

# LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT RULES

## **PARTICIPATION:**

The Mother Lode Fair expects ALL Livestock Department Rules to be adhered to by each Livestock exhibitor. Failure to do so will disqualify the exhibitor from participating at the Fair as well as in the Virtual Auction and the animal will be removed from the Fair. Exhibiting and selling at the Mother Lode Fair is not a right; it is a privilege.

Exhibitors, leaders, advisors and parents found, after a chance to provide evidence and be heard before the Fair Management (CEO and staff) of unethical practices as set forth in the State and Local Rules or in actions inimical with the fair program shall result in the exhibit being disqualified and the forfeiture of any awards and/or privileges as may be deemed appropriate to the circumstances by the Fair Management. If the judging for the exhibit has not yet commenced, the exhibitor, leader, advisors and parents may be denied entry in any exhibitions at the Fair. The Fair Management shall report any such incidences of unethical or inimical behavior established by the Fair as provided for in this rule, to Fairs & Expositions in writing and such reports may become the basis for any fair to refuse entries from the exhibitor, leaders, advisors or parents for up to 5 years following the infraction. (CDFA, 2021 State Rules for California Fairs, Section II, 14)

## **INTERPRETATION OF RULES:**

The Management of the Mother Lode Fair (CEO and Livestock Superintendent) reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Livestock Department Rules (including Virtual Auction); and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair. All rules contained in the 2021 State Rules for California Fairs as prescribed by the Division of Fairs and Expositions apply to this Fair.

## **E COLI PREVENTION:**

Due to the concerns of E coli in the barns, it is recommended that individuals avoid all hand to mouth contact while in the barns including, but not limited to, eating, drinking, applying lip balm, etc. Remember to wash your hands after leaving the barns or coming in contact with the animals. Handwash stations, waterless hand sanitizer stations and educational signage are located throughout the Livestock Department. A dining area has been provided at the end of the old Horse Barn. Exhibitors are asked to practice E coli preventative measures and to help educate and encourage all visitors to Livestock to do the same.

## **COVID GUIDELINES:**

Exhibitors, leaders, advisors and parents will be required to follow COVID guidelines in accordance with County and State Public Health Recommendations.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Livestock classes are open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA and Grange chapters located in Tuolumne County. Independent Exhibitors must be residents of Tuolumne County. Exhibitors who have been 4-H, FFA or Grange project members within 60 days (120 days for market beef) prior to the Fair are not eligible to compete in that project as Independent Exhibitors or enter project(s) under a different organization.

## **EXHIBITOR AGE REQUIREMENTS:**

**FFA** members may participate as members until the end of the calendar year following the year of graduation from high school. (For example, a graduate this year is eligible until December 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.)

**4-H** members must be at least 9 years old on December 31, 2020 to exhibit in the Livestock Department. 4-H exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age. 4-H Primary members may **not** be helpers in 4-H classes.

**Grange** members must be 9 years old on January 1, 2021 to exhibit livestock. They may exhibit until the end of the calendar year in which they reach age 19.

**Independent** exhibitors must be age 9 on January 1, 2021. Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31 of the year in which they turn 19 years of age.

**Independent and Grange** junior exhibitors up through age 13 as of December 31, 2020 will show in the appropriate 4-H Division.

Independent and Grange junior exhibitors age 14-18 as of December 31, 2020 will show in the appropriate FFA Division.

## **ENTRY RULES & INFORMATION:**

1. State and Local Rules apply to all entries. State Rules are available on the Mother Lode Fair website as well as the CDFA website.
2. Entries must be made on Livestock entry forms provided by the Fair or online.
3. Each exhibitor (FFA, 4-H, Grange, and Independent) is required to purchase liability insurance coverage through the Fair Office. The fee is \$8.00 per exhibitor regardless of species exhibited or the number of entries. If multiple entry forms are submitted, the insurance fee is only paid once. 4-H Primary members do not pay the insurance fee.

4. Separate entry forms must be used for each species of animal.
5. All Livestock exhibitors must enter showmanship with each specie exhibited or exhibitor will be eliminated from market and breeding classes with that specie.

