

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS**  
**NO ANIMALS (PETS) WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE MIDWAY.**  
**NO UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES OF ANY KIND**  
**WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE MIDWAY**  
**AFTER 3:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH 11:00 AM ON SUNDAY.**

RULE 1. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the Fair Grounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors.

RULE 2. In no case shall the Southwest District Fair or any of its officers or directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft or from any other cause of any character, to any property while same is in the Fair Grounds, or any other time or place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds.

RULE 3. If the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire, or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.

RULE 4. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees, for stalls, space, or exhibitors' tickets.

**CLAIMS FOR INJURY**

RULE 5. No claim for injury to any person shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Southwest District Fair, its officers or its agents, or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit in the Fair Grounds or occupy space thereon.

RULE 6. If any damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm, or corporation, or their agents, representative, servants or employee, having license or privilege on said Fair Grounds, or occupying space thereon, the Southwest District Fair shall be in no manner responsible therefore, and in case it is subjected to any expense of liability all persons causing same or liable therefore, shall indemnify the Southwest District Fair.

RULE 7. The Southwest District Fair will not be in any way liable for any injury to any attendant, to any exhibit in all departments, while enroute to or from the Fair.

**CONCESSIONS AND COMMERCIAL RULES**

RULE 8. No privilege will be granted for questionable or immoral shows, for any game of chance or gambling device, or for the sale of intoxicants or narcotics; **NOR WILL THEY BE PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS.**

RULE 9. All privileges will be sold with the distinct understanding that the right of cancellation is reserved by the Management for the violation of the regulations of the Southwest District Fair and Livestock Show, or of the conditions upon which the concession was granted, and any or either of such violations by the concessionaire shall work a forfeiture of his privilege without reimbursement.

RULE 10. Each concessionaire/commercial exhibitor is expected to deal honestly and fairly with the public and any attempted fraud or misrepresentation will be a sufficient cause for revoking the privilege.

RULE 11. On the concession and commercial contracts, 50 percent of the amount shall be paid at the time of signing contract; the balance to be paid on or before taking possession of the space.

RULE 12. All concession space and commercial space and buildings must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition and will be inspected each day by representatives of the Southwest Arkansas District Fair and the Arkansas Health Department.

RULE 13. **All food or drink offered for sale or sold shall in every respect meet the approval of the Southwest Arkansas District Fair.** No food or drink which is contaminated or tainted shall be offered for sale or sold for human consumption. Food or drink subject to spoilage shall be kept in such a manner and at such a temperature as to prevent spoilage.

RULE 14. All food or drink for human consumption and vessels or other articles used for dispensing the same shall be protected against contamination by flies or dust in a manner approved by the Southwest Arkansas District Fair and Livestock Show.

RULE 15. The general sanitation in and about places where food or drink is offered for sale or sold for human consumption shall be satisfactory and meet the approval of the Southwest Arkansas District Fair.

RULE 16. **ADVERTISING RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall be allowed to distribute any printed or advertising matter on the Southwest Arkansas District Fair Grounds or in the buildings. All concessions and commercial exhibitors must work out of space allotted. There will be no sales made, solicitation, or literature handed out except in space rented by those who have leased the space and have signed the proper contract, with ALL being treated the same.

RULE 17. No palm reading, fortune telling, or card reading will be allowed on the premises.

Rule 18. Exhibitors will receive one pass which allows the **EXHIBITOR ONLY** entrance through the back gate. Additional

passes may be purchased online and at the fair.

## **CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

**ALL EXHIBITORS, PARENTS OF EXHIBITORS, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS, VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS, AND ANY OTHERS INVOLVED WITH EXHIBITORS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.**

### **IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING RULES OF CONDUCT APPLY:**

1. If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent, or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them or the Southwest District Fair officials, such person and agents will be subject to penalties as detailed in rules 3 & 4.
2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Southwest Arkansas District Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with official's and/or judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. Penalties: An exhibitor, exhibitor's parent, agent, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, or other person associated with an exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management shall order, including but not limited to:
  - a. Such animal being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest Arkansas District Fair event.
  - b. The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest Arkansas District Fair or any associated event.
  - c. The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representative or agents of the exhibitor, or all of these being barred from any further participation in the Southwest Arkansas District Fair or any associated event.
  - d. Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show & Rodeo Manager's Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in this database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database, you may not be allowed to participate in any event held at the Southwest Arkansas District Fair or any associated event.
  - e. Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or

premiums shall have been given by the Southwest District Fair to animal or exhibitor in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southwest District Fair, immediately return all awards and premiums given to such animal or exhibitor.

