

NILE LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

For questions not covered in this section, contact: NILE Livestock Department - P.O. Box 1981 - Billings, MT 59103.
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Notice: Northern International Livestock Exposition hereinafter, in this premium book, will be referred to as NILE.

The NILE Stock Show & Rodeo is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited. Every possible precaution is taken to insure the animal's safety and well being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principals of animal husbandry. No one has a greater economic stake in the welfare of animals than the livestock producers and organizations involved in the promotion of agriculture.

Interpretation and Violation of Rules: Exhibitors are requested to report any rule violation(s) to the management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. The NILE reserves to its general manager and/or executive committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to, the NILE; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any rule will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the general manager/executive committee may order. The failure of the NILE to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights or remedies or to exercise any options or sanctions herein will in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rules, rights, remedies, sanctions or options.

Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules or requirements and the general rules and regulations, the special rules or requirements will govern.

Eligibility: The NILE is an invitational livestock show; the general manager/executive committee reserves the right to extend or withhold invitation or admission to any exhibitor.

Liability: All exhibitors and exhibits must comply with the rules and regulations of NILE, but in no case will the NILE, its agents, any members, staff, volunteers, or sponsors of NILE be responsible for any injury, loss, death, theft or damage which may occur to the exhibitors, his/her employees, livestock or property from any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to lost profit or other financial loss to exhibitor of any type or description including any special, indirect, reliance, incidental or consequential damages which be may caused directly or indirectly by the enforcement of such rules and regulations, or for any time delays, inadequacies of services by NILE or MetraPark or any use thereof of the contracted space or by any deficiency or defect therein. Exhibitor agrees that it will continue to pay all charges and other sums due NILE hereunder irrespective of any such claim, loss, death, damage, theft or expense. The exhibitor expressly releases NILE, its officers, board of directors, members, staff, sponsors and volunteers, as well as MetraPark and Yellowstone County, from any claims for loss, death, theft, damage or injury. Show management and sponsors shall not be liable for failure to perform obligations as a result of disease, strikes, riots, acts of God, acts of terrorism or any cause beyond its control.

Security: Exhibitor acknowledges that security is not provided or guaranteed by show management. Security may be arranged through the facility at exhibitors' expense. Livestock and property of exhibitors are understood to remain in the exhibitor's care, custody and control in transit to, from and within the confines of the show grounds. Show management recommends that exhibitors contact their insurance companies to confirm livestock and property coverage.

Sale Disputes: Sale disputes are between buyer and seller.

Mail: Mail may be received by sending it in care of NILE, P.O. Box 1981, Billings, MT 59103. Pre-shipping of items, express mail, federal express, UPS and overnight mail should be directed in care of NILE, NILE Administration Building, 308 6th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101. No COD's will be accepted.

Telephone: The following number may be utilized to accept incoming calls only during the show (406) 256-2495.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted.

Livestock Entrance to Grounds: Exhibitors with livestock can use Gate 1 (Club Calf & Breed Cattle), 2 (Pen Cattle or Tie Outs) or 4 (Jr. Fed) and may proceed as directed by informational signs. Breeding cattle (except for pen cattle) must tie out if not arriving within barn hours. Check-in will be done at specified times. Brand Inspectors will be located in the Expo Center from 8am-5pm daily.

Health, Brand & Import Regulations: All exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all the rules governing health, brand, and import regulations. See Health Section (see "NILE Health, Brand & Import Regulations" on page 19).

Official Show Veterinarian: Montana Mobile Vet Service -Stacy Wetherelt. Joliet, MT (406) 876-4282 montanamobilevet@hotmail.com

Official Show Photographer: Next Level Images, LLC - Mt. Pleasant, TX - (903) 573-0090 - www.nextlevelimage.com

Livestock Display Pens: Limited space is available for display of cattle not entered in the open shows. Contact the NILE at (406) 256-2495.

Entry Deadline: All entries will be taken online, please visit www.thenile.org to access online entry system. Please see specific divisions for entry deadlines. All Entries must be complete by September 1st or before. Late entries will be charged a late fee and may be refused entry if space is not available. Entries will not be accepted if not received online by 5 p.m. MST September 10, 2021.

Entry Information: All applications for entry must be made by going to www.thenile.org. Entry form must be completely filled out online and payment of fees (in U.S. Funds) must be processed in order for the entry to be considered complete. Incomplete entries will not be processed. Contact the NILE, (406) 256-2495 if questions arise.

Entry Fees: No entry will be accepted unless entry fees accompany online entry forms. If payment is not received, entry will be marked incomplete and exhibitor will not be allowed to stall or show.

Printed or Fax Entries: NO Printed or Faxed Entries will be accepted for the 2021 Show.

