

# UTAH STATE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ASSOCIATION

## OVERVIEW OF RULES 2008 Show Season (revised 11/07)

These rules and guidelines are aimed at standardizing junior livestock shows in Utah. Standardization will help provide the best possible educational experience for the young people of the state who have 4-H or FFA livestock projects. The Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association is given this responsibility by the Utah Code Section 4-2-2 (Rule 65-8) through the Utah Department of Agriculture and the Utah Legislature. *These rules are to be printed in the premium book for each state-assisted livestock show and any of your shows conflicting rules must be eliminated.*

- **A total experience:**

Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the complete educational opportunity that junior livestock shows provide, such as the rate of gain, carcass, fitting and showing, record book, and livestock judging contests along with the judging of market and breeding animals. It is the purpose of these projects to develop life skills and animal husbandry and marketing skills among the participants.

- **Tagging:**

Local Extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors will publicize tagging information regarding date, places, etc., and arrange local tagging for state-assisted shows. Suggested tagging dates are listed on form 1. Animals must be tagged by ownership deadline dates. Possession and ownership requirements must be met for each show entered.

- **Benefits of the tagging system:**

The tagging program has the potential to improve many aspects of the junior livestock's program, including the following:

- Extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors will be able to see and verify member projects early to provide more educational support.
- Livestock shows will receive entries early enough to better plan their awards and sales.
- The last-minute purchase of a show animal by a member or his/her parents will be eliminated.
- Extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors will be able to coordinate and cooperate in the tagging activities necessary in each county.

- **Code of Ethics:**

The code of ethics applies to anyone exhibiting animals in livestock shows in the state of Utah. It includes Junior as well as Open Class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock events are included. The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation, and showing of all classes of livestock:

- The use of any illegal drugs is prohibited.
- Legal or illegal substances used to phenotypically alter the appearance of animals entered in livestock events are prohibited.
- Use of illegal drugs is considered a premeditated act.
- Any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution.
- This is a one-strike and you are out policy.

Exhibitors will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction and will be prohibited from further competition at shows in the state of Utah, as well as being subject to criminal prosecution if proven guilty of any infraction of the Association rules...

## OFFICIAL RULES

**Note:** These rules are in effect for the 2008 show season: Rules A, B & E must be printed in your premium book. Rules C & D must be printed as they apply to your show.

### A. GENERAL RULES

1. **Age:** -- Exhibitors must be in the third grade, but not less than 8 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors can only show through the same season as their high school graduation, but not past their 19th birthday. Exception: Disabled persons as defined by public law 98-527. In these special cases, animals must still be the project animals of the exhibitor and be cared for daily by the disabled person.
2. **Group Affiliation** -- An exhibitor may enter a given show only as a 4-H or FFA member, but not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry.
3. **Ownership of animals** - The exhibitor will own, possess, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for not less than 100 consecutive days for market beef and 60 consecutive days for market swine and market lambs immediately prior to the show they intend to participate in. No interruption of ownership or possession can occur.
4. **Fitting on show grounds** -- The fitting of animals will take place in areas designated by the livestock show committee. Parents, guardians, siblings, club leaders, Extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors may assist, and are encouraged to assist the younger exhibitors. However, each exhibitor must be working with the project animal and be in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process.
5. **Code of Ethics** (rules 5-a through 5-g) –
  - a. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counterirritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane, and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of graphite, powders, hemp, artificial hair, coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment, or liniment used to the point that it is irritating, or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint, or other artificial coloring, which results in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color, is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece, or skin at any point, spot, or area of the animal's body is illegal and will result in immediate disqualification. Any liquid or substance not considered part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example: the use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages as a drench or filler, etc. Drenching will not be allowed unless the show veterinarian or a show official is present and is needed for emergency purposes only.
  - b. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants, which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal, is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be licensed, certified veterinarians, treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All exhibitors will advise show management of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, and date of administration will be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animals. Failure to report this information will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition will be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. During the livestock event, in the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified.
  - c. Surgery, injection or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of animal to change the natural contour, conformation, or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicon, or any other substance used to alter an animal's shape. Acceptable practices of physical preparations, which are allowed, include: clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning, or removal of ancillary teats.
  - d. The use of inhumane fitting, showing, and for handling practices of devices shall not be tolerated. For example: breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical contrivance, muzzles, etc. is not acceptable.
  - e. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.
  - f. At the time an animal is sold at auction at the livestock show, the exhibitors shall be held directly responsible for animals that are rejected at the processing center due to the presence of foreign residues. The seller may be liable to the buyer for an amount equal to three times the purchase price and may also be liable for attorney's fees and civil penalties. Show management may share acceptable intelligence and evidence information with FDA or USDA. If, for any reason, the FDA or USDA inspectors must remove any part of a meat animal carcass, the market price will be discounted.
  - g. Show management reserves the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspection and diagnostic tests may be made before or after animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials. Any violation of the "Utah State Junior Livestock Code of Ethics" or specific rules as designated by individual fairs and livestock shows will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may result in

probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competitions. Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show of exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and national levels. Other cooperating shows will be notified of the action taken by show management, which may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows. The decision of the livestock show management will be final.