- c. Exhibitor being liable to the Southwest District Fair and shall indemnify and hold the Southwest District Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Southwest Arkansas District Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Southwest District Fair rules and regulations.
4. Penalties for violations in junior shows – See above penalties in rule #3. In addition, the following penalties apply:
- a. If an exhibitor, the parent(s) or other family of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, or any other agent associated with said exhibitor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Southwest District Fair for at least, but not restricted to one year.
  - b. In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, is a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nomination forms, or any other official paperwork submitted to the Southwest District Fair office and they too will be banned from the Southwest District Fair grounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but not limited to one year.
  - c. If action must be taken toward a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor documentation of this action will be reported to his/her supervisor at the discretion of the Southwest AR District Fair management.
  - d. The Southwest District Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine.
  - e. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
  - f. The decisions of the Southwest District Fair management are final and not subject to protest.

## **CHILD LABOR LAW**

State law regulates the employment of minors under the age of 18 and generally, requires children under the age of 16 to have employment certificates.

Employment certificates for children ages 14 and 15 are not required for seasonal agricultural laborers, newspaper carriers, or bat boys of professional baseball clubs.

Special provisions govern the employment of children in the entertainment industry, otherwise, children that are 14 and 15 years of age may not work

\*More than 10 hours a day.

\*More than 6 days a week.

\*More than 48 hours a week

\*Before 6:00 a.m. nor after 7:00 p.m. Except on nights preceding non-school days, such children may work until 9:00 p.m.

Children under 14 may not be employed except in the entertainment industry, as newspaper carriers, bat boys or bat girls for professional baseball club, to hand harvest short season crops, or by their parents or guardians during school vacation.

Children that are 16 and 17 years of age may not work:

\*More than 10 hours a day.

\*More than 6 days a week.

\*More than 54 hours a week.

\*Before 6:00 a.m. nor after 11:00 p.m. except that the limitation of 11:00 p.m. shall not apply to children 16 and 17 years of age employed on nights preceding non-school days. Provided, however, that no boys or girls between the ages of 16 and 18 shall be subject to the provisions of this Act if:

(a) such boy or girl is a graduate of any high school, vocational school or technical school;

(b) such boy or girl is married or is a parent.

Act 647 of 1987 allows for the employment of children in the entertainment industry provided the child is issued an Entertainment Work Permit by the Director of Labor. Child labor violations result in a civil money penalty of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for each violation.

## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS MINIMUM WAGE LAW, TELEPHONE 501-682-4505**

## **CARE OF ANIMALS**

RULE 17. All owners of livestock or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Southwest Arkansas District Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the others thereof.

RULE 18. Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his own bucket for watering and his own feed troughs.

RULE 19. ATTENDANTS: All livestock shall be in charge of competent, courteous and neatly dressed attendants, who shall impart to visitors such information as shall be desired. Blankets must be removed and animals kept in condition for inspection by the public from 8:00AM Thursday until noon on Saturday.

RULE 20. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 AM each day and refuse disposed of as superintendent may direct.

RULE 21. Failure to abide by any rule, regulation or decision may result in removal of animal from the grounds and all entries will be forfeited.

## **AWARDS -**

### **NO EXHIBITOR SHALL BE PERMITTED TO WIN MORE THAN TWO PRIZES IN ANY ONE CLASS.**

Awards will be made on the basis of merit. For example, if in the opinion of the judge, no animal in the class merits receiving a first place award, placing according to the merits of the animals entered in the class will be made by the judge.

## **EXHIBIT AUCTION**

RULE 22. In the interest of furthering the Livestock business of the area and in the interest of producing and providing food, all animals exhibited in the Southwest Arkansas District Fair may be sold privately on the show grounds.

