

General Rules & Regulations

SECTION 1 — INTERPRETATIONS, AMENDMENTS & VIOLATIONS

Rule 1. The State Fair of Louisiana reserves to its Livestock Committee Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. The Board of Directors hereby reserves the right to change the order of any program or prizes that may be published.

Rule 2. The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as it may deem advisable. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

Rule 3. The State Fair of Louisiana supports the Ark-La-Tex Agricultural Council Junior Livestock Sale Rules. Any Violation of said rules will constitute a violation of the Louisiana State Fair General and Special Rules and shall subject the exhibitor to any and all penalties outlined in the State Fair General Rules & Regulations, Junior Division General Rules & regulations, State Fair of Louisiana livestock department Show Ring Code of Ethics and/or IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics , such penalties to include but not limited to forfeiture of all awards, privileges, premium, sale of animal, barring from participation in show/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event held at the annual State Fair of Louisiana for the specified periods herein, and/or subject to such penalty as The State Fair Management may order. The violation will also be reported to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Livestock Management and North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association.

Rule 4. If an exhibitor or exhibitor's animal is in violation of state fair rules and regulations, in the opinion of the livestock show management, the exhibitor will forfeit all awards, premiums and sales for the animal. Furthermore, the exhibitor will be barred from participation in show/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event held at the annual State Fair of Louisiana for a period of (1) year. **Second violation** — If an exhibitor or a family member (someone who legally reside in the same household and share the same address) has another violation of the Code of Ethics rules and regulations, the **family** will be barred from participation in show/exhibiting all livestock and/or poultry in a 4-H or FFA event held at the annual State Fair of Louisiana for a period of three (3) years. The violation will also be reported to the LSU Cooperative Extension Service Livestock Management and North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association.

Rule 5. An exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation or unethical practice will not be allowed to complete at the State Fair Livestock Show. The Show, cooperating with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and using the Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor. An exhibitor found in violation of any Show rules is subject to have his/her name and the result of the rule violation submitted to the Rule Infraction Database administered by the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association.

Rule 6. Rule Infraction Database: Each exhibitor understands and agrees that the State Fair of Louisiana is entitled to report any infractions to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) Rule Infraction Database (RID). The exhibitor agrees that this information will be available to the membership of the NALSRMA.

Rule 7. Usage of Electronic Devices: Neither contestants or exhibitors may be in possession of electronic communication or storage devices at any time during judging or while in arena or in competition. These devices include but are not limited to cell phones, Palm Pilots, Blackberries, personal computers, pagers, radio devices, such as a walkie talkie, and/or handless phone devices.

Rule 8. The following rules and regulations will apply to each and every department of the Fair, exhibitors and concessionaires are required to familiarize themselves with all rules.

SECTION 2 — DATES & LOCATIONS

The 112th annual State Fair of Louisiana will be held at Shreveport, LA, October 25th - November 11, 2019 unless postponed or extended by the management, which it hereby has the right to do, from any cause or causes whatsoever, which it deems necessary for the good of all concerned.

SECTION 3 — ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Copy of registration papers must be sent at the time of entry. Deadline for papers pending is Oct.15.

Rule 1. All entries must be filed with the Livestock Office not later than the date and time specified. The manager reserves the right to reject any entries offered. All applications for entry must be made out on printed forms which may be obtained from the State Fair of Louisiana. **Every entry must be signed by the exhibitor in person or his authorized agent and be accompanied by the appropriate fees. If entry is not made as required by the rules, premiums will not be paid although awarded by the judges.**

Rule 2. **If entries are incomplete they will be returned and a \$5.00 fee will be charged to the exhibitors for a handling fee.** Fees must accompany applications for entries wherever fees are applicable. Fees will not be refunded unless notification of cancellation is made in writing prior to entry closing deadline.

Rule 3. Entry fees will be charged on an article or animal entered for exhibit unless otherwise specified. No one, except designated officials, will be allowed to see the entry forms until after the awards are made. All entry forms must remain in the custody of State Fair entry office and claim checks will be issued for certain articles entered Rule

Rule 4. Entry forms must be completed in full and properly signed by the exhibitor or his authorized agent. Give name of article, using the correct terminology in premium list and the department, section and class number. The right is reserved by the State Fair of Louisiana to interpret, revise or add to the rules as its interest may require, and it is understood that all entries are made or accepted only upon that basis.

