



2024 New Mexico State Fair

Junior Livestock General Rules

Introduction

1. **Governing Rules and Regulations:**

The rules of the New Mexico State Fair govern all competitions in the Junior Division. General Exhibitor Information is considered a part of New Mexico State Fair Junior Division General Rules and Regulations. All rules listed in a specific division apply where entry is made into that division. All exhibitors must read and abide by these rules. Exhibitors not abiding by these rules are subject to the penalties stated in these rules.

2. **Interpretation and/or Administration of Rules and Regulations:**

The New Mexico State Fair reserves to itself the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to fairly and impartially settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules or regulations may forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalties as the Fair may order and other such penalties as prescribed by law.

3. **Loss, Damage or Injury:**

The New Mexico State Fair and the State of New Mexico will not be responsible for loss, damage or injury to exhibits or animals exhibited, or for any article of any kind that may be lost or destroyed, or in any way damaged. Each exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may be occasioned by any person whomsoever, by an animal owned or exhibited by him.

Exhibitor shall indemnify the New Mexico State Fair or the State of New Mexico against all claims, demands, suits or judgments of any kind or nature, including attorney's fees and costs that may grow out of an injury, damage or loss occasioned by any animal owned or exhibited by him, or arise from any person in charge of any such animal. All animals exhibited in this show will be exhibited entirely at the owner's risk.

The New Mexico State Fair or the State of New Mexico will not be responsible or liable for any injury sustained in any way to exhibitors or spectators.

4. Requirements Regarding Disease:

All animals presented for exhibition at the New Mexico State Fair shall be free from contagious and infectious diseases and shall be subject to examination on arrival at the fairgrounds and to daily inspection during the fair. Should any animal be found to be infected with any contagious, infectious or communicable diseases, it shall immediately be removed to a place of quarantine. The show pens or stalls in which such diseased animals were kept must immediately be cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the official veterinarian.

5. IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics:

The International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. New Mexico State Fair rules shall supersede.

Exhibitor Eligibility

1. FFA & 4-H Membership Requirements:

All contestants in this department must be bona fide 4-H Club members enrolled in projects they are exhibiting or FFA Members in the State of New Mexico for the current school year, as certified by their County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor. Contestants are to be members in good standing and have received an overview of the NMSF rules. The Junior Dairy Department is exempt from this rule as exhibitors do not have to be in either 4-H or FFA.

2. Age:

Only New Mexico boys and girls who have not reached their 20th birthday as of the close of the fair are eligible, and they must be members of the youth organization as certified by an official of the organization they represent. 4-H members must follow the age requirements set forth by the 4-H organization.

Showmanship:

Novice - Ages 9 to 11, youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old in the third grade but cannot be in 6th grade and not have passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

Junior - Ages 12 to 13, youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 12th birthday or be 11 years old in the 6th grade but cannot be in 8th grade and not have passed his/her 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

Senior - Ages 14 to 19, youth exhibitor must have passed his/her 14th birthday or be 13 years old in the eighth grade but not have passed his/her 20th birthday prior to September 21st of the current year.

Entry Requirements

1. Entry Eligibility:

All entries must be certified as to eligibility by the County Agent or FFA Advisor. No individual entries or entries without certification will be accepted. The sponsoring Agent or Advisor will be held accountable and may be requested to appear before the New Mexico State Fair Commission and/or designated committee to inform the New Mexico State Fair as to the sponsoring Agents' or Advisors' efforts to educate its members. **There will be NO refunds on livestock entries, parking passes or admission.**

2. Ownership:

Animals must be owned by the exhibitor submitting the entry. All documents (bills of sale, lease agreements, and certificates of registration) establishing ownership shall be in the name of the exhibitor. No market animals may be owned or exhibited in a partnership, or jointly owned; however, animals may be transferred between immediate family members (i.e., brothers and sisters) at the time of classification. Animals may not be transferred from 4-H Club to FFA or vice versa after the ownership deadline. Animals must be owned by the deadlines listed in the rules of its appropriate division and proof of ownership must be made available if requested by NMSF officials. Exhibitors in violation of ownership requirements will be subject to the penalties outlined in these rules. **Any animal that has been sold through a premium sale (fair/expo sale) in any state or county or any representation of said animal through such a sale may not be exhibited at the New Mexico State Fair.**

3. Care and Custody:

All animals must remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor and be personally cared for by the exhibitor during the feeding period.

