

JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Rules and Regulations:** General Rules and Regulations apply to this division as well as these listed as Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations and those rules listed in each specific and/or special division.
2. **Health:** All animals must meet Livestock Health Requirements. See section for details.
3. **Premise ID:** A Premise Identification Number is required for every animal entered in the all Junior Market Shows. These can be acquired through your county Extension office or by Internet searching: (your state) Premise ID number.
4. **Responsibility:** Stock Show will not be responsible for losses, injuries or mishaps that may befall animals during the show. All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent losses or injuries.
5. **Eligibility for Application of Entry:**
 - A. **Age -Junior Market Participants:** To be eligible to exhibit junior market animals at the National Western Stock Show, the Participant must be nine (9) years of age but not twenty (20) years of age as of January 1, 2022 and formally enrolled and a member in good standing in 4-H or FFA.
 - B. **Age -Junior Breeding Participants:** Eligibility to exhibit breeding animals is extended to members of a Junior Breed Association, being eight (8) years of age but not more than twenty one (21) years of age as of January 1, 2022. Junior Breed Associations verify each membership and age. There may be exceptions of some breeds extending the age requirement brackets, please check with respective breed associations.
 - C. **Comply to General Rules:** In addition to meeting the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations and Auction of Junior Livestock Champions Rules and Regulations of the National Western Stock Show, the Junior exhibitors must comply with the rules and regulations regarding the showing of livestock of their respective states and species.
 - D. **4-H/FFA:** 4-H and FFA Participants must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting; only these animals are eligible. Continuous possession, care, feeding practices and record keeping must be done under the supervision of: County Extension Agents, FFA Advisors or State Club Leaders.
 - E. **MANDTORY 4-H Agent/FFA Advisors Signature(s): The signature of the 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor of Participant is REQUIRED on all junior market entry Confirmation Receipt and are due with DNA kits postmarked by November 1, 2021.** Their signature is to verify: The entry is a bona fide project of their state's 4-H or FFA program; the Participant is a member in good standing; that the animal is owned and in the continuous possession of the Participant; 4-H County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor has read the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations, Auction of Junior Livestock Champions Rules and Regulations, specific and/or special division Rules and Regulations, and Participant has been advised of these rules as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; been cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and all rules and regulations have been complied with, to the extent of their participation. **Entries will NOT be accepted without these signatures.**
 - F. **Participant/Parent Signature:** The Participant and parent/legal guardian of Participant electronically sign the DNA kits (junior market only) and entry forms certifying that they have read the General Rules and Regulations, Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations, Auction of Junior Livestock Champions Rules and Regulations, specific and/or special division rules and regulations

and that Participant has been advised of these rules and regulations as well as The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; cautioned regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substances, unethical fitting and agrees to observe and abide by all rules and regulations. The parent or legal guardian must also sign the Quality Assurance Certificate in accordance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act.

- 6. Entry Deadlines: All Junior Market and Junior Wether Doe entries close November 1, 2021. All Junior Breeding Heifers close November 20, 2021. All Junior Ewe Lambs close December 15, 2021.** Entries must be postmarked on or before the due date or Participants assume responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in preparation of entries. No late entries will be accepted.
- 7. Ownership:** Each animal must be entered under the exhibitors name. Only individual ownership of entered animals is permitted for Market Steer, Swine, Lambs, Goats and Wether Does as at November 1, 2021. Junior Breeding Heifer ownership must be in the name of the Participant as of December 1, 2021. Junior Ewe Lambs must be registered in the individual Participants name prior to December 1, 2021 No animals may be owned or exhibited in a partnership or jointly owned.
 - A. Ownership Deadline - Junior Market:** Animals entered must be in the name and possession of the Participant no later than November 1, 2021. Participants are personally responsible for the general custody, care and feeding of their animals.
 - B. Spot Checks:** Stock Show reserves the right to make spot checks of animals and Participants at any time to inspect and verify ownership and possession of any livestock entered in the Junior Livestock Show. In addition, a Primary Care Statement will be acknowledged by every Participant through their online entries. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
- 8. Family Fit Rule:** Participant and immediate family only (father, mother, brothers and sisters), in whose name the animal is owned and accepted entry is acknowledged will be allowed to wash, groom and fit the animal after arriving on Stock Show grounds. Participant must be present during any feeding or fitting. NO CUSTOM FITTERS ALLOWED. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
 - A. Family Helper Wristbands:** Any immediate family member not exhibiting who will be assisting a junior market Participant MUST wear a wristband provided by the NWSS. Each Participant will be provided one (1) wristband free of charge. Up to three (3) additional wrist bands per family may be purchased at time of entry. No additional wrist bands may be purchased upon arrival. Permitted wristbands will be distributed upon arrival.
 - B. Exceptions:** Each Participant and a parent or legal guardian must sign a certification of compliance and possession or must provide a written request for total or partial exemption from this requirement if compliance would cause the Participant an unusual hardship. Any such written request may be granted or denied on the sole discretion of the Stock Show. This certificate also must verify that no one outside the Participant's immediate family will receive any portion of any premium, prize money or auction proceeds that the Participant may receive.
- 9. Treatment Records, Meat Quality Assurance Form & Carcasses:** For each animal exhibited in any junior market livestock competition at the National Western Stock Show, the Participant must prepare and submit a Meat Quality Assurance form due at the processing of each respective species. This form must state all illnesses, injuries, medications and injections, including the locations of any injuries and injections, the dates, amounts of medications and injections given the animal and the purpose of each treatment. If care is given by a licensed veterinarian, receipts must be presented showing the name and address of the veterinarian, and the dates, diagnoses and specific treatments provided to the animals.

