

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**THESE RULES SUPERSEDE ALL OTHER RULES IN THIS EXHIBITORS' GUIDE**



1. The State Fair of West Virginia (SFVV) reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard thereto and to add to or amend them as they may deem advisable.
  
2. Upon the discovery of an aberrant act or unseemly behavior (including the consumption of alcoholic spirits) on the part of any exhibitor in the barn and in public view, the Board of Directors, if such act is proved to their satisfaction, reserves the right to withhold the payment of any prizes awarded, to prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting for one or more years, to publish the names of any such person or persons as may be deemed expedient, and to award a prize or prizes so withheld as though such exhibitor or exhibitors had not exhibited.

### ***Special Notice To Exhibitors***

**Exhibitors need to note the following deadline:**

**12 NOON, SATURDAY, JULY 18:**

Entry forms will be accepted beginning June 10 through 12 Noon, July 18.  
Any entry forms received before June 10 or after 12 Noon July 18 will not be processed.

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST ARRIVE IN THE STATE FAIR OFFICE BY 12 NOON ON JULY 18. Hand-delivered entry forms will be accepted at the Administration Building on the fairgrounds from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays and from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon on July 18. Online entries will be accepted at [www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com) until 12 noon on July 18.

3. The SFVV will **not** act as a selling agency.
  
4. Advertisements by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc., on buildings, trees, posts or on other places on the grounds **will not be permitted**, nor will anyone be permitted to distribute any advertising except from inside of booth and not in the aisle in front of same.
  
5. Exhibits brought to the Fairgrounds without having previously been entered at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds will not be accepted.
  
6. Personal cooking equipment, i.e. refrigerators, hot plates and grills, etc. will **NOT** be permitted in the barn area. Please confine these items to the camp grounds/camping area.

### **ENTRY RULES**

7. We support public health initiatives with regard to animal and human contact in public places. We **strongly encourage** exhibitors to support these initiatives and refrain from eating and/or keeping food in the livestock areas.

Hand washing facilities are located in the Fair Street and cattle barn restrooms and in two (2) portable handwashing stations located in the livestock areas. Additionally, you will find hand sanitizer located in high traffic areas.

8. For the convenience of exhibitors, an entry blank is placed in each Exhibitors' Guide. Intending exhibitors should **type** or **print** thereon the department, class, and section in which they wish to enter their article or animal, using the exact number in the Exhibitors' Guide. **Only one (1) person may list his articles on an entry blank.** If additional entry blanks are needed, copies may be made or call the Competitive Exhibits Department at 304/645-1090 or go to [www.statefairfowv.com](http://www.statefairfowv.com) to print a form or enter online. The same article or animal cannot compete for the premium of two (2) or more classes, except when otherwise stated in the notes of the department. **No entry will be accepted unless accompanied by entry fee, in cases where fees are applicable.** In case of cancellation, fees will not be refunded. The SFVV Executive Committee reserves the right to reject or refuse any entry it deems advisable.

9. Livestock will adhere to the schedule printed on page **112** and the inside back cover of this Exhibitors' Guide.

**10. ALL ANIMALS EXHIBITED MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING SANITARY REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.**

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**WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT  
SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS — 2009**  
**THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ALL ENTRIES SHALL BE MADE BY A WVDA  
ANIMAL HEALTH INSPECTOR OR IN THEIR ABSENCE, A LOCAL FAIR  
OFFICIAL.**

1. This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.
2. All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession five (5) days prior to the arrival of livestock.
3. **Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI)** are good for **30 Days**.
4. Any animal residing within the state of West Virginia for 30 days or longer shall be considered an in state animal.

Any questions regarding health requirements should be made to the Director of Animal Health, (304) 558-2214.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE**

All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by an Official CVI.

### ***Tuberculosis in Cattle***

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows must meet one of the following requirements:



#### ***From West Virginia***

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

#### ***From Other States***

1. From Bovine Tuberculosis Free State - No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
2. From other than Bovine Tuberculosis Free State:
  - a. If originating from an accredited TB free herd - No test required, or
  - b. If herd of origin has had a complete negative herd test within 12 months - No test required, or
  - c. All other bovine require a negative TB test within 60 days of show.
  - d. Nursing calves may be shown on dam's negative CVI.



### ***Brucellosis in Cattle***

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

#### ***From West Virginia***

No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for brucellosis.

#### ***From Other States***

1. From Brucellosis Free State - No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
2. From other than a Brucellosis Free State:
  - a. Official brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions - No test required, or
  - b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd - No test required, or
  - c. Complete herd test within one year before the show - No test required, or
  - d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days.Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI.

### ***Leptospirosis - Cattle***

Recommended: Vaccinations for L. canicola, L. icterhaemorrhagiae, L. hardjo, L. pomona, and L. grippotyphosa, are to be seriously considered.



### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GOATS**

All out-of-state goats must be accompanied by an official CVI.

USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI.

#### ***TB and Brucellosis Requirements for Goats***

(No test required)

**NOTE:** Goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, Phone: (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

### **SCRAPIE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOATS**

The following animals will need ID (ear tags or tattoos):

- All sheep and goats for exhibition require scrapie tags or tattoos.
- All animals must be tagged prior to leaving the farm.

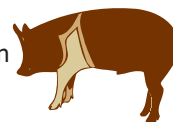
#### ***Warts, Pinkeye, Ringworm and General Animal Health***

It is strongly recommended that livestock with warts, pinkeye, and ringworm not be entered or allowed to show.



### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE**

All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI.



#### ***From West Virginia***

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

#### ***From Other States***

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia. Swine from a pseudorabies-free state need no testing.



### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP**

USDA regulations states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI.



