

SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR



PALM BEACH COUNTY EXPOSITIONS, INC.

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

The purpose of the South Florida Fair's Livestock Committee is to address all issues of animal care including:

- Appropriate care and management of animals while on the South Florida Fairgrounds by exhibitors
- Educational programs for exhibitors and the general public
- The philosophy of the South Florida Fair in regard to animal care and management
- Handling expressions of concern for animal care from the public

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The South Florida Fair is an animal welfare advocate requiring the humane treatment of animals. Animal welfare advocates continue to expand their knowledge base about animals, their behavior, and their management as science and technology dictate. Animal welfare advocates celebrate the bond between animals and humans.

IN CONTRAST, animal rights activists seek to sever any bond between humans and animals. Most animal rights activists believe animals should only be admired from afar, without human intervention. A large fraction of the movement is also pushing for animals to be given the same rights and status as humans. Animal rights activists fundamentally believe animals should not be utilized to feed, clothe, assist, entertain, or benefit humans.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY AND RABBIT EXHIBITORS

1. All entries and awards in all livestock, beef and dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry and rabbit departments shall be subject to the rules and regulations published in the premium book. Each exhibitor must complete, in its entirety, the Fair's on-line entry form, and the W-9 form. No paper or faxed or mailed entries will be accepted. On-line entries received without payment will not be accepted. No day-of entries are accepted.
2. All exhibited livestock, beef and dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry and rabbit must meet expected industry standards and body score conditions.
3. All livestock, dairy cattle, dairy goat, poultry and rabbit arrival dates/check-in/weigh-in, as applicable, will be strictly adhered to, and all release of exhibits will be done by Fair officials.
4. Entries close:
 - Market Steers: Midnight, September 5, 2023
 - Market Hogs and Market Goats: Midnight, October 18, 2023
 - Beef and Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Poultry and Rabbits: Midnight, December 13, 2023. Any entries received without full payment will not be accepted.
5. Substitutions for up to two (2) animals will be accepted on the substitution form, detailing the deleted entries and the substituted animals. See details in specie specific exhibit rules and regulations. **This does NOT apply to market animals.** If the exhibitor does not complete and return the appropriate paperwork by the specified date/time, the substitutions will not be accepted.
6. **ALL YOUTH EXHIBITORS ENTERED IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR YOUTH SHOWS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP OR HAVE A CURRENT ETHICS NUMBER BEFORE JANUARY 1 TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR.**
7. The South Florida Fair believes that every youth exhibitor should receive proper training and information for raising and showing an animal project. It is important that the exhibitor understands: the purpose and importance of ethics in youth livestock projects, proper animal handling and management, and the difference between animal welfare and animal rights. The MANDATORY Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop is designed to certify exhibitors to meet these requirements. This program has been endorsed by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the University of Florida, IFAS.
8. Upon submission of entries, exhibitors agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services guidelines, the rules listed in this book and on-line by the South Florida Fair for Admission of Animals for Exhibition. The South Florida Fair shall govern the competitions at the South Florida Fair.
9. All animals must have a current and valid health certificate upon arrival. The original health certificate must be presented on-site; no phone photos

or copies are allowed. **The Livestock Committee Chairperson and/or staff and management reserves the right to reject or disqualify any entry and/or have removed from the fairgrounds any entered animal deemed by any of them to be unsafe, uncontrollable, ill or underweight. The South Florida Fair, by and through its Livestock Committee Chairperson and/or staff and management, reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, or disputes in regard to these rules and to all Shows.**

10. Email paige@southfloridafair.com for accommodations for special needs exhibitors.
11. Youth exhibitors cannot be under the age of 8 or over the age of 19 as of January 1 current year, depending on the animal they are showing (see rules per specie). Youth exhibitors must also be attending school (elementary, middle, high), or be enrolled in a certified home school program. **Youth exhibitors who have graduated from high school or obtained their High School GED are not eligible to compete in youth shows (unless breed show rules supersede.) MARKET PROGRAM EXHIBITORS MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, unless otherwise stated in the specific specie and breed association rules.**
12. All exhibitors shall treat each other with respect and without bullying or harassment. Bullying includes cyberbullying and means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on an exhibitor which may include: Teasing; Social exclusion; Threat; Intimidation; Stalking; Physical violence; Theft; Sexual, Religious, or Racial harassment; Public or private humiliation; or Destruction of property. "Harassment" means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct directed against an exhibitor that: Places the exhibitor in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; Has the effect of substantially interfering with the exhibitor's performance, opportunities, or benefits; or Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the shows. If an exhibitor is subject to bullying or harassment, it should be reported to the Livestock Committee Chairperson for investigation and corrective action, if necessary.
13. All Livestock, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Poultry and Rabbit Protests: All protests must be submitted in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to Fair's Livestock Committee Chairperson within twenty four (24) hours after the occasion for such protest. The Livestock Committee Chairperson shall within a reasonable time period after the protest is submitted, consider and issue a decision on the matter protested. Should the exhibitor disagree with the decision of the Livestock Committee Chairperson, they may appeal the matter to the South Florida Fair AgriBusiness Manager, whose decision shall be final.
14. Disqualifications: Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s), will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting, deception, bullying or harassment. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation, and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an animal, will be considered. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to show officials, the existing show may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude him/her from further competition; premiums that may have been awarded may also be withheld. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placing below him may be moved up at the option of the Livestock Committee, to fill the vacated position.
15. Except for the animals being shown, or as otherwise permitted by law, NO ANIMALS are allowed in any exhibit building or on the fair grounds.
16. All livestock, dairy, beef, dairy goats, poultry and rabbit exhibitors must provide their own: water and feed buckets, feed and hay, grooming tools and supplies, stall cleaning tools and bedding (over and above what bedding the Fair provides. See bedding details in specific specie rules and regulations).
17. Exhibitors should bring your own generator(s) to ensure electrical needs. The respective superintendents will designate specific locations as may be deemed by the Fire Marshal's Office.
18. At the time of entry submission, livestock and dairy exhibitors are required to reserve a grooming chute location. Locations will be determined by the respective superintendents. A permit will be issued by the Fair.
19. Use of drugs not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time limitations, other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. Animal will be subject to examination at any time. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards.
20. At no time is livestock or dairy cattle, beef cattle, dairy goats to be walked/exercised in the parking area on the East side of the Open Barn.
21. Sleeping or cooking is not permitted in or outside of any barns or show arenas. Microwaves, crockpots, coffee makers, etc. are not permitted in barns or show arenas. NO Exceptions.
22. Camping reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be registered/payment made on-line at the www.southfloridafair.com. No day-of reservations allowed. All camping must be in camping units: Tents are not permitted.
23. Failure to comply with the above rules governing this show and those listed in specie specific sections of this premium book will result in the immediate removal of the exhibitor from the fairgrounds and the forfeiture of all premiums and awards.