

## Section 1: General Rules

1. **Interpretation of rules:** The Fair Committee reserves the right to interpret all Rules and Regulations to resolve situations which may arise and is not restricted by the lack of a rule or regulation.
2. **Right to amend the rules:** Loudoun Fair Committee has the right to amend the Rules and regulations of the Loudoun County Fair at any time.
3. **Safety precautions:** Reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people and animals while on the Fairground's property. Loudoun Fair and Associates (LFA), the Fair Committee, their members and volunteers shall not be responsible for injury to any person or animal.
4. **Exhibitors with special needs:** Any exhibitor wishing to participate at the fair that has special needs must notify the Fair Committee in writing of such special needs no later than 60 days prior to the opening of the fair. This is to allow reasonable accommodations to be made on a case by case basis.
5. **Pets.** No pets are allowed except for participants in the Open Pet Show. All participating pets for the pet show must be on leash, confined to a cage or otherwise restrained. **Absolutely no pets in barns.** No animal or pet shall be allowed to run at large on the grounds. Violators of this rule and their pet(s) will be removed immediately from the fairgrounds. Pets participating in the Open Pet Show are to arrive no earlier than 1 hour prior to start of show and must leave within 1 hour after completion of Open Pet Show. Pet owners are responsible for picking up all manure after such pet. The only exception to this rule is for assistance dogs for disabled and/or handicapped individuals.
6. **Exhibitor's risks of damage or loss:** The exhibitor assumes all risks of damage or loss, either to person or property, for all and every cause what so ever, including fire, the elements, violation of the law, negligence either on the part of the Loudoun County Fair, LFA, its officers, employees, other person or persons. It is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor and the fair management that the Loudoun County Fair and/or LFA incurs no liability or obligation to the exhibitors, other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds and/or buildings for exhibits. All exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of fair closing. Loudoun Fair Committee reserves the right to dispose of exhibits left on the fairgrounds beyond 24 hours of fair closing.
7. **Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the fairgrounds:** Courteous and considerate conduct is expected at all times during the fair. Fair Management reserves the right to remove violator(s) from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the day or week, and violator(s) will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Consumption of alcoholic beverage is not allowed. Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages will have beverages confiscated, and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.
8. **Illegal drugs and misuse of controlled substances:** Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming any illegal drugs or misusing any substance will face criminal charges. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the violator(s) from all activities and competitions of the Fair. Offending violator(s) will be removed immediately from fairground property for the remainder of the fair.
9. **Smoking:** NO SMOKING is allowed in any barns or buildings of the fairgrounds at any time.

Violator(s) will be notified only once during the fair and removed upon second offense from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair. Any minor person(s) found to have in possession, and/or smoking tobacco will have items confiscated, and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.

10. **Show Pavilion users:** Each user of the show pavilion, as well as persons responsible for special entertainment, and all other users of the pavilion shall be responsible for cleaning the stage, bleachers, and show ring at the conclusion of their scheduled activity or event. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Fair Superintendent.
11. **Parking restrictions:** All parking is to be in designated parking areas only. Vehicles in "NO PARKING" areas or in areas that they are not marked for will be towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles not properly marked by handicap plates or placard and are parked in the "HANDICAP PARKING" area will be towed at the owner's expense. For loading and unloading purposes only, exhibitor and vendor vehicles will be permitted on the fairgrounds between 5AM and 9AM. Any vehicles not moved to designated parking lots by 9AM will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.
12. **Entry times to Fairgrounds:** No one will be allowed to enter or remain on the fairgrounds between 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m.; except in the case of an emergency. Any emergencies need to be cleared by the Fair Superintendent or the Agriculture Superintendent.
13. **Judges decisions.** In all cases, the decision of the judges is final.
14. **All exhibits entered in the fair:** All exhibits entered in the fair must remain on the fairgrounds until the official release time as designated by Fair Management. The only exceptions being animals shipped out by the Livestock Sales Committee and any animals sent home by the veterinarian for health reasons. All exhibitors requiring early release of their exhibit must notify the Agriculture Superintendent for approval no later than 14 days prior to the fair. The Agriculture Superintendent will notify club leader(s) prior to beginning of fair of early release decision. Failure to abide by this rule will result in a \$300 fine. Exhibitor will not be allowed to show in subsequent Fairs until fine is paid in full.
15. **Responsibility of all livestock exhibitors:** All livestock exhibitors are responsible for compliance with the Fair Rules and club rules specified for their projects. The Fair Committee will stand behind and enforce all applicable rules.
16. **Mandatory meeting for all exhibitors:** Each exhibitor showing at the fair AND one of their parents will be required to attend a pre-Fair cleanup meeting with the Fair Superintendent and fair staff. This meeting is to perform cleanup activities, review policies, rules and expectations of youth and adults during fair week. If a family does not comply with this rule, the exhibitor will not be permitted to exhibit or show at the fair. If the exhibitor is over 18, their parent is not required to be at the meeting.
17. **Water Hoses:** To prevent excess water usage and creation of muddy holes on grounds all hoses must have nozzles to prevent excess water waste. No automatic livestock watering devices shall be attached to hoses connected to the fairgrounds water supply system.
18. **Exhibitors and concessionaires booths:** Food booths and refreshment stands, will be neat in appearance, and supply clean, wholesome food at reasonable charges. Food booths must have a food service license, available through the Loudoun County Health Department in Leesburg, prior to the Fair. Exhibitors and concessionaires must prepare, decorate, and maintain their own booths and stands. The Fair Committee cannot provide either materials or labor for the preparing or the decorating of booths or stands.
19. **Reporting Violations:** Violations of any General fair rule(s) need to be made in writing and

