

## RULES FOR RACINE COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE

### GENERAL RULES

- A. The Racine County Fair is fully committed to enduring the integrity in all Livestock Departments. Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced by the respective specie superintendent(s).
- B. Junior livestock exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine Departments will be allowed to exhibit and sell no more than two (2) MARKET ANIMALS in the Livestock Show and Sale. Exceptions to this rule are the following:
  - a. Carcass Champions – Overall and Reserve Champions in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine Carcass Classes will be considered a bonus animal and will not count towards the two (2) animal limit.
- C. A four percent (4%) fee from each animal sold will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check by the Racine County Agricultural Society Inc. 2% will be used for the Buyer's Appreciation Dinner and 2% will be used for building maintenance.
- D. Only animals donated to the Fair Building Fund will be immediately re-sold in the Sale Ring. The exhibitor will receive the initial sale price. All other donated animals will become the property of the recipient.
- E. No paper shavings will be allowed in any barn.
- F. See additional rules in the respective Junior Animal Departments.

### ELIGIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR

**There shall be no discrimination of any exhibitor at the show due to race, creed, color, national origin, or religious affiliation.**

- A. All entry, earmark, weigh-in and DNA deadlines **SHALL** be followed with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- B. Each exhibitor must be at least 10 years of age and not more than 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
- C. All exhibitors must conform to the policies and regulations established for out-of-ring activities as listed in the General Rules such as housing, recreations, and meals. No recreational drugs, smoking, or drinking of alcoholic beverages will be permitted.
- D. All exhibitors shall adhere to the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
- E. All animals shown in market classes shall be owned and under the daily care of the 4-H, FFA, Breed Association, or other Youth Group exhibitor. Other housing and care situations must be on file with the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. and will be approved by the respective specie superintendent(s). ALL ANIMALS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AND WEIGHED AT THE STATED TIME(S) ACCORDING TO THE RACINE COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE POLICY.
- F. Breeding animals may be either owned or managed by the exhibitor but to be eligible to show the animal, it shall be under the daily care of the exhibitor.
- G. All animals must be shown by the exhibitor or an approved substitute exhibitor at this show. The substitute must be a junior exhibitor approved by the project superintendent.
- H. All Junior exhibitors selling their Livestock at the Racine County Fair will be required to take and pass the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) education course for their age level.

## **ANIMAL EXHIBITS**

### **- Eligibility of Animals**

- A. Any market animal that has been sold at a meat animal auction at any other show is ineligible to be shown again.
- B. A junior exhibitor may only register / weigh-in his or her steer(s) at one (1) County Fair.
- C. Steers and Sheep sold at the Racine County Fair Livestock Sale will only be allowed to exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair if the "Purchase Agreement Form" is completed and filed with the project Superintendent(s) at weigh-in prior to exhibition.
- D. Steers, wethers, or barrows showing masculine coarseness or evidence of late and/or incomplete castration will be discriminated against by the judge.
- E. Any animal that becomes wild and/or uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the project Superintendent(s) and/or Judge.
- F. A market animal must be shown in the live carcass show to be eligible for carcass awards and premiums.
- G. Weight Limits for the Racine County Fair Livestock Sale will be as follows:
  - a. Swine – 235 lbs. minimum to 295 lbs. maximum
  - b. Lambs – 85 lbs. minimum
  - c. Lamb Carcass – 85 lbs. minimum
  - d. Beef – 1,000 lbs. minimum
  - e. Beef Carcass – 950 lbs. minimum
  - f. Goat – 50 lbs. minimum

### **- Animal Care / Welfare**

- A. Exhibitors shall continually own and actively care for their animal and the exhibit while exhibiting at the Racine County Fair. If needed, the exhibitor may have a caretaker care for their livestock (immediate family member or other 4-H/FFA/Breed Assoc/Youth Group member). However, the exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal / project(s).
- B. All persons in charge of livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve their livestock, as the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof.
- C. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of their animal(s). The Racine County Agricultural Society Inc. is not responsible for the acts of a third party.

### **- Veterinary Services**

- A. The official fair Veterinarian is Dr. Kevin Nelson, DVM of Bristol Veterinary Service.
- B. Should an animal require veterinary attention while on the Racine County Fairgrounds, the official fair veterinarian or veterinarian's designee shall be contacted to examine and/or treat the animal. All fees incurred will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- C. If the following conditions have been met, the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. is expressly authorized to allow the official fair veterinarian to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices / procedures, administering of medication(s), surgery, and euthanasia for an animal in the absence of the exhibitor if:

