

1. All exhibitors in youth fair classes must be registered members of the Loudoun County 4-H, FFA or FCCLA club by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year and be between the ages of 9-19 as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of the current fair year to exhibit an animal at the Fair. Eligibility of membership terminates December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the member has his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
2. To exhibit an animal at the Fair, except the Open Pet Show, the Extension Office requires the exhibitor must enroll in the respective animal project, adhere to the requirements of the animal project and attend at least 50% of that club's meetings. In addition, 4-H members are required to participate in at least one Fair Qualifier Activity between October 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of the fair year. Fair Qualifier Activities are determined and participation is verified by the Extension Office.
3. Individuals enrolled as Lonestar 4-H members must have a project plan approved by the Extension Office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year. The plan must be completed no later than one week prior to the fair in order to participate in their project area of competition at the fair.
4. All market animals will be weighed and positively identified (ear tag, tattooed, etc.) at a specified weigh-in. Dates will be selected by club leaders (beef approx. 210 days, swine approx. 90 days, sheep approx. 60 days and goats approx. 60 days).
5. All animal project exhibitors are required to pre-enter their animal(s) in writing to the specified club leader by the date set forth in the respective club's rules but no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year. The Loudoun Extension Office will not accept entries. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
6. All livestock entries must be the property of the 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA member making the exhibit (except for members enrolled in approved non-ownership projects). From the time of purchase, the exhibitor must have personally managed, cared for, and fed the animal(s) he/she enters. All animals exhibited at the fair must be housed in Loudoun County. Exceptions must be brought to the Fair Committee and the respective club's leaders in writing, for approval by December 15<sup>th</sup> of the current Fair year. Approved exceptions must provide to Fair Committee and to the respective club leader(s) the exact address at which animals are housed along with an explanation of how the animals are cared for by the exhibitor.
7. No more than thirty (30) cumulative days may be missed in managing, caring and feeding of project animal(s) for beef; ten (10) days for swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry. If more than thirty (30) for beef or ten (10) for swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry, cumulative days are missed, the project animal(s) will not be able to compete at the current fair. In the case of illness or other circumstances beyond the owner's control, an exception can only be granted by the Fair Committee's Grievance Committee.

8. If an animal cannot be exhibited, it cannot be brought to the Fair. (Only exception; those animals used for demonstrations.)
9. Exhibitors are required to participate in the fitting and showing and/or showmanship classes of his/her respective project (all exhibitors are required to use their own project animal). Failure to do so will mean forfeiture of placing, prize money, and eligibility to show in type/conformation classes.
10. Any exhibitor showing misconduct or poor showmanship in the show ring, the show area, barns, or fairgrounds is subject to full forfeiture of premiums by decision of the Fair Board.
11. For the privilege of selling a project in the Livestock Sale, the exhibitor must present his/her own project for sale. Exceptions must be presented at least two (2) days prior to sale day to the Sale Committee (sporting events/practice will not be considered as situations warranting an exception). In a case of personal injury or emergency situation, an exception may be presented to the Sale Committee prior to beginning of sale. In the case of injury during sale times, arrangements may be made with Sale Superintendent prior to individual's livestock entering the sale ring. Exhibitors are referred to the Livestock Sale Rules for additional requirements pertaining to the Livestock Sale.
12. All animals must be free of signs of infectious or contagious disease or conditions. A fair designated licensed veterinarian will have the final ruling of health status of any animal in question. All horses must have a current negative Coggins Test. All heifers over the age of 8 months must be officially vaccinated for brucellosis or be tested negative for brucellosis within 30 days of the show. All poultry must be tested negative for salmonella pollorum-typhoid virus within 60 days prior to the show.
13. Animal must be under the control of exhibitors at all times without the aid of tranquilizers or other drugs. Dangerous or drugged animals will be disqualified and removed from the Fair.
14. Only exhibitors showing animals and persons serving in an official capacity are to enter the show ring during judging, except in the case of a member's safety.
15. All animal project members must show their own project animals unless the member has a valid and approved reason (must be approved by Fair Superintendent). If an exhibitor has two or more animals entered in the same class, another registered youth fair exhibitor may show the second animal.
16. All animal project exhibitors must keep their exhibits area, aisles in barns and areas around the barns clean and neat at all times. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their exhibit area and feeding and watering their animals by 8:30 am each morning. Evening feeding and watering time will be established by the barn club leaders. If animals are fitted in a designated area outside the barn, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their fitting area immediately after use.