Rule 5. Entries in every department or class must be made by September 7, 2019. Late entries will be accepted September 8 thru midnight the day before show. Follow entry fee schedule for all late entries. Entry forms will be available on the internet.

Rule 6. All entries of breeding animals must specify the owner's name, its name, sex, registry number and breed to be eligible to compete for premiums offered. All entries must be made on regulation entry forms.

Rule 7. Entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owners. Should any be found to be otherwise entered, any award by the judges will be forfeited.

SECTION 4 — CODE OF ETHICS (CONFORMATION & STRUCTURE)

Rule 1. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the Livestock Show, the State Fair of Louisiana reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical manner of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered. Unethical fitting will be determined to consist of any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body. **Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid or liquid, under the skin to alter normal conformation; surgery, cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the natural contour, shape or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of warts, teats and horns, clipping and dressing hair and trimming of hooves. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as the dyeing of animals which alters their natural coloration.**

Rule 2. **Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge, signs of having been operated upon or tampered with for the purpose of concealing faults in conformation or with intent to deceive relative to the animals' soundness and conformation will be disqualified.** Every exhibitor, in consideration of his entry being accepted by the State Fair of Louisiana, agrees to submit any animal so entered by him to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the management, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian, and agrees that the conclusions reached by the veterinarian as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over-age, shall be final, without recourse against State Fair of Louisiana or any of its officers. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the exhibitor will refund all premiums, monies, cups, trophies and ribbons awarded such animals.

NOTICE — NEW STATE LAW “ACT 461” BECAME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 1997.

This law prohibits tampering with livestock. “Tamper” means any of the following:

- (a) The injection, use, or administration of any drug or other internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to livestock for the purpose of concealing, enhancing, transforming, or changing the true conformation, configuration, condition, natural color or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear sounder than it actually is.
- (b) The use or administration, for cosmetic purposes, of steroids, growth stimulants, or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance.
- (c) The use or administration of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock, unless administered or prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for the treatment of an illness or injury.
- (d) The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes.
- (e) The surgical manipulation or removal of tissue so as to change, transform or enhance the true conformation, configuration, or natural color of the livestock unless the procedure is considered an accepted livestock management practice.

The tampering of animal's falls under the Cruelty to Animals; simple and aggravated part of Act 461 which states:

- (1) Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence tortures, maims, mutilates, or maliciously kills any living animal, whether belonging to him or another, shall be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- (2) Any person who tampers with livestock at a public livestock exhibition or at a private sale shall be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- (3) Any person who causes or procures to be done by any person any act designated in this Subsection shall also be guilty of aggravated cruelty to animals.
- (4) Whoever commits the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars or more than twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not less than one year or more than ten years, or both.
- (5) For purposes of this Subsection, where more than one animal is tortured, maimed, mutilated, or maliciously killed or where more than one head of livestock is tampered with, each act comprises a separate offense.

Rule 3. Any animal, as an individual, is eligible for competition for only one premium in any class. This does not apply to championship or grand championship.

Rule 4. A single animal may be exhibited as one of a pair, herd or group. All animals must be exhibited in a condition satisfactory to the awarding judges.

Rule 5. Any animal showing symptoms of disease of any kind or which has been exposed to diseased animals thirty days prior to the Fair, will not be permitted on the grounds and is ineligible to compete for premiums.

See health regulations.

SECTION 5 — CLAIMS FOR INJURY

Rule 1. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the State Fair of Louisiana, its officers or its agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fair Grounds or occupy any space thereon.

Rule 2. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be caused by reason of any neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit or occupy space on Fair Grounds, the State Fair of Louisiana shall in no manner be responsible. In case it is subjected to any expense or liability, all persons liable shall indemnify the State Fair of Louisiana.

