

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Changes and New Categories will be marked with ** and in Bold Type.

The rules are to govern exhibits in all departments, except when otherwise specified.

1. Competition – Entries will be accepted in all departments from Boone, Baxter, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Searcy and Newton counties. Adult show of beef cattle, dairy cattle and Boer goats will be open to any breeder from anywhere. **Junior livestock will be from the seven counties only.**

2. **Application for Entry – ONLINE ONLY – Pre-registration from the link on our website.**

Registration will be open August 23-September 5, 2020. No late registration will be accepted.

3. Time of Entries – See Schedule of Events.

4. Entry Fees – A entry fee will be charged on all swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, Boer goats, poultry, rabbits and sheep.

The charge will be as follows:

\$12 per head on in district cattle

\$8 per head on swine

\$8 per head on sheep

\$8 per head on market goats, Jr. Boer goats, and dairy goats

\$2 per head on rabbit single entry; \$3 for meat pen

\$2 per pen on poultry; \$3 per trio

5. See Special Health Rules and Regulations. Health papers will be checked at livestock entrance gate by officials of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission upon arrival. Any animal affected with any disease will be rejected and will not be permitted to enter the grounds.

6. Registration Papers – must accompany animals shown except swine. Papers will be checked by department superintendent. Registration of sire and dam will be accepted in Swine Dept.

7. The exhibitors of livestock exhibits are responsible for the feed, water and bedding of their respective exhibits. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before each day and refuse disposed. No straw available for purchase.

8. Due to limited space around the barns – please park trucks and trailers on the baseball fields or the lower lots after all animals and equipment are in place. We appreciate your corporation. Traffic flow will be marked. Follow all marked cues and park in designated parking. You may unload along the northern roadway by the livestock barn only. **NO TRAILERS OR VEHICLES WILL REMAIN PARKED ALONG THE NORTHERN ROAD BY THE LIVESTOCK BARN. ALL VEHICLES THAT VIOLATE THIS RULE WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

9. Junior Livestock entries must be in the name of the exhibitor. No pending registration will be accepted in Junior or Open Show.

10. A Junior Livestock exhibitor is any bona fide FFA or 4-H member.

11. Every precaution will be taken against loss or damage to any article or animal on exhibit and in no case shall the Northwest Arkansas District Fair, board members, staff, volunteers, or management be liable for any loss or damage that may occur to such articles or animals or for any accident that may occur to any exhibitor or spectator at the fair.

12. In case of no competition in any class, the judges will award first, second or third according to the merits of the articles or animals.

13. Premiums will be paid strictly upon the report as rendered by competent judges. This record shall stand as official.

14. No premiums will be awarded on articles or livestock not listed in catalog unless approved by Fair Board.

15. Premium on Short Classes – No exhibitor will be permitted to win more than two places in any one class, except where exception is noted in special rule. In class with only one exhibitor entered, place points or money will be cut by 50% in the department, or any other section where there are less than two exhibitors, showing less than 25 head.

16. IAFE National Code of Show Ring ethics will be enforced. (Copies are available at the fair office) State Fair guidelines regarding grooming, fitting and showing livestock will be strictly enforced.

17. Anyone found in the possession of stomach pumping equipment, drench tubes or any other device that can be used to administer any substance to an animal per os (by esophagus) will be forced to leave the grounds. Treatment of severely sick or dehydrated animals must be pre-approved by Fair personnel and administered by a Fair approved veterinarian.

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSIFICATIONS

18. An exhibitor and breeder is defined as follows: "Where a herd is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm and where the herd is one unit, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor."

19. Any questions of the rules will be enforced by a minimum of 3 fair board members.

20. Only a 3/4 % or more registered heifer or a 7/8% or more registered bull will be allowed to show in breed shows. All other heifers will be shown as commercial heifers.

21. All heifers for the commercial show will be classified at the scales.

22. SHOWMANSHIP AGES: PEEWEE – 8 AND UNDER;

JUNIOR – 9-13; SENIOR – 14-19 (AGE AS OF OPENING DAY OF FAIR) NO BULLS IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

23. The Northwest Arkansas District Fair reserves the right to make changes, amendments, corrections, or clarifications to these rules at any time. Any questions, decisions, or clarifications of the rules can be determined by a vote of a minimum of 3 NWADF board members.

STATEMENT FROM STATE

The fair board of any county, district, or the state fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any animal at their fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis indicating the presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristic of the animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition. Their name and the lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution.

DISCLOSURE

Any animal receiving medication for any life-threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.

PURE BRED STATEMENT

All breeds will be judged separately. All breeding stock must be purebred. Only Purebred, pure blood (one pure blood parent) livestock or animals equal to breed association herd book quality is admitted. (except poultry and rabbits).