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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of a Junior Livestock Show is to provide an opportunity for National FFA Organization (FFA), 4-H, Grange and/or Independent members to exhibit their livestock projects before the public; thus, promoting and providing the incentive for achieving excellence in livestock production, skills and practices. Such achievement and participation in a show encourages sportsmanship, leadership, citizenship and responsibility of the highest order in the members.

Through the judging and placing of entries, modern livestock market standards are outlined and the education of members, advisors, leaders and parents/guardians regarding livestock industry trends, is made possible.

NJLSB or Board refers to the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board and “Show” refers to the Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Any other use of the term show refers to other youth livestock shows, fairs, exhibitions and/or livestock sales.

The purposes of these rules are to:

- Ensure educational and equitable competition;
- Provide state-wide competition consistency; and
- Maximize exhibitor and public safety.

These rules apply to all competitive exhibits conducted by youth livestock exhibitions, district and/or county exhibitions and/or fairs or shows in the state of Nevada.

These rules cannot be waived or amended by anyone, including the fair board, exhibition management, show organizer or judge.

The Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board is the final and absolute **arbiter** of these rules. Only a show, fair or exhibition organizer may request, in writing a variance on their own behalf or on behalf of an exhibitor to a specific rule. This request must be made prior to the start of the fair or specific competition for which a variance is requested. If NJLSB approves a specific variance request it may approve a conditional variance with specific conditions. Any approved variance shall expire at the conclusion of the fair, show or exhibition.

Fair, show, management and/or exhibition organization management may grant variances to ownership rule in the instance of deceased animals, submission of late entries and refund of entry fees. Variances may be ruled upon by NJLSB at the request of fair management, exhibition organization and/or show management.

NJLSB will distribute any corrections and additions to these rules to fairs, and/or shows, and/or exhibition management. It is the responsibility of show organizers to make these rules available to exhibitors. NJLSB does not represent or endorse the accuracy, correctness or reliability of any advice, opinion, statement or other information displayed by the fair, show and/or exhibition management in the distribution of corrections and additions to these rules. True and correct copies of all rules and any additions or corrections are available on the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board website at <http://agri.nv.gov/ADMINISTRATION/NJLSB/NJLSB>

Fairs, shows and/or exhibition management may create “Local Rules” that may be more restrictive than the State Rules but that may not circumvent the State Rules. All local rules must be documented and available to exhibitors.

If a local rule is not printed in the exhibitor rulebook the applicable State Rule will apply.

# **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK**

# **STATE SHOW RULES**

## **GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL EXHIBITORS**

### **Interpretation and Enforcement:**

The NJLSB and show management reserve 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 incident to, the show. Counties, districts and other exhibitions within the state of Nevada may have additional eligibility and more restrictive requirements recognized and supported by NJLSB provided there is no conflict with show rules. An exhibitor who violates any show rule will be subject to expulsion from the show and loss of any awards. Future participation in the show will be at the discretion of the fair, show and/or exhibition management. The offending exhibitor can be reported to the judge for the class showing and can be restricted from showing or placed as the judge determines is appropriate. Any adult who violates any show rule will be subject to expulsion from the show and future participation will be at the discretion of the fairs, show and/or exhibition management; show management reserves the right to excuse an exhibitor in an emergency situation or for reasons of impaired health. Any dispute or question with regard to decisions of show management must be presented to the fair, show and/or exhibition management in the appropriate manner.

### **Rule Review/Development:**

The NJLSB will review State rules annually in the fall. The NJLSB will solicit rule suggestions from the public. A Committee, formed by NJLSB, will evaluate these suggestions and forward recommended changes to NJLSB. NJLSB at its fall meeting will review, modify and vote on the changes. Changes approved by NJLSB will be effective November 15 of each year.

### **Liability:**

All entries are accepted with the understanding that each exhibitor shall be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by him/her, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitors and parents agree to hold blameless the State of Nevada; Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board; Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board Representatives; Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center; and other show management sites (facilities); Nevada Department of Agriculture; Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education; University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada Reno Extension personnel; FFA Advisors, 4-H Leaders, Grange Advisors and other persons involved in the show in case of accident or injury of any nature to the exhibitor or any loss or damage occurring to their property or livestock.

Not allowed at the show are items, which can create a hazard on the grounds, including, but not limited to: bicycles, skateboards, roller-skates, in-line skates, scooters and remote controlled or mechanical toy devices.

### **Conduct and Supervision of Exhibitors:**

Exhibitors are representatives of their FFA, 4-H, or Grange organizations and are expected to act in an appropriate manner. Independent exhibitors and supervisors must abide by all rules. Misconduct of an exhibitor such as to reflect discredit on him/her, his/her chapter or club or the show will be cause for disqualification and result in the exhibitor and his/her exhibit being *expelled from the show*. Conduct must consider safety for all in attendance. Conduct jeopardizing the safety of animals or people will subject the exhibitor to disqualification. Malicious damage to the facilities will also be considered just cause for expulsion of an exhibitor and exhibit. In such cases, all awards will be withheld and future participation in the fair, show and/or exhibition will be at the discretion of the fair, show and/or exhibition management. Adults are expected to act in an appropriate manner, misconduct of any parent, guardian, advisor or spectator that exhibits inappropriate behavior or distracts any exhibitor; fair, show and/or exhibition management staff, Judge or any other person in attendance from the purpose of the show can/will be excused (asked to leave) from the show area. Any dispute or question with regard to decisions of show management must be presented to the fair, show and/or exhibition management in the appropriate manner.

Not allowed at the Show are items, which can create a hazard on the grounds, including, but not limited to: bicycles, skateboards, roller-skates, in-line skates, scooters and remote controlled or mechanical toy devices.

Any use or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the show and sale. Exhibits, exhibitors and adults will be expelled and forfeit all rights to any awards, prizes or the sale of their animal.

**WHILE AT THE SHOW, ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE TO AND CHAPERONED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE ADVISORS, LEADERS AND/OR PARENTS. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE**

**UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT CHAPERONE AT ALL TIMES AND NOT LEFT IN THE CARE OF FAIR, SHOW AND/OR EXHIBITION MANAGEMENT.**

Exhibitors will comply with all reasonable requests made by fair, show and/or exhibition management

**Eligibility:**

Age is determined on January 1<sup>st</sup>, all exhibitors must be 9 years of age on January 1 to show.

All Nevada FFA, 4-H, Grange and Independent exhibitors in good standing meeting show, exhibition or fair eligibility requirements are eligible.

Independent exhibitors not affiliated with any organization on weigh-in date may enter. An exhibitor may not switch to an Independent exhibitor after the weigh-in date. Independent exhibitors will abide by all rules in the rulebook. Independent exhibitors will include with their entry form a signed Show Ring Code of Ethics, and at final weigh-in will provide a record book of the project animal. (Available on the NJLSB web site).

**Senior Division:** Includes any exhibitor 14 years or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year exhibiting. Exhibitors must not be older than 19 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup>. FFA members are eligible until December 31<sup>st</sup> following the year of graduation from High School.

**Intermediate Division:** Includes any exhibitor 11, 12 or 13 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year exhibiting.

**Junior Division:** Includes any exhibitor 9 or 10 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year exhibiting.

Note: **Novice and Pee Wee divisions** may not be held in/at each fair, show and/or exhibition.

**Novice Division:** Junior, Intermediate or Senior exhibitors of any age that have never shown any specie in any organized show, with the exception of the current year. Novice exhibitors will not move to their respective age division.

**Any exhibitor disqualified from any other youth livestock show is ineligible to show at the show for the period of ineligibility.**

**Ownership Dates:**

Market Animals: Dates to be set by each fair, show and/or exhibition management.

Breeding Animals: Dates to be set by each fair, show and/or exhibition management.

Feeder Animals: Dates to be set by each fair, show and/or exhibition management.

**Safety:**

**The Judge, fair, show and/or exhibition management may disqualify any animal that is not sufficiently gentle to be shown with safety.**

**Market Weight Qualifications:**

To be eligible to show, weights of market animals must meet the specified minimum weight requirements, and not exceed the maximum show weight. Animals not meeting this minimum weight and exceeding the maximum show weight will not be allowed in market classes or to sell; however, that animal may be used by the exhibitor in Showmanship and moved to the Feeder class if under the minimum show weight (see Feeder Show). If the animal is over the maximum show weight it may be shown in an appropriate Breeding class, if eligible (see Breeder Show).

Market animals exceeding the maximum pay weight will be sold at that maximum pay weight with the extra poundage donated to the buyer by the exhibitor.

The intention of allowing entry of animals exceeding the maximum pay weight is not to encourage overweight animals, rather, the purpose is to accommodate fast growing animals as it may be detrimental to the animal if held back.

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will set minimum and/or maximum pay and/or show weights.

Market Animal	Minimum Show Weight	Maximum Pay Weight	Maximum Show Weight
Beef			
Market Goat			
Rabbit			
Sheep			
Swine			
Turkey - Tom			
Turkey – Hen			
Broilers			

**Castration:**

All male market animals exhibited must be properly castrated (both testicles removed) by the official ownership date for each species, with the exception of Meat Rabbits and Turkeys. This means there is no evidence of remaining testicles. If the animal was cut with a knife, the sack must have fallen off. If the animal was banded the testicles must be completely atrophied. Castration by burdizzo is not allowed.

**Ear Tagging:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine ear tagging dates.

**Homegrown Market Animal:**

Open to all exhibitors who fed and raised a home-produced market animal for the market show. To be considered homegrown the exhibitor must own the dam at the time of birth of the offspring. Turkey eggs must be laid by the exhibitors' project hen and incubation must be under the control of the exhibitor. Certification must be by a local advisor, leader and/or parents/guardians who are in the best position to know the situation. The Judge of the show chooses the winner.

