

## **Navajo County Junior Livestock 2008 GENERAL RULES**

**In addition to the rules of the Navajo County Fair, 4-H and FFA the following specific rules shall apply to all Junior Livestock entries.**

**Approved as Amended March 6, 2008**

1. Each exhibitor must be an active, bona fide, member of FFA, 4-H, or the member of a Junior Livestock Breed Association for the species being entered. They must reside in Navajo County, or be party to any agreement between Navajo County and an adjoining County, allowing them to exhibit at the Navajo County Fair. This agreement ensures that these exhibitors will not exhibit in more than one county fair. The Navajo County Fair Board will be responsible for administering this rule. **The Jr. Livestock Committee must have a list of all exhibitors by March 1.**
2. To show a market animal, exhibitor must be 9 years old by January 1st, of the project year. Except, exhibitors participating in a market beef project must be 12 years old by January 1st of the project year, or have shown two other project animals (lamb or swine) for two separate years.
3. The exhibitor must have purchased, raised, fed, cared for, and trained the project animal and must be able to exercise reasonable control over it. Any animal not meeting these standards will be removed from the fair and will not be sold in the Market Auction.
4. Exhibitors may enter and show market animals in more than one species classification. However, only one market animal, of any type, may be sold in the Market Sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the appropriate Livestock Superintendent concerning which animal will go to auction at the close of the Market Class judging. If the exhibitor fails to select the animal to be auctioned, the appropriate Livestock Superintendents will make that selection for the exhibitor and there will be no appeal.
5. No unhealthy, sick, or seriously injured animals will be allowed to be sold or remain on the fairgrounds. All animals will be healthy, sound, free of drugs, and free of external parasites. All questions concerning the health or suitability of an animal exhibit will be referred to a veterinarian at the expense of the owner or exhibitor.
6. No market beef can be more than twenty-four (24) months old and no swine or lamb can be more than (12) months old at fair check-in.
7. Ownership: animals must be in the possession of the exhibitor as follows: Beef – 150 days prior to fair, Swine & Lambs – 95 days prior to fair check-in.
8. Exhibitors may have two market animals of the same species in a project and both must be tagged. However, in a market class, only one animal per species classification may be shown. Prior to check-in a decision must be made, by the exhibitor, as to which market animal will be exhibited and sold. Any animal that is sifted at the scale may be replaced by the other tagged animal if done prior to the 5:00 p.m. deadline.
9. All market animals will be tagged at the start of the feeding period (which will coincide with ownership requirements). One tagging day will be coordinated and conducted by the respective species Superintendent. On the designated tagging day each animal will be tagged. If an exhibitor's animal cannot be present at tagging day, arrangements must be made, at the discretion of the respective species Superintendent, to tag the animal on a date prior to the designated tagging day. No animals will be tagged at a date later than the designated tagging day. If an animal is already ear tagged upon purchase, the tag must be removed and replaced with a Navajo County Junior Livestock Committee (NCJLC) tag. Lost tags must immediately be

reported to the NCJLC and a replacement tag will be provided. The respective Livestock Superintendent is responsible for checking and verifying all ear tags at weigh-in.

10. Ear tags for one project animal per exhibitor will be supplied free of charge by the NCJLC. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged for each additional tag and each replacement tag requested by the exhibitor.

11. If an animal is sifted, for any reason, during ear tagging the exhibitor will have fifteen (15) days to secure a replacement with the approval of the appropriate Livestock Superintendent. In the event an animal dies, the member will have the option to replace the animal with the consent of the NCJLC. Unless otherwise agreed to by the NCJLC, sheep and swine must be replaced no less than 45 days prior to fair check in, and beef must be replaced no less than 75 days prior to fair check in.

12. All members, and their parents, will sign an agreement indicating they have received a copy of the NCJLC General Rules and agree to abide by them. **The Club Leaders (4-H, FFA, & Jr. Livestock Breed Associations) are responsible to have a signed copy of this agreement for every exhibitor in their club to the NCJLC by the tagging day or their animal will not be tagged and they will not be eligible to show in the fair.**

13. No animal is to enter the stall area or pens without first being checked in by the responsible Livestock Superintendent or their delegate. **All steers must be double tied.**

14. All animals arriving at the fairgrounds shall be roughed-out and reasonably clean upon weigh-in. No wet sheep or steers will be weighed.

15. All entries will be officially weighed and inspected by the appropriate Livestock Superintendent. Exhibits will be accepted from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of fair week. **All exhibitors are required to be present and check in their own animal.**

16. Ownership papers and/or hauling permit must accompany all animals to weigh-ins and check-ins. Any animal without proper identification papers and tag provided by the NCJLC will not be accepted at the fair.

17. Livestock will be weighed one time only. Protest or requests for re-weigh must be made while the animal is on the scale. In the event of a reweigh request, the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be rebalanced and the animal will be re-weighted. Re-weighing will be at the discretion of the appropriate Livestock Superintendent.

18. Animals not making minimum weight at the weigh-in may be retained on the premises and shown in the Showmanship classes only. The minimum weight requirements are as follows: swine-200 lbs., lamb-95 lbs., and beef-900 lbs. The maximum pay weights are as follows: swine-310lbs. and beef-1350lbs. Exhibitors with under weight animals can choose to use them for the showmanship class.

19. All livestock exhibitors will be given a show number to be worn when exhibiting. Numbers will be color coded by junior and senior animal project classes. A senior is any exhibitor 14 years old by January 1st.

