

# OPEN PUREBRED POULTRY AND WATERFOWL SHOW

February 3– 7, 2010

Superintendent ..... Mike Schmidt  
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Show Secretary ..... Judy Schmidt  
Show Clerk ..... By Volunteers

## SHOW RULES

COMPETITION: The Florida State Fair Open Purebred Poultry and Waterfowl Show is open to breeders of purebred poultry and waterfowl in every state.

### Show Schedule:

**Entry Due Date ..... Hand Delivered or Postmarked  
..... On or Before January 4, 2010**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Late Entry Period ..... Jan. 11, 2010  
..... (Double Entry Fees)**  
**Final Late Entry Period ..... Jan. 13, 2010  
..... (Double Entry Fees plus \$200.00)**

Check-in of Birds ..... Feb. 3, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Judging ..... Feb. 4, 9 a.m.  
..... Feb. 5, 9 a.m. (as needed)  
Judges Clinic ..... Feb. 5, 1p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Crowing Contest ..... Feb. 7, 2 p.m.  
Photos of Champions ..... Feb.7, 3:30 p.m.  
Release ..... Feb.7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**The Fair does not accept any liability for birds not  
picked up after the closing time of the show.**

## INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Florida State Fair reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

## ENTRIES

**1. Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before January 4, 2010. It is the policy of the Florida State Fair to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Florida State Fair website at [www.floridastatefairag.com](http://www.floridastatefairag.com).**

Entry fee will be determined by date entries are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Agribusiness Office. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Agribusiness Office up to office closing at 5:00 pm on the day of deadline.

Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between January 5th & January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 is subject to space

availability and will be charged double entry fees.

The Final Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between January 12th & January 13th, 2010 is subject to space availability and will be charged double entry fees plus a \$200.00 fee (Open).

**2. An entry fee of \$3.00 per bird will be charged and must accompany entry.** Make remittance payable to Florida State Fair Authority. If you request to double coop your birds you must pay double entry fees. **Entry Fees are Non-Refundable.**

**3. All entries must be made on Official Entry Form, which is available on website. Xerox copies will be accepted. One bird per line should be listed on the entry form.**

Only one Exhibitor per entry form. Entries will not be taken over the phone. Send all entries and fees to: Purebred Poultry Show, Florida State Fair, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$15.00 or less.

**4. The Florida State Fair reserves the right to limit entries based on pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.**

**5. PLEASE NOTE: The Goose portion of the show has been continued at the 2010 Fair.** Geese entries will be limited and on a first come, first served basis according to postmark.

**6. All birds must be listed by variety and breed. For example, Single-Comb Light Brown Leghorn, Bearded or Non-Bearded Polish. Indicate if bird is large fowl, bantam or duck. Only those breeds recognized by the A.P.A. or A.B.A. will be accepted for competition in the show. All others accepted for exhibition only and will not be eligible for awards.**

**7. Unavoidable changes in entries, which an exhibitor finds necessary to make, must be in the hands of the Show Secretary no later than 9 p.m., January 22, 2010, if such changes are to be considered in the makeup of awards. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER JANUARY 22nd. Contact Judy Schmidt, Show Secretary, by phone at 772-260-6120 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. or by email at [michaeljschmidt@bellsouth.net](mailto:michaeljschmidt@bellsouth.net) or fax 772-600-4622.**

**8. If you are entering the Rooster Crowing Contest, you must indicate so on the entry form and indicate which bird.**  
**9. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.**

**10. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggest sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.**

## HEALTH REGULATIONS

**1. All animals must meet health requirements as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.**

**2. Birds not groomed and prepared for the show will not be accepted at check – in.**



3. Any birds with external parasites will not be allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

**4. 20% OF EACH EXHIBITOR'S BIRDS WILL BE CHECKED FOR EXTERNAL PARASITES AND/OR DISEASE. Any bird with external parasites will not be allowed in the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.**

5. The Florida Department of Agriculture will have a State Poultry Inspector at the show to test those birds who do not have a certificate. There is no charge for this service.