#### UNIFORM

6. The official show uniform is to be worn by all Junior Livestock Exhibitors while showing at the Mother Lode Fair.
  - FFA uniform** consists of white or dark blue denim trousers or skirt and white button front shirt (long or short sleeve, shirt tucked in), and blue FFA jacket and tie.
  - 4-H uniform** consists of white or dark blue denim trousers or skirt and white button front shirt (long or short sleeve, shirt tucked in), green 4-H scarf or tie; 4-H hat is optional.
  - Grange uniform** consists of white or dark blue denim trousers or skirt and white button front shirt (long or short sleeve, shirt tucked in), red vest with Grange emblem on back.
  - Independent exhibitor uniform** consists of white or dark blue denim trousers or skirt and white button front shirt (long or short sleeve, shirt tucked in). Exhibitor may add a black tie.
  - All exhibitors** must wear shoes or boots. No flip flops, sandals or any open-toed shoes are to be worn by a livestock exhibitor in the livestock area. No low-rise pants or midriff-baring tops are allowed. Inappropriate attire may result in dismissal from the show ring.

#### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

7. **Meetings:** 4-H exhibitors will adhere to any meetings required by their 4-H project or club leaders. FFA exhibitors will adhere to any meetings required by their FFA advisors or instructors. Grange members will adhere to any meetings required by their Grange youth advisor. Independent Junior exhibitors are required to attend a meeting set by Fair (time and location to be announced); exhibitor is required to have their parent or guardian in attendance. All exhibitors are expected to attend the Junior Livestock Exhibitors information meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 27, at 7:00 PM, which will be immediately followed by the Small Livestock Exhibitors meeting. Livestock exhibitors will be held accountable for information presented at the exhibitor meetings.
8. **Record Books:** All exhibitors are required to have their project record book available from animal check in day to check out. FFA members will provide a current AET project summary. Exhibitors entering the Outstanding Large Livestock Exhibitor or Caren Eilrich Outstanding Small Livestock Exhibitor classes shall provide a printed copy of project records to the judging panel.
9. **Pre-weigh & Weigh-in:** Exhibitors of market animals must be present for pre-weigh and weigh-in to be eligible to show and sell. Exceptions must be requested in writing and have prior approval before pre-weigh and/or weigh-ins to the Mother Lode Fair CEO, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora.
10. **Quality Assurance/Ethics:** All exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program online at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).
11. **Showing:** Livestock exhibitors must show their own animal in all market classes. Exceptions will be granted for emergencies and severe health issues only. Exhibitors actively showing more than one entry in a breeding class are allowed to have assistance from other livestock exhibitors.
12. **Supervision:** All exhibitors must be under the on-grounds supervision of a parent/legal guardian, adult club/project leader, or advisor/instructor as determined by exhibitor's affiliation status while caring for or showing animals at the Fair. Independent Junior exhibitors must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times when the exhibitor is in the livestock area.
13. **Barn Duty:** All exhibitors must fulfill assigned barn duty. 4-H exhibitors will be assigned barn duty by their project leader. FFA exhibitors will be assigned barn duty by their FFA advisor or instructor. Grange exhibitors will be assigned barn duty by their youth advisor. Independent exhibitors are responsible for their own barn duty and must sign in at the Livestock Office by 8 AM daily with their parent/guardian. Each exhibitor is required to complete assigned barn duty or awards shall be forfeited and the exhibitor may be declared ineligible for the corresponding auction.
14. **Fitting and Grooming:** While on the fairgrounds, not only during the fair, all Livestock exhibitors will care for their own animals, pens, bedding and exhibits. **Adults may supervise only. Adults or non-exhibitors are specifically prohibited from fitting, grooming or showing the project animal(s).** Exhibitors may be assisted by adults in the movement of project animals to and from pens, scales, show rings, and auction rings. An exhibitor is allowed assistance with grooming and fitting from other eligible Mother Lode Fair Junior Livestock Exhibitors. If a violation is reported, Fair Management reserves the right to determine the degree of the offense which may result in disciplinary action by the Fair, which could include removal of the offender from the grounds, withholding awards and/or disqualifying the exhibitor.
15. **Animal Washing: Water conservation efforts are encouraged.** One pre-show wash and one post-show wash are allowed. All hoses used must have a nozzle. **Birds must be taken to the wash rack for washing.**
16. **Exhibitors will not use** abusive or questionable techniques in feeding, fitting, and showing their animals, including, but not limited to, the application of rings or decorations. Only traditional tattoos, brands and ear tags for identification are allowed.

