



ALL LIVESTOCK and SMALL ANIMAL DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

It is the expectation of the Kittitas County Fair Board that all exhibitors' actions, displays and/or behaviors will promote a safe family experience for patron and exhibitor, and anything judged to be inappropriate by the Kittitas County Fair Board are grounds for removal and disqualification from the Kittitas County Fair.

- Exhibitors of articles, animals and/or livestock at the fair accept the risk of loss or damage to their articles, animals and/or livestock while displayed at the fair and agree to hold the Kittitas County Fair harmless if such damage or loss should occur. Exhibitors shall be responsible for securing any insurance or other protection against said damage or loss.
- The Fair Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or accept conditionally any entry or application.
- Exhibits entered in the wrong lots may be reclassified by the superintendent.

PREMIUM CHECKS

All checks not cashed by December 31, 2024, will be considered a donation to the Fair.

Premium checks will be made available in late October and will be mailed to exhibitors at the mailing address associated with their entry form.

JUDGING

1. The Danish system of judging will prevail. Blue, Red, or White ribbons will be awarded to each exhibit based on its merit. Judges may select outstanding exhibits for special awards if quality exists. Participation ribbons will be awarded to 4-H Cloverbuds, and Grange Beginners.
2. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases under their jurisdiction.
3. Superintendents of Departments are delegated authority over all matters within their respective departments by the Fair Board.
4. Protests of Superintendents' decisions may be submitted to the Fair Board, whose decisions will be final.
5. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 deposit and submitted no later than 2 weeks following Labor Day, the last day of the Fair, of the current year.
6. Protests must state plainly the cause for complaint or appeal and will be acted upon at the next regular Fair Board meeting following receiving of the protest. In case a protest is not sustained, the deposit is forfeited.
7. The Fair Board has made every effort to make the rules and regulations definite and clear but reserves the right to final interpretation as may become necessary, and to settle controversies arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

- **All Exhibitors must be Kittitas County Residents.**
- 4-H, Grange and FFA rules address age eligibility, age eligibility must be met by your 4-H, Grange or FFA Chapter. 4-H, Grange leaders and FFA advisers are responsibility for verifying age eligibility.
- Parents/guardians, or anyone over the exhibitor age limits are prohibited from helping groom animals or perform Herdsmanship duties. Exceptions to this rule for safety considerations will be at the discretion of the Leader, FFA Adviser and Superintendent.
- 4-H, Grange and FFA exhibitors must have a Club Leader or FFA Advisor present each day to be eligible to exhibit.

EXHIBITOR PASSES

It is mandatory that all exhibitors entering livestock and/or small animals into the Kittitas County Fair must purchase a Season Exhibitor Pass at time of entry.

- Exhibitor passes will be validated when exhibits are physically submitted.

DRESS CODE

ALL exhibitors must abide by an appropriate show dress code while in the show ring, sale ring, or on barn duty. The following dress code is required. Violators will be subject to discipline by the fair board.

- Jeans or slacks with a LONG sleeve collared shirt or blouse that is tucked in.
- Shirts and blouses are to be buttoned to within 1 or 2 buttons from the top.
- Boots are HIGHLY recommended, but clean, heavy athletic shoes that are laced to the top and tied or a similar leather shoe can be substituted.
- NO baseball hats are to be worn in the show ring.
- FFA members must wear official FFA dress when showing and selling. Consult your FFA advisor for official dress criteria.
- Grange Youth must follow a specific Grange show dress code.
- All clothing should be clean and in good repair.
- Jewelry is discouraged; it can be dangerous.
- Review your individual species dress code rules for any additional dress code requirements.
- The only exception to these rules during barn duty is that 4-H/Grange/FFA Chapter shirts and hats are allowed.