20. **All Market Class exhibitors are required to show in the Showmanship classes.** All animals in the Showmanship class, with the exception of those not making weight at check in, will also be judged for conformation in Market classes. Animals not shown in a Market class will not be eligible to compete in the Carcass class. **Any animal not shown in both the market and showmanship classes will not be eligible to sell in the Navajo County Jr. Livestock Sale.**

21. All exhibitors are to conduct themselves consistent with the standards of 4-H and FFA. This includes proper manner and dress in all classes and during the Market Sale. All shirts will have collars and all exhibitors will be neat and clean in their appearance. A 4-H or FFA patch

or jacket may be worn by the exhibitor in all classes and during the Market Sale. No large livestock will be shown by exhibitors in unsuitable footwear (i.e. footwear will be consistent with the 4-H and FFA project manuals) and provide safe covering of the foot. All exhibitors will wear appropriate footwear at all times while working with their animal(s) during the fair. Any gross violations of this standard, as interpreted by the Junior Livestock Show Chairman, may be grounds for expulsion of the exhibitors and forfeiture of all awards and premiums. Inappropriate language or conduct by exhibitors, or parents, is prohibited, and may be grounds for disqualification.

22. All exhibitors are responsible for feeding, watering, and care of their animal(s) and the cleanliness of their pens during the entire time they are being exhibited. Morning feeding and stall cleaning will be completed by 9:00 a.m. each day. After that time, there will be inspections of all stall areas by the appropriate Livestock Superintendent or their delegates. **Those stalls that require cleaning will be charged a fee of \$25.00 assessed to the exhibitors animal per pen per day. Any exhibitor who is fined will also still be required to clean their pen.** Sunday morning of the fair week will be load out day. Load out will begin at 6:30AM for all species. The exhibitor or their representative must be present at 6:30AM to facilitate loading of their animal, and cleaning of their pens. **Any exhibitor who is not present to load their animal, or who has not made prior arrangements to have their animal loaded and their stalls cleaned, will be assessed a \$100.00 fee.** All such charges will be deducted from the proceeds of the Market Sale for that exhibitor. Label all tack clearly and keep it put away.

23. While the NCJLC knows the grooming of animals is not a contest, we think it should be educational for the exhibitor. But how and by who is up to the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must show their own project except, in the event of a conflict between show times for projects entered in conformation classes. In that case, another Junior Livestock exhibitor may show someone else's animal in the conformation classes only. In no case, shall an individual not eligible to enter animals in the show be allowed to show an entry.

24. NO ONE, other than the Livestock Superintendents or person on barn duty, is to touch or feed animals that do not belong to them without permission of the owner. No one is to enter animal or tack pens that do not contain material belonging to him or her.

25. No chemicals, except those approved by the appropriate Superintendent, may be used within the livestock pens or stall areas.

26. There is no requirement to sell an animal that was entered in a Market Class. Blue, red, and white ribbon animals are eligible for the Market Sale. Those animals not making the minimum weight are ineligible to sell in the Market Sale.

**27. No private sale of animals will be allowed on the fair grounds. This practice will not be tolerated by the NCJLC. Anyone found guilty of this will be severely disciplined, the penalty will be determined by the NCJLC, with the possibility of not being allowed to participate in next year's fair being the most severe punishment.**

28. Upon sale of the animal in the Market Sale, the exhibitor assigns full legal rights of ownership, for purposes of collection of full sale price, to the Navajo County Fair Board. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed the animal and maintain the stall to the satisfaction of the Livestock Superintendent until the animal is delivered Sunday Morning.

29. There will be a commission charge of up to 4% for the sale of all animals at auction. Any cleaning charges assigned to an exhibitor will also be deducted from the sale proceeds. Monies derived from the commission charge will be used by the NCJLC to pay show and sale expenses, which may include but are not limited to; advertising, awards, auctioneer.

30. THE WHOLESOME MEAT ACT:

The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all slaughter animals at the show. The requirements of this act are as follows:

- a. All drug label directions must be followed.
- b. If, upon routine inspection, illegal residues are found in carcass tissue, the entire carcass may be condemned.
- c. If a carcass is condemned, the proceeds from the sale of that animal will be returned to the buyer.

31. All decisions of the judges are final. Judges will render no award when, in their opinion, an exhibitor or an animal is not worthy of such award. Any protest must be made upon completion of the class competition to the appropriate Livestock Superintendent and followed-up in writing within one hour. The written protest will be submitted to the Livestock Superintendent. The protest determination must be completed on the day of the show while the judge is present.

32. LIVESTOCK SHOWS – All Junior Livestock exhibitors are required to participate in at least one livestock show before the Navajo County Fair with the exception of swine projects. Swine projects are not required to show because of the possibility of the spread of disease and the large number of swine at some shows, the leaders of the clubs will make sure that the exhibitors can handle their animals. The purpose of the pre-fair shows is to benefit the exhibitors and animals---to ensure the animal is well trained and well behaved. Verification must be provided on the Fair Boards Junior Livestock Entry Form.

33. It is strongly recommended-but NOT mandatory-that livestock exhibitors purchase insurance to cover loss of market animals.

34. Consumption of alcohol or the use of tobacco and/or illegal drugs on the premises will result in automatic disqualification of the exhibitor.

35. All rules are subject to interpretation by the NCJLC. Their decision will be final. Willful violation of the rules will be subject to disciplinary action, including the refusal of entries or the removal of entries at this and subsequent fairs.