

LIVESTOCK LOCAL RULES

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LIVESTOCK – GENERAL

- 33) **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK** To be eligible to show livestock at the Sonoma County Fair, junior exhibitors are required to complete a mandatory Quality Assurance and Ethics training at the fairgrounds once prior to the age of 14 and once after. Specifically:
- Any junior livestock* exhibitor (excluding primary members) that has never attended the mandatory Quality Assurance & Ethics training must attend.
 - Any junior livestock exhibitor aged 14 (as of January 1) that intends to exhibit livestock at the fair must attend. (This will function as a refresher course for high school aged exhibitors). Exhibitors born in 2003 will be required to complete Quality Assurance in 2018, regardless of previous attendance).
 - Livestock exhibitors who completed the course as a "Junior Exhibitor" (9-13 years-of-age) and did not exhibit livestock the year they were 14 as of January 1, are required to attend the first year they return to exhibit as a "Senior Exhibitor" (14-18 years-of-age).
 - Leaders and advisors must attend training once every three years.
 - *Note: Livestock includes all species (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Horse, Dog)
- 34) **OPEN LIVESTOCK** Breed divisions within a specie will be determined by the Fair and will strive to maintain a 30 head and 3 exhibitor minimum per breed.
- An animal exhibited and shown in the Senior Department is not eligible to be exhibited and shown in the Junior Department, and vice-versa, unless it allows participation in a sponsored featured breed show.
- 35) **ALL REGISTERED ANIMALS** (*except horses, or market and feeder animals*) must be identified by a permanent identification as required by the breed association, on the animal and recorded on the entry form, prior to entering the fairgrounds. To qualify for entry and judging, the following information must be provided on the entry form by the closing date of entry:
- Identification of each animal at least by dam, birthdate and ear tag, notching, or tattoo photo or drawing; or by the registration number.
 - Registration number of the sire for get of sire entries.
 - Registration number of the dam for produce of dam entries.
 - If above information is completed after close of entry, a \$5 penalty fee per entry will be required by the fair prior to judging to qualify for judging.
- 36) **ALL POULTRY AND RABBITS** must be identified by a leg band/tattoo prior to entering the fairgrounds.

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- 37) **OWNERSHIP** Junior Livestock projects must be owned by and under the exhibitor's management as specified below. The official ownership date is the date shown on the receipt of sale unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor.
- Market Animals: beef – 120 consecutive days; and swine, sheep, and goats 60 consecutive days.
 - Breeding/feeder animals: 30 consecutive days.
 - All small market animals (*rabbits & poultry*): 30 consecutive days.
 - All horses: leased or owned 120 consecutive days.
 - Junior livestock and horse projects must be owned (or leased for horses) by and under the exhibitor's care and management, as per State Rules "Livestock and Horse Exhibits – Ownership".
 - All market animals are required to have their DNA collected. The collection is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their parent or leader. Information is available in the Entry Office regarding the collection process and deadlines. No late samples will be taken, no exceptions. Failure to submit samples by the deadline will result in the entry/animal being disqualified from the show. All re-tagged animals will submit DNA samples at weigh-in. Any test mismatches will result in exhibit disqualification.
 - No junior exhibitor may exhibit a market animal which has been sold as a market animal through a fair junior livestock auction whether or not there was an actual change of ownership.
 - Livestock shown in showmanship must be owned (*or leased for horses*) by the exhibitor and shown in an appropriate market, breeding, or performance class.
 - Exhibitor must own grade animals, including replacement heifers, at least 30 days prior to opening day of the Fair. Animals must be identified by permanent marking (*tattoo, brand, or ear tag*) on the animal and recorded on the entry form prior to entering fairgrounds.
- 38) **REGISTRATION PAPERS** Should be checked before Fair time to avoid confusion and save time. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to insure that all appropriate paperwork is checked by fair personnel prior to showing animals. Papers must be checked before show starts. If not, animals will not be allowed to be shown in their appropriate class. Fair management reserves the right to re-inspect registration/ownership papers upon request. Failure to provide any necessary paperwork in a timely manner will result in disqualification. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to keep all necessary papers in their possession while animals are on exhibit.
- 39) **ARRIVAL** Upon arrival report to the Livestock Office for instructions and assignment of stalls or pens. Once assigned, no change will be permitted.
- 40) **STALLS & BEDDING** Fair will not provide first bedding. No shavings allowed except market lambs and goats. No other bedding is permitted other than straw or shavings (*market lambs/goats only*).
- Stall requests will be taken but Fair reserves the right to assign actual livestock location in the barns.
 - When all pens and stalls in the livestock area and cages in the Poultry Building are filled, no more entries will be accepted.
 - Any animals that do not meet the requirements of the division or rules of the Fair will not be allowed to be shown in their appropriate class. Ineligible and sifted livestock may be shown in their appropriate showmanship classes only, with the exception of vet sifts.
 - Muzzling of any animal is prohibited.