4. Registration:

Animals in breeding classes must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. Registration numbers and also the names and numbers of sire and dams must be listed on the entry for breeding stock requiring registration. Entries sent in without proper information will be returned. Certificates of registration must be available to be checked by the superintendent of the department.

5. Market Animals and Replacement Dairy Heifers:

Market Beef must be tagged with NMF ear tag and submit to hair DNA and entry fees postmarked by June 15th to the New Mexico State Fair Livestock Office of the current year to be eligible for entry.

Replacement Dairy Heifers, Market Lambs and Market Goats must be tagged with NMSF ear tag and submit hair DNA and entry fees postmarked by June 15th to the New Mexico State Fair Livestock Office Of the current year to be eligible for entry.

Market Barrows and gilts must be tagged with NMSF ear tag and DNA hair sample submitted to the New Mexico State Fair Livestock Office by June 15th of the current year to be eligible for entry.

Hair DNA sample/s must be postmarked no later than June 15th of the current year. If DNA is NOT received in the New Mexico State Fair office there will be a \$100.00 per head/per species

re-DNA fee charged to the exhibitor to be able to exhibit at the NMSF.

6. Late Entry Fee:

Late Entries will be accepted until August 10th of the current year with a late fee of \$35.00 per animal.

7. NMSF Ear Tags (required):

Removal of or tampering with a NMSF ear tag will result in dismissal from the show. Should an animal lose their ear tag, you must notify your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor immediately to obtain a new tag. The Agent/Advisor must then notify the NMSF via email of the new tag number immediately. Animals that arrive at the NMSF without a NMSF ear tag will not be able to show. Dairy Heifers will be the exception. Breeder tags will be taped over or removed.

Show Rules

1. Exhibitor Showing Requirements:

Exhibitors will be required to show their own animals. A substitute exhibitor may be allowed to present an animal for classification or in the show ring during official judging at the sole discretion of the Department Superintendent; 1) if the exhibitor has documented health reasons after arrival at the fair, or 2) if an exhibitor has more than one entry in the Youth Livestock Show showing at the same time. Any substitute exhibitor must be a bona fide member of 4-H or FFA. In no case may a parent, agent or advisor present any animal for judging.

2. Exhibitor Responsibilities (Animal Care & Delivery):

Each exhibitor is responsible for the care, showing and selling of his or her own animals until the superintendent has issued a release. It is the responsibility of the owner to see that sale animals are delivered to the buyer or correct packer. If livestock is not properly cared for, labor, feed requirements and other necessary items will be supplied, with all costs thereof charged against such exhibitor. Any sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld under such circumstances to apply toward any expenses incurred. Exhibitor's failure to provide proper care to his or her animals will be subject to the penalties outlined in these rules.

3. Animal Inspections:

As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, FDA, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and/or New Mexico Department of Health and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or fair official.

The New Mexico State Fair specifically reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final, without recourse against the New Mexico State Fair or any of its officers.

In addition, during the fair, every exhibitor agrees to allow New Mexico State Fair officials to collect hair follicles. These hair follicles may be used to perform analyses to verify identification of an entry in the show using the DNA sample collected at the time of enrollment. Any and all samples collected are the property of the New Mexico State Fair and may be compared with

samples collected by other fairs in order to confirm entry identification.

4. Winners' Eligibility to Show:

Winners of first and second place in each class will be eligible to show for the Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed they represent.

5. Rules Governing Auction:

An Auction of Junior Livestock will be held; see the Special Rules in Division 38 found in the Livestock Sale PDF on this web site.

6. In Case of Animal Death:

If an exhibitor's animal dies while at the New Mexico State Fair, the exhibitor is responsible for either disposing of the carcass properly or for paying the disposal fee. Please notify a department superintendent or the livestock office immediately. The animal should be moved to a remote location or covered until it can be removed. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should an animal be placed in a trash can or dumpster.