- A. United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act:** The Participants are required to submit a properly executed Quality Assurance Certificate number or proof of being current in a Meat Quality Assurance program (YQCA, Quality Counts, MQA etc) in accordance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act (refer to Appendix)
- B. Animal Carcass:** If a carcass of any animal of any specie, regardless of being sold through the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, sifted or sold direct to a packing house, is condemned for any reason the Participant will receive no payment. Stock Show will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass. Stock Show reserves the right, at its discretion, to take immediate control and possession of carcass and determine method of disposal.
- C. Sheep and Goat Compliance:** Lambs Goats may not be given injections or have any foreign objects, including but not limited to needles, placed in their bodies except that subcutaneous injections of approved medications may be given in front of the point of the shoulder, i.e., in the goat's neck. Injections must be given in conformity with the American Sheep Industry Association's "Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance Program (© September 2004)". Note Rule in the Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations concerning information that must be provided for each animal.
- 10. Prohibited Substance Testing:** Every animal eligible for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions, including all Champions and Reserve Champions of each specie, will be tested for prohibited substances. All other junior market animals will be subject to random testing. TESTING WILL BE DONE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH CLASS OR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP. IF NO SAMPLE HAS BEEN COLLECTED 2 HOURS PRIOR TO THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE, A SAMPLE WILL BE COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DRIVE. EACH PARTICIPANTS COOPERATION IS REQUIRED. If prohibited substances are found in the blood, urine, tissue, hide or carcasses of animals at time of testing or following slaughter, or if there is evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage and/or tampering, the Participant forfeits all rights and is subject to all sanctions including, but not limited to, disqualification and barred from future participation in the National Western Stock Show. The National Western Stock Show will comply with and enforce Colorado Tampering or Drugging of Livestock Law 18-9-207.
- Prohibited Substances may include but not be limited to:**
- A.** Any substance which is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in slaughter animals and for use in the species and sex of the animal being exhibited:
- B.** Any substance which, regardless of approval by the FDA or USDA, has a required withdrawal period;
- C.** Any substance not administered in accordance with drug label directions; and/or
- D.** Any substance which has the potential to enhance an animal's performance including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory, tranquilizers and pain killers.
- 11. Drug Testing Fee:** In addition to entry fees for all junior market animals, an initial drug testing fee of \$10.00 per animal (up to 4 head entered for sheep, goats and steers. Up to 2 head of swine entered) is due at time of entry to cover random testing for foreign and prohibited substances. Failure to include this fee will result in entry not being processed. If there is a charge for a stop test it will be prorated to the Participant. The prorated amount will be deducted from the sale proceeds of each animal after Stock Show receives the final results and billing of the tests. Proceeds will be issued at this time. This method of prorated deductions and distribution of sale proceeds is approved by the Packers and Stockyards Division.
- 12. DNA Testing:** Stock Show reserves the right to take DNA samples and utilize DNA testing for any reason stock show deems necessary.