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41) Exhibitor Tack Areas

- a) Exhibitors must only groom animals within their designated species barn area. (i.e. - Lambs/Goats must only be groomed in the Lamb/Goat barn only.)
- b) Use of pop-up tents inside or around the livestock barn is prohibited. Special permission for any shade canopies must be obtained from the livestock superintendent.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH INSPECTION

42) A health check will be conducted for each species of livestock entered.

- a) It will be the responsibility of a licensed veterinarian or veterinary student to check all animals on exhibit at the Fair for obvious health problems. This includes any health certificates, signs of communicable disease, external parasites, unsightly disease conditions, and any wounds, open or closed, that may be contagious. The veterinarian shall have the right to enter a vehicle, trailer, pen or tie area to inspect an animal.
- b) Specific health conditions that may warrant dismissal are:
 - i) Active ringworm (lesions are considered active until skin is normal), warts, soremouth, scours or dysentery, pinkeye, lice, mites, footrot, pneumonia, and abscesses which are balding, showing hair separation, open, draining or still scabbed. Animals having surgical sites resulting from abscess removal are unacceptable if they have sutures (stitches), scabs, or are draining. In addition, any animal found to be in an unsafe or unsightly condition (i.e. prolapse), are in distress or are injured will be dismissed from the grounds.
 - ii) All the above conditions shall be evaluated by a fair contracted veterinarian, veterinarian student, and or veterinarian technician. Veterinarian students and technicians can quarantine an animal suspect of a health condition, as outlined above, until a veterinarian can evaluate the animal and make the final determination for dismissal.
 - iii) Animals that do not pass the vet check will be scratched and sent home, no substitutions may be used.
 - iv) The Veterinarian's decision shall be final.
 - v) The owner will be issued a release and shall be responsible to remove any animal dismissed by the veterinarian from the fairgrounds as soon as possible. In addition, owner is responsible for the expense of any follow-up tests, supplies or treatment.
 - vi) No quarantine or isolation area will be available on the fairgrounds to house dismissed animals.
 - vii) If an animal is dismissed from the fairgrounds, the exhibitor will not be entitled to a refund of the entry fee.
 - viii) Each health check will take place during the arrival times as listed in the guidebook. Since arrival times vary in length from specie to specie, a veterinarian shall be on hand to check animals during unloading.
*Permission to arrive early must be granted by the Livestock Superintendent.
 - ix) At any point while an animal is on exhibit at the fair, if that animal contracts an ailment or shows signs of disease, it will be re-evaluated by the attending veterinarian and appropriate action will be taken. This may include dismissal from the fair.
 - x) Exhibitors should report any suspected contagious condition observed on any animal and notify the Livestock Superintendent of any unethical incidents that occur which are not in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

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- xi) The exhibitor shall notify Livestock Superintendent if a private veterinarian treats any of their animals while on the fairgrounds.
 - xii) The Sonoma County Fair Directors and staff shall not be held liable for any illness, loss, or damage which may occur to an animal while at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors should note that exposure to disease is a risk associated with showing animals at fairs and only upon this understanding are entries accepted.
 - xiii) If an animal is not present during the vet check, that animal will be scratched from the show.
 - xiv) If there are any questions as to an animal's condition, it is advisable to leave it home or consult your own veterinarian.
- c) The Veterinarian is not responsible for treating exhibitor's livestock while on fairgrounds.
- 43) The Sonoma County Fair Board of Directors has approved a drug residue policy for market steers, lambs, goats and hogs (adopted 2013, amended 2017). Please see the Junior Livestock Auction Rules for more information.

