

JUNIOR DIVISION GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. General Rules and Regulations govern, but rules of each division take precedence over all other rules except New Mexico Livestock Board Rules.
2. **ALL ANIMALS MUST MEET NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD HEALTH RULES.**
3. Exhibitor age eligibility as of January 1st of the current year; Novice: 8 and in the third grade or 9 years old – 11; Junior: 12 – 13; Senior: 14 – Maximum age of 4-H or FFA eligibility.
4. One (1) **Agreement of Responsibility and Liability Form** is required for each exhibitor at time of entry.
5. All market animals must be managed under the supervision of the County 4-H Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor.
6. Animals must be owned in the name of the exhibitor and must have been continuously owned and personally cared for and cannot be transferred from 4-H Club to FFA or vice versa or within family during the feeding period.
7. A Bill of Sale or Proof of Ownership must be available to be checked by the Superintendent if requested.
8. Only 1st place animals will be considered for Grand Champion of that species. The 2nd place animal in the class from which the Grand Champion is selected shall be eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.
9. All animals must remain in the livestock area once they are checked in and remain there until released by the superintendent of that species.
10. All animals presented for exhibition shall be free from contagious/infectious diseases and will be checked prior to unloading on the EXPO grounds. Any diseased animal will be immediately removed from the grounds.
11. Stall, pens and alleys must be kept clean and clear for the convenience of spectators.
12. Shavings are the only allowable bedding in livestock pens.
13. Feed and water in pens is accepted. In the event of pen sharing, the exhibitors must be considerate of their neighbor and work out an agreement for feeding schedules.
14. Exhibitors must furnish all water pails and feed pans. Public tanks and boxes are unsanitary and unsafe.
15. Any animal deemed by the Livestock Committee as unsafe will not be allowed to show and may be asked to leave the Expo grounds.
16. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry of livestock for competition that is not in their judgment, in suitable show condition.
17. Junior exhibitors & representatives will be permitted in the livestock area until 9:00 p.m.
18. Any sifted animal will be allowed one (1) re-weigh within a two (2) hour time limit from the initial weigh-in.
19. Any animal sifted will be allowed to go home immediately following the official declaration of disqualification. Sifted animals must be removed within 30 minutes of the end of the sifting process. Any sifted animals not removed by the exhibitor during the allotted time will be charged a storage fee of \$20.00 a day per animal. Exhibitors must check with the species superintendent for proper release.
20. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her own animals until the superintendent has issued a release. **It is the responsibility of the owner to see that sale animals are delivered to the buyer or the correct packer.** All sale animals must be cleaned after sale (removal of glitter, paint, glue, etc.).
21. Exhibitors will be assigned a pen or stall space by the superintendents. **No changing of pens or stalls without the approval of the species superintendent.** All animals must be kept clean. Stalls and pens must also be kept neat and clean.

22. The following are unethical practices and will be dealt with as described below:

- A. Doctoring, doping or injecting show animals for body “fill-in”.
- B. Changing, defacing or modifying the marking show animals or the anatomical structure of an animal, which includes the removal or alteration of ear tags.
- C. The external application of liniments or blistering agents which would cause an edematous condition.
- D. Force filling practices for the purpose of weight gain.
- E. No “Hot shots” or electrical stimulating devices.

ANY EXHIBITOR PERSON OR RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOUND GUILTY OF ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTED UNETHICAL PRACTICES, OR ANY OTHER PRACTICES DEEMED UNETHICAL BY NCSRE OR BY THE EXPO BOARD, WILL FORFEIT ALL PREMIUMS AND ALL SALE MONEY OVER THE PACKER'S BID. IN ADDITION, THE OWNER/ EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL WILL BE BARRED FROM FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE VALENCIA COUNTY COMMUNITY EXPO.

23. If any animal must be tranquilized for safety or other reasons, this may be done and such animals must be removed from the Expo grounds, and are not eligible for show or sale. Any medication administered will be done by the licensed Expo veterinarian (See IAFE Rules). All veterinarian expenses incurred shall be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

24. Each exhibitor will be issued a show number that will be checked and matched to their animals when entering the show ring.

25. If an exhibitor has just cause to be unable to show his/her animals during the Expo, the Livestock Committee Chairman must have received notification by mail or e-mail no less than two (2) days prior to the show from the exhibitor. The Livestock Committee will make a determination if an alternate can be used. The alternate must meet all the requirements of the exhibitor.

26. If there has been any injury/damage to either ear that causes them to differ from the animal’s Bill of Sale or Proof of Ownership, the exhibitor will need to contact their 4-H Agent, or FFA Teacher, to schedule an inspection of the injury/damage as soon as possible after the damage has occurred. The 4-H Agent or FFA Teacher will inspect the injury, and make note of it on the Bill of Sale or Proof of Ownership.

27. All entries must be checked- out and released by the respective species superintendent.

28. At the discretion of the VCC Expo Livestock Committee, Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat Showmanship may be combined.

29. ►►►►► ALL NON-SALE ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE VCC EXPO GROUNDS BY THE SPECIFIED TIME OR WILL BE FORFEITED AND BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE VCC EXPO. ◀◀◀◀◀