- 13. Animal Welfare:** There will be no needles allowed in the junior market steer, swine, lamb and goat barn. Any medication needed must be administered by the National Western Stock Show veterinarian. Anyone found in violation will be disqualified.
- 14. Terminal Show:** NWSS is a terminal show for all junior market goats, lambs, steers and sale-qualifying junior market swine brought on to the National Western Stock Show grounds. Junior market swine who do not qualify for the Junior Auction are non-terminal and must be taken home by exhibitors at the conclusion of the swine show. No exceptions.
- A. Harvesting:** All animals will be slaughtered at packing facilities designated by the Stock Show Management. Animals will be slaughtered immediately following their respective shows with the exception of Grand and Reserve Grand Champions and those animals qualifying for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions and those animals used for judging contest purposes. The Exhibitor of any animal whose carcass is condemned for any reason by the slaughter house will not receive payment for their animal. A kill truck will NOT be provided for any non-sale qualifying junior market swine.
- B. ALL JUNIOR MARKET SWINE WHO DO NOT MAKE THE SALE ARE NON-TERMINAL AND MUST BE TAKEN HOME BY EXHIBITORS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SHOW.** A harvesting truck will NOT be provided for any non-sale qualifying junior market swine. No exceptions.
- 15. Official Weight:** The weight recorded at time of processing for each specie will become the qualifying and official weight. All Junior Market Participants will call their own weights via official weight card provided by the NWSS. All weight cards are due at processing. No changes to any official weight card, nor will any late weight cards will be permitted after the conclusion of the respective processing time.
- A. Re-Weights:** No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. Stock Show reserves the right, at its discretion, to check the weight of any animal at any time. Participants are not allowed to bring scales on to the Stock Show grounds. Stock Show provides certified, official scales throughout the barns.
- 16. Blocking Chutes, Trim Tables, Fitting Stands and Fans:** No fans will be allowed to be brought on to the National Western Stock Show grounds except by Junior Market Steer Participants. One blocking chute will be allowed per Junior Market Steer Participant. Participants in the Junior Market Lamb, Goat and Wether Doe divisions will be allowed to use trim tables and fitting stands on the National Western Grounds in a designated area and time. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to disqualification and/or other sanctions. No fans attached to a cart or dolly. All fans must be suspended. No butt fans.
- 17. Stalls and Pen Assignments:** Junior market goats, sheep and swine will stall upon arrival to the NWSS. Market steers may be -pre stalled to respect space and schedule of coinciding shows. National Western Stock Show management can assign pens or stalls to any exhibitor at its discretion in all species. Animals will be assigned specific stalls and pens and must remain in those stalls or pens except during brief exercise and wash rack periods only. Anyone found in violation of this rule may be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.
- 18. Open Show Participation:** Participants may enter the same registered breeding animal in both the Junior Breeding Show division and the Open Breeding Show division providing entry and additional fees are properly entered by the deadline. Participants may show other animals in the Open Breeding Show division that they do not show in the Junior Livestock Show classes if they wish.
- 19. Showing of Animal:** Participant must be present at processing and show; they must also sell their own animal(s) unless excused in writing by Stock Show 24 hours prior to the Auction

of Junior Livestock Champions. Participant may secure one other Junior Livestock Show Participant to show their animal in case of illness or if they are showing more than one entry at the same time. Prior approval from Stock Show is required. No one will be permitted to assist the Participant while showing any animal. If an animal gets away from Participant three (3) times during the class, the Participant will be excused from the class and disqualified. If an animal is late once the class has entered the ring, that Participant will not be allowed to enter the class and will be disqualified.