**Dress Requirements:**

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will work with the youth organizations to fulfill minimum dress requirements.

To enter the show exhibitors must be neat, clean and dressed in the minimum requirement of the official uniform according to the exhibitor's state organization. (Refer to the State/National manual of the organization).

Boots or firm-toed shoes are mandatory for showing beef and dairy cattle and recommended for meat goats, sheep, and swine for safety reasons. If an exhibitor does not meet the minimum dress requirements, that exhibitor may not enter the show ring. (Example-no distressed jeans)

Minimum requirements for Independent exhibitors are collared, long sleeved white shirt and clean neat trousers. Dark blue or black tie is optional.

### **Care of Exhibits - During the Show:**

This show is for the youth exhibitor. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

All animals exhibited must be cared for and fed during and after the show at the expense of the exhibitor until released by Show Management even if the animal is not able to show.

All livestock, pens and stall areas must be kept clean and neat at all times during the show. Water **may not** be dumped in high traffic areas. Washing of animals will be in designated areas only. Each **exhibitor** must properly wash, feed, fit, care for, exhibit and sell his/her own animal.

To enter the show, animals must be properly cleaned, fitted and trained to be quiet and tractable in the ring. Animals not meeting these requirements may be disqualified and will not receive awards. All animals must be exhibited in the designated show ring in order to be judged.

Humane treatment of animals is mandatory. Any abuse of an animal is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the Show and forfeiture of all awards.

### **Health and Brand Inspection of Animals:**

Only properly labeled feed and feed supplements may be fed to any livestock showing at the show. 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 animals performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hooves 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.

Every exhibitor in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the show, specifically represents that the exhibitor's animal's natural conformation and structure has not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting".



Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as “twining” which includes The attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.).

Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration or docking may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species. Drenching for the health of the animals is not against the rules but artificially filling animals is not allowed.

No injection sites may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

Out of State exhibitors must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all Animals issued within 30 days of the show prior to unloading and admission to the show grounds. This Certificate must be in compliance with all current Nevada Department of Agriculture Health requirements, the State of Nevada Swine Pseudorabies Eradication Program and State of Nevada/National Scrapie Eradication Program. This has been waived for all in state exhibitors.

A veterinarian may do a visual inspection of all animals at the livestock entrance. The veterinarian Vet Tech., trained or educated individual can administer a more complete examination of the animal to determine health issues and can exclude the animal from the show if necessary.

To be admitted to the grounds, animals must show evidence of good health; no animal with communicable disease to humans or unsightly condition will be accepted. No animal showing signs of a prolapse will be allowed to show, (determination by the Show veterinarian Vet Tech., trained or educated individual), Animals with soremouth, fungus or skin conditions will not be allowed at the show.

Turkeys will be inspected and will be excused if there is evidence of parasites or disease.

Fair, show and/or exhibition management reserves the right to require health inspections and diagnostic tests to be made before or after animals are admitted to show grounds.

Brand Inspections are required for all animals crossing a state brand inspection district boundary line in accordance with Nevada Department of Agriculture Brand Inspection Laws.

The fair, show and/or exhibition management will follow all Federal and State programs related to the transmission of zoonotic diseases, viruses or other maladies.

### **Limitation of Entries:**

Fair, show and/or exhibition management reserves the right to limit entries to the capacity of the facilities available.

## **Making Entries:**

Entries must be made on OFFICIAL ENTRY FORMS or other predetermined official entry portal provided to FFA advisors, Extension, Grange advisors and Independent exhibitors as requested.

A market animal not weighed-in will be scratched from the market show.

**Note to Parents / Guardian / Extension Personnel / Advisors:** By signing the Entry Form, each parent / guardian / UNCE personnel/ advisor acknowledges that:

1. He/she has read and agrees to the show rules and regulations.
2. The exhibitor has owned, fed and cared for the market animal throughout the required ownership period. He/she has supervised the exhibitor and the animal/s have not had any drugs, chemicals, feed additives, pharmaceuticals or other substances used on them except pursuant to the label specifications, or unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian for the therapeutic and medical purposes. In instances where drugs, chemicals, feed additives or other substances for which the required withdrawal period has not elapsed prior to arrival at NJLS, that animal will not be allowed to sell or show in a market class. Please reread health and brand inspection of animals.
3. He/she has supervised the exhibitor and the animals have not been tampered with in any way, including but not limited to, unethical fitting or any method altering the natural conformation of any part of the animal's body.
4. He/she understands the penalties for violating these general, and show specific, rules and regulations.

## **Late Entry Policy:**

To be determined by each fair, show and/or exhibition management.

## **Showmanship Entries:**

An exhibitor enters Showmanship by listing the appropriate class on the Entry Form. The exhibitor may enter only one animal per species in Showmanship. Only Market, Feeder or female Breeding animals **owned** and fitted by the exhibitor may be entered in Showmanship. Also, Market animals not making minimum show weight or those over the maximum show weight may show in Showmanship.