TRAILERS & CAMPERS

- 44) Applications for RV trailer spaces may be obtained from the Fair Administration Office beginning May 1. Applications are due June 8. The Entry Department does not manage the trailer park. Due to the October 2017 wildfires and survivors being housed in the Sonoma County Fair RV lot, there will be limited livestock RV space during the 2018 Sonoma County Fair. As in previous years, applications will be prioritized in the following order: 1. Open Exhibitors, 2. Dairy Exhibitors with Lactating Cattle, 3. Junior Breeding Animal Exhibitors.

GOLF CARTS

- 45) Any motorized vehicle (golf carts, etc.) must be approved and registered through the administration office and receive a permit.
- a) Permit fee for approved applications is \$100.00.
 - b) Applications and information on who is eligible is available in the Entry Office.

FREE TRAM RIDE

- 46) For your convenience, a tram and tractor will run from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. through the livestock area, picking up and letting off at Gate 7. The following rules will be enforced by the tram driver and fair management:
- a) Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.
 - b) No standing on the tram.
 - c) Only youngsters will be permitted to sit on an adult's lap.
 - d) No wheelchairs or strollers will be permitted on the tram.
 - e) Loading and unloading of passengers are to be when the tram is at a full stop.
 - f) Management has the right to forfeit riding privileges.

VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- 47) Exhibitors and parents with passes and car stickers for the Livestock Department will enter and leave the grounds through the Livestock Gate, Gate 7 on Aston Ave.
- a) This Gate may be used to drive on the grounds for feed deliveries, etc. from 5:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for those with proper credentials.
 - b) Pedestrian traffic will be restricted, no re-entry privileges after 9:00 p.m. daily.
 - c) Any violators of credential rules will be towed away at their expense. Vehicles with these passes should not be left unattended.

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LIVESTOCK RELEASES

- 48) Prior to the departure time, releases will be issued by the livestock office and **MUST** be presented at Gate 7 before vehicles will be allowed to enter to load tack or livestock.
- Exhibitors will be assigned their release time at the exhibitor meeting. Release slips will be time stamped and routes will be posted for entrance and exit.
 - Departure time will be assigned based on the distance exhibitor resides from the fairgrounds and the number of animals that are on exhibit.
 - On release day, each exhibitor must have a livestock/tack release **BEFORE** their vehicle will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds. Please check the release time and arrange for the driver to have this necessary paperwork. We need to enforce this control system, and it works well when you remember to get the release in advance!

PASSES

- 49) Passes will not be issued until entries close.
- Adult Departments Non-Livestock: 1 Single Day admission per exhibitor
 - Youth Departments Non-Livestock: 1 Single Day admission per exhibitor
 - Adult/Youth Baked Goods & Floriculture Exhibitors: 1 pass per receiving day.
 - Adult/Youth Wool Exhibitors: 1 single day outside admission per exhibitor
 - Industrial Education Teachers with students exhibiting in the Industrial Ed Department are eligible for a single day admission. It may be picked up in person at the entry office or mailed, if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is submitted.
- 50) Open Livestock Exhibitor Passes – \$12.00 service charge per exhibitor. Must be included with online entry. Entry Supervisor will issue open livestock wristbands and parking stickers as follows:
- Open Division Dairy and Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and Dairy, Pygmy and Boer Goats upon arrival will receive:
 - 1 - 10 animals, 2 wristbands, 2 car hangers
 - 11 - 15 animals, 3 wristbands, 3 car hangers
 - 16 - 20 animals, 4 wristbands, 4 car hangers
 - 21 or more animals, 5 wristbands, 5 car hangers
 - Open Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy Exhibitors: 1 wristband and 1 car hanger
- 51) Junior Livestock Exhibitor Passes – \$12.00 service charge per exhibitor. Must be included with entry forms & fees.
Entry Supervisor will issue junior livestock wristbands and parking stickers as follows:
- Dairy & Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Pygmy & Market Goats, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits, Horses, Dogs: 1 wristband per exhibitor
 - NOTE: Car/parking passes will be issued on a per family basis rather than per exhibitor.
 - Exhibitors who are eligible to show in both the Open and Junior departments will not receive duplicate passes.
- 52) 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors – \$12.00 service charge per leader/advisor.
- 4-H leaders and FFA Advisors with members exhibiting Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit and Cavy: 1 season wristband and 1 car hanger per project per club
 - In order to secure a list of eligible leaders, the Fair requires that each club submit a list of livestock project leaders (*1 per project only*) by Friday, June 16th.
 - Fair will then issue 1 wristband and 1 parking pass to eligible project leaders only. All others must purchase a season pass.

