

19. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Photographs of Champion and Grand Champion livestock and exhibits will be taken by the Official Photographer of the Wyoming State Fair. Exhibitors of Champion and Grand Champion winners must make themselves and their exhibits available for the taking of official photographs immediately following judging or at the request of the Official Photographer. The official photographs are to become the property of the Wyoming State Fair for reference and promotional use.
20. **STALLING:** Entry fees do not dictate stall/pen spaces. Exhibitors will only receive proper space for each animal delivered to the Wyoming State Fair, regardless of the number of entries made for the show. A cow-calf pair is considered as one entry, but the exhibitor is given 2 stall spaces for the entry. After the animals have been stalled, they shall not be moved to any other part of the facilities except on the consent of the department superintendent and/or state fair management. **LIMIT: One (1) horse per stall in any horse barns.**
21. **STALL REQUEST:** To assist the fair management in special stalling requests, exhibitors (counties/chapters) should request such on their entry form (each exhibitor/county/chapter involved should make this identical request). Requests will be honored, if possible. There will not be space allocated for tack or lounging stalls.
22. **TIE OUTS:** Tie out spaces for open show and youth show cattle are included with fees submitted at the time of entry and space will be assigned upon arrival by the designated beef cattle superintendents.
23. **EQUIPMENT:** Any equipment brought in to be used in assigned stalls or space must comply with and be used in compliance with all federal, state, and municipal occupational safety and health regulation. Some equipment may require a special permit and a fee to be paid before being utilized on grounds.
- a) **FANS:** There will be no allowance for fans in any pedestrian aisle. No rear (butt) fans are allowed in any aisle. No exceptions.
- b) **TRIM CHUTES:** Space for chutes will be on designated interior wall areas, or outside of the livestock pavilion. No chutes are allowed in outside or center aisles of the cattle stalling section.
24. **FIRST BEDDING:** Will be provided for all cattle stalls. Dairy goats and breeding sheep (wool breeds) will be allowed to bed on straw, if provided by the exhibitor and removed from the stalls by the exhibitor upon departure.
25. **BEDDING:** Wood shavings for bedding may be available for purchase, at designated locations. All wood shavings are to be paid for with cash at the time of purchase. No billings will be made. Exhibitors who use their own bedding will be allowed to bring the bedding on grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis. Storage of large quantities of bedding and/or feed in the barns/buildings is prohibited. Extra bedding and/or feed must be kept in vehicles and/or trailers in the assigned parking areas. Schedules for feeding, deliveries, exercising and tie outs will be established and strictly enforced to minimize traffic congestion.
26. **CLEANUP:** All stalls, pens and exhibition places must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day and refuse matter disposed of in designated areas as directed by State Fair management. For those exhibitors not disposing of animal waste and bedding in the proper designated areas or refusing to keep their area, stalls, pens and/or exhibits clean and neat, fair management reserves the right to have said stalls or pens properly cleaned with the cost to be charged against the exhibitor. Said cost will be collected from the exhibitor prior to a release being issued or may be deducted from premiums to be paid out.
27. **ENTRIES OFFERED FOR SALE:** Any entry offered or exposed for sale during the State Fair must be entered and exhibited in its respective class. All livestock sold through a recognized Breed Association Sale shall be eligible to be removed from the State Fairgrounds by the new owner at the close of the sale by presenting sale verification and with written approval of the Show Superintendent and sale management.+59
28. **CONFLICTS:** Nothing shall be sold or given away or otherwise disposed of by exhibitors which will in any way conflict with, or which is subject matter of, any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Wyoming State Fair.
29. **POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION:** In the event an animal dies on grounds, during the Wyoming State Fair, State Fair management reserves the right to require a postmortem examination of the animal by a licensed veterinarian. If a postmortem examination is ordered by the Wyoming State Fair or by the owner or exhibitor of the animal, the expense of the postmortem examination and any related veterinary costs are to be borne by the owner/exhibitor.
30. **ENFORCEMENT:** The failure of the Wyoming State Fair to enforce any of the provisions, rules, rights or remedies of this premium book or to exercise any options or sanctions herein provided will in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions, rules, rights, remedies, sanctions, or options.
31. **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) 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 youth 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 youth 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:
- 31.1. 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.
- 31.2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 31.3. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 31.4. 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 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.

