

# General Rules and Regulations

**NOTICE:** All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced strictly.

The Georgia National Fair (GNF) will be held on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, October 8-18, 2020, unless postponed, or extended by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (GAEA), all of which they hereby claim and reserve the right to do from any cause whatsoever which they may deem necessary for the general good of all concerned.

## Administration of Rules and Regulations

The GNF reserves to the GAEA the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the GAEA may order.

## Statement of Liability

1. All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the GAEA, but the GAEA will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the GAEA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

2. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or fowl that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

## Testing and Responsibility

3. **DRUGS & DIURETICS:** Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term "drug" shall mean: the sale, possession or use of any substance which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal.

The use of any *diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs* for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood, tissue, milk and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing.

The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

4. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Georgia National Fair Livestock competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Georgia National Fairgrounds property.

Any animal exhibited in any 4H/FFA Junior show being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication (the use of any diuretic, tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited) that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal.

Should testing and inspection procedures used by the GNF evidence the presence of a foreign substance or any drug not medically necessary or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor,

a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.

5. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;

- a. Forfeiture of prize money;
- b. Forfeiture of sale money;
- c. *Forfeiture of titles, trophies, and awards;*
- d. *Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show.*

*i. The exhibitor will be banned from competing at future livestock competitions for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction. After the twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor will then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater).*

*During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management's choice.*

*ii. If, at any time following the first ban, any **Junior 4H/FFA animal** shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs, or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.*

- e. Subject to investigation by federal, state and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
- f. *Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.*

*Refusal to submit animals for testing or to cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.*

### **Eligibility for Entry**

6. Competition is open to the world unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing a particular department.

7. **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge.

8. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors entering an animal in any name other than the name of the bona fide owner or owners, or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible, may, at the discretion of the management, be barred from further showing, and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited. Entries that have been erroneously entered will be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in proper classes in one owner's name, but must appear under this ownership in all classes entered.

9. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List are required on all animals. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the Fairgrounds area. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to animals showing any signs or characteristics of disease. Inspectors will check health papers upon arrival.

10. **BREEDER AFFIDAVIT:** Barren animals will not be eligible for breeding classes; an affidavit that the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.

11. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair. In cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Rule Infraction Database, the Georgia National Fair reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor.

12. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their livestock must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of this premium list).

## Entries

13. **ENTRIES AND ENTRY DEADLINE:** All livestock entries will be **ONLINE ONLY**. Entry deadline remains **September 1st**. All entries will be paid for through the online process, using a credit/debit card. There is a processing fee of **\$1.50 per exhibitor**. The Livestock show information can be found at [www.georgianationalfair.com](http://www.georgianationalfair.com) - Livestock/Horseshow tab - Livestock Competitions. *Please Note: Livestock Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, the office is closed on Saturday & Sunday. If the entry deadline of September 1 falls on the weekend or a Holiday, there will be no one in the office to assist you. The deadline will not be extended.*

14. **ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally, an application for entry, and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings.

15. **SIGNATURES:** By completing the online entry the exhibitor and parent/guardian acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair.

16. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED:** Social Security number required for premiums checks.

17. **ENTRY FEES:**

Beef & Dairy Cattle..... \$20.00

Sheep, Swine & Goats... \$15.00

Entry fee includes the original bedding which will be in the stalls upon arrival of livestock.

18. **CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES** must be made no later than **September 10**.

19. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.

20. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:** Animal must be shown by owner. Substitute showman will be allowed when exhibitor has more than one animal in a class. The substitute showman must be a 4-H or FFA member and must be approved by the show superintendent.

If an exhibitor is unable to show his/her animal due to a disability, a substitute showman will be allowed to show for that exhibitor. The exhibitor with the disability must be present at the show-ring when the substitute showman and animal enter the ring. The substitute in all cases must be a 4-H or FFA member and the substitute must be approved by the show superintendent at the time of animal check-in. No adults other than officials of the show will be allowed in the show-ring.

No substitute showman will be allowed to show in showmanship

21. **SHOW NUMBER:** Each entry in the Fair will be assigned a show number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the Official Livestock Catalog number and must be displayed properly when the entries are being judged.