17. Exhibitors and clubs must have their barn and exhibit areas clean by the designated day following the fair closing. Stall deposits and premiums, where applicable, will be forfeited if their respective area(s) are not cleaned in accordance with this schedule.
18. Club rules will not suppress Loudoun Fair Rules.
19. The Loudoun Fair Committee has the right to amend the Loudoun Fair Rules for All Animal Projects.
20. Dairy and Beef Breeding Cattle's scurs and horns must be less than three (3) inches in order to show at the Fair. If their horns are over three (3) inches they can be exhibited in a pen but not shown. Market beef steers must be dehorned.
21. Unless prior approval has been received from the Agricultural Superintendent in writing, if an exhibitor removes his/her animal exhibit(s) and/or disassembles stall area and decorations prior to 7:00 am Sunday (end of Fair), a fine of \$300.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale proceeds. Exhibitor will not be allowed to show in subsequent Fairs until fine is paid in full.
22. All private sale animals must remain in the barns until official release on Sunday (end of Fair). Rabbits offered for private sale must be at least 12 weeks old.
23. These "Loudoun County Fair Rules for ALL Animal Projects" will be reviewed annually at the first Fair Committee meeting of the year (September meeting) and presented for approval no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of November of the current year.
24. All livestock club leaders must submit their respective club's rules to the Agricultural Superintendent for approval by December 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Failure to submit rules by this date may result in the inability to host, display, and/or participate in the Fair.
25. Loudoun Fair Committee will appoint a weigh master to weigh all market animals prior to their market show. This weight will be the official weight used for the Livestock Sale. If an exhibitor disagrees with the weight of his/her animal at the time of weighing, the animal will be taken off the scale and immediately placed back on the scale. The decision of the weigh master is final. There will be NO re-weighs.
26. If any exhibitor's animal dies or is deemed unfit to show by veterinarian from time of ownership, until 30 days prior to the current year fair for a swine, goat or sheep and 60 days prior to the current fair for beef, then that member may replace his/her animal with the following restrictions: You may only replace the animal with another animal which has already been weighed and tagged at the county weigh-in. It must come from within the Loudoun County club membership. Animals from outside of the club will not be allowed. NO CHANGES AFTER THE CUT OFF DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

27. All Livestock Clubs are expected to perform their club duties as assigned by the Fair Committee, including, but not limited to, Pre and Post Fair Clean-Up, Trash Pick Up, and Ice Cream Shack. Clubs that do not fulfill their responsibilities will forfeit the club premium funds that the Fair Committee provides.
28. Rules of the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics shall apply to all exhibitors.
29. All animal projects must meet sale grades and requirements to be eligible to show in the market classes. Those animals not meeting the sale grades and requirements will be eligible to show in a commercial class.
30. All animal projects are subject to inspection to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections by club leaders and fair personnel.
31. Failure to comply with rules and regulations applicable to the Fair may subject the exhibitor/vendor and their exhibit(s) or display(s) to removal from the fairgrounds upon determination by the Fair Superintendent and Agricultural Superintendent. Normally one warning of non-compliance will be issued prior to dismissal, (except in the case of egregious offences in which case the exhibitor/vendor may be requested to remove their exhibit and leave the property immediately). Permission to return to the Fairgrounds will be at the discretion of the Fair Superintendent.