

May 2021 Bulletin

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TO: Leaders, Advisors, Independent Supervisors, Exhibitors & Parents

The May Bulletin is Frequently Asked Questions and the Market Grading Weigh-In schedule (attached). I am also attaching the Buyer Poster photo requirement information that was sent out in April and the Livestock Medication Form. **LEADERS: PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR MEMBERS & PROJECT LEADERS! This email is not sent to every exhibitor. We are counting on you to inform your members.**

Livestock FAQ

- **Are masks and social distancing required?**
Yes, as per COVID guidelines. Our first priority is the safety and health of the exhibitors, families, staff, judges, and volunteers. Masks must be worn while on the fairgrounds and we ask you to social distance from others that are not in your family or group.
- **Will Clubs, Chapters & Independent Exhibitors be allowed to set up pens prior to weigh-in?**
If you choose to set up pens prior to Tuesday of weigh-in, you may come Sunday, May 23 or Monday, May 24 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We ask you bring as few members and adults as possible. During set-up you may hang club signage, stall cards, waterers, etc. No decorations are allowed. Club/Chapter signage & stall cards must be up before your animals arrive for weigh-in. We encourage those with RVs to coordinate your pen set up with your RV check-in. Contact melissa@silverdollarfair.org for those arrangements.
- **When can I weigh-in my group's livestock and how will weigh-in work?**
In order to practice social distancing, livestock will be weighed in as they arrive. Please see the attached schedule for your group's assigned time slot for load in. All animals must be on the grounds and in line to be weighed by the closing time of your species weigh-in. Hogs may run longer, but you must be here by 12:00 noon or animals will not be weighed. Since we haven't done weigh-in this way, please be patient and allow time if you have to wait to have your animals weighed.
- **What if an animal does not meet weight requirements?**
Animals that do not meet weight requirements must be removed from fairgrounds the day of weigh-in. Those animals are not eligible for grading classes or the Junior Livestock Auction. Animals will be weighed off the trailer, so please keep that in mind as you prepare for weigh-in day. See Exhibitor Handbook for bottom & top weight requirements.
- **When do I turn in my animal's medication/drug form?**
Your animal's medication form must be turned in day of weigh-in. I am attaching the form. Your animal will not be graded until the form has been turned in.
- **Will I be able to fit my livestock?**
No, this will be a "Blow and Show" event. **There will not be any paints, adhesives or aerosol cans allowed on the grounds. Do your clipping and fitting at home.**
- **Will the wash racks be available for use?**
Yes, wash racks will be available for all exhibitors – (Social Distancing)

- **Will clubs be getting assigned tack pens?**

Pens will be assigned by family, then by Clubs in order to keep to COVID Guidelines. "Feed" pens will be assigned to each group if guidelines permit; however, if Feed Pens are available, it is advised to keep tack in trailers if it is not absolutely necessary.

- **Who is responsible to keep pens & aisles clean?**

Clubs, Chapters & Ind. Exhibitors are required to and responsible for keeping pens clean. Leaders, Advisors and Supervisors will be allowed to help clean pens if necessary. When clubs, chapters & individuals are finished cleaning pens, they are responsible to clean the area in front of their club or chapter pens. It is not necessary or encouraged that exhibitors be present to keep aisles clean between feeding times. Since there is no public allowed, the aisles should remain fairly clean. If not, we will address the problem at that time.

- **Will I be able to feed my own livestock?**

At this time, we hope to allow exhibitors to feed their own animals & clean their pens. However, if restrictions and circumstances change, leaders should be prepared to limit the number of members to come feed and clean pens to leaders and a smaller number of exhibitors. We will notify you with changes.

- **What about Showmanship?**

While we will not be hosting showmanship classes in their traditional form. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their showmanship skills while in their respective market classes. All Exhibitors will wear back tag numbers that will identify each individual with a number and a colored dot (Red, Yellow or Green). The colored dots will identify to the judge the age of the exhibitor in order for their showmanship skills to be evaluated accordingly. Leaders & Advisors must pick up back numbers from the Livestock Office. Leaders are responsible to get exhibitor back tags to their members.

- **Will there be designated Livestock parking?**

Yes, Livestock Exhibitors, parents, advisors & leaders must park in the North Parking Lot (B).

- **Who will be able to get wristbands?**

All market animal exhibitors that meet weight requirements will receive a wristband that will allow you to enter the fairgrounds. Essential Leaders, Advisors & Independent Supervisors will receive credential passes. We are still working on the Pass Policy for family members. We will provide the information asap.

- **How many spectators are allowed per family?**

We are still working on the Pass Policy for family members and leaders. We will provide the information asap.

- **How will Leaders & Advisors sign entries?**

Community Club Leader & FFA Advisors will be sent an Entry Affidavit listing all your members. You must sign to confirm they have met the requirements of the organization and the Affidavit must be returned by the day of weigh-in (May 25). **If you have members that have not met requirements, please let us and the member know as soon as possible.**

- **Will exhibitors be able to access the Carnival and Food Festival?**

Yes, wristbands related to the Livestock Evaluation and Grading event will get you to and from the Carnival and Food Festival. However, the general public attending the Carnival and Food Festival will not be able to enter the Livestock area. Carnival Ride Passes will need to be purchased online; they are not included in your livestock wristband. The wristband is for exhibitors to care for their animals.

- **What will the Junior Livestock Auction look like?**

The 2021 Junior Livestock Auction will be viewable either in person or online at BidCal.com.

- **Will Buyers be able to register for a buyer number the day of auction?**

No, buyers must register prior to the day of the auction as has been the policy for many years.

- **What about Buyer Posters and Buyer Gifts?**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that Buyers pick up their Buyer posters at the Auction. Youth will be discouraged from personally delivering them to the buyer during the Auction. We encourage exhibitors write a personal thank you letter and deliver or mail to your buyer(s) at a date after the auction. No gifts should be brought to the Auction. If you wish to present your buyer with a gift, please make arrangements with them later.

We will answer additional questions as best we can. I appreciate your patience and assure exhibitors, parents, leaders, advisors, and families that precautions are being taken to protect the market grading event and the Junior Livestock Auction. The COVID-19 regulations and restrictions are changing daily, and we are trying to be as accommodating as possible.

Thank you,

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