

2019 PROGRAM – THE BIG E

YOUTH WORKING STEER ENTRY APPLICATION

THIS ENTRY IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THIS PROGRAM.
TELEPHONE 413-205-5011 E-MAIL AGINFO@THEBIGE.COM
PRINT ALL INFORMATION – COMPLETE EVERY LINE

Alternate? YES / NO **Showing Division?** JUNIOR / SENIOR
Is alternate Attending? YES / NO (without team)

PLEASE DETACH THIS APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT TO YOUR CLUB LEADER.
PRINT ALL INFORMATION - COMPLETE EVERY LINE

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TEL # _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MEMBER'S AGE _____ SEX _____ BIRTHDATE MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

MEMBER'S SCHOOL _____

NAMES OF ANIMALS _____ BREED _____

APPROXIMATE WEIGHT OF TEAM FOR SPACE PURPOSES _____

(ALL ANIMALS OVER 6 MONTHS MUST BE CASTRATED AND REASONABLY HEALED)

Please note any handicap the youth working steer member has, that may require special accommodations to participate in this program.

The Eastern States Exposition, and its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and/or other officials (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Exposition"), and each owner and/or exhibitor, and each of their respective employees, agents, representatives and/or other associates; and, in the case of minor exhibitors, their respective parents or guardians, and each of their respective employees, agents, representatives and/or other associates (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Participants"), hereby agree with the responsibilities and acknowledge liability as follows: At no time shall the Exposition assume care, custody or control of any animals, livestock and/ or other personal property of any Participant. At all times the Participants shall have full control, custody and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and other personal property all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Exposition and the show management ("Management"). In no case will the Exposition or Management be responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal, or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by any Participant. Participants shall indemnify and hold harmless the Exposition from and against any and all damages, losses, costs, expenses and/or other liabilities incurred including, but not limited to, any and all consultant fees, legal fees and/or court costs, Exposition and/or Management labor costs and expenses as well as all cost and expenses related to blood, tissue, urine, milk or carcass sampling and testing incurred as a result of any Exposition rule or regulation violation, including, but not limited to unethical fitting, udder tampering, filling, illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/ or prohibited substances in connection with Participant's involvement in any Exposition sponsored event.

A signed entry form shall serve as the Participant's agreement to comply with all rules and regulations contained within this document and all other Exposition mailings and/or postings, including, without limitation, the International Association of Fairs and Expositions ("IAFE") Code of Ethics, the National Show Ring Code of Ethics as approved by the North American Livestock and Rodeo Managers Association, The Purebred Dairy Cattle Association Show Ring Code of Ethics, International Lama Registry ("ILR") Show Division Handbook and the Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association ("AOBA") Show Division Handbook (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Rules and Regulations"). Any unsigned entry will be returned with any accompanying payment. The signed entry form certifies that each signing Participant has read, understands and agrees to abide by all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

If the Participant is a minor, the Participant's parent or guardian must sign the entry form acknowledging they have read the Rules and Regulations and agrees to observe and abide by all such Rules and Regulations. Each such parent or guardian further acknowledges that they have read and explained this Agreement to the Participant and explained and cautioned the Participant with respect to the penalties for use of prohibited substances, unethical fitting and tampering with livestock.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE FOREMENTIONED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, AND CERTIFY TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL ANIMALS ENTERED IN ANY EVENT FOR WHICH I AM A PARTICIPANT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL SUCH FOREMENTIONED RULES AND REGULATIONS

SIGNATURE OF CLUB MEMBER

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF STATE OFFICE REP. OR CLUB LEADER

***ALL** Signatures MUST be completed before entry will be accepted. Entries are due August 20 at the appropriate state contact. You may obtain additional entry applications from your state club leader. State contact must send applications to Eastern States Exposition Agriculture office postmarked by **AUGUST 25**. Ads for catalog, a team listing (please refer to last years catalog for team listing format to be sure all team info is included) should be mailed to Superintendent: Heidi Palmer, 73 Barstow Road, Gorham, Me. 04038 also by **AUGUST 25. This deadline will be enforced.**