## Passes and Parking

22. **JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

**Complimentary Livestock Admission Bracelets** are provided for exhibitors along with bracelets for parents/guardians of each exhibiting family. (Example: If family has one child exhibiting, they receive three bracelets. If family has two children exhibiting, they receive four bracelets, etc.). Additional passes must be purchased.

**4-H and FFA chapters** with junior entries will receive complimentary Livestock Admission Bracelets and complimentary vehicle passes for Agents or Advisors.

**All Livestock Admission Bracelets** must be put on when picked up and kept on until your stay with us is final, if for any reason these bracelets get lost or have to be cut off, the exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a replacement.

All complimentary bracelets must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock entrance to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Additional bracelets/passes (quantities limited) may be purchased at the Livestock Credentials office.

Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. All vehicles must be out of the barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

23. No parking is permitted on the asphalt next to the barns.

24. **NONCOMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately

25. **ADVISORS (4H & FFA) must confirm their junior exhibitor's entries in order to receive their pass packets.**

26. If you are an exhibitor and you are reading these rules please email "***I have read the rules***" to [livestock@gnfa.com](mailto:livestock@gnfa.com) by entry deadline to receive a GNFA hat. Please include your name, what you are showing and the date. Do not share this rule with anyone.

27. **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:** On heavy attendance days the Georgia State Patrol will designate all gates on the Fairgrounds as exits only from approximately 9 pm until 11 pm. It is strongly suggested that you plan your entrance and exit times wisely with this information in mind.

### **Judges and Judging Procedure**

28. Policies of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.

29. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Georgia National Fair.

30. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed may make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Livestock Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal.

31. If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the Show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.

32. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

33. No one will be allowed to act as judge in the ring or class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.

34. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of the Ag Expo Authority that no premium or distinction of any kind be given any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. Only first prize winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

### **Protests**

35. Protest against an award and/or eligibility must be made in writing to the Agricultural/Youth Director of the Georgia National Fairgrounds and accompanied by an affidavit and a deposit of \$50.00 within twenty (24) hours following the designation of such award. Any animal being protested must have been entered in the appropriate show and qualified to show before the protest will be accepted. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit will be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair. The Livestock Superintendent will notify the exhibitor of the protested animal or article, of such protest, and both parties shall then have ten (10) days in which to bring testimony in the case to be submitted to the Livestock Committee. The protested award will be held in abeyance until final action of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority.

36. No other protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.

### **Care of Animals, Stalls and Pens**

37. **ANIMAL WELL-BEING:** Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.

38. **CONTROL:** All animals exhibited at the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke.

39. **BEDDING:** The official bedding of the Georgia National Fair is wood shavings. All beef entries in the Junior and Open shows will be required to use wood shavings in the barn. The first bedding is provided and additional chips can be purchased on site. Absolutely NO exceptions to this rule. Violators will forfeit all premiums won. Junior and Open Dairy and Llama exhibitors will be allowed to use straw on top of the existing wood shavings. Wood shavings must not be removed from stalls.

40. **BEDDING SALES:** Shavings and straw will be available on the Fairgrounds at reasonable prices. Straw will be allowed in the outside tie-outs only, except where otherwise specified. Hours and location for purchase of bedding will be posted.

41. **TIE-OUTS:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. Outside tie space is available on a "first come, first served" basis. Cattle only allowed in tie-out areas. Exhibitors are permitted to use any type bedding they so desire (natural products only) in the designated tie-out area. No equipment of any kind allowed, fans, generators, tents, etc. Pens may be set along the chain link fence. Vehicles permitted for delivery of bedding and feed only. Vehicles must not be left unattended and are not allowed to park in the tie-out area.

42. All vehicles must be out of barn areas by 8:00 am each morning.

43. **SIGNS:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign or banner over their exhibit advertising their own herd or farm. This sign or banner shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitor's signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs

not to exceed 22 X 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed.

44. Posting of signs is not allowed outside the barns or in any area inside the barns other than in the exhibitor's assigned spaces.

