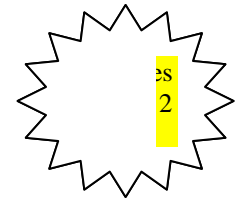


Okeechobee County Fair
Competitive Events
Entry Deadlines



All exhibits must be entered on a 2012 entry form and submitted to the Okeechobee County Fair Association at the Okeechobee County Extension Office, 458 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 by 5:00 p.m. of the deadline date. Your signature on the entry form signifies that you have read and understand the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Please read specific department or division rules for any other deadlines and penalties related to your specific entry. Questions: Call Dianne Spann at 634-3327.

March 2, 2012 (Friday)

2011 Creative Skills and Crafts, Food Competition, Vegetable and Horticulture Entry Forms Due

March 10, 2012 (Saturday)

Non-Perishable Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

March 12, 2012 (Monday)

Judging of non-perishable entries

March 13, 2012 (Tuesday)

Perishable Food, Plants and Vegetables will Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.



March 13, 2012 (Tuesday)

2:00 p.m. - Judging of perishable entries



Premiums

1st Place \$15

2nd Place \$10

3rd Place \$5

Okeechobee County Fair Association Guidelines for Exhibition

1. The Okeechobee County Fair Association does not take responsibility for lost, damaged or mis-directed forms, entries or articles of exhibit.
2. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the Board of Directors of the Fair. All decisions made by the Board are final. This Board reserves the right to deny or allow any entry to the Fair and Fairgrounds.
3. All non-commercial exhibits must check in according to guidelines published in the 2012 Okeechobee Country Fair Premium Book. No exhibit may leave the grounds prior to the scheduled release dates & times as indicated in the Premium Book's calendars and/or individual department or section rules.
4. In all events and exhibits the judge's decision shall be final.
5. All entries, if not claimed by Monday, March 19, 2012 shall become the property of the Fair. All premiums will be paid by check or cash. Premium checks MUST be cashed within 60 days of the issue date.
6. A \$30.00 fee or 5% of the face amount will be charged for any bad check received by the Fair for entries, sponsorships, contracts, etc.
7. Any formal complaints shall be presented in writing within six (6) hours of the discrepancy to the Fair Office to be handled as they see fit.
8. Any exhibitor or vendor conducting or participating in any illegal or Immoral activities on the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to display at the Fair and will lose any monies owed or paid by/to the Fair for premiums, sales, privilege agreements, etc.
9. If these rules contradict any committee rule(s) the committee rule(s) shall prevail.
10. By signing any privilege agreement, entry form, etc, participant agrees to release and discharge the Okeechobee County Fair Association and the Board of Directors & staff thereof from all liabilities, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature that may arise from or be connected with the participant's participation in any activity sponsored by the Okeechobee County Fair Association, Inc.

Okeechobee County Fair Creative Skills and Crafts

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. All entries must be handmade by the entrant within the past 5 years. There is an exception for the Heirloom Quilt category.
6. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
7. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day
8. Contest only open to Okeechobee County Residents.
9. All work must be clearly marked on the back or the bottom with entrant's name.
10. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
11. For all scrapbook page entries, a double page layout will be necessary for judging. Please put your pages in clear page protectors before entering.
DO NOT TAPE YOUR SCRAPBOOK PAGES TOGETHER. Wire or tie the pages together. Only ONE entry per class. No digital pages or layouts will be accepted.

Section 1 Quilting Adult/Youth

Classes –
Accessories
Applique
Patchwork
Hand Embroidery
Machine Quilted
Quilted by hand-
Heirloom Quilts-(must be at least 45 years old)



Section 2 Sewing Adult/Youth

Classes- Clothing
 Household Items
 Doll clothes
 Dolls – cloth
 Stuffed Animals

Section 3 Knitting/Crochet

Classes – Afgans
 Decorative Items
 Baby Items
 Clothing

Section 4 Painting Professional/Amateur

Classes- Oils
 Watercolors
 Pastels
 Acrylic

Section 5 Drawing Adult/Youth

Classes - Charcoal
 Graphite Pencil
 Color Pencil

Section 6 Photography Adult/Youth

Classes - Black and white
 Landscape & Scenic
 Nature & Wildlife
 People (humans are the focal point)

Color

Landscape & Scenic
Nature & Wildlife
People (humans are the focal point)

Section 7 Woodworking Adult/Youth

Classes - Carved
Toys
Furniture
Accessories

Section 9 Arts & Crafts

General – not covered in any other category

Section 10 Jewelry/Beadwork

(ORIGINAL DESIGN, NO KITS)



Classes - Pin/Broach
Necklace
Bracelet
Earrings

Section 11 Scrapbooking-

Classes – Vacation/Travel
Special Occasion
Family



Lego Building Contest

Contestants can put their creative skills to the test and enter the Lego Building Contest. Contestants will construct an original model using Lego Building bricks. There will be four age divisions for youth- 4-6; 7-9; 10-12; 13-18 and one division for adults.

