

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. The exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, expressly assumes any and all liability or responsibility for any accident, loss or damage to any person, or property of the exhibitor, as a result of exhibitor's participation, or arising out of the display of his or her exhibit, whether such loss, damage, or injury is caused by the negligence of unknown or known third parties, or the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents. By entering an exhibit, the exhibitor, his or her guardian, or the person who enters the exhibit on the exhibitor's behalf, agrees to waive any and all claims, damages, demands, or costs against the Miami-Dade County Fair & Expositions, Inc., its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents as a result and arising out of exhibitor's participation in the fair, including but not limited to the transportation, judging, display, storage and disposal of the exhibit.
2. No smoking or lighted candles, lamps, matches, etc., will be allowed in any stalls or booths on the grounds or in the buildings and/or tents.
3. Advertising by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc., will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds except upon written agreement of the management.
4. Sale of any article or service is prohibited except where approved by The Fair management through written contractual arrangement.
5. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, barter or give away baby chickens or ducklings under four weeks of age, or rabbits under two months of age as pets, toys, premiums or novelties. (Miami-Dade Animal Services Division Code Ordinance: Article One; Sec.5-2.1)
6. Student exhibitors, parents and/or guardians will not be allowed to sleep overnight on the fairgrounds.
7. All exhibits must have been raised/ trained/ grown by the student exhibitor. A veterinarian's certificate stating the health of an entered animal is required by some divisions under Florida law, check division listing.
8. All exhibits must be checked in by the division superintendent(s).
9. The management of The Fair and the Exhibits Department and/or their designee reserve the right to remove and disqualify any exhibit which is not in the best interest of The Fair; or which is objectionable to The Fair; or endangers the public; or is objectionable in any way; or has been entered in violation of these official rules and regulations; or to reject, limit or disqualify the acceptance of, or the display of, any exhibit brought to the fairgrounds.
10. All exhibits are judged on the Modified Danish System (no quality comparisons) and the decision of the judges is final. Every entering exhibitor will receive a ribbon representing, in the opinion of the judges, the quality level of his/her exhibit. Quality is The Fair's primary consideration. Additional "Special Awards" may be presented at the discretion of the division superintendent(s).
11. **If a Market (Steer, Swine, Lamb), Poultry, Rabbit or Goat exhibitor is a member of 4H and FFA, they may enter under one organization only, not both.**

A Reminder:

The Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. assumes no responsibility for exhibits not claimed during the official Check-Out period. All exhibits not claimed at the announced Check-Out period (see division you are entering) will cause all premium ribbons and/or cash awards to be forfeited and exhibitor agrees and consents that ownership of any premium ribbons and/or cash awards shall revert back to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

How to Enter an Exhibit:

Some divisions require a pre-entry procedure before the specific date for exhibits to be physically checked-in at The Fairgrounds. If so, it will be stated under that division's requirements.

NOTICE:

In addition to the "Official Rules and Regulations" for all Student Divisions listed in Table of Contents, there are specific rules and regulations governing participation in each individual division. These rules are printed within each individual student division.

Who May Enter an Exhibit:

Florida students in kindergarten through high school enrolled in a public or private school or home schooled may enter (ages 5 – 18). Anyone having currently graduated from, or dropped out of high school, shall be ineligible to show.

The Individual Entry:

A student creates and works on a project alone, entering himself/herself as the result of the effort of **only one individual**. Exhibits may be brought to The Fairgrounds by the student or submitted through his/her school or club by a teacher/leader.

Photographs:

From time to time photographs are taken during The Fair. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes. By signing your entry form, you are giving the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. permission to use such photographs at their discretion without compensation to or prior approval from you.

When and Where to Check-In an Agricultural Exhibit:

All Entries except Horticulture Demonstrations and Landscape Construction

Check-In at The World of Agriculture Tent:

Cavies - March 23, 2010 (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Horticulture - March 23, 2010 (4:00pm - 8:00pm)

Poultry - March 23, 2010 (11:00am - 6:00pm)

Rabbits - March 23, 2010 (1:00pm - 6:00pm)

Market Lamb, Steer, and Swine - March 24, 2010 (9:00am - 12:00 Noon)

Commercial Goats - March 29, 2010 (12:00 noon - 2:00pm)

Registered Goats - March 29, 2010 (12:00 noon - 2:00pm)

(see map for directions to World of Agriculture)

Horticulture:

An Exhibit ID & Entry Tag will be mailed to the exhibitor for each exhibit entered. At Check-In, each one is separated with the Exhibit ID Tag being attached to the exhibit and the Claim Tag given back to the exhibitor.

Livestock, Rabbits, Cavies, and Poultry:

No Exhibit ID Tag/Claim Tag is practical in these divisions. The registered ID tattoo (poultry legband) on each animal insures its return during Check-Out. Ear tags or leg bands will be distributed/mailed.