presented to the Fair Superintendent within 3 hours of such violation.

20. **Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles:** Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles of conveyances shall be limited to fair personnel and staff. There shall be no public use of said vehicles on the fairgrounds. Disabled persons with motorized wheelchairs will be the only exception to this rule. No one under 18 years old is allowed to operate these vehicles.
21. **Dress code:** Inappropriate dress will not be permitted by any 4-H'er during the fair. Any exhibitor in violation will be asked to change immediately or may be asked to leave the grounds thus forfeiting their right to show. Any individual that is a member of the 4-H Club leaders, 4-H Extension office, Loudoun Fair and Associates, or the Fair Committee can address a 4-H'er for dress code violations.
22. **Children and fair related displays:** Children will not be permitted to sit or stand on unattended motorized vehicles and equipment.
23. **Firearms:** No firearms or dangerous weapons are permitted on the fairgrounds during the Loudoun County Fair. This policy does not apply to law enforcement personnel.
24. **No Advertising:** Distribution or display of any unauthorized literature, advertising or political flyers is prohibited on all areas of the fairgrounds to include parking areas. Please refer to Vendor Rules for clarification.
25. **Non-Compliance:** Failure to comply with the rules 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 fairgrounds immediately). Permission to return to the fairgrounds will be at the discretion of the Fair Superintendent.
26. **Violators:** Violators on any of the above rules or any other rules pertaining to the current year's fair may be denied any or all winnings and/or the ability to show at future fairs.
27. **Balloons.** Are not allowed on the grounds.
28. The **Loudoun County Fair Rules** will be reviewed annually and presented for approval at the December fair committee meeting.
29. Rules of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) Code of Show Ring Ethics shall apply to all exhibitors.

## Section 2: Rules for Animal Projects

1. Club rules will not suppress the Loudoun County Fair Rules.
2. **Exhibitor's age and qualifications:** All exhibitors in youth classes must be registered members of the Loudoun County 4-H, National FFA Organization, or Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Exhibitors must be 9 as of September 30th of the current fair year and eligibility of membership for 4-H terminates December 31 of the year the member has his/her 19th birthday. Youth ages 5-8 by September of the fair year may exhibit in special non-competitive Cloverbud classes or in open classes. Youth are considered by their age as of September 30th of the current fair year.
3. **Grievance Committee:** The Fair Committee's Grievance Committee will consist of the Fair Superintendent, the Agricultural Superintendent, the respective Club Leader, and at least two of the following persons: a Youth Fair Committee Representative, an adult Fair Committee Member impartial to the specific grievance, or a member of the 4H Extension Staff. The Grievance Committee will be assembled and chaired by the Fair Superintendent.
4. **Filing a Grievance:** Grievances should first be addressed to and by club leaders prior to being filed with the Grievance Committee. A grievance cannot be filed on a result of a settlement of a previous grievance. Grievances occurring prior to the opening of fair must be submitted in writing to the Fair Superintendent before the opening of the fair. Any grievances occurring during the fair must be submitted to the Fair Superintendent, in writing, by the end of the fair for immediate consideration.
5. All livestock entries must be the project of the 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, other corporation 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 31st 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.
6. Individuals enrolled as Lonestar 4-H members must have a project plan approved by the Extension Office by January 1st 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.
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. All animals 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.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. All animal project members 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 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.
14. Exhibitors and clubs must have their barn and exhibit areas clean by the designated day following the fair closing.
15. 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.
16. All private sale animals must remain in the barns until official release.
17. All livestock club leaders must submit their respective club's rules to the Agricultural Superintendent for approval by the December fair committee meeting. Failure to submit rules by this date may result in the inability to host, display, and/or participate in the Fair.
18. 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.
19. 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.**
20. 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. This is not an all-encompassing list of conditions.
21. All 4-H Clubs are required 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.
22. All animal projects are subject to inspection to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections by club leaders and fair personnel.