No uncastrated male animals are allowed in Showmanship classes. Except for Meat Rabbits and Poultry).

Halters on sheep cannot be used in Showmanship classes.

With written permission, at the time of entry, of an FFA Advisor, UNCE 4-H personnel, or Grange Advisor or supervising adult for independent exhibitors; an exhibitor may show in the next advanced Showmanship class because of experience. This advancement cannot be changed after the entry form is submitted.

Exhibitors showing for the first time may enter Novice Showmanship.

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine guidelines for their showmanship classes.

**Showmanship Placing:**

Since all Showmanship requirements are approximately the same, the following is printed as a guide. It must be emphasized this is only a guide, and all Judges will not put the same emphasis on each area. Judges will vary the emphasis depending upon the class, competition, etc.

Fitting: Condition, quality, firmness and uniformity of finish	10%
Grooming: Clean, trimmed, brushed, blocked, feet trimmed, etc.	20%
Knowledge of project: specie and industry related questions	10%
Showmanship:	<u>60%</u>
	100%

**Round Robin/Master Showmanship:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine their guidelines.

**Market Show Entries:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine their guidelines.

**Feeder Show Entries:**

The show is open to animals as noted under the weight qualifications per species. Exhibitor must provide proof of ownership at time of entry, market animals that do not make minimum show weight at the scale may enter that species' feeder or breeding show. The animal will automatically be placed into the feeder class, the animal is no longer a market animal and may not be shown in the homegrown market class, if the exhibitor wishes to place the animal in a breeding class they must come to the show office immediately after the animal is weighed. Any entries received without payment will not be processed. There is no sale provision for animals in feeder classes.

**Breeding Show Entries:**

Refer to ownership dates set by each fair, show and/or exhibition management.

The breeding show is open to breeding animals as listed in the class offerings of each fair, show and/or exhibition. The same animal **cannot** be shown in both Breeding and Market classes. (Except where noted in class lists).

Both registered and unregistered breeding animals are eligible to be exhibited in listed classes. Breeding animal entries must include: breed, individual identification number, name of animal and birth date, including the scrapie tag number for sheep and goats. If the animal is registered, the exhibitor must also list the registry number. Individual identification number for breeding animals is required as acceptable per breed association. Exhibitors may show more than one species in the breeding show. Each exhibitor is responsible to have a handler for each animal.

Exhibitors of all registered animals shall submit the certificate of registration or a **copy** from the respective breed association (see each County/Show for requirement). The certificate of registration for the animal shall stand in the name of the individual unless accompanied by appropriate lease documents. Pending registrations-send a copy of the registration request with the entry form.

### **Show Schedule Conflicts (Market, Breeding and Feeder Classes):**

All animals must be shown in accordance with the show schedule. An exhibitor may be disqualified for failure to bring an animal into the ring at the appropriate time. If schedule conflicts arise, an exhibitor may make arrangements for another FFA, 4-H, Grange or Independent exhibitor to assist him/her in showing breeding animals and market animals, when both are in the same class, the ring clerk must be notified of the conflict and the substitution. All youth must be in appropriate uniform for the show ring.

### **Arrival and Weighing-In of Entries:**

**If an animal is deemed unsafe to participants at the show by the superintendent of the fair, show and/or exhibition management at the time of weigh-in, that animal will be disqualified.**

All entries must arrive within the time limits listed on the show schedule. Late arrivals will be disqualified unless fair, show and/or exhibition management accept proof of an extenuating circumstance. Out of state exhibitors must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for all animals, issued within 30 days prior to the show, prior to unloading and admission to the grounds. This certificate must be in compliance with all current Nevada Department of Agriculture Health Requirements, the State of Nevada Swine Pseudorabies Eradication Program and State of Nevada/National Scrapie Eradication Program. An official on the premises will verify each Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as animal(s) enter the Grounds. A veterinarian, Vet Tech., trained or educated individual will do a visual inspection of all animals at the livestock entrance. **Animal(s)** must be in the weigh-in line following this inspection.

Blankets will not be allowed on Market animals during weigh-in. Fair, show and/or exhibition management will make every effort to achieve accurate weights. It is recommended a representative of the State Division of Weights and Measures inspects scales officially within two weeks of the show. Exhibitors or their representative are encouraged to watch carefully when their animals are weighed and the weights recorded. If questions arise over the weight of an animal, that animal will be taken off the scale, the scale checked and balanced, and animal re-weighed immediately. The animal in question **CANNOT** leave the scale area until the dispute is settled. If an exhibitor leaves the scale area without registering a protest, the scale weight is considered official.

Market animals not making weight requirements at weigh-in may not compete in Market classes; the exhibitor may use them in showmanship, feeder or breeding classes where they are eligible. See: Market Show Entries / Feeder Show Entries / Breeding Show Entries.

### **Check-In Procedures:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will have their own check-in procedures.

## **Release of Entries:**

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will specify release time for each species. An animal may not be withdrawn from competition without the consent of fair, show and/or exhibition management. Animals may not leave prior to the specified release time. Live release animals include all species of breeding animals.