#### 6. **Dress Code –**

**4-H** - A long or short sleeve shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white in color and need not be Western style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H member shirts.

**FFA** - Either a white shirt, tie and FFA jacket, or a white shirt with the FFA emblem and tie (t-shirts are not allowed.)

**The following will not be allowed:** T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless shirts and vests.

Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit prize money.

7. **Sales Fee** - A sales fee not to exceed 5% will be withheld from sales checks by all state-assisted shows. Any purchaser(s) of animals from a Junior Livestock Show Auction must pay the Show the full purchase price of sale regardless of buy-back.
8. **Change of Ownership** -- Once an animal has gone through any state-assisted sale, regardless of buyback or no-sale, it is no longer eligible to enter another state assisted show.
9. **Show Eligibility** - Animals are eligible for any show for which they meet ownership and show requirements.
10. **Lamb Docking Rule** - Market Class market lambs must be docked so that a representative from the State Veterinarian's office is able to determine that at least one caudal vertebrae (a portion of the tail ) is remaining and his determination is final.
11. **Name Change** - If an animal has been shown in a market show in-state or out-of-sate, it must be shown in the same exhibitor name in all subsequent shows.

### **B. MARKET ANIMAL RULES:**

1. **Drug Withdrawal** -- It is unethical and in most cases even unlawful to administer drugs to livestock within 20 to 30 days of slaughter. Animals too unmanageable to show should be withdrawn from their class rather than be tranquilized. The local show committee and the show veterinarian will monitor this situation. By federal regulations, random testing will occur at slaughter, and animals will be condemned which have been given any injection or oral dosages of tranquilizers, pain killers, antibiotics, diuretics, steroids, or other foreign substances during withdrawal periods before slaughter. All sales money will be withheld in such cases. Bloat medicine and other medications with no withdrawal requirements may be permissible. Exhibitors need to be aware of potential health hazards to consumers who eat animals that have received any above-mentioned dosages. Please do not put someone's life in jeopardy.
2. **Tagging** -- The Extension/4-H agent, FFA advisor, or a member of their appointed committee shall tag each animal and process the proper forms. Should a tag be lost or pulled out of the animal's ear, the exhibitor will advise the committee supervisor immediately so that the tag can be replaced and the appropriate paperwork be processed.
3. **Market Animal Weights** -- (see form 1 for schedule of suggested show weights.) Ideal market weights as determined by the meat industry may vary somewhat from year to year, but the following show-day ranges are what suggested weights are based on:

Beef:	1,000 - 1,275 lbs	2.75 lbs gain/day
Sheep:	90 - 130lbs	.75 lbs. gain/day
Swine:	240 – 290	1bs 1.5 lbs. gain/day

4. **Extra Animals** -- Exhibitors may tag **one** extra animal per species for each show period.

5. **Entry Forms & Deadlines** - **Entry forms are due at least thirty (30) days before each show.** Exhibitors are responsible for mailing their own entry form. Entries postmarked by that date will be accepted. Exhibitor must declare which animals are to be shown, and submit an entry form and entry fees to the appropriate shows, including State Association ear tag numbers. The tag number and alternate tag number must be specified on the exhibitor entry form to be eligible. Entries may not exceed the limits for each show (see form 4) including one alternate animal per species entered. Forms must be signed by proper Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor to verify exhibitor and animals are a legitimate entry for the show they are entering. Extension/4-H agents or FFA advisors should only sign forms for those youth enrolled in their programs. The Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor and parents will verify eligibility for group and family feeding programs.

Entry forms for fitting and showmanship classes must also be submitted 30 days prior to show and need to indicate class to be entered (species) and age of exhibitor.

Entry fees will not be withheld from sales checks. Entry fees are to be sent along with all entry forms.

### **C. BREEDING ANIMAL RULES:**

1. Exhibitors are encouraged to expand their scope of livestock project experience to include breeding livestock projects.

### **D. POULTRY RULES:**

1. In keeping with the desire to help eliminate disease problems, certain counties will not be eligible to receive turkey poultry from the Moroni hatchery, and no junior turkey project owner may go to or purchase feed from Moroni Feed. Exhibitors may, however, have turkey projects along with family commercial operations and compete in 4-H demonstrations and 4-H and FFA record book award programs. Junior broiler participants should also be aware of state 4-H broiler record book competitions and awards, along with 4-H egg and turkey demonstration contest.
2. An exhibitor will own, feed and care for his/her project turkeys for not less than 20 weeks prior to the turkey show. Birds must not be more than 24 weeks of age at the time of the show.

#### **E. RULE ENFORCEMENT:**

The local show has the responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations at their show. Any further action needs to be submitted in writing to the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association Board. Shows that do not comply and enforce the rules adopted may lose Association funding. If immediate action is needed, the board of the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association is empowered to make the ruling decision.

#### **F. NEW SHOW ELIGIBILITY:**

Any established show that makes application for funding from the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association must provide the required numbers from their previous year's show. New shows must exist one year before receiving funding in order to establish base line numbers.

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