

New Rule Changes for 2025

1. (page 5-6) Entry Requirements - All animal entries including but not limited to Livestock, Market, Breed, Pet and Pack, Small and Large Animal entries must be made electronically through the NISF website by 11:59 PM on the published entry deadline. Please note that entry deadlines vary by species. (Full schedule can be found at nisfair.fun)
2. (page 6) Entry Requirements - f. i. All animals will be assigned a tag number at initial weigh-in. Animals will then be tagged and DNA samples will be collected. If an exhibitor elects to not have their animal tagged at initial weigh-ins, they may take the NISF hang tag home with them and will be responsible for tagging the animal prior to final weigh-in. All custom tags will be removed at final weigh-in and only the official NISF YSSS hang tag will remain.
3. (Page 8, 11 and 19) **Additional General Rules and Regulations i.** If an animal fails to meet the minimum average daily gain required, they may elect to withdraw their animal from the market class and show in the progress class. This decision must be documented on an entry change form and turned in to the Livestock Office no later than 2 PM on the day of final weigh in. If no entry change form is received, the animal will remain in the market class as originally registered.

Species	Min Final Weight (lbs.)	CAP Sale Weight (lbs.)	Min ADG (lbs.)
Cattle	1100	1525	2.0
Hogs	230	300	1.1
Lambs	110	165	.40
Meat Goat	65	110	.15
Turkey less than 20 weeks	18	25	N/A
Poultry less than 12 weeks	6 ea	8 ea	N/A
Rabbits 10-14 weeks	4 ea	6 ea	N/A

4. (Page 10) 27. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:** All exhibitor's animal areas must be cleaned by 10 AM daily (or as advised by the Livestock Manager). Exhibitors not following cleaning expectations after a verbal and subsequent written warning may be fined up to \$100 per day or be subject to sanctions as defined in these rules for non-compliance with superintendent instruction regarding pen cleanliness.
5. (Page 10-11) 28. **SHOWMANSHIP** - It is mandatory that ALL youth exhibitors show their own animal in showmanship; if exhibitors have a market and breeding animal within the same species, the market animal is to be shown. In cases of conflict, only another NISF registered youth livestock exhibitor may show for the animal's owner in quality or take the animal through the sale on their behalf. Such exceptions must be requested by the exhibitors, parent/guardian and respective program management in advance. If an exhibitor's animal is not present at the Fair due to illness or death, an exhibitor may show another NISF registered youth livestock exhibitor's animal with the owner's agreement. The exhibitor who wishes to show someone else's animal is responsible for selecting three (3) possible substitutes and presenting the options to the species superintendent, who will make the final choice.
6. (Page 11) **Additional Rules and Regulations a.** Only one market animal per species (or pen for poultry and rabbits) may be entered and exhibited per exhibitor. Each animal or pen may be entered in only one YSSS division to include Market, Breeding, Pet, Pack and Dairy.
7. (Page 11) **Additional Rules and Regulations d.** This is a terminal sale. All market animals will be taken to a slaughter facility. Market animals allowed to leave the Fairgrounds for reasons other than

slaughter will be at the discretion of the NISF Official Veterinarian or the judge (in the case of white ribbons). There will be absolutely no take outs. Ownership must be with the exhibitor and will be transferred to the buyer immediately upon sale. Animal care is still the exhibitor's responsibility until check out.

8. (Page 12) **Additional Rules and Regulations n. Dress Code.**

- i. Shirts or blouses must be well-presented, professional in nature and free of rips, holes or distressing. No t-shirts, sweatshirts or hoodies are allowed in the show ring. Jackets or blazers may be worn.
- ii. Full-length pants or skirts knee-length or longer are required. No worn-out, ripped or distressed jeans are permitted.

9. (Page 13) **UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING POLICIES AND RULES SHOWING PREPARATION GUIDELINES** All animals must be clean and well fitted for the show. Each Independent, 4-H and FFA youth exhibitor must fit their own animal.

- a. Only registered NISF YSSS exhibitors may provide hand-on-animal fitting or assistance. Registered YSSS exhibitors of any group are encouraged to assist other exhibitors and support the educational experience for all exhibitors. No third party or hired help is allowed.
- b. In no case should any adult or third-party fit, show or provide normal care for any youth exhibitor during the NISF. Intervention should only occur in the case of immediate safety concerns. The owner must be in attendance at all times during fitting.
- c. All animals must be able to be handled in a responsible and safe manner by the exhibitor or may be removed.
- d. All grooming and staging areas must be kept clean and tidy. No walls or closures will be allowed on any tents or canopies where show preparation is occurring.

All animals must be fit in a designated area.