All animals exhibited must be cared for and fed during and after the show at the expense of the exhibitor until released by fair, show and/or exhibition management even if the animal is not able to show.

## **USE of PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOLOGICS and/or CHEMICALS:**

Any violation of PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOLOGICS and CHEMICALS rule will result in the forfeiture of all participation in the show. The exhibitor, adults and animals may be excused from the show.

During the show a licensed veterinarian and fair, show and/or exhibition management shall be notified of any animal on any part of the facility requiring treatment or medication. Treatment must be by a veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor.

Entry into a fair, show and/or exhibition signifies compliance with all pharmaceutical, biologic and chemical withdrawal regulations. Before administering any products before and during the show, consult with a veterinarian and follow label directions. A written prescription from the veterinarian must be supplied.

Only properly labeled feed and feed supplements may be fed to any livestock showing at the show. 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 hooves 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.

No injection sites may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the fair, show and/or exhibition as follows:

- a. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of Federal law.
- b. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA/FSIS established tolerance for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
- c. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
- d. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

- e. Any Pharmaceutical not intended/labeled for animal use will not be allowed to be used.

Fair, show and/or exhibition management reserves the right to conduct or require to be conducted a test on any animal for illegal substances or for substances exceeding established tolerances. If an animal or carcass is found to have contained illegal substances or substances exceeding established tolerances, the fair, show and/or exhibition management have the right to impose appropriate penalties including, but not limited to, denial of monetary awards and recognition for show associated contests or classes.

**If a carcass is condemned for any of the above reasons the exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale proceeds, the carcass and any awards.**

**If a carcass is condemned for any other reason the exhibitor must pay back to the buyer, the resale value of the animal, if requested.**

### **Grievance Committee/Process:**

Local shows are encouraged to establish a grievance committee/process. Below is suggested language for the process and it is recommended that only the exhibitor can file a grievance. The Grievance Committee will consist of three fair, show and/or exhibition management members. The Grievance Committee serves to review grievances and render a final decision. Members must recuse themselves if personally associated with the grievance or people involved with the grievance. In this case, an alternate member will serve in their place. Additional guidelines specific to the fair, show and/or exhibition will be set up by the fair, show and/or exhibition management.

## **JUDGES AND JUDGING**

### **Judges:**

Judges are selected for each species of livestock with the utmost care and, whenever possible, from persons of wide reputation. Judges are encouraged to give their reasons for decisions rendered. The object is to assist in the education of livestock producers concerning what constitutes a high-quality animal. In order to familiarize Judges with show rules, a rule book is made available to the judges. FYI: Individuals judging the NJLS Show cannot officiate at county qualifying shows, clinics or demonstrations the same year.

### **Behavior - Toward Judges and Judging:**

No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the Judges during their adjudication or to offer any criticism of any exhibit. Any person, who attempts to interfere with the Judges in any such manner, whether verbally or otherwise, shall be excluded immediately from the judging area/ring and/or from competition. If it is ascertained that a person or exhibitor has in any impolite and public manner taken exception to the finding of the Judge, the fair, show and/or exhibition can cancel all awards to said exhibitor and exclude him/her from further participation in the

show. Fair, show and/or exhibition management reserves the right to remove any and all exhibits of such an exhibitor without being liable for any compensation.

An exhibitor may be required to explain the merits of his/her own display, exhibit or animal during its examination by the Judge, if so requested by the Judge.

The Judge's decision is final and cannot be protested.

## **AWARDS, PREMIUMS AND GENERAL CONTESTS**

### **Market Show:**

All Market species are placed using the Danish System of judging. According to Judges' decisions, in all classes, groups 1A or 1B will receive blue ribbons; those placed in groups 2A or 2B will receive red ribbons; and group 3 white ribbons. (See Beef, Market Goat, Meat Rabbit, Sheep, Swine and Turkey Rules for factors used in placing.) White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

In addition to the Danish System of judging, first and second place winners will be chosen in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion animals of the fair, show and/or exhibition will be chosen from the top two animals of each weight class.

### **Placing of Beef:**

**All market beef must be younger than 30 months of age.**

Placing of steers will be based upon the Danish System of judging as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon)

- a. Animals grading USDA Low Choice or better, having above average conformation and showing indications of yield grades 3 or better.
- b. Young animals grading USDA High Select with superior conformation.

Group 2. (Red Ribbon)

- a. Animals grading Average Select or better with average or below conformation.
- b. Animals with average or above conformation and showing indications of yield grade 4 or better.

Group 3. (White Ribbon)

- a. Animals grading USDA Low Select or less.
- b. Animals in over fat condition indicating yield grade 5 with average or below average conformation.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

### **Placing of Market Goats:**

Placing of Market Goats will be based upon the Danish System of judging as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon):

- a. Animals grading USDA Low Choice or better, having above average conformation and showing indications of yielding a high percentage of lean to fat.

