

General Information Rules and Regulations Governing the Mayes County Fair

1. **INTERPRETATION of RULES:** The Mayes County Fair Board has the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard there to or otherwise arising out of, collected with, or incident to the Fair.
2. The Mayes County Fair Board reserves the right to amend, change or add to these rules and regulations as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of these rules or regulations will forfeit all privileges and premiums and shall be subject to such penalty as the Mayes County Fair Board may order.
3. No exhibit or exhibitor, either Junior or Open Division, livestock, HCE, Open, 4-H, or FFA may compete in another county fair this year. Violation of this rule shall result in forfeit of all ribbons and premiums. No entry will be accepted for display if there is no class for it.
4. **RESPONSIBILITY of EXHIBITOR:** These rules and regulations shall apply to each and every department of the Fair. All exhibitors and concessionaires are required to familiarize themselves with these rules. Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces or stalls clean by removing any trash or litter and placing it in a designated area outside of the building where it can be picked up.
5. **DISEASED ANIMALS:** All animals must be in good health. No animal affected with a disease will be permitted to occupy any of the exhibit pens. The Fair Board will not be responsible for any outbreak of disease that may occur. No shots or vaccinations are to be given to any animal during any fair day without the permission of that Section Superintendent and two other fair board members. Violation of this rule will disqualify the exhibitor and exhibit from showing.
6. **ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS:** Exhibitors agree to read and comply with all the current Oklahoma Health Rules and Regulations. Current Oklahoma Animal Health Rules and Regulations take precedence over all rules, no exceptions. Any animal showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease or sickness will be removed from the Fairgrounds. The decision of the superintendent and assistant superintendent will be final in this matter.
7. All owners or persons in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve same, as the Mayes County Fair does not undertake to do so, and shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. The Mayes County Fair is not responsible for the acts of third parties.

General Exhibit Requirements

8. All junior exhibitors must be properly enrolled in 4-H or FFA and meet one of the following:
 - A. Have Primary residence in Mayes County
 - B. A student in a Mayes County School
 - C. Students who are homeschooled or enrolled in virtual school plus live in a Mayes County School District.
9. All 4-H or FFA exhibitors must be a member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Mayes County. 4-H Club members must be 8 years old and in the 3rd grade on or before opening day of Fair to be eligible to show. The eligible age limit is the fall semester after graduation from high school.
10. If a 4-H or FFA exhibitor establishes legal residence or starts attending school in Mayes County after June 1, they must contact the county 4-H agent or FFA instructor of the school they will be attending or the Mayes County Fair Board prior to August 31 in order to establish proper eligibility and ownership of their animal(s). All 4-H and FFA members must reside with parents or legal guardians. At that time, the Mayes County Fair Board will take appropriate steps to determine their eligibility to participate in the Mayes County Fair. Exhibitors, if in compliance with the above rule, will be eligible for the premium auction and any and all premiums.
11. All junior exhibitors must have continuously owned their exhibit by July 1, or current year until opening date of the Fair and personally have fed their calf, lamb, goat or swine under the supervision of their County Extension Agent or FFA Chapter supervisor with the exception of the broilers. Each junior exhibitor is eligible to show and repeat himself in showmanship classes as long as he owns and shows his own animal in that division.
12. All Open Class exhibitors must be residents of or property owners in Mayes County. **Each exhibitor will be allowed to show a maximum of 5 animals, all species combined except poultry with 10 head maximum.**
13. **ACADEMIC ELIBILIBILITY:** Youth who have been declared ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities by their local school administration will be declared ineligible to participate in this show. Youth who are eligible on the first day of the show will be considered eligible through the duration of the show. If an exhibitor is ineligible to participate in the show for any reason, including rules of the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association, the animals owned by the exhibitor are also ineligible for the show. Ineligible youth who participate in the show will forfeit all show and/or sale premiums and awards and will be subject to disciplinary action as provided by the local school. It will be the responsibility of the local FFA instructors and 4-H leaders to notify the Show Management if a particular student is ineligible to participate.

DRESS CODE OF ETHICS

14. All 4-H and FFA Junior Exhibitors will be **required** to wear for show: clean, jeans no holes and clean shirt (may be long or short sleeves - **NOT** sleeveless). The shirt may also be woven cotton or knit. **Shirts must have 4-H or FFA emblem on them and must be tucked in jeans.** Ties, scarves or vests are optional. Exhibitors may wear jackets or vests if you wish. Horse show exhibitors will wear jeans, long-sleeved shirt, boots and hats. Nominated class exhibitors will wear 4-H or FFA emblem during the show.

GROOMING

15. The purpose of the grooming rule for Juniors is to help promote the youth program by making it a learning experience for the youth. All exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals throughout the show. An exhibitor may be assisted by his or her family members, agricultural education teacher, county extension agent and other eligible exhibitors from their respective county or chapter. The official 4-H volunteer leader for a county group will be permitted to assist the youth under his or her supervision.

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

16. Believing it is in the best interest of all breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring, the management of Mayes County Fair lists herewith practices which are considered unacceptable in presenting livestock in the show ring. The use of such practices or procedures is, therefore, considered unethical in the showing of livestock at the Mayes County Fair. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
17. Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise.
18. Surgery or any other procedure performed to change the natural process of growth, maturation, contour or appearance of any animal, to include teeth, is prohibited. Not included is removal of teats or horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
19. Any attempt to change natural color of an animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body.
20. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench. The use of a stomach pump or any other means of forced filling of a show animal is prohibited. The use of a Drench Gun on any livestock other than sheep and goats, cattle, you must have permission from the superintendent and must have 2 board members present. Administration of a drug of any kind or description, internally or externally prior to

entering the show ring,

Except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for tranquilizing animals that may otherwise be dangerous or females in heat. For the purpose of these rules, the term “legal drug” shall mean any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and by any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions. The use of any chemical and/ or compound that is Not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals and/or compounds are prohibited. All animals shall be subject to tests for foreign substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration or the Environmental Protection Agency. A positive test will result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards and will exclude the exhibitor from future competition at the Mayes County Fair.

21. JUDGES DECISION: Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the Mayes County Fair, may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation, declared ineligible or barred from exhibiting at the Mayes County Fair. Any violation of the Rules and Regulations incorporated in this Premium List, The Show Ring Code of Ethics and Junior Division Rules and Regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and Awards, disqualifications, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized group the exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the Fair Management will be final. Such action will require application for re-admission under such terms as the Management may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future events.
22. Violations of the rules printed in this show catalog and engagement of youth or adults in the practices listed below could result in the immediate disqualification of the animal.
 - A) Slapping a lamb at any time prior to and during bracing in the show ring.
 - B) Using muzzles on steers or heifers.
 - C) Using an electrical prod.
 - D) Snaring hogs.
 - E) Use of permanent nose ring will be allowed and must be installed before start of FAIR!

- THIS INCLUDES FAIR GROUNDS AND SHOW RING.