

SMALLSTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board or their representative reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. Any exhibitor suspected of fraudulent or deceptive practices toward Fair officials or other Fair participants may be barred from exhibiting and/or showing of animals at the Arizona State Fair. Anyone barred from exhibiting shall be at the sole discretion of the Executive Director and any decision made by the Executive Director shall be final.
3. The Board or its representative reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as it deems necessary.
4. Any person who violates any of the rules may forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Board or its representative may order.
5. The Fair Board does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and awards offered in this list by merchants or breeders' associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair Board with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.
6. The Fair agrees to assume full responsibility for all entries, and to insure against loss or damage, to repair or pay fair market value for the entry from the time the entry is dropped off or picked up. In the event of loss or damage the Fair's maximum liability will be limited to the agreed value as stated on the entry until returned to the Entrant. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, or acts of God.
5. Voucher checks for premiums will be mailed as soon after the Fair as possible. If check is not received within 60 days, the Director of Entries should be notified.
6. February 1 following the fair is the deadline for reporting any error in premium check or checks not having been received by the exhibitor. After that date, no changes will be made nor checks issued.
7. Premium checks not cashed within 6 months of issuance will not be reissued.
8. The Board will deduct any fees remaining unpaid at the conclusion of the Fair from premiums payments and will additionally deduct a \$25.00 administrative fee.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. All applications for smallstock exhibits must be made on Official Entry Forms or done online and in accordance with instructions thereon and rules of the Exhibitor's Handbook.
2. Entry Forms may be obtained by downloading and printed from the Arizona State Fair website at www.azstatefair.com; calling the Entry Department at (602) 257-7142 or writing the Entry Department at 1826 W. McDowell, Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85007.
3. Complete entry forms or online entries and required payment must be received by the Entry Department on or before the published deadline, OR must be postmarked by the U. S. Post Office on or before the published deadline AND received by the Entry Department within seven days following the deadline. If entry is done online, payment must be received (if not paid online) in the entries office within five days of the entry deadline.
4. No animal may be entered for more than one premium.
5. No exhibits will be accepted on which carrier charges have not been prepaid and sufficient postage and instructions for return included.
6. Separate entry forms are to be used for each department in which the exhibitor participates.
7. There will be no REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES, either for overpayment, not showing or failure to bring in the entry.

PREMIUM CHECKS

1. The Board WILL NOT PAY PREMIUMS on any entry not specifically mentioned in the Exhibitor's Handbook.
2. Judges books are the ONLY evidence regarding judging placement and the payment of premiums. No ribbons or cards are accepted for placement purposes.
3. A maximum of two (2) premiums per exhibitor per class will be paid in smallstock departments, including poultry, pigeons, rabbits and cavies. (An exhibitor's highest two placing entries in a class will be eligible for premiums. Ineligible premiums will be awarded to the next eligible entry.)
4. Premium checks will be made payable to either the owner or the exhibitor as stated on the entry form. Total premiums of \$600 or more to any individual will be paid only after the Entry Department has received a completed IRS Form W-9.

EXHIBITORS

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY EXHIBIT OFFERED FOR EXHIBITION.

1. The Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor. Any return of entries under this rule will be done generally and without discrimination. In all cases the Entry Department reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.
2. Any exhibitor who for the purpose of defrauding or misrepresentation, makes any fraudulent entry in the name of another exhibitor for the purpose of exhibiting, may be permanently barred from the Fair or any future participation in any event held in connection with Arizona Exposition and State Fair Board and proof of ownership may be demanded at any time at the discretion of the general superintendent.
3. No Participant shall be eligible to make an entry or compete, or having competed, be eligible to win a premium, if he/she has been disqualified from competition or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violations involving deception, misrepresentation, fraud, sabotage, tampering or unethical fitting.
4. The Ag Center will open to the public daily 9:00 am to 9:00pm Wednesday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 9:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Exhibitors of livestock and smallstock must keep their animals uncovered between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The Fair is closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays.
5. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO USE ONLY appliances that are properly grounded and they must meet UL specifications. (I.e. Clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.).

JUDGING

1. In judging smallstock the decision of the official veterinarian and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.
2. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make decision or, with his approval, the matter may be referred to the Board or their representative, from whose decision there is no appeal.
3. Any exhibitor that publicly takes exception to the findings of a judge may be excluded from competing or exhibiting on the grounds.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

1. In livestock departments, all protests from a decision of a judge must be made to the Board or its Designee and filed within five hours after the award has been made, it being considered that an award is made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered in the department record book. In smallstock and competitive departments, all protests from a decision of a judge must be made to the Board or its Designee and filed by 5:00pm on the closing day of the fair.
2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 in any of the livestock and smallstock departments and \$25.00 in the competitive departments, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is

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to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. Protest must state the cause of complaint, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated naming witnesses.

