

ENTRY PROCEDURES

- 1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** By making entry to the Wyoming State Fair each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian, if exhibitor is a minor) acknowledges that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and all policies and regulations of the Wyoming State Fair.
- 2. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY:** The Wyoming State Fair does not discriminate against any applicant, volunteer, customer, or patron on the basis of race, sex, color, age, disability, religion, citizenship, nationality, or ethnic origin.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY:** Competition is open to the world in all open classes (arts and livestock), except where specifically stated in this premium book. Competition in the Youth Livestock Show is restricted to Wyoming 4-H and Wyoming FFA members in good standing.
- 4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their exhibits must meet and adhere to the requirements of special policies and regulations as listed under the appropriate departments.
- 5. ENTRY FORMS:** All applications for entry must be complete and made on current, official Wyoming State Fair entry forms in accordance with the entry form instructions. Incomplete entries will be returned to exhibitors. One entry form is required for each owner or for each exhibitor. These entry forms are in the back of this premium book for exhibitor convenience. No entries will be accepted by telephone/fax.
- 6. ENTRY HELP:** When filling out the entry form, the class code must include the DIVISION NUMBER and CLASS NUMBER. **EXAMPLE:** If you are entering a wool jacket your class entry would be 519-2 (519 for Wool Garments Division, and 2 for Adult Wool Garment class).
- 7. ACCEPTED ENTRY:** In all cases, the Wyoming State Fair management reserves the right to reject, accept, or accept conditionally, an application for entry and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings. Entries received without fees, after the entry deadline, or after all pens, space or stalls have been reserved, will not be accepted.
- 8. ENTRY FEES:** All applications for entry must be accompanied by all entry fees and related fees. If the entry does not have fees enclosed, the application for entry will be returned to the applicant. Please calculate all fees carefully. All international exhibitors must pay fees in certified United States funds.
- 9. RETURNED CHECKS:** Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment of entries, stalling, or passes which does not clear their account for any reason will have five days in which to make payment to keep entries eligible to participate in the Wyoming State Fair, with a \$30.00 returned check fee assessed to the exhibitor for each account clearing attempt.
- 10. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR PREMIUMS OVER \$600: EACH EXHIBITOR AND CONTESTANT MUST PROVIDE A PERSONAL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR FEDERAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FOR PARTNERSHIPS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS).**
Each exhibitor eligible for premiums greater than \$600.00 must provide their proper Social Security number or premiums will not be paid out. Premium checks will be made payable to the name designated on the entry form, provided the proper Social Security or Federal Taxpayer Identification number for the name is listed.
- 11. EXHIBITION:** The management reserves the right to reject any entry that is unsafe, unacceptable or inappropriate for a general viewing audience that would include minors. Such determination shall be made by Show Superintendents and, if necessary, the General Manager. Should any individual enter either an animal or article under the name of other than that of the bona fide owner, or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresentation of any fact, the entry thus made must be removed from exhibition and all fees paid will be forfeited.

- 12. EXHIBIT DELIVERY:** Articles to be exhibited may be mailed to P.O. Drawer 10, Douglas, WY 82633 or delivered to the Wyoming State Fair Director's office at 400 West Center St., Douglas, WY 82633-0010. **Entry forms must be completely filled out and enclosed** with the article as well as all entry fees due. Exhibitor should keep a copy of the entry form for their own records. **All transportation charges must be PRE-PAID**, otherwise the exhibit will be refused. **Only PRE-PAID** articles will be returned after the completion of fair. The management will put forth every effort to ensure the safety of articles after their arrival, but in no case will it be responsible for loss or damage which may occur while in transit or during the time of exhibition.
- 13. PRE-ENTRY & ENTRY DEADLINES:** All open livestock show entries must be made by the established deadline of July 24. Individual open livestock shows may accept late entries after July 24, with an additional fee. See each show for details. For Home Arts pre-entry is encouraged, but not required, and entries will be accepted in person during exhibit dropoff times. See each Home Arts section for specific times and dates.
- 14. ERRONEOUS ENTRY:** Any entry which has been erroneously entered into the wrong department or class, may, at the discretion of the General Manager, the Department Superintendent, or Official Judge, be transferred to the proper department/class prior to judging.

REFUNDS

- 1. REFUNDS:** Entry fees for competitive events are refundable if a **written request** is received in the Wyoming State Fair office **prior to** the applicable entry deadline (see each department for exact entry deadlines).