- 20. Showmanship:** Animals must be owned by the Participant, entered and eligible to be shown in a current National Western Stock Show class in order to exhibit in Showmanship. Animals not making weight may not be used. Premiums will be offered in all Showmanship classes for a minimum of five (5) places but up to ten (10%) percent of the class depending upon the number of entries. Stock Show will determine the number of premiums paid.
- 21. Care and Feeding of Sale Animals Before Junior Auction:** Junior Market Participants who qualify for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be responsible for the care, custody, control and feeding of their animals until loaded following the Auction. Any Participant failing to appear for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions after being accepted and included in the sale order will be barred from selling in any future National Western Auctions; the animal will be pulled from the sale order and the Participant will receive the “buy back” price for their animal. Exception will be medical or other written excuse at the discretion of the Stock Show Management.
- 22. Locked/Secured Barns:** For security reasons all junior market steer, swine, lamb and goat barns will be locked at 9:00 p.m. every night and remain locked until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.
- 23. Feed and Bedding:** Straw, shavings and bedding must be purchased through the National Western Stock Show Feed Concession and can be ordered in advance by calling 303-299-5559. Participants are responsible for keeping stalls and pens clean. First bedding will not be provided for any animals with the exception of one bag of shavings per Participant will be charged with each junior market goat, lamb, swine and wether doe entry. Participants will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.
- 24. Auction of Junior Livestock Champions:** An auction of the top placing junior market animals will be held Friday, January 21, 2022. All grand and reserve grand champions will be required to attend a buyers social prior to the time of the sale.
- 25. Collegiate Judging Contest Proceeds:** Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each specie will be directed to the Collegiate Judging contests.
- 26. Premier Exhibitor:** Participants (and only those participants) whose animals qualify to sell in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions are required participate in the Premier Exhibitor contest. This contest is based on the following criteria: live placing of animal, carcass placing of animal, oral interview, quiz and showmanship. Time and location of oral interview will be posted in Livestock Superintendent’s Office and handed out at the show ring exit. Immediately following the conclusion of each Junior Market Show we will host an sale exhibitor meeting providing information packets. Any Participant who qualifies for the Premier Exhibitor Award and does not participate in the interview portion of the program, will receive only fifty (50%) percent of the sale price received from the Junior Auction. (*Explanation: Participant will receive the full “buy back” price, less appropriate deductions from the packing house, but will receive only fifty (50%) percent of whatever amount was bid, less appropriate deductions, at the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions*). The balance will remain in the Scholarship Program.

27. Sale Proceeds, Commissions and/or Deductions:

- A. A five (5%) percent commission of the gross sale price for all animals sold in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions (excluding Catch-A-Calves; those deductions are listed on page 84) or three (3%) percent of the gross sale price for all animals not qualifying for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions (sifted or sold direct to packing house) will be deducted to cover the cost of handling and office charges of the Stock Show; and
- B. Deductions as required from the packing house and/or those required by state regulations such as, but not limited to; Colorado Brand Board, Colorado Pork Producers, Colorado Beef Board, freight charges, etc.; and
- C. Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of all animals sold in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions will be directed to the National Western Scholarship Trust; and
- D. Ten (10%) percent of the gross sale price of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each specie will be directed to the Collegiate Judging contests.

28. Participant Warranties for Sale Animals: By offering an animal for sale each Participant warrants:

- A. That the carcass of the animal complies with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption; and
- B. That the carcass of such animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws or Stock Show Rules and Regulations; and
- C. That the carcass of such animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practice, as defined in the Stock Show Rules and Regulations; and
- D. That there exists no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of such animal that would materially diminish the value of such carcass. These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality for the sale animal's carcass, without regard to the Participant's actual responsibility or fault.

29. Procedure in the Event of Possible Breach of Warranty: Stock Show will in no way be responsible for breaches of contract between sellers and buyers. If in the sole judgment of Stock Show, any Participant's warranties concerning the carcass of a sale animal may be breached, Stock Show shall notify the Participant in writing. The Participant shall have ten (10) days after the date of such written notice is sent in which to respond in writing. This response shall be delivered to National Western Stock Show, 4655 Humboldt Street, Denver, CO 80216-2818. Following receipt of any such response, or following expiration of ten (10) days without receiving a response, Stock Show may determine in its sole discretion, whether there was a breach of any of the Participant's warranties concerning the carcass of the sale animal, and if so, what sanctions shall be imposed or other actions taken. Such sanctions or actions may include, without limitation:

- A. Disqualification
- B. May permanently bar such animals and/or carcasses from competition at the National Western Stock Show; and
- C. May bar the Participant from entering such animal and/or the Participants family, representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the National Western Stock Show; and
- D. Submit name and address of Participant and action taken against Participant to other cooperating Livestock Exhibitions, Shows and Sales, through the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association's Rule Infraction Database, affecting eligibility and
- E. Release to the media such actions.

