



# **Aksarben Stock Show**

Proudly presented by the  
Aksarben Foundation  
September 22<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park  
Grand Island, Nebraska

## **Rules and Regulations**

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### General Rules and Regulations:

- General Rules and Regulations also apply to the rules and regulations in each specific species division. (i.e., Breeding Heifer, Market Beef, Breeding Ewes, Market Goats, etc.)
- The Aksarben Stock Show (referred to as “the Show” herein) has and will continue to take a strict stance on penalizing exhibitors when rules are broken.
  - Punishable offenses include, but are not limited to, violation of the Code of Ethics or any rule or regulation written in the Show Rules and Regulations. Additional offendable actions include: illegal drug use, non-approved medications, feed additives, and improper withdrawal periods on approved medications.
  - **Potential Penalties include, but are not limited to...**
    - Expulsion from entry at the show
    - Suspension from entry for a set period of years
    - Surrender of all premiums, awards and/or harvest proceeds
    - Reimbursement of all associated costs incurred by the Show
    - Reporting of the infraction to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers’ Association

### Eligibility of Exhibitor:

- To be eligible to exhibit at the Show the youth must be at least 9 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year. The youth cannot exceed 19 years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year.
- Youth that reside at a permanent residence address in the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming may participate at the Show.
  - An exhibitor shall have only one permanent residence address, which is generally defined as that place where a person has his or her true, fixed and permanent home and the principal establishment to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. Show Staff/Management shall, in its sole discretion, determine an exhibitor’s “permanent residence address” for purposes these General Rules and Regulations.
- There will be no discrimination at the Show because of a person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin or other applicable protected class.
- No exhibitor shall be eligible to compete, or having competed, be eligible to win a premium, if he/she has been disqualified from competition in a show belonging to the North American Livestock Show & Rodeo Managers’ Association, or has had a premium withheld or

withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation involving misrepresentation, fraud or deception, practiced or attempted.

### **Eligibility of Animals:**

- All market animals require a DNA hair submission by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - DNA submission fees are nonrefundable.
  - DNA nominations are the initial entry to the show. Official online entry, including paying the entry fee, will need to be completed for livestock being exhibited at the Show following the DNA nomination deadline.
- A market animal that has been declared Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at a state or interstate 4-H, FFA or junior show is ineligible to show at the Show if it has been sold through a premium sale.
  - Any market animal that has been offered up for auction where the intent of the auction is the change of ownership, is ineligible to show at the Show.
- An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable at any point in time when on Fonner Park Grounds may be declared ineligible by the specie superintendent or Show Staff/Management.
- Any animal that is not shown by either its owner or an approved substitute showman is ineligible to be entered in the Grand Drive and must forfeit any premiums earned.
- An exhibit not presented promptly on call of class will be ruled out and barred from competition.
- When there is joint ownership of an animal, the exhibitor who shows the animal must be named on the DNA nomination envelope. The exhibitor, parent/guardian or operation name must be listed on the registration papers.
- Market animal entries will be cross referenced with the DNA nominations after the entry deadline.
  - If there is no DNA nomination matching an entry, that animal will be removed from the entry list, no refund will be given.
- No DNA nomination is required for breeding animals or feeder calves.
- No substitutions will be allowed for breeding animals or feeder calves.
- No animal will be allowed to show two separate shows, e.g., a gilt shown as a market gilt is not eligible for the breeding gilt show.
- Additional identification required along with DNA for market animals.
  - Swine: Official USDA Identification for out of state entries, (840 identification tags). EID's will be accepted for in state entries.
  - Sheep: Official USDA scrapie identification tag.
  - Goats: Official USDA scrapie identification tag.
  - Beef: Visual tag, tattoo, or EID tag.

**Responsibility:**

- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read, understand and comply with all requirements written in the Show Rules and Regulations.
- The Show endorses and supports the **Code of Ethics adopted by the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association**. All exhibitors and their families agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and all rules and regulations printed in this book.
- The objectives listed shall encourage all exhibitors and their families to maintain a high standard of ethics while competing at the Show.
- Violation of any of these Rules and Regulations will lead to penalties for exhibitors and their families. If a violation of a rule occurs the exhibitor will forfeit premiums, awards and may be subject to disqualification, barring them from future shows, removal of awards and/or reporting the infraction to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association, all as determined and within the discretion of the Show.

**Liability:**

- It is understood that all persons participating in the Show, acting on behalf of themselves, their principals, their agents or employees, agree to make no claim against the Show, any official of the Show or anyone acting by, for or through them or any of them, for loss, damage or injury to any property, animal or person resulting from any cause.
- While the Show is authorized to control and manage its grounds and buildings and to regulate any animals, exhibitors and visitors present thereon, under no circumstances shall the Show or any of its officers, agents or employees be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any livestock, visitors, exhibitors, exhibitor equipment or personal items.
- All livestock exhibited shall be at the sole risk of the exhibitor.

