

# SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR AND RODEO LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

## GENERAL RULES

General Livestock Superintendent: TBD  
Livestock Show Secretary: TBD

### A. ENTRIES

1. All entries **MUST** be completed on line by midnight the first Friday of September.  
Late entries will be accepted on line through September 15<sup>th</sup>, with a late entry fee of \$25.00 per animal. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**
2. Entry fees will be charged as follows and must accompany entries:

Junior Market Barrows	\$15.00
Junior Market Meat Goats	\$15.00
Junior Market Lambs	\$15.00
Junior Market Steers	\$15.00
Junior Beef Breeding Heifer	\$15.00
Junior Replacement Dairy Heifers	\$15.00
Dairy Heifer Fitting Contest	\$6.00
Junior Yearling Horse	\$20.00
All Rabbits	\$8.00
All Poultry	\$8.00
Egg Class	\$8.00
All Open Breeding Goats	\$11.00
Showmanship	\$5.00 per species
3. Animals entered in the Junior Market Divisions may not be entered in any Breeding Division.
4. **LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL TIMES:** Livestock must arrive on Tuesday, of the fair week, from 7:00am - noon. All Livestock will be inspected by the SNMSF&R Screening Committee upon arrival. Any animals found to be unfit for show or do not meet the current health requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. The decision of the Screening Committee is final with the approval of the Livestock Committee.
5. All sexually intact sheep and goats must be tagged with the USDA approved scrapie tag and/or identification.
6. All animals have to be in place by 12:00 Tuesday of fair week

7. All entries must remain in place released.

Animals will be released Sunday as follows:

12:00 PM - Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Bernalillo and Socorro Counties  
1:00 PM - EL Paso, Sierra, Otero and Luna Counties  
2:00 PM - Dona Ana County

8. Any animal that has been sold in a non-premium sale **CANNOT** be entered or shown for any purpose at the SNMSF&R Livestock Show. Furthermore these above mentioned animals **CANNOT** be brought to the SNMSF&R to be placed on the packer truck.
9. All sale and packer monies will be withheld from any exhibitor whose entry fees, RV space fees or other fees are not paid by the close of the show on Sunday of fair week.
10. Premiums will be paid in all Open and Junior Breeding Divisions only and the Junior Yearling Show. There will be no premiums paid for junior market classes. **PREMIUMS IN OPEN AND BREEDING DIVISIONS AND THE JUNIOR YEALRING SHOW WILL BE PAID BASED ON SPONSORSHIP MONIES COLLECTED FOR THAT DIVISION.**

## **B. EXHIBITORS**

1. All exhibitors must be residents of Doña Ana, Sierra, Luna, Otero, Hidalgo, Grant, Socorro, Catron, Valencia, or Bernalillo Counties, New Mexico or El Paso County, Texas. Exhibitors in the Junior Market Division must be bona fide 4-H members, enrolled in the project they are exhibiting in (ages 9–19) or members of an FFA Chapter within one of the above named counties as certified by the County Agent or Agricultural Education Advisor. Contestants are to be members in good standing and have received an overview of the SNMSF&R rules. Sponsoring Agent or Advisor will be held accountable. A County 4-H Agent or a Vocational Ag Teacher/Instructor must verify ownership and verify exhibitor is a bona fide 4-H member or chapter member enrolled in the project. All exhibitors and parent must sign the Junior Market Certification Form. (See website for the Junior Market Certification Form). Junior FFA or Booster 4-H are not recognized to be eligible to show by SNMSF&R.
2. There is no limit on the number of Junior Market Division entries any one exhibitor can make. However, there are limits within species. Please see species rules for published limits.

