

# Georgia National Junior Preview Market Beef Show (Steer & Market Heifer)

*New*

Judge:..... TBA  
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#### Arrival & Check-in Time

Thurs., Oct. 8, 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

*(No animals allowed on grounds before 8:00 am on Thurs.)*

Must be in barn by *Thurs., Oct. 8, 7:00 pm*

#### Release Time

*Sun., Oct. 11 following show*

#### Show Time

Show: *Sun., Oct. 11, 10:00 am*

#### Arena

Sutherland Arena

**Weigh-in:** All steers will be weighed by show officials on Thurs., Oct. 8 5:00-7:00 pm

1. Junior Show exhibitors must abide by all General Rules and Regulations printed in the beginning of this book.
2. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in this Premium List and current Georgia Department of Agriculture regulations are required on all animals.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** Exhibitors are eligible from the State of Georgia only. Classes open only to 4-H and FFA members 4th grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in school (and at least nine years old by entry deadline). No exhibitor who has graduated from high school is eligible to show in regular classes or in showmanship.
4. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** will be required for premium checks.
5. **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) - Animals - 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.*
6. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.
7. **SIGNATURES:** The online entry process has a place that you have to agree to the rules, by marking the check box will serve as required signature. There is an Advisors form that all 4H/FFA advisors are required to send in for their counties/clubs.
8. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** No more than four (4) market animals, steer &/or market heifer combined can be entered by any one exhibitor.
9. **OWNERSHIP:** Steers must have been owned by the exhibitor since September 1, 2020. A description of the calf, including breed, birth date and tattoo number, must be listed. This is a feeder steer calf show and it is suggested that all calves be born on or after August 1, 2019. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all steers. The exhibitor must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide daily care for the steer(s) from September 1, 2020 to show time.
10. **IDENTIFICATION:** All Steers, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers must have a STATE ear tag number listed on the entry. The ear tag number in the animals ear must match ear tag number on entry form when the animal is weighed in (tattoo numbers are not accepted for ear tag number on entry form). Only one (1) tag per animal. Steer and Commercial Heifers will require STATE ear tags purchased through your Agriculture Education Teacher or County Agent, no other tags will be accepted. If an animal loses a tag, notify the GNFA Livestock office, no later than 7 days after tag is lost.

**TATTOO:** Required on all Jr Beef Cattle

11. The GNF steer show will be structured so that divisions will be separated into breeds which will further be divided into classes based on weight.

The Divisions will be composed of:

A. **Crossbred Division.** This division will consist of calves of varying percentages of British and Continental breeds.

B. **Breed Divisions.** Any breed with a minimum of seven steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division. If a breed division does not make for 2 consecutive years they will show in Crossbred.

C. Any breed division (including Brahman derivative) with less than seven steers will show in the Crossbred division.

E. **Steer Classifications Guidelines:**

\***Continental Breeds:** Steers must show a predominance of characteristics indicating that the animal is approximately 50% or more of the breed entered. Continental breeds include (but are not limited to) Charolais, Chi-Influenced, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine-Anjou and Simmental.

\***British Breeds:**

**Angus:** Must show all the characteristics of the Angus breed; black in color with no white above the underline, or on leg, foot, or tail (white is allowed in front of the navel.) Smooth polled, nor scurs.

**Hereford:** Hereford steer should exhibit typical Hereford color markings, breed character, and phenotypic expression of frame size, muscle and structure (Freckles, dark eye pigmentation and small ticks will be included.) Horned and Polled Herefords are eligible (horned steers must be dehorned).

**Shorthorn:** Must show all characteristics of the Shorthorn breed. Color typically should be red, white or red/white roan. No black or blue/white roans allowed.

*\*Exhibitors will declare Division/Breed on the entry form based on the breed characteristics of their steer.*

*\*A committee of three classifiers will evaluate the animal, if two or more disagree with the breed declared on the entry form, the entry will automatically be moved to the Crossbred Division. Their decision will be final and no appeals will be allowed. Registration papers will not be considered in the classification process of entries.*

12. **WEIGH-IN:** All steers will be weighed by show officials on Thursday, Oct. 8, between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. No reweighs after steers leave the scales. Class winners will not be reweighed.

13. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** The 1st and 2nd place Market animal in each class will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the respective breeds.

14. **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

15. **CONTROL:** All steers must be halter broken. Animals that are unruly can be dismissed from the show-ring at the discretion of the judge or the show superintendent. Any steer that breaks loose from the exhibitor three (3) times while in the show-ring will be disqualified.

16. **FILLING OF STEERS** with any substance is prohibited.

17. **ALL STEERS MUST BE DEHORNED.** Any regrowth of horns should be rasped and made presentable for the show.

18. **FALSE TAILHEADS** and false switches will not be permitted. All heifers must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alteration by modification except for the grooming and treatment of the hair and trimming of the hooves. **NO GRAPHITE MAY BE APPLIED.**

19. No hair, cotton twine, etc. may be applied to the animal.

20. No nose tongs can be used in exhibiting cattle.

21. **STALLING: All counties must stall 4H/FFA together. Stalling will be the responsibility of the barn manager, changes may be made at their discretion.**

22. **BEDDING:** Wood chip bedding will be provided for the first bedding. No straw, sand or other material will be allowed in the beef barn complex.

23. **TACK AREAS** will be assigned on an available basis depending on the number of animals *actually checked in.*

24. **NECK ROPES** must be used for tying steers and provided by the participant.
25. Exhibitors must keep the part of the building occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. Ribbons won at this and other shows may be used to decorate the area. Paint or any other substance that will mar or deface the stalls WILL NOT be tolerated.
26. **NO BLOCKING CHUTES** will be allowed in the arena area.
27. **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 the tie panel.
28. **TIE-OUTS:** 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 placed along 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.
29. **PASSES:** Complimentary passes must be picked up at the Livestock Credentials Office at the East Gate of the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

***Breeds will be shown in the order as listed below:***

<b><u>Division # - Breed</u></b>	<b><u>Division # - Breed</u></b>
<b>2</b> American	<b>7</b> Limousin
<b>1</b> Angus	<b>8</b> Maine-Anjou
<b>3</b> Charolais	<b>5</b> Crossbred
<b>4</b> Chi-Influence	<b>9</b> Shorthorn
<b>6</b> Hereford	<b>10</b> Simmental
<b>11</b> Market Heifer	

Note: Any breed with a minimum of seven steers after check-in and classification will be considered a breed division

# 2020 Georgia National Fair Show Steer Breed Classification Guidelines

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To an outsider or novice, placing a steer in a breed class might appear to be relatively simple. Just read the specifications for a class and then find an animal that meets the criteria-right? Please keep in mind, registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other paperwork is not considered in the classification process. Eligibility for the class is determined only by visual appraisal, as evaluated by classifiers appointed by show management.

## Classification Terms:

**Ideal Characteristics:** Characteristics in combination that most accurately represent the breed

**Acceptable Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that represent the breed

**Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.

**Absolute Disqualifications:** Unfavorable visual characteristics resulting in removal from a breed division

**Considerations:** The following will be considered at the discretion of the classification committee: birthmarks or scarring (due to hot iron branding, freeze branding, or injury-caused discoloration)

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## BRITISH TYPE

This group includes cattle that appear to be purebred Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, and Shorthorn.

