

# OPEN CLASS

## LIVESTOCK RULES BY DEPARTMENT

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- Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA entries will be given priority for available barn space.
  - Please see information board in barns regarding classes, time changes, barn meetings and other activities. (subject to change)
  - All animals must be checked by the official Fair Veterinarian PRIOR to unloading. The Fair Veterinarian's decision regarding the health of the animal is FINAL.
  - All exhibitors will be required to check and care for their own animals at least twice per day, once in the morning and once in the evening. Exhibitors not caring for their animals will have their animals removed from the Fair and all award money will be forfeited. Exhibitors are encouraged to check on their animals frequently throughout the day.
  - Superintendents are not responsible for providing or caring for supplies or equipment and are not responsible for feeding or watering animals.
1. **Stall/Cage & Bedding Fees (all fees are non-refundable)**
- You may bring your own bedding or purchase at the Fair Office
    - **Department 2 Open Beef & Department 3 Open Dairy Cattle**
      - \$3 per animal
      - \$7 bedding fee
    - **Department 4 Open Goats & Department 5 Open Sheep**
      - \$2 per animal
      - \$7 bedding fee
    - **Department 7 Open Poultry**
      - Single entry \$1 and \$2 per trio
      - \$7 bedding fee

- **Department 8 Open Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds**
    - \$1 per single
    - \$7 bedding fee
  - **Department 9 Open Rabbits**
    - \$1 per rabbit
    - \$1 per fur class
    - \$1 single fryers
    - \$2 per meat pen
    - \$7 bedding fee
2. **Open Class Animal Born dates**
- Please check department page for age limits for animals.
3. **Barn set up may start Saturday 8/17 unless otherwise told by superintendent. Must be completed Sunday 8/18.**
4. **Check in Times**
- **Department 2 Open Beef & Department 3 Open Dairy Cattle**
    - 8am – 8pm Sun., 8/18 or Mon., 8/19
  - **Department 4 Open Goats & Department 5 Open Sheep**
    - 12pm – 5pm Mon., 8/19
  - **Department 7 Open Poultry & Department 8 Open Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds**
    - 10am – 8pm Mon., 8/19
  - **Department 9 Open Rabbits**
    - 10am – 6pm Mon., 8/19
5. **Department Limitations**
- Departments are limited to space
  - **Department 2 Open Beef & Department 3 Open Dairy Cattle & Department 5 Open Sheep**
    - Two (2) Entries per class, per exhibitor
  - **Department 3 Open Dairy Cattle**
    - Milking machine will NOT be provided
    - Animals exhibited either in single or group divisions must be owned by the exhibitor, entered in his/her name unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Temporary transfers are banned.

- **Department 4 Open Goats**
  - **HORN POLICY:** Non-dairy horned goats may be shown in breeding classes. Horn tips must always be covered with horn guards. Horn scurs less than 1/2-inch length may be permitted at the discretion of the Superintendent.
  - Open class entries will be limited to two goats per breed, per class, with no more than 8 goats total entered per individual. No more than 16 goats total entered per family, farm, firm or herd. Additional restrictions may be imposed depending upon availability of space and number of entries. Every attempt will be made at fairness to all exhibitors. All animals must be in place by 7 p.m. Mon., 8/21. None will be admitted late.
- **Department 7 Open Poultry**
  - Poultry and fowl, two (2) per class, per variety. Limit of twelve (12) birds combined total. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA given priority. Open Class accepted on first-come, first-serve basis until barn is full. Barn limit is 700.
- **Department 8 Open Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds**
  - Twelve (12) entries per exhibitor. Entries based on a first-come, first-serve basis, with Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA given first priority. Barn capacity is 700 birds (poultry, game and cage birds). Game birds are limited to five per exhibitor, preferably cock birds.
- **Department 9 Open Rabbits**
  - Not to exceed 8 entries total for the department. Barn will be limited to the first 400 animals entered, with Youth (4-H/Grange), FFA and youth open exhibitors given first priority.

## 6. **Classes and start times**

- **Department 2 Open Beef**
    - Wed., 8/21 Following Youth (4-H/Grange) & FFA Fitting and Showing
  - **Department 3 Open Dairy Cattle**
    - Thur., 8/22 held at 9am
  - **Department 4 Open Goats**
    - Wed., 8/21 Following Youth (4-H/Grange) & FFA Fitting and Showing
  - **Department 5 Open Sheep**
    - Tue., 8/20 Following Youth (4-H/Grange) & FFA Market and Breeding Classes
  - **Department 7 Open Poultry & Department 8 Open Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds**
    - Judging time will be announced in barn. (check info board)
  - **Department 9 Open Rabbits**
    - Tue., 8/20 held at 10am
7. Open Class Youth Showmanship Thur., 8/22 at 1:30 p.m. Following Cloverbud Showmanship (see Department 39)

## 8. Ear Tags

### • Department 4 Open Goats & Department 5 Open Sheep

- Animals must have USDA or WSDA Scrapies Eradication Flock ID Tag or Registered Tattoo.
- Check for proper tattoos before fair.
- Check that all goat registrations have been accepted by the ADGA, American Boar Goat Association or Miniature Goat registry.