Group 2. (Red Ribbon):

- a. Animals grading USDA Choice, having average or below conformation
- b. Animals grading USDA Choice, but having either more or less than the desirable finish.

Group 3. (White Ribbon):

- a. Animals grading USDA Good.
- b. Over fat animals indicating a yield grade 5.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

### **Placing of Poultry:**

Placing of Market Poultry will be based upon the Danish System of judging as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon)

- a. Animals having an average conformation and above average condition of flesh and feather condition.

Group 2. (Red Ribbon)

- a. Animals having below average conformation and above average condition of flesh and feather condition.

Group 3. (White Ribbon)

- a. Animals having below average conformation and below average condition of flesh and feathers condition.
- b. Animals showing disqualification.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

### **Scorecard:**

Meat Type	50 points
Condition of Flesh	40 points
Feathers	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

### **Placing of Meat Rabbits:**

Placing of Market Rabbits will be based upon the Danish System of judging as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon)

- a. Animals having above average conformation and above average condition of flesh and fur condition.



Group 2. (Red Ribbon)

- a. Animals having average conformation and average condition of flesh and fur condition.

Group 3. (White Ribbon)

- a. Animals having below average conformation and below average condition of flesh and fur condition.
- b. Animals showing disqualifications.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

Scorecard:

Meat Type	45 points
Condition of Flesh	35 points
Fur	<u>20 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

**Placing of Sheep:**

Placing of lambs will be based upon the Danish System of judging as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon):

- a. Animals grading USDA Low Choice or better, having above average conformation and showing indications of yielding a high percentage of lean to fat.

Group 2. (Red Ribbon);

- a. Animals grading USDA Choice, having average or below conformation.
- b. Animals grading USDA Choice, but having either more or less than desirable finish.

Group 3. (White Ribbon):

- a. Animals grading USDA Good.
- b. Over fat animals indicating a yield grade 5.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

**Placing of Swine:**

Placing of swine will be on the Danish System of judging using a combination of finish (backfat), conformation and muscling as follows:

Group 1. (Blue Ribbon):

- a. U.S. No. 1 Hogs with above average conformation, quality and balance. Also indicating a high yield from the four lean cuts.

Group 2. (Red Ribbon):

- a. U.S. No. 1 Hogs with average or below average conformation and quality.
- b. U.S. No. 2 Hogs with above average conformation.

Group 3. (White Ribbon):

- a. U.S. No. 2 Hogs with below average conformation.
- b. U.S. No. 3 Hogs, U.S. No. 4 Hogs and Utility grades.

White ribbon animals will not be allowed to sell through a Junior Livestock Sale/Auction.

Backfat Classification:

U.S. No. 1 - Less than 1 inch  
U.S. No. 3 - 1.25" to 1.49"

U.S. No. 2 - 1.00" to 1.24"  
U.S. No. 4 - 1.50" and over

### **Feeder Show:**

The American System of judging will be used for all feeder shows. Feeder animals are not eligible for best homegrown market animal or best bred and owned breeding animal.

### **Breeding Show:**

The American System of judging will be used for breeding show classes. Animals will be judged against breed standards and merits within the breed.

Classes may be combined or divided as numbers warrant at the discretion of the Judge, fair, show and/or exhibition management. A minimum of five (5) head is required for a separate class to be held. At least three exhibitors must be entered to make a separate division.

All animals including pairs must be brought to the show ring to be judged.

Animals chosen first and second in their individual classes are eligible to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion.

Breed awards may be given for each species for the best animal of a given breed that receives a blue ribbon, if donors have requested and sponsored the award.

### **Showmanship Contest:**

Showmanship classes will be placed using the Danish System of judging. In addition to the Danish System, the American System of judging will be utilized for the top exhibitors.

## **BEEF SHOW RULES**

**All market beef must be younger than 30 months of age.**

Females 24 months of age or over must be certified bred or have calved in the last 12 months.

### **Proper Training of Animals Required:**

All beef animals must be halter broken. The Judge, fair, show and/or exhibition management may disqualify animals not sufficiently gentle to be shown safely. Nose leads will not be used in steer or heifer classes.

Both neck ropes and halters are required for all beef animals while tied in stalls.

**Dehorning:**

Market: No horns permitted. Steers must be properly dehorned or naturally polled to enter the Show.

Breeding: Horned Breeding animals must have horns properly trained for health and safety purposes.

Feeder: Steers must be properly dehorned or naturally polled to enter the Show.

**Fitting:**

Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the use of any artificial coloring or substance added to the animal's body, as well as any grooming material that allows color to come off the animal. (Artificial color is acceptable on knees and below.) Any false tail switches, tail fins or false polls will not be allowed.

**Please reread health and brand inspection of animals.**

## **DAIRY CATTLE SHOW RULES**

To be set by fair, show and/or exhibition management.