- 31.5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, 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.
- 31.6. 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.
- 31.7. 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.
- 31.8. 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.
- 31.9. 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.
- 31.10. 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.
- 31.11. 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.

**32. STATE STATUTE, TITLE 11:  
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS  
CHAPTER 1  
GENERAL PROVISIONS  
11-30-114. Tampering with or drugging of livestock  
prohibited; definitions; penalty.**

- a) No person shall tamper with or sabotage any livestock which has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition in this state.
- b) No person shall administer, dispense, distribute, manufacture, sell or use any drug to or for livestock which has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition in this state unless the drug is approved for such use by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture. However, nothing shall prevent any person from using a drug on livestock owned by him if either federal agency has approved an application submitted for investigational use in accordance with the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- c) Any person who violates this section shall be punished as provided by W.S. 11-1-103.
- d) As used in this section:
  - i) "Drug" means as defined by W.S. 35-7-110(a)(x); "Exhibition" means a show or sale of livestock at a fair or elsewhere in this state that is sponsored by or under the authority of the state or any political subdivision, local government, or any agricultural, horticultural or livestock society, association or corporation; "Livestock" means any animal generally used for food or in the production of food, including, but not limited to, horses, mules and asses, cattle, sheep, goats, poultry, swine, rabbits or llamas;
  - ii) "Sabotage" means to intentionally tamper with any livestock belonging to or owned by another person that has been registered, entered or exhibited in any exhibition or raised for the apparent purpose of being entered in an exhibition;
  - iii) "Tamper" shall not include any action taken or activity performed or administered by a licensed veterinarian or in accordance with instructions of a licensed veterinarian if the action or activity was undertaken for accepted medical purposes or any action taken as part of accepted grooming, commercial or medical practices, but shall include any of the following:
    - A) Treatment of livestock in such a manner that food derived from the livestock would be considered adulterated under the Wyoming Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, W.S. 35-7-109 et seq.;
    - B) The injection, use or administration of any drug that is prohibited by any federal, state or local law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by any federal, state or local law;
    - C) The injection or other internal administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to any livestock for the purposes of deception including concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than the livestock would otherwise appear;

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- D) The use or administration for cosmetic purposes of steroids, illegal growth stimulants or internal artificial filling, including paraffin, silicone injection, or any other substance;
- E) The use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system of the livestock;
- F) The use or administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes;
- G) The manipulation or removal of tissue, by surgery or otherwise, so as to change, transform or enhance the true conformation or configuration of the livestock. Nothing in this subparagraph shall prohibit generally accepted management practices including but not limited to the dehorning, castration or spaying, corrective shoeing or trimming of any livestock;
- H) Subjecting the livestock to inhumane conditions or procedures for the purpose of concealing, enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, condition or age of the livestock or making the livestock appear more sound than the livestock would otherwise appear;
- I) Substituting any different livestock for the livestock registered or entered in the exhibition without the permission of a responsible official of the exhibition.

33. **2023 WSF TAIL DOCK POLICY:** Sheep presented for exhibit at Wyoming State Fair shall have no evidence of rectal prolapse, nor evidence of surgical tail removal. Following visual examination by the Animal Care Task Force, evidence of either of these conditions is cause for immediate disqualification without recourse. Sheep presented for exhibit at Wyoming State Fair that are visually examined by the Animal Care Task Force and determined to lack visible tail length may be evaluated by palpation for the presence of tail vertebrae. If no tail vertebrae are found it is cause for immediate disqualification without recourse. Disqualified sheep shall be released and removed from the exhibit area. Determinations and decisions of disqualification by the Animal Care Task Force are final and subject to confirmatory testing as specified in the Animal Care Statement section of the WSF Premium Book.