Teamster Info Sheet

Name _____

Town & State _____

Your Age _____

Your School _____

Year In School _____

Years In Working Steer Program _____

Years Attending The Big E _____

Steer Names _____

Steer Ages _____ Steer Weights _____

Breeds _____

What I enjoy most about training or showing my cattle is

The most difficult part of training cattle is

2019 RULES FOR THE YOUTH WORKING STEER ACTIVITY

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - This program is open to all qualified Steer Club members over 10 years of age, 12 years of age in New Hampshire, as of January 1. Quotas per state are as follows: Connecticut/Rhode Island 6-8, Maine 4-8, New Hampshire 8-9, and Vermont 4-6 pair. Each member participating is required to contribute \$30 by either soliciting sponsorships or by direct cash contribution. Sponsors will be listed in the catalog. These funds are used to buy trophies and other items not covered by Eastern States Exposition.
2. **ATTENDANCE** - Members and animals must arrive AT THE MALLARY NORTH COMPLEX of Eastern States Exposition between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 12 and will be released upon completion of the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, September 15. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST REMAIN ON THE FAIRGROUNDS FROM ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY UNTIL RELEASED ON SUNDAY and must vacate the barn as soon as possible after dismissal by the superintendent.
3. **HOUSING AND MEALS** - Eastern States Exposition will provide housing and meals for Youth Working Steer members and authorized chaperones, authorized barn personnel, and leaders at the 4-H Dormitory (Horace Moses Building). Adult chaperones must be provided for both boys and girls.
4. **CAMPER POLICY**—Please see 4-H and YWS Camper Policy page
5. **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CONDITION** - Members must obtain from the Eastern States YWS Website, a health form to be filled out and signed by parents or guardians. This procedure gives permission for medical personnel to administer medical treatment, if necessary to do so.
6. **SHOW RING DRESS ATTIRE** - Plain white colored shirts (no writing), green or khaki pants.
7. **PASSES** - Three personal and two auto passes will be provided to each participant for getting their exhibits and themselves on and off the grounds and will be mailed after entry. Additional passes for family members may be purchased in advance through the Agriculture Office. Please call (413) 205-5011.
8. **BEDDING AND HAY** Eastern States Exposition will provide bedding and hay for cattle while at The Big E.
9. **ANIMAL HEALTH** - Please see the Massachusetts Dept of Animal Health regulations page.
10. **DISPLAY** - No decorating other than kick boards, utensil holders, or educational exhibits will be allowed.
11. **REQUIREMENTS** - All animals must have horns and if over 6 months of age, must be castrated to be eligible.
12. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK ON THEIR OWN ANIMALS WHILE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.** AFTER INITIAL SET-UP, NO ADULTS ARE ALLOWED TO WORK ON DISPLAY OR ANIMALS. This is to include feeding animals and cleaning out animals. Exhibitors must perform in all scheduled classes for Youth Working Steers. Exhibitors are encouraged to work together to present a nice display of the entire working steer area.
13. **Cattle must be hitched with face halters- STRAPS ARE ENCOURAGED BE USED BUT ONLY AS A SECOND METHOD OF HITCH ALONG WITH THE FACE HALTERS**
14. Whip and lash, goad sticks, or buggy whips may be used – stick not to be more than 4 ft long and ½ inch diameter on the small end. Leaders please take notice and address your teamsters if this is an issue.
15. **PULLING SPECIFICS** - In senior (14 years and older as of January 1 of the current year) pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 60% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals. In junior (10 years to 13 years old by January 1 of the current year) pulling competition, the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal's weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.
16. **YOKES** - If a participant uses a certain style yoke for one class, the same style yoke should be used for all three classes. This may include a neck yoke, head yoke or sliding yoke.
17. **SAFETY** - If the judge sees something going wrong, the judge should stop the teamster, but judge them accordingly. If the judge doesn't see it happening due to writing notes, etc. the superintendent should say something to the judge. The safety of the teamsters and cattle are paramount.
18. **TIE- BREAKERS** - In the event of a tie for any award, the following events will be used as needed: cart class; drag class; finally, fitting and showmanship if needed.
19. **LOSS OR DAMAGE** - All exhibits will be under the direction of Eastern States Exposition Management, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will Eastern States Exposition or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal; or loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify Eastern States Exposition against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORING CRITERIA

The following will be taken into consideration -

1. Cleanliness of stalls and animals
2. Promptness in having stalls cleaned by 9 a.m.
3. Neat arrangement of equipment of feed and tack area
4. Personal appearance of herdsman
5. Observance of rules and regulations (fire codes, animal health)
6. Cooperating with officials (within the ring and in the barn)
7. Interaction with the Public (politely and willingly answers all questions asked by public)
8. Agricultural Education (creative and well thought-out educational exhibits)