6. All sick birds will be isolated and not eligible for competition or awards. Birds must be removed from premises immediately.

## **RULES OF EXHIBITION –**

### **As required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

5C-4.0015 Definitions.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

### **5C-4.0015 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

(1) Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) § 161 (2005).

(2) Animal(s). This term shall include:

(a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;

(b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;

(c) Poultry or Domestic fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes; and

(d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of Florida.

(3) Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

(4) Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on an annual brucellosis and pseudorabies test and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to either transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.

(5) Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

(6) Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.

(7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.

(8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals that all go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form

from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the official individual identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(10) Official Individual Identification. A form of unique individual animal identification including, but not limited to:

(a) Official Eartags. Must be tamper-resistant/tamper evident, approved by APHIS, capable of providing a unique identification number for each animal, and capable of being recorded in a central repository. Such eartags must conform to one of the numbering or tagging systems approved by the USDA, APHIS, VS in 9 C.F.R. § 71.1.

(b) Ear, tail-web or flank tattoos, approved by APHIS; breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate;

(c) Official leg or wing bands for poultry;

(d) Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the animal, signed by a state-licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian; or

(e) Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(11) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(12) Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus and rheas) and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(13) Segregated. To maintain a group of animals separate from another group of animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between animals of the two groups.

(14) Materials. Title 9 C.F.R. § 71.1 (2005) is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328.

History–New 1-19-95, Last Amended 6-21-06.

### **5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.**

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equine imported into Florida using a current Equine

Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.

(6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800. History–New 6-21-06.

#### 5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C4.0017(4), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR § 145 (2005) and § 147 (2005), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.

(3) Materials. 9 CFR § 145 (2005) and § 147 (2005) are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. History–Last Amended 6-21-06.

## GENERAL

**1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.**

2. The Florida State Fair will take every precaution to see that birds are fed and watered and will give the best possible care in accident prevention for the birds.

3. Carrying cases cannot be left on the Fair premises.

Only animals being shown at the Florida State Fair are permitted on the Fairgrounds.

4. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this premium list will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. **Failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

5. **The physical condition of an entrant, which the appropriate committee considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the committee not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.**

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7. **NO DOGS ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARN.**

8. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.

9. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock area.

## ARRIVAL

1. Birds will be received from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on February 3, 2010.

2. All birds entered must arrive and depart through the Red Gate at the Orient Road entrance located on the west side of the Fairgrounds. On all other days, exhibitors will park in Lot J outside Gate 3 off the Martin Luther King Entrance. (See Map on website)

**3. Birds not groomed and prepared for the show will not be accepted at check-in.**

4. Exhibitors are responsible for watering and feeding their birds upon arrival. **However, if you choose to lock your cages, it is your responsibility for feeding and watering throughout the show. It is also the responsibility of the exhibitor to unlock the cages prior to judging or birds may not be judged.**

## TICKETS

1. The Fair will provide to both youth and adult exhibitors entered in the Purebred Poultry Show, four (4) admission passes and one (1-day) parking pass per exhibitor (for picking up birds) Exhibitors will park in Lot J outside Gate 3 off the Martin Luther King Entrance. (See Map on website).

2. Tickets will be picked up from the Superintendent during check in of birds.

**Please Note: All passes will be single day passes. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the Fair. NO ADDITIONAL TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.**

3. **Additional tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See Advance Ticket Form on website for details.**

## HANDLING OF EXHIBITS

1. Only those persons authorized by the show officials or the owners will be allowed to handle birds without written permission on file with Show Management from the owner

unless the owner is present. **Violators will be escorted off the grounds by Fair security and banned from future shows.**

**2. All eggs are property of the Florida State Fair. Only Fair Officials can remove eggs from cages.**

#### **LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT**

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

2. The Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

#### **JUDGING**

1. Judging will begin on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and Friday, February 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. (as needed).

2. **If you choose to lock your cages, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to unlock the cages prior to judging or birds may not be judged.**

3. All birds will be judged in accordance with the appropriate standard issued by either the A.P.A. or A.B.A. Judging will be by a judge licensed by both organizations.