3. Animals entered in the Junior Market Division must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor for at least 90 consecutive days immediately prior to the opening day of the fair. Exceptions: Junior Market Steers must have been owned 150 consecutive days; Junior Market Breeding Holstein Heifers must have been owned since June 15 of the current year. Jr. Yearling Horses must have been owned by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Vo Ag Instructors and 4-H Agents will be responsible for verifying that ownership meets the required length of time.
4. Weighing of livestock: There will be no giving or taking on weights. Animals must meet the weight limit on the first weighing by the department official. Animals not meeting weight requirements will be excluded from the show and may be removed from the grounds at the discretion of the superintendents.
5. The Fair Management will make arrangements for transportation of animals designated as "packer animals" to a packer. The Livestock Department will deduct 5% from the proceeds of each non-sale packer consignment to help defray the cost of transportation and paper work.
6. Exhibitors must furnish their own feeding and watering equipment. They must keep their pens and surrounding area clean and animals properly groomed at all times. If livestock is not properly cared for, feed, labor, and other necessary items will be supplied and all costs thereof charged against such exhibitor. Exhibitors must place pen cleanings in the area designated by the Fair Management.
7. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and fitting of his or her animal. The exhibitor's immediate family, legal guardian, 4-H Leader, County 4-H Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher from any of the participating counties in the SNMSF&R may offer instruction and assistance if required. It is preferable that the exhibitor be present. The exhibitor should be present during fitting and etc. on show day. **NO PROFESSIONAL FITTER MAY WORK ON ANY ANIMAL IN ANY SPECIES.**
8. In judging for Champion of Breed, only first place animals shall be considered. Only the second place animal in the class from which the Champion was selected shall be eligible to move up for Reserve Champion consideration.
9. In judging for Grand Champion of species, only Breed Champions will be considered. Only the Reserve Champion in the breed from which the Grand Champion was selected shall be eligible to move up for Reserve Grand Champion of species consideration. For Species without Breeds, see Exhibitor Rule 8.
10. All animals brought to the Fairgrounds must be intended for exhibition and thereby comply with all applicable rules. Violators of this rule will be subject to a hearing by the Livestock Committee and liable to immediate suspension from current and future fairs and forfeiture of all privileges and monies received. (Appeals may be made to the SNMSF&R Executive Board.)
11. Exhibitors of livestock are required to furnish livestock for the Livestock Judging Contest. Exhibitors may not refuse the use of any animal in the contest when the request is made by the official in charge of the contest or by any superintendent.

12. Exhibitors in the Junior Market Livestock Division must show and sell their own animals. Exhibitors may however, obtain assistance if they have more than one animal in a class. Any person assisting in showing in the Junior Market Livestock Division must be an exhibitor in any section of the Junior Market Livestock Division. In the event of illness or sickness, a substitute showman may be used at the Superintendent's discretion. Superintendent should be notified as soon as possible.
13. All Livestock will be inspected by the SNMSF&R Screening Committee upon arrival. Any animals found to be unfit for show or do not meet the current health requirements will not be allowed on the grounds. The decision of the Screening Committee is final. No livestock will be released without a release signed by the appropriate Superintendent.
14. No person other than a Fair Official shall be allowed to enter an exhibitor's pen unless exhibitor or owner of animal is present.
15. No one except exhibitors and officials will be allowed in the show ring while animals are being judged. Exceptions will be made only at superintendents' discretion.
16. The following are termed unethical practices: Doctoring, doping, or injecting show animals for body fill-ins or the alteration, changing, defacing, or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal; the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging of ear tags; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that cause an edematous condition. Any person that in any way performs any act that would alter an animal's appearance or actions, with or without the owner's permission, may be forever barred from showing or participating at the SNMSF&R. Any sponsoring agent, person associated with the sponsoring agent, advisor, leader, parent, or guardians who are found to be involved with the encouragement of administering, providing of unapproved substances or recommendation of the use of unapproved substances will be barred from future participation at the SNMSF&R. Any practice deemed unethical by the Livestock Committee, will result in the Exhibitor forfeiting all premium monies and sale monies. The decision of the Livestock Committee can be appealed to the SNMSF&R Executive Board.
17. If the Fair Veterinarian is summoned by the Superintendent and/or the Livestock Office on the behalf of the exhibitor, whether or not any services are rendered, the Exhibitor is responsible for all fees paid to the veterinarian.
18. Animals properly tagged and entered in the on-line process of the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo in one exhibitors name can be shown by another **SIBLING** in the immediate family provided that both exhibitors reside at the same address and the animals have been fed and cared for at the family facility. In addition, the substitute sibling must have entries in the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo of the same species. Furthermore, the animal must meet ALL eligibility requirements. Any changes made in the Exhibitor **MUST** be made