17. **Breeding projects:** Exhibitors with breeding project animals entered in the Fair are allowed to display a sign with the name of their business that produced the entry. No soliciting sales of materials, services or livestock by adults or non-exhibitors. No "For Sale" signs or business cards.
18. **Feed & Water:** All animals must be fed and watered and pens/cages cleaned each day of the Fair by 8 AM. All animals must have access to fresh water throughout each day while on the Fairgrounds.
19. **Exhibit animals will not be muzzled while on the Fairgrounds.** (CDFA, 2021 State Rules for California Fairs, Section VIII, 15.)
20. **Conduct:**
  - a. Exhibitors are representing their Clubs/Chapters and the Junior Livestock Department at all times while on the Fairgrounds and should always be on their best behavior. Exhibitors will be disciplined for violations occurring anywhere on the Fairgrounds, which may include disqualification from competition and/or auctions.
  - b. Consumption of any alcoholic beverages by minors at any time while on the Fairgrounds is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the parents and chaperones of record to inform minors in their charge of this policy and to assist Security, Law Enforcement, and Fair Management in its enforcement. Violations of this policy will cause disqualification of exhibits and/or possible prosecution of the minors and adults.
  - c. The use or possession of illegal substances of any kind, by anyone, is prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Violators of this policy are also subject to disqualification of exhibits and/or prosecution.
  - d. Lariats or other pieces of equipment subjecting anyone to injury shall not be allowed in the barns or show areas.
  - e. Obscene language, water fights, and rough-housing will not be tolerated.
  - f. Any participant who is found with noisemaking nuisances or stink-bombs will be sent home immediately and premiums withheld.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

21. **NEW!** Swine Likits will be provided by the Fair.
22. All adults intending to help move animals to and from pens, show rings and wash racks must wear appropriate shoes. No sandals, flip flops or open-toed shoes.
23. Parents/guardians are responsible to assist with the photo session of their exhibitor's animals.
24. No carry-in alcohol is allowed at the Mother Lode Fair. All tack, bags, and ice chests will be inspected. Anyone found with alcohol will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and will not be allowed re-admittance.
25. Requests for pop-up space must be made in advance to the Livestock Superintendent. Space is limited and may be assigned as available for pop-ups only; **no tents**.
26. Exhibitors are not allowed to stay on the Fairgrounds over night.
27. **No dogs allowed on the Fairgrounds, except certified service dogs specifically trained to help a person with a disability.**
28. The Creek is off limits for the duration of the Fair.

#### CHECK-IN & WEIGH-IN

29. **Animal Health Exam:** It shall be the duty of each exhibitor to see that his or her animal(s) pass the health examination before being checked in. Exhibitors must stop at appropriate locations for Health Examination. Such examination will be conducted by Livestock team member(s) appointed by the Livestock Superintendent. The exhibitor or their representative must be present during the examination. All sheep will be flipped. See Livestock Schedule for health check times. **Animals arriving late are subject to disqualification, unless prior authorization has been obtained from Livestock Superintendent.**
30. Tail Docking: As per State Rules for California Fairs, "To qualify for exhibit market lambs must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible."
31. Fair authorized weight slips will be processed during weigh-in for market animals. It shall be the duty of each exhibitor to check his or her entries for weight classification prior to judging.
32. One (1) re-weigh will be allowed upon request. Animal will be removed from the scales and scales re-balanced. Animal will immediately be placed on scales and weighed. At no time will the animal leave the scale area.
33. Market beef, sheep, swine, and goats not meeting minimum weight requirements will be re-classified to a feeder class.
34. No breeder I.D. tags will be allowed on market animals.
35. At weigh-in exhibitors are limited to a total of one (1) market animal entry in beef, sheep and swine divisions combined. Exhibitors are limited to one (1) market goat entry.
36. Beef Brand Inspection date and time to be determined. All documentation must be present.

#### DISPLAYS & PENS

37. The State Fire Marshal prohibits the following:
  - No electrical cords are permitted on or under the ground in the barns or barn area.
  - No overhead watering is permitted.

38. **NEW! Livestock Project Displays:** Each Club/Chapter/Independent Exhibitor will be assigned space in the old Horse Barn for their educational display. Hanging displays and pen decorations will **not** be allowed in the Livestock Barns. All material and decorations must be of a nonflammable material or treated and maintained with flame-retarding product.
39. **NEW!** Pen identification cards will be provided by the Mother Lode Fair for exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat barns.
40. Rabbit and Poultry display cards may be hung on each cage; maximum size 4x8 inches.
41. Pen assignments will be posted by 11 AM on Sunday, June 27, at the Livestock Office. **Tack drop-off dates and times to be announced.**
42. For non-market poultry and rabbits, all bedding must be removed from cages prior to release at 7 PM Sunday, July 4. For all other animals, pens must be clean by Monday, July 5 at noon. This includes the removal of mesh panels, indoor/outdoor carpet, etc.
43. **Barn hours will be from 6 AM to 10 PM.** All Barns will close at 10 PM each night of the Fair. Any exhibitor or parent requiring entrance into the Barn after hours must have prior approval of the Livestock Superintendent.