Fees for exhibitor passes and parking permits can be refunded if a **written request** is received in the Wyoming State Fair office **one week prior to the opening day of the current fair**.

Campground fees may be refunded if a **written request** is received in the Wyoming State Fair office **at least 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date**.

All refund requests must be for amounts greater than \$20.00 in order to be processed.

- 2. CANCELLATION:** Should a department or division be completely cancelled by Wyoming State Fair Management, all applicable fees will be refunded.

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

- 1. ADMISSION:** All exhibitors and guests are required to purchase admission via daily or season passes for grounds admission to the State Fair.
- 2. PARKING:** Parking permits are required for on grounds access/parking. Paid exhibitor parking areas on grounds will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Parking of vehicles, trailers, and campers to be in the respective **designated areas only**.
- 3. COOPERATION:** Each exhibitor must cooperate with security personnel and Wyoming State Fair regarding policies and regulations. If an exhibitor fails to do so, the Fair management may cancel the exhibitor's entries, may forfeit awards or premiums or both, and may require the exhibitor to remove his or her exhibits from the grounds.



4. CONDUCT:

- a) Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and the offending exhibitor will forfeit all fees paid or premiums due and may be immediately dismissed from the grounds.
- Any false representation, interference, or unprofessional conduct on the part of any exhibitors will be dealt with by the show management according to the nature of the violation. If any exhibitor takes exception to the awards of an official judge in an unprofessional or public manner, any awards/premiums awarded to such exhibitor in any WSF competition shall be forfeited. State Fair Management may bar such offending exhibitor from competing or exhibiting in the current or future Wyoming State Fairs, or both, until such exhibitor shall have made proper written apology and shall have been reinstated by a vote of the majority of the Wyoming State Fair Board.

5. ENTRY DEADLINE: Applicants must pay strict attention to entry deadline dates. Entries must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, Canadian, or International Postal Service no later than the applicable deadline date. **No postal** metered date will be acceptable.

LATE ENTRIES: Late entries will not be accepted unless specifically stated in the department regulations in this premium book.

CANCELLATIONS: Notification of withdrawn entries must be submitted in writing to the Wyoming State Fair Entry Department prior to the applicable entry deadline. After the deadline date has passed, no refunds will be made on any entry fees or credentials. See General Refund policy on page 9.

6. CARE OF EXHIBITS: All owners or others in charge of exhibits, livestock, or other property, shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve the same. The Wyoming State Fair is not responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit, livestock, or property.

7. EXHIBITS: Entries must be on display at the official opening of the State Fair or any other time specified in this premium book, and exhibits shall not be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the release date printed in this premium book, except (at the discretion of the fair management) in cases of positive evidence of sickness, accident, and/or death of the exhibit/exhibitor, or for other circumstances that are in the best interests of the State Fair.

8. OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS: The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, stand or show that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore. If necessary, WSF will refund any money already paid for required fees which shall exonerate the State Fair from any claims whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

9. ANALYSIS: The Wyoming State Fair reserves the right to have a laboratorial analysis made on blood, urine, and other body tissue from any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of unapproved levels of chemical, drug, or any unapproved medication will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Wyoming State Fair.

10. DISQUALIFICATION: If an exhibitor applies to enter an exhibit (livestock or static) that was disqualified from competition at any fair or livestock show, or if the exhibit won an award, and the exhibitor lost the award or premium due to the exhibitor's violation of rules or regulations, the Wyoming State Fair will not accept that exhibit for entry, or if it has already been accepted, the acceptance will be revoked.

If an exhibitor has been disqualified from all competitions at a fair or livestock show, including for violation of rules or regulations, fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting, theft, deception, or unsportsmanlike conduct, that exhibitor may not compete in any show at the Wyoming State Fair in the same year that the exhibitor was completely disqualified. The Wyoming State Fair may also deny or limit the exhibitor's ability to compete in future years, depending upon the severity of the reasons that led to complete disqualification and the exhibitor's conduct in other fairs and shows .

11. SPECIAL POLICIES: Special policies or conditions are published in each department where necessary; if there is a conflict between the special policies of any department and the general policy and regulations of the State Fair, the special policy will govern.

