

# Georgia National Fair

## Junior Slick Shear Steer Show

**Check-in/Weigh-in:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Practice Ring 3

**Show Time:** 8:00 AM on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Sutherland Arena.

### *Show Rules*

1. Exhibitors participating in the Junior Slick Shear Show are required to comply with the GNF General Rules & Regulations stated on pages 11 – 16.
2. This event is dedicated to showcasing feeder steer calves, and it is highly recommended that all calves participating in the show are born on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The Show Committee holds the authority to determine the age of the steers by mouth examination.
3. **Eligibility:** Only exhibitors from the State of Georgia are qualified to participate in this show. Registration is available to all students in grades 4 – 12 who are members of 4-H and FFA.
4. **Ownership:** The ownership of Slick Shear Steers should be completely transferred to the exhibitor by no later than Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It is imperative that the exhibitor maintains full ownership and possession of the steer(s), and diligently tends to their daily care starting from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, until the day of the Georgia National Fair.
5. **Substitute Showmen:** The animal(s) presented at the Georgia National Fair must be shown by the exhibitor who originally entered them. However, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a weight class (excluding showmanship), they may have a Substitute Showman. This substitute Showman must be a current member of either 4-H or FFA and must be approved by the Show Superintendent. If an exhibitor is unable to personally show their animal due to a disability, they may assign a substitute Showman (who is also a current member of either 4-H or FFA) to showcase their animal. However, the Show Superintendents must approve this substitution. It is important to note that the exhibitor with the disability must be physically present at the showing when the substitute Showman and animal enter. In the event that the exhibitor is unable to be physically present, it is required for them to observe the event remotely through an online platform.
6. **Health Certificates:** Animals participating in this event must comply with the Health Certificates specified in the Health Requirements and Farm Animal Livestock Requirements mentioned on pages 8 – 9 of this Premium Book. These certificates are obligatory for all animals. Adhering to this requirement is extremely crucial as it ensures the well-being of all animals. Failure to produce the health paper will result in steers being denied access and requested to be removed from the premises.
7. **Identification:** All Jr. Beef Cattle must have a tattoo for identification purposes. The tattoo number on the animal's ear should exactly match the tattoo number indicated on the entry form during the animal's weighing process. (*Ear tag numbers cannot be used as tattoo numbers on the entry form.*)

- 8. Entries:** The entry fee for participation in the exhibition is set at \$20.00 per exhibitor. Each exhibitor is eligible to enter a maximum of four (4) market animals. Entries can be a combination of steers, market heifers and/or slick shear steers.
- 9. Entry Deadline:** The deadline to submit entries for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia National Fair is ***Friday, August 30th, 2024, at 11:59 PM.*** We kindly inform you that the entry deadline will not be extended, and any late submissions will not be considered. To participate in the livestock exhibition, all entries must be completed online and accompanied by a payment made through a credit/debit card. Please note that each exhibitor will be charged a processing fee of \$1.50.  
*\*Note: Please be aware that the GNFA Livestock Department operates from Monday to Friday, starting at 7:00 AM and concluding at 4:00 PM. The office is closed on both Saturdays and Sundays. If the entry deadline coincides with a weekend or a holiday, our office personnel will not be available to provide any assistance.*
- 10. Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- 11. Stalling/Bedding:** To maintain a uniform arrangement, every county is required to collectively stall 4-H/FFA participants in their designated area. The responsibility of stalling steers lies with the show barn manager who may exercise their judgment in making any necessary modifications.
- 12. Neck Ropes:** It is required for participants to bring their own neck ropes, which should be used for securing both attended and unattended steers.
- 13. Tie-Outs:** Cattle can be tethered in the designated tie-out area every evening after 8:00 PM. The tie-out space is available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note that tie-out areas are exclusively designated for cattle. Exhibitors are allowed to use any type of natural bedding they prefer within the specified tie-out area. However, it is important to note that no equipment like fans, generators, tents, etc., is permitted in the tie-out area. While exhibitors can set up pens in the tie-out area, electric fences are strictly prohibited. Panels can be set up as pens in the tie-outs, with a maximum limit of 12'x12' pen space. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure that both the pens and animals are securely positioned. If any rules are violated, the GNF Show Management will monitor and remove panels accordingly. Additionally, it is allowed to use vehicles solely for the purpose of delivering bedding and feed. However, please ensure that the vehicles are not left unattended and refrain from parking them in the tie-out area.
- 14. Control:** All steers must possess the ability to be consistently handled and controlled while wearing a halter. Should any steer display disruptive behavior, the judge or show superintendent(s) reserve the right to remove the animal from the showing. It is important to note that this decision is final, and no appeals will be entertained.
- 15. Class Breaks:** Classes will be broken by weight, there will be no breed classes.
- 16. Horns:** To ensure compliance with show requirements, it is mandatory to dehorn all steers. In the event of any regrowth of horns, prompt action must be taken to rasp them down and groom the steers, so they appear presentable during the show.
- 17. Hair:** To ensure fairness and uniformity, it is imperative that steers are properly groomed before being brought to the Fairgrounds. Steers must be shorn, leaving no more than ¼ inch of hair on any part of their body, except for the tail switch. The tail switch should not extend beyond 12

inches above the tail's cartilage. Failure to comply with the ¼ inch hair length requirement across the entire body may lead to disqualification, as determined by the Superintendent(s) during the weigh-in session. Steers that have not been shorn will automatically be disqualified from participating in the show. Please note that the decision of the Superintendent(s) is final.

a. **Recommend Clipper Blades:** Andis #5FC, Oster A5 #5 Skiptoath, or a Narrow Blade with a guide size of ¼ inch length.

- 18. Fitting:** The use of various materials such as painting, powdering, artificial coloring, adhesives, and similar substances is strictly forbidden. Application of graphite, hair, cotton twine, or any similar elements is also prohibited. The final decision on the suitability of the entries will be made by the Show Superintendents and cannot be contested. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- 19. Force Filling of Steers:** The act of forcibly filling steers with any substance, be it water or otherwise, is strictly forbidden. This prohibition extends to the use of pumps, tubes, hoses, and similar equipment. However, the use of drenches is permitted, provided they are used to aid the animal, such as electrolytes, calming agents, and bloat guards. When administering drenches, the applicators must not exceed a capacity of 150 cc/ml. It is essential that all steers exhibit their natural confirmation and structure without any artificial modifications, with the exception of grooming, hair treatment, and hoof trimming. Any attempts to alter the steer's natural composition or appearance in an unnatural manner will lead to disqualification and the forfeiture of any premiums or prizes.
- 20. Premiums:** Exhibitors participating in the Georgia National Fair must furnish their Social Security Number upon Fair entry to ensure prompt processing of awards without any potential loss. This requirement is solely aimed at preventing any delays or forfeiture of premiums granted. Social Security Numbers are used exclusively for the purpose of generating an IRS-1099 form for exhibitors earning \$600.00 or above in monetary rewards from the Georgia National Fair.

#### **2024 Slick Shear Steer Awards**

**Overall Grand Champion Slick Shear Steer – \$1,000 & Banner**

**Overall Reserve Champion Slick Shear Steer – \$800 & Banner**

**Third Overall Champion Slick Shear Steer – \$600 & Banner**

**Fourth Overall Champion Slick Shear Steer – \$400 & Banner**

**Fifth Overall Champion Slick Shear Steer – \$200 & Banner**