

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **Administration of Rules and Regulations:**

The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition reserves to its Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to the Fair, 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 penalties as the Executive Board may order. Special rules or conditions are published in each department where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

### **Statement of Liability:**

**RULE 1:** All exhibitors will be under the control and direction of the Management, but the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that may occur. Specifically, Amarillo Tri-State Exposition shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, injury or property damage which may occur to any exhibitor, owner or attendee even if such incident is caused by, or alleged to have been caused by, in whole or in part, the negligence or gross negligence of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition. Each exhibitor and/or owner will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by the owner or exhibitor. **THE EXHIBITOR AND/OR OWNER INDEMNIFY THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION AGAINST ALL LEGAL OR OTHER PROCEEDINGS IN REGARD THERETO, AS WELL AS DAMAGE OR INJURY TO ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY, CAUSED BY THE ANIMAL OR ARTICLE EXHIBITED EVEN IF THE INCIDENT IS CAUSED BY, OR ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION.** The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will not be responsible for any loss or damage resulting from or caused by strikes, riots, lockout or acts of God.

### **Relationship of Exposition and Exhibitors:**

**RULE 2:** By entering any competition, an exhibitor or entrant is deemed to have agreed to all rules governing Amarillo Tri-State Exposition competitions generally, as well as the rules governing the particular competition in question. To the extent that an entry fee is charged, the exhibitor or entrant agrees that any such fee is paid solely for the purpose of helping defray the costs and expenses of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition, a non-profit organization, a portion of which costs and expenses are incurred in conducting the competition in question. **THE EXHIBITOR OR ENTRANT UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION SPONSORS SUCH COMPETITIONS SOLELY FOR THE EDUCATIONAL AND ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSES OF THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION, AND THAT, BY ENTERING A COMPETITION, THE ENTRANT OR EXHIBITOR IS IN NO WAY PURCHASING OR EXPECTING TO OBTAIN OR PAY FOR ANY GOODS OR SERVICES. THE EXHIBITOR OR ENTRANT FURTHER AGREES THAT, TO THE EXTENT ANY TESTING OR ANALYSIS MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE EXPOSITION WITH RESPECT TO AN ANIMAL, FOOD, PRODUCT OR COMMODITY ENTERED FOR ANY CONTEST, SUCH TESTING IS DONE PURELY FOR THE USE OF THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION AND IS NOT PROVIDED TO THE ENTRANT OR EXHIBITOR AS A GOOD OR SERVICE; AND**

**EXHIBITOR OR ENTRANT AGREE THAT, IF EXHIBITOR OR ENTRANT WISH TO OBTAIN ANY TESTING OR ANALYSIS, HE/SHE MAY DO SO AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. EXHIBITORS AND ENTRANTS ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT ANY TESTING AND ANALYSIS DONE BY AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION IS DONE BY OUTSIDE THIRD-PARTY PROVIDERS. THE AMARILLO TRI-STATE EXPOSITION MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE ACCURACY OF ANY TESTS OR ANALYSIS SO PROVIDED.**

**Entry Information:**

**ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES OPEN & YOUTH ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS! AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENTS OR FFA AGRICULTURE SCIENCE TEACHERS WILL COMPLETE THE ONLINE ENTRY PROCESS FOR YOUTH ENTRIES.**

**Go to the website [www.tristatefair.com](http://www.tristatefair.com), click on competitions, then online entries at bottom of page.**

**RULE 3:** Competition is open to the world unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing a particular department.

**RULE 4:** To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their exhibits must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of the premium list).

**RULE 5:** All applications for entry must be made out on printed forms and in accordance with instructions on the form. Entry forms (unless otherwise specified in respective area) may be obtained free from the Tri-State Fair office.

**OFFICIAL ADDRESS AND PHONE**

**Tri-State Fair & Rodeo**

**3301 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**Amarillo, Texas 79104**

**(806) 376-7767 or Fax (806) 376-6942**

**RULE 6: ENTRY FEES ARE NON-RETURNABLE AND REFUNDS WILL NOT BE MADE.**

**RULE 7:** In all cases the Management reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry of application and does not guarantee space in exhibit buildings.