#### JUDGING

44. Judging order is 4-H first, then FFA in even numbered years and FFA first, then 4-H in odd numbered years. Primary member showmanship classes are held between 4-H and FFA classes.
45. Each entry in the Livestock Divisions shall have been made or produced by the exhibitor.
46. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge(s) regarding their adjudications, or with the fair's staff, or to offer any audible criticism of an exhibit or exhibitor. Violators of this rule shall be excused immediately from the competition and shall be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellation of awards, as the management shall consider proper. No one, with the exception of the judge, exhibitors, fair volunteers and fair employees will be allowed in the Show Ring during judging. (CDFA, 2021 State Rules for California Fairs, Section III, 3)
47. Animals dismissed from showmanship classes will not be disqualified from showing in breeding and/or market classes.
48. Judging Definitions:
  - American The judging process to rank exhibits against one another and awarding one first place, one second place, etc.
  - Danish The judging process to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many first, second and third, etc., placings as merited.

#### WRISTWRAPS AND PARKING PERMITS

1. Each Livestock exhibitor will receive one (1) wristwrap at no charge for their use only. Exhibitors must wear the designated wristwrap **at all times** during the fair. Livestock Exhibitor's family members will need to purchase livestock daily admission tickets for 2021. These can be purchased presale or at the livestock gate on day of entry.
2. **A wristwrap or entry ticket is required for each person in the Livestock Area beginning Wednesday, June 30.**
3. On-grounds preferred parking permits can be reserved for **\$45.00** each, one per livestock family.
4. **Parking in the livestock area lots is by permit only beginning Wednesday, June 30. Parking Permit ends at 6 PM Sunday.**
5. To reserve wristwraps and preferred parking permits, fill out the request form located in the back pages of the Livestock Handbook and return to the Fair Office with the Exhibitors' Livestock entry form and full payment, or purchase with online entries. Wristwraps and parking permits will be labeled with the family name and available for pick up in the Livestock Office on Tuesday, June 29.
6. Stock trailers must be parked off the Fairgrounds.
7. All vehicles entering the Fair to feed must have a parking permit or vehicle permit. Vehicle permits will be issued to feed for 20 minutes before 8 each day of the Fair. Vehicles in the Livestock Area past 8 AM will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicle passes admit only the vehicle. Anyone entering the Fair to feed or water must have a 2021 Mother Lode Fair wristwrap on their wrist or an entry ticket.

## **RED TAG POLICY – EXHIBITOR DISCIPLINE**

This policy was established to ensure that livestock exhibited at the Mother Lode Fair are cared for and treated in a humane and ethical manner and that livestock pens/stalls are suitable for public display. Livestock exhibitors are solely responsible for the care of their animals while on exhibit at the Mother Lode Fair. If the Livestock Superintendent becomes aware of any livestock exhibit that is not being cared for in an ethical, humane manner, or situations where an acceptable state of pen cleanliness, as determined by the Livestock Management Staff, is not being maintained, the following will occur:

1. The Livestock Superintendent will determine the name and affiliation of the responsible exhibitor.
2. A Red Tag with the following information will be affixed to the exhibitor's pen/stall: Exhibitor's name; the observed problem; the date and time of the citation; signature of the Livestock Superintendent.
3. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to respond to the Red Tag by contacting the Livestock Superintendent within 4 hours of the citation being issued. The exhibitor will formulate and initiate a plan of correction approved by the Livestock Superintendent. Reasonable efforts will be made by the Livestock Superintendent to contact the exhibitor's FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, Parent or Designee and advise them of the situation resulting in the Red Tag citation.
4. Any exhibitor failing to contact the Livestock Superintendent within 4 hours may be issued an automatic second Red Tag citation.
5. Any exhibitor receiving two Red Tag citations during the Fair will be declared ineligible for further competition, including participation in the Junior Livestock Auction and/or Small Livestock Auction. The exhibitor will forfeit all Fair premiums and awards earned and is required to remove the animal exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
6. Any exhibitor that is required, under the provisions of the Red Tag Policy, to remove their animal exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds must do so within 6 hours from the time of notification.

