



JUNIOR DIVISION SPECIAL RULES

GENERAL RULES: All General Rules and Regulations listed for Arkansas State Fair Livestock Competition apply. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand these Rules and Regulations. The following rules apply to Junior Shows held under the direction of ASF Management and the ALSA.

JUNIOR COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:

FFA & 4-H MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - All contestants in this show must be bona fide Arkansas 4-H Club members enrolled in projects they are exhibiting or FFA Members in the State of Arkansas for the current School year, as certified by their County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor. Contestants are to be members in good standing and have received an overview of the ASF rules. A Junior Exhibitor Signature Form must be on file with the ASF Livestock Office for eligibility in any competition.

AGE REQUIREMENTS - This division is limited to Arkansas students only, who are bona fide members of an Arkansas FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in good standing. Only youth who are at least 9 years of age and have not reached their 20th birthday on or before the first day of the current year Arkansas State Fair (October 8, 2010) are eligible. Additionally, exhibitors may exhibit in this show no later than the fall after graduating from high school or having received a GED certificate or its equivalent, regardless of age. Read Junior Exhibitor Rules for more specific information on Junior Competitions.

OWNERSHIP: Exhibitors must own their own animals, must have acquired title and taken possession of it at the beginning of and throughout the feeding and fitting period. This feeding and fitting period begins July 15 and ends at the conclusion of the Arkansas State Fair unless otherwise stated in an individual department. Animal must be registered solely in the individual's name (Junior Exhibitor). To be considered a complete registration – the Date of Sale must reflect a date of July 15 or prior. No co-ownerships, no Chapter Ownerships, no Club Ownerships, no Farm Names are allowed. Exhibitors must show original registration papers at check in or at any time requested by ASF Livestock Show Management. **Registration papers must specify exhibitor's full legal name, and may not be in a farm name or any name other than the exhibitor from July 15 through the completion of the show.** Exhibitors found in violation of ownership requirements will be subject to the penalties outlined in the ASF General Information and Rules.

CARE AND CUSTODY: All animals must remain in the continuous possession of the exhibitor and be personally cared for by the exhibitor during the duration of the project. ASF officials reserve the right to inspect ownership and request specific information regarding care and custody of an animal at any time during the duration of the project.

FITTING/GROOMING AND ANIMAL CARE: Fitting, grooming and care of all junior livestock entries is to be performed solely by the exhibitor whose name appears on the entry. Exhibitors may be assisted only by their immediate family (which includes Parents, Permanent Legal Guardians when documentation of guardianship is provided to ASF, siblings, aunts, uncles, and grandparents); the exhibitor's County Extension Agent and/or FFA Instructor and fellow exhibitors who have an entry in the ASF Junior Livestock Show. The exhibitor must be present at all times during fitting when assistance is being provided. At no time shall an exhibitor provide payment in any form to anyone assisting in the grooming of an animal. Painting of switches, tail heads, topknots, and boning of legs are permissible.

CHAPTER ENTRIES: Chapter and club entries may be shown in the open show only and are not allowed in the junior show. Animals entered in the Open Breed Shows, in the name of an FFA Chapter or 4-H Club must be registered in the name of the chapter or club, and must be properly checked in.

SHOWING ANIMALS: Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal. A substitute exhibitor may be allowed to present an animal in the show ring during official judging at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or other ASF Livestock Show management; 1) if the exhibitor has documented health reasons after arrival at the Fair, or 2) if an exhibitor has more than one entry in an ASF Junior Livestock Show showing at the same time. Approval must be obtained for a substitute showman prior to the start of the class in which there is a conflict. Any substitute exhibitor must be a bona fide member of Arkansas 4-H or FFA that has a current Junior Livestock entry at the ASF. In no case may a parent, agent or advisor present or assist with presentation of any animal for classification, sifting or judging. Any exceptions to this rule will be handled on a case by case basis.

VIOLATION OF DRUG OR DNA REGULATIONS: Any drug or DNA violation will be reviewed by an Animal Care and Use Committee consisting of at least a County Extension Agent, an FFA Advisor, a Livestock and Poultry Employee, a Veterinarian, and an Arkansas State Fair staff-member, as well as the Livestock Director from which a recommendation will be made to Arkansas State Fair Management. Arkansas State Fair Management reserves the right to make a final determination outside of the committee's recommendation.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS IN JUNIOR SHOWS: Possible penalties for violation of any ASF or ALSA Livestock Show rule are listed in the General Rules and Regulations for ASF Livestock Show Competitions.

RULE INFRACTION PENALTIES EXHIBITORS, PARENTS, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS & VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS

If an exhibitor, the parent(s) of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, or Vocational Agriculture Instructor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Exhibitors' Handbook (so deemed by Arkansas State Fair Management or Show Officials), the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Arkansas State Fair Complex for at least, but not restricted to, one year.

In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Exhibitor's Handbook (so deemed by Arkansas State Fair Management or Show Officials) is a County Extension Agent, or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nomination forms, or any other official paperwork submitted to the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Office and they too will be banned from the Arkansas State Fairgrounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but not restricted to, one year.

If action must be taken towards a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, documentation of this action will be reported to his/her superior(s) at the discretion of the Arkansas State Fair Management.

The Arkansas State Fair reserves to its Management the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incidental to the Arkansas State Fair and its operations and the right to amend or add to these Rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order. The decision of the Arkansas State Fair Management is final and is not subject to protest.