### Angus

#### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Angus
- Solid Black
- Polled
- Needs to have a tight sheath that is round and perpendicular to the ground
- *Angus*-type ear set, small to moderate ear size high on the head

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Continental breed type structure (being coarse about his joints, not to be confused with big-boned cattle) and head
- Bumps where horns would be on a horned animal
- Birthmarks or white hair in the switch should be reviewed for the skin color (black skin color is acceptable; white or pink skin is a disqualification)

### Hereford

#### Ideal Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Hereford
- Some white on the back of both ears
- Red body with white face, white underline, and white-marked legs
- Traditional feather on crest
- Horned Herefords must show evidence of being dehorned

Acceptable Breed Characteristics - These characteristics are not necessarily desirable and in combination may be discriminating

- Dark red color
- Red neck
- Solid red ear(s)
- Excess white on legs
- Excess white above the underline
- Eye pigment
- Black hair in tail, or ear of animal
- Freckling on the nose
- White above switch in tail
- White across rump above the twist

*Non-Angus*-type ear set (Ear set and excessive ear size as in Continental breeds)

- Large navels and angular sheaths

#### Absolute Disqualifications:

- White skin resulting in white hair above the underline or in the front of the navel (White on the navel is acceptable)
- White skin resulting in white hair on the leg, foot or tail
- Horns or scurs
- Brindle
- Diluter color pattern
- Dehorning scars
- Double muscling

#### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Solid white ear(s)
- Questionable ear size and shape
- Straight-line white markings on legs or tail above the switch
- White above the hocks, on the outside and back side of rear legs
- Excess pigment or color around the eyes
- Red neck in combination with excess white on legs
- Line back
- Coarse joints, head, or ribs

#### Absolute Disqualifications

- Solid black nose
- Diluter color pattern
- Streaking of white from the feather off the shoulder
- Brindles
- Double muscling; extreme muscle definition
- Any color pattern other than red or white (birthmarks excluded)

## Shorthorn

### Acceptable Breed Classifications

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a purebred Shorthorn
- Solid red; solid white with red hair or red pigment on ear, muzzle, anus or tail; or any combination of red and white, with the red and white color pattern bleeding together

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley face or brockle face
- Orange or light red color
- Black nose pigment
- Coarse head
- Coarse joints

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Diluter color pattern, such as yellow or yellow roan
- Blacks, blue roans, or grays
- Brindle
- Solid white with no red pigment on the ears, tail, or anus
- Double muscling

## CONTINENTAL or EXOTIC TYPE

Included here are Charolais (half-blood and higher), Limousin, Maine-Anjou (half or higher), and Simmental (purebred).

## Charolais

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a half-blood purebred Charolais
- White, yellow gray, or silver (moderate dappling allowed)
- Expression of diluter gene
- Minimal painting or spotting less than 20%
- Skunk tail, line back, baldy

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Excessive painting or spotting (over 20%)
- Double muscling
- Brindles
- Frail bone work and frail general appearance
- Light red color or orange
- Short, stubby head
- Overly refined, narrow head
- Excessive dark pigmentation (eyes, nose, ears, and anus)
- Excessive dappling

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Black, red, dark smuts
- Showing no diluter gene, unless solid white
- Excessive painting or spotting

## Limousin

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Must physically exhibit breed characteristics of a Limousin
- Solid black, red/orange, light red, charcoal black, chocolate black, orange or brockle- face
- Bald face
- Tend to be smooth shouldered
- Head
  - Eye – Deeper socket, prominent brow, light pigment around eye on reds
  - Poll –Needs to have a wide poll
  - Ear – Tends to be smaller and rounder
  - Muzzle – Tends to be short
- Sheath
  - Tend to have a forward angle
- Legs/foot
  - Tend to be smooth jointed
  - Tend to be flat boned

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Coarse joints, skeleton, and head
- Course open shoulders
- Brindle
- Pencil sheath, hanging straight down
- Pointed poll
- Excessive crest
- White Switch

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Stocking legs
- Spotting above the underline
- Roans
- Yellow, Blonde, Grey, Silver
- Diluter Gene
- Red Cattle with Black noses
- Monkey/Parrot mouth

## Maine Anjou

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Solid red
- Solid black
- Red and white
- Black and white
- Heavy skeletal structure

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- None

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roan
- Diluter color pattern
- Appears to be more than 50% of any other breed

## Simmental

### Acceptable Breed Characteristics

- Appear to physically exhibit characteristics of a purebred Simmental
- Solid black, red, red and white, yellow and white, black and white
- Some painting or spotting above the underline
- Bald, blaze, or streak face
- Typically longer head, larger ears

### Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

- Motley/Brockle face
- Excessive white above the underline

### Absolute Disqualifications

- Brindle
- Roans
- Smut or gray, white, smoky, silver or any combination of these
- Skunk tail

# Classification Glossary

**American breeds.** Breeds created in the United States by interbreeding existing breeds, including at least one tropically adapted breed (most often American Brahman).