## **DAIRY GOAT SHOW RULES**

**Doe/Kid Age Requirement:**

*No does with kids under 30 days of age will be allowed to participate in the show.*

Females entering the Dry Yearling Class MUST NEVER HAVE BEEN IN MILK to enter the class. Females entering the Senior Doe classes MUST BE IN MILK, which will be verified at the beginning of each class.

All Goats must be in compliance with the Nevada/National Scrapie Eradication Program, possessing the proper ear tags or tattoos.

Fair, show and exhibition management will determine what dairy type goats of any breed or cross breed, including miniature goats will be eligible to compete. And/or if classes will be open to registered and/or unregistered animals. Registered animals must be tattooed and tattoo must match the registration certificate. If the breed registry allows for micro chipping of registered animals the owner must indicate that the animal is micro chipped and must provide the microchip reader to the officials at check-in. Microchip must match the registration certificate.

Animals must be entered in an individual class to enter into a group class.

### **Dairy Goats / Horns:**

No horns permitted. Dairy Goats must be properly dehorned or disbudded with scurs not to be over two inches long.

### **Clipping:**

Goats should have long hair clipped, cleaned and dried before (the official check-in date of) the Show.

## **MEAT GOAT SHOW RULES**

### **Doe/Kid Age Requirement:**

*No does with kids under 30 days of age will be allowed to participate in the show.*

All Market goats will be wethers or does under one year of age. They will be checked to make sure they have milk teeth.

All market and feeder goats must be weaned.

All market goats must be in compliance with the Nevada/National Scrapie Eradication Program, possessing the proper ear tags or tattoos.

### **Dehorning Feeder and Market Goats:**

No horns permitted. Market goats must be properly dehorned or disbudded with scurs not to be over two inches long.

### **Breeding Market Goats / Horns:**

Horns are accepted. The animal must be either scrapie tagged or tattooed. Animals tattooed must have their registration papers with them.

### **Breeding Market Goats:**

All classes will be set by the fair, show and/or exhibition management. Registered animals must be tattooed. Tattoo must match the registration certificate. If the breed registry allows for micro chipping of registered animals the owner must indicate that the animal is micro chipped and must provide the microchip reader to the officials at check-in. Microchip must match the registration certificate.

### **Clipping:**

Goats should be clipped, dry and clean before the official weigh-in date of the show.

## **POULTRY SHOW RULES**

Broilers must be hatched on or after 70 days before the first day of the current year's show.

Turkeys must be hatched on or after 125 days before the first day of the current year's show. All Turkeys entered must have a leg band to be eligible to be shown. This leg band must be placed on

the turkey during check in. The entry form must also include the hatch date(s), and breed. Any entry form not COMPLETE and accompanied by an entry fee, will not be processed and subject to a late fee.

All turkeys that qualify for the auction will be released live to buyers. Buyers will be responsible for the harvesting of the animal. Exhibitors are required to help their buyers make arrangements after the sale.

Turkey will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.  
Official weight shall be the weight established. At show weigh-in.

## **RABBIT SHOW RULES**

All rabbits must be born on or after 70 days before the first day of the current year's show. All rabbits entered must be tattooed to be eligible to be shown. This tattoo must be entered on the entry form and verified during check in. The entry must also include the birth date(s), breed and status of homegrown. All homegrown animals must have additional ownership verification. Any entry form not COMPLETE and accompanied by an entry fee, with the additional paperwork as necessary, will not be processed and subject to a late fee.

All single fryers that qualify for the auction will be released live to buyers. Buyers will be responsible for the harvesting of the animal. Exhibitors are required to help their buyers make arrangements after the sale.

Rabbits will be disqualified at the judge's discretion.  
Official weight shall be the weight established, at show weigh-in.

## **SHEEP SHOW RULES**

### **Ewe/Lamb Age Requirement:**

*No ewes with lambs under 30 days of age will be allowed to participate in the show*

Females 24 months of age or over must have lambed within the past 12 months.

All sheep must be in compliance with the Nevada/National Scrapie Eradication Program, possessing the proper ear tags.

**All Market lambs must be under one year of age.**

### **Wool Length:**

All market lambs must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up before the official weigh-in date of the show. Fleece not to exceed 0.25 inch stretched wool length. Fleece must be uniform over entire body. Wool will be measured prior to weighing; lambs with excess wool will not be weighed or accepted into the show until shorn to meet the satisfaction of the fair, show and/or exhibition management. There is no fleece requirement for breeding sheep. Fleece on breeding sheep should be at a length appropriate for its breed.

# SWINE SHOW RULES

All pigs must be weaned.

## Garbage-Fed Hogs Excluded:

Nevada Livestock Sanitary Regulations require no garbage-fed hogs be allowed in livestock shows.

## CONTESTS

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will set contests relevant to their own the fair, show and/or exhibition. Additional contests may be provided.

## AGRICULTURE EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY CONTEST:

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine entry requirements and entry deadline. This contest is designed to encourage the education of those attending the fair, show and/or exhibition. Competition is open to all FFA Chapters, 4-H Clubs, Grange Clubs and Independent exhibitors. The individual youth or the group entering shall do all the work on the display.