## **HEALTH REGULATIONS**

RULE 23. The Southwest Arkansas District Fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any market animals at the Fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis indicating presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or

qualitative change in the characteristics of an animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition in the Southwest District Fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution.

Disclosure: Any animal receiving medication for any life-threatening disease or illness must be registered at the time they are entered in the fair.

RULE 24. All livestock for exhibition or any other purpose shall conform to the following rules and regulations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commissions.

**2013 EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK HEALTH  
REQUIREMENTS (As passed in 2006)**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE AR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION FOR RECENT HEALTH REQUIREMENT CHANGES .**

**ONLY REGISTERED, PURE BREED OR ANIMAL WITH ONE PURE BRED PARENT AND ANIMALS EQUAL TO BREED ASSOCIATION HERD BOOK QUALITY MAY BE EXHIBITED IN BREEDING CLASSES. THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES WILL FOLLOW THE STATE REGULATION CONCERNING PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS USED IN LIVESTOCK. THERE MAY BE ANIMAL TESTING DONE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE FAIR ASSOCIATION, LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAIR ASSOCIATION.**

1. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection and entry Permits: "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" refers to a legible record (made on an official form issued from the state of origin) by an accredited veterinarian, which shows that the animals listed thereon meet health requirements of the state of destination. It must bear the identification of each animal and separate certificates must be made for each species of animal entered. Entry permits are required on all out-of-state swine and rodeo bulls unless they are tested within 30 days of entry, psittacines, passerines, ratites, and all other avian species except poultry, turkeys, cervids, camelids, or exotic animals. Permits are also required on all cattle entering Arkansas from any state that is not tuberculosis free state, unless that state has a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas. Permit numbers can be obtained from the state Veterinarian's Office (501-907-2400) from 8:00 AM–4:30 PM Monday through Friday. A certificate of veterinary inspection must accompany all out-of-state animals; and
  - a. Must be available on request by animal health officials.
  - b. Individually identify all animals, showing positive identification of each animal by tattoo, ear tag, and registration number or ear notch. Steers should be identified by description.
  - c. Show required tests, vaccination, and enter permit number, if applicable.
  - d. Show name and address of owner or exhibitor – this shall be the same name as under which animals are exhibited.
2. Any animal or poultry showing any evidence of infectious or contagious disease, or of external parasitism, and animals with active ring worm lesions (with resulting loss of hair), multiple warts easily visible without close examination, or atrophic rhinitis will not be permitted to exhibit.
3. All animals entering the grounds, including those shown in pet zoos, children's barnyard animals, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet requirements of their particular species.
4. All animals originating out of areas quarantined because of other diseases (vesicular stomatitis, scabies, etc.) shall not be permitted to enter the State.

**OUT-OF-STATE CATTLE**

1. Valid certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
2. Brucellosis Requirements:

Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over 12 months of age and are not official calfhood vaccinates will not be allowed to show unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd or a Class Free state. All females and bulls 18 months of age and over must have a negative brucellosis test conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

Those exempt from testing requirements are as follows:

- A. Animals originating out of Class Free States.
- B. Animals originating out of Certified Free Herds provided that Certified Free Herd number and test date is recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Rodeo bulls participating in a recognized and organized performance group may enter with a negative test for brucellosis within 12 months if they are individually identified and accompanied by an entry permit.

**1. Tuberculosis Requirements**

All sexually intact dairy cattle six months of age or older for interstate entry into Arkansas will be required to have a negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 30 days prior to entry.

- a. These same dairy cattle will be required to have an entry permit and a certificate of veterinary inspection prior to entry, as well as the negative test and must be officially identified.
- b. Sexually intact dairy cattle under six months of age can be permitted under a hold order direct to premise or designated facility and held there until they are tested negative at six months of age, at owner's expense.
- c. The new regulation exempts dairy cattle that originate from accredited free TB herds (but not free states). Neutered dairy

feeder cattle, and dairy cattle delivered direct to slaughter, or delivered to a market for sale direct to slaughter.