**Bald face.** Appearance when white covers most of the face.

**Blaze or streak face.** A wide strip of white down the face to the muzzle.

**Bos indicus** (zebu). Subspecies of cattle originating in south Asia; has a prominent hump on top or in front of shoulder.

**Bos taurus.** Subspecies of cattle; originated in west Asia but is usually called European.

**Brindle.** A streaking of black, brown, or white on the body of the steer (tiger stripe).

**British/English.** Cattle originating in the British Isles; Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn are most numerous in the United States.

**Brockle or motley face.** Red or black spotting on a white or bald face.

**Continental.** Breeds originating in Continental Europe; sometimes called European or Exotic.

**Diluter gene.** A gene that determines color. Cattle that carry both copies of the gene will appear white. Non-diluter cattle will appear black or dark red, whereas those carrying a single diluter gene will appear gray or yellow.

**Discriminatory Breed Characteristics.** Characteristics that are not reason for absolute disqualification but in combination with other discriminatory visual characteristics could lead to disqualification.

**Horned.** Horns are solidly attached to the skull, or there is evidence of dehorning.

**Painting.** Large white markings covering a major portion of the steer.

**Pigmentation.** Dark skin coloring on the points of the steer (eyes, nose, ears, anus, tail).

**Polled.** Naturally hornless.

**Purebred.** Showing visual characteristics of a particular breed and none of any other breed.

**Scurs.** Horny tissue or rudimentary horn attached to skin but not the skull.

**Sheath score.** Scoring system from 1 to 5 based on the length of the sheath (1 = little sheath; 5 = excess sheath).

**Smut.** Dark gray color pattern.

**Spotting.** White spots on the steer.

## Summary

In the commercial beef industry, most cattle are sorted by visual characteristics into numerous groups for marketing purposes. Similarly, during livestock shows, participating steers are sorted into breed classes based on visual characteristics. As you can see, in most classes there are generally few factors that will absolutely disqualify an animal, and those are usually easily identified. Instead, most disqualified animals have more than one subjectively evaluated discriminatory characteristic.

Steers should be selected and shown based only on their visual appearance because that is how they will be evaluated for classification. Remember that classifiers are asked to exercise their judgment. If your steer is classified out, it doesn't mean that the classifier or anyone else is accusing you of lying, cheating, or being unethical. Nor does it mean that the steer cannot be the breed you say it is. Look at breed classification as the first stage of judging. Don't be too upset if the classifier makes (or you think he or she has made) a mistake. It's all a matter of judgment.



# Health Requirements

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## General Requirements

- No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and tests required.
- A veterinarian, Georgia Department of Agriculture personnel or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.
- An official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must show proof of the requirements for the appropriate species.
- ***No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds with visible warts or visible ringworm lesions.***
- ***Livestock may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility. If suspected animals are not removed from or return to the show facility, all of the exhibitor's entries will be disqualified.***

## Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements

All animals being exhibited in any type of livestock show (local, county, area, district, or state) must have an official certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate). The certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued within 30 days of the exhibition with the following exceptions:

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection exceptions will be the following:**

1. For Georgia cattle, swine, goats and exotic animals exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, the certificate of veterinary inspection and required tests shall be valid for 4 months (unless specified otherwise by show management).
2. For Georgia sheep exhibiting in Georgia 4-H and FFA shows, a certificate of veterinary inspection must be issued by a veterinarian and must be updated and signed every 30 days during the show season (up to 4 months) by a veterinarian, county extension agent or vocational agriculture teacher. The examiner must sign and record the following statement on the certificate: "to the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."
3. Georgia equine participating in Georgia Equine Shows will not require a certificate of veterinary inspection. (See complete Equine Requirements)

**\*\* Certificate of veterinary inspection is required on all market hogs at the Georgia National Fair as there will be breeding hogs on the premises. No livestock will be allowed entry onto the show grounds without the proper health records and test required.**

A veterinarian or other qualified person may be present to examine all livestock prior to exhibition.