## **DRUG STATEMENT FOR ALL AUCTIONS**

Seller acknowledges the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act prohibits the introduction or delivery into interstate commerce of any food that is adulterated or misbranded. Adulteration includes poisonous or deleterious substances, and new animal drugs defined as unsafe within the meaning of Section 512 (21 USC Section 260b) of that act and those drugs listed in Section 404 (21 USC Section 342).

- Seller is responsible for animals that are rejected at processing center due to the presence of drug residues.
- Seller shall report to management any and all drugs or medications administered to an animal that might still be detected at time of showing and the name of the drug, its purpose, time and date of administration. This must be done prior to showing the animal.
- Seller is responsible for any fees that arise from the processor caring for animal while waiting the specified time to process the use of drugs. If the processor refuses care of the animal for the time specified for the drug used, the seller must care for the animal and make the appropriate arrangements with the buyer and the processor.
- See use of pharmaceuticals in market animals in the State Rules for California Fairs
- Sellers are responsible for animals that are condemned or rejected at processing centers.

## VIRTUAL COMBINED LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The Junior Livestock Auction, Small Livestock Auction and Benefit Auction will be combined into ONE VIRTUAL AUCTION. All species will sell together. Sale order will be determined by the Livestock Superintendent.

THIS WILL BE A TERMINAL SALE – MARKET ANIMALS ONLY. No live pick-up will be available; all animals must go to processing. The Fair will withhold the commission for sale lots as detailed on pages 11 & 12. All other rules relating specifically to the Junior Livestock Auction, Small Livestock Auction and Small Livestock Benefit Auction also apply.

We will once again be using the ShoWorks Virtual Auction Platform. The Auction will go live approximately 3 PM on Friday, July 2. We will begin closing the Auction on Sunday, July 4 at 9 AM. Lots will close in 2-minute intervals.

Add-on bids will be allowed. Add-on bids may be placed through 5 PM on Friday, July 16.

Exhibitors will receive two (2) checks from the sale of their Junior Livestock Auction and Small Livestock Auction animals – one check for the sale of their auction lot and another for their add-on bids. **Add-on bids are not considered valid until the bidder has paid for their bid.** Exhibitors will only be paid for **valid add-on bids.**

Sale checks will be available for pickup on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, during Fair Office hours as outlined on pages 11 & 12. Release date of Add-on checks will be announced.

Livestock Staff and Auction Volunteers will be on-grounds to assist buyers with registration and placing bids. An Auction Assistance Area will be located in the open end of the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

Buyers will be able to visit the Livestock Office on Sunday, July 4, to pay for their auction purchases.

## VIRTUAL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. **This is a terminal sale. No live pick up will be permitted.** All market animals will be processed by licensed processors. (Section 357-359 of California Agricultural Code).
2. Open to market animals exhibited and judged in a junior livestock class at the Mother Lode Fair. All market beef, sheep and swine pre-weighed and entered by junior exhibitors, meeting weight requirements and declared eligible through judging shall be subject for sale in the Junior Livestock Auction. All eligible animals shall be selected for sale order by the sale committee.
3. Only swine grading Market Acceptable will sell through the sale.
4. Only lambs and beef grading Market Ready will sell through the sale.
5. An exhibitor may not sell more than one large animal at the Junior Livestock Auction.
6. Sale order will be announced the day of sale.
7. The minimum weights and maximum price paid per pound will be set at the following limits:
  - Beef - minimum 1,000 lbs., paid to 1,300 lbs.
  - Sheep - minimum 100 lbs., paid to 150 lbs.
  - Swine - minimum 210 lbs., maximum 280 lbs. No hogs over 280 lbs. will sell per processing plant.
8. In accordance with State Rules and Regulations of the Division of Fairs and Expositions, the Mother Lode Fair will withhold 7% on the purchase price of each animal sold in the auction. This is to cover the disappearance or death of an animal or other discrepancy that may occur and to offset auction expenses.
9. Beef Legislation check-off of \$1 per head sold at auction will be levied for the Beef Council.
10. Pork Promotion check-off is (.0040) of the gross market value and will be levied for the National Pork Board.
11. Project Record Books must accompany the livestock consigned for sale at the auction and be available for review by the Livestock Auction Committee at any time during the Fair.
12. Exhibitors of market animals must be present for pre-weigh and weigh-in to be eligible to show and sell. Exceptions must be requested in writing and have prior approval before weigh-ins to the Mother Lode Fair CEO, 220 Southgate Drive, Sonora.
13. Livestock exhibitors must show their own animal in all market classes and at the Junior Livestock Auction.
14. Feeding and care of the livestock sold at auction remains the responsibility of the exhibitor up until the time the animals are loaded in trucks for shipment.
15. An Executive Committee consisting of one (1) FFA advisor, one (1) 4-H leader, the Chairman of the Junior Livestock Auction Committee, the Livestock Superintendent and the Mother Lode Fair CEO will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules governing the sale. The Executive Committee will decide who sells at the auction. Selling at the Junior Livestock Auction is not a right, but a privilege. Unacceptable behavior by an exhibitor could jeopardize the exhibitor's ability to sell.
16. The Livestock Superintendent is authorized to stop the sale of wild or sick livestock.
17. Add-ons will be accepted through the online Virtual Auction platform only.
18. No gift baskets or presents will be permitted at the Fair. We encourage exhibitors to visit buyers at their businesses after the Fair and extend a personal thank you for their support.
19. Animals not qualifying for the Junior Livestock Auction must be removed from the Fairgrounds Saturday, July 3 at 8 AM. Any animals not making the sale may be sold through private treaty; however, no advertisements or negotiations may take place during the Mother Lode Fair on the Fairgrounds prior to the sale.
20. Auction animals that are declared unfit at the processing plant may become the full financial responsibility of the seller.
21. In the event an animal dies, the contingency fund will reimburse the buyer market price at the time of sale.
22. Additional rules may be added prior to the sale and will be posted at the Livestock office.
23. Sale checks and photos will be available for pickup Friday, August 13, during Fair Office hours - after processing. Exhibitors will be required to exchange their **thank you letter(s), stamped and addressed to the buyer(s) of their animal on August 13<sup>th</sup> and sign to pick up their auction check.** The exhibitor's name and sale lot number need to be written on the back of the envelope and a first class stamp affixed to the front, top right corner.
24. **All Livestock checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.** Should a second check need to be issued, it will be the exhibitor's responsibility to pay the bank's fee.