7. Barn:

Due to the shortened schedule and lack of barn space, all exhibitors staying past the day of their respective show, may be asked to move to a designated layover area as directed by the superintendent within four (4) hours of completion of each species show in order to cooperate with incoming exhibitors.

Conduct

1. Conduct:

Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to the officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify the exhibitor from the contest, and the owner shall forfeit his entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with clerks' and judges' books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.

2. Delinquent Acts:

If an exhibitor is caught having any involvement in any delinquent act, they may be removed from the grounds forfeiting any further competition, awards, premiums, sale slots and/or proceeds. Fees will not be reimbursed and the exhibitor may be barred from future competition at the New Mexico State Fair. Delinquent acts include but are not limited to vandalism, use of alcohol or drugs, and aggressive or violent behavior.

3. Protest:

The decision of Classifiers, Weigh Masters, Judges and Veterinarians shall not be subject to protest or appeal.

Prohibited Acts

The following are Prohibited Acts:

Substance Testing

The NMSF will test all Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions that become eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction. Additionally, random tests can be conducted on other junior market livestock. The tests are conducted by a federally approved laboratory. If a positive initial test is found, a confirmation test is performed to confirm the results. The testing procedures are very sensitive and can identify substances of less than one nanogram. The laboratory can and does test for a wide range of legal and illegal substances.

No On Premises Self Medication of Livestock.

While on NMSF premises, do not administer any medication or calming agents without disclosing it to NMSF officials! Exhibitors are required to use the services of a veterinarian and should not take chances by self administering medications of any sort.

Here are a few tips to help prevent the risk of a rules violation;

- Know what is in your feed. Certain products approved for one species may not be approved for all species. Products like Optiflex and Zilmax are approved for cattle and Paylean is approved for hogs; however, none of these products are approved for lambs or goats. Be certain that your show feeds and show feed supplements do not contain violation-causing ingredients for the species you are showing.

- Be sure that all family and others assisting with care of your animals are aware of the rules you as an exhibitor are subject to. Remember you are responsible for what is in the animal and not someone else! The legal responsibility rests on your shoulders!

- Follow all withdrawal requirements of any additive to the full extent of the label on the product. Improper withdrawal may result in penalties being assessed on the exhibitor.

Integrity of the Food Chain

Maintaining the integrity and safety of the meat derived from the livestock exhibited at the NMSF is the primary reason for the policies and procedures referred to above. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be totally safe for the consuming public. Those who disrespect these responsibilities can and will suffer the consequences.

- a) The injection, use, or administration of any drug to the animal 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 injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise appear. No stomach pumping allowed. Drenching will be allowed.
- c) The administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system.
- d) The administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal. Attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception.

- e) Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, swine or goat carcass or for deception.
- f) Violations of the Wholesome Meat Act.
- g) Violations of the New Mexico State Fair ownership requirements or care and custody rules listed in this premium book. This includes the manipulation of documents or providing false statement/s as to affect ownership of an animal and its eligibility to be exhibited at New Mexico State Fair.
- h) Violations of New Mexico State Fair animal care and fitting regulations as listed in this premium book.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES: State Fair expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including warranty of merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by State Fair, its contractors or others (such as drug testing). State Fair does not provide special security or guard services for the livestock area and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agrees and acknowledges that State Fair will disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for ANY drug, even if the exhibitor (and the exhibitor's parent(s)/guardian) are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug indicated by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification will result in the forfeiture of all auction proceeds and/or premiums, and the exhibitor may be prohibited from participating in future State Fair shows and competitions.

VETERINARIANS/MEDICATIONS: Animals under the care of a licensed veterinarian and/or taking ANY type of medication, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and/or pain killers, are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult the Official State Fair Veterinarian prior to competition. Exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) agrees and acknowledges that:

(1) they are absolutely and solely responsible for the care and custody of their animals;

(2) State Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal(s) test positive for ANY medication, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the medication; and

(3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents/guardians.

ANIMAL/EXHIBITOR DISQUALIFICATION: In order to foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and protect the safety of the food chain, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, animals with any type of abscess, injury or deemed unhealthy, livestock of ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug, even though that drug is FDA approved for its species, is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug once it has arrived at the Fair and/or participated in State Fair shows. All animals must remain negative of all drug and chemical residues while on State Fair fairgrounds.

a. **EXHIBITOR FORFEITURE:** An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, over age, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved substance may forfeit all titles, awards, auction proceeds, premiums, as well as rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the

future at the Fair.

b. **UNETHICAL FITTING:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that entry
2. Use of injection(s)
3. Draining of fluids
4. Bruising
5. Feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass
6. Surgical alterations
7. Artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections.

UNAPPROVED DRUG USE: The showing of an animal that during its life has been administered any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration ("FDA") and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA") for slaughter animals of a species, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

APPROVED DRUG USE: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the State Fair fairgrounds. Animals must remain negative of all drug and chemical residues while on State Fair property and/ or participating in State Fair shows. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

ANIMAL INSPECTION: As a condition for participation in the State Fair shows, exhibitor agrees to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection by any veterinarian or show official appointed by State Fair management. Exhibitor also agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the State Fair. Further, State Fair specifically reserves the right to have ultrasound, D.N.A., tissue, blood, urine, hair and feather laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for State Fair competition. The conclusions reached by the veterinarian or laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against State Fair, its officials or any of its appointed veterinarians. Exhibitor waives any cause of action which he/she might have for any action taken under these Rules, and releases State Fair and any appointed veterinarian from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such veterinarian.

UNMANAGEABLE ANIMALS: State Fair may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. Any animal escaping the control of its exhibitor three times or more will be dismissed from the show ring.

DISQUALIFICATION/CONDEMNATION OF ANIMAL: State Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the Rules, and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified, other class placings will not change. A disqualified exhibitor may forfeit all rights and privileges to participate in future Fairs. Disqualifications due to violations of State Fair's Rules as stated in this exhibitor premium book, and any consequences will be decided by State Fair management.

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATIONS: The State of New Mexico and the New Mexico State Fair require a postmortem examination of any animal or poultry which dies during the Fair or on State Fair property. This examination must be performed by a licensed Veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.

Exhibitor Responsibility:

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all the rules contained herein. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regard to the animal being subject to any prohibited act is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknown subjected the animal to any prohibited act.

Penalties

An exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to:

- a) May permanently bar such animal/s from competition at the New Mexico State Fair.
- b) May bar the exhibitor from entering and/or participating at the New Mexico State Fair.
- c) May bar the exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the New Mexico State Fair.
- d) May submit name and address of exhibitor and action taken against exhibitor to other cooperating livestock exhibitions, shows and sales, affecting eligibility.
- e) Awards may be withheld. In the event any awards shall have been given by the New Mexico State Fair to an animal in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the New Mexico State Fair, immediately return all awards given to such animal.
- f) **The exhibitor may forfeit all money derived from the New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Sale Association (a 501c3 Corporation)**
- g) Exhibitor will be liable to the New Mexico State Fair and shall indemnify and hold the New Mexico State Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, State Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of New Mexico State Fair rules and regulations. If any substance is found, a 2nd sample will be sent to the lab at exhibitor's expense.

Persons Involved in Prohibited Act:

Any person that in any way performs any prohibited act, with or without the owner's permission, may be forever barred from showing at the New Mexico State Fair. In addition, the case will be turned over to an appropriate authority.

Any sponsoring agent, advisor or person associated with the sponsoring agent, advisor, leader, parent or guardians who are found to be involved with the encouragement of prohibited acts may be barred from future participation at the New Mexico State Fair.

Right of Decision Review:

If an exhibitor is subject to any penalty or violation under these rules, the exhibitor has the right to have the decision reviewed by the New Mexico State Fair. Exhibitor must contact the

livestock manager to obtain the procedure for review. Please note there are specific time deadlines and notification requirements that are strictly adhered to.