LIVESTOCK ELIGIBILITY

Livestock or animals, for purposes of these rules, are defined as all breeds of beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, horses, dairy goats, pygmy goats, fiber goats, poultry, fowl, rabbits, cavies, dogs, cats, Llamas, and Alpacas

- Exhibitors will not be permitted to cross-enter products or livestock from the same project in both the 4-H/Grange/FFA and Open Division. Cross entries will forfeit all prizes and premiums.
- Livestock co-owned by more than one exhibitor must be entered under one owner only.
- All steers and goats must be polled or de-horned. Healed or re-growth must not extend more than 2" from hairline for beef and 1" for sheep and goats.
- Horned animals are not allowed.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All (non-market) livestock to be exhibited at Fair in a 4-H/Grange/FFA project must be leased or owned and cared for by the exhibitor as follows:

- Breeding Beef - 90 days prior to Fair
- Llama/Alpaca - 90 days prior to Fair
- Dairy - 90 days prior to Fair
- Dairy Heifer Replacement - 60 days prior to Fair
- Dairy, Breeding and Other (pet, utility) Goat Projects - 60 days prior to Fair
- Breeding Sheep - 60 days prior to Fair
- Horse - 90 days prior to Kittitas County Junior Horse Fair

Market Animals

- By the spring pre-show/weigh-in date of each species

UNALTERED ANIMALS

All male breeding animals must be registered or eligible for registration.

No unaltered male livestock may be exhibited except:

- Beef bulls born during the current calendar year (October 1 – September 30)
- Rams less than 24 months of age
- Goats less than 6 months of age
- Equines under 12 months of age
- Llamas/Alpacas under 24 months of age

All others prohibited.

BEDDING FEES

Bedding fees apply to each animal entered and are to be paid by all Livestock and Animal Exhibitors at the time of entry.

| 4-H/Grange/FFA | Open |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Horses\$15.00 | Horses.....\$25.00 |
| Beef.....\$15.00 | Beef.....\$25.00 |
| Swine\$12.00 | |
| Sheep\$10.00 | Sheep.....\$15.00 |
| Goats\$10.00 | Goats..... \$15.00 |
| Llamas/Alpaca.....\$10.00 | Rabbit/Poultry/Cavies.....\$5.00 |
| Rabbit /Poultry/Cavies...\$4.00 | |

DURATION OF STAY

- Fair exhibits must be kept in place until 6 PM on the last day of the Fair. Any article or animal removed before such time without written permission of the superintendent and/or Fair Board Director will forfeit any premiums, awards and placings received and the exhibitor may be disqualified from future exhibit entry at the Kittitas County Fair.
- All animals shall remain the responsibility of the exhibitor from check-in on Wednesday until close of fair.
- Exhibitors are responsible for furnishing their own feed, feeders, and water containers.
- No livestock shall be allowed north of the barns at any time through the duration of Fair without prior Fair Board approval.

STALL/PEN/CAGE REQUESTS

- The Livestock Superintendents shall assign all spaces, stalls, pens, and cages. Each 4-H, Grange/FFA Chapter must notify the Department Superintendent of the number of pens needed within 2 days after the date of entry close. The following is needed for EACH club/chapter: Number of Exhibitors, Number of Pens, Stalls, Ties, Cages, and/or Benches and Number of Tack/Carding Pens.

DISPLAY OF LIVESTOCK

- Sheep and Goat exhibitors will use only blankets/covers approved by the Superintendent.
- All livestock and small animals exhibited must have stall/cage cards and cost sheet for market animals prominently displayed. Stall cards are available in the fair office.
- All pens, stalls, cages, and animals must be cleaned and ready for public viewing by 10:00 AM each day.
- There will be no for sale advertisement of exhibits allowed during fair.

ENTRY & ADMISSIONS OF LIVESTOCK & ANIMALS

Livestock and animals must be entered through ShoWorks. Pre-entry is required for each 4-H, Grange & FFA exhibit, contest, and activity.

Exhibitor limited to entering 2 animals per species.

REQUIRED FORMS [\(Click here for forms page on website\)](#)

Forms are to be uploaded at time of entry on ShoWorks. Animals missing required forms at time of haul-in will be turned away.

Animal Health Records - Beginning in 2023 Paper copy will be required online upload AND at Fair Weigh (For Beef Exhibitors only):

Beef Supplier Affidavit – County of Origin

Beef Brand Inspection.

LIVESTOCK, ANIMAL HEALTH AND VET CHECK

All livestock and small animals must pass a veterinarian inspection at haul in to be accepted to the fair. The Fair will provide volunteer veterinarians to perform the initial health fitness check for allowing animals entry to the fair. The Fair Board will choose a Master Vet and when a decision regarding the health and fitness of an animal is to be made the Master Vet's decision will be final.