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- 53) Season Livestock Exhibitor Credentials (good for both weeks) may be sold at the reduced price of \$30.00. No more than two (2) reduced price credentials per family exhibiting will be sold. You will also receive one parking hanger.
- 54) Any lost passes or wristbands that are replaced must be accompanied by a \$20.00 fee. No broken wristbands will be replaced unless the wristband is returned to the office.
- 55) **INCIDENT/SUGGESTION/COMPLAINT FORMS** Forms are available in the Entry Office or in the Livestock Office for anyone wishing to record a problem or suggestion during the Fair regarding the livestock or exhibits program.
- 56) By submitting an online entry, exhibitors automatically waive all rights to privacy regarding their entries, and release the Sonoma County Fair from any liabilities that may arise from the public release of information regarding competition results or any related details.



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Instructions to Exhibitors

All Junior breeding livestock classes in the Guidebook are open to junior breeding livestock project members in the following counties Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Solano and Humboldt with the following stipulation: Residents of Sonoma and Marin counties will have first priority for exhibit, after that, entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until entries are full (all barn space is filled) for that species. Junior livestock classes are also open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA chapters of Sonoma and Marin counties who may reside elsewhere, except where specified. Notification of acceptance will be made after close of entries. All exhibitors must abide by Sonoma County Fair rules and regulations. Please read local rules at the beginning of the guidebook for complete information.

All Juniors exhibiting livestock must sign an Exhibitors Code of Excellence

Preparation of animals and projects for exhibit in Junior Categories: The Sonoma County Fair encourages the cooperation of 4-H and FFA exhibitors assisting one another in the preparation and exhibition of their projects. The Fair Association also recommends that some preparation and fitting of the animals should be done at home prior to their arriving on the fairgrounds. It also recognizes that beginning members of the 4-H and FFA need some help and advice. Youngsters working with one another can best accomplish this. (*Learn by doing.*)

Livestock Fitting and Showing: It is the intention of Fair Management that the fitting and preparation of livestock be done by the junior exhibitors. All junior exhibitors are expected to groom and care for their animal(s) when at the fair. Fair management encourages other Sonoma County Fair junior exhibitors to assist each other whenever possible. In order to fulfill our primary goal of providing an educational environment for our junior exhibitors, they shall refrain from accepting active assistance from adults and non-exhibiting youth. Any person in violation of the above policy may be reported to the fair management for appropriate action.

Any surgical procedure, injections or insertion of foreign material, 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 of an animal's body is prohibited. This includes vegetable oil, silicone, air or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation, which are allowed, include clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs or horns, dehorning, or surgical procedures required for health.

Market Animals: No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder), or adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's natural appearance.

Breeding Animals: Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. No shadow painting. Exhibitors may use products that enhance the natural color of the animal.

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Show Dress

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1. All FFA exhibitors must wear the uniform of their organization while showing their animals, in chapter groups, or helping to show for another exhibitor. The FFA show uniform shall consist of white trousers, white dress shirt (short or long sleeved) with the FFA emblem attached to the left pocket, and the official FFA blue necktie for boys or FFA blue scarf for girls. The official FFA jacket is optional; if worn, the shirt emblem is not required. Hats or headgear of any kind shall not be worn with the official show uniform while showing.
2. All 4-H Club exhibitors must wear the uniform of their organization while showing their animals, in club groups, or helping to show for another exhibitor. The 4-H Club show uniform for girls shall consist of white pants and white collared dress shirt (short or long sleeved), detachable green 4-H scarf; black, brown, or white footwear; and 4-H hat. The boys uniform for show shall consist of white pants; white collared dress shirt (short or long); green 4-H tie; black, brown or white shoes; and the 4-H hat.
3. All Independent Juniors showing animals must wear white pants (ankle length); white collared dress shirt (short or long sleeved); black, brown, or white footwear. Independent Juniors will show in the appropriate 4-H class. Hanna Boys Center may wear ties.
4. All Grange Members must wear the uniform of their organization while showing their animals, in club groups, or helping to show for another exhibitor. The Grange Member show uniform consist of dark blue denim pants, white button-front dress shirt with collar, official red vest with National Grange emblem on the back, black or brown belt with appropriate buckle and black or brown shoes. Hats or head gear of any kind shall not be worn with the official uniform unless required during equine events. Members may wear achievement and service pins on the vest on the upper left chest. Grange Members will show in appropriate 4-H class.

