

General Rules and Regulations

NOTICE: *All exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced strictly.*

The Georgia National Fair (GNF) will be held on the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Perry, October 8-18, 2009, unless postponed, or extended by the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority (GAEA), all of which they hereby claim and reserve the right to do from any cause whatsoever which they may deem necessary for the general good of all concerned.

Administration of Rules and Regulations

The GNF reserves to the GAEA the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor who violates any of the following rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the GAEA may order.

Statement of Liability

1. All livestock exhibits will be under the direction of the GAEA, but the GAEA will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the GAEA against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor, or any of the animals exhibited by him/her, or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition of any of the animals so exhibited.

2. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal or fowl that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, without assigning a reason therefore, and if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

Testing and Responsibility

3. **DRUGS & DIURETICS:** Administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally is prohibited, except for treating a recognized disease or injury as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. For the purpose of these rules, the term "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 any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions which affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal.

The use of any diuretic, *tranquilizers or anti-inflammatory drugs* for any purpose whatsoever on any animal in the show is prohibited. Show management reserves the right to take blood, tissue, milk and/or urine samples for analysis. Any animal entered is subject to testing. *Champion and Reserve Market Lamb, Market Steer, Market Hogs, and Market Goats will be tested.*

The administration of any drug of any kind or description internally or externally for the treatment of a disease or injury must be done in accordance with regulations established by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

4. **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY:** The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Georgia National Fair Livestock competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that person or persons unknown introduced the prescribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Georgia National Fairgrounds property.

Any animal exhibited in a market class must meet withdrawal times and be eligible for processing for human consumption at the time of show.

Any animal exhibited in a breeding class being treated with a prescription or over-the-counter medication that has not completed its recommended withdrawal time must be accompanied by an original, complete veterinary prescription. This prescription must be provided to management upon request at any time during the show and will be required at the time of residue testing if that animal is selected. The prescribed medication(s) must be approved for the use on the treated animal.

Should testing and inspection procedures used by the GNF evidence the presence of a foreign substance or any drug not medically necessary or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal

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in any way, at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in these rules.

Refusal to submit animals for testing or to cooperate in completion of minimum testing requirements will result in disqualification and subject the exhibitor to the same penalties provided for exhibitors whose animals test positive for drugs.

5. **PENALTIES:** An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules or whose animal has been found to contain evidence of drugs as described in these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority;

- a. Forfeiture of prize money;
- b. Forfeiture of sale money;
- c. *Forfeiture of titles, trophies, and awards;*
- d. *Banned from future livestock competition at the Georgia National Fair and the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show.*
 - i. *The exhibitor will be banned from competing at future livestock competitions for all species at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) from rule infraction. After the twelve (12) months or one complete show year (whichever is greater) suspension has been completed, the exhibitor will then be placed on probation for twenty-four (24) months or two show years (whichever is greater).*

During this probation period, management reserves the right to residue test any/all entries of the individual on probation that are entered at the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and/or the Georgia National Fair. The exhibitor is responsible for full payment of costs incurred for any positive samples. Residue tests will be sent to a laboratory of show management's choice.

ii. *If, at any time following the first ban, any **market animal** shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any residues, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.*

iii. *If, at any time following the first ban, any **breeding animal** shown by that exhibitor tests positive for any unapproved drugs, prohibited drugs, or drugs that are not under the prescription of a licensed veterinarian, the exhibitor will be banned from the Georgia National Junior Livestock Show and the Georgia National Fair for the exhibitor's junior show career.*

- e. Subject to investigation by federal, state and local authorities for criminal prosecution.
- f. *Violation of these rules may result in disqualification from other 4-H and/or FFA activities.*

Eligibility for Entry

6. Competition is open to the world unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing a particular department.

7. **CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION:** All animals in the breeding classes must be recorded in recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge.

8. **OWNERSHIP:** Exhibitors entering an animal in any name other than the name of the bona fide owner or owners, or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible, may, at the discretion of the management, be barred from further showing, and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited. Entries that have been erroneously entered will be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. Animals owned in partnership may be entered in proper classes in one owner's name, but must appear under this ownership in all classes entered.

9. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Health Certificates meeting requirements set forth under Health Regulations printed in the Premium List are required on all animals. Diseased animals are barred entry (at all times) into the Fairgrounds area. Superintendents are instructed and authorized to refuse unloading privileges to animals showing any signs or characteristics of disease. Inspectors will check health papers upon arrival.

10. **BREEDER AFFIDAVIT:** Barren animals will not be eligible for breeding classes; an affidavit that the animal is a breeder must be furnished on request.

11. If an exhibitor has been disqualified from competition in a major show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation, misrepresentation, fraud or deception, he/she will not be allowed to compete at the Georgia National Fair. In cooperation with the member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association and the Rule Infraction Database, the Georgia National Fair reserves the right to refuse entry to any exhibitor.

12. To be eligible for entry, exhibitors and their livestock must meet and adhere to the requirements of Special Rules listed under the appropriate department or departments (in subsequent pages of this premium list).

Entries

13. **ENTRY FORM:** All applications for entry must be typed or printed on current official Georgia National Fair entry forms (or a photocopy) in accordance with instructions on same, giving lot and class numbers, birth dates, registration numbers and all other necessary information. ***Incomplete entries will be returned to exhibitors.*** These entries, after being signed by the exhibitor, are to be filed in the Livestock Show Office and accompanied by any entry fees due.

14. **ACCEPTANCE:** In all cases, the management reserves the right to reject, accept or accept conditionally, an application for entry, and does not guarantee space in the exhibition buildings.

15. **SIGNATURE REQUIRED:** Each exhibitor (and exhibitor's parent or legal guardian if exhibitor is a minor) must sign a

statement acknowledging that he/she understands and will abide by the liability requirements and rules and regulations of the Georgia National Fair. ***If the exhibitor does not sign this statement (contained on the front of entry form) his/her application for entry will not be accepted.***

16. **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER MAY BE REQUIRED:** Social Security number required for premiums paid in the amount of \$600 or more. Premium payment will not be made without correct social security numbers provided as requested.

17. **ENTRY FEES:**

Open Shows	Jr. Shows
Beef & Dairy Cattle. \$18.00.....	\$12.00
Steer.....	\$16.00
Jr. Sheep	\$ 7.00
Jr. Swine	\$ 7.00
Goats.....	\$10.00

Entry fee includes the original bedding which will be in the stalls upon arrival of livestock.

THERE WILL BE A \$25.00 CHARGE FOR ALL RETURNED CHECKS.

18. **TACK SPACE:** An additional fee equal to the entry fee must be paid to reserve space for tack & trimming in open shows. Tack space for junior shows will be assigned at no charge, based on available space in the barn. Because of space limitations, no tack pens will be assigned or