2019 YOUTH WORKING STEER SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 12

- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. All Working Steer members arrive via Gate 1 & 10 to be stabled in the Mallary North Complex then check into the 4-H Moses Dormitory.
- 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is available - 4-H Dining Hall
- 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. Parent/Guardian only meeting in Youth Activity Tent Located Next to Mallary
- 8:00 p.m. Leaders & Teamsters only Orientation in Activity Tent
Ice Cream Social in stall area, please bring a chair
- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Friday, September 13

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is available - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Weigh-in - Scales/Horse Area/All teams to travel together to horse area
Herdsman judging from this point on, after return from scales
- 11:30 - 1:00 P.M. Lunch is available - 4-H Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Meet with Judge in Activity Tent/Leaders and Teamsters only
- 6:30 p.m. Junior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1
To Follow Senior Fitting and Showing Contest - Mallary Arena 1
- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Saturday, September 14

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast is available - 4-H Dining Hall
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m. Junior Performance on Cart - Mallary Arena 1
To Follow Senior Performance on Cart - Mallary Arena 1
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch is available - 4-H Dining Hall
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Junior/Senior Pulling depending on class size - Mallary Arena 1
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner available - 4-H Dining Hall

(Herdsman will not be judged this evening so teamsters can have free time and will not be penalized. But, someone will need to stay with cattle but that can be barn person etc.)

- 10:30 p.m. All members must be in the 4-H Dormitory

Sunday, September 15

6:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast available - 4-H Dining Hall Equipment/cattle trucks can be brought to back of Mallory North to spend the day for a slow breakdown of barn area after noontime.
8:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Herdsman will be judged until Noon.
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch is available – 4-H Dining Hall
4:00 p.m. Followed by:	Junior/Senior Pulling if not completed Awards Ceremony - Mallory Arena 1

Releases from superintendent, will be issued following completion of activities.

**If needed, there is availability to stay until Monday Morning. Cattle and equipment however will need to be out of barns. Cattle can be tied-up in outside "tie-up area" along the front fence with security. Trucks can stay behind barn until early morning. Please be sure to let superintendent know if your plans are to stay.

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

1. Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Three camper spots are allotted per state per animal activity. Each state will provide to ESE the names and responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year. If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W.Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee are assessed a \$20 per camper per night fee.
3. Spaces reserved for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show Camper Lot will be allocated by the 4-H Horse Committee Chair.
4. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.
5. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at aginfo@thebige.com.
 - a. Members, chaperones, parents or club leaders not serving in an official capacity are encouraged to contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908 regarding camper space availability in Lot 9. **RESERVATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**
 - b. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
 - c. No tents are allowed in the Mallery Agriculture Complex parking area.
 - d. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
 - e. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

- Fairgrounds in general
In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor. In the case of an active shooter seek safety immediately until instructed to do something else by an official security detail. Upon all clear please report to the Moses Dorm or Mallery, whichever one you are closest to.
- Mallery Complex and New England Center
In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and if possible stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

- ▶ **Emergency contact telephone numbers**
 - **413-205-5011 Agriculture Department**
 - **413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office**
 - **413-205-5555 Big E Police—24 Hour**
 - **Do not call 911.**

Evacuation Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition

If an event should occur on the Exposition Grounds that would require the evacuation or removal of animals being exhibited or shown under the control of the Agricultural Department of the Eastern States Exposition, the following guidelines should be implemented to assist in the timely and orderly evacuation of these animals.

1. The Director of Agriculture and Education of the Exposition will notify the Security Department that a situation exists that would require the evacuation of some or all of the animals on the Exposition grounds.
2. Upon notification from the Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education, a Seasonal Police supervisor will be dispatched to the Agricultural Department office located in the Mallary Complex, or other location as directed, to act as a liaison between the Seasonal Police and the Agriculture Department Director.
3. This supervisor at the direction of the Agricultural Department will establish a central location where the Agricultural Department exhibitors will standby to be transported or escorted off grounds to off grounds parking so vehicles to be used to transport the animals off grounds may be rapidly returned to the Exposition grounds to be loaded out.
4. If the animals need to be removed immediately from the buildings they are to be housed in the Coliseum. The Security Department will provide officers to secure the route to this location and assist in isolating the Coliseum once the animals are moved. Removal of animals from the building will proceed under the Direction of the West Springfield Fire Department.
5. The Security Department shall provide all available vehicles to transport drivers or escort vehicles to retrieve trailers from off ground locations.
6. A Seasonal Police supervisor shall accompany the vehicles to the off grounds location to assist in assembling a convoy of vehicles to be escorted back to the Exposition grounds for loading.
7. Should the disposal of animal remains be necessary the Director of Agriculture, will work with R G Webster Enterprises and the MDAR(Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) to assure that this is done in a timely manner.
8. All operations shall continue until directed by the Director of Agriculture to suspend the operation.

