

PYGMY GOAT SHOW

February 11 - 14, 2010

Sanctioned by NPGA - NPGA Rules To Govern

Schedule:

**Entry Due Date.....Hand Delivered or Postmarked
..... On or Before December 4, 2009**
**1st Late Entry Period..... December 11, 2009
..... (Double Entry Fees)**
**Final Late Entry Period.....January 13, 2010
.....(Double Entry Fee plus \$200.00)**

Pygmies ArriveFeb. 11, 3 p.m.- 7 p.m
Sanction Show (Premiums).....Feb. 13, 10 a.m
Sanction Show (No Premiums)Feb. 14 10 a.m.
Pygmies Released..... Feb. 14 6 p.m.

Show Superintendent: Jamie White

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 December 4, 2009. 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.

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 1st Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between December 5th & December 11th, 2009 is subject to space availability and will be charged double (\$30.00) entry fees.

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

2. Entry fee is \$10.00 per goat (Both Shows and pen fees included). Be sure to use the Official Entry Form, which is available on website, and include the goat's tattoo. **NOTE: On-Line Entry is NOW available, see our website for details.** List the class number in which the animal will be shown. Entry fee **MUST** accompany entry. Make checks payable to Florida State Fair Authority. Overpayments will not be refunded if \$15.00 or less.

3. **MAIL** entries to Florida State Fair, Pygmy Goat Show, P.O. Box 11766, Tampa, FL 33680.

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

5. Only animals exhibited, entered, shown and checked by the state veterinarian will be allowed in the barn. No exceptions! Kids under 4 months of age may be brought into the barn after the appropriate Vet. check.

6. The official registration certificate is required for all registered animals. The registration or stamped duplicate must be available to the show secretary at time of arrival.

7. Cancellations – Notice of cancellations must be received for the Pygmy Goat Show by January 13 in order to qualify for refund of fees. Cancellations may be made by telephone, fax or email. Confirmation must be made by letter and received by the State Fair no later than January 20, 2010.

7. Any exhibitor from a family with an outstanding balance owed to the Fair will not be eligible to show at the Florida State Fair.

8. For Entry Verification purposes, the Fair suggests sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

HEALTH RULES

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

2. Goats must be free of clinical symptoms of caseous lymphadenitis. Animals showing clinical symptoms of this disease will not be allowed to enter the area of activity or associate with animals entered by other participants. To define CL: enlargement of lymph nodes, whether draining or not. Evidence of incised lymph nodes will be prima facie evidence of caseous lymphadenitis in the animal under scrutiny.

3. Goats must be free of symptoms of all other contagious and infectious disease, whether or not such diseases are herein named specifically.

4. The show veterinarian has the final decision on whether animals satisfy all health requirements. By application for admission, each exhibitor agrees to show his/her animals by these rules. Presenting obviously unhealthy animals may, subject to the ruling of the show committee, result in the entire herd's disqualification from the show.

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-4.005 Goats or Sheep.

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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-4.005 Goats or Sheep.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation.

(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI completed within 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have an official individual identification in accordance with the National Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-066, June 1, 2005.

(3) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, or have had a negative caudal fold tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from accredited tuberculosis-free herds, the OCVI must show, the accredited herd number and the date of the last herd accreditation test.

(b) Brucellosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or have had a negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test.

(c) Exemption From Test Requirements. There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats or Florida-origin dairy goats.

(4) Materials. Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-066, June 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 11-4-76, Last Amended 6-21-06.

All Goats / Sheep must adhere to the following Scrapies rules.

**NATIONAL SHEEP AND GOAT SCRAPIE ERADICATION PROGRAM
Effective July 1, 2004**

Requirements for Identification of Sheep and Goats in Shows, Exhibitions and Fairs

This information is presented to clarify the mandatory identification requirements for sheep and goats under the National Scrapie Eradication Program. There are two components of the identification requirements that must be met before sheep and goats are allowed to move into the state or within Florida (intrastate) for shows, exhibitions, and fairs.

1. Premises Identification - Before official individual animal identification tags can be issued, the owner/agent must register the premises on which the animal is located and obtain a premises identification number from USDA.

2. Individual Animal Identification - Once the premises is registered, the owner/agent will receive official individual animal identification tags for identifying each sheep and goat. Applicator pliers will be provided to FFA, 4-H leaders and /or fair/livestock/show committee for assisting exhibitors in

application of the official ear tags.

NOTE: Sheep and goats must be officially identified before commingling with other groups of animals. For registered purebred sheep and goats identified with a permanent official breed registration number, official ear tags are not required. However, upon presentation of such animals for exhibition, a copy of the breed registration certificate must accompany each animal. Regardless of the method of official identification, each animal must be associated with a premises identification number.

The premises must be registered before the exhibitor can receive the official individual ear tag for each animal. The official tags must be applied to the exhibitor's animals prior to presenting them for exhibition. Official ear tags must be affixed by FFA, 4-H leaders or by a representative of the Livestock Show committee or veterinarian.

CONTACT FOR PREMISES AND INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND TAGS

**USDA Veterinary Services Area Office
8100 NW 15th Place
Gainesville, FL 32606
(352) 313-3060 selection 2 (for Scrapie)**

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. PLEASE NOTE: DOES, WETHERS AND BUCKS WILL BE SHOWN

3. Bedding must be provided by the exhibitor.

4. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to see that his animals are fed, watered, and milked daily for the duration of the Show. **Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Fairgrounds.**

5. There will be a designated area at the wash rack for clipping your animals. Check with the Superintendent for area before clipping. You are required to clean up the area within ½ hour after clipping. Failure to do so will forfeit premiums.

