



## Livestock

### GENERAL FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Fair will take place at the discretion of the L.C.F.A. Board of Directors.
2. 4-H or FFA participants of the Levy County Fair must be bona-fide members in good standing of 4-H or FFA clubs or chapters of **Dixie, Gilchrist, Alachua, Marion, Citrus** or **Levy Counties**. Such membership is certified by the signature of the appropriate FFA Advisor or 4-H Agent on the appropriate entry form. Verification of membership qualifications is the sole responsibility of the advisors and agents and implies member compliance with national, state and local membership rules and policy. Independent exhibitors who are not members of these organizations are more than welcome to participate and need only signatures of Parent/Guardian.
3. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean and attractive manner, properly care for (feed and water) animal exhibits, for the duration of the Fair. Inspections will be performed by the Board, and after one warning, if the problem reoccurs, animals will be required to leave the Fair and no premiums or awards will be given.
4. No individual may show more than one large animal in each category/class (heifer, steer,).
5. Exhibitors showing livestock in the show ring must be clean, well groomed and wear apparel appropriate to the type of livestock shown. Any additional requirements for an organization the participant is representing must also be met. No hats or caps allowed by any participants.
6. Exhibitors must register prior to **March 28, 2012**. Exhibitors who register must show his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate. Alternates are approved only on the basis of emergency or health problems. Request for substitution by alternates must be made in writing, one (1) week before the event, except in an emergency.
7. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor.
8. All livestock exhibits are required to turn in a completed Project Summary Sheet at sign-in. The summary sheet is not judged.
9. Any disagreement or protest regarding any fair activities must be made in writing to the Association President. The Executive Board will consider such protests and a decision rendered as soon as possible.

10. All entry forms are due to the Livestock Chair or postmarked on or before **March 28, 2012**, unless differently stated on the entry form.
11. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all Fair sanctioned events. Failure to do so could result in elimination from participation in the current or future Fair events.
  - a. Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages on Fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
  - b. The use of profanity on fair property is strictly forbidden.
  - c. The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
  - d. No open fires are permitted on fair property.
  - e. Fighting on Fair property is forbidden.
  - f. The decisions of Judges, Graders, DFACS Inspectors and other officials of the Fair are final. There will be no arguments, verbal or written, or protest to the Fair Judges or Graders. Protests are allowed under the provisions of rule #9 above.
  - g. Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the Fairgrounds and/or activities.
  - h. No improper comments or conduct toward sponsors, Fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.
12. Show officials may refuse participation in any show, or to any exhibit or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the Fair and/or does not adhere to the above rules and regulations.
13. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the Fairgrounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
14. All exhibits other than Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be removed after the completion of their show.
15. The **Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions** for all shows and categories are defined as follows (**Age as of September 1, 2011**):
  - Cloverbud Division – 5-7 Years of Age (limited to rabbits and poultry)
  - Junior Division 8-10 Years of Age
  - Intermediate Division 11-13 Years of Age
  - Senior Division 14 & 18 Years of Age
16. Entry Fees: Each large animal category is \$10 for the first entry (steer, heifer) and includes your wrist band for rides that day and one (1) entry only pass for parent/guardian. A second and third large animal category entry will be \$5 each with no additional passes. The small animal category is \$10 for the first **5 entries** (poultry, rabbit) and includes one wrist band for rides that day and one entry only pass for parent/guardian. Each additional small animal category entry will be \$2.00 with no additional pass. Goat entries are \$10 for the first 3 goats and \$2.00 for each goat over 3, includes one wrist band and one entry pass.

17. The gate at NW corner of the Horse arena and midway is designated for animal drop-off and pick-up. **NO VEHICLES AND NO TRAILERS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE LIVESTOCK AREA AFTER THE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN DROPPED OFF.**
18. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that the animal(s) they enter at the Levy County Fair will not be disqualified from any other Fair in which they normally participate.
19. **NEW!!** Following the IAFE and State Fair guidelines ALL participants in the livestock division at the Levy County Fair will be **REQUIRED** to have their Ethics Workshop completed and their Ethics Number at the 2013 Fair.

**IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)  
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior ETHICS as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

**The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of Fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at Fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food

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chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the Judge, Fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, Fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or interaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the Fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Fair or livestock show without recourse against the Fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock

show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a Fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT  
LEVY COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, I agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Premium Book for this event.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor (Owner, Fitter, Trainer or Responsible Person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian or Parent of the above Signature

## Premiums

| <b>Ribbon</b>          | <b>Steer</b> | <b>Heifer</b> | <b>Dairy Goat</b> | <b>Dairy Cow</b> | <b>Rabbit</b> | <b>Poultry</b> |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Blue                   | \$5.00       | \$5.00        | \$5.00            | \$5.00           | \$5.00        | \$5.00         |
| Red                    | \$4.00       | \$4.00        | \$4.00            | \$4.00           | \$4.00        | \$4.00         |
| White                  | \$3.00       | \$3.00        | \$3.00            | \$3.00           | \$3.00        | \$3.00         |
| Grand Champion         | \$50.00      | \$50.00       | \$50.00           | \$50.00          | \$50.00       | \$50.00        |
| Reserve Grand Champion | \$25.00      | \$25.00       | \$25.00           | \$25.00          | \$25.00       | \$25.00        |

## **SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS**

Awards will be given to the first 3 places of each division in each show.

Each division in the Livestock show will include Showmanship. Showmanship will be divided into the youth age divisions of:

Cloverbuds: 5 – 7 years old – Small Animals Only  
Junior: 8 – 10 years old  
Intermediate: 11 – 13 years old  
Seniors: 14 – 18 years old

**(All ages are as of Sept 1 of the current year)**