**Administration of Rules and Regulations:**

- The Show reserves, to its Show Staff/Management, the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and disputes in regards to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these Rules and Regulations in its sole discretion.

**Authority:**

- The specie superintendent shall have authority to make all decisions within their respective species in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.
- All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) cash or certified check which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Show promptly after the occasion giving rise to such protest. Protests must be submitted to the Show Management either prior to judging or promptly after the conclusion of class evaluation. Once an animal reaches championship judging, no protest will be accepted. Evaluation procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that Judges overlooked an animal will be considered.
- In the event any person feels aggrieved by a decision of the specie superintendent, he/she may appeal that decision to the Show Staff/Management. This appeal shall be lodged as soon as practical but, in all events, prior to the completion of the evaluation in the class or division involved.
- All decisions by the show management and species superintendent are subject to final review by the Nebraska State Fair Board.
- To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska rules on alcohol use and abuse will be enforced.
  - Given this is a junior event, use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for prescribed medical purposes) by any exhibitor on the Show grounds will result in immediate expulsion from the grounds and the disqualification of that exhibitor's entry(s).
- The management reserves the right to withhold the premiums awarded in any case in which it shall appear that the regulations have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.
- Scholarship and cash award payment for Champion and Reserve overall Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Goats, Market Sheep, and Broilers will not be made until carcasses have been inspected in the coolers and cleared all drug tests as determined by the Show in its sole discretion.

**Animal Management:**

The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of animal carcasses. Exhibitors and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by them to inspection by the official Show Veterinarian, and agree to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and request by the Show Veterinarian and Show Management, and agree that the conclusion reached by the Show Veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final, without recourse against the Show or any of its officers, agents, or employees.

**Animal Testing:**

- As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by an exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by Show management, and agrees to have such animals submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian. The Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, hair, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the Show or any of its officers, agents and employees. An exhibitor and their family or an animal producing an analysis with any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, or any other unapproved medication or drugs will, in addition to other penalties deemed appropriate by Show management, forfeit all rights and privileges of exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- In addition, the Show specifically reserves the right to have DNA sample(s) withdrawn and analyzed on any animal entered for competition at any time. Show Samples collected that do not match the original DNA nomination will be disqualified. Owners of animals disqualified by unmatched DNA samples will, in addition to other penalties deemed appropriate by Show management, have all premiums and awards removed.

### Drug Use:

- The Show has the right to test any animal at any time.
- The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of Federal Law.
- The showing of any animal that has been administered with any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication or drug, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for that species.
  - Zilmax is not accepted by beef packers in the U.S., nor is it approved for any other species; therefore, the Show will not tolerate the presence of Zilmax in any animals exhibited.
- Exhibitors and exhibitors' parents and/or guardians agree that:
  - They are absolutely and completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals, including the time while they are at the Show.
  - The Show shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor and their family whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians and family are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug.
  - The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Show shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor and their family and institute other penalties as Show management deems appropriate.
  - Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.
  - All exhibitors and parents will complete and sign an affidavit and statement of disclosure related to animal health care products used. These will be collected at the time the samples are taken.
    - All animals being sent to harvest through the Show will be required to submit an affidavit at the time of check in. This will be provided in the exhibitor packet.

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

- 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 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:
  - 1) 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.
  - 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
  - 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
  - 4) 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 culminates 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 internally 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 official veterinarian.

**5)** 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.

**6)** 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.

**7)** 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.

**8)** 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.

**9)** 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.

**10)** 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.

**11)** 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.

### **Force Majeure and Governmental Regulation**

- In view of the fact that the Show is a non-profit venture depending to a great degree upon the contributions and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefits provided by the Show to the general public through education and related services as set forth in the Preamble to these General Rules and Regulations, the Show deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability, as set forth below in this paragraph, in the event of early cancellation of its events, operations and activities by reason of force majeure and/or

governmental regulation. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the Show.

### **Force Majeure**

- The Show shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the Show and which delays or prevents performance by the Show otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties ; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) pandemics or epidemics or (xvi) other causes beyond the Show's reasonable control.

### **Governmental Regulation**

- The Show shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the Show's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response (including animal quarantine and/or destruction) and protection of the environment.