**RULE 8:** Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian – if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a statement acknowledging that he/she understand and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. **If the exhibitor does not sign this statement (contained on the back of summary card or entry form), his/her application for entry will not be accepted.**

**RULE 9:** Exhibitors that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to the division superintendent. If such classes have been judged, however, they shall not be reopened. Any exhibit falsely entered or disqualified shall be removed from the grounds and all entry fees will be forfeited.

**RULE 10:** To be accepted, applications for entry must be accompanied by the correct entry fee or fees.

**RULE 11: ENTRY DEADLINE.** Exhibitors must pay strict attention to entry deadline dates.

**RULE 12:** Each exhibitor must provide his/her Social Security number or tax identification number as required by law on all entry forms. If the proper number is not provided, application for entry will not be accepted.

**Taxes:** Effective Jan. 1, 1984, federal law requires the withholding of 20 percent Federal Income Tax from payments made to vendors for which we do not have a taxpayer identification number. This withholding requirement was included in the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, and generally applies to payments that are required to be reported on Form 1099 to Internal Revenue Service.

**RULE 13:** Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds or any sponsored Fair activity, any exhibit, entry, animal, stand or show they deem unsuitable, objectionable, or in rule violation and to return any money already paid for space or stalls. Management will not be required to furnish reasons for such actions; the return of the exhibitor's money (if any) exonerates the Fair from any claims by the exhibitor, participant or purchaser.

**RULE 14:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or Officials of the Fair in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately. **You must have a Parking Permit on your windshield to enter Gates 2 or 3.** Free parking will be at Gates 1 & 5.

**RULE 15:** Fair management reserves the right to combine, split or cancel classes at its discretion in all departments of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

**RULE 16: Late entries. All Livestock, Open Cattle Late Entries and Youth Late Entries will be \$60 per entry, in addition to the entry fee. Absolutely no open or youth entries accepted after the first business day of September 2020.**

**RULE 17: Incomplete entry form fine is \$10. This fine has to be paid or you won't be allowed to show.**

**RULE 18:** A professional is defined as a person whose primary source of income is derived from the making and sale of any product listed in the department classes.

#### **Judges and Judging Procedure:**

**RULE 19:** Judges are requested to be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

**RULE 20:** Procedures of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.

**RULE 21:** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion is discovered after awards are given. In such cases, the show management or such referee as it may appoint may make the final decision. Such cases may be sent to the Executive Board from whose decision there can be no appeal.

**RULE 22:** If any exhibitor or his representative interferes with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or the Fair, the management may withhold from the exhibitor any premiums that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.

**RULE 23:** Judges may award a prize of such grade as any exhibit deserves where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered.

#### **Premiums:**

**RULE 24:** The Executive Board reserves the right to pay printed premiums in relation to net earnings. Since premiums and all other expenses must be paid from receipts from the operation of the Exposition, this condition is made to put all exhibitors on due and legal notice.

**RULE 25:** Premiums (in specified departments) may be picked up at times listed in the premium catalog. Premiums not picked up and all others will be forwarded to exhibitors after close of show as they can properly be processed. All premiums not claimed within 90 days upon receipt shall be deemed forfeited to the management of donors. Premiums under \$1 will not be mailed.

**RULE 26: PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION:** This year we will be distributing cash with the ribbon to exhibitors; it is the exhibitor's sole responsibility. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will not be responsible or liable for lost prize money and/or ribbons.

### **Other Rules and Regulations:**

**RULE 27:** Dogs will not be permitted on the Tri-State Fairgrounds. **Exception:** Seeing-Eye and Hearing-Aid dogs. All dogs must be on a leash.

**RULE 28:** No person will be permitted to distribute advertising material upon the grounds or parade route, except from his place of business or exhibit space. The tacking or posting of any advertisements, bills, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibits, is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, fliers and heralds will not, under any circumstance, be permitted.

**RULE 29:** Any article or animal in an exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without written permission by the department superintendent or Fair management. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.

