

**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

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1. **OWNERSHIP:** All animals must be entered in the name of the owners(s) as shown on the Registration Certificate. All parties in a multiple ownership must be on the entry card. Firms and partnerships must be in existence at the time of making entry. Custom fitters must be listed on the entry card in the appropriate space. For ownership of animals entered for competition in the Youth Shows, see special rules.

2. **JOINT OWNERSHIP:** Jointly owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership (all co-owners) in the individual classes. In the Group classes, jointly owned animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners provided the individual owns a full or part interest in each of the animals in the group entry.

3. **A YOUTH EXHIBITOR** is defined as a boy or girl regularly enrolled as a 4-H or FFA member and who is in the third grade or 9 years old, but not more than 19 years old, as of Sept. 1, 2020. They **MUST** also be enrolled in public or private elementary or secondary schools or home-schooled and **MUST** have continuously personally fed, fitted and cared for their entry under the direct supervision of an Agriculture Science Teacher or AgriLife Extension County Agent. See individual departments and divisions for any exceptions.

4. **BARRED EXHIBITORS:** The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, in cooperation with member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Manager’s Association and the Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices.

5. **REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY REGISTRATION:** Exhibitors must have their original registration and certificates of veterinary inspection available with their exhibits at all times during the show. Any animal that cannot meet the requirements as to pedigree and registration will be barred from competition.

6. **EQUIPMENT:** Any equipment brought in to be used in assigned stalls or spaces must comply with and be used in compliance with federal, state and municipal occupational safety and health regulations. **(FANS: NO REAR FANS WILL BE PERMITTED. SIDE OR FRONT FANS MUST BE MOUNTED AND SECURED.)**

7. **STALLS/PENS/TIE-OUTS:** No entries will be accepted nor pens or stalls reserved unless the correct entry fees accompany the applications. All animals will be pre-stalled. **THE TRI-STATE FAIR & RODEO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT ENTRIES BASED ON AVAILABLE SPACE IN A MANNER IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. (Tie-outs for 2020 will be on sand only. No hay or other bedding material will be allowed in the tie-out area.)**

8. **FEED/BEDDING:** The Tri-State Fair will not sell feed or hay. Exhibitors may bring their own or purchase locally. Please be careful on the amount of hay left at the tie-outs. Shavings must be purchased from the Fair for \$11 per bag. SHAVINGS only will be used as bedding in all livestock and equine buildings.

9. **CLASSES:** The Exposition reserves the right to cancel or combine any livestock classes listed in the premium list.

10. **GROOMING CHUTES:** Will be allowed in the livestock barn, but need to be 4 ft. from screen walls. No tack allowed to be placed against screen walls.

11. **CODE OF ETHICS:** The showing of unethically fitted livestock or livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered is prohibited. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo expects exhibitors to maintain the highest standards of husbandry and fair competition, and the Fair reserves the right to determine that practices unspecified in this rule may constitute unethical fitting. In addition to Tri-State Fair & Rodeo rules, all exhibitors are subject to the guidelines and consequences of the IAFE (International Association of Fair and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as it may be amended and published from time to time. Without limitation, however, unethical fitting shall include any violation of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Foreign Substance Prevention Program.

Further, unethical fitting shall be deemed to include any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature or weight of an animal by use of injections, operations, "airing" or any ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass.

Further, unethical fitting shall include any attempt to change the major color pattern of an animal by painting or dyeing to change color, or use of any grooming material such as twine or hair that changes or extracts color of an animal. By entering an animal in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, every exhibitor is deemed to have consented to inspection of the animal by any veterinarians or other officials to which the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo has delegated the power to inspect animals and is deemed to have agreed to have such animals submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by Tri-State Fair & Rodeo or any of its delegates. Refusal by an exhibitor to submit an animal to examination or testing shall automatically be grounds for disqualification.

Further, by entering the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, each exhibitor has agreed the determination of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo or its delegates as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final. To the extent factual disputes may arise regarding any issue of unethical fitting, the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo and any of its officials may resolve and determine such factual disputes utilizing whatever procedures the Fair may establish from time to time at its complete discretion. Participation in the exhibition of show animals at the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo is a privilege extended to qualified exhibitors, not a right. By entering the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, the exhibitor agrees that the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo may exchange information about any unethical fitting by an exhibitor with other shows; and further may disclose, communicate or publish such information to officials of other exhibitions, to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and American Livestock Show and Rodeo Manager's Association rule infraction databases, to sponsoring county organizations or schools, to law enforcement officials and the press. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to adopt, at its discretion and on a case-by-case basis if it so desires, appropriate sanctions for violation of these rules. At a minimum, any animal determined to be the subject of unethical fitting will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sales proceeds. Further, the Fair may declare the exhibitor ineligible from further participation in the current Tri-State Fair & Rodeo in which he or she is entered with other animals and any or all future Tri-State Fair & Rodeos. In addition, the Fair may declare the same or greater

ineligibility for members of the exhibitor's immediate family. Further, if the Fair has reasonable cause to believe that such violation was sanctioned, approved or aided by a sponsor, the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo may declare the sponsor ineligible for future participation. If an entry is disqualified under this rule, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals.

12. COLOR: No change of the natural color pattern of the animal by painting or dyeing will be allowed. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.

13. UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK: Judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given any animal that is not deserving. Unethically fitted animals will be barred from exhibition. Animals that have been given any form of intoxicating beverage, tranquilizer or other drug affecting mood or attitude prior to judging will be disqualified. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the appearance or conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited and will be cause for disqualification. This includes, but is not limited to, stomach pumping. The use of graphite, powders, dyes, hemp, false-tail heads, glued on hair or hair-like substances, or other similar substances externally, and steroids or growth stimulants are prohibited. Judges are also requested to report to the Fair management any animals upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance. If after examination by an official veterinarian, an animal is found to be in violation of any of the above: (a) it will be barred from further exhibition; (b) no awards will be made; and (c) stall and entry fees will not be refunded. The decision of the official veterinarian will be final. These rules will be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.

14. PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs of Grand Champion and Reserve livestock will be taken by the official photographer of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

15. SUBSTITUTIONS: A substitute showman in the youth show must be a 4-H or FFA member with an animal entered in that division and from the same chapter or county. ALL 4-H and FFA members are considered to be eligible by the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition to participate in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo youth shows at the time entries are received from the Agricultural Science Teachers or AgriLife Extension County Agents. Any Teacher or Agent who has a member in his/her 4-H/FFA program who becomes ineligible to participate in the Fair according to House Bill 72 or a TAAS conflict must provide written and signed notification to the Tri-State Fair office at least (24) hours prior to the commencement of any competitive phase of the Fair. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: Livestock Exhibition, Weighing, Sifting and Classifying of Animals, Judging Contest Participants, and Agricultural Mechanics Contest.

16. LOAD IN/LOAD OUT: All animals arrive and leave only from Gate 3.