- F. In the event any awards, banners, premiums, prizes, ribbons, trophies and sale proceeds shall have been awarded by Stock Show or Stock Show Sponsors, to animals exhibited in violation of these rules, the Participant of such animal will, upon demand of Stock Show, immediately return to Stock Show all awards, banners, premiums, prizes, ribbons, trophies and sale proceeds awarded to such disqualified animals.
- G. Participant will be liable to Stock Show and shall indemnify and hold Stock Show harmless from all damages including, but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Stock Show Management labor and expenses, as well as legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Stock Show Rules and Regulations. By submitting an animal for sale through the Stock Show, each Participant consents to this procedure for determining breach of warranty; agrees that the determination of the Stock Show is final and releases Stock Show from any and all liability arising from disputes concerning possible breaches of warranty.

Wholesome Meat Act:

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market live-stock sold during National Western Stock Show as follows:

- A. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- C. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- D. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the National Western Stock Show, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price and any other premiums offered by the show.

Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

Wholesome Assurance Statement:

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law.

**Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as licensed revocation.*

Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA-established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

All individuals exhibiting animals must comply with the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics. All junior market livestock participants must comply with the Quality Assurance Certificate, the Wholesome Meat Act and the NWSS Residue Avoidance Program.



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

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 National 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 animal 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. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, 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 in the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs 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 laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and 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 the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except the 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 officials 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 and 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, trainer, 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 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 of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, 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 the code. It is further a consent that any 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.



WARNING ALL JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

***** IF YOU CHEAT YOU WILL BE CAUGHT *****

The National Western Stock Show has and will continue to take a hard stance in penalizing exhibitors when rules are broken. Punishable offenses include violation of the rules and ethics code practices described in the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Premium Book. Use of non-approved medications and feed additives, or improper withdrawal periods on approved medications have also resulted in penalties. Exhibitors should leave their needles and syringes at home. Artificial enhancements, surgeries or injections that alter or enhance an animal's phenotype are also prohibited.

Penalties for violations include any or all of the following:

- Expulsion from entry at any future NWSS;
- Suspension from entry for a period of years;
- Surrender of all premiums, awards and/or sale proceeds;
- Reimbursement of all associated costs incurred by the NWSS
- Referral to law enforcement for violations of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act and/or the Colorado Tampering and Drugging of Livestock Law, C.R.S.18-9-207; and

Other penalties as determined by the NWSS:

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and understand all the requirements of the NWSS Premium Book, no exceptions! Be aware that penalties may also be assessed against family members of the violating exhibitor. Violators of the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Act or the Colorado Tampering and Drugging Law are subject to significant fines and/or prison sentences if convicted in a court of law. Violations of these laws are not taken lightly by state or federal officials or by the National Western Stock Show!

Substance Testing:

The NWSS tests all livestock that become eligible for the Junior Livestock Auction of Champions. Additionally, random tests are conducted on other junior market livestock. The tests are conducted by a federally approved laboratory. If a positive initial test is found, a confirmation test is performed to confirm the results. The testing procedures are very sensitive and can identify substances of less than one nanogram. The laboratory can and does test for a wide range of legal and illegal substances.

No Self Medication of Livestock on Premises:

While on NWSS premises, do not administer any medication or calf calming agents without disclosing it to NWSS officials! The NWSS veterinarians are here to help when you have a health issue with your livestock. They charge a minimal fee for Junior Exhibitors to consult with and/or treat the livestock. Exhibitors are required to use the services of the NWSS veterinarians and should not take chances by self administering medications of any sort.

Here are a few tips to help prevent the risk of a rules violation:

1. Know what is in your feed. Certain products approved for one species may not be approved for all species. Check all labels before use of any product. For example, Beta Agonist products like Optiflex are approved for cattle and Paylean is approved for hogs; however, none of these products are approved for lambs or goats. Be certain that your show feeds and show feed supplements do not contain violation-causing ingredients for the species you are showing.
2. Be sure that all family and others assisting with care of your animals are aware of the rules you as an exhibitor are subject to. Remember you are responsible for what is in the animal and not someone else! The legal responsibility rests on your shoulders!

3. Follow all withdrawal requirements of any additive to the full extent of the label on the product. Improper withdrawal may result in penalties being assessed on the exhibitor.
4. **Special Notice:** Zilmax is not accepted by the beef packers that harvest the Junior Market Steers for the NWSS. Our testing will include a test for Zilmax and if found in Market Beef these exhibitors are subject to penalties identified in this document.

Maintaining the integrity and safety of the meat derived from the livestock exhibited at the NWSS is the primary reason for the policies and procedures referred to above. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a moral and ethical responsibility to produce meat that will be totally safe for the consuming public. Those who disrespect these responsibilities can and will suffer the consequences.