When the check-in procedure has been completed, each student exhibitor will be issued two Main Gate passes to The Fair.

Animal Care & Feeding:

Except in the Livestock Division, all student animals and birds on The Fairgrounds are fed and maintained for the duration of The Fair by division personnel. The veterinarian on call is Richard Templeton, D.V.M. Any fee(s) resulting from medical attention needed during Fair time for an exhibited animal/bird must be paid by its owner.

When to Check-Out an Agricultural Exhibit from The World of Agriculture

Market Lamb, Steer, and Swine - March 28, 2010 (10:00pm)
Registered Goats - April 12, 2010 (10:00pm)
Cavies - April 12, 2010 (10:00am - 6:00pm)
Commercial Goats - April 12, 2010 (10:00am - 12:00 noon)
Horticulture - April 12, 2010 (10:00am - 6:00pm)
Poultry - April 12, 2010 (10:00am - 6:00pm)
Rabbits - April 12, 2010 (10:00am - 6:00pm)
(see map for directions to World of Agriculture)

All exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds at this time - not before and not after. There is no security following the check-out date to protect any exhibit(s). All exhibits not claimed at the announced Check-Out period (see division you are entering) will cause all premium ribbons and/or cash awards to be forfeited and exhibitor agrees and consents that ownership of any premium ribbons and/or cash awards shall revert back to the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc.

How to Receive Award Money:

A Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc. check is issued in the name of the person found on the entry form. These cash premium award checks are distributed during Check-Out at the location site of each division entered., except for achievement point checks. **However, no check cashing service is provided on The Fairgrounds.**

NOTE:

All checks for premium monies awarded in connection with The Fair, shall be negotiated by the recipient/payee within ninety days from the date of the check, time being of the essence. If the recipient/payee fails to timely negotiate said check, all monies due the recipient/payee shall be deemed to have made an unconditional and irrevocable gift of said monies to The Fair.

If teachers wish for a student who is in Exceptional Student Education to enter an exhibit in the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition, Inc., please check the individual division listing and check the box for Exceptional Students on the entry form. Entries may be admitted by any Exceptional Education Students. All Exceptional Education Student exhibits, regardless of the entering procedures, will be judged solely by Exceptional Student judges familiar with the criteria needed to properly evaluate the level of achievement. See individual division listings for specific entry rules - in addition to the 'Official Rules & Regulations for All Divisions' found in this Handbook.

Entry Form Deadline:

Cavies, Commercial Goats, Horticulture, Landscape Design & Construction, Poultry, Rabbits, Registered Goats

January 14, 2010
Postmarked by 11:59 pm

Market Lamb, Market Steer, Market Swine
November 7, 2009

Ownership Deadline:

December 27, 2009

Cavies, Commercial Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Registered Goats

Important:

Errors in premium checks, awards, or lost checks will be corrected by the Exhibits Department until May 30, 2010 after which time the books of The Fair are closed. Any checks not cashed or deposited by June 30, 2010 will be considered as void and will not be replaced.

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

1. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to jr. as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with jr. exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:
 1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating there to 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. Jr. 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 drugs. 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. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample or urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter irritant, or irritant substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
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 shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward 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. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of This code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM

OWNER represents to Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. ("The FAIR") that no animals that are exhibited or otherwise transported onto the FAIRGROUNDS will in anyway be suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. In addition, OWNER shall defend, indemnify, and hold The FAIR, the applicable Show Committee and each of their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents harmless of and from all losses, damages, claims, expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees at the trial and appellate levels, actions and causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with, or by reason of this Agreement, the presence of OWNER's livestock at the FAIRGROUNDS, and/or use of the FAIRGROUNDS including, but not limited to any claim for the death of, or injury to any person or livestock, or damage to, theft of, or destruction of any property arising out of any act or omission of OWNER, OWNER's officers, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, contractors and livestock, violation of any Federal, State and Local environmental laws, rules, ordinances and/or regulations, actions for negligence, wrongful death, torts, defects in the real and personal property at the FAIRGROUNDS and from any alleged liability, cause, litigation or proceeding whatsoever, even if such injury, death, loss or property damage results, in whole or in part, from the negligence of The FAIR, or the applicable Show Committee and their respective officials, officers, directors, employees and agents or otherwise. Neither The FAIR nor such applicable Show Committee shall be liable to OWNER, or any officer, agents, employees, trainers, drivers, riders, handlers, or other contractors, invitees or guests of OWNER for any injury or damage to livestock, person or property. The FAIR, its officers or agents, assume no liability for any loss or damage to property (including but not limited to livestock) on account of fire, theft, or any other cause including infectious or contagious diseases. In addition, OWNER acknowledges receiving and agrees to abide by the applicable Official Rules and Regulations of The FAIR included in The FAIR's Handbook and same are incorporated by reference herein.