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SONOMA COUNTY FAIR CODE OF EXCELLENCE – ADOPTED 1996

Exhibitors of animals at the Sonoma County Fair 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 all junior exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition of any livestock class offered in any event at the Sonoma County Fair. These include: cattle (*beef & dairy*) goats (*dairy, meat & pygmy*), equine (*horse, pony*), llamas, sheep, swine, rabbits, cavy, poultry, dog.

Owners, exhibitors, leaders, parents/guardians, and absolutely responsible persons found to violate this code of excellence or in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the show program will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition according to rules adopted by the Sonoma County Fair. The following is a listing of rules all exhibitors must follow to enter any animal at the Sonoma County Fair.

1. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to fair and livestock show Officials at their request. Documents should include current ownership information, transfer of ownership (*if any*), length of ownership, and age of animal(s). Misrepresentation of ownership, age, breed, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited. Exhibitors and their agents and advisors agree to comply with the printed exhibitor guidebook rules upon entry.
2. Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for, groom, and exhibit their own animals while at the Sonoma County Fair. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows it is appropriate, on occasion, for leaders, parents/guardians, and/or other approved person to assist in the medical care of livestock, or when safety is a factor.
4. The act of entering an animal into the Sonoma County Fair provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by the owner, exhibitor, leader, parent/guardian, or absolutely responsible person whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of an act perpetrated to misrepresent or mistreat an animal in contravention of this code of excellence.
5. a) The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, depressants, or any other drugs which alter the physical or physiological state of the animals is illegal. Any drug used on any animal must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. Additionally, all drugs used on a species of animal must be properly approved for use on the species treated. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medications administered to an animal. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing and/or sale of the animal. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited.

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- b) Animals shall be presented free of drugs at the Sonoma County Fair where they will enter the food chain, this includes meat producing animals, dairy animals producing milk, and poultry producing eggs. The act of entering an animal in the Sonoma County Fair gives consent by owner, exhibitor, leader, parent/guardian, or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other requested substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event that culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, local statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animals performance or appearance at the event.
 - c) In the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered with written approval by a licensed veterinarian and fair livestock officials shall be notified.
 - d) If the laboratory report of the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, 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 approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken for the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection, preservation, and transfer to the laboratory pertains to the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken from the animal in question. The owner, leader, parent/guardian, exhibitor, or absolutely responsible person has the burden to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the Sonoma County Fair.
6. Any surgical procedure, injections or insertion of foreign material, 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 of an animal's body is prohibited. This includes vegetable oil, silicone, air or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptable practices of physical preparation, which are allowed, include clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs or horns, dehorning, or surgical procedures required for health.

Market Animals: No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder), or adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's natural appearance.

Breeding Animals: Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. No shadow painting. Exhibitors may use products that enhance the natural color of the animal.

7. The use of inhumane showing and/or handling practices of devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. Other practices unless under the written authority of a licensed veterinarian, that are not acceptable or prohibited include, but are not limited to, liquid diets for lambs, excessive shrinking, excessive exercising, tying animals with their feet off the ground, icing animals down and electric stimulation.

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8. The balancing of the udder by abnormal means that includes the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and or occluding with a mechanical contrivance or the use of chemical preparation is illegal. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counterirritant is prohibited.
9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair personnel, 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 personnel, or other officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
10. No owner, exhibitor, leader, parent/guardian, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of excellence or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of excellence. ***Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.***
11. Fair management reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspections and diagnostic tests may be made before or after the animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.

In addition to these rules, all exhibitors are responsible for compliance with any federal, state, county, or local rules.

SONOMA COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR CODE OF EXCELLENCE

As a youth participant at the Sonoma County Fair & Exposition:

I believe my participation in the youth program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skill, and my own investment of time in the project I am exhibiting. I will do my own work and accept only advice and support from others.

