

**OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR®  
OPEN AND JUNIOR GENERAL LIVESTOCK  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**



**September 17-27**

**SECTION 1 – JUNIOR ELIGIBILITY**

**Rule 1** – Each Junior Livestock Exhibitor must be a bona fide member of an 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Members must not have graduated from high school nor reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the show. Youth can enroll in 4-H on their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday or at the beginning of the fall term of the fourth grade, whichever comes first. Youth who have reached their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and have a 4-H enrollment card on file in their respective county Extension office prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will be eligible to show at the Oklahoma State Fair® (OSF).

**Rule 2** – Youth who have been declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show. Youth who are eligible on the first day of the show will be considered eligible through the duration of the show. Similarly, youth who are considered ineligible the first day of the show will be considered ineligible for the duration of the show. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason, including rules of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association, the animals owned by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show. Ineligible youth who participate in the show will forfeit all show premiums and awards and will be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the local school policies. It will be the responsibility of the local school administration to notify the show management if a particular student is ineligible to participate.

**Rule 3** – Exhibitors must dress with pride in clean pressed jeans, clean shirt with collar and club emblem (4-H or FFA). 4-H and FFA jackets are acceptable but not required. T-shirts, tennis shoes, and headwear are not allowed.

**Rule 4** – Junior Livestock Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally cared for their animals since:

**All Breeding Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine & Goats** – July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Market Swine** – July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Market Goats** – July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year

**Market Wethers** – Must be nominated for Tulsa State Fair (Nominations are **June 29, 2009** 7:00 am – 12:00 noon Garfield County Fairgrounds, Enid, OK / **June 30, 2009** 7:00 am – 12:00 noon Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK / **July 1, 2009** 7:00 am – 12:00 noon Muskogee County Fairgrounds, Muskogee, OK

**Rule 5** – For all breeding animals, exhibitors must have registration papers in their own name and be able to produce the originals, no copies.

**Rule 6** – Any animal that has been sold at a premium auction at any other show preceding this show is not eligible to be exhibited at the Oklahoma State Fair®.

**Rule 7** – Animals which are owned jointly or fed on a partnership basis with an adult are not eligible to show in the Junior Livestock Show at the Oklahoma State Fair®. 4-H Club and FFA exhibitors must be the sole owners of any animal they show in the Junior Livestock Show.

**Rule 8** – Juniors are limited to two (2) heifer entries per Division.

**SECTION 2 – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & REFUNDS**

**Rule 1** – The Oklahoma State Fair® requests that all applications be made online. As an alternative, entry forms may be downloaded from the web site, filled out manually and mailed with payment of all

applicable fees to Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. Online entries must be paid online with the exception of **4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters**. Online entry and payment via credit card will only be available until the August 15 deadline.

**Rule 2** – No entry shall be processed nor considered valid unless accompanied by payment of all required fees. Any fees not postmarked by the August 15 deadline will be subject to late penalties. **Any balance outstanding as of September 17 will be subject to having entries cancelled with no refunds.**

**Rule 3** - If the check accompanying entries should be returned by the bank for any reason, the entry will be cancelled. There will be a **\$30.00 service charge on all returned checks**. The Oklahoma State Fair® has the right to ban any exhibitor from future participation should there be a continuous problem with fees from an exhibitor.

**Rule 4** - The first deadline for all livestock entries is a postmark of August 15, 2009. If entries are postmarked by August 15, 2009 only payment of regular entry fees will be required. Entries postmarked after August 15 but before September 1 can still enter but at double entry fees. **Open Show** entries postmarked after September 1 can still enter at triple entry fees up until 4:00 PM the day before the respective show. Entry fees vary by species/breed and can be found in each breed division of the premium list.

**Rule 5** – The social security number or tax identification number of each owner/exhibitor must be on the entry form in the appropriate place. Your entry cannot be processed through the Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. accounting office without your SSN or Tax ID number.