3. The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decision of a judge to the Board will lie 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 by another.
4. A protest or appeal based upon a statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will not be considered by the Board.
5. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Board or their representative, whose decision shall be final.

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1. Uncontrollable animals as determined by the department superintendent will not be permitted to show and, upon decision of the department superintendent, must be immediately removed from the grounds. No animal will be allowed to run loose on the grounds.
2. Every animal entered for exhibition will be under the charge of the department superintendent.
3. Exhibitors shall not display premiums, ribbons or decorations previously won by any animal prior to judging.
4. Exhibitors shall furnish such information concerning their animals as may be required, and in the case of refusal to obey this rule, any or all premiums will be forfeited.
5. SIGNS placed by exhibitors in the SMALLSTOCK Department shall not be larger than 14" x 22".
6. Vehicular traffic, necessary to smallstock exhibitors, must enter through the McDowell Gate.
7. Due to the congestion of people, livestock and vehicles in the Cattle Barn and Agriculture Center, exhibitors are requested to cooperate with the Livestock Director and Smallstock Superintendents in parking and movement of trucks and trailers to expedite the unloading & loading of smallstock and tack.
8. NO DOGS are permitted in any buildings or barns, service dogs being the only exception.
9. There will be NO GENERATORS in or around any of the livestock barns.

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1. The official veterinarian is in charge of sanitary conditions of smallstock and smallstock buildings. If applicable, all Health Certificates for livestock and smallstock entries are subject to his/her approval. He/she will issue Health Certificates, when necessary, for smallstock and livestock shipped out at the close of the Fair.
2. All animals must be in good health and free of any evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Any animal found to be diseased and any animals brought to the show with the diseased animal are subject to dismissal from the fairgrounds and must be coordinated with the official veterinarian. Under no circumstances will the Board be held liable in any way for such removal. The show pens or stalls in which such diseased animal or animals were kept must be cleaned and disinfected, under the supervision of the official veterinarian.
3. No animals may be entered in the Fair that are currently under quarantine for, or recently exposed to, infectious or contagious disease, or that have mange, lice, ringworm, abscesses or ulcerations.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK

AMATEURA person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than as a profession (does not apply to junior organizations and

horse shows). Anyone who derives less than 10% of their income from the sale of their articles.

CLASS.....A group of like entries that are judged together; a sub-category of a division.

COMPETITION.....Contest between two or more exhibits.

COMPETITIVE ENTRIESAny item entered in the 4-H, Agriculture, Apiary, Beer & Wine, Fine Arts, Photography, Student Art, Floriculture, Minerals & Jewelry, Hobby, Home Arts, or Young Engineers and Scientists Department for competition.

DIVISIONA generalized category of entries; a group of classes.

ENTRYAn eligible animal or exhibit which is entered to be judged.

EXHIBIT.....An object or a collection of objects shown in a division/class/lot (synonymous with entry).

EXHIBITORThe individual or entity making entry and responsible for animals and articles entered. If not the owner of the articles or animals entered, the exhibitor is acting as agent for such owner. In the case of a minor, Exhibitor is defined as participant and parent and/or legal guardian.

EXHIBITOR'S HANDBOOK.....An entry book, prize list, handbook, contest book or other publication that includes rules regarding fair contests.

INDEPENDENT YOUTHA class open to Youth exhibitors having an organizational affiliation other than 4-H and/or FFA.

JUDGING1) American System: The judging process to rank entries against one another and award one first placing, one second placing, etc.
 (2) Danish System: The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first (blue) placings, etc. as merited.

NOVICE.....For State Fair purposes a novice is an exhibitor's first year showing a particular species.

OPEN DEPARTMENTAny department not considered a youth department.

OPEN YOUTH OR INTERMEDIATE.....A class open to all Youth/Intermediate exhibitors having no organization affiliation requirement.

PARTICIPANTThe individual or entity making entry and responsible for animals and articles entered. If not the owner of the articles or animals entered, the participant is acting as agent for such owner. In the case of a minor, participant is defined as exhibitor and parent and/or legal guardian.

PREMIUMSMonies paid to successful contestants (synonymous with cash awards).

PRODUCER.....One, who, in the area specified, raises in normally marketable or commercial quantities, the specific type of animal or product entered.

PUREBRED.....An animal the breeding of whose sire and dam traces directly to registered animals of the same breed. An animal that is registered with a recognized breed association and meets the breed association's requirements of purebred.

SMALLSTOCKIncludes animals such as: poultry, pigeons, rabbits and covies.

SUB CLASSSmallstock: A group of like exhibits that are judged together; a sub-category of class.