## Section 3: Livestock Sale Regulations

1. 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 Committee lead prior to individual's livestock entering the sale ring.
2. 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.
3. **GRADES & REQUIREMENTS**
  - Beef steers must grade select or better. Weight requirement to be determined by Beef Club.
  - Sheep must grade choice or better. Weight requirement to be determined by Sheep Club.
  - Goats must grade select or better. Weight requirement to be determined by Goat Club.
  - Market hogs must grade US #2 or better. Weight requirement to be determined by Swine Club.
  - Rabbits must be between 12 and 52 weeks of age.
  - Only livestock that meet these requirements may be sold through the livestock auction.
4. The decision of the graders is final. There will be NO re-grading.
5. All 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA project animals must show in their respective market class in order to be eligible for the livestock sale.
6. **Selling Fees:** The selling fee shall be based on the total cost of the sale and is not to exceed 5% per animal.
7. **Number of animals to be sold:**
  - Beef, Sheep, Goats, and Swine – Each exhibitor may sell only one animal per species with the exception that the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion must be sold.
  - RABBIT – Each exhibitor may make one sale.
  - POULTRY – Each exhibitor may sell one lot of up to 3 birds. The lot cannot contain more than one male.
8. Animals going through the sale ring must be sold to the highest bidder if the bid is not under current market price. The current market price will be determined on the week of the sale based on local prices for the particular type and grade of animals to be sold. To protect the seller, the sales committee reserves the right to refuse questionable bids.
9. All animals sold through the sale ring that are designated to go to the Livestock Exchange MUST go to the Exchange, not to a private buyer.
10. Transportation to market will be provided for all animals sold in the Loudoun County Fair Livestock Sale. A transportation fee will be charged to the seller of all private sale animals (those who do not go through the sale ring). All animals are to be shipped on the Auction Committees approved haulers and only to the Auction Committee approved processors.

11. The seller will be responsible for the animal until the time of shipment.
12. A check-off fee will be deducted from sale of beef and swine sold in the Loudoun Livestock Sale.
13. The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Loudoun County Fair.
14. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
15. Animals must have met required withdrawal periods for antibiotics and sulfonamides.
16. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must have been followed.
17. If drug or other chemical residues are found in the blood, the entire carcass may be condemned.
18. If violation levels of drug or other chemical residues are found in the blood of animals sold through the sale or sales connected with the Loudoun County Fair; the Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drugs.
19. All market animals entered in the fair are subject to testing for the presence of illegal or unethical use of drugs, chemicals, and unauthorized feed additives. The fair designated veterinarian must do any testing with owner present.
20. Market animals detected to have levels of drugs in violation will be disqualified and the ranking of other animals in the show will remain unchanged regardless of the test results (i.e. Reserve Champion would not be moved to Grand Champion should the Grand Champion be disqualified because of a positive drug test).
21. Exhibitors that violate the show rules regarding illegal or unethical use of drugs, chemicals, and feed additives will be prohibited from exhibiting animals at the Loudoun County Fair.
22. Grand and Reserve Champion animals of all the market classes will be tested for levels in violation of drugs within a timely manner following their respective shows. The Sale Committee will notify the selected slaughterhouse when the animal can be released.
23. In the event of a positive drug test the sale is void. The seller is responsible for all processing cost of any animal testing positive.
24. To the extent possible, net proceeds from the sale will be distributed to sellers within 30 days of the sale.
25. The Fair Superintendent, in consultation with the Agricultural Superintendent and the Fair Veterinarian, reserves the right to make policy and regulations regarding the housing, showing and selling of all animals as it relates to the health and welfare of such animals. Due to the unpredictability of illness, disease and the effects on particular animals and breeds, all decisions will be made with the guidance of current and relevant information from reliable and credible sources.
26. Private sale shipping documents must be completed and turned into the Auction Committee no later than 2 PM on the Saturday following the auction. Failure to comply to this rule may require the seller to ship their private sale animals via Sales Committee approved haulers and to approved processors, at the seller's expense.

## Section 4: Policy in Reference to Disabled Persons

1. **Handicapped parking:** Handicapped parking shall be available on the fairgrounds at clearly marked spaces, which shall be located as close as practical to the area of activities relative to the function held.
2. **Motorized wheelchairs:** All motorized wheelchairs will be accepted and permitted on the fairgrounds proper, except where imminent risk of injury is apparent.
3. **Request for assistance:** Upon request for assistance by a disabled person for access to activities, if reasonably possible, authorized personnel will assist.
4. **Public policy:** The restriction referencing golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles is placed in our policy due to congestion which occurs in the traffic area of the fairgrounds and is intended for protection of the public and public safety and is not in any manner discriminatory nor intended to be discriminatory against any person suffering physical or mental disabilities.