**RULE 30:** Any equipment brought on the grounds to be used in exhibitor's stall or space must comply with and be used in compliance with all Federal, State and Municipal occupational safety and health regulations.

**RULE 31:** Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which will in any way conflict with, or which is subject matter of, any privilege of concession granted or sold by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo.

### **Protests:**

**RULE 32:** All protests must be made prior to entering the ring accompanied by a deposit of **\$100 in cash**, which will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld. Such protest must state the cause for the protest and must be delivered to the Management immediately after the occasion for the protest. Any protest as to the eligibility of an animal must be filed at least 12 hours prior to the time that the animal is to be judged. Only exhibitors in the department, parents, guardians of the exhibitor in the department, AgriLife Extension agents and FFA instructors who have members with exhibits in this department, the superintendent of the department and the Manager of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition may file a protest. Any protest filed will be referred to the Manager of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition for handling.

### **First Aid Information:**

**FIRST AID STATION:** The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will maintain an equipped First Aid Station, staffed by Potter County Fire-Rescue Department, to provide emergency treatment and reference facilities for accidents and illnesses occurring on the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

## **2020 TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION REGULATION SUMMARY**

The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo is an interstate show which accepts entries of livestock, horses and poultry from within Texas and other states for all open shows. Youth shows are intrastate shows for market lambs, market steers, market goats and market swine; interstate for beef heifers, dairy goats and Boer goats.

**Certificates of Veterinary Inspection** are required for out-of-state entries and **all females of all species**.

1. Certificates are valid for (45) days for horses and other equine being exhibited, or exhibited and sold.
2. For other livestock, the certificates are in effect for (30) days for exhibit, or exhibit and sale.

**Prior Entry Permits** are required as noted for specific classes of livestock. Permits may be obtained by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or (800) 550-8242, or writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.

**NOTE:** These regulations, as written, are a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. Specific TAHC regulations will supersede the condensed Tri-State Fair & Rodeo version if there is a dispute between the two.

## **CATTLE (Beef)**

### **Texas-Origin Breeding Cattle**

1. **Current certificate of veterinary inspection (30 days)**

### **Out-of-State Origin**

1. **Current certificate of veterinary inspection (30 days) that meets State of Texas entry requirements.**
2. Negative Brucellosis test (30 days) or originate from a certified free herd or Free State.
3. Breeding bulls, 12 months of age and older, for exhibition only, prior entry permit.

## **YOUTH MARKET STEERS – Intrastate Show**

1. Nothing is required.

## **YOUTH MARKET LAMBS – Intrastate Show**

1. Nothing required

## **YOUTH MARKET SWINE– Intrastate Show**

### **Texas Origin**

1. Nothing is required

## **YOUTH MARKET GOATS– Intrastate Show**

1. Nothing is required.

## **GOATS**

### **Texas –Origin Goats & Out-of-State-Origin Goats**

1. **Current certificate of veterinary inspection (30 days).**
2. All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a USDA Scrapie Eradication Program ear tag, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.

## **HORSES:**

### **(ALL OTHER EQUINE)**

#### **Texas Origin & Out-of-State**

1. Current Coggins (12 months)

## **POULTRY**

### **Texas Origin**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 days.
2. Negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 30 days or from flocks that meet either the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program or the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)
3. Domestic poultry must originate from a flock that is certified as Avian Influenza clean or from an Avian Influenza negative flock or tested according to TAHC requirements within 30 day of entry.
4. Certification on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that Laryngotracheitis has not been active in the area of origin in the past 30 days.
5. Vaccination must be vaccines approved by USDA and TAHC. (Contact TAHC for a list of approved vaccines). NOTE: No modified-live virus chick embryo origin Laryngotracheitis (LT)

vaccine and no modified-live virus mycoplasma gallisepticum (MG) attenuated vaccine may be used on poultry entering the state.

### **Out-of-State Origin**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Poultry.
2. Prior entry permit issued by TAHC within 15 days.