## 9. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Due to the high risk of Q-Fever shedding in goats and sheep near birthing time, does or ewes that are within 30 days before or after giving birth will not be allowed into the fair.
  - a. Individual health certificates on Washington animals are not required for entry. The Fair veterinarian shall issue a blanket certificate covering all in-state entries to the Fair.
  - b. No animal from a quarantined area or premises will be permitted to enter the Fair or show.
  - c. Out-of-state animal entries must comply with the State of Washington import regulations WAC 16-54. <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=16-5>
  - d. All out-of-state horses must have a negative Coggins test within twelve months prior to entry.
  - e. Fair veterinarians will inspect all classes of livestock and poultry before they are exhibited.
  - f. Fair veterinarians will reject any animal with infectious or contagious disease or ectoparasites. Ringworm, warts, pink-eye, strangles, contagious ecthyma, club lamb fungus, scabies, lice, mites, ticks and fleas fall into these categories.
  - g. All heifers and cows exhibited at the Fair shall be officially vaccinated against brucellosis and bear a legible vaccination tattoo or shall be tested negative. This rule does not apply to dairy and beef calves born after 1/1/23.
  - h. Animals exhibiting disease symptoms during the course of the Fair shall be rejected by the Fair veterinarian and removed from the fairgrounds.
  - i. It is strongly recommended, but not required, that cattle and horses be vaccinated in the current show year against respiratory diseases.
  - j. All poultry, except waterfowl, shown at the Fair shall have originated from U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the Fair.
  - k. The Fair veterinarian's professional decisions to the health status of an animal is FINAL.
  - l. All sheep and goats must have official USDA National Scrapie Eradication Assigned Flock Identification.
  - m. Vet bills are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

**10. ALL BARNs: Failure to comply will result in loss of premium monies.**

- All clubs should have an educational display
- NO Human food allowed in barns and tack areas.
- NO loitering, horseplay, water fights or sitting/climbing on the pens.
- Dress code must always be followed
- NO private sales allowed at the Fair
- Due to lack of space, tack areas will be assigned. No large items such as cabinets tables or chairs (unless approved by superintendent).
- All animal feed should be stored in a tightly sealed container. No tack stored on top or in pens.
- Animal and Human First Aid Kits are required.

**11. HORN POLICY: Goats**

- Non-dairy horned goats may be shown in market and breeding classes. Horn tips must always be covered with horn guards. Horn scurs less than ½ inch in length may be permitted at the discretion of the Superintendent.

**12. Fair Week:**

- See information boards at barns for times and class lineups. Schedules and times are subject to change.

**13. Additional information**

- **Department 4 Open Goats**

- No solid display boards or solid kick pen boards restricting air flow allowed in the goat barn.
- All grains MUST be kept in tightly sealed containers. No tack on top of pens.
- All pens MUST be cleaned daily and properly secured (no baling twine, wire or string).
- Tack areas should be neat and free of clutter. Only items that directly pertain to the animals and your display should be visible. Personal items should be kept at your campsite or in a tack box.

- **Department 7 Open Poultry**

- All birds will be judged by A.P.A. standards.
- List each single bird and/or trio separately by variety, breed, age and sex. If this information is not included, the superintendent may return your entry.

- **Department 8 Open Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds**

- Absolutely no barn birds
- ALL birds are encouraged to be banded

- **Department 9 Open Rabbits**

- Interpretations of these rules shall be vested in the show committee. Their decision, in conjunction with the Fair Board, is final.
- Rabbits must be entered in actual owner's name. If owned in partnership, they must be entered as such.
- No substitutes allowed, except in same breed, sex and class, unless authorized by the barn Superintendent.

- The current ARBA rules will be used in this show.
- Does with litters will not be accepted.
- Contact superintendent if help is needed with feeding and watering. Owners must supply own feed and make proper arrangements. All possible precautions will be taken to safeguard the animals.
- Please note the Open Class Herdsmanship contest. Exhibitors will be enrolled and expected to fully participate.
- For questions about the Rabbit Barn, e-mail the barn superintendent Regina Ahl: [ashprincess@rocketmail.com](mailto:ashprincess@rocketmail.com).