4. **EXHIBITORS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM TALKING TO JUDGE WHILE JUDGING IS TAKING PLACE.**

5. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.

6. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).

7. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

8. All animals must be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

#### **GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY**

1. When a dispute occurs an exhibitor must submit a written protest, within 24 hours after the cause of dispute, to the Agribusiness Department. The written protest must include the exact cause and description of dispute and be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to the Fair in case protest is not sustained.

2. All disputes will then be reviewed by management of the Agribusiness Department and submitted to the Open Poultry Committee.

3. The Open Poultry Committee will review the Open Poultry Rules and Regulation. They will then make a decision to resolve the protest.

4. If the Committee is unable to achieve a final decision by majority vote or the exhibitor submitting the protest is not willing to accept the Committee's decision, the dispute will then be submitted to the Agriculture Committee of the Florida State Fair Authority at its next scheduled meeting for resolution.

5. The decision of the Agriculture Committee will be final.

#### **PREMIUMS AND AWARDS**

1. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging

reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the department superintendent or clerk.

2. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor after the Fair to the address given on the entry form. Errors in premium statements will not be corrected after April 1, 2010. All Premium checks must be cashed within sixty days of issuance or they become void.

3. If a Social Security Number or Federal Id Number is not provided, the Fair will not issue a premium check.

#### **RELEASE**

1. Birds will be released at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., February 7, 2010.

2. During the period of exhibition, no specimen may be removed, except by the consent of the Show Superintendent. Birds removed prior to official release time will forfeit all premium monies won.

3. **Release Procedure** - Vehicles will not be permitted to line up for release until 3:30 p.m. At that time, vehicles can line-up at the security station along the perimeter road. A limited number of vehicles will be allowed behind the barn at a time. As soon as you are finished loading your animals, please move your vehicle so that others can load out. If you arrive prior to 3:30 p.m., you must park in the Red Lot or outside the gate until 3:30.

4. Birds will not be released until leg bands have been checked against the entry form and coop tag by the Show Staff.

5. Any birds left after 6 p.m. will be disposed of by Fair personnel.

#### **CROWING CONTEST**

1. Entries limited to first 16 received.

2. Only one entry per exhibitor.

3. **Exhibitors will be responsible for bringing their Crowing contestant to the judging area before 2 p.m. Sunday**

4. The winner will be the rooster crowing the most times in 10 minutes.

5. Entries will be judged by a panel of volunteer judges.

6. Entries must be cooped in on Wednesday, February 5 and will be on display for the duration of the Open Show.

7. Contest will be judged at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 7.

8. Roosters may not be touched or handled in any manner by the owner during the contest.

9. Entries must be entered in the Open Show, and must be designated on the entry form.

10. Winner will receive \$15.00 and an award.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place will receive \$10.00.

#### **AWARDS**

Overall Champion	Banner
Champion Large Fowl	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Large Fowl	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Bantam	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Bantam	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Duck	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Duck	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Turkey	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Turkey	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Goose	\$20.00 & Award
Reserve Champion Goose	\$15.00 & Award
Champion Guinea	\$20.00 & Award

Reserve Champion Guinea \$15.00 & Award

Class Champions \$ 8.00

Reserve Class Champions \$ 4.00

To be eligible for above awards, there must be eight (8) or more birds shown by two (2) or more exhibitors in class, etc.

All Poultry and Waterfowl: In each Class & Variety:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet \$5.00 each

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet \$4.00 each

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet \$3.00 each

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet \$2.00 each

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Cock, Hen, Cockerel, Pullet \$1.00 each

\*Best Display Large Fowl \$30.00 & Award

\*Best Display Bantams \$30.00 & Award

\*Best Display Waterfowl \$30.00 & Award

\* Display must consist of a cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and three (3) other fowl of the same variety & breed. Will be based on points.

Stickers will given through third place.

#### AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 306, Burgettstown, PA 15021

724-729-3459

Email: [secretaryapa@yahoo.com](mailto:secretaryapa@yahoo.com)

#### CLUB MEET

The APA invites you to become a member. Annual dues are \$15.00 for 1 year, \$40.00 for 3 years, \$25.00 for one year outside the U.S. and Canada; Junior dues (for those 18 & under) are \$10.00 per year. Endowment Trust Life membership is \$240. All Annual and Endowment Trust Life members receive our yearbook and are eligible to earn points toward a Master Exhibitor Award. Every member is eligible for the awards at this show.

**A minimum of 5 Master Exhibitor Award points will be awarded to any qualified win at this show.**

#### AWARDS:

APA ribbons awarded for the following Class Champions :

**Large Chickens:** American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, Continental & All Other Standard Breeds.

**Bantam Chickens:** Modern Game, Old English Game, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Feather Legged, All Other Combs Clean Legged

**Ducks:** Heavy, Medium, Light and Bantam.

**Geese:** Heavy, Medium, Light

**Turkeys**

**Guinea Fowl**

Special APA Medals for Show Champion and Show Reserve

#### JUNIOR AWARDS:

An APA ribbon will be awarded for the following Champions shown by junior exhibitors:

Champion Large Chicken, Champion Bantam Chicken, Champion Ducks, Champion Geese, Champion Turkey, Champion Guinea Fowl

All judging will be by the latest edition of the **American Standard of Perfection**, copyrighted by the **American**

#### Poultry Association, Inc.

Application for membership may be made at the show or may be sent to the American Poultry Association; but application must be made prior to the judging to be eligible for the APA awards.

#### AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822

973-383-6944 Fax: 973-383-8633

Email: [aba@bantamclub.com](mailto:aba@bantamclub.com)

#### Special Meet

Certificates to Champion and Reserve Champion Bantam. Pins for Champion and Reserve for all seven bantam divisions providing there are 25 birds competing.

Pins for all starred wins in the show.

Only ABA members are eligible to compete for the above awards. Dues are \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 for three years. New members receive a copy of the quarterly and the latest available copy of the Annual American Bantam Association Year Book which lists many advertisers and includes a complete breed and variety index.

Starred wins are earned in classes of 100 or more in the following:

- Champions and Reserve Champions in the seven bantam divisions
- Best and Reserve of Breed and Variety
- Best Display when 7 or more bantam displays are shown
- Best and Reserve Display when 10 or more bantam displays are shown
- Best and Reserve Trio when 30 or more trios are shown by 4 or more exhibitors

*A single bird is eligible for only one award and can earn only one starred win.*

\*\*\*\*\*Awards are subject to change.

#### CLUB MEETS

Anyone interested in a Breed Club Meet should contact the Show Secretary – Mike Schmidt.

#### OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

An official photographer will be designated by the Florida State Fair. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Livestock Office. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

#### CAMPGROUND

**1. PLEASE NOTE: ALL CAMPERS/RVS MUST HAVE A CAMPING PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE USED FOR CAMPING.**

**2. Campground Rules and Reservation Form is available on our website.**

#### SHOWERS

**1. Shower facilities are available on the grounds for use by exhibitors only!**

**2. Shower permits will be issued, upon request, to**

Livestock Exhibitors from the Agribusiness Office.

## **MOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

1. For motel accommodation information, see our website for the Preferred Hotel List.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM**

**The Florida State Fair believes that every animal participating in activities of the Florida State Fair shall at all times be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.**

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Florida State Fair.

2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:

A. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.

B. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

C. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.

3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).

4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are **PROHIBITED**. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair, will be construed as tampering.

5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Florida State Fair.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.

## **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 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 drugs. 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 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 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 or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved 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 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 hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications 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 irritant 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 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 inaction 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 any 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 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 a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**FLORIDA STATE FAIR AUTHORITY  
LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM**

OWNER represents to Florida State Fair Authority ("AUTHORITY") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold the AUTHORITY, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of AUTHORITY, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither AUTHORITY nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. AUTHORITY, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable rules and regulations of the AUTHORITY titled FLORIDA STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES & PRIZE LIST and same are incorporated by reference herein.

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