Rules –

1. All contestants will supply their own bricks. Only the small bricks may be used. Base plates are allowed.
2. No kits or factory-made models may be used. Entries must be your own original creations.
3. **ALL MODELS WITHIN EACH AGE DIVISION WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

Originality and Creativity - 25 points

Precision - 25 points
The project must be assembled so that it can withstand being handled and moved by the judge without collapsing.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day.
6. Entries Check-in at the Agri-Civic Center between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

Premiums

1st Place \$15
2nd Place \$10
3rd Place \$5

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted.
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day. (Exception- perishable food items will be removed after 6:00 pm on March 16th). Unclaimed foods will be discarded.
7. All food items will be judged on appearance, texture, taste, and procedure.
8. No cake mixes except in the Decorated Cake Category.
9. All canned food entries must have identifying labels and date of preparation. Preparer's name must NOT be on the label.
10. **Home Canned Entries:**
 - Home Canned entries must consist of two (2) jars of product.
 - One jar is for display and one is for judging.
 - These two jars must be identical (i.e. both jars must be the same size, same type and same brand -- Ball, Kerr, etc.-- of jar.
 - Both jars will be presented to the judge. The judge will choose the jar to be opened.
Unopened jar will be returned.

Canned entries must be in sealed, standard **clear** glass canning jars. All jars must be sealed with new two-piece vacuum seals specifically made for canning jars

 - Seals must consist of two-pieces (metal screw ring band and metal lid)
 - Entries will be disqualified if both the band and lid are not on the jars
 - Ring band should unscrew easily
 - Entry will be disqualified if the jar lid cannot be easily unscrewed by hand

Dirty Jars or jars with rust on lids will be disqualified.
11. **Disposable containers are REQUIRED** for all entries other than canned goods.
12. Judges have the option of opening the exhibit for testing
13. Judging will be on the same day as entries are submitted for perishable food.

NOTE: Please keep in mind when entering that we have NO refrigeration for items.

Food Competition Divisions

Section 1 Home Baking Adult/Youth

Classes – Cakes
Decorated Cake
Candy
Cookies/Fudge
Pies
Quick Breads
Yeast Breads



Best of Show will be awarded to the
Judge's Pick!

Section 2 Canned Goods Adult/Youth

Classes - Pickles
Preserves
Butters
Jams
Jellies
Fruits
Vegetables
Relishes/Chutneys

Premiums

1st Place \$15
2nd Place \$10
3rd Place \$5



Okeechobee County Fair

Photography

SPECIAL RULES

1. All entered items must be exposures made since January 1, 2009. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
2. Only one print will be accepted in each class, as an exhibitor cannot compete against himself. If more than one entered item is received from the same exhibitor for any one class; all items entered from that exhibitor for that class will be disqualified by the judges
3. Photographs must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No clips will be accepted.
4. Print size(s) shall be no smaller than 8" x 10", and no larger than 11" x 14". Any print that does not fit within this size limitation will be disqualified.
5. Items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.

New for this year there will be a Best of Show chosen by the Judges. This will be in addition to the People's Choice Award. Winner will receive a plaque and \$25.00.



Fine Art

SPECIAL RULES

1. The show is designed for the works of non-professional artists. The non-professional artist is one who does not receive the major portion of his or her income from the sale of his or her art.
2. Each work of art will be screened for the following before acceptance:
 - A. Work must be of the artist exhibiting, no teacher assisted work.
 - B. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
 - C. Artists are to exhibit work completed during the past two years.
 - D. Paintings, prints and drawings must be framed, wired and ready to hang. No clips will be accepted.
 - E. All Art must be original, no copies.

Okeechobee County Fair Vegetables Competition

General Rules

1. Only categories listed are eligible for exhibit.
2. Only one exhibit per category is allowed. One item or exhibit may not be entered in more than one category.
3. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
4. Only entries pre-registered on the official entry form will be accepted
5. The judging committee reserves the right to reject any item that does not meet the standards of the committee.
6. All items entered for competition must remain in place until the last day of the fair and may not be removed until 4:00 pm on that day.
7. Vegetables will be judged on quality (uniform in size, fresh, firm and undamaged, free of disease and insects).
8. All vegetables must be grown at home.
9. Vegetables will check in with the perishable items to ensure their freshness for judging. Check in is Tuesday, March 13th from 9:30am to 11:30 noon.

Section 1 Garden Vegetable Table Display. Consists of a minimum of 5 different fruits or vegetables raised in a home garden and arranged in a suitable container.

Section 2 Fruit and Vegetable Display. Consists of a plate of 3 vegetables or fruits (same variety) display on a plate.

Section 3 Largest Vegetable Contest- Vegetables must be cleaned from all dirt and excess materials at check-in. See Largest vegetable contest rules.

Premiums

1st Place \$15

2nd Place \$10

3rd Place \$5



Okeechobee County Fair Horticulture

ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Friday, March 2, 2012

Date for checking in items is Tuesday March 13, 2012, 9:30 AM -11:30 PM.

SPECIAL RULES

1. **IMPORTANT:** All Entry Forms must be filled in completely and in the County Extension Office by 5:00 PM, March 2, 2012.
2. No more than 5 plants per person may be submitted for judging and no more than one per category.
3. Entered items will be accepted from 9:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. on March 13, 2012. Positively no entered item will be accepted after 11:30 p.m. on March 13, 2012.
4. Entered items are restricted to those of residents of Okeechobee County.
5. The Fair reserves the right to reject additional entered items when all available exhibit display space is filled.
6. All plants must be of exhibition quality. The Fair reserves the right to reject any plant that is substandard, either in quality or maturity. Maximum size of plant cannot be any larger than 48 inches in diameter, and must weigh less than 40 pounds.
7. Plants and flowers must be cleaned, trimmed, and free from insects or disease; they must be submitted in proper clean containers. No double pots, stands or saucers may be used. Clay pots need not be painted. Absolutely no cans will be accepted. Hanging plants must have a rigid hook (no chains).
8. Plants should be labeled with common name and correct botanical name when possible. Assistance will be available for plant identification.
9. Water plants well before bringing to the Fairgrounds. Plants must be watered regularly during the Fair.
10. All judges' decisions are final. Premiums will be paid from the Judges books.
11. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits; however, the Okeechobee County Fair Association, it's officers and agents are not responsible for any accident, loss or damage.
12. Release: Entered items must be removed on Sunday, March 18, 2012 AT 4:00 p.m.
13. Plants are submitted at the owner's risk. The Fair is in no way responsible for damage or loss.
14. Specimens must be grown by the exhibitor. No purchased plants will be accepted.
15. Hanging baskets must be less than 15" in diameter and less than 15 pounds.

PREMIUMS: \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00

Horticulture Classes

- 1 BROMELIADS
- 2 CACTI
- 3 FLOWERING PLANTS
- 4 FOLIAGE PLANTS
- 5 FERNS
- 6 ORCHIDS
- 7 SUCCULENTS
- 8 VEGETABLE TRANSPLANTS/SEEDLINGS
- 9 Hanging Garden Baskets- 3 or more different species of flowers, herbs or vegetables
- 10 Hanging Basket – One species of flower or vegetable

2012 Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show

ENTRIES & INITIAL WEIGH-INS

Steer	September 10, 2011	Saturday	8:00 - 10:00 AM
	Okeechobee Livestock Market		
Beef Breeding	November 7, 2011	Monday	Before 5:00 PM
	Extension Office @ 458 Hwy. 98 North		
Swine	December 3, 2011	Saturday	8:00 - 10:00 AM
	Agri-Civic Center @ 4601 Hwy. 710		
Lamb and Goat	December 3, 2011	Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 AM
	Agri-Civic Center @ 4601 Hwy. 710		
Dairy, Rabbit, & Poultry	January 2, 2012	Monday	Before 5:00 PM
	Extension Office @ 458 Hwy. 98 North		

MANDATORY MEETINGS

Small Animal, Lamb, & Goat	March 9, 2012	Friday	6:00 PM
Dairy, Steer, Swine, & Beef Breeding	March 12, 2012	Monday	7:00 PM

SHOW CHECK-IN

Small Animal	March 9, 2012	Friday	4:00 - 6:00 PM
Lamb and Goat	March 9, 2012	Friday	4:00 - 6:00 PM
Dairy	March 12, 2012	Monday	4:00 - 6:30 PM
Steer	March 13, 2012	Tuesday	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Swine	March 13, 2012	Tuesday	2:00 - 6:00 PM
Beef Breeding	March 14, 2012	Wednesday	3:00 - 6:00 PM

SHOWS

Small Animal Show	March 10, 2012	Saturday	9:00 AM
Lamb Show	March 12, 2012	Monday	4:00 PM
Goat Show	March 12, 2012	Monday	After lamb show
Dairy Show	March 13, 2012	Tuesday	5:00 PM
Swine Showmanship	March 14, 2012	Wednesday	5:00 PM
Swine Show	March 15, 2012	Thursday	5:00 PM
Steer Show	March 16, 2012	Friday	1:00 PM
**The Steer Show will be followed by Steer Showmanship then there will be a one hour break. **			
Beef Breeding Show	March 16, 2012	Friday	**After one hour break
Fitting & Grooming	March 17, 2012	Saturday	9:00 AM

SALE

Sale	March 17, 2012	Saturday	2:00 PM
(The sale will begin with Dairy followed by Steers, Beef Breeding, Swine, Lambs, & then Goats)			

MANDATORY WORKDAY

Mandatory Workday	March 18, 2012	Sunday	8:00AM - 12:00 PM
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Buyer's thank-you letter in an addressed & stamped unsealed envelope is due *on or before* MONDAY, April 2, 2012, before 5:00 PM at the Okeechobee County Extension Office located at 458 Highway 98 North.

Exhibitors' checks will be distributed at the Annual Meeting with the date to be determined and announced by the OYLS committee at a later date.

Premiums

Livestock & Equine

Blue Ribbon	\$20.00
Red Ribbon	\$15.00
White Ribbon	\$10.00

Small Animals

Blue Ribbon	\$8.00
Red Ribbon	\$8.00
White Ribbon	\$8.00

Leather Working Contest

General Rules

1. All entries must be made within the past 2 years by the person whose name appears on the entry tag.
2. Work must never have been exhibited in this Fair before.
3. Only one exhibit shall be made in a division by an exhibitor.
4. An exhibit can only be in one class.
5. Adults and youth will be judged separately.
6. The decision of the judges will be final.

Divisions

1. Household items (wall hangings, items used in and around the home, etc)
2. Personal Items (Belts, billfolds, wallets, clutch purses, card cases, key cases, fobs, eyeglass case, coin purses, etc.).
3. Cases (camera, briefcases, handcuff cases, black powder bags, holsters, sheaths, purses, books, book covers, etc.).
4. Large complex items; saddles, horse gear (all), furniture, molded or sculpted items.

Premiums

- 1st Place \$15
- 2nd Place \$10
- 3rd Place \$5

4-H & FFA Youth Educational Poster Contest



New for
2012

1. Open to Youth ages 8-18.
2. Youth may submit only one entry in the Poster Contest.
3. Posters must pertain to the student's 4-H or FFA project.
4. All posters must be designed on or affixed to foam poster board whose dimensions are no larger than 20" X 30".
5. Posters may be horizontal or vertical.
6. Posters submitted may be produced using any medium (i.e. watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage).
7. Posters incorporating copyrighted material (i.e. Snoopy, Garfield, company logos like Disney, etc.) will be disqualified, unless proof of permission is furnished.
8. Youth's name and age must be clearly printed on the back of ALL submitted materials.
9. Posters will be automatically disqualified for any of the following reasons: Automatic Disqualification
 - a. Inappropriate size and/or mounted material.
 - b. Name and age not clearly printed on the back.
 - c. Use of copyrighted materials, without written permission.
 - d. Inappropriate use of the 4-H Emblem. Check 4-H Web site for guidelines.
 - e. Posters containing inappropriate content.



Premiums

1st Place \$15
2nd Place \$10
3rd Place \$5

Livestock/Equine Educational Displays

Livestock educational displays provide individuals and clubs/chapters an opportunity to acquaint the public with information about beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, rabbits, and poultry.

The Okeechobee County Fair will be awarding three winners for the best Livestock or Equine Educational Display exhibited by a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

FFA Chapter or 4-H Club

1st place.....	\$250
2nd place.....	\$150
3 rd place.....	\$100

JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Conveys Message: accomplishes purpose.....20 points
2. Attracts Attention: stopping power.....10 points
3. Workmanship: neat, well constructed.....10 points
4. Suitable Subject: timely, personal.....10 points
5. Educational Value for Public50 points

Total scores will then be tallied and a winner determined.