Accepting Entries: The management reserves the right to accept or reject, entirely, partially or conditionally, any entry or application. The management also reserves the right, either personally or by committee to inspect all entries after they have arrived and dismiss any entries that would discredit NILE or do not meet printed requirements for all entries. By submitting application for entry, participant (parent or legal guardian) acknowledges they have read and agree to abide by the NILE General Rules and Regulations, Health Regulations, NILE Agreement of Responsibility and Liability, specific show or division rules and regulations, National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and USDA Wholesome Assurance Statement, and agree to observe and abide by these rules and regulations.

Late Entry: Late entries will be charged an additional \$25 per head or pen. Late entries will be accepted, only if space is available, if received before 5 p.m. MST Sept. 10, 2021. This will be determined by the show management.

Incorrect Entries: Animals that have been incorrectly entered must be transferred to their proper class prior to judging. If said animal is judged in the wrong class, the animal will be disqualified from that judged class.

Refunds: Refund of fees, minus a 20% administrative fee, will be made only if written notice of cancellation is received by 5 p.m. MST September 10, 2021. Refunds for withdrawal of entry or cancellation for any reason after that time will not be refunded.

Substitutions: Substitutions may be made within the same breed, within the same sex, and by the same owner of the original entry. The substitution may be made after the entry deadline, if information on the substituted animal is provided to the breed superintendent at the time of registration check-in. Substitutions after check-in are not allowed.

Jr Fed/Club Calf Refunds & Substitutions: No substitutions or refunds will be given with the new structure. Please refer to individual division pages for more information.

Jr/Open Show Refunds: \$15/entry for animals cross entered under the same exhibitor into the Jr & Open Show for any breed will be mailed with premium checks. Animal **must show** in both shows to receive refund. Scratches forfeit any refund.

Livestock Arrival: Exhibitors must check-in with the brand inspection office upon arrival during livestock office hours (see livestock office hours on pg 4). The brand inspectors will be located in the Expo Center 8am-5pm daily (see map). If arriving after official livestock office hours, cattle should proceed to tie-outs or assigned pens for pen cattle. Check-in with the brand inspectors immediately the following morning. Please see your specific breed section for the time you are allowed into the Expo Center with cattle, tack, and bedding. Exhibitors should check with breed superintendents for stalling assignments. Please stall in assigned spaces only. Lambs, goats and swine should proceed to assigned pens in Montana Pavilion.

Assignment of Stalls: The assignment of stalls will be made by the show management. Special requests will be given consideration, but no guarantees will be made. Stall request forms must be completed on entry form. Fitters and exhibitors wishing to stall cattle for various owners (within a breed) must request to do so by completing the form and/or contacting NILE Office directly. All cattle will be given 3 1/2 feet of space. **Animals NOT entered at NILE will NOT be allowed into the barn - they must stay in tie-outs** (tie-out pens are NOT available to purchase for these animals). Cow/Calf pairs, if calf is not entered as an individual, the calf will not be assigned a stall. Additional stall space can be purchased for \$25.

Arrival & Departure: Please see individual divisions for specific times of arrival and release. **Move-in dates and times are subject to change if space becomes limited. The NILE will spread word of any scheduling changes via social media.** Should changes be made to move-in times, animals will need to stay in designated tieout areas until space is available.

Release: All exhibitors at NILE must keep their livestock and/or exhibit in place until specified release time. Breeding cattle will be released after their specific breed shows. Sale cattle will be released immediately after sale. After a breed has been excused from the barn, they will be able to stay in the tie-out area until the end of the NILE Stock Show & Rodeo, October 23, 2021.

Tie-Outs: Cattle will be tied out in designated area (see map). There will be no cattle tied to perimeter fences or to the outside of livestock barns. Tie-out time is 6 pm and livestock must be returned to their stalls no later than 8 am each day. Exhibitors must furnish straw for tie-outs. **Exhibitors will NOT be allowed to setup pens in tie-outs for safety reasons.** Pens are available to purchase - contact the Livestock Office to reserve.

Feed & Bedding: First bedding in stalls will be provided. Once an exhibitor claims his or her stall by adding their display, tack or cattle, that stall area will not be refurbished with added bedding or cleaned by NILE or Metra staff personnel. Additional bedding will be available for a fee from concessionaire. Feed will be supplied through a concessionaire agreement, no deliveries permitted on the premises other than by concessionaire. Exhibitors may bring own feed and bedding. No motorized vehicles in Expo Center, please bring hand conveyance for hauling bedding (carts, wheelbarrows, etc.). Extra bedding, feed, hay & straw will not be delivered to stalls or tie-outs by NILE or feed concession personnel. Exhibitors must furnish bedding for tie-outs. **ONLY STRAW WILL BE ALLOWED IN TIE-OUT AREAS.** Straw will be available on grounds at concessionaire for a fee, or exhibitors may bring their own (tie-outs only).