### **Homeland Security System Warning Statement**

- Evacuation of Livestock: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state or federal authorities, the Show, and/or its officials may, temporarily or permanently evacuate Fonner Park under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, epidemics/pandemics, etc., will be acted upon in accordance and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life, then livestock. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestants will turn over the care of their livestock to the Show. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted. Then exhibitors/contestants will be allowed to re-enter Fonner Park and claim their livestock. By making entry into the Show exhibitors authorize the Show and its officials to detain their livestock on these premises. Furthermore, exhibitors agree to hold harmless and without liability the Show, its officials, directors, officers, agents, employees and volunteers for those animals under the reasonable care of the Show.

**General Entry Information:**

- The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor, with assistance of a parent/guardian.
- All entries must be submitted online through the online entry system.
  - The online entry system will be found on the website ([aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com)).
  - The nomination/entry deadlines are:
    - DNA Nominations are due July 1<sup>st</sup>
      - The DNA envelope order form and instructions can be found on the website leading up to the deadline.
      - DNA Nominations are for market animals only.
    - Official Online Entries are due at 11:59 pm September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
    - Late Entries are due at 11:59 pm September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Late Entries will be accepted at double the original entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the Late Entry deadline.
- All entries must be paid for by the entry deadline.
  - Any entry not paid by the first deadline will automatically be considered late and charged the Late Entry price.
  - No checks or cash will be accepted for entry fees, online payment is required.
- Chute/Stand Passes
  - Chute stands need to be purchased for \$50
  - Stand passes need to be purchased for \$30
  - All chutes and stands on the fair grounds during the Show must have a 2022 chute/stand pass on the piece of equipment. Violators will be asked to purchase one.
- Number of entries per exhibitor
  - Each exhibitor may exhibit 4 animals per species
  - The exhibitors exhibiting a challenge animal within the challenge program (swine, lamb, calf challenge) may enter 5 for the respective species. The total of 5 includes the challenge animal.

**Entry Guidelines:**

- DNA Nominations –
  - DNA nominations are required for **all market animals** (market goats, lambs, swine, and cattle).
  - DNA must be in the form of a hair sample, which includes a sufficient amount of hair follicles in the sample.
  - Exhibitors must turn in an envelope, with the hair sample enclosed, for each individual market animal that could potentially be shown.
  - DNA Envelopes will need to be ordered on the Show website (asksarbenstockshow.com).
  - DNA Nominations must be mailed back to the Show's office no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entry Fees –
  - Beef: \$50 per head (includes tie out space and bedding)
  - Goats, Swine, and Sheep: \$30 per head (including one bag of shavings per pen)
  - Broilers: \$20 per exhibitor (maximum of 2 pens per exhibitor)
- Additional Fees –
  - Showmanship: \$10 per exhibitor, per species
    - i.e., an exhibitor showing beef and sheep will pay \$10 for beef showmanship and \$10 for sheep showmanship.
  - Trailer Parking Pass vs stand/chute pass.

#### **NEW in 2022 - Showmanship:**

- Showmanship for all species, excluding broilers, will take place Friday, September 23, 2022.
- All exhibitors are eligible for showmanship by entering during the online entry process.
- Each exhibitor can show in showmanship for each of the species they are exhibiting at the Show, at the cost of entering for each species.
  - (i.e., if an exhibitor will show swine and beef, they may enter in swine showmanship and beef showmanship)
- Exhibitors must exhibit their own animal in showmanship.
- There will be two age divisions:
  - Junior Division: 9-13 years old as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - Senior Division: 14-19 years old as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

#### **Overriding Rule:**

- THE SHOW RESERVES THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO REJECT ENTIRELY OR ACCEPT CONDITIONALLY AN ENTRY OR APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OR TO WITHDRAW CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZES IN ANY DEPARTMENT UPON THE CLOSING OF ENTRIES WHENEVER IT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGEMENT, DETERMINES THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN THE

BEST INTEREST OF THE SHOW/ (SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS PRINTED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION).

- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that there is no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in the Show.
- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that all procedures and remedies set forth in this Rules and Regulations Book applicable to decisions to reject entries or disqualify exhibitors are the sole and exclusive procedures and remedies available to the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that submission of an entry to the Show will be treated as consent to the following:
  - The Show reserves the absolute right and discretion to submit the name of a disqualified exhibitor to whomever it chooses, including, but not limited to, the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Rule Infraction Database (the "database"), an appropriate governmental agencies or authorities, and representatives from any other livestock show, exposition or fair.
  - The show reserves the absolute right and discretion to use any means deemed necessary to obtain information from the database and/or other livestock show, exposition or fair regarding any exhibitor submitting an entry to the Show. Information requested may include, but is not limited to, decisions to disqualify or withhold a premium from the exhibitor in a prior livestock show.
  - The Show reserves the absolute right and discretion to reject an entry submitted by or disqualify an exhibitor from competition if he or she has been disqualified from competition in any other livestock show, exposition or fair, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn by any other livestock show exposition or fair, for any reason, including, but not limited to, rules infraction, misrepresentation or fraud.