Requirements for the contest include:

Display board not to exceed 4' X 8'

The display must utilize only one (1) side of the display board. The display will be available to aid in the overall education of those attending the fair, show and/or exhibition.

Displays must be the current years' work.

Entries are required. The following information should be submitted:

- a) Individual, Club or Chapter name.
- b) County.
- c) Leader/Advisor name.

### Score Card for Judging Agriculture Educational Displays:

Educational Value	50%
Attention given to information that is accurate, current, concise and informative.	
Presentation:	30%
Proper size, format, workmanship, and overall general appearance.	
Creativity	10%
Artistic manner and enhancing.	

Target Audience	10%
Non-agriculture, general public and children.	<hr/>
	100%

## **HERDSMANSHIP**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition will determine entry requirements.

Judges will utilize a herdsmanship scorecard with guidelines for judging. Exhibits will be evaluated at various times during the show to determine winners.

All exhibitors are required to keep the area occupied by their exhibits and surrounding areas neat and clean at all times during the show. All refuse is to be disposed of properly at the fair, show and/or exhibition.

Scoring as follows:

Possible

1. PREPARATION AND CARE OF EXHIBIT	
a. Club and individual exhibitors clearly and neatly identified	10
b. Animals clean, groomed, fed, watered & properly secured. (gates closed, beef animals haltered with neck rope)	15
c. Feed and equipment neatly stored, out of sight, if possible. Equipment clean and safe (no sharp edges, loose wires, etc.)	10
d. Aisles and surrounding area neat, clean, & uncluttered	15
e. Adequate bedding, clean, neat, dry & properly packed	15
2. APPEARANCE AND ATTITUDE OF EXHIBITORS	
a. Knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, able to answer questions about the exhibit and animals	10
b. Animals always attended by at least one exhibitor	10
c. Exhibitors doing own work (no parents cleaning stalls, grooming animals, feeding, etc.)	<u>15</u>
TOTAL POINTS	100

## **LIVESTOCK SALE RULES**

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine the criteria for the sale.

To sell a market animal entered in the show it must be of blue or red ribbon quality.

### Live Release:

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will set the live release rules.

### **Obligation to Sell and Harvest:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will set the obligation to sell and harvest.

### **Livestock Sale:**

Although not required to do so by statute, the fair, show and/or exhibition management may sponsor a sale of exhibited market livestock to the public as part of the fair, show and/or exhibition. Sale rules are made and enforced by the fair, show and/or exhibition management as part of the show rules. The purpose of this part of the show is to help exhibitors bring their projects to a financially successful close.

Exhibitors are encouraged to have contacted potential buyers and invite them to the sale or to provide bids for their animals.

The Auctioneer's decision or update from the block/podium is final. The auctioneer will decide any arguments or changes and the bid announced from the block/podium will be final.

The Packers and Stockyard Act will govern the sale.

### **Payment to Exhibitor:**

No check will be issued to the exhibitor until payment is received and has cleared the bank. Add-on recipients will receive their add-on with payment for sale of their animal.

### **Commission:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will set their commission fees.

### **Necropsy Policy:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will set their Necropsy Policy.

### **Eligibility to Sell:**

To be eligible for the sale, market animals must have qualified under all rules of the show, including weight limits, and must have been exhibited in a market class of the show.

Animals awarded a white ribbon or sifted for other reasons prior to the sale will not be sold.

### **Sale Order:**

Fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine the order of the sale. In general, blue ribbon Market animals will be sold starting with those placing highest in the show followed by those placing progressively lower.

### **Carcass Information:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine if they will have a carcass contest.



### **Registration of Buyers:**

In order to assure proper and current information is obtained; buyers and potential buyers **must** register for a buyer's number at the sale. A number will be assigned to each individual purchaser/or potential purchaser regardless of the number of animals or partial animals bought.

**Buyer must notify the show if they will be purchasing an animal for live release. If available at the fair, show and/or exhibition.**

### **Payment for Animals Purchased:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine their payment policy.

### **Add-Ons:**

Each fair, show and/or exhibition management will determine their add-on policy.

Suggested:

The minimum add-on for beef, market goat, sheep and swine is **\$25.00**.

The minimum add-on for rabbit and turkey is **\$10.00**.

All add-ons must be between a registered buyer (who has a buyer's number) and a sale participant on a signed and properly filled out add-on agreement. A buyer only needs one buyer's number to bid during the sale and add-on. Add-on agreements completed before the sale are strongly encouraged.

The fair, show and/or exhibition management will make every effort to post add-ons completed before the sale at the start of bidding on each exhibitor's animal.

Add-ons will not be processed without a properly filled out add-on agreement.

***If you have any questions about add-ons ask fair, show and/or exhibition management, species superintendents, asst. superintendents or show staff. You are encouraged to ask questions before the sale. It is the individual's/business's/buyer's responsibility to understand the add-on rules.***