2. All breeding beef cattle 12 months of age and older entering Arkansas must meet one (1) of the following requirements:
  - a. Originate from a tuberculosis-free state;
  - b. Originate from a tuberculosis-free herd. The herd number and current herd test date must be shown on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection;
  - c. Test negative within 30 days of shipment
    1. These same beef cattle will also be required to have a permit if entering from a state that has lost its tuberculosis-free status.
  - d. Originate from a state having a reciprocal agreement with Arkansas
  - e. All sexually intact cattle and bison, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized tuberculosis status comparable to the Uniform Methods and Rules standards of the U.S. Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Program, imported for reasons other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter must meet the following criteria:
    1. Obtain a permit issued by the Arkansas Livestock And Poultry Commission prior to entry, and
    2. Be quarantined to the Arkansas premises approved in the entry permit pending two (2) consecutive negative tuberculosis tests. The first test to be conducted not less than (90) ninety days nor more than one hundred twenty (120) days after arrival and the second test to be not less than two hundred ten (210) days nor more than two hundred forty days (240) days after arrival in Arkansas, or;
  - f. Importation of steers and spayed heifers from Mexico,
    1. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Control/Preparatory Phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program may enter Arkansas provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.
    2. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendations of the Bi-National Committee, to have fully implemented the Eradication Phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program by March 1, 1997, may enter Arkansas Provided they have been tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within sixty (60) days prior to entry into the United States. Steers and spayed heifers from herds equal to U.S. Accredited TB Free Herds may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved directly from the herd of origin across the border as a single group and not commingled with other cattle prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.
    3. Steers and spayed heifers from Mexican states that have been determined by the State Veterinarian of Arkansas, based on the recommendation of the Bi-National Committee, to have achieved Accredited Free status may enter Arkansas without testing provided they are moved as a single group and not commingled with cattle of a different status prior to arriving at the border and obtain an entry permit prior to entering Arkansas.
    4. Holstein and Holstein-cross steers and spayed heifers from Mexico are prohibited from entering Arkansas regardless of test history.
    5. Rodeo stock from any state that has lost its tuberculosis (TB) accreditations must be tested negative for tuberculosis within sixty (60) days prior to their utilization as rodeo or roping stock and retested for tuberculosis every twelve (12) months thereafter.

#### **OUT OF STATE SWINE**

1. As of July 1, 2001, an official premise identification and individual identification.
2. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection.
3. Permit number
4. **Brucellosis requirements:**

Negative brucellosis test on all intact males (i.e., barrows excluded) all females six (6) months of age and older, within thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition. Animals originating directly out of Validated Brucellosis Free Herds with the Validated Free Herd number and date of the last tests on the certificate, and animals from Swine Brucellosis Free States are exempt from testing requirements.

**Pseudorabies requirements:**

A negative pseudorabies test, regardless of age, within thirty (30) days prior to exhibition. Animals originating out of Pseudorabies Qualified Herds, with the Qualified Herd number on the certificate, and animals from Pseudorabies Free states are exempt from testing. No Permit.

**OUT-OF-STATE SHEEP & GOATS**

All sheep and goats entering Arkansas for exhibition shall meet all requirements for entry into Arkansas.

All sheep and goats exhibited within Arkansas must have a certificate of veterinary inspection within ninety (90) days of exhibition.

- a. Identification Number
- b. Flock Status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program
- c. The name, complete address and phone number of the owner.

Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep on grounds. Any sheep showing clinical symptoms of Scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitors expense.

Commingle (as defined by the Arkansas Scrapie Regulation) of sheep or goats of a different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCEP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCEP state official and State Veterinarian

No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel.

**OUT-OF-STATE HORSES**

1. Valid certificate of veterinary inspection with individual identification and a rectal temperature reading recorded on each animal.
2. A negative EIA test must have been conducted on all equine over 6 months of age within twelve (12) months prior to the exhibition, and the EIA test papers must accompany the certificate. Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by negative tested dams. (Photocopies of the test papers WILL NOT be acceptable – legible carbon copies will be acceptable.)