Quarantine Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition.

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition?

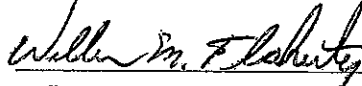
The Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secures the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.

West Springfield Fire Department
44 Van Deene Avenue – West Springfield, MA. 01089
(413) 263-3384

FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

1. No smoking allowed in Coliseum, Mallary Complex or barns.
2. BURLAP material is not allowed as backdrops or table coverings. All fabric used as backdrops and/or table coverings must be flame retardant. Use of spray flame retardants is acceptable.
3. All decorations must be non-flammable as certified by a National Testing Laboratory or, when permitted, rendered non-flammable by a topical flame retardant finish.
4. EZ-Up tents, if used must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor shall set up more than 2 (two) 10 (ten) foot by 10 (ten) foot tents next to each other. *** ATTENTION PROMOTERS: No show layout should have more than 20 feet of tent without a 10 foot non-tent space.***
5. Devices utilizing open flames are not permitted.
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms must have a UL label. Extension cords shall be UL listed, and must be of proper gauge and not overloaded with electrical devices. No home type extension cords may be used.
7. Electrical devices shall not be permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay bales, and decorations.
8. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended, i. e., displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms shall be shut off or unplugged at the end of the show.
9. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane etc.) are not allowed in the buildings. Non flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured with a proper size chain.
10. Corn stalks, hay bales and fine bark mulch are not allowed for display purposes. Large wood chips, coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but shall be kept damp at all times.
11. Live trees and vegetation shall be balled and watered daily. ***PRIOR TO SET – UP, approval must be granted by the West Springfield Fire Department – Fire Prevention Office.***
12. No motorized gasoline or diesel vehicles allowed in buildings. (Golf carts and scooters).
13. No large round or square bales of hay or straw and or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed and bedding material must be bagged or baled in small square or round bales (less than 400 lbs.).
14. Feed and bedding material is not allowed on the floor of any aisle for display purposes. Including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss and loose straw.
15. Coverings are not allowed over aisles, such as banners, farm signs, EZ-UP tents.
16. All aisles shall be a minimum of 10 feet in width and shall remain free and clear at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30" from each side in main aisle and 24" from each side in side aisles.
18. No excessive accumulation or rubbish or litter allowed.
19. All exits shall remain free and clear at all times.
20. All fire lanes shall remain free and clear at all times.
21. All fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers and any other fire protection devices or equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible.
22. No signs, decorations, or products shall be attached to any part of the sprinkler system.

Daniel E. Culver – Deputy Fire Chief
Fire Prevention Officer
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William M. Flaherty – Fire Chief

IAFE
(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could

affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES/FAIRS

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

2019 Fairs- Animal Health Rules

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

A. General Rules for All Animals: See M.G.L. c. 128 §2C, 129 §2

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly-licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
4. **Official ID: See Final Rule: Summary of Traceability for Livestock Moved Interstate (Summary of general Requirements by Species)**

All livestock must have proper official, individual ID as required for the species, e.g. official metal ear tag, tattoo, scrapie tag, or microchip. Breed registration forms must accompany health certificates when used as part of official identification.

5. Health Certificates: --

One Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) may be allowed for animals of the same species to be exhibited at fairs or shows in any of the New England states (CT, *ME, MA, **NH, RI, and *VT) when submitted with an itinerary of the dates and locations of the events at which the listed animals are expected to be shown. Only animals that are healthy at the time of shipment may be moved.** Note that *ME, **NH, and ***VT have additional requirements. Certificates of veterinary inspection in these states are valid for a shorter period of time and may have additional language, movement and permit requirements.