Trim Chute Permits: Permits for trim chutes may be purchased at time of entry or upon arrival at the livestock office, at a charge of \$25 per chute. **Exhibitors must provide their own chute.** Permit purchase is for having the chute on the grounds and not for space in the barn. Chutes in restricted areas will be subject to confiscation by show management. Any participant failing to have a chute permit clearly visible at all times will be subject to having the chute removed from the grounds by NILE with no recourse. Additional areas for chutes will be available as room permits.

Livestock Trucks & Trailers: Exhibitors will be able to park in the lower exhibitor parking lot at no charge or they will be able to park on the south east end of the grounds (former tie-out area). There will be no parking near livestock barns or on roadways. Exhibitors will be given a 30 minute pass upon arrival at the Expo Center. Equipment only will be allowed to be unloaded at this time. Cattle will be allowed to be unloaded into the tie-outs when exhibitors arrive at the fairgrounds. Immediately after unloading, trucks/trailers must be moved to designated areas. Violators will be towed at owner's expense. Traffic at the unloading areas will be one-way only. Detailed unloading instructions will be included in exhibitor confirmation packets mailed out prior to the show.

Camper/RV Hookups: A limited number of RV hookups are available, some of which have only electricity. Reservations for these spaces will be accepted and assigned on a first come, first paid basis only. The cost is \$35/night for hookup on a per day basis. Specify trailer size. Water hookup may not be available depending on weather. Any trailer or RV hooked up to facility electricity will be charged the fee.

Sign/Stall Cards: Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display stall cards over individual animal, as well as herd signs in the immediate area. NILE does not supply stall cards. NILE reserves the right to remove signs. Commercial signs (such as feeds, minerals, stock medicines, etc.) will not be permitted anywhere in the livestock area except in purchased trade show space or sponsor signage.

Care of Animals: The exhibitors will be responsible for the delivery of their animals to the appropriate department at the designated times. Exhibitors will be required to attend to their animals while on display and to have them presented to the judges when called. Any exhibitor who fails to present his animals in the ring when the class is called, or to be weighed if required, may be barred from competition and will forfeit all fees.

Restraint/Unruly Animals: Any unruly animal may be removed from the show. Show superintendents and exhibitors are encouraged to report any unruly animal to the livestock office. Haltered cattle must be sufficiently gentle to be properly handled by one attendant on foot. The general manager/executive committee are authorized to make the final decision on removal of the animal; there will be no appeal.

Diseased/Injured Animals: No animals having a disease or injury of any character will be admitted to the grounds at any time. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse admission and report to management any stock having a disease, injury or undesirable ailment. Exhibitors are encouraged to have all their cattle tested for BVD and have documentation on hand proving a negative test.

Death of an Animal: Please contact the NILE Livestock Office immediately. There are implementations in place by the show management to handle the situation.

Unethically Fitted Livestock: The showing of unethically fitted livestock, the showing of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, including over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. Consult the national show ring code of ethics on page 22.

Exhibitor Safety: If exhibition of an animal poses a danger to the exhibitor and/or other parties, management reserves the right to: (1) allow a substitute exhibitor or (2) remove the animal from competition.

Waste Removal: Exhibitors and the NILE have the responsibility to have waste disposed in an appropriate manner. All animal, feed and bedding waste material goes to a site to be composted. Please keep your animal, feed and bedding waste separated from your regular man-made garbage. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to keep stalls, pen, aisles and/or exhibit areas clean and neat. To keep the barns in order, we ask that you have stalls cleaned and waste material placed in the designated sites before 7 p.m. each evening. During the day, waste is to be removed periodically to keep the barns clean. Please place waste in the nearest designated refuse area. Violators will be charged a clean-up fee, which will be withheld from any premium monies won if waste is not placed in the designated areas.

Human Injury on Grounds: Please contact the NILE Office immediately. If there is a witness, please have them standby for questioning by NILE management who has implementations in place to handle the situation.

Disqualification: Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing animals will NOT move into the higher position.

Ownership Requirements: All animals must be exhibited by owner as required by breed associations. See specific divisions for ownership requirements.

Protests: Protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$300 (nationally accepted practice). Said deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Protests pertaining to eligibility must be submitted at least 6 hours prior to the beginning of judging. Protests concerning alterations, tampering or age must be submitted immediately upon conclusion of judging; judging procedures will not be interrupted. Protests must state clearly the cause of the complaint or appeal and be delivered to the general manager. Depending on the nature of the protest, decisions may be withheld pending a complete investigation and final decision by the general manager and executive committee, where there will be no appeal.

Decision of the Judge is Final: The decision of the judges shall be final in all classes except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the judging is proven. In such cases the general manager or committee as may be appointed, shall either make the decision, or (at its discretion) send the case to the general manager, from whose decision there can be no appeal. Judges will not award prizes to any unworthy exhibit. Animals must be shown in the manner required by the judges; if any exhibitor refuses to comply with the judges requirements, his/ her animal will be dismissed.