- During the Fair the Kittitas County Fair **DOES NOT** provide Veterinary service for exhibitors. If veterinary services are needed for an animal during the fair, exhibitors are responsible for securing their own veterinarian.
- Do not bring any visibly sick or unthrifty animals to the fair.
- If an animal becomes sick or a contagious condition becomes apparent the Kittitas County Fair will refer to the Master Vet for instructions on how to handle the animal and the Master Vet's decision will be final.
- If the Master Vet's decision includes removing the animal from the fairgrounds, the exhibitor and parent or guardian will be responsible for removing the animal. The exhibitor shall cooperate fully with the Fair Board of Directors. The Fair Board directors will lead the quarantine/removal orders. An isolated area for sick animals will be established prior to the fair.
- Swine must be treated for lice two weeks before arrival. Swine must be washed and clean when they arrive for the veterinarian's inspection.
- No animal from a quarantined area or premise will be permitted to enter the Fair.
- All out-of-state animal entries must comply with State of Washington import regulations.

HAUL IN TIMES

NO ANIMALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3 PM – NO EXCEPTIONS

SWINE 7 AM – 10 AM in alphabetical order by exhibitors' last name.

A - H 7:00am to 8:00am

I - Q 8:00am to 9:00am

R - Z 9:00am to 10:00am

MIXED LOAD - SWINE & HALTER ANIMAL

10am to 10:30am

ALL SWINE MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:30 AM

HALTER ANIMALS

SHEEP/GOATS/LLAMA/ALPACA

10:30am to 12:00pm

BEEF/DAIRY

12:00pm to 2:00pm

HORSES

1:30pm to 3:00 pm

Vet Check for 4-H exchange horses on Saturday of Labor Day Fair is between 7-8AM Saturday ONLY must have Health Record to submit to vet.

RABBIT & CAVY

10:00am to 11:30am

POULTRY 11:00am to 1:00pm

Poultry includes ducks, geese, turkey, etc.

DOGS/CATS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 3:00PM AND VETERINARIANS WILL PERFORM AND INSPECTION

SPECIFIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

BOVINE

All eligible female animals 120 days or older must have been vaccinated against Brucellosis.

POULTRY

Chickens, turkeys, and game birds must be tested for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entering the fair. The only exception are birds originating from an NPIP flock.

SHEEP & GOATS

Scrapie Rule WAC 16-89 – All Sheep are required to be tagged with an official Scrapie’s tag. Goats may be tagged, tattooed, or microchipped if appropriate documentation of Flock Identification is provided.

SWINE

WAC 16-80 Requires all swine must have official USDA – approved identification (a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag) from the farm of origin.

MARKET ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

General

Exhibitor must have participated in their species spring preshow/weigh-in or received an excused absence from the Fair Board Livestock Director Committee.

All market animals must be weighed and tagged at their appropriate spring preshow.

All Market animal exhibitors must have met all their individual Club or Chapter requirements for eligibility to show. Club Leaders and FFA Advisers will be responsible for ensuring their exhibitors have met all eligibility requirements.

STANDARD MARKET STEERS

1. Must Weigh 1150 pounds or more at official Fair weigh in date.

MINIATURE MARKET STEERS

1. Must Weigh 650 pounds or more at official Fair weigh in date.
2. Must be at or under the maximum Miniature Steer height of 48 inches at the hip at time of weigh-in.

MARKET LAMBS

1. Weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.
2. Must be wethers or ewes. Short scrotum, bucks, or induced cryptorchid lambs are not eligible.
3. Must be born after December 31st of the previous year.

