

Grand Drive Show Rules

1. Open to all Kansas 4-H and FFA members that are 9 years old to 18 years old as of January 1 current year with completed animal nominations.

2. GROOMING RULE UPDATE: FULL FIT SHOW

Junior Livestock Show Grooming: The purpose of grooming rules for junior exhibitors is to promote the youth program as a learning experience for the youth. All junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals throughout the show. Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the breeding and market animal shows may include the use of adhesives, paints, and powders and shall not include the use of hair not from the animal being groomed or twine/artificial material.

Grooming at the Kansas State Fair for the showmanship competition shall be “no fit”/ “blow and go,” whereby adhesives, paints, and powders are not allowed.

Immediate family members (to include parents, legal guardians, siblings, and grandparents) and current Kansas 4-H or FFA members that are exhibitors at the show may provide grooming and care to assist the junior exhibitor, regardless of if the exhibitor is present while such grooming and/or care is being provided.

All other individuals who do not meet the definition of “immediate family member” or are not exhibitors at the show but who wish to provide consulting assistance to exhibitors shall be deemed “Livestock Helpers.” A Livestock Helper may only provide verbal guidance, consultation, and educational assistance. Livestock Helpers must register with the Grand Drive office either at the time of entry by the relevant exhibitor(s) or during the State Fair and indicate the names of all exhibitors they wish to help. Livestock Helpers must wear a visible badge while in the barns providing guidance and verbal assistance.

Livestock Helpers found to be grooming or caring for animals will be warned once by the Competitions Director or their designee and upon the second violation may have their credentials revoked. An entry that has been deemed by the Competitions Director to have been groomed or cared for by a Livestock Helper may be disqualified.

Violations of this rule are subject to all penalties afforded by all applicable Kansas State Fair rules and may include revocation of Livestock Helper credentials for up to two years.

3. Exhibitors are limited to showing no more than 3 market lambs, 3 market swine, 3 market beef, 3 breeding ewes, 3 breeding gilts, 3 breeding heifers and a total of 4 meat goats - any combination of breeding and market but limited to 3 of either show. (Examples: 3 market goat & 1 breeding doe or 2 market goats and 2 breeding does).
4. All Market & Commercial animals must have an official Kansas 4-H/FFA EID ear tag by Nomination deadline. Nominations must be completed online, and DNA must be submitted to Weber Hall, Manhattan. **This nomination does not constitute an entry into the show.**
5. 4.DNA Testing/EID Ear Tags - If an animal loses its EID ear tag the exhibitor needs to contact their extension agent and have the tag replaced, then let KSU know the new tag number. This will need to be done prior to the show. There will be a \$100.00 fee to collect DNA at the show if a tag is missing
6. Market Animal and all meat goat information is due at entry time and must be selected from validated nominated animals. If substituting an animal, it must be approved by show office prior to check in. Animals must be properly registered and nominated.
7. Market and Commercial Classes - the top two placings of each class will be weighed back. Animals with a variance more of than + or - 5% from the official weigh in weight will be disqualified. The Kansas State Fair reserves the right to weigh any animal. Commercial heifers are not weighed back. They are shown by age.
8. Sheep, cattle, and goats will be stalled by county. Stall assignments will be posted on Facebook before arrival. Swine will be penned as they arrive. If you want to be penned together, you will need to arrive together. All animals are to remain in their respective barn until released. Animals relocated to other species barns may be disqualified.

9. NO BUDDY ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS. All animals in the barns must be entered and checked in to show. Any-one found with a buddy animal on grounds may be disqualified.
10. Exhibitors who abuse an animal will be barred from showing and will forfeit any premium, ribbon or prize won. The word abuse includes beating, slapping, using an electric prod or forcing a lamb or goat into a solid object in an attempt to make the animal brace more firmly. Bracing a lamb or goat by holding the front feet off the ground also constitutes abuse. During the judge's inspection or handling, all four feet of the lamb or goat are to be in contact with the ground.
11. Show management may divide classes into sub-classes. Classes will be set at the discretion of show management.
12. Class paybacks will be determined after entries are final and numbers are determined.
13. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal. Ownership will transfer immediately following selection by judge and collection of any samples. Exhibitors are expected to leave adequate feed or share complete ration. Please be prepared to provide feed immediately after the show. At no time are the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animal allowed to leave the testing area until testing is complete. Once samples are taken ownership transfers; however, animals may return to the photo back drop for pictures and then return to testing area.
14. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required for all exhibitors. This is a national youth livestock quality assurance program. Through participation in the training, youth will be educated in food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. The class may be completed through an online course or a face-to-face, instructor-led session. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/> or contact your local Extension Office to obtain certification options in your area.
15. Bred & Owned Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected in the breeding ewe, gilt and heifer show from the registered classes. (Commercial animals are not eligible). The top placing bred and owned animals in their respective classes will be eligible to show for champion bred and owned. The second place bred and owned animal from the same class of the selected champion will move into consideration for reserve champion bred and owned. Banners sponsored by The Grand Drive will be presented to the winners. Bred and owned is defined as the exhibitor being the breeder, first and continuous owner of the animal.
16. Entry Fees are non-refundable.