Rules

- 1 Entries limited to 1 per 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
- 2 Use the General Entry Form.
- 3 Exhibits may consist of signs, mechanical displays or interactive boards.
- 4 Three-dimensional displays will be allowed provided they are free standing,
- 5 Live animals may not be a part of the display.
- 6 Displays may be designed to be placed on a table. If designed for a table you must provide your own table.
- 7 The Fair Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits.
- 8 Displays will be exhibited in the livestock barn, small animals tent and horse barn.
- 9 Exhibits must be in place by Tuesday, March 15, 2011 no later than 5:00pm.

Okeechobee County Fair Horse Shows

Extreme Trail Challenge

Sunday March 18, 2012
Check-in begins at 3:00 pm
Competition begins at 4:00 pm

Divisions

Junior Riders: 8 yrs – 10 yrs old
Intermediate Riders: 11 yrs – 13 yrs old
Senior Riders: 14 yrs – 18 yrs old
Adult Riders: 19 yrs & over
Ages as of September 1st, 2011

There will be 10 obstacles in each competition.
Each rider and horse must complete each obstacle per the rules that
will be provided with the course map at the beginning of the show.

This will be a timed event and seconds will be added per the rules.

Mail entries to: Okeechobee County Fair Horse Shows
8668 SW 2nd Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974

For more information contact: Renee Mims at 561-324-3624

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per horse per rider (3 horses maximum)

Stall Fee: \$15.00 per day (1 horse per stall)

Check or money order accepted payable to Okeechobee County Fair Association

ENTRY FORM

Rider Name: _____ Rider Age Division: _____

Horse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Total Amount Due: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Okeechobee County Fair Horse Shows Rules

1. ALL HORSES MUST HAVE PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS (XEROX COPY WILL BE ACCEPTED).
2. Stalls are available on a first come, first serve basis. Horse information card must be on each stall relating to the animal in that stall. Card must include breed, owner, club affiliation and emergency information. One horse only per stall.
3. Only exhibitors with completed signed release forms are permitted to handle or work any horse exhibiting on the fairgrounds. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be excused from the fairgrounds.
4. Exhibitors are responsible for acquiring exhibitor passes at the check-in booth. Exhibitor passes will not be issued until a completed and signed release form is submitted.
5. Vehicles towing horse trailers will park in the designated trailer parking area.
6. Vehicles not towing a horse trailer must park in vehicle parking area.
7. There will be ABSOLUTELY NO riding, racing or standing of horses, mounted or not, in or around horse stall area, spectator area, midway or entertainment area, or other areas that will endanger the horse, rider or public.
8. NO member of the fair-going public is permitted to ride or handle any horse on the fairgrounds.
9. No riding of horses with halter or rope unless part of exhibition.
10. There will be no mistreatment of animals allowed. Proper action will be taken by Horse Show Committee against violators.
11. Exhibitor must remain with your horse while it is in the horse barn and exhibition area, unless arrangements are made by you and approved by the Horse Show Committee.
12. Stalls in horse barn must be cleaned regularly and as soon as your horse is removed at the end of your show. Aisles of the horse barn must be kept clean and clear of obstacles.
13. No horses with visible signs of illness, fever, lameness, or unhealed injuries shall be exhibited. Only horses in good general health shall be allowed to exhibit. Horses must be in show condition.
14. Proper show attire is required. This is to include proper footwear (no sneakers, sandals, or tennis shoes – only heeled shoes are acceptable).
15. Youth participating in the Fair must be accompanied by a parent or supervising adult while in the horse stall and exhibition area. Youth 16 years and younger must have proper ASTM or SEI safety helmet to exhibit. The parents or guardian will be held accountable for the action of the youth entrusted in their care.
16. While performing, announcing, or manning a booth, or while having contact as an exhibitor with the fair-going public, an exhibitor may not possess or consume alcohol or other intoxicating substances, or be intoxicated. This rule will be strictly enforced, and violations will be dealt with immediately.
17. Horses must be under control at all times.
18. NO DOGS will be allowed in or around horses, exhibitors or the public.
19. EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY ANY AND ALL SPECIAL RULES POSTED IN THE HORSE BARN AND EXHIBITION AREA.
20. Any violations of these rules and/or any conduct dangerous to people or horses will subject the individual to immediate dismissal from the fairgrounds and jeopardize any future activities in the horse events. Any unethical action is considered a violation of these rules.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs from other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs

and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show official before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including **Fairs and Expositions** and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.