

# Livestock Rules and Guidelines

- 1) As a Junior, FFA, 4-H or Independent exhibitor, compliance with the following rules, and All State and Local Rules, is a condition for exhibiting at the Santa Clara County Fair. Your signature on your entry form signifies your compliance with all Santa Clara County Fair rules.
- 2) Non-Market classes in Junior Livestock are open to all youth, as defined in the State Rules, from the following Counties: Santa Clara, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey and Alameda. Market animal classes are open only to youth from Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.
- 3) **All Livestock exhibitors must also submit an entry in Junior Stills. Failure to enter a Junior Still project will result in ineligibility to show animal, receive any premium monies and participate in Auction. Stills projects MAY NOT be purchased – they must follow Stills guidelines.**
- 4) **NEW TB REQUIREMENT: ALSO SEE SEPARATE LETTER FROM THE STATE OF CA REGARDING THIS...on website.** Exhibitors must provide proof of tuberculosis testing for all dairy breeding cattle over six (6) months of age with one of the following documents:
  - a) Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within the sixty (60) days prior to exhibition of all dairy breeding cattle to be sold, or
  - b) Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative TB test obtained within six months prior to exhibition of all dairy breeding cattle for exhibition only, or
  - c) Signed documentation from a licensed accredited veterinarian of a negative whole herd test for the animal's herd of origin (i.e., the herd where the animal has resided for a minimum 4-month period of time immediately prior to the exhibition) obtained within the twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, or
  - d) A letter from CDFA verifying the completion date of a negative whole herd test for tuberculosis and specifying the official identification for exhibition animals from the herd.

Verification of TB testing documentation should be accomplished prior to unloading of exhibition animals on the fair premises. The original TB documentation must be available at the time of check-in.

Questions regarding this TB test requirement should be directed to the Animal Health Branch at 916/651-6278

- 5) All sheep and goats must pass a vet check upon arrival at the back of the fairgrounds before they are allowed to go to their assigned pens. Market sheep and market goats must have a scrapie tag to pass the vet check. Dairy goats are allowed to have an ear tattoo for scrapie in lieu of a tag. The ownership papers must reference this registration number.
  - a. *This is a federally mandated requirement; no exceptions will be allowed. The decision of the appointed vet on the health of your animal is final; no appeal is possible.*
- 6) All livestock animals must be owned by the exhibitor; there are only two exceptions:
  - a. Horses entered ONLY in the Riding Classes (English, Gymkhana, and Western) may be leased
  - b. In the rest of the Livestock Department the term 'ownership papers' will be used to reference Bills of Sale and/or Leases, unless otherwise specified. Leased horses are accepted at State Fair; leased goats are not allowed at State Fair.
- 7) A bill of sale or a lease (ownership papers) must contain the following information:
  - a. Name and Address of both the Buyer/Leasee and the Seller/Lessor
  - b. Animal identification (description, eartags, ear notches, tattoos, etc.)
  - c. Date of Birth
  - d. All sheep and goats must have scrapie ID numbers and the animal must have a matching scrapie eartag.
  - e. Dairy goats are permitted to have ear tattoos in lieu of an eartag.
  - f. The ownership papers must reflect the scrapie ID number. The Bill of Sale for all cattle must be on California State Form commonly known as the "yellow sheet"
  - g. Each Market Animal must have its own individual Bill of Sale clearly showing ownership by the Exhibitor.
  - h. If a registered horse is leased, the lease must be a legal lease with the association where the horse is registered.

**All Market Animals are subject to the following rules**

7. **A copy of all proof of ownership paperwork (bill of sale, brand inspection certificate, etc.) must be presented with entry form for all market animals. Failure to provide proof of ownership before the day of the show will prohibit the animal from being shown or sold at auction – No Exceptions.** Bill of Sale must include breeder name, address, phone number, and scrapie tag information, if applicable) Original ownership paperwork must be surrendered at weigh-in.
8. Market animal classes are open to Santa Clara County, Santa Cruz County and Monterey County YOUTH ONLY. All entries must meet the requirements as outlined in the Junior Livestock Auction section of this entry book. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor; leases are not allowed.
9. All market beef must be owned 120 days prior to the receiving day at the Fair; the bill of sale must be dated 04/01/10 or earlier. All other large market animals entered must be owned at least 60 days prior to receiving day at the Fair; the bill of sale must be dated 06/02/10 or earlier. All small market animals (rabbits and poultry) must be owned 30 consecutive days prior to receiving at the Fair; the bill of sale must be dated 07/01/10 or earlier.
10. Market and feeder animal exhibitors shall be responsible for having animals weighed at the Santa Clara County Fair. Only one weigh-in allowed. Any question of weight must be resolved while animal is on the scale. All market animal classes are to be determined after weigh-in; classes are to be determined by weight only.

