

## 2019 LIVESTOCK DIVISION RULES

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Livestock must conform with the State of West Virginia Department of Agriculture Health Regulations for livestock are subject to change. The Fair Board Representative will review health papers for all animals before animal is unloaded at the Fair. All livestock must be gentle and halter broke, trained and ready to show. For feeder cattle and steers, the ability to handle the animal must be demonstrated in the show ring to the committee chairperson, or other approved Livestock committee member, before the animal can be shown.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board of Directors can appoint a Standards of Practice Committee. The charge of this committee will be to:

- A. Define unethical practices as broadly stated in the general rules as any act that alters confirmation, handling or behavior of the animal or any act by the exhibitor or his/ her representative or family that may intimidate, influence, threaten, or abuse show or sale officials, directors, judges or fellow exhibitors.
- B. Monitor or investigate any unethical practices that may be observed or alleged. No chemical substances/drugs are to be fed or injected into any animal exhibit without the approval and supervision of the Putnam County Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Chairman.
- C. Have the final authority to deal with that situation (this may include, but not be limited to, close physical inspection, random, or selective blood testing or other testing) which may, by the determination of the committee, result in barring or disqualifying of livestock from the show and/or disqualification of exhibitor from that year's event and/or future year's events.

The Board of Directors or any sponsoring agency may not reverse decisions by the Standards and Practices Committee during that year's event.

### **ANIMAL HEALTH**

If in the event an animal is sick or has to be removed for any reason, that animal or a replacement cannot be brought back to the fair. The decision to remove an animal from the fairground will be made by the Livestock chairpersons. This will happen upon great consideration of the chairpersons, executive committee, veterinarian and/or USDA inspector.

If an animal dies while at the Fair, it is the loss of the 4-H/FFA exhibitors project. The fair will not be responsible for replacing that animal.

### **FEEDING**

Feed and equipment shall not be stored in such a way as to hinder viewing of animals or block aisles. All livestock is to be kept from the front of the barn back and inside the road.

Animals must not be fed nor watered before registration weigh-in. No weight deduction will be made from live-weight. Official weigh-in will be as animal comes off vehicle at registration.

All exhibitors must provide feed and feed pans for their animals. **All animals must be watered and fed at least twice each day the animal is on the fairgrounds.** Animals are the responsibility of their exhibitor until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see this is done until the animal has left the grounds after the sale. Animals' stalls must be cleaned at least twice each day including the last day of the fair and again after the animals are removed on Sunday. If an exhibitor's stall is not cleaned, \$50.00 will be deducted from his/her check. Failure to properly care for or mistreatment or any animal being exhibited shall result in forfeiture of any awards and disqualification from future participation. All exhibitors must have 4-H enrollment card on file with the WVU Extension office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of fair year and FFA members must have active membership status.

No steroids of any type will be permitted. If animals are found to have been given steroids, the 4-H/FFA exhibitor will be forfeit their ability to show/sale livestock at the Putnam County Fair. The livestock committee asks that for safety purposes, that only standard box fans be used in the barn.

## **CARE**

This project is the 4-H/FFA exhibitor's project and they are required to feed, water and clean the stall. Parents and guardians are prohibited from doing these activities for the exhibitor. If there is a problem and the exhibitor cannot do these chores, then the livestock committee needs to know. The exhibitor may ask another exhibitor to assist them for that time and later return the favor. The barn area must be cleaned before opening of the fair each day.

## **GROOMING**

All animals must be shown in natural state. Animals may be clipped/ trimmed (see market hog exception in species rules); however no grooming products will be permitted. All animals are to be washed and dried on show day and sale day. Any exhibitor who used grooming products will be disqualified. Regular fly spray may be used to prevent flies and Woolite may be used on sheep as the shampoo. No dyes or coloring will be permitted.

## **WORMING**

All animals must be wormed prior to the fair. Types of wormers, and dates they should be wormed by, will be provided during tagging.

## **DRESS CODE**

The required 4-H show and sale dress code of blue/black jeans, and white button-up shirt will be strictly enforced. FFA dress code consists of white collared shirt, FFA jacket, blue jeans, and boots for the sale, and FFA polo, jeans, and boots for the show. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of privilege to participate (show/sell) in the future. The exhibitor's assigned entry number must be displayed in the ring when showing livestock. Shirts are to be

tucked into jeans. No midriff showing. Neither hats nor gum chewing when showing. No tobacco use allowed. **No jewelry to be worn in show ring (only stud earrings permitted.)**

## **SHOWING ANIMALS**

All animals must be shown by the owner. In the event of an injury, to an exhibitor while the shows in progress, the division chairperson shall select a 4-H/FFA youth to show the animal for the injured exhibitor.