For the 2019 Show and Fair Season, livestock animals being exhibited in New England states must have official certificates of veterinary inspection (OCVIs) that meet the following requirements:

- a. **CT, MA, and RI:** OCVIs issued on or after **January 1, 2019** may be used for those animals being shown at multiple fairs and shows in CT, MA, and RI through the 2019 show/fair season ending October 31, 2019.
 - i. **ME:** *An importation permit for exhibition animals is also required. Contact ME State Veterinarian's Office (207-287-3701) for permits/questions*
 - ii. **MA Special Note: The Big E Fairgrounds** in West Springfield requires a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all **horses** entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition.
 - iii. **NH:** * * NH: To qualify for the extended CVI, animals exhibited in NH must originate in a New England state and move on OCVIs issued on or after April 1, 2019 to participating NH fairs and shows from **July 1 to October 31. The extended CVI is not available for animals that do not reside in New England.** *Contact NH State Veterinarian's Office (603) 271-2404 for details and permits.*
 - iv. *****VT:** *Contact the VT Animal Health Office (802-828-2421) for specific import requirements that deviate from the general information in this letter and must be met for legal import of livestock.*
- b. A single OCVI from the animals' home state may be completed for travel to and from the New England states in which the animals will be exhibited. *MA animals being shown ONLY in MA may substitute a signed, dated letter on the letterhead of an accredited veterinarian for an OCVI if all required information is included and all additional requirements are met.*

- c. Multiple animals of the same species may be listed on one health certificate with appropriate individual IDs and descriptions. Animals of different species may not be listed on the same official health certificate.
- d. **An itinerary of the names and locations for each New England fair or show at which owner expects to show the listed animals and the dates when each animal are expected to be on each site, must be prepared by the owner and presented to the veterinarian at the time the OCVI is written.**
 - i. **A copy of this planned itinerary must be attached to the official health certificate (import and export) for it to be used for more than one fair or show.**
 - ii. That proposed list should be signed by the veterinarian and the owner/ exhibitor and reference the relevant OCVI number(s).
- e. The name and address of the first show or fair where the listed animals will be exhibited is to be used as the “destination” on the OCVI form. In addition, “See attached list” or a similar statement directing Animal Health Officials or Fair Inspectors to the attached proposed itinerary must be included.
- f. Exhibitors must keep an accurate list of the show locations and dates when their animals were actually on the show/fairgrounds. This record must be available to fair inspectors at each inspection and check-in.
- g. Any animal listed on an OCVI that becomes sick must remain home. If the animal is refused entry to any exhibition during 2019 for health reasons it must have a new health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the next interstate movement.
- h. Any New England state may end their participation in this agreement and revert to the standard published requirements for livestock imports in the state at any time, in the event of foreign animal disease outbreak or changes to state legislation.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW.

B. Cattle: See M.G.L. c. 129 §§2, 39 and 330 CMR 4.04(2).

- 1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor’s state can be obtained from the state veterinarian’s office in each state. If the exhibitor’s state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795). All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, cow-pox and open or draining wounds.
- 2. While not required, it is *strongly recommended* that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.
- 3. Note: **The Big E is requiring RFID official identification tags for all cattle entering the Big E Fairgrounds premises in 2019.**

C. Poultry: See M.G.L. c. §§2, 129, and 330 CMR 5.02.

- 1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
- 2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
- 3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood-tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
- 4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
- 5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2019 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
- 6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

D. Goats : See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, 9 CFR 79.6 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.

- 1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals.
- 2. All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate. All goats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds. All goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure.
- 3. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information on approved tags and tattoos is available from the USDA-APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.

E. Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.): See M.G.L. c. 129 §2, M.G. l. c. 131, §23, 321 CMR9.02.

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795).
2. All Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth are required to be tested for Blue Tongue. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. All New England states and New York are low incident states.
3. All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds.

F. Swine: See M.G.L. c. 129 §14E, 330 CMR 11.04(2), 9 CFR 71.19

1. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129 §14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage 1 or Stage 2 Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds, or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies free States only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

G. Sheep: See 9 CFR 79 and Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06.

1. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP) and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06, sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within the state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with requirements of the FSEP. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
2. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty (60) days.
3. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
4. While not required, it is *strongly recommended* that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

H. Equine: M.G.L. c. 128 §§2C, 44, 330 CMR 16.05.

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
4. While not required, it is *strongly recommended* that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, EEE and WNV within one year of the fair.
5. Note: **The Big E Fairgrounds in West Springfield requires a CVI issued within the prior 30 days for all equines entering the premises for any show, fair, or exhibition. In addition, all equines shown there must have been vaccinated for EHV-1 in 2019.**