**OUT OF STATE RATITES**

All ratites must have a negative test for avian influenza within thirty (30) days prior to entry and exhibition unless a state of emergency has been declared. They must be individually identified with a form of permanent identification and listed on a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit number.

**OUT-OF-STATE CERVIDS**

1. All out of state cervidae shall have a valid certificate of veterinarian inspection and a permit number prior to entry and exhibition and meet brucellosis and tuberculosis testing requirements.
2. Brucellosis:  
All cervidae over six (6) months of age shall have a negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days or originate from a certified Brucellosis-Free Cervid Herd, originate from a Brucellosis-Monitored Cervid Herd within 90 days prior to movement.
3. Tuberculosis:  
All cervidae shall have two negative single cervical tuberculosis test conducted no less than ninety (90) days apart, with the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to the movement; or originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free Cervid Herd; or originate from a Qualified Tuberculosis Cervid Herd with a negative test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to movement, except that cervidae under twelve (12) months from a Qualified Herd are exempt from testing; or originate from a Monitored Tuberculosis Cervid Herd with a negative tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days prior to movement, except that cervidae under twelve (12) months from a monitored herd are exempt from testing.

**OUT OF STATE CAMELIDS**

1. Individually identified and valid certificate of veterinary inspection within thirty (30) days
2. Permit Number
3. Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.



## **OUT OF STATE RABBITS**

No certificate of veterinary inspection required. Inspection will be made on grounds.

No rabbits showing symptoms to disease will be allowed to show.

## **OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

1. All poultry, which includes game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, turkeys, and waterfowl shall have originated from a US Pullorum clean flock or have had a negative test within ninety (90) days of entry. All turkey shall also have originated from a US MG clean flock or have had a negative MG test within thirty (30) days of entry. All preceding information must be documented on a valid certificate of veterinary inspection, NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate. These forms must indicate that the flocks from which the eggs or chicks originated have been tested for pullorum disease and were free of reactors; or any egg or chicks or poults produced under the supervision of the National Poultry Improvement Plan will be deemed to have met with the requirements of these regulations, provided all of the requirements of NPIP are complied with and applicable NPIP forms accompany birds. All non-certified poultry must be individually identified, either by a permanent leg or wing band or tattoo. Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable. NPIP certified flocks of turkeys, chickens, domesticated fowl entering on a VS 9-3 or NPIP flock certification form or similar certificate are exempt from the requirement of a certificate of veterinary inspection unless a state of emergency has been declared.

## **OTHER OUT OF STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS**

Please call the state veterinarians office for information and permit.

## **ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK COUNTY, JR. DISTRICT, DISTRICT / STATE FAIR LEVEL & OTHER SHOWS**

1. All animals entering the grounds, including those showing in pet zoos, children's barnyards, Old McDonald Farms, etc. must meet the requirement of their particular species.
2. Arkansas livestock (except for Arkansas sheep, goats, horses, steers and rabbits) must be accompanied by a health certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 90 days prior to exhibition, showing the following:

### **ARKANSAS CATTLE**

1. If Arkansas is a Class Free State, Arkansas cattle are exempt from brucellosis testing, If Arkansas is not a Class Free State then the following testing requirements must be met:

Negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition, for females and bulls 18 months of age and over. All heifers that have calved or are bred must be tested. Animals originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd are exempt if the Certified Free number is shown on certificate are exempt.

2. All heifers that are 4-12 months of age shall be vaccinated before entering show.
3. Heifers that were born on or after January 1, 1985, that are over 12 months of age and are not official calfhooed vaccinates will not be allowed to show (unless they are from a Brucellosis Certified Free Herd.)

### **ARKANSAS SWINE**

1. As of July 1, 2001, all swine must have an official premise identification.
2. Animals six (6) months old or older to be tested negative for brucellosis within ninety (90) days of exhibition or originate directly out of a Validated Herd, with Validation number and date of last herd test shown on certificate (barrows exempt from brucellosis testing, but must be pseudorabies tested.)
3. Animals to be tested negative of pseudorabies regardless of age within ninety (90) days of the exhibition on a test approved by the state veterinarian or originate directly out of a Qualified Pseudorabies Free Herd with the Qualified Herd number and date of last test shown on certificate.
4. Free of other contagious, infectious, and communicable diseases (erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, etc.) otherwise they will not be allowed to show and will be released from fairgrounds.