6. NO DOGS IN THE GOAT BARN!!!

7. Pen space will be assigned according to availability.

8. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the Fairgrounds and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.

9. Only the exhibitors showing the goats and the judge will be allowed in the ring.

10. Any age person may participate as long as they can control their goat without assistance.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.

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

ARRIVAL

1. An accredited veterinarian will be available to check the unloading of the goats. After the animals are checked by the Vet. the show secretary will check registration papers and proper classes and assign pens.
2. All animals must be checked in by the Veterinarian between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Feb. 11. No late arrivals will be permitted that have not notified the Agribusiness Office at 813-621-7821 that they had an emergency.
3. **All trailers will be parked in a remote location adjacent to or near the Fairgrounds.**

TICKETS

1. Each exhibitor will be issued – eight (8) daily admission pass and one (4-day) parking pass. Over 10 animals – Twelve (12) daily admission and one (4-day) daily parking.
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.
2. Tickets can be picked up by the exhibitor under the name entered on the entry at the Vet. trailer upon entering the fairgrounds.
3. **Additional tickets can be bought in advance at discount prices. See Advance Ticket Information on website for details.**

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 on February 13th and 14th will begin at 10 a.m.
2. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that is not deserving. It must be judged individually worthy.
3. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).
4. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
5. All animals must enter the show ring and 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 Pygmy Goat Committee.
3. The Pygmy Goat Committee will review the Open Pygmy Goat 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.

RELEASE

1. Release forms must be obtained from the livestock superintendent before animals will be allowed to leave the show grounds.
2. Exhibitors will forfeit premiums for early departure.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and/or 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.

Saturday Show:

- * No premiums will be paid to unregistered classes
- * No premiums will be paid for showmanship

1st=\$20, 2nd=\$16, 3rd=\$13, 4th=\$9, 5th=\$7

10:00 a.m. NPGA Rosettes to all Junior, Senior and Grand Champions

- *Rosettes to Best Unregistered Doe
- State Fair Awards to Grand and Res. Grand Doe
- Ribbons - Places 1st through 5th

Sunday Show: No Premiums

10:00 a.m. NPGA Rosettes to all Junior, Senior and Grand Champions

- *Rosettes to Best Unregistered Doe
- State Fair Awards to Grand and Res. Grand Doe
- Ribbons - Places 1st through 5th

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

PYGMY GOAT SHOW

NPGA rules to govern and take precedence over all others

SHOWMANSHIP:

*** Please Note: Exhibitors will be allowed to sign-up for Showmanship at check-in.**

1. Youth: 10 & Under
2. Junior: 11 to 18 Yrs.
3. Adult: 19 Yrs. and over

WETHERS:

4. Wethers: Under one year
5. Wethers: Over one year
6. **CHAMPION WETHER**
7. **RESERVE CHAMPION WETHER**

JUNIOR DOES:

8. Junior Doe Kids: 0-3 months
9. Intermediate Doe Kids: 3-6 months
10. Senior Doe Kids: 6-9 months
11. Sr. Senior Doe Kids: 9-12 months

- 12. Junior Yearling Does: 12-18 months
- 13. Senior Yearling Doe: 18-24 months
- 14. **JUNIOR CHAMPION DOE**
- 15. **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION DOE**

SENIOR DOES:

- 16. Doe in milk: Any age
- 17. Junior Yearling, Freshened: 12-18 months
- 18. Senior Yearling, Freshened: 18-24 months
- 19. Doe: 2 to under 3 years
- 20. Doe: 3 to under 4 years
- 21. Doe: 4 to under 5 years
- 22. Doe: 5 years and over
- 23. **SENIOR CHAMPION DOE**
- 24. **RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION DOE**

- 25. **GRAND CHAMPION DOE**
- 26. **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION DOE**

JUNIOR BUCKS:

- 27. Bucks: 0-3 months
- 28. Bucks: 3-6 months
- 29. Bucks: 6-9 months
- 30. Bucks: 9-12 months
- 31. **JUNIOR CHAMPION BUCK**
- 32. **RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION BUCK**

SENIOR BUCKS:

- 33. Bucks: 12-18 months
- 34. Bucks: 18-24 months
- 35. Bucks: 2 to under 3 years
- 36. Bucks: 3 to under 4 years
- 37. Bucks: 4 to under 5 years
- 38. Bucks: 5 years and over
- 39. **SENIOR CHAMPION BUCK**
- 40. **RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION BUCK**

- 41. **GRAND CHAMPION BUCK**
- 42. **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BUCK**

UNREGISTERED CLASSES:

- 43. Unreg. Doe: Under one year
- 44. Unreg. Doe: Over one year
- 45. **BEST UNREGISTERED DOE**

REMEMBER: USE SHOW DATES AS BASE AGE DATE!!!



INFORMATIVE DISPLAY CONTEST

- 1. To continue the on going program of educating the Fair going public about agricultural in Florida, the Pygmy Goat Committee has created a display contest of all Pygmy Goat Exhibitors. Exhibitors are encouraged to create an informative display that will highlight their animals and present more information about the industry.
- 2. Displays will be judged on Friday, February 12th by an independent judge or judges.
- 3. **Divisions:** Junior (up to 18 years old) & Adult

4. Judging Criteria:

- Sign identifying owner10 points
- Display identifying animals.....10 points
- Educational value for Public50 points
- Cleanliness of animals, and display area30 points
-**100 Total Possible**

5. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place displays.

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 AND LIVESTOCK ETHICS 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 of 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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