I will read and understand the rules and regulations found in the Code of Excellence as well as those rules and regulations found in the Sonoma County fair Exhibitors Guidebook and the state rules for California Fairs. I ask that my parents and supervisor/leader of my project not break any rules or make exceptions on my behalf. I wish for my project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.

I will not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the preparation, presentation, or handling of my project. I will not resort to fraudulent, deceptive, or illegal practices when preparing my project for exhibition. I will also not allow my parents, advisor, supervisor/leader, or any other adult or minor to employ such practices to my project.

I realize I am responsible for:

- the proper care and treatment of my project,
- the presentation of my exhibit at the fair,
- the production of wholesome food, fiber, clothing, and textiles,
- and the development of sound moral character in myself and others.

I understand that when I, my parent/guardians, my supervisor/leader, or any other adult or minor connected with my project break the rules, I must live by the decision of the fair management.

Acknowledgement of understanding and compliance with these rules are agreed to upon typing YES during the online entry process.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION DEPARTMENT

The rules listed on the following pages apply to all market animal departments; poultry, rabbit, steers, lambs, goat and swine.

1. Junior exhibitors in the market classes will be limited to those students who are a Sonoma or Marin resident and were enrolled in elementary or high school during the 2017-2018 school year.
2. **You can only enter 2 market animals/pens per exhibitor.**
3. A 6% commission will be charged on each sale (including add-ons).
4. Only animals entered in the Junior Market Animal classes at the Sonoma County Fair will be eligible for entry in the Junior Auction. Sonoma County Fair requires junior livestock exhibitors to own and manage their market animals for at least the following periods prior to the fair's commencement:
 - **No less than 30 consecutive days for market pens (rabbits & poultry)**
 - **No less than 60 consecutive days for market swine, market lamb and market goat**
 - **No less than 120 consecutive days for a market steer**
5. Exhibitors will be responsible for DNA sampling their market animals and having the samples to the Entry Office by the specific deadline. Check with the Entry Office for more details. Any DNA test discrepancy will result in disqualification.
6. Exhibitor must have proof of ownership or proof of breed available if requested.
7. If exhibitor chooses to raise additional animals, exhibitor must select which 2 animals will be brought to the fairgrounds prior to arrival on grounds. Once they arrive, no substitutions will be allowed.
8. To show market livestock and/or pens as a 4-H or FFA member, exhibitors must be a recognized member of the club/chapter at least 60 days prior to the fair (*120 days for market cattle*).
9. Market Animal Fitting: No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder), or adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications of substances for appearance to the hoofs. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's natural appearance.
10. To show market livestock as an Independent Junior, exhibitor must have:
 - Proof of ownership
 - Full photo of animal
 - Proof of enrollment in school/age to the Entry Office by the close of entries.

Junior Livestock Auction Times

Market Lamb Auction:	Saturday, August 4	9:00 a.m.	Wilford Ring
Rabbit Meat Pen Auction:	Saturday, August 4	1:00 p.m.	Wilford Ring
Market Goat Auction:	Saturday, August 4	1:30 p.m.	Wilford Ring
Market Hog Auction:	Thursday, August 9	9:00 a.m.	Dorfman Ring
Poultry Meat Pen Auction:	Thursday, August 9	1:00 p.m.	Dorfman Ring
Ag Mechanics Auction:	Friday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	Jamison Ring
Market Beef Auction:	Friday, August 10	6:00 p.m.	Jamison Ring

