

Wyoming State Fair

Youth Livestock Shows Policies & Procedures

ALPACA - BEEF CATTLE - GOATS - HORSES - POULTRY - RABBITS - SHEEP - SWINE - WOOL

1. **Wyoming State Fair management reserves the right to interpret all rules and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions not adequately addressed in this guide.**

2. **Rules and Regulations.** Compliance with *General Rules and Regulations* apply. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable rules and regulations. Read on page 15.

3. **Health and Animal Welfare.** All animals must meet *Livestock Health and Welfare Requirements*. Read on page 54.

4. **Exhibitor Responsibility.** Wyoming State Fair will not be responsible for losses, injuries, or mishaps that may befall animals during the show. Reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent losses or injuries.

5. **Exhibitor Eligibility.** Bona-fide Wyoming 4-H and Wyoming FFA members, in good standing, are eligible to enter and participate as a representative of their respective county 4-H program or FFA chapter. Youth must have exhibited/shown at their respective, and most recent, county fair.

Separate 4-H and FFA Animal Entries. Per the June 2021 MOU between UWE 4-H and the Wyoming FFA Association, any youth enrolled in both organizations must identify each static exhibit or animal entered for competition as being a unique outcome of their FFA SAE or their 4-H project and enter the correct classes/divisions endorsed by the applicable organization.

6. **Entry Process.** Entries are completed by the members' respective FFA Advisor or 4-H Educator. Read on page 78.

7. **Ownership.** All livestock must be owned by the individual member by the following dates:

**Market Beef - February 1; Horses/Dogs - May 1;
Market Lambs, Swine, Goats, Poultry - June 1; Meat Rabbits - 80 day rule (see page 93)**

8. **Tagging/Identification.** All market animals shown must be properly tagged, by the above dates, with current, designated Wyoming State Fair RFID ear tags, or an approved USDA 15 digit RFID ear tag. Market animals not having the proper RFID tags in place will not be eligible to show.

9. **Youth Animal Fitting Policy:** Exhibitors must be present for and actively participate in the fitting of their animals. In the interest of safety and education, an exhibitor may be assisted at the Wyoming State Fair in the fitting of their animal. Assistance is defined as a learning opportunity where the person doing the assisting is educating the youth exhibitor on the technique of ethical fitting as outlined within the premium book. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification or removal from the fairgrounds by State Fair Management.

Unethical Fitting at the Wyoming State Fair is defined as: the injection, use, or administration of any drug that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law, or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State or Local Law; the injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal that, conceals, enhances, or transforms the true conformation, configuration, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes; tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair/wool or hair/wool substitutes, cloth or fiber; any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of beef, sheep, swine or goat carcasses.

Maintaining the integrity of the meat derived from the livestock exhibited at the Wyoming State Fair is the primary reason for the policies and procedures. Most of the market animals shown at the WSF were previously shown and sold before entry to the WSF. Exhibitors have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be safe for the consuming public.

10. **Stalling/Pens.** All Youth show animals must be housed in the designated Youth section, unless given special written permission by the Youth Livestock Superintendent of the species in question, in cooperation and agreement with the applicable Open Show Superintendent.

11. **Bedding.** There is no bedding provided. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Read page 18.

12. **Livestock Trailers.** No livestock trailers can be parked on the grounds without proper permits display on the trailer. Complimentary permits are provided to each FFA Advisor and 4-H Educator based on their number of WSF registered livestock exhibitors. Read on page 104

13. **Feed Delivery Vehicles.** Complimentary permits are provided to each FFA Advisor and 4-H Educator based on their number of WSF registered livestock exhibitors. Read on page 104

14. **Blocking Chutes, Trim Tables, Fitting Stands and Fans.** All livestock fans must be suspended. No fans attached to a cart or dolly. No butt fans. No fans in pedestrian walkways. Fans or equipment, in use by exhibitors, that is deemed to be obstructing safety or space, needed pen space, or facility operations will be requested to be removed by State Fair management. Safety guidelines, as set by the Wyoming State Fire Marshal, must prevail.

15. **Judges/Judging.** All judges' decisions are final. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations of this show. If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of duties, shall be asked to leave the judging arena.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, and offending exhibitors may; forfeit awards and premiums, be dismissed immediately from the fairgrounds, and/or lose future eligibility at the Wyoming State Fair. This is considered a violation of the *National Code of Show Ring Ethics*. Read page 18.

16. **Reporting Violations.** Witnessed violations of the Youth Show Rules should be reported to an adult to then be addressed as follows:

1. To the FFA Advisor or 4-H Educator of the member whose entry is involved.
2. If the situation is not resolved, report to the state organizational leadership of the member. (State 4-H Coordinator or State FFA Advisor)
3. If the situation is not resolved, report to a member of the WSF Youth Show Committee to review.
4. If the situation might need legal attention, an appeal can be made through the WSF formal protest process only after steps 1-3 have been followed.