- a. The exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the 4-H exhibitor and,
  - b. The official fair veterinarian, along with the department superintendent(s) determines that the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or that the animal is in extreme pain.
- D. If the official fair veterinarian concludes that an animal requires drug intervention prior to showing, that animal shall be deemed ineligible to show if the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug as of the start of the show of that animals specific specie. **All medication must be administered by the official fair veterinarian or veterinarian's designee.**
- E. If an animal should require drug intervention after showing but prior to being sold in the livestock sale, the animal must meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug. If the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period, extended care may be permitted but the buyer must be notified at the time of the sale. If extended care has been granted, the exhibitor will be responsible for all care and transport.
- F. If an animal should require drug intervention after the livestock sale, the animal must meet the proper withdrawal period for that specific drug. If the animal cannot meet the proper withdrawal period, extended care may be permitted in consultation with the buyer. If extended care has been granted, the exhibitor will be responsible for all care and transport.
- **Grooming** – Responsibility for grooming animals for show is the responsibility of the exhibitor. In keeping with this fact, the following rules will be observed:
  - a. Clipping, trimming, or blocking of all species by anyone other than the exhibitor, a Racine County Leader in that species project, a Racine County Junior exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or legal guardian will not be permitted at this show. Violation of this rule will automatically disqualify the exhibitor and shall result in forfeiture of all premium monies.
  - b. Any equipment or inappropriate attire found on an exhibitor or an animal which has been deemed by the project Superintendent(s) to be detracting from the appearance of the show shall be changed upon request. For clarification, review the 4-H literature for Beef, Sheep, and Swine fitting and showing. **NO** farm names will be allowed on shirts or hats for the Junior Show.
  - c. In the Beef Show ring, exhibitors may use traditional show halters, show sticks, and appropriate combs. Throats straps and nose leads will not be permitted.
  - d. All market lambs shall be shown with ¼" wool or less. No patch shearing will be allowed.
- **Unethically Fitted Livestock**
  - A. The showing of any unethically fitted livestock or livestock of an ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited.
  - B. Unethically fitted is defined as any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means, as well as changing the normal conformation of any part of the animal's body or using drugs, medications, chemicals, or other substances (including over-the-counter and extra-label substances and uses), or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup

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or performance of the animal. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to temporarily improve conformation.
- b. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
- c. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
- d. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, hair, or feet (this is to include any materials added to the feet of an animal) except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
- e. Insertion of foreign material under the skin
- f. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method by esophagus.
- g. The use of alcoholic or caffeinated carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
- h. The use of diuretics.
- i. Administration of an illegal, unapproved, or performance enhancing drug internally or externally.

- **INSPECTION / TESTING**

- o There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for any violation of the following rules in this section; intent is not relevant (i.e. strict liability).

A. **Exhibitor Warranties for Livestock Animals** - By entering the Racine County Fair, each exhibitor warrants the following:

- a. The exhibitor has complied with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and that the animal sold is fit for human consumption.
- b. The animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. rules and regulations.
- c. The carcass of the animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice.
- d. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality of the animal, without regard to the Participant's actual responsibility or fault.

B. Each exhibitor upon weigh-in for their individual species shall submit the Market Animal Drug History form. Failure to submit this form shall result in automatic disqualification.

- a. If an animal has been given a drug prior to arrival at the Fair, the animal must have met the listed drug withdrawal time by the start of each individual species Show.

- **Prohibited Substance Testing**

- A. The term "drug" shall mean any substance that the sale, possession, or use of which is regulated by federal, state, or local law or regulation, as well as any substance used by the medical or veterinary professions that affects the circulatory, respiratory, muscular, skeletal, or central nervous system of any species of livestock.

- B. Animals shall be presented to the Racine County Fair where they will enter the food chain free of drugs as of the individual species show day. The act of entering the Racine County Fair is giving the consent by the owner / exhibitor for the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals 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 in the event.
- C. Upon completion of showing for each individual specie, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animal will have samples taken for drug and DNA testing.
  - a. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. reserves the right to drug and/or DNA test any market animal AT ANY TIME, during the Racine County Fair.
- D. The exhibitor or parent/guardian of the exhibitor must be present during the initial collection of the sample to witness that the sample was properly collected.
- E. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from a market animal 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to 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 to prove otherwise.
- F. The Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. will test for some of the following classes of drugs. This list is not comprehensive and the full list will be on file with the testing laboratory.
  - a. Anabolic Steroids, Analgesics, Anti-histamines, Anti-depressants, Beta-agonists, Beta-blockers, Bronchodilators, Corticosteroids, Diuretics, Local anesthetics, Muscle relaxants, NSAID (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug), Stimulants, Tranquilizers/Sedatives/Anesthetics, and Therapeutics.
  - b. Exceptions to this will be Ractopamine Hydrochloride (Paylean / Optaflexx) for cattle and swine.

- **Consequences**

- A. Should an animal be determined to be unethically fitted and/or have a positive result of drug testing, the exhibitor will pay for the cost of testing, lose all premium money, and lose all sale rights. If the animal has already been sold the carcass will be condemned. The exhibitor will reimburse the buyer for the full amount of the sale or offer a reasonable substitute animal with the permission of the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc.
  - a. For a first offense, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair for a period of no less than one (1) year.
  - b. For a second offense, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair permanently.

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