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1. Sonoma County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal auction. All animals deemed market ready by the judge must be sold at the auction. The animals that are sold in the sales ring must be processed by the packing house selected by the fair.
2. All exhibitors selling animals in the Junior Livestock Auction must wear show dress as mentioned on the INSTRUCTIONS TO EXHIBITOR PAGE listed at the beginning of the youth livestock department. All Independent Junior Exhibitors selling animals must wear ankle length white pants, white blouse or shirt; black, brown, or white footwear.
3. Junior livestock exhibitors must show their own project animals in market evaluation classes, unless two of their project animals are assigned to the same weight class. Exhibitors requiring a special exemption to this rule must submit a written request to show management prior to the show to obtain official approval.
4. Exhibitors who fail to go through the sales ring when their animal is sold may be banned from showing any animal(s) in the Market Classes at the Sonoma County Fair, or their market animal will be sold at market price only. This decision will be left up to the Fair management.
5. The Sonoma County Fair Livestock scale is the only acceptable certified scale. NO PRIVATE SCALE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS.
6. Any market animal entered in the sale may be disqualified at any time by the Agricultural Committee and an official veterinarian if it has or develops any condition that would make it undesirable for auction.
7. Any consignee of an animal(s) to the auction who withdraws an animal(s) from the sale without written permission of the Chairman of the Agricultural Committee shall be banned from showing any animal(s) in the market classes at the Sonoma County Fair, or any other consequences as management deems necessary.
8. Exhibitors or their agents are prohibited from actively soliciting potential buyers or distracting solicitors in the show ring or grandstands during the auction.
9. The Sonoma County Fair will charge 6% commission on the purchase price & any add-on's of each animal sold in the auction. This is to cover the disappearance or death of an animal or other discrepancies that may arise plus promotion and auction finances, and uncollected debts.
10. Painting, placing signs, designs, etc. on animals on auction day is strictly forbidden.
11. The Fair Association will not assume the responsibility for injured animals, sickness or death of livestock prior to the auction.
12. Consignors to the Auction are to assume ownership of their animals until the auctioneer announces they are sold in the sale ring. Exhibitor is responsible to feed & care for their animal after lotting & until the animal is sold and returned to pen.
13. Exhibitors will be disqualified from showing if a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle purchases their animal and fails to pay. The deadline for settlement for any prior year's debt will be the current close of entry date.

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14. **Seller will forfeit their check if thank you notes are not submitted to the Entry Office within 15 days from the ending date of the fair.**
15. Checks must be cashed within 90 days of issue or they will be voided.
16. Late livestock entries will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 13, 2018 for a \$100.00 late fee.
17. Exhibitors who fail to abide by the Code of Excellence may have their market animal scratched from the sale. In all cases, the animal will be processed and the exhibitor will receive market price for the animal.
18. DNA samples must be collected on all market steers, hogs, lambs and goats as follows – prior to 60/120 day ownership dates:
 - a) Steer DNA – Collected at March pre-weigh event for market steers Sunday, March 25, 2018.
 - b) Lamb and Goat DNA – Collected at annual May pre-weigh event for market lambs and goats Saturday, May 19, 2018.
 - c) Hog DNA – Exhibitor is responsible for collecting and returning these samples to the entry office by entry deadline – Thursday, May 31, 2018.
19. Fair will provide all paperwork required for DNA samples. Each exhibitor can pre-register up to 5 animals at no charge, additional DNA kits will be \$5.00 each.
20. All market animals with DNA samples submitted must be entered. Only two animals may be brought onto the fairgrounds for fair.
21. All animals are subject to DNA testing during fair. Any test mismatches will result in disqualification of entry.
22. The seller will be responsible for any animal declared unfit at the packing plant due to drug residues. Animals will be tested for drug residues and drugs not approved for animal use should not be used. This includes medicated foods. Use of extra-label drugs will require a veterinarian's written approval and withdrawal periods shall be strictly enforced.
23. A Declaration of Medication Form must be filled out for each market animal entered into the fair. This form must be submitted to the Livestock Office when exhibitors pick up their credentials.

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MARKET LIVESTOCK DRUG RESIDUE TESTING RULES

ATTENTION:

All market livestock exhibitors please review the drug residue testing policy outlined on the following 2 pages.

1. The Fair has a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of unapproved drugs, chemicals, feed additives or medications on market livestock, and will be conducting Drug Residue testing at the fair to ensure compliance. Unapproved means not approved, or exceeds acceptable residue tolerance levels, by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive (above federally approved residue tolerance level) for that drug upon arrival at the Sonoma County Fair.
2. Immediately after they are selected, the top four placing large animals (4-H Champion, 4-H Reserve Champion, FFA Champion, and FFA Reserve Champion) in market beef, market hog, market lamb, and market goats will be diverted to an official testing area and tested for drug residue.
3. The animal, exhibitor and parent or legal guardian will be directed to stay in their designated area until the sample has been collected.
4. During market livestock arrival times, drug residue testing will be conducted on livestock selected at random. Voluntarily, exhibitors may elect to have their animals tested. A fee will be charged to cover the costs of the lab tests.
5. The Fair reserves the right to randomly select and test any animal regardless of it's placing in the show.
6. Animals that test positive for residues from any foreign substance that is not approved for use in meat animals by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will be disqualified. Additionally:
 - a. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Sonoma County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug shown by the drug test.
 - b. Any exhibitor whose animal is disqualified, will not be allowed to exhibit or sell any other animals in this year's Junior Livestock Auction program, and will forfeit any sale proceeds if they already sold another animal at this year's fair prior to their disqualification.
 - c. The Sonoma County Fair Exposition, Inc. will in no way be held liable or responsible for the value of animals that are disqualified.
 - d. The exhibitor will forfeit all rights to any scholarships, special awards, and all sale proceeds including the auction price and market resale value, regardless of their connection to the disqualified animal.

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- e. Any exhibitor whose animal is disqualified will be barred from exhibiting in any future Sonoma County Fair as a Junior Exhibitor.
 - f. Changes will not be made to the placings of other animals.
 - g. The identity of the exhibitor may be disclosed publicly as documentation of any board action automatically becomes public record.
7. Carcasses are USDA inspected at harvest and can be condemned or rejected if their tissue samples test positive for drugs not approved by the FDA for use in slaughter animals destined for human consumption. If the carcass of an animal sold through the Sonoma County Fair Junior Livestock Auction is rejected or condemned by the processing facility for these reasons, this animal will be considered disqualified and the seller/exhibitor will be subject to all consequences as outlined above in paragraph 7, and is responsible for the costs associated with the harvest and rendering of condemned carcasses.

California Rules Definition:

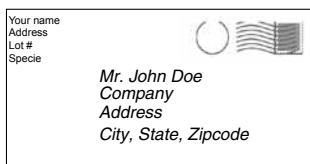
Drug - a) any substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, or treatment of disease; and b) any substance, except food and water, which is intended to affect the structure or function of the body of any exhibit animal.

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THANK YOU NOTES FOR AUCTION

1. Thank you note must be written to each buyer, including add-ons, of your animal (*if you have 5 buyers you must write 5 notes.*)
2. Standard stationary designed for correspondence or large size greeting cards (*blank inside*) must be used. Minimum size of greeting cards is 5" x 7", minimum paper is 6" x 9".
Binder paper (lined paper of any kind) plain printer paper and index cards are unacceptable. Please note: Small sized thank you note cards are not appropriate.
3. Thank you notes must be written in ink. For those with weak penmanship, erasable ink pens are acceptable. No typed or computer written notes will be acceptable.
4. You must use a standard envelope. Home made envelopes will not be accepted.
5. Envelope must be properly addressed (*in ink*) and stamped before you receive your check. The Fair will not supply any material for your use.
6. Envelope must have complete name of the buyer.
7. Envelope must have the complete return address, lot #, and if the animal was a hog, beef, lamb, rabbit, poultry or goat.
8. Envelope must not be sealed when you turn in your note (*if you do seal it you will be required to open the envelope.*) Please remember that your envelope must have a first class stamp affixed to it.
9. Check will be issued when thank you note is delivered and approved by fair staff.
10. **All notes must include a picture of the exhibitor with their animal. Photo can be taken with a personal camera and must be a minimum of 4"x 6" and printed on photo paper. (If you would like to have your photo taken by the professional livestock photographer see information on following page.)**
11. Notes must be a minimum of 25 words for exhibitors up to 11 years old. Notes must be a 50-word minimum for those exhibitors 12 years and over.
12. Dirty or smudged thank you notes will not be accepted.
13. **Thank you notes must be turned into office within 15 days of the end of the Fair, or exhibitor may forfeit their payment check.**

Example of Envelope



Example of Picture



Sample Note

Your note should thank your buyer for supporting the Junior Livestock Auction and that you hope they will continue to support young people.

You can also tell them a little about yourself, such as age and how long you have been active in the Junior Livestock Auction. Tell them about your plans for the future (*money saved for your education, purchase of more animals, etc.*). The buyers are all interested in the young people that they support during the Junior Livestock Auction.

Division 4400 – JLA Thank You Note Award

The Entry Office will award \$50.00 to three exhibitors with the top thank you note(s)

2017 Thank You Note Winners: Amanda King, Mariana Hernandez and Tenlee Leone.