at check in or weigh in for the species. The exhibitor must notify the species Superintendent at this time of any exhibitor change. The SNMSF&R Livestock Office **WILL NOT** accept any changes after the Species Superintendents has submitted the check in sheets. Any “loop holes” will be subject to final interpretation by the Livestock Committee.

### **C. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR PASSES**

1. Vehicle passes, gate passes, and exhibitor numbers are to be picked up from the Livestock Office on Tuesday of the fair week from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. ONE EXHIBITOR GATE PASS WILL BE ISSUED PER EXHIBITOR. VEHICLE PASSES WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO (2) VEHICLE PASSES PER FAMILY REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS. NO OTHER VEHICLE PASSES WILL BE SOLD.
2. The person picking up the passes must sign for the exhibitor number, vehicle pass, and exhibitor pass. The Livestock Office will not reissue duplicate exhibitor numbers. Exhibitors with multiple species will use the same exhibitor number for all entries.
3. Additional week passes may be purchased for \$35.00/adults and \$25.00/youth during the on line entry process. The livestock office will have a limited number of these passes available starting on Wednesday of Fair week. In the event that an exhibitor pass is lost, an additional one may be purchased from the Livestock Office for the full price.
4. THE VEHICLE PASS MUST BE STUCK TO THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLES WINDSHIELD. THE VEHICLE PASS ALLOWS THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE TO ENTER THE EAST GATE. ALL OTHER PASSENGERS IN THE VEHICLE MUST HAVE A GATE PASS TO ENTER WITH THE VEHICLE.
5. ALL EXHIBITORS WILL RECEIVE ONE EXHIBITOR PASS PLUS ONE EXHIBITOR PASS PER FAMILY. If exhibitor purchases grounds admission to enter a walk-in gate, the Livestock Office will not refund the fee. If the pass is lost, an additional pass may be purchased at the Fair Office.

### **D. LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

1. Due to changing Livestock Laws, all livestock exhibited must comply with current New Mexico LIVESTOCK BOARD Regulations. Please see the NMLB web page for all current animal health issues and transportation requirements. The SNMFF&R will support all current NMLB rules and regulations.
2. There will be a screening committee made up of the Livestock Committee or other appointed personnel that will reject all sick or unworthy animals. All rejected animals must be removed from the grounds as directed by the Department Superintendent. Should an animal die on the fairgrounds, it shall be the exhibitor’s responsibility to immediately remove that animal to an area

designated by the Management and to see that it is properly disposed of. Any fees for animal disposal will be paid for by the exhibitor.