All *non-market livestock animals* are subject to the following rules:

- a. Horses must be leased or owned 120 consecutive days prior to the receiving day of the Fair; ownership papers must be dated 04/01/10 or earlier.
- b. Dairy animals must be owned 60 consecutive days prior to the receiving day of the Fair; ownership papers must be dated 05/30/10 or earlier.
- c. Breeding animals: Santa Clara County requires the 60 day ownership period, the same as for dairy animals. Exhibitors must present all necessary papers to the clerk in charge, at the Livestock Office no later than 24 hours prior to judging. State Rules regarding breeding partnerships apply.

### **Pre-Fair Tagging & DNA Sample – REQUIRED!**

11. All Market cattle must be brought, with their original Bill of Sale and an entry form, to the Pre-Fair tagging being held at the **Fairgrounds on THURSDAY, April 1, 2010, from 4PM to 7PM**. At that time, the Bill of Sale will be examined and copied, an electronic picture of the animal will be taken and a sample for possible DNA testing in the event of a later eligibility question. Please enter from Umbarger Road and follow the signs for tagging.
12. A pre-tagging event will be held Thursday, June 3, 2010, for Market Sheep, Swine and Goats at the Fairgrounds- from 4pm – 8pm. **ALL** requirements as stated in the Market cattle tagging (above) will apply.
  - a. The tagging place will take place in the infield area aka “Livestock Area” as it did last year. Please make certain that you have all your paperwork with you when you bring your animals.
13. **FAILURE TO HAVE YOUR ANIMAL PRETAGGED WILL PROHIBIT YOUR ANIMAL FROM BEING ENTERED IN THE 2010 SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR – NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**
14. Failure to provide acceptable proof of ownership at the time of pre-tagging will prohibit the animal from being shown and/or sold at auction – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **During the Fair**

15. Any animal treated while on the fairgrounds, whether by Veterinarian, owner or individual; **MUST** be reported immediately to the Livestock Dept. Supervisors. Vet bills for all sick or injured animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
16. Any substance given to a Market Animal while on the fairgrounds must be reported to the Livestock Office prior to administering to the animal. Substances include but are not limited to herbs, “calming” substances, aspirins, over the counter medications. This is a reporting requirement and will assist the exhibitor in ensuring that the Market animal is given substances that will be acceptable by the Slaughter House.
17. All stalls and pens **MUST** be cleaned daily, with old bedding put into designated areas by 9:00am daily.
18. The Junior Exhibitor must do all grooming of their animal(s). No professional or adult help is allowed other than leaders or advisors who may hold animal while exhibitor works. Fair Management may approach exhibitors if a violation of this rule is reported. No artificial coloring of animals is allowed except on hooves and horns.
19. All FFA and 4-H exhibitors are to abide by the uniform requirements of their organization while showing their animals. Independent exhibitors are urged to wear a white blouse/shirt and white or black pants.

20. No animal, product or article on exhibition can be removed from the Fairgrounds before the announced time. Junior large animals will be released at 7:00pm on Sunday, August 8, 2010 unless otherwise stated. It is the exhibitor/parent/advisor's responsibility to make arrangements for livestock to be picked up at release time. All displays must be left intact until release time.
21. All beef cattle and dairy cattle must have a neck rope and a halter on at all times.
22. Exhibitors will be held responsible for damage they cause to any Santa Clara County Fairground's facility or equipment.
23. No Junior Exhibitor will be allowed to sleep with their animals.
24. All animals must be bedded with shavings, except Dairy Cattle (straw is the responsibility of the exhibitor). Shavings must be commercial quality. The Fairgrounds will not provide shavings for bedding.
25. In accordance with State Rules, No animal shall be admitted or remain on the grounds that shows any evidence of any active, communicable disease, or any other unsightly disease or other condition. No animal shall be admitted to the fairgrounds from any other premises under quarantine for disease. Management reserves the right to require health inspections and/or diagnostic tests before, during and after animals are on the fairgrounds and to implement disease control procedures as deemed necessary. The health of animals when determined by the official veterinarian or judge will be final and cannot be protested! Specific details regarding check in of animals will be distributed mid July.
26. Exhibitors refusing to have their animals examined shall be disqualified and such violation shall be reported to the State Fairs and Exhibitions Department. No refund will be made.
27. **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF LIVESTOCK AREA!** Except those that have qualified for Parade of Champions.