An official certificate of veterinary inspection must show proof of the following requirements for the appropriate species.

*Revised March 5, 2005 - For complete & current regulations, call (404) 656-3667.*

## Farm Animal Livestock Requirements

### I. CATTLE

#### A. Brucellosis

1. Georgia cattle have no brucellosis test requirements.
2. Out-of-state cattle must satisfy Georgia import requirements for Brucellosis. (Regulations are contingent on state of origin - call (404) 656-3667 for current regulations).

#### B. Tuberculosis

1. DAIRY CATTLE - All dairy cattle six (6) months of age and older must have a negative TB test within sixty (60) days of shipment - REGARDLESS OF THE STATUS OF THE STATE OF ORIGIN (This does not apply to Georgia Cattle).
2. BEEF CATTLE - Beef cattle originating from a TB free state do not require a TB test. Beef cattle from the following states will require a negative TB test if six (6) months of age or older within sixty (60) days of shipment: California, Michigan, New Mexico, and Minnesota.

### II. SWINE

#### A. Georgia swine:

1. All breeding swine 4 months of age and over must have a negative Brucellosis and a negative Pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition except:
  - a. Swine originating from a validated Brucellosis free herd and a qualified Pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of last test conducted must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
2. Market swine:
  - a. Gilts must have a negative brucellosis and a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a validated brucellosis free herd and a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Validation and qualification numbers and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
  - b. Barrows must have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of exhibition unless originating from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. Qualification number and date of the last herd test must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
  - c. Slaughter swine may be exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and the test requirements if they qualify under the "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Exceptions" section described above.

B. Out-of-state swine must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of entry with the entry permit number and individual identification recorded. Test requirements for breeding swine and market swine are the same as "Georgia swine" requirements above.

**NOTE:** Swine purchased and/or removed from the farm of a validated/qualified herd loses validated/qualified status at the time of transfer and will require the appropriate tests prior to exhibition.

C. Any exhibition of out-of-state swine must have an entry permit number from the Dept. of Agriculture. (Call (404) 656-3667 Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm).

### III. SHEEP

A. Georgia and out-of-state sheep must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All sheep, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those sheep born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all sheep including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA sheep, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. *Sheep may be inspected at the show facility for infections and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.*

### IV. GOATS

A. Georgia and out-of-state goats must enter on a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 30 days of the exhibition. All goats, except wethers, must be identified with USDA approved individual animal identification to the flock of origin. Those goats born after 1/1/02 must be identified to the flock of birth and flock of origin if different. This information must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection. The following statement must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection for all goats including wethers: "To the best of my knowledge, the animals being exhibited are free from any clinical signs consistent with those of footrot, scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), cutaneous fungal lesions, scrapie or any other infectious or contagious disease."

B. For Georgia 4-H and FFA goats, see CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS above.

C. Goats may be inspected at the show facility for infectious and contagious diseases and those suspected of having disease will be removed from the show facility.

#### V. EXOTIC ANIMALS

A. All exotic animals and all non-traditional livestock entering Georgia must be accompanied by an official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection identifying each animal with unique permanent individual identification.

B. All llamas, alpacas and camels entering Georgia must be identified by a USDA approved metal ear tag, unique and individual tattoo, notarized photograph, or an electronic identification device (microchip). If electronic identification is used, the consignee is responsible for providing the appropriate reading device for verification. Castrated males are exempt from the individual identification requirements.

*New* Look for the “new” logo throughout this book. It is used to indicate changes or additions to rules, schedules, etc.

# 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.**