3. All animals must be free from contagious infectious disease. Should any animal be found to be ill or diseased during the fair, the animal will be quarantined and placed under the supervision of a Veterinarian. All pens and equipment, which were used by the animal, must be disinfected and/or removed from the grounds. The exhibitor of the animal will assume all costs associated with this undertaking.
4. All livestock exhibited must comply with current laws regarding feed additives. Exhibitors must sign any and all release forms required by the state or federal regulations. Should traces of drugs, hormones, or other substances, be found in the carcass of livestock exhibited at this fair and the carcass is condemned or discounted, the exhibitor will assume all resulting monetary loss.
5. No injection of any kind may be given except when directed by the Official Veterinarian and supervised by a Superintendent. A blood or urine test may be required of any animal suspected of having been injected with any prohibited drug or chemical compound including diuretics. If such test is negative, the Fair Board will pay the cost. If the test is positive, the exhibitor will be required to pay the cost of the test and all animals entered by the exhibitor will be disqualified from the fair and all premium and sale monies will be withheld.
6. Drug Testing — The Grand and Reserve Champions of each livestock market division may be subject to drug tested immediately upon leaving the show ring which includes the Junior Market Steers, Goats, Barrows and Lambs. Appropriate samples will be taken by approved personnel. The animals samples may be tested for prohibited substances. All animals tested will have the sale money retained until the reports of the drug tests are available. If an animal is found positive for a prohibited drug or chemical compound, including diuretics, the exhibitor shall forfeit all monies from the sale of their animal. Any exhibitor found guilty of infractions of the rules pertaining to prohibited drugs may be permanently barred from showing any species at the SNMSF&R. The SNMSF&R Executive Committee will determine the appropriate penalties issued to the exhibitor.
7. All animals will be exhibited subject to current regulations and quarantines imposed by the New Mexico Livestock Board. For New Mexico Livestock Inspection information call 575-233- 4787. For questions on Texas animals contact the Texas agricultural agent.

## **NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD GENERAL RULES**

### **New Mexico State Cooperative Extension Service New Mexico FFA Association**

In Cooperation with New Mexico Livestock Board

#### **REFERENCE THIS SITE FOR NMLB RULES**

[WWW.NMLBONLINE.COM](http://WWW.NMLBONLINE.COM)

(SEE FAIR AND EXHIBITOR GUIDE)

#### **E. VIOLATION OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL RULES**

1. Any exhibitor found in violation of the general or special rules described in the Livestock Section or of the General Rules of the Southern New Mexico State Fair will cause disqualification of the exhibitor and withholding of all premiums and other money until ruled on by the Livestock Committee

#### **F. Code of Conduct for Exhibitors of the SNMSF&R Livestock Department**

1. Exhibitors of animals shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
2. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
3. Possession or use of harmful non prescribed drugs is prohibited.
4. Participants will show respect for the property and facilities and will assume financial responsibility for any damages they cause.
5. Malicious acts will not be tolerated.
6. Disciplinary action will include:
  - a. Removal from the Fairgrounds and banned from the premises for the current year's Fair and confiscation of passes.
  - b. Second offenders will be permanently banned from the Livestock Department.
  - c. Any unlawful acts will be reported to the proper authorities.
7. Violations of rules will receive one of the following penalties:
  - a. Verbal Warning.
  - b. Monetary fine payable to the SNMSF&R Scholarship Fund.
  - c. Forfeiture of sale slot.
  - d. Forfeiture of sale money.
  - e. Banning from the Fair.
8. Any appeal must be made within 30 days after the violation.

## **G. DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITORS**

Exhibitors should be clean and appropriately dressed for the show ring. This is to include a collared shirt with at least the outer shirt tucked into pants. Modesty is the best policy. Exhibitor number should be worn at all times in the show ring.

## **F. SUPERINTENDENTS, PROTESTS, QUESTIONS AND DISPUTED MATTERS**

1. Each Livestock Species Superintendent is responsible for events in his/her department and is in charge of all assistants, judges, affairs, happenings, rules, protests, allegations or problems within his/her Livestock Department. It is the duty of all specie Superintendents to uphold the rules as written.
2. Any protests, problems, or allegations that originate within a department shall first be addressed to and by the Superintendent of that department who shall judge and govern within the rules as published in the Livestock Exhibitor's Handbook. If the general situation is not resolved, the exhibitor/family may appeal to the Livestock Superintendent whose decision will be final and no further action will be available. The situation will be heard by the Livestock Superintendent with the individuals involved as well as the Superintendent of that department present. All protest to the Livestock Superintendent must be written and accompanied by a \$50.00 protest fee. If the protest is ruled in favor of the Exhibitor the fee will be returned. If the Livestock Superintendent rules against the Exhibitor the fee will be retained and placed in the Scholarship fund.