**Rule 6** – Exhibitors in the **4-H and FFA Livestock Shows** will receive a complimentary book of 4 daily tickets at the livestock gate. Junior exhibitors may enter the open show (for those breeds offering open shows) by filling out the appropriate forms, payment of applicable fees, and purchase of the Open Exhibitor Admission pack. Please see the appropriate Open Division for entry fees, class schedules, etc.

**Rule 7** – Exhibitors in any of the **Open Livestock Shows**, including **4-H and FFA** members showing in the open show, must purchase an Open Exhibitors Admission pack for \$20.00. There will be two books of 4 tickets to be used by 2 individuals for entry at the Livestock Gate. There is a limit of one Open Exhibitor Admission pack per exhibitor. Any additional admission may be accommodated by purchasing a regular Season Pass (11 day booklet) for \$23.00 or individual gate admissions in advance or at the gate. No refund of admission will be made to exhibitors failing to secure their Exhibitor Ticket Books.

**Rule 8** – Exhibitors make entries with the distinct understanding that their stock must be brought to the show ring for judging at the request of the superintendent or announcer. Any exhibitor refusing to do so when requested by the superintendent in charge will not only forfeit any premium money previously won, but may also be required to remove their stock from the show grounds within six (6) hours after such refusal, possibly barring them from further showing at the Oklahoma State Fair®.

**Rule 9** – Request for refund must be made in writing and accompanied by a letter or certificate from a veterinarian on his/her letterhead. No refunds on entries will be made after the initial closing entry date of August 15. Refunds requested before August 15 will be charged a 20% processing fee. Refunds will not be given on stalls, pens, space, or admission tickets. Only refunds on entry fees will be considered. Refunds of less than \$10.00 will not be issued.

### **SECTION 3 – EXHIBITOR DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES**

**Rule 1** – The Management will assign all stalls. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting will forfeit all fees paid for stalls, pens, space, or admission tickets. No stalls will be used for any purpose other than to stall competing livestock and those stalls that have been assigned to accommodate breed association booths. Management reserves the right to return entries when stall or tie numbers are full.

**Rule 2** – The use of any drug or chemical compound that is not approved by the FDA for use in meat animals is prohibited. The illegal administration of approved drugs and compounds is also prohibited. All animals entered in the show are subject to blood, urine, and tissue tests by the show, FDA and USDA for illegal substances and substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank and the Environmental Protection Agency. A positive test will result in disqualification.

**Rule 3** – The exhibitor will assume full responsibility for any violation of regulations related to drugs and medications to include withdrawal times and the condemnation of carcasses due to drug rule/regulation violations.

**Rule 4** – Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces or stalls clean. All trash and refuse must be placed outside the buildings in a designated area. The aisles and passageways must be kept clear. No demonstrations, trophies, decorations, signs, banners, advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character are allowed in the aisles or public passageways.

**Rule 5** – For your convenience, feed and bedding will be available on the grounds located in the East end of Barn #4 and can be reached at (405) 948-6786. Price list will be posted in the Livestock office as well as the superintendents' offices. It is permissible for exhibitors to bring their own feed and/or bedding (only straw or course shavings), but absolutely no deliveries, bulk or otherwise, from any other supplier may be made to the grounds during the Oklahoma State Fair®.

**Rule 6** – The Management may prohibit an exhibitor or exhibitor's employee from competing or exhibiting for rude conduct toward an awarding committee, judge, superintendent, or any official of the Oklahoma State Fair®.

**Rule 7** – If it is ascertained that any exhibitor has made or caused to be made any false statement in regard to any exhibit, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he/she shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting.

**Rule 8** – Gatekeepers and policemen are instructed to restrain any person from exiting the gates, attempting to remove stock or other exhibits without a written release authorized by the Management. Any exhibitor removing an animal or exhibit before designated release time will be barred from future competition in the Oklahoma State Fair® and will forfeit any and all premiums and/or awards earned.