# VIRTUAL SMALL LIVESTOCK AUCTION & BENEFIT AUCTION

Sponsored by the Tuolumne County Small Livestock Exhibitors' Association

1. **This is a terminal sale. No live pick up will be permitted.** All market animals will be processed by licensed processors. (Section 357-359 of California Agricultural Code).
2. Open to residents of Tuolumne County and members of 4-H clubs and FFA or Grange chapters located in Tuolumne County.
3. All small livestock animals to be sold in either the Small Livestock Auction or Small Livestock Benefit Auction must be entered and judged at the Mother Lode Fair. Disqualified animals shall not sell. Market animals must be judged Market Ready to be eligible for sale.
4. Each small livestock exhibitor may sell one unit of their choice at the Small Livestock Auction from the following:
  - 1 unit – one poultry meat pen (live, not dressed)
  - 1 unit – one market turkey entry
  - 1 unit – one rabbit meat pen (live, not dressed)
  - 1 unit – one single fryer rabbit (live, not dressed)
  - 1 unit – one market goat entry
5. Each exhibitor may donate one (1) or two (2) units from the list above to the Small Livestock Benefit Auction.
6. Exhibitor is responsible for having a photograph taken with auction animal(s), per Small Animal Livestock Auction photo schedule.
7. The Exhibitor must complete the Small Livestock Auction entry form or the Small Livestock Benefit Auction entry form, depending on which auction is entered (or both). The forms are due to the Mother Lode Fair Livestock Office no later than 5 PM Wednesday, June 30. Exhibitor is responsible for having their auction photograph taken immediately following the show.
8. Proceeds from the sale of an animal in the Small Livestock Auction: In accordance with State Rules and Regulations of the Division of Fairs and Expositions, the Mother Lode Fair will withhold 10% of the purchase price of each animal sold in the Small Livestock Auction. This is to cover the disappearance or death of an animal or other discrepancy that may occur and to offset auction expenses.
9. Proceeds from animals sold in the Small Livestock Association Benefit Auction are retained by the Small Livestock Association. Funds are used for special awards, barn supplies and equipment.
10. All small livestock will be sold by unit.
11. All goats and rabbits entered to sell must be identified by permanent ear markings.
12. Feeder meat goats will not sell at auction.
13. Sale order will be announced the day of sale.
14. Add-ons will be accepted through online Virtual Auction platform only.
15. No gift baskets or presents will be permitted at the Fair. We encourage exhibitors to visit buyers at their businesses after the Fair and extend a personal thank you for their support.
16. All animals presented for sale must be healthy and groomed as for show. Animals not in show shape will not be sold. Decisions of the Livestock Superintendent, Mother Lode Fair CEO, and the President of the Small Livestock Exhibitors' Association will be final.
17. Responsibility for small livestock sold at auction remains with the exhibitor until the animal is released from the grounds. For market poultry and rabbits, the Small Livestock Exhibitors' Association is responsible for transportation and processing and the Exhibitor is responsible for delivery to the buyer. Market goats will be transported with the Junior Livestock Auction lambs to the same processor.
18. Auction animals that are declared unfit at the processing plant may become the full financial responsibility of the seller.
19. In the event an animal dies, the contingency fund will reimburse the buyer market price at the time of sale.
20. Additional rules may be added prior to the sale and will be posted at the Livestock Office.
21. Sale checks and photos will be available for pickup Friday, August 13, during Fair Office hours - after processing. Exhibitors will be required to exchange their **thank you letter(s), stamped and addressed to the buyer(s) of their animal on August 13<sup>th</sup> and sign to pick up their auction check.** The exhibitor's name and sale lot number need to be written on the back of the envelope and a first class stamp affixed to the front, top right corner.
22. **All Livestock checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.** Should a second check need to be issued, it will be the Exhibitor's responsibility to pay the bank's fee.