Rule 3. The State Fair of Louisiana will not be in any way liable for any injury to any attendant to any exhibit in all departments while en route to or from the Fair.

SECTION 6 — REMOVAL OF OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

Rule 1. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, or show that may be falsely entered and may be deemed objectionable, or to remove any sign, banner or advertising matter of any kind which may be deemed objectionable by it, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the State Fair of Louisiana from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

SECTION 7 — EXHIBITORS' DUTIES & PRIVILEGES

Rule 1. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor or his employee has in an ungentlemanly and public manner taken exception to the judgment of a ruling of an awarding committee, judge, superintendent or other official of the State Fair of Louisiana, the Board of Directors can expel the offending exhibitor and employee from competing for a premium or exhibiting until he shall have made proper apology and been reinstated by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

Rule 2. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor had made or caused to be made any false statements in regard to any animal or article, or if any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he shall be excluded from competition or exhibition.

Rule 3. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. The superintendent shall exclude livestock from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitors in bringing the animals into the show ring. In addition, the superintendent may exclude any unruly animal from competition at his discretion.

Rule 4. Exhibitors shall show their animals at such times, and places as may be directed and shall furnish such information concerning their stock as may be required by the superintendent. Refusal to obey this rule will result in the forfeiture of any and all premiums and the barring of the exhibitor from showing.

Rule 5. Exhibitors of livestock will be required to give complete information on all animals on the official entry forms when making entries. Exhibitors of livestock must be prepared to show certificates of registry in standard registry associations and identification of animals with such certificates when required by the superintendent in charge.

Rule 6. Special care will be taken that no animal having disease of any character will be admitted into the grounds at any time during the Fair, and the management is instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to any stock having disease.

Rule 7. Policemen are instructed to restrain any person from attempting to remove from the grounds any stock or other exhibits before they are officially released without a written order from the management.

SECTION 8 — JUDGES & AWARDS

Rule 1. The judges will make awards only on articles regularly mentioned in the schedule of classes. Awards will be made by the single judge system. The decision of a judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in case of a written protest.

Rule 2. No one will be allowed to act as judge in the class or ring in which he exhibits.

Rule 3. All awards under the rules and regulations of this award list will be paid according to the rules.

Rule 4. UNWORTHY EXHIBITS: It is the intent of the management that no award or distinction of any kind be given any animal or article that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal or article is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of animal or article being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. The judge must not award a placing to an unworthy animal or article. Only first prize-winning animals and articles are eligible for championship honors.

Rule 5. No awards will be made when the article is unworthy though there be no competition. No award will be paid in any department except as definitely stated in this list.

Rule 6. The following colors will be used in designating awards:

Champion Royal Purple
Reserve Lavender
First Premium Blue
Second Premium Red
Third Premium White
Fourth Premium Pink
Fifth Premium Yellow
Sixth Premium Dark Green

These ribbons will be awarded only by the Superintendent of each department or his assistant.

Rule 7. In paying premiums no evidence of award will be recognized except the Judge's Books signed by the Judge and Superintendent, and not from ribbons awarded.

Rule 8. Judges shall place a reserve award in each class; should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the animal or articles awarded the next lower prize shall graduate into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judge it is worthy of such prize.

SECTION 9 — PROTESTS & APPEALS

Rule 1. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained by Management. Protest must state plainly the cause of **complaint** or **appeal**, and must be filed with the **Livestock Manager Immediately after the occasion that prompted the protest**. Protest will be accepted prior to, during and within 5 hours immediately following conclusion of judging.

Rule 2. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted.

Rule 3. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the management.

Rule 4. The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decision of a judge to the **Livestock Manager** will be only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with.

Rule 5. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing to the Livestock Manager within five hours after the award has been made and must contain at least one specific charge stating at length all facts relied upon or the rules violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.

Rule 6. All questions of dispute not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the General Manager of the State Fair of Louisiana, whose decision shall be final.

Rule 7. In addition to the right of protest guaranteed to exhibitors, the Livestock Committee Board reserve the right to take cognizance of fraud consummated or attempted in connection with an exhibit and take such action as may be deemed just and proper and as may be warranted by the premises.