MARKET HOGS

1. Weigh between 230 and 310 pounds

MARKET GOATS

1. Weigh a minimum of 70 pounds
2. Shall be wethers and does (born after September 1 of the previous year)

KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR MARKET SALE RULES

1. Market sale animals must meet all Fair Market animal rules and have been exhibited and placed higher than a white ribbon in their appropriate fair market class to be eligible to sell. (Note White Ribbon animals are not eligible for the market sale)
2. All market animals must meet all administered drug withdrawal periods. Verification of meeting all withdrawal periods must be documented on the individual animals' health record and signed by the exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors can sell only one market animal through the Market Sale.
4. Exhibitors must take their own animal through the sale ring, the animal must be fit as per fitting and showing requirements per species.
5. Exhibitors entering the sale ring must be dressed per the Fair Dress Code requirements.
6. Only one Exhibitor and one animal are allowed in the sale ring at a time, exceptions must be approved by the Fair Board Sale Directors.
7. Exhibitors in the sale ring are to display their animal as they would to a fitting and showing judge for their species then promptly exit the ring when asked to. Any behavior by the exhibitor in the sale ring that is deemed inappropriate by the Fair Board may exclude the exhibitor from future sales.
8. Exhibitors may turn their second animal to the packer at the announced floor price if it receives a market placing higher than a white ribbon.
9. 4-H and Grange leaders and FFA advisors are required to provide a list of animals being sold in the market sale by each exhibitor an hour after the conclusion of each species market class. *Destination for any second animals must be recorded on the sale provided haul sheet and turned in by 9am on Saturday. Second Animal Haul Sheets for Beef must be turned in by 9am FRIDAY to superintendents* If a market animal destination is not received on time they will be designated to go home with the exhibitor.
10. The sale order will be posted by the species superintendent for review, after 5 PM on Thursday, the sale order is final, and no changes will be made.
11. Adhesives and other fitting aids must be fully removed before 6pm Monday.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for getting their market animal through the sale in the published sale order. Exhibitors that miss their spot will be either dropped from the sale or sold at the end of their species, at the discretion of the superintendent and/or Fair Board Director.
13. The sale order will be grouped by species, with Grand and Reserve Grand Champion selling first. The subsequent order will be by market class ranking and Danish awarded. The species sale order will rotate each year, with each species moving up one spot the following year. **2024 Sale Order: Goats, Hogs, Sheep, Mini Beef, Beef.**
14. Poultry & Meat Rabbits will be sold per head, by silent auction during the live market sale.
15. Purchased by Cards will be placed in the leaders/advisors mailbox in the super suite Friday by 7pm-The Purchased by Card must be displayed at the animals' stall/pen/cage by 8pm Friday.

16. A deduction from each seller's sale receipt will be applied to cover Sale expenses. This amount will be determined by the Sale Treasurer based upon the gross sales and expenses of the Sale Committee. Expenses covered may include the cost of insurance, pictures, special ear tags, carcass data collection, and ultrasound services. Payment for any market animal losses will be at the discretion of the Fair Board, who will determine whether the loss was through no fault of the exhibitor.
17. Sale Participants must thank their buyer, add-on supporters and sale sponsors by October 31st. A written thank you and the sale picture attached to the fair provided card stock must be personally delivered by the exhibitor to the sale buyer by October 31st. Exhibitors will not be allowed to pick up their sale check until the buyer thank you and picture are delivered to the buyer. When checks are picked up signing a thank you verification form will be required. Failure to recognize buyers and supporters may result in future sale restrictions determined by the Kittitas County Fair Board.
18. All animals shall remain the responsibility of the exhibitor from check-in on Wednesday until the close of fair. Provided, however, should there be a meat inspection problem with a market animal that is clearly a result of earlier management such as drug residues, prohibited substances, disease, inedible lesions in the meat, or any other condition that may lead to condemnation of the carcass, the exhibitor shall be responsible. The Fair Board will negotiate resolution of value with the exhibitor and the buyer. All decisions by the Fair Board are final.
19. The Kittitas County Fair Board has sole discretion to preclude an exhibitor from future Kittitas County Fair Junior Market sales when any Exhibitor acts Inappropriate or violates sale rules.

DRUGS & MEDICATION

1. False representation, interference, or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the Fair Board according to the circumstances of the case.
2. All market animals must meet all administered drug withdrawal periods. Verification of meeting all withdrawal periods must be documented on the individual animals' health record and signed by the exhibitor.
3. The use of prohibited drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products will not be tolerated. Adult volunteer leaders, instructors, parents, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products, to advise others not to use these substances, and to report those who do use any prohibited substance. Prohibited drugs/substances include but are not limited to administration of an ingredient not specifically labeled for the species it is administered to, unless prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. Examples include, however, are not limited to the following:
 - a. The injection, use or administration of any drug 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.
 - b. The administration of any substance for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, surgical removal, or attachment, to otherwise change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal.

4. Each exhibitor, by making application for entry into the Kittitas County Fair, agrees to abide by the Kittitas County Fair Code of Ethics and agrees to submit any animal entered to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the Fair Board, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or Fair Board. An animal can be tested based on observation alone or any suspicion reported to a Kittitas County Fair Board Livestock Director. Kittitas County Fair officials may hold any market animal under quarantine for an extended period of time for any tests deemed necessary. Further, the exhibitor agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian and/or lab testing results as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or altered shall be final, without recourse against the Kittitas County Fair, its officers, or employees.

