, who will make the final choice.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

- a. Only one market animal per species (or pen for poultry and rabbits) may be entered and exhibited per exhibitor. Each animal or pen may be entered in only one YSSS division to include Market, Breeding, Pet, Pack and Dairy.
- b. Each exhibitor may sell up to two different species of large animals (Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine) and two pens of small animals (Poultry, Rabbit). Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell, no exceptions.
- c. Exhibitors may not enter the same species in more than one organization (i.e. 4-H, FFA, or Independent). Species consists of Beef, Lamb, Goat, Swine, Poultry and Rabbit.
- d. This is a terminal sale. All market animals will be taken to a slaughter facility. Market animals allowed to leave the Fairgrounds for reasons other than slaughter will be at the discretion of the NISF Official Veterinarian or the judge (in the case of white ribbons). There will be absolutely no take outs. Ownership must be with the exhibitor and will be transferred to the buyer immediately upon sale. Animal care is still the exhibitor's responsibility until check out.
- e. An animal may be declared as a "NO SALE" before crossing the scale. Animals declared as "NO SALE" will show in a Progress class.
- f. Weigh in/tagging, tattoo and avian testing dates will be determined by the YSSS, in consultation with Kootenai County 4-H personnel and FFA advisors, and will be published no later than January 1 on the NISF calendar.
- g. Deadline for Independent exhibitor market animal possession and ownership is at the initial weigh-in date for that species and must be continuous through the date of the market livestock sale.
- h. If a weight is disputed by the exhibitor, the exhibitors' parent(s), or a representative of the exhibitor, the animal will step off the scale, the scale balance will be checked and the animal will be immediately reweighed. Exhibitors must use the second weight and it is deemed final. Once the market animal enters or returns to the stalls, wash area, trailer, or any other area, the exhibitor forfeits the ability to reweigh the animal.
- i. If an animal fails to meet the minimum average daily gain required, they may elect to withdraw their animal from the market class and show in the progress class. This decision must be documented on an entry change form and turned in to the Livestock Office no later than 2 PM on the day of final weigh in. If no entry change form is received, the animal will remain in the market class as originally registered.
- j. Upon request of the Species Superintendent or Livestock Manager, an exhibitor's animals may be used for livestock judging or Round Robin with the exhibitor's approval.
- k. The FFA and 4-H divisions will refer to the YSSS Committee for the final and absolute right to interpret, determine and settle all matters, questions and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Official Rules and Regulations. FFA and 4-H will have the sole responsibility to interpret and enforce their program rules and regulations.
- l. Animals selected as Grand Champions and Reserve Champions cannot be withdrawn from the overall champion drive (also referred to as the grand or supreme drive) . Violation of this rule will result in sanctions as defined in these rules.
- m. All youth entering any livestock exhibit must have a current certification of the *Youth*

for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) quality assurance training.

- n. **DRESS CODE:** When showing animals, exhibitors must wear safe, appropriate clothing and footwear whenever working with animals. In addition, the following must be observed whenever exhibitors are in the show ring and sale:
 - i. Shirts or blouses must be well-presented, professional in nature and free of rips, holes or distressing. No t-shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies are allowed in the show ring. Jackets or blazers may be worn.
 - ii. Full-length pants or skirts knee-length or longer are required. No worn-out, ripped or distressed jeans are permitted.
 - iii. Boots, hard-soled or tennis shoes must be worn. No open-toed, open-backed, sandals or flip flop shoes allowed.
 - iv. Caps and hats are not permitted while showing animals indoors. When showing outdoors, caps and hats may be allowed at the judge's discretion.
 - v. No decorating of exhibitors or animal (by means of costumes, signs, etc.) is allowed
 - vi. All dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors must wear white clothing during quality and showmanship classes.
 - vii. 4-H and FFA may have additional dress code requirements. Please check the respective program rules section.

UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING POLICIES AND RULES

1. **WHOLESOME MEAT ACT:** The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to ALL market livestock exhibited at the NISF. In compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act:
 - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
 - c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal period for most approved drugs.
 - d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
 - e. The YSSS will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or the sale price of the animal nor any additional costs incurred.
 - f. Wholesome Assurance Statement:
 - i. The use by non-veterinarians of any animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. *Note: Abuse of the extra label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.*
 - ii. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
 - iii. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
 - iv. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

2. **SHOWING PREPARATION GUIDELINES** All animals must be clean and well fitted for the show. Each Independent, 4-H and FFA youth exhibitor must fit their own animal.
 - a. Only registered NISF YSSS exhibitors may provide hand-on-animal fitting or assistance. Registered exhibitors of any group are encouraged to assist other exhibitors and support the educational experience for all exhibitors. No third party or hired help is allowed.
 - b. In no case should any adult or third-party fit, show or provide normal care for any youth exhibitor during the NISF. Intervention should only occur in the case of immediate safety concerns. The owner must be in attendance at all times during fitting.
 - c. All animals must be able to be handled in a responsible and safe manner by the exhibitor or may be removed.
 - d. All grooming and staging areas must be kept clean and tidy. No walls or closures will be allowed on any tents or canopies where show preparation is occurring.
 - e. All animals must be fit in a designated area.

3. **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION:** The YSSS reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the NISF, exhibitors agree to submit to the NISF, at its discretion and request, any animal so entered for examination and/or immediate drug testing. Drug tests may include, but are not limited to blood, tissue, urine and/or eyeballs. Any drug test that indicates a result for the presence of a substance that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals, would constitute a "Violation" as that term is defined in Section 3 of this document "Violations and Sanctions" and shall be addressed and enforced by the YSSS. The YSSS, in its sole discretion and judgment, shall evaluate and assess appropriate sanctions for any such violation on a case-by-case basis.
 - a. **UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE:** Unethical fitting and/or prohibited substances shall be defined as: the injection, use or administration of any drug or substance that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law, or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law; the injection (or internal or external administration) of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear; cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change, or modify the shape or appearance; any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e. doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin); any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal; the administration, use or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; any unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process (as defined in section b); any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health and marketability of any animal

including but not limited to beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception.

- b. **HYPODERMIC NEEDLES:** Hypodermic needles are prohibited at the NISF YSSS. No exhibitor is permitted to possess or use a hypodermic needle on the NISF grounds during the YSSS. Only the Official Fair Veterinary team will be permitted to administer injections. Needles are commonly included in show supply “kits”. Please ensure that all needles are removed before entering the Fairgrounds.
- c. **DRENCHING:** Drenching is the process of placing a syringed device into an animal’s mouth and down the throat for administration of water. Drenching is strongly discouraged, but if required, the Species Superintendent must be made aware and be present during administration.
- d. **ARTIFICIAL COLOR:** Any use of artificial color (paint) or dye meant to alter or misrepresent breed characteristics and/or enhance the conformation of any beef, swine, sheep, or goats will be prohibited. Species labeled show products without withdrawal restrictions may be used as per the labeled instructions. Products must be made available if requested by any show officials or staff. All sheep and goats must be shorn or clipped to appropriate show length for their species and class. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tailheads, switches, polls and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.
- e. **DRUG RESIDUE, DRUG TESTING AND SHOW ETHICS:**
 - i. All livestock exhibitors must submit a signed North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale Animal Affidavit form to the check-in staff for each species they are exhibiting at the time of check in. This form shall serve as an acknowledgement of having read the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and the YSSS Official Rules and Regulations and a willingness to abide by it. By submitting and signing the YSSS Market Animal Affidavit Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian do not have knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals. Furthermore, by signing these forms, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of drug and chemical residue that exceeds allowable limits set by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for class and species of animals.
 - ii. Any medication administered prior to the YSSS must be disclosed on the YSSS Animal Affidavit form and submitted during check-in.
 - iii. If an exhibitor chooses or needs to administer medication to an animal prior to the NISF, read all product labels closely to ensure that the medication does not contain an ingredient that could be considered to give the animal a competitive advantage. The exhibitor is further cautioned that it often takes longer than the labeled withdrawal time for complete elimination of drug residue from an

