

## **LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(Also see FAIR GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS)

1. All exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding, feed and water buckets for their exhibits, NO STRAW ALLOWED. Cattle will use wood chips only for bedding, and it is provided by the Beef Department for a fee. All pens will be cleaned out on dismissal or premiums will be withheld. It is important that all bedding material be removed from your pen and from underneath adjoining pens. A locked box for show equipment is recommended. Please mark all equipment for identification. Advertising, such as personal names, name of club, etc., is not allowed on show ring equipment.
2. All market animal weigh-in weights will be final once the animal has left the scale.
3. **Only white Polk County Fair T-shirts, white 4-H T-shirts, white FFA T-shirts, or plain white shirts and long jeans may be worn by exhibitors in show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed.** (Exception: Horse department rules regarding dress and helmets.)
4. All livestock must be shown by the exhibitor who enters it, except in cases of illness or two exhibits in the same class. Substitutes must be Polk County 4-H or FFA members and be reported to the Department Superintendent before entering the show ring.
5. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the show ring at time of judging.
6. **Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in animal giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.**
7. All entries must be in place as noted in "Livestock Weigh-In and Check-In Times".
8. **All exhibits must remain in assigned pen, cage, stall, or booth until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday unless stated otherwise in department rules.**
9. All beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be **FSQA or YQCA certified** in order to show. Contact Extension Office for FSQA or YQCA certification.
10. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have Drug affidavit turned in at weigh-in.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR**

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture

Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.

Individual Certificates of Veterinary Inspection will be required on livestock or poultry exhibited at a county 4-H/FFA fair, and must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by a livestock superintendents. Superintendents will require health certificates at check-in time or the animal will be removed from the fair grounds. Each show must have an official veterinarian. Health Certificates must be issued within 30 days (14 days for sheep) of the county fair. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

**Swine** - No testing is required for swine at an exhibition that involves only market classes, provided all swine are consigned directly to a slaughter establishment from the exhibition. Commercial gilts may be taken home subject to the state health rules and regulations.

**Sheep and Goats** - All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG).

**Poultry and Birds** - All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, and have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition performed by an authorized tester. All testing must be completed by the start of the fair and will not be done at the fair. Certificates will be reviewed by Superintendent at check-in.

**Dogs and Cats** - All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. Cats must have been vaccinated before July 2 with the vaccination number listed on the entry form. You will be required to present your current rabies certificate at the scheduled check-in time.

### **THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL**

These are the requirements as of February 2018, subject to change with the release of 2018 regulations.