**NEW!** In order to properly inspect market lambs they must be skin clipped prior to their arrival at the fair. A West Virginia Department of Agriculture inspector will be stationed at the unloading dock to inspect them as they come off the trucks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Any animal showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease will not be able to stay within the fairgrounds. Any shipment containing an infected animal commingled with other animals will result in the entire shipment being rejected.

Lambs showing evidence of club lamb fungus will be WVDA inspected and may be asked to leave the fair grounds.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP (continued)**

The following animals will need ID (ear tags or tattoos):

- All sheep for exhibition require scrapie tags or tattoos.
- All animals must be tagged prior to leaving the farm.

#### ***From West Virginia***

#### ***From Other States***

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must be accompanied by an official CVI, or</li><li>2. Have a current Honor Flock Certificate.</li><li>3. Market class of lambs to be inspected at Fair by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Same as West Virginia.</li><li>2. N/A</li><li>3. Same as West Virginia.</li></ol> |
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### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES**

#### ***From West Virginia***

#### ***From Other States***

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must be uniquely identified <b>and</b></li><li>2. Have a negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last 24 Months.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Must be uniquely identified</li><li>2. Accompanied by an approved CVI from the state of origin prior to show or fair, <b>and</b></li><li>3. A negative Coggins' Test (from a USDA official approved laboratory) within the last twelve months, if State has a comparable program.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Negative Coggins' Test from states with no program.</li></ol></li></ol> |
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### **RECOMMENDED EQUINE VACCINATION**

Vaccination Programs should include at least:

- Flu
- Tetanus
- Eastern & Western Encephalitis
- West Nile Virus
- Rabies

**NOTE:** No animals from any herd or herds under restrictions will be permitted to show or sell. Animal Health Officials of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture reserve the right to examine any animal consigned and exclude animals from the show or sale that exhibit signs of disease.

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### **JUDGES AND JUDGING**



11. An appeal of the decision of the judges may be made to the SFWV Executive Committee. However, no appeal will be considered unless such appeal be made to the manager in writing, accompanied by a forfeit of \$100.00 to be retained by the SFWV in case the decision of the judges is sustained by the Committee. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding. Any appeal considered must be filed within six (6) hours after judging.



12. Each livestock exhibitor is required to wear his entry identification number while in the judging ring.

13. Any attempt to influence or intimidate a judge, or any attempt whatsoever to decide and obtain a premium by misrepresentation, shall be reported at once to the Fair Manager, who shall order that such exhibitor be excluded from competition at this exhibition and any premium that may have been awarded him shall be forfeited. This rule includes unethically fitted cattle.

#### ***State Fair of West Virginia Code of Ethics***

To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock show, the State Fair of West Virginia reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin or any man-made article attached to the body to alter the normal conformation. It shall also include any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development as well as the dyeing or coloring of individuals which alters their natural coloration. Any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual shall be considered unethical.

#### ***IAFE Code of Ethics***



The State Fair of West Virginia has also adopted the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS and its accompanying "Exhibitor Entry Statement" which is included on the livestock entry form and which livestock exhibitors are required to sign.

#### **IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics**

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 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 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 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 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.

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*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 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 violative 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. 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 analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be a prima facie evidence such 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 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 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, fitter, 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 a 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 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 duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials 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 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 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.
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14. No exhibitor shall act as judge in the department in which she exhibits.
  15. If any disrespect is shown to judges by an exhibitor, or members of their family or their agent, they shall forfeit all awards received and the Superintendent shall make a report of same to the Fair Manager.
  16. The SFWV will furnish initial bedding at the beginning of the Fair. Any additional bedding required must be purchased by the exhibitor.
  17. **Tampering with and/or changing barn space assigned by the department superintendents is strictly prohibited. Stall space WILL BE adjusted according to the number of animals you bring.**
  18. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stall and space in a clean condition by removing any filth or litter, and placing it in the designated space where the sanitation department of the SFWV may get it with ease.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the intention and desire of the SFWV to promote and ensure the humane treatment of all animals exhibited or used in connection with the State Fair; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the SFWV to establish the procedure by which any and all concerns for the manner in which animals are exhibited or used at the State Fair, including but not limited to concerns with regard to their food, water, and shelter requirements, may be thoroughly, promptly, and properly evaluated and addressed; it is RESOLVED, that the SFWV adopt the following procedure:

1. Any individual voicing a complaint with regard to the treatment of any animal on the grounds shall be referred to the main office and state the nature of the complaint in writing.
2. The nature of the complaint shall be made known to a member of the SFWV Executive Committee as soon as possible and, in any event, within 24 hours.
3. Within 24 hours at least one member of the SFWV Executive Committee shall make a physical inspection of the conditions giving rise to the complaint. In the event that in the opinion of the member of the committee there is an immediate danger to the health and safety of the animal, that individual is empowered to take such steps as he or she deems to be reasonable and necessary to protect the health, welfare and safety of such animal, and shall immediately convene the remainder of the Executive Committee. If, in the opinion of the investigating member, there is no immediate danger to the health, welfare and safety of such animal or animals, then the full Executive Committee shall be convened as soon as reasonably possible.
4. The SFWV Executive Committee shall take such steps as are necessary to properly and thoroughly review the complaint, including but not limited to conferring with a veterinarian if it is deemed appropriate, and shall respond to the complaint in writing within 30 days.

## PREMIUMS

19. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the animal or article is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge must consider it worthy of a premium upon its intrinsic merit or may refuse to award a premium of any kind.

20. In any class where there is no competition, the judge must sign a statement that the animal or article is worthy of first place money; otherwise, a blue ribbon will be awarded but only second money will be paid.

21. PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS TURNED IN TO THE FAIR MANAGER'S OFFICE BY THE SUPERINTENDENTS AND NOT BY RIBBONS PRESENTED.