I. Rabbits: See M.G.L. c. 129 §2

Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

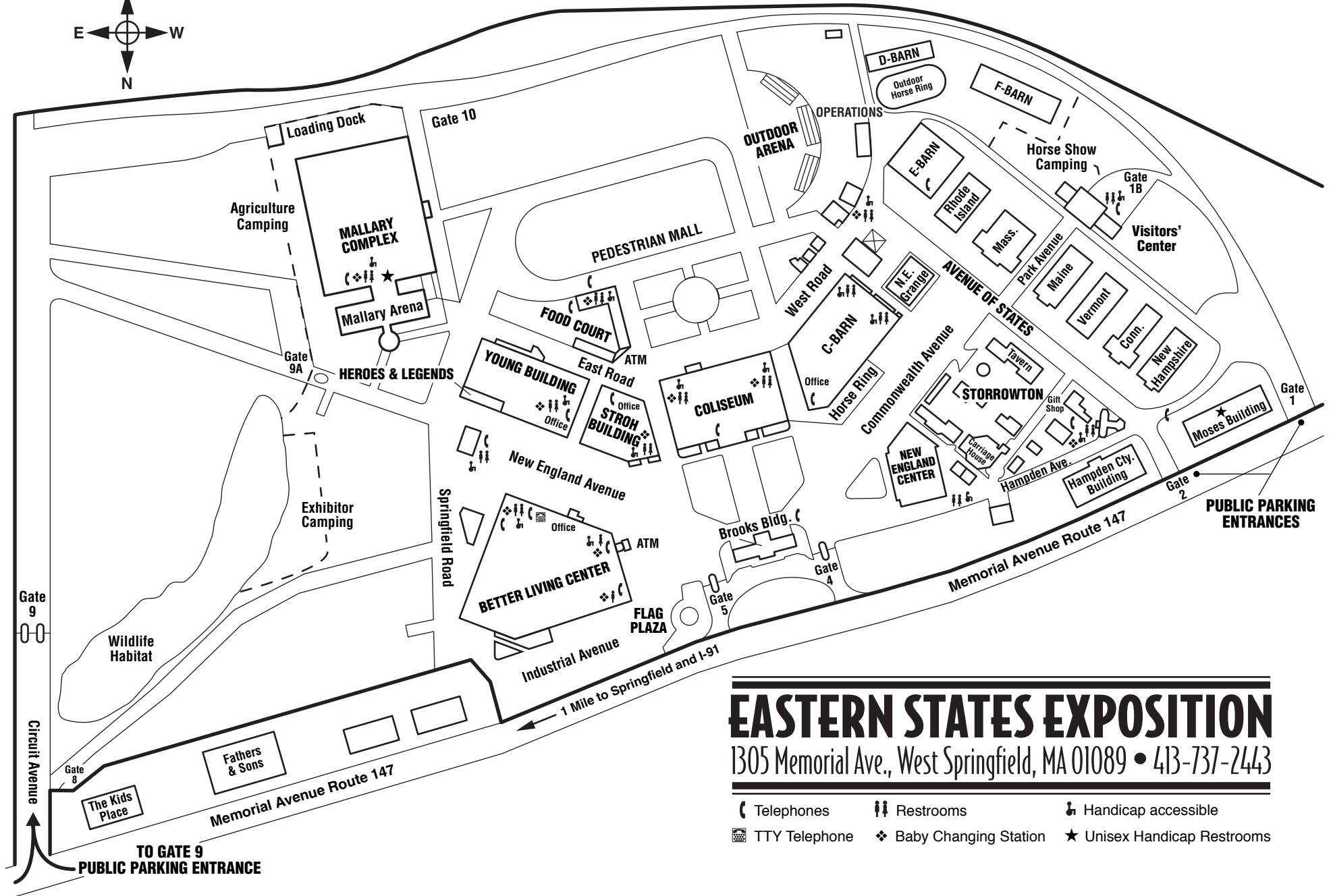
J. Dogs and Cats: See M.G.L. c. 129 §39G

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. **All Massachusetts dogs and cats and those originating from out of this State must have a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.**

All petting zoos are required to have a USDA APHIS Exhibitor's License and valid health certificates.

Animal Health Identification for Eastern States Exposition 2019

1. For 2019 it is required that cattle be identified with a 15 digit AIN RFID tag.



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