12. REGISTRATION: All animals in the Open Show breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds unless specifically stated. Exhibitors must produce a certificate of registry at the request of the show management at any time during the Show. Only such books of record as are recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture will be accepted.

The officially registered name and registration number of all animals entered in the breeding classes, as well as the officially registered name and registration number of the sire and dam, are to be given on the official entry forms. **Entries without registration information will not be accepted.**

Exhibitors must have the original registration or a copy of it available for review at all times during the show.

13. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS: To be eligible for competition, each animal must be the bona fide property of the owner, and all animals entered for competition in the Open Show breeding classes must be entered in the name of the owner and must have been owned prior to entry deadline date. If proof of ownership is required, an affidavit must be furnished by the owner. For ownership of animals entered for competition in the Youth Show, see special regulations in the Youth Livestock Department.

a) JOINT OWNERSHIP: Jointly-owned animals must be entered and shown under the multi-ownership name (all co-owners) in the individual classes. In the group classes, jointly owned animals may be entered and exhibited under the name of one of the co-owners provided they own a full or part-interest in one or all of the animals in the group entry.

b) BUSINESS & ORGANIZATION: Any business or organization entering exhibits for competition must be in existence at the time of making entry and, in all cases, must be bona fide. Affidavits of the age of the firms may be required by the management.

14. ERRONEOUS ENTRY: Exhibits that have been erroneously entered into the wrong department/division or class may be transferred to their proper class, prior to judging, at the discretion of show superintendents. However, if such classes have already been judged, they shall not be reopened.

15. CLASSES: State Fair management reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel classes in which, in its judgment, the number of entries are insufficient to ensure adequate competition, in all departments of the Wyoming State Fair.

16. GROUP CLASSES: Entry for group classes must be made by the entry deadline. All entries for group classes must be shown in their respective individual classes. Animals to comprise a competitive group need not be named in application for entry, but exhibitors must indicate in which group class they expect to compete. No additional entry fee is required for group classes unless so stated in the department policies.

17. SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions may be made within the same breed and within the same sex and by the same owner of the original entry. The substitution may be made after the closing date for entries, without a late fee, if the entry information for the substituted animal is provided to Show Management at the time of breed check-in. A late fee of two times the regular entry/processing fee must be paid for each substitution made after check-in time. All substitution exhibits must adhere to the same ownership and tagging deadlines and be able to provide proof of such.

18. SHOW/ENTRY NUMBER: Each exhibitor and each entry will be assigned an exhibitor/entry number. This number will identify exhibitors/animals/entry in the show and will be generated by and match the number assigned in the ShoWorks system. Livestock exhibitor numbers must be displayed by the exhibitor when the entries are being judged.



- 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 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 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, youth exhibitors (via their club/chapters/county) should request such with their educator/advisor. Requests will be honored, if possible. There will not be space allocated for tack or lounging stalls. Stall assignment will be at the discretion of each show superintendent.
- 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 regulations.
- FANS:** There will be no allowance for fans in any pedestrian aisle. No rear (butt) fans are allowed in any aisle. No exceptions.
 - 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:** Each exhibitor must clean the stalls, pens, and exhibition places assigned to him or her by 9:00 AM each day and dispose of refuse matter in the areas designated by management. If an exhibitor fails to do so, the Wyoming State Fair may have those places cleaned at the exhibitor's expense, which must be paid before release or may be deducted from the exhibitor's premiums.
- 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.
- 28. BRAND CONFLICTS:** Nothing shall be sold, 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/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, regulations, 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:
- 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.
 - Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
 - Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
 - 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. WYOMING STATUTE 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;
 - 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;



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- 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, 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 Youth Show Committee/Show staff 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 Youth Show Committee are final.

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 IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics (section #31), United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act (from USDA) and the Wyoming State Fair drug use and testing policy, which can be requested in writing from the 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. To suggest a judge, submit a form at wystatefair.com, under the Exhibitor's section.
- 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 General Manager 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 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, whether in person or through another person, interferes in any way with a judge or shows any disrespect to a judge or to show officials, fair management may dismiss the exhibitor from the judging area and exclude him or her from further competition. In addition, fair management may revoke any premiums or awards that were already awarded to such exhibitor.
- 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 livestock exhibit will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall or pen and exhibited 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 as based upon the established department criteria. 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. RESULTS OF DISQUALIFICATION ON STANDINGS:** If an exhibit or exhibitor is disqualified after judging, 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 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.