17. **Protests.** All formal protests from the Youth Livestock Show, must be made by a current Youth Livestock Show exhibitor and must be submitted in writing, be signed by the Youth exhibitor(s), and be accompanied by \$100 cash or certified check (Fee refunded if protest is sustained). The protest must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the State Fair Director immediately after the occasion for the protest. A protest pertaining to eligibility is most suitable when submitted prior to judging. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an entry will be considered. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, interested parties may be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. A decision may be withheld until a complete investigation can be made.

18. **Suggestions/Comments.** Any person or group is encouraged to offer constructive comments and/or provide recommendations to improve the Wyoming State Fair Youth Livestock Show experience, to benefit all Wyoming youth show participants, at the present time and for the future. Comments may be made by visiting www.wystatefair.com

GENERAL YOUTH LIVESTOCK POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All Youth livestock entries are to be made by computer from the county level. Computer entry deadline is 6:00 P.M., Saturday, August 13, 2022 for youth entries. All Youth Show exhibitors must have medical release forms from their respective youth organization.

1. Each FFA or 4-H exhibitor in this department is required to pay a processing fee as a condition toward application for entry. Processing fees are established as follows: \$20.00 per head for beef cattle (breeding, market, feeder calf and cow/calf pair); \$15.00 equine (halter and performance); \$10.00 per head for sheep (breeding and market), swine (breeding and market), and all goats; \$3.00 per rabbit; \$3.00 per bird (poultry) and \$3.00 per wool fleece.

These fees are to be paid in full by the deadline of 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 16, 2022. If fees are not paid in full, the exhibitor(s) will either forfeit the right to compete in the 2022 Wyoming State Fair or must pay a late processing fee of \$50 per county and/or chapter to be accepted.

Friday, August 12 Youth Horse Show Entry Deadline
(Electronic entry closes at 12 Midnight)

Saturday, August 13

- 6:00 P.M. — Deadline for Youth Livestock Show entries/numbers via Showworks.
- Extension Educators/FFA Advisors submit via Showworks the number of livestock (all species) coming to fair.
- **ABSOLUTE** deadline for computer entry for all 4-H and FFA static entries.

Monday, August 15

- 5:00 P.M. — Deadline for all 4-H/FFA exhibits and all Youth Livestock to be in place.
- 7:00 P.M. — 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Meeting (Cafeteria)

Saturday, August 20

- 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. — Early Release of Youth Show Livestock exhibits.

No Livestock released prior to this time

Sunday, August 21

- 6:00 A.M. — Begin Release of all Youth Show exhibits.

2. All animals brought to the Wyoming State Fair have a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. See the animal health requirements on page 54 of this competition guide.

When a question arises concerning the health of any animal exhibited on the fairgrounds, the Show Superintendent shall consult with the State Fair Veterinarian and recommend an action to the Fair Management. Said animal may be dismissed or quarantined, if necessary.

All livestock brought to the Wyoming State Fair must be accompanied by a current brand inspection, when applicable.

3. NOTICE: Advisors and/or Agents making entry for the Youth Livestock Show are to figure animal head count/stall/pen needs accurately and properly, especially in the case where facilities have specified limits for space allowed per county and/or chapter. Those individual counties/chapters who exceed allocation shall be fined \$100.00 and the processing fees for the upcoming (next State Fair) year shall double (i.e., \$10.00 sheep fee goes to \$20.00) for all youth livestock shows. No exceptions. Honesty and integrity are the guide.

4. During official class judging, only the exhibitor will be allowed in the show ring. In case of exhibitor sickness or other emergency, an animal may be shown by a substitute exhibitor, providing the substitute is a bona-fide Wyoming 4-H or FFA member and the Show Superintendent grants permission in writing and is recorded in advance of the show for an animal class.

In Showmanship Classes, exhibitors must show their own animal.

5. Youth exhibitors are encouraged to enter Open Class shows and **MUST PRE-ENTER** by the July 25 entry deadline or as stated in the specific Open Class Show. Youth sheep exhibitors must enter the open sheep show by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18. **Please note entry fees, late fee charges and registration paper requirements for Open Class Entries.**

Original registration papers, or photocopies thereof, must be presented for all animals entered in classes so requiring. **Absolutely no "applied for" registrations will be accepted.**

6. In case the total department premiums exceed the established premium budget, premiums will be scaled down as designated by State Fair management to meet budget.

In the case where no donor is designated, there will be no special award presented.

7. There will be no dogs allowed in the Livestock Barns. Please review the guidelines and policy for dogs in the front of this State Fair Guide.

8. Each Youth member having livestock for show is required to keep their display area clean and have the stalls orderly at all times. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of premiums and/or awards.

Herdsmanship is an important component of the youth show and youth groups not meeting minimal daily herdsmanSHIP requirements may forfeit awards/premiums from the show. Stall cards are to be completed and on display for the duration of the fair.

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*110th Wyoming State Fair
and Rodeo!*

2022

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August 15 - 19, 2023!

Welcome!

YOUTH LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS