

**LAKE COUNTY FAIR SUPPORTS
THE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS
IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions)**

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 as well as open class 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 National Code of Show 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 any 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 a licensed 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 or 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 Expositions* 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 National 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.

LAKE COUNTY FAIR

Exhibitor Eligibility & Responsibilities

I. EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

- A. All exhibitors must be a registered member of a chartered Lake County 4-H Club or Lake County FFA Chapter. Their membership must be in good standing and they must meet all of their Club or Chapter requirements. In addition, all exhibitors must reside within the boundaries of Lake County and/or attend a Lake County School or home school. Anyone having graduated or dropped out of high school shall be ineligible to enter or show. The Livestock Committee and/or Fair Management has the right to ask for proof of school records and proof of residence. **PLEASE NOTE: The Lake County Fair Association reserves the right to disqualify anyone for any reason.**
1. All FFA exhibitors must qualify for extracurricular activities as required by the laws of the State of Florida and provide a Certificate of Eligibility from his or her high school principal.
 2. All 4-H exhibitors must qualify and meet the policy requirements of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service and provide a copy of the Lake County 4-H Membership Card from the Lake County Extension Office.
- B. An FFA chapter or 4-H club shall be considered to be an eligible exhibitor.
- C. An official application form must be completed and accepted for each animal to be exhibited. The Lake County Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of animals in all shows and sales and to alter class divisions when necessary.
- D. An exhibitor may only show and sell one (1) market and/or production animal. Excluding Meat Goat project.
- E. All exhibitors are required to wear the appropriate attire, according to 4-H or FFA guidelines, when exhibiting and selling livestock. No "bling" pants or belts or exhibitor will be disqualified.
- F. **Age Breakdown are as follows, as of September 1, 2021. Junior: 8-10 years old, Intermediate: 11-13, Senior: 14-18**
- G. Exhibitor cannot be pregnant while showing an animal at the Lake County Fair.
- H. Any exhibitor going under, over, or through the perimeter fence of the Fairgrounds will be automatically disqualified.

II. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Official application forms must be signed by the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parent or guardian and the exhibitor's FFA advisor or 4-H leader. Applications must be accepted in the fair office or postmarked on or before the deadline for each show. Applications for steer and swine must be presented at initial weigh-in, accepted and filed. The deadline for entry on-line entries is **February 1, 2022**. (excluding Steer, Swine and Meat Goat).
- B. All Livestock will be subject to ENTRY FEES. \$10.00 per head (Market Steers, Market Hogs, Beef Breeding, Meat Goats, Breeding Goats and Dairy Goats); \$5.00 per head (poultry and rabbits). This fee will be charged at the time of initial registration through the Showworks System and is not refundable.
- C. Exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times and each exhibitor is responsible for his or her own behavior. Conduct that violates the laws of the State of Florida, the rules of the Lake County Fair, or which in any way brings discredit to the Fair or Shows may lead to disqualification from showing or selling the exhibitor's entries, and may bar the exhibitor from future exhibition, or both.
- D. Lake County Fair Project Record Books will be available on our website at www.lakecofair.com. If you have any problems, please call the Fair Office at 352-357-7111. These must be completed, approved, and signed by the exhibitor, parent or guardian, and 4-H leader or FFA advisor. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN RECORD BOOKS MARCH 16-18, 2022. Books will be turned into the Lake County Extension office. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN THE ANIMAL BEING DISQUALIFIED. (Use Lake County Fair Record Book.) Unacceptable or incomplete record books, as determined by a screening committee, MAY be cause for exhibitor disqualification from showing their animal(s).**
- E. Should an animal be eliminated from the Fair for other than disciplinary reasons or an unacceptable record book, the exhibitor's record book remains eligible for record book contests and awards, if any.
- F. Each exhibitor is expected to maintain, clean and keep the quarters of his or her livestock attractive at all times. Feed, hay, equipment, tack and tools necessary for the maintenance, care and proper display of the animals must be provided by the exhibitor. If hay is to be used, hay bags MUST be provided and used by the exhibitor. Said items must be removed from the barn promptly after the Show or Sale.

- G. All animals (except Swine) must be halter broken and kept under control by the exhibitor. No animal may compete that cannot be properly managed and led by the exhibitor. The Barn Superintendent shall assign an area to all exhibitors.
- H. Grooming, feeding, handling and other care of the animal at the Fair is part of the livestock project and the responsibility of the exhibitor. Professional fitters are prohibited. Cooperation among and between exhibitors and Advisors/Leaders in the same event is permitted and encouraged. **The Lake County Fair Livestock Shows are now a “Clip, Blow, and Go” ONLY show; no adhesives, paint, extra hair, sheen, etc. will be allowed. The penalty is disqualification from the show and/or sale.**
- I. Each exhibitor must personally show his or her animal unless prior permission of the Livestock Committee is received to do otherwise. FFA chapter or 4-H club animals may be exhibited by any member of the organization who would otherwise qualify as an eligible exhibitor. A person exhibiting for an organization may not also exhibit personally in the same show.
- J. Each exhibitor assumes all liability in case of the death or injury to the animal until sold. The purchaser assumes liability at the time of sale. The Lake County Fair at no time assumes responsibility for the health or injury of any livestock exhibited at the Fair.
- K. All exhibits must stay until the removal date and time for that exhibit. If an animal is removed early all premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show any animal the following year.
- L. The Lake County Fair does not issue passes/tickets for parents and/or families. Livestock exhibitors will be issued a colored armband for their respective show and sales. **Tickets must be purchased for entry to the fair.** Lake County 4-H/FFA members and family members can purchase a **10-day ticket for \$25.00 (\$90.00 value)**. Tickets will be available for purchase on the website <http://www.lakecofair.com> . These special 4-H/FFA passes will only be available for purchase between February 18 - March 18. It is highly recommended and encouraged that you purchase your passes before March 18...after March 18 these passes will not be available for purchase. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a voucher that will need to be redeemed for your hard passes. You can redeem your vouchers beginning Monday, March 28-Tuesday, April 6 (9:00AM-5:00 PM) in the Fair Office. If you are unable to pick these passes up, they will be available for pickup at your designated check-ins. These passes are only available and EXCLUSIVE to our Lake County 4-H/FFA exhibitors and families. The 4-H/FFA tickets are limited to eight (8) per customer. Single day discount admission tickets will be available for purchase on-line starting March 25th for \$7.00 each.
- M. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the Fairgrounds. Lake County Fair Association has a Zero Tolerance Policy for alcohol and drugs on the fairgrounds. Any evidence of drug or alcohol use will result in elimination of participation in any Fair functions.
- N. Soft drinks may be served in paper cups, approved cans or plastic bottles. No glass bottles please.
- O. Smoking will not be permitted in the show sheds, tents or barns at any time.
- P. Original sign-in sheet must be turned in at final weigh-in/check-in copy should be put in record book. **Copies will not be available from the Fair Office after March 1, 2022.**

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Q. All animals will be treated as commercial animals in a safe and timely manner.
- R. The following number of days will be used when calculating weight gain:

Steer - 189 days	Swine -97 days	Meat Goats – 97 days
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- S. The Lake County Fair will not sponsor the sale of any animal that has been eliminated or disqualified for any reason.
- T. **If an animal cannot walk of its own accord from the pen to the show ring, the animal cannot show and/or sell.**
- U. Each exhibitor must prepare a letter of thanks to the buyer of his or her stock and present the letter with an addressed stamped envelope, ready for mailing but not sealed, to your FFA Advisor or 4-H Leader. Your advisor will approve and forward these letters to the Fair Manager / Office. **NO CHECKS WILL BE MAILED TO THAT EXHIBITOR UNTIL THE LETTER IS RECEIVED IN THE FAIR OFFICE.** If the Thank You letter is not received the exhibitor will NOT be allowed to show the next year. Exhibitors are also encouraged to send thank you letters to the sponsors of all the trophies, plaques or awards they received.
- V. **Buyer’s Thank You letters are due in the Fair Office by MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022. There will be a \$100 Fine for all letters turned in after the deadline and may be disqualified from showing the next year. There will be a \$50 fine for any unacceptable thank you letter, i.e. ripped half page letter with no buyer name, one sentence, etc.**
- W. **A six (6%) sales commission will be deducted from the sale of each market animal sold; in addition, a six (6%) processing fee will be deducted from all add-ons that are paid through the Fair Office. The fee is for promotion and production of the Lake County Fair Livestock Shows and Sales. It is highly encouraged that add-ons are given directly to the exhibitors.**
- X. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to furnish the Fair Office with all buyers' names and addresses. All buyer credentials will be mailed to the prospective buyer through the Fair Office. No tickets will be handed out to exhibitors. You must have their name and address in the office by March 15, 2022 in order for us to mail tickets to them in time for your show and sale. **Previous year’s buyers will be sent tickets so please provide information only on those not listed.**
- Y. All steer, swine, and market goats must be sold at auction to the highest bidder.
- Z. No graffiti will be permitted on animals. Any animal with graffiti will not be allowed to sell.
- AA. All market animals sold must go to slaughter, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- BB. Pictures of the exhibitor with buyer will be presented to the buyer as soon as possible.
- CC. Each show must have a minimum of 6 Lake County exhibitors. Entry deadline is February 1, 2022.
- DD. Golf carts, utility vehicles, and/or ATV's are to be used by authorized personnel ONLY.
- EE. **All animals must have a Premise ID from the State of Florida (except rabbit and poultry). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain a Premise ID from the State.**
- FF. **No one is allowed in the show ring during the show and/or sale unless sanctioned by the Lake County Fair Association.**
- GG. **Before any procedure is performed on an animal due to bloat, or other medical emergency, a Livestock Committee member must be notified.**

III. LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS & AWARDS QUALIFICATIONS

- A. All judging (unless otherwise noted) will be done on the Danish system of blue, red and white ribbons.
- B. Showmanship Awards will be awarded for Heifer, Steer, Bull, Swine, Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit. To participate in Showmanship Contest, you must use the animal that is registered under your name. You may not borrow another animal.
- C. Record Book Awards will be awarded for each Beef Breeding, Steer, Swine, Goat, Rabbit and Poultry.
- D. Herdsman awards are offered for Beef Breeding, Steer, Meat Goat and Swine show exhibitors. Exhibitors will be judged daily on the following basis:
 - 1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service area, stall, pens, animals, and public walkways.
 - 2. Personal appearance of exhibitors.
 - 3. Cooperation with show officials in presenting attractive exhibits.
 - 4. Availability of either exhibitor or information about their exhibits.
- E. The Lake County Fair may announce and offer additional awards. It shall be the responsibility of the Livestock Committee to select the recipients of all special awards. The Livestock Committee's decision is final.
- F. Beef Breeding awards will be given out after the show is finished. Steer awards will be given out on the night of the sale. Swine awards will be given out on the night of the sale.
- G. Please allow 6 weeks to receive your premium and sale checks.
- H. There is no money paid for the rosette ribbons. These winners are chosen from the blue-ribbon winners and they are paid only for the blue ribbon.
- I. There will be an award given to the Best All Around Lake County FFA chapter or 4-H club for outstanding cleanliness, courtesy, personal appearance and attitude. This award of \$100.00 will be given for each show - Steer, Beef Breeding, Swine and Goat. This award is given in honor of Charles E. Norris and therefore will be called the "Charles E. Norris Sportsman Award".
- J. There will be an award given to an exhibitor of each show in honor of a longtime supporter James Richardson. This award will be called the "James 'Big Jim' Richardson Award" and will be given to an exhibitor participating in the show for their first time.
- K. Award sponsorship is determined upon the approval of the Lake County Fair Board of Directors.

Lake County Fair Dairy Goat Show

Fair Check-In: Wednesday, April 12, 2022...9:00 AM

Show: Wednesday, April 12, 2022...6:00 PM

1. All exhibitors must pre-register their animals on-line by February 1, 2022. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable entry fee for each animal entered.
2. Each show must have a minimum of 6 exhibitors.
3. All entrants must be bona fide 4-H or FFA members in good standing of the current academic year.
4. Ownership of dairy goats must be vested in the exhibitor no later than December 15, 2021.
5. One (1) animal per class can be shown, with a maximum of six (6) total animals entered per exhibitor. All exhibitors must be registered for the show as of February 1, 2022.
6. All contestants must fill out a project record book. Awards will be presented for junior, intermediate, and senior "Best Record Book".
7. All who begin the project are expected to complete the project.
8. Members should make advance arrangements for the care and housing of the goats. Especially in respect to family dogs or wild animals.
9. A junior, intermediate, and senior Showmanship Contest will be held as part of the Dairy Goat Show.
10. Each exhibitor must assume liability in case of death or injury to his or her goat(s) until the conclusion of the show.
11. Exhibitors are expected to keep neat and clean quarters while their goat(s) is/are on the show grounds. No exhibitors will be allowed to have any bedding (straw or hay). Failure to comply with this rule would cause forfeiture of all premiums.
12. The Goat Show will begin at 6:00 P.M., on Wednesday, April 12, 2022.
13. Dairy Goats will show in age divisions, as shown below.
14. Any Does 2 years old or older, not having kidded, are ineligible to show.
15. Goats shall be tied-out. Exhibitors are required to furnish their own tie-outs.
16. Goats will be shown with show collars.
17. All goats must be registered with the American Dairy Goat Association.
18. All goats must be dehorned.
19. Goats must have a health certificate stating that they are free of disease.
20. Animal(s) should be properly clipped and groomed.
21. No substitutions will be allowed.
22. Thank you, letters must be sent to award sponsors.
23. All exhibitors must stay until the removal date and time for that exhibit. If an animal is removed early all premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show any animal the following year.

Lake County Fair Dairy Goat Show

DAIRY GOAT CLASSES

SR DOES

Any Doe that has ever freshened

1. Class I - Milkers 2 years and under
2. Class II-Milkers.....2 years and under 3 years
3. Class III-Milkers 3 years and under 5 years
4. Class IV-Milkers Over 5 years

Grand Champion Senior Doe
Reserve Champion Senior Doe

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Does that have never freshened

5. Class V - Juniors Under 6 months
6. Class VI-Junior 6-8 months
7. Class VII-Junior 8-12 months
8. Class IV-Junior 12-18 months
9. Class V-Junior 18-24 months

Grand Champion Junior Doe
Reserve Champion Junior Doe

Awards & Premiums

Ribbons:

Blue-\$35, Red-\$25, White-\$20

Class Champions- Award & Rosette

Grand Champion Dairy Goat – Award

Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat– Award

Grand Champion Sr Doe – Award & Rosette

Reserve Champion Sr Doe – Rosette

Grand Champion Jr Doe – Award & Rosette

Reserve Champion Jr Doe- Rosette

Showmanship:

1st Place- Senior/Intermediate/Junior – Belt Buckle

2nd Place -Senior/Intermediate/Junior – Award

Record Books:

1st Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$75 & Award

2nd Place – Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$50 & Award

3rd Place- Senior/Intermediate/Junior - \$25 & Award