## **ARKANSAS SHEEP AND GOATS**

Exhibition officials must maintain records of all sheep and goats that are exhibited for a period of five (5) years, to include:

- a.) Identification Number
- b.) Flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program
- c.) The name, complete address and phone number of the owner.

Fair personnel, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel may examine sheep on grounds. Any sheep showing clinical symptoms of Scrapie shall be immediately quarantined in isolation and required to undergo any approved diagnostic tests and shall be consigned to slaughter or destruction with submission of tissues to an approved diagnostic laboratory at the exhibitor's expense.

Commingle (as defined by the Arkansas Scrapie Regulation) of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) is prohibited and must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

No sheep or goats showing symptoms of disease, particularly foot rot, sore mouth, sheep pox, evidence of fungal infection, evidence of abscesses or with draining abscesses will be allowed to show and may be released by fair officials, veterinarians, or state-federal personnel. For tags please contact USDA APHIS Veterinary Services 1-866-873-2824.

## **ARKANSAS RABBITS**

Rabbits will be inspected on grounds. No rabbits showing symptoms of disease will be allowed to show.

## **ARKANSAS HORSES**

Negative EIA test required within the past twelve (12) months for all animals over six (6) months of age. Nursing foals under six (6) months of age are exempt from testing if accompanied by a negative tested dams. Photocopies of the test papers will not be accepted; carbon copies are acceptable.

## **ARKANSAS CERVIDS**

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection
2. Negative cervical tuberculosis test within ninety (90) days.
3. Negative brucellosis test within ninety (90) days
4. Or originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free and Accredited Tuberculosis Free Cervid Herd.
5. Or originate from a Brucellosis-Monitored and Qualified Tuberculosis Cervid Herd within ninety (90) days of exhibition.

## **ARKANSAS CAMELIDS**

1. Individually identified, and certificate of veterinary inspection within ninety (90) days of exhibition.
2. Registration papers when accompanied by registry photographs of the animal are acceptable identification.

## **ARKANSAS RATITES**

1. Certificate of veterinary inspection
2. Negative avian influenza test within ninety (90) days.
3. Permanent identification.

## **ARKANSAS POULTRY**

An official representing the exhibition shall notify the state veterinarian no later than thirty (30) days prior to the exhibition, giving names, places, inclusive dates, and time of the event.

The requirements are as follows:

1. All in-state poultry, which includes domesticated game birds, quail, pheasants, peafowl, guineas, and turkeys present at exhibition in Arkansas shall have originated from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative Pullorum-typhoid test within ninety (90) days of the movement to the exhibition (pullorum-typhoid testing on fairgrounds during the fair is prohibited.) This information will be documented on a NPIP Form VS 9-3, 90-Day Certificate, NPIP Flock Certification Form or similar certificate that will accompany the poultry during exhibition.
2. All non-certified birds must be banded (leg or wing band), with a sealed band. Wrap-around plastic bands are not acceptable. In state waterfowl are exempt from pullorum-typhoid requirements.
3. Any poultry showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or insect infestation will not be permitted to exhibit.
4. Record Keeping –  
The sponsor of the exhibition shall compile a list of all poultry present at exhibition. This list shall contain the name and

address of each owner, the number, the species, breed, variety, type, sex, and pullorum-typhoid status of all poultry present. A copy of this shall be retained by the sponsor of the exhibition for at least twelve (12) months.

### **OTHER IN STATE TAME OR EXOTIC ANIMALS**

Please call the state Veterinarian's office for information and permit.

**THESE ARE THE RULES AS GOVERNED BY THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION AND ENFORCED BY ALL MEANS DURING OUR LIVESTOCK SHOWS!**

### **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock show 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 junior 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 youths working with junior 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 person who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall 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:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
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.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile 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 with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable 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 substance taken from the livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such as 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 was 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, 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 licensed veterinarian.

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 external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animal 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.
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.
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, respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct towards them.
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.
9. This 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.

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 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.

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 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.