**Rejected Entries:**

- Any rejected entries will be returned to the exhibitor with an explanation regarding reasons for rejection.
- If the exhibitor believes additional information may warrant reconsideration of the decision to reject an entry, the exhibitor must submit a written request for reconsideration, to include a detailed explanation of why the entry should be reconsidered, and, where appropriate, documentation supporting the explanation.
- The request for reconsideration must be received by the Show office:

Aksarben Stock Show, PO Box 130, Grand Island, NE 68802-0130 within 10 days of the post-marked date of mailing of the rejection of the entry notification from the Show. DECISIONS REGARDING RECONSIDERATION WILL BE MADE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW STAFF/MANAGEMENT. The exhibitor will be notified of the final decision in writing.

**Disqualification:**

- Exhibitors and their families who fail to comply with any and all rules in this Rules and Regulations Book will be removed from further competition with that specific animal and are subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, premium cancellation, disqualification from current and future participation in the Show, and potential submission of the violation to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Rule Infraction Database and/or other third parties, including governmental authorities where appropriate.
- Following a determination that an exhibitor has been disqualified and/or a premium has been withheld from the exhibitor for a rule infraction, that exhibitor shall receive written notification of the determination to include an explanation of the reasons for the determination and any resulting disciplinary action.
- If the exhibitor believes additional information may warrant re-examination of the decision, he or she may submit a request for reconsideration. The request for reconsideration shall be in writing and must include a detailed explanation of why the decision should be reviewed, and, where appropriate, documentation supporting the explanation.
- All reconsideration requests must be received by the Show office: Aksarben Stock Show, PO Box 130, Grand Island, NE 6882-0130, within 10 days of the exhibitor's receipt of the notification of disqualification or withholding of premiums. DECISIONS REGARDING RECONSIDERATION REQUESTS WILL BE MADE IN THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW MANAGEMENT. The exhibitor will be promptly notified in writing of the final decision.
- Any exhibitor premium withheld as a result of disqualification will be retained by the Show until the request for reconsideration has been resolved. If Show Management determines, upon receipt of a properly filed request for reconsideration, that a disqualification or premium

cancellation decision should be reversed, the premium will be disbursed to the exhibitor within a reasonable period of time.

### **Reinstatement:**

- Exhibitors who have been disqualified from exhibiting at the Show but have completed the previously determined disqualification period may request reinstatement to exhibit at the Show.
- The family of the disqualified exhibitor will be required to submit a written request for exhibition for any future Aksarben Stock Shows. The letter must be received by the Show on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the disqualification terms were satisfied.
- Decisions regarding reinstatement requests will be made in the sole discretion of the Show management. The exhibitor will be notified of the final decision in writing.

### **Substitute Showmen:**

- Substitute showmen are permitted.
- The Show superintendent must be notified of the substitute showman. The substitute showman must wear the coordinating exhibitor number with the exhibit being shown.
- The substitute showman must be an exhibitor at the current year's show.

### **Animal Substitutions:**

- Substitutions may be made in the market animal divisions **only**.
- To be eligible for substitution, there must be DNA on file with the Show on the 'substitute' animal.
- No substitutions will be allowed for breeding animals or feeder calves.

### **Check In:**

- See the schedule for check in times and details.
- Check In will be on a first come first serve basis.
- Each specie's check in will be in a designated area, specified on the schedule.

**Show Order:**

- For each species, each shows' order can be found in each specie's information and will be posted in the livestock office during the show.

**Exhibitor Numbers:**

- Exhibitor numbers will be included in each exhibitor's packet.
- Each exhibitor will be provided an exhibitor number for each of their entered animals.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to change numbers in respect to the animal they are showing.
- Show Harnesses and number clips may be worn to display exhibitor numbers, while in the show ring.

**Dress Code:**

- A show t-shirt will be provided.
- Each exhibitor will submit their size at the time of online entry.
- T-shirts can be picked up at the designated location at the Show.
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn beneath the assigned t-shirt.
- Show harnesses are permitted.