### **RABBITS**

All rabbits entering the Tri-State Fairgrounds must be checked by the show superintendent or agent(s) upon arrival to the grounds. Cooping will not be permitted until rabbits are checked. Decision of show superintendent is final.

### **DOGS**

All dogs entering the Tri-State Fairgrounds must be accompanied by a current (within 30 days) certificate of veterinary inspection which states that the dog has been rabies vaccinated within (1) year of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo competition dates.

**For further clarification and information, it is recommended to contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512) 719-0777 (24 hours) or (800) 550-8242, or by writing to T.A.H.C., Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966**

### **FOREIGN SUBSTANCE PREVENTION AND RESIDUE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM**

It is the policy of the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo to prevent the usage of illegal, unapproved or unethical drugs; growth stimulates or hormones; or any improper foreign substance in animals entered for exhibit at the Fair. The Fair reserves the right to limit or exclude the benefits of participation by any exhibitor determined by the Fair to be in violation of this policy. Without limiting the generality of the above, the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo sets out the following rules and guidelines for exhibitors:

1. Unapproved foreign substances shall be deemed to include, without limitation, any diuretic, growth stimulants or medication which is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture for slaughter animals, whether such substance is a commercial product or "homemade." If any substance has been administered by a licensed veterinarian that might cause problems with the foreign substance prevention policy, a written statement from the veterinarian giving the substance must be submitted to the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo office providing information on the substance given and the reason for administration. This statement must be presented to the division superintendent prior to the showing of any entry.

2. Tri-State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to test any exhibition animal at its discretion. Testing may be performed by Tri-State Fair & Rodeo officials or its delegates, with or without the knowledge of the entrant. Testing may be performed on both a live animal and any carcass. Further, Tri-State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to perform a post-mortem examination of any animal which dies at the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. If a post-mortem examination is ordered by the Fair, the expense of the post-mortem is to be paid by the exhibitor. By entering an animal to show at the Fair, the exhibitor is deemed to have consented to this rule and all testing procedures conducted by Tri-State Fair & Rodeo. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo will pay for the first test. If protested, then the exhibitor will pay for the second test.

3. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo testing procedures shall be administered at a "zero tolerance" policy; in other words, test samples must be entirely free of unapproved foreign substances.

4. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo expects to delegate its sample collection, testing procedures and laboratory analysis procedures to reasonably qualified individuals, veterinarians and technicians. The conclusions reached by such persons, as to whether an animal has been administered an unapproved foreign substance including, without limitation, diuretics, unapproved growth stimulants or other unapproved medications shall be final. By entering animals in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, exhibitors agree that such conclusions are final and waive any recourse against the persons conducting any test or analysis, and waive recourse against the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo or any of its officers or directors. Further, exhibitors agree that any testing procedures provided by the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo or conducted by Tri-State Fair & Rodeo are purely for its own purposes in order to administer the contests in question; and that exhibitors have not purchased or acquired, by virtue of their entry, any testing or analysis services; and exhibitors further agree that if they wish to obtain any test or analysis, they may obtain such additional tests or analysis at their own expense.

5. As a condition of participation in the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, each animal exhibitor must submit to Fair management a **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT** that unapproved foreign substances have not been used. These forms must be signed by the exhibitor, the parent/legal guardian of the exhibitor and the AgriLife Extension Agent or the School Agricultural Science Teacher. No animal will be allowed to participate in the Fair until this form has been fully signed and submitted to Fair management.

6. The Tri-State Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to adopt, in its discretion and on a case-by-case basis, if it so desires, appropriate sanctions for any violation of these rules. At minimum, any animal testing positive for an unapproved foreign substance will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sales proceeds. Further, the Fair may declare the exhibitor ineligible for further participation in the current Tri-State Fair & Rodeo in which he or she is entered with other animals and in any or all future Tri-State Fair & Rodeo events. 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.

7. If an entry is disqualified under this rule, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals.

8. By entering the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo, the exhibitor agrees that the Tri-State Fair & Rodeo may exchange information about the exhibitor with other shows and, further, may disclose, communicate or publish the results of any tests to officials of other exhibitions, to sponsoring county organizations of schools, to law enforcement officials and the press.