



## **NORTH IDAHO STATE FAIR YOUTH STOCK SHOW AND SALE PROTEST POLICY**

The North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale hereinafter referred to as NISF YSSS.

*It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand the NISF YSSS Rules and Regulations.*

Protests will be considered if there has been a violation of the North Idaho State Fair Youth Stock Show and Sale Rules. Every effort will be made by Superintendents and Barn Managers to provide clear interpretation and explanation of the Rules. If an exhibitor does not feel the interpretation or explanation of the Rules by show staff or volunteers is sufficient, a formal protest may be submitted. For protests related to showing and results, completed protest forms must be filed within 2 hours of the conclusion of the show in question. For protests related to the Rules and interpretation of such, protest forms must be submitted within 2 hours of the occurrence of the alleged violation. Please note that decisions of judges, veterinarians, scale managers, and breed classifiers cannot be protested and are final. All questions concerning competition or disputes unable to be protested, or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the NISF YSSS Committee. Should an incident occur that is not included in these rules, individual programs may have additional rules to manage separately (see 4-H and FFA specific resources).

The NISF YSSS Committee will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors, by entering an exhibit, and all persons, by filing a protest, agree to cooperate with the NISF YSSS Committee to resolve protests in a timely manner. The committee shall review the form, allegations, and supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and decision to the Fair General Manager.

Depending upon timeliness and result of the violation, any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved. Said protest may be announced prior to judging of the affected class. Classes that involve a protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped, or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. In the case that championship or special awards may be awarded to an exhibit involved in a protest, the judge shall select a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up in case of disqualification. The unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.

All protests must be submitted as a signed official protest form and accompanied by a deposit of \$150, cash or certified check. This fee is non-refundable and will not be returned regardless of the outcome of the protest. This fee covers the cost of the review and factual investigation of the protest by the superintendents, barn manager, YSSS Committee and Fair Board, if necessary. If the protest is investigated or further action is required, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the additional direct costs incurred by the fair in the course of the protest resolution. If an investigation suggests any violation of law or criminal activity, the YSSS Committee reserves the right to contact local or federal law enforcement.

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An incomplete protest will not be reviewed by the committee and any result assigned to the violator shall be final. If a factual investigation deems it necessary, a hearing may be conducted at the discretion of the NISF YSSS Committee, in which the alleged violator and any witnesses will be requested to attend. After review of all allegations, documents, and witness statements, the decision of result by the committee is final. Once the committee has ruled on an appeal, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.