5. The Kittitas County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal from the fair and market sale that has been altered in conformation and structure through the use of prohibited substances or unethical fitting as outlined in Section 4. Further disciplinary action will be reviewed and established by the Kittitas County Fair Board as deemed necessary. If an animal is disqualified after it has been shown and/or sold in the market sale, fair premiums and awards will be forfeited and the sale buyer will be refunded their money voiding the sale and any proceeds to the seller.

6. Restricted drugs required to be administered during fair may be administered only if approved and conducted by a veterinarian. Any drugs administered must be recorded on the animal's health record and the animal may be subject to quarantine if the drug doesn't meet the withdrawal period before time of slaughter.

7. Good animal health, feeding and handling practices must be followed by all exhibitors. Any failure to follow these practices could mean being banned from future competition at the Kittitas County Fair if, in the opinion of the superintendent or Director, any animal has been neglected or abused.

ANIMAL WELL-BEING POLICY

The Kittitas County Fair, and all animal exhibitors support the humane treatment of all animals.

We are committed to:

1. Upholding the well-being of animals as a primary consideration in all activities.
2. Requiring that animals be treated with kindness, respect, and compassion and not mistreated.
3. Ensuring that owners, trainers, and exhibitors use responsible care in handling, transporting, and exhibiting their animals.
4. Providing for the continuous well-being of animals through proper feeding, disease prevention, sanitation, and attention to their safety.
5. Continuing to support scientific research to improve the health, safety, and well-being of livestock.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Friday, 8 AM Bloom Pavilion

Exhibitors are required to participate in the Kittitas County Fair Livestock judging contest to be eligible for premiums and complete the 4-H year.

SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors must participate in at least one showmanship class.

- Each exhibitor is limited to one animal in each class and must use their own animal for Fitting & Showing.
- Novice classes at Pre-show and Fair are open to Juniors who have never shown an animal of any species. All intermediates and seniors will show in their division.
- Animals are to be cared for and groomed by the youth exhibitor **only**. In cases where the exhibitor is too young or physically incapable of doing the work, assistance by other Kittitas County club or chapter members may be provided. These exceptions should be cleared with the club leader or chapter advisor and the Division Superintendent.
- Advice or comments are **NOT** allowed to be given to youth while competing. Violations of this rule create loss of learning experience to the exhibitor and unfair competition to other members especially in the fitting and showing contest. ***Violations are cause for disqualification.***

HERDSMANSHIP & BARN DUTY

- All Exhibitors are **required** to participate in Herdsmanship, keeping their pens, stalls, tack room, designated carding stand and blocking chute areas, and wash racks clean and free of trash, soiled bedding, manure, tools, and clutter.
- Exhibitor is responsible for supplying all tools associated with Herdsmanship including but not limited to wheelbarrow, shovel, and pitchfork.
- All animals and stalls must be presentable to the public during Public Hours.
- Barn Duty Hours: Thursday – Sunday 10 AM – 10 PM, Monday 10 AM – 6 PM (Parents, Leaders, Superintendent may help cover the 8 PM – 10 PM hours).
- A lanyard or other identifier for person on barn duty should be worn.
- A clearly marked barn duty schedule must be always posted for judge's review.
- Scoring Rubric can be found under Department 73.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

Each 4-H, Grange/FFA chapter is required to include a project specific fun fact or educational component within their club decoration area.

VETERINARIAN

KITTITAS COUNTY FAIR DOES NOT PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICE FOR EXHIBITORS.

If a vet is needed, exhibitors are responsible for securing their own veterinarian services.

ANIMAL ACTIVIST ALERT

- At all times the exhibitor shall be aware of suspicious activity such as, out of the ordinary photographing of animal or exhibitors', and questioning of a suspicious nature.
- In the event of potential animal activist activities, the following actions should be taken:
 - 1) Exhibitor shall contact the department superintendent or other department official.
 - 2) Exhibitor and attendants should remain calm and conduct business as usual staying close to your animals. Remember, the activist's goal is to draw attention and cause a disruption.
- The Fair and its users are protected under Public Law 102-346 passed August 26, 1992, by US 102d congress. Refer to Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992 – Section 43.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE EXHIBITOR SUBMIT TO INTERACTION WITH THE ACTIVIST.