#### **SECTION 4 - PREMIUMS AND AWARDS**

**Rule 1** – No premiums will be issued until all funds from all sources are received by the Oklahoma State Fair®. Some premiums offered by the breed associations will be paid directly from the respective breed association offices. Premium payouts vary by species/breed. See specific breed information in the division listings.

**Rule 2** – In paying premiums no evidence of award will be recognized unless the Judge and the Superintendent have properly signed the judging results.

**Rule 3** – In the **Open Show** the judges shall award premiums only on classes in the Premium List. The decision of a judge shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in case of protest.

**Rule 4** – Only two (2) places per class, per exhibitor will be paid. Group classes and futurities are excluded. Individual animals shown in group or herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of each of the classes for single animals in **Open Show** competition.

**Rule 5** – The following colors will be used in designating awards:

- Champion – Royal Purple
- Reserve Champion – Lavender
- First – Blue
- Second – Red
- Third – White
- Fourth – Pink
- Fifth – Yellow
- Sixth – Dark Green
- Seventh – Light Green
- Eighth – Brown
- Ninth – Gray
- Tenth and Over – Light Blue

**Rule 6** – All premium checks will be void after 90 days from the issue date. Lost premium checks must be reported by December 4, 2009. No premium check will be rewritten after December 4, 2008.

**Rule 7** – Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter the ring with an outstanding debt. In case of the event that an exhibitor does show still owing money, the Oklahoma State Fair® reserves the right to deduct money owed from any premium money the exhibitor is awarded.

**Rule 8** – The Show Management reserves the right to withhold any premiums awarded in case of violation of any rule governing this Show.

#### **SECTION 5 – PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

**Rule 1** – Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$250.00, which will become forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Protest must be filed with the Management within five (5) hours after the award was made. The award is considered “made” when a ribbon or premium card is placed.

**Rule 2** – Protest must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts or rule violated. The protest must list witnesses with contact information to substantiate the charge.

**Rule 3** - The Management will consider no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article.

**Rule 4** – The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decisions of a judge to the management will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another.

**Rule 5** – All questions or disputes or differences not provided for under these rules shall be referred to Management, whose decision shall be final.

#### **SECTION 6 – ARENA/BARN RULES**

**Rule 1** – The use of electric, open flame or space heaters is prohibited. Cooking or any heat/flame food preparation is not allowed in the barn area.

**Rule 2** – All fans used in the livestock area are to be attached in the following manner:

- Swine/Sheep/Goats/Other – fans must be attached to the pens or on a pedestal in the pen. They will not be allowed to operate from any position in the center aisle or in the side alley aisle. There will be no cords across the center aisle and the user must tape down any cords used in the alley.
- Beef/Dairy – All fans must be hung securely above the tie area or on the stall. No fans will be allowed to operate from the center aisle or side aisle alley.

**Rule 3** - Any electrical equipment used in the barn area must conform to manufacturer's specifications. Management strongly urges the use of fans with a three-wired ground plug. All electrical cords must be Underwriters Approved (UA).

**Rule 4** – Any form of penetrating nails, staples, tacks, screws, wire, or fasteners, etc., as well as permanent tape, adhesives, glues, paints or other markers/marketing materials is prohibited. Any damage or alteration caused by the use of any of these types of items will be charged to the exhibitors and may be cause for expulsion from the show/grounds.

**Rule 5**– Management will assign tie outs for beef cattle in designated areas only, as space allows.

**Rule 6** – Wash animals in wash racks only. Do not wash animals in stalls, walkways, streets or any other non-designated area.

**Rule 7** – Transfer animal waste from the stall to poly carts and return poly carts to main aisle if moved.

**Rule 8** – Immediately remediate any spills of animal waste occurring during transfer process and place all spilled animal waste in bins.

**Rule 9** – A “**No Smoking**” policy in exhibit buildings, barns, and arenas will be in effect at the Oklahoma State Fair®.

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that serves the people of Oklahoma and is dedicated to continuing the organization's heritage of education, entertainment and economic development through the operation of State Fair Park and the annual Oklahoma State Fair®.