In years previous, increased frequency of surgical removal of sheep tails and instances of extreme tail docking of sheep led the Wyoming Board of Agriculture to take decisive action by implementing a Tail Dock Rule at the Wyoming State Fair which required the presence of three full coccygeal vertebrae on sheep exhibited at the Wyoming State Fair.

At this time, the Wyoming Board of Agriculture feels significant progress has been made by members of the show sheep industry in addressing the concerns of surgical tail removal and extreme tail docking of sheep, and therefore chose to adopt this rule.

If at any time the Wyoming Board of Agriculture determines that members of the show sheep industry are reverting to the practice of extreme tail docking or the surgical removal of tails of sheep, the Board of Agriculture will direct the Wyoming State Fair to re-instate the rule requiring the presence of three full coccygeal vertebrae on sheep.

Wyoming State Fair and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture encourage exhibitors to practice the highest standards in animal agriculture. Therefore, all sheep shown at the Wyoming State Fair should be docked in a manner that does not compromise the animal's health and well being.

34. **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:** Absolutely no cruelty to or abuse of animals will be tolerated. Immediate disqualifications of the exhibitor and exhibit may result from confirmed abuse or cruelty.

35. **ETHICS:** All exhibitors exhibiting animals must comply with the national show ring code of ethics (rule #31), United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act (from USDA) and Wyoming State Fair residue avoidance program, which can be requested in writing, from Wyoming State Fair management.

1. **SELECTION OF JUDGES:** Judges will be selected by the Wyoming State Fair in cooperation with recognized breed associations, judges panel and/or interested groups. In every case, judges are selected with the utmost care for the benefit of fair, quality competition.
2. **FAIR RULES:** Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with all the rules, regulations and procedures of the Wyoming State Fair and to especially note those policies bearing on the classes to be judged by them.
3. **OBJECTION:** Objection to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to Fair Management in writing prior to June 1 of the current year, giving good and sufficient reason therefore, and upon which the Fair Director shall have the full power to act.
4. **DECISION OF JUDGES FINAL:** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except cases of formal protest or where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. In such cases, the show management, or such referee as it may appoint, may make the final decision. Such cases may be sent to the State Fair Board from whose decision there can be no appeal.
5. **INTERFERENCE WITH JUDGES:** If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by the representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to show officials, fair management may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude him/her from further competition; exhibitor premiums or awards that may have been awarded may also be withheld.
6. **TIME OF JUDGING:** Judging Schedules, as published in this premium book, are tentative and subject to change, but will be followed as closely as possible. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Judging will not be delayed for exhibitors entering the show area late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be ruled out and excluded from competition in the class called or scheduled.
7. **METHOD OF AWARDING:** No exhibit will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited, with entry number, before the judge in the show ring.  
Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits.
8. **UNWORTHY EXHIBIT:** Judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of fair management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving.
9. **ENTRY LIMITS:** No individual animal/exhibit shall compete for or receive more than one premium in a class and division or department except in Champion classes, group classes, or equine performance classes in the Youth Shows.  
An individual owner may enter up to three animals in any individual class, but may not be awarded more than two premiums from the individual class.  
Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.
10. **DISQUALIFICATION:** If an exhibit or exhibitor is disqualified after judging and/or having won awards or premiums, there will be no automatic change in the final placings. Upon investigation, the Wyoming State Fair management may consider a change in final placings. Any and all decisions made by State Fair management will be final. No refund of entry fees or credentials will be given due to disqualification.
11. **DISPLAYS:** Exhibitors will be allowed to display, at their own risk, prize ribbons, trophies, plaques, certificates of awards, etc., in their allocated space during the entire show, subject to space availability and the approval of fair management.