45. All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Georgia National Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

### **Dress Code**

**In an effort to encourage professionalism among our Jr. exhibitors and to promote the youth organizations that are involved in the Jr. Livestock project. Suggested Dress Code: Show Ring Dress Code: All junior exhibitors are encouraged to wear one of the following: exempt Jr Commercial Dairy Heifer exhibitors.**

**A. 4-H Member:** An official 4-H vest, jacket, or pullover wind jacket. Exhibitor must be of the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. Must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the vest or jacket. Exhibitor must wear a collared shirt under the vest or jacket that is the appropriate colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white.

**B. 4-H Member:** A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate 4-H colors of solid green, solid white, or a mix of green and white. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. Exhibitor must have an official 4-H emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front, left side of the shirt.

**C. FFA Member:** An official FFA corduroy jacket, pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest. A pullover wind jacket, softshell jacket or vest must be of the appropriate colors of solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. Must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches permanently affixed to the front and left side of the jacket options or vest. Exhibitor must wear a collared shirt under any of the jacket options or vest that is of the appropriate colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow.

**D. FFA Member:** A buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve, of the appropriate FFA colors of solid white, solid blue, solid yellow, or a mix of blue and yellow. No third color mix or additional colors are allowed. You must have an official FFA emblem of at least 2½ inches that is permanently affixed to the front and left side of the shirt.

**E. First, Second, or Third grade students (not yet enrolled in 4-H): A solid white, buttoned up, collared shirt or polo shirt, short or long sleeve; and jeans. No 4-H emblem can be worn by exhibitors not enrolled in 4-H.**

### **Composite Rules and Regulations**

46. **NO DOGS** are allowed on the Georgia National Fairgrounds during the Fair except service dogs and dogs participating in demonstrations and/or competitions.

47. All articles and animals for exhibition must be in their places, with all rubbish and waste cleared away by 9:00 am each morning.

48. **ARRIVAL TIME:** All animals must be in the barn by the time and date specified in this book under individual shows.

49. **DEPARTURE TIME:** All animals must be out of the barn by 9:00 pm on the date of their release as specified in this book under individual shows. They may spend that night in the tie-outs, but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.

50. **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Any animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Livestock Department. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.

51. **ANY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN TO BE USED IN YOUR STALL OR SPACE MUST COMPLY WITH AND BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.**

52. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED:** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.

53. No demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners (except as allowed in rule # 41), advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character will be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the Show buildings' walls, posts, or doors.

54. **TRIMMING CHUTES:** NO chutes allowed in center aisle of cattle barn. Chutes & equipment outside of barn must be kept orderly.

55. **BREED SHOWS:** Where breed shows are offered, breeds that do not meet the minimum requirements for that show for two consecutive years will no longer be offered a breed show. See individual show rules.

### Photographs

56. Exhibitors of Champion and Grand Champion winners must make themselves and their animals available for the taking of official photographs and must remain at the Show until animals are released; those photographs are to become the property of the Georgia National Fair with copies made available on site for purchase by the exhibitors.

*Failure to comply may result in premium monies being withheld.*

Only the photographers displaying the badge of “Official Photographer” are authorized to take photos for resale on the Fairgrounds.

### Premiums & Awards

57. Premium checks will be mailed by the Georgia National Fair (except where otherwise stated) as soon after the Show as possible.

*New* 58. **All premium checks issued by the Georgia National Fair are good for up to 90 days from the issue date on the check. Checks not cashed by that time will not be reissued. In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made before this 90 day period has lapsed to have the premium check reissued.**

### Notice to Exhibitors

59. Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barns only to tend to lactating animals and must do so within their assigned stalling area or purchase additional stalling space, if available. No other camping is allowed in or around the barn areas.

60. In order to create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc., should be stored out of sight by 8 a.m. each morning.

60. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes. *Coolers are allowed.*

61. No Unauthorized ATVs, Golf Carts, Motorcycles or Bicycles allowed on grounds.

**The following are prohibited on the property known as the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter:**

**Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates, Hover Boards, Roller Blades, and other similar mechanical equipment.**

**Attention Exhibitors: Due to COVID-19 and the space limitations in New South Arena and Foster Rhodes Beef and Dairy Arena, mask or face covering are required to enter the building. Exhibitors will not have to wear face coverings while showing their project. All attendees are encouraged to wearing face coverings during their visit to the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter.**