Backtag Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a separate backtag number in the official program of NILE. This numbered card must be displayed by the attendant when the animal is in the judging ring.

Exhibitors entering the ring with the incorrect backtag or no backtag will not be allowed into the showing until number is fixed. If number is not fixed or exhibitor is asked a second time they will be disqualified. No exceptions!

Time of Judging: All animals must be exhibited before the judges in the show ring, with number attached. No animal may be awarded a prize while in its stall or pen with the exception of specified pen shows. Judging schedules, as published in this book will be followed as closely as possible. NILE reserves the right to make changes. Any changes will be announced by the Voice of the NILE.

Loading & Unloading: Loading zones will be clearly marked on the grounds. Please refer to your confirmation packet prior to arriving at the MetraPark grounds for further instructions. Exhibitors will be allowed 30 minutes to unload and load equipment, feed and cattle within these zones. Vehicles remaining in the unloading/loading zone for longer than the 30 minute time limit will be towed at the owner's expense.

Barn Hours: Exhibitor access to the Expo Center (breeding cattle barn) will be allowed from 3am-10pm daily, through the end of the show, approximately 7 p.m., Saturday, October 23rd. Public entrances will be locked at 7 p.m., with the exception of one exhibitor entrance, check at livestock office for location of unlocked exhibitor door. All animals, cattle, tack and equipment must be removed from the Expo Center by 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 23rd, unless they are Supreme Row contenders.

Cattle Sales: Individual breed sales shall be governed by the contracted sale manager and breed association sponsoring the sale, in accordance with the auction laws of the State of Montana. Terms of sale are U.S. currency. All responsibility and guarantees lie between the buyer and seller. Consignors agree to waive and release any and all rights and claims for loss, theft, death or damages against NILE, its staff, board of directors, volunteers, sponsors, as well as MetraPark and Yellowstone County.

- Sale cattle that enter the show are eligible for a show/sale refund of \$10/hd. Sale cattle should be entered into the show under consignor's name, not fitter or other exhibitor to be eligible for refund. Animal must receive a placing in show to receive.

Sale Regulations: All Sale animals (Cattle & Jr Fed) MUST have a visual ID Tag placed in one of their ears (i.e.: EID Tag, Bangs Vaccination Tag, etc) for the show veterinarian.

- All Sale Females (CATTLE ONLY) must have proof of Bangs Vaccination prior to arrival at NILE or unloading on the MetraPark grounds. Proper ear clip and matching tattoo is mandatory for veterinarian purposes.
- All sales cattle must be listed on a separate health certificate than show cattle.

Premiums: Premiums will be forwarded to the person or company indicated on the entry form. Social security number or federal ID number is required for all premium amounts in excess of \$600. The NILE office will send a W-9 form for completion and return before sending premium check. If no person is designated for receipt of premiums, form will be forwarded to the exhibitor as soon after the close of the show as processing will allow. Cash premiums are payable by bank check. All refunds will come along with any premiums won.

Requests for checks to be reissued after 90 days will be charged a \$25 reissue fee.

BREEDING CATTLE PREMIUMS & AWARDS

	Number In Class				
	1	2	3	4	5 or more
1st	\$50	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100
2nd		\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80
3rd			\$25	\$30	\$40
4th				\$25	\$30

Classes that are split based on large entry numbers or show management, will be judged in flights and the judge will select entries to come back and compete for class premium money (See individual breed pages for any added premiums). A NILE jacket will be awarded to Grand Champion Female & Bull in open & jr. individual breed shows. Reserve Grand Champion Female & Bull in open and jr. shows will receive a NILE vest. Agri-Best Feeds will award the Grand Champion Female & Bull in each open breed show a certificate toward merchandise.

Show Requirement for Premium Payout: Each breed is required to have 20 head shown from multiple breeders in the open show for premium payout. Breeds that fall below 20 head (number that walk through the show ring) will be placed on probation for the following year. Probation includes no premium payout from the NILE the following year and termination of the show if the show falls below 20 head again the following year.

Supreme Show: All Grand Champion Females & Bulls from all Open Breed Shows are eligible to compete. The show will take place on Saturday, Oct. 23rd at 5:00 p.m., however the finals selection will be during the first break of the PRCA Rodeo Saturday night. Premium paid out will be \$1,000 to both the Supreme Female & Bull. Grand Champion Female & Bull from each respective show will not be required to stay in the barn through the week, however a stall space will be reserved if needed. In order for animals to participate in the Supreme Show, they must check-in with the Livestock Office by 2:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Agribition Supreme Challenge: The grand champion bull and female of each breed open show will be eligible to compete in the Royal Bank Beef Supreme Challenge at the Canadian Western Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan, in November 2021.

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