**Sale and Harvest of Animals:**

- Grand and Reserve Champion Overall Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lamb, and Market Goat are harvested.
- All Calf Challenge, Lamb Challenge, and Pig Challenge animals and all Broilers will be harvested.
- All other market show entries can be sold and harvested at the discretion of the exhibitor and their parent/guardian provided a market/harvest option is available at the time of the Show. It is not required that any other animals be harvested at the Show.
- Market/harvest options will be announced to exhibitors by show management prior to show.
  - The floor price for all market animals sent to harvest will be posted at the livestock office.
- Exhibitors must make final declaration of animal harvest at the time of check in.
  - An affidavit will be to be submitted during check in for the animals being sold and harvested at the Show. This will designate the animal as a harvest animal.
- Exhibitors who sign up an animal to harvest and then leave the grounds with that animal will forfeit any premiums won at the Show and may be subject to further disciplinary action, including



disqualification . (Please refer to the “Disqualification” paragraph for further explanation).

- Animals designated for harvest must be in the designated holding area for that species. The exhibitor is responsible for the animal’s care until harvested (feed, water, etc.).
- The official weight recorded at check-in will be the sale weight of the animals.
- Payments will be mailed as soon as practicable. Payments may be delayed due to the show size.

### **Official Weight:**

- The weight stated on the official Show weight card, provided in your exhibitor packet, will be the official show weight. The Show will provide check scales prior to check in.
- Weighing –
  - The weight classes, in which market animals are placed, will be determined by show officials.
  - Exhibitors of Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Goats, Market Swine, Commercial Breeding Ewes, Commercial Breeding Does, and Crossbred Breeding Gilts, will self-declare weights using a weigh card system.
  - Exhibitors of Calf Challenge, Lamb Challenge, and Pig Challenge, Market Broilers and Feeder Calves will be required to weigh in during their designated check in.
  - No weigh card changes, or re-weighs will be allowed on animals after the cards have been turned in.
  - Check scales will be available in the stalling areas.
- Weigh backs on weigh card animals –
  - Show management will weigh-back, at minimum, all first and second place animals in each class. Additional animals will be weighed at the discretion of the judge.
  - Weigh-back variances allowed (above or below declared weight)-
    - Market beef: 5%
    - Market goat: 5 lbs.
    - Market sheep: 5 lbs.
    - Market swine: 10 lbs.
    - Commercial breeding does: 5 lbs.
    - Commercial breeding ewes: 5 lbs.
    - Crossbred breeding gilts: 10 lbs.

**Stall and Pen Assignments:**

- If the owner does not accompany the animals, someone in authority must be with animals on arrival to identify exhibits. Show management will use diligence to ensure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will they or the Show be responsible for any loss, injury or damage.
- Animals not eligible for the Show and those that have been requested to be removed from the grounds by the show veterinarian will be released immediately.
- Only animals entered in the Show shall be allowed to unload at the Show barns.
- The Show will assign stalls and pens at its own discretion.
- The animals will be required to be in their assigned area during barn hours. Exceptions will be made for washing and exercising.
  - Barn hours are 8 am to 5 pm. Barns officially close at 11 pm.
- Pens will be provided for swine, goats, sheep, and broilers.
- Exhibitors are expected to cooperate with the penning and spaces provided.

**Ties Outs:**

- Tie-outs will be available. Bedding will be provided and no straw is allowed in tie outs.

**Bedding:**

- Initial bedding for all species (beef, pigs, sheep, and goats) is furnished. Additional bedding may be purchased on the grounds.
- Carpet is allowed in sheep and goat pens.
- No straw is allowed in barns.

**NO DOGS ALLOWED ON STOCK SHOW GROUNDS****Trailer Parking:**

- All trailers must be parked in the designated trailer parking lot. No animals will be allowed in the trailer parking lot.

**Housing Information:**

- Campgrounds are available at Fonner Park. Contact Keaton Irwin: 308-385-3925

**Grooming Rules:**

- No change of the major color pattern of animals by painting will be allowed.

- Inappropriate management practices of livestock, as determined by show management, by exhibitors, family members or others will result in disciplinary action, up to and including disqualification of entries and/or exhibitors.
- Fitting goats, sheep and cattle with adhesive or like substances is permitted.
- Sheep and Goat exhibitors may use halters or collars in the show ring.
- The only acceptable material allowed on market swine is water. Any oil, powder or other coat dressing compounds are not allowed. Violators will automatically be removed from further competition.

**Block Chutes and Trimming Stands:**

- Blocking chutes and trimming stands are allowed on the grounds.
- Tack space for equipment is not guaranteed.

**Fans, Generators & Misters:**

- Portable generators, power washers and misters are not allowed in the livestock buildings.
- Free standing fans **will not be allowed.**
- Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails.
- No fans will be allowed to blow from behind an animal regardless of attachment or location. This is applicable to all species.

**Additional Specie Information:**

- All livestock that exhibit at the Show are subject to allowing their animals to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.