- animal's system.
- iv. The YSSS has the right to examine and/or test any animal (deceased or living), feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. The YSSS may sample an animal's blood, urine, milk, saliva, hair and/or tissue. Any samples taken for testing become the property of the NISF. Samples may be collected, stored and tested in any manner the YSSS deems appropriate. Positive test results may be made public.
 - v. The YSSS reserves the right to take DNA samples and utilize DNA testing for any reason deemed necessary.
 - vi. The YSSS may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the YSSS is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the YSSS receives final test results.
 - vii. All market Grand and Reserve Grand Champion beef, lamb, goat and swine market animals will be tested for prohibited substances. Testing will be done immediately following the Final Selection of each species. Each exhibitor's cooperation is required. All animals tested will be harvested and held until all testing has been completed. ALL OTHER MARKET ANIMALS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RANDOM TESTING. Randomly tested animals may not be harvested but will be subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification, forfeiture of all monies, assessment of carcass disposal fees and being barred from future participation at the NISF in the case of positive test results.
 - viii. The animal owner, exhibitor, and associated participant bear absolute responsibility for an animal's condition, whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the administration of drugs or medication or treatment of the animal.

3. VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONS: Exhibitor compliance with all applicable rules and regulations is essential to the integrity of the NISF and its shows, programs and exhibitions. Violation of any applicable rule or regulation may result in exhibitor sanctions. Sanctions may include, but not be limited to disqualification, withholding of premium money, withholding of payment for any sale proceeds, assessment of carcass disposal fees, and exclusion from future participation at the NISF. Any applicable fees associated with the violation including restitution will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Additionally, rule violations may be referred to law enforcement authorities when appropriate. The exhibitor will be notified of any sanction by the NISF within 60 days of the end of the Fair. An exhibitor may appeal the findings to the NISF Board. The determination of the NISF Board as to any sanction shall be final, without recourse against the Fair. The Fair reserves the right to refuse the entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of rule violation or unethical practices. Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any show, or has had sanctions or disciplinary action taken against him or her, may not be eligible to make entry or compete, or having competed, may not be eligible to win a premium.

a. VIOLATIONS:

- i. Drug Administration: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal after it has arrived on the Fairgrounds without the supervision of the Official State Fair Veterinarian.
- ii. Non-FDA-Approved Drugs: It is a violation if a market animal tests "positive" (not a quantitative test) for any drug that has not been approved by the Food

and Drug Administration for such type of animal. (There are certain feed additives that are approved for certain species but not for others, i.e. Optiflex and Paylean). However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection if the exhibitor disclosed the drug specifically as follows: the exhibitor provides to the NISF, at check-in, the YSSS Ethics Form and Statement of Disclosure along with prescription completed by the veterinarian that properly prescribed the non-FDA-approved drug for the animal. It shall also not be a violation of this subsection if the State Fair Veterinarian prescribes a non-FDA-approved drug for an animal during the YSSS and provides that documentation to show management. If the prescribed drug has a withdrawal time that would not be met, however, that animal would not be eligible to show. Please be aware that federal law prohibits the use of certain drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above, it is a violation, with an increased penalty, if a market animal tests “positive” (not quantitative test) for any of these prohibited drugs or drug families. Please refer to the following website for clarification:

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/cfrsearch.cfm?fr=530.41>

- iii. FDA Approved Drugs (Tolerance): It is a violation if a test result indicates the presence of an approved drug, additive, or contaminant that exceeds a residue limit (tolerance) set by the FDA and applied by the Food Safety and Inspection Service.
- iv. Competitive Advantage (All Animals): It is a violation if a test indicates the presence of a substance, practice or other adulterant that could give an animal a competitive advantage. Competitive advantage substances include, but are not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers.
- v. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is violation if an animal evidences air pumping or the presence of inappropriate substances to alter conformation. Similarly, it is a violation to use artificial colors or dyes meant to misrepresent breed characteristics or enhance animal conformation. Methods such as stomach pumping to induce artificial fill, performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter or misrepresent the animal's configuration or the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, excessive needle marks, or unethical fitting are grounds for disqualification. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, drenching, and docking of tails.
- vi. Falsification of Entries or Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records or registration of animals.
- vii. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: It is a violation for an owner, exhibitor, and associated participant to act in any way that is outright discourteous or disrespectful to other exhibitors, judges, veterinary staff, show staff, fair personnel or fair visitors, or to deliberately place or cause to be placed any animals or other person in a potentially harmful or disadvantageous position.
- viii. Approaching a Judge: It is a violation for any individual, except YSSS personnel, to approach a judge during a show.
- ix. It is a violation for any exhibitor, parent, leader or advisor not to comply with

any rules as defined in this document

- b. **SANCTIONS:** In the event of a violation, exhibitors may be subject to sanctions including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. Disqualification of the animal.
 - ii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including premium and sale proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the NISF. The exhibitor also forfeits rights to any product resulting there from.
 - iii. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
 - iv. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the NISF.
 - v. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the NISF in future years.

MARKET ANIMAL LIVESTOCK SALE

1. The sale order will be established and marketed by the YSSS.
2. All market animals are consigned to the sale at the time of entry, unless declared otherwise at the final weigh in.
3. All exhibitors may sell two large livestock exhibits (separate species), and two small livestock exhibits.
4. Animals eligible for sale include all market beef, sheep, goats, swine, poultry and rabbits that are owned by eligible registered livestock exhibitors, meeting weight requirements and receiving a blue or red ribbon in the official quality grading.
 - a. Exhibitors selling animals in the market animal sale are required to submit completed W-9 and Exhibitor Selling Agreements at final weigh-in. No sale proceeds will be distributed without a completed W-9 form. No animals will be sold without a completed Exhibitor Selling Agreement.
5. Market animals not meeting the minimum weight requirements of the species will not be eligible for the sale. Lightweight animals not eligible for sale may market their animal after their species has sold in the YSSS market sale on the YSSS-provided card for private sale within the barn. The exhibitor is responsible for removal and all transportation. The Livestock Manager and Species Superintendents must be made aware of the status.
6. It is mandatory to sell all Grand and Reserve Champion market animals. All grand and reserve champion market animals will be harvested at a USDA certified processing facility selected by the YSSS.
7. For market animals sold, title to the animal will pass immediately on acceptance of final bid by the auctioneer. The exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animal until check out.

8. A sale charge will be deducted from all animals sold through the stock sale.
9. No exhibitor, parent, or leader shall approach a buyer before, during or after an animal has been sold at auction to regain ownership of that animal. Violation of this rule will result in sanctions.
10. Buyer information will be published a maximum of 3 hours following the conclusion of the market animal sale.
11. Large market animals over the cap sale weight at final weigh-in will be sold at the cap sale weight. Exhibitors will be paid only for the cap sale weight and buyers will be charged for only the cap weight. Small market animals (rabbits and poultry) exceeding the cap sale weight are ineligible to sell through the NISF Youth Stock Sale.

Species	Min Final Weight (lbs.)	CAP Sale Weight (lbs.)	Min ADG (lbs.)
Cattle	1100	1525	2.0
Hogs	230	300	1.1
Lambs	110	165	.40
Meat Goat	65	110	.15
Turkey less than 20 weeks	18	25	N/A
Poultry less than 12 weeks	6 ea	8 ea	N/A
Rabbits 10-14 weeks	4 ea	6 ea	N/A

Min Final Weight = Minimum market animal weight required to show in quality and be sale eligible

CAP Sale Weight = Any large species animal above this weight will sell at the CAP weight, small animals exceeding the cap weight are ineligible to sell through the NISF Youth Stock Sale

Minimum ADG = Minimum ADG required to compete in quality judging championships (final drive)