A 4-H or FFA member may be excused from showing his/her own animal and still allowed to sell in the event of a medical emergency, family emergency, or another approved 4-H/FFA Event. The Executive Committee will make the decision regarding excusing a student.

**To ensure the opportunity for 4-H/FFA livestock show exhibitors to finish fitting on their own, it is required that all adults adopt a “hands off” policy on show day.** This is not to mean that parents, extension workers, or other volunteers may not supervise these exhibitors. Any exhibitor may receive assistance in moving his/her animals to and from show areas. The exhibitor is expected to be present and to be the caretaker and handler of their 4-H livestock project animal.

In all situations, the livestock chairperson will have the right to excuse any animal in either 4-H/FFA or open classes of livestock that he/she feels could create a hazard of danger to itself, exhibitors, spectators and/or other animals on the fairgrounds. The Livestock Committee Chair will dismiss any animal from the fairgrounds which is deemed to be “extremely” over or under weight.

Only one livestock animal may be shown at the fair. If you have signed up for two animals, you must decide which animal will be shown. One species will be tagged on tag-in day. The backup animal will be tagged, but must be of the same species.

## **Showmanship**

**All exhibitors are required to participate in Showmanship in their respective classes to be eligible to sell. Exceptions to this policy must be requested in writing to the 4-H Extension Agent or FFA Advisor, and will only be granted in situations of death in immediate family, serious illness, or another 4-H/FFA event taking place at the same time.**

- The exhibitors in the showmanship contest will be divided by age into the following groups:
  - A. Junior: 9 years old and may not have reached his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year.
  - B. Senior: 14 years old on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year, and may not have reached his/her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the present year.
- The Junior and Senior winner for each species will be allowed to participate in Master Showmanship.

## **Master Showmanship**

- **Master showmanship will be divided into Junior and Senior division.**
- **The participants will compete in showmanship with a: rabbit, sheep, goat, hog and feeder steer/heifer.**
- **The participants will draw a number from a hat to determine which animal he/she will show.**
- **The participant will be given the necessary show supplies that accompany the animal he/she is showing.**
- **The judge will judge each species showmanship class separately and then the scores will be added together to determine the winner.**
- **There will be one winner in the Junior division and one winner in the Senior division.**

## **REGISTRATION**

**Three percent of gross sales will be collected by the Fair for the initial sale of each animal sold.** Entries must be in strict compliance with the entry requirements as listed in the Fair catalog.

4-H members must be an active member of a Putnam County 4-H Club enrolled through the County Extension Office, and must be nine years old and must not have reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday by January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the fair year, to show any saleable livestock-steers, swine, calves, goats or sheep. All FFA exhibitors must be an active member of a Putnam County FFA group.

In cases where exhibitors raise a “back-up” animal project, they must select the one they intend to show prior to registering at the Fair. The project animal across the scales for weigh-in is the one that will be eligible for the show. Bring only one project animal to fair for weigh-in on registration day.

All animals must be registered with the appropriate 4-H/FFA advisor before tagging date.

## **JUDGING**

All Market Saleable Shows will be judged under the DANISH SYSTEM. The Danish System is where each exhibit is judged on its own merit. By judging this way, if every exhibit is worthy of a blue ribbon, they will receive it. Depending on the exhibit, they could be all blue or red or white, but every exhibit will receive a ribbon.

Animals may be divided into two or more classes depending upon the numbers present such as Heavy Weight, Lightweight, etc. These animals will be assigned to class in such a manner as to make the classes approximately equal in numbers. In all classes of livestock, the judge’s decision will be final. All livestock shows will be videotaped.

Showmanship classes will be divided into JR/SR divisions. Showman will then receive a Blue, Red, or White ribbon. From the individuals in the blue class, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will be awarded for each division.

## **AWARDS**

Grand Champion.....Banner

Reserve Champion.....Banner

Blue Rosette.....\$5.00

Red Rosette.....\$4.00

White Rosette.....\$3.00

## **SELLING ANIMAL**

Any exhibitor not wishing to sell his/her animal must notify the Livestock Chairman, 4-H agent, and FFA Advisor (in writing) by the day the animals are registered. In the event the animal is judged Grand or Reserve, the animal must be sold. 4-H/FFA exhibitors are instructed not to solicit return of purchased animals from the purchaser. Any exhibitor who agrees to sell an animal at the auction, must agree not to ask the buyer or buyers at any time, before, during, or after the auction for the return of the animal. Any exhibitor doing this will forfeit his/her privilege to participate in the program the following year. Buyers are being instructed to notify Fair Board members if this occurs.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO BUYERS**

Any buyer participating in the 4-H/FFA annual auction who has not paid for auction purchase(s) after 60 days will automatically be placed in collection with the Putnam County Magistrate system. Any person or persons involved in this procedure will not be permitted to participate in subsequent 4-H/FFA auctions

**ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP IN 4-H ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY MUST COMPLETE THE 4-H VOLUNTEER PROCESS TO BE ABLE TO**

**PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROGRAMS INVOLVING 4-H.**

## **HOW ANIMALS WILL BE SOLD**

1. Animals are auction by the pound during livestock sale. For example, a bid of \$1.00 on a 100-pound animal means you are prepared to pay \$100.00.
2. Every saleable animal will sell one time.
3. Animals offered for resale will be sold on paper at the end of the sale on a rotational basis in order as they appear on the sale sheets. If the animal for resale does not sell, the animal will be sent to market and the proceeds will go into the fair general fund. **Each 4-H/FFA animal will only be re-sold one time.**

**Check for market animals are usually ready around 1 month from the sale date,**

**After the livestock sale, the Putnam County Fair will be responsible for replacing the animal for the buyer in the event that something happens to it while on the fairgrounds. Once the animal leaves the fairgrounds, it**

**becomes the responsibility of the slaughterhouse and/or buyer. Animal will only be delivered to slaughterhouses listed on the sales receipt.**

#### **WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY**

The designated weights for animals will be the weights required to achieve to show and sell the animal. 4-H/FFA exhibitors whose market livestock projects do not meet the required weight will be allowed to keep the animal on the fairgrounds until the day of the Showmanship Contest to give the youth the opportunity to participate in Showmanship. **The animal must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately following the Showmanship contest.** Underweight animals will not be sold, with the exception of Special Lamb Projects. Overweight animals will be placed at the bottom of their class and automatically awarded a white ribbon. They will be placed at the end of the sale order and they will sell at the top weight for that species. For example, if your hog weighs 290 pounds, the buyer will purchase the hog at 285, since this is the top weight.

#### **4-H/FFA HOME GROWN AWARD**

**An award will be given to the exhibitor who has the highest placing “Home Grown” animal in each division. The animal must have been born and raised on the exhibitor’s farm and registered with the 4-H office or with the FFA Advisor when registration papers are due.**

Steers: January 1<sup>st</sup>

Lambs, Hogs, Feeder Calves, Feeder Heifers: May 1st.

Awards will be given out during show and announced during the sale.

#### **Special Announcements:**

- **All Kids-Kid Goat and Sheep must be accompanied by a Honor Flock Certificate. Goats used for the Kids-Kid Goat show must be wethers and nannies only.**
- **All 4-H Paperwork and concerns should be addressed with the 4-H Advisor.**
- **All FFA Paperwork and concerns should be addressed with the FFA Advisor.**
- **All animal concerns should be addressed with the Livestock Chairman for the species.**
- **During weigh-in at the fair, the barn is closed unless you are unloading.**
- **Market animals will be sold at the Jackson County Regional Livestock Market on Saturday; therefore, there is a chance your animal could leave the fair grounds on Saturday.**
- **Camper fees have been increased to \$80**
- **Parking passes will be numbered, so we can call names if vehicles need moved.**
- **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO CLEAN OUT YOUR PENS AFTER YOUR ANIMAL LEAVES. PLEASE CLEAN YOUR STALL BEFORE 10AM ON SUNDAY MORNING. ANYONE NOT CLEANING OUT THEIR PEN AND HAVING IT SIGNED OFF BY THE CHAIRPERSON WILL HAVE A \$50 CLEANING FEE DEDUCTED FROM THEIR CHECK.**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES AND TIME**

## Tagging May 11<sup>TH</sup>

- 8:00-10:00, if you do not wish to weigh your animal
- 10:00-12:00, if you would like to weigh your animal
- All hogs will go through the barn.
- All other animals will go around the side of the barn.
- Animals being weighed will require a signature and release form.
- DO NOT SHOW UP IF YOUR ANIMAL IS SICK! CALL THE CHAIRPERSON.
- Only one livestock animal may be shown at the fair. If you have signed up for two animals, you must decide which animal will be shown. One species will be tagged on tag-in day. The backup animal will be tagged, but must be of the same species.

## Fair Weigh-in

- July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12:00-7:00
- Mandatory Meeting at 8:00PM

## Show Dates

- Pet Show- Saturday, July 13, 2018 at 5:30PM
- Kids-Kid Show-Sunday, July 14, 2018 at 6:00
- Ewe and Me, Lambs, Meat Goats-Sunday, July 14, 2018 at 6:30
- Hogs- Monday, July 15, 2018 at 8:00PM (Showmanship Tuesday Morning at 9:00 am)
- Steers-Tuesday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30PM
- Feeders (Steers and Heifers)-Wednesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:30

## Sale Date

- Livestock Sale Friday, July 19, 2018
- Auction starts at 5:00
- Sale Order
  - Ewe and Me
  - Feeders and Heifers
  - Rabbits
  - Hogs
  - Goats
  - Steers
  - Lambs