## LOCAL RULES

1. Applicable State Rules apply in all departments. State Rules are available online.
2. LOCAL CLASSES (Livestock): Livestock classes are open to members of 4-H clubs and FFA and Grange chapters located in Tuolumne County. Independent Exhibitors must be residents of Tuolumne County.
3. LOCAL CLASSES (other than Livestock): Entries are open only to residents and/or producers of those counties as follows: Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne, unless otherwise stated.
4. No entry fee will be refunded except as provided in the State Rules. Entry fees appear preceding each Division of the Exhibitors' Handbook. No refunds of entry fees will be made for amounts of less than \$5.00.
5. Any check returned by the bank for any reason will be levied a \$25 return check charge. Any Exhibitor that hasn't made good on a returned check will have their entries disqualified from judging.
6. All entries must remain in place until the close of Fair. Livestock displays must be removed Monday, July 6. Non-livestock Exhibits will be released from 10 AM - 6 PM on Monday, July 6 and Tuesday, July 7. No exceptions will be made for the above rule except by written permission from the Fair CEO, Livestock Superintendent, Veterinarian or as otherwise stated herein.
7. **FOR STILL ENTRIES ONLY (NON-LIVESTOCK) – Any cash or physical premiums will be forfeited after 6 PM on Tuesday, July 7 if entries are not picked up. Claim check is required for pickup.**
8. If an entry is removed prior to the official release time, all awards and premiums will be withheld.
9. Exhibitors must be amateurs unless division or class specifies otherwise.
10. The Fair reserves the right to reject any entry if it is objectionable, or if it requires excessive space.
11. No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes the condition under which he/she will exhibit.
12. Judging results will not be given over the telephone.
13. Entry forms may be accepted after the official closing date on an ease of processing and space available basis. Late entries will only be accepted when accompanied by a \$5 processing fee for any non-livestock entry and \$10 processing fee for any livestock entry.
14. The Management will not be responsible for accidents, loss or theft that may occur to any exhibit at the Fair. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of all exhibits. It is under this condition only that entries will be accepted. Any insurance desired on any entry will be the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor.
15. Checks for awards will be made payable to the Exhibitor as indicated on the entry form and will be mailed to the Exhibitor after exhibit is released.
16. All judging is final. The Judging Sheets are the ONLY official record of judging. Cash awards will be paid as recorded on the signed Judging Sheet.
17. Should a premium be found to have been obtained by misrepresentation or a violation of any of the rules, State or Local, the premium award shall be withheld.
18. All material used in decorating booths, exhibits and displays must comply with the State Fire codes.

### VEHICLES

1. No vehicles will be allowed on the Fairgrounds without a parking permit or vehicle permit.
2. Parking permits are issued for an assigned parking space. Vehicles on the grounds parked in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the owner's expense.
3. A vehicle permit admits only the vehicle. Each occupant must have either a pass, paid admission, or wristwrap to be allowed admittance.

**MOTHER LODE FAIR PROTEST POLICY & PROCEDURES**  
**2021 STATE RULES FOR CALIFORNIA FAIRS (CDFA, pages 8-9)**

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local rules that have not been enforced. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, and timers cannot be protested and are final.
2. All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$500 (cash, money order or certified check made payable to Mother Lode Fair). NOTE: Deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld. If protest is upheld, the violator may be held liable for any portion of the direct cost incurred by the Fair in the course of the protest resolution. Failure to reimburse the Fair shall be cause for disallowing future entries in any of the network of California fairs.
3. Given the short duration of the Fair:
  - a. The protestor shall make every effort to file the protest prior to judging. All protests must be filed in writing within 24 hours of the time of the cause of the protest and before the conclusion of Fair.
  - b. The Fair will make every effort to resolve protests as quickly as possible. All exhibitors entering an exhibit and all persons by filing a protest agree to cooperate with Fair Management to resolve protests in a timely manner.
  - c. Protests shall be adjudicated by Fair Management (Manager/CEO or his/her designee) and/or members of Board of Directors.
4. Any exhibit involved in a filed protest before or during judging is eligible to compete until the protest is resolved.
5. Classes that involve the protested exhibit will not become official until the protest is resolved.
  - a. In championship or special award classes that involve the protested exhibit the judge shall also select 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up in case of disqualification.
  - b. In the case of protest, the unofficial judging results may be used to prepare the sale list and other necessary information.
6. At the discretion of the CEO, judging can be delayed to allow time for the Fair to resolve the protest if to do so does not unreasonably delay or disrupt the operations of the remainder of the Fair judging and auction events.
7. Prior to judging the affected class, fairs may announce that an entry has been protested.
8. All questions concerning competition or non-protestable disputes or differences with staff or the exhibition not provided for under the State or Local Rules shall be referred to the CEO or their designee, whose decision shall be final.
9. Violations of State Rules may be appealed to the Divisions of Fairs & Expositions (F&E) in writing.
10. An individual may appeal to F&E only after adjudication at the local level and only if:
  - a. The decision upholds a Local Rule that circumvents or is not in the spirit of a State Rule(s);
  - b. The individual can substantiate new and credible information that was not available at the time of the local decision; or
  - c. There was inappropriate adjudication at the local level that may have included conflict of interest, lack of due process, or a significant misinterpretation of the rules.
11. A fair or state, national or international organization or subdivision thereof which has a significant stake in the interpretation of rules affecting the network of California fairs may make an appeal directly to F&E concerning multiple-fair issues, industry-wide issues, unavoidable conflict of interest or assistance in enforcing its own organization rules.
12. No protest will be accepted unless it:
  - a. Is filed or received, in writing, with a signed original and a signed duplicate copy;
  - b. Clearly states which rule has been violated;
  - c. States when the protestor first became aware of the facts and rule violation;
  - d. States the facts relied upon for the basis of the protest;
  - e. States that the protestor will cooperate with the investigation of the protest and that the protestor will be available and agrees to attend any hearing held to resolve the protest at the time and place directed by F&E;
  - f. Includes the names of supporting witnesses, with accessible phone numbers; and
  - g. Describes or attaches any documents relating to the protest, which must include the written decision issued by the local arbitrating body.
13. Fairs & Expositions Branch (F&E) must receive the appeal in writing within 24 hours from receipt of notice of local decision.
14. A hearing may be conducted at the discretion of F&E. The F&E Branch Chief may consult with and/or request that members of State Rules Advisory Committee participate in any hearing.
15. Once the Branch Chief has ruled on an appeal to F&E, no additional protest or appeal will be considered relating to that incident.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE/ETHICS

In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies and dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program or comparable fair run program approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions Branch. Those not certified are not eligible to participate at a California Fair. (CDFA, 2021 State Rules for California Fairs, Section II, 12.)

The Mother Lode Fair requires that **all Junior Livestock Exhibitors** (with the exception of 4-H Primary members only) must complete the online program ([www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org)). Exhibitors must provide proof of their certification with their livestock entry forms and have their certificate available during the Fair. YQCA is designed for youth ages 8-21 and will provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. This program is for youth producing and/or showing beef cattle, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry. YQCA is designed to increase the educational preparedness of exhibitors as well as add another layer of quality assurance to improve sportsmanship, animal well-being, and food safety for animal purchasers.

Exhibitors must provide their YQCA certification at the time they turn in entry paperwork. Entries will not be accepted without proof of certification.

**What is Quality Care and Quality Assurance?** It is a promise to the public and the buyers at our Junior Livestock Auction and Small Livestock Auction that you have produced a market ready animal to the best of your abilities. We want to guarantee to both auction buyers and fairgoers that you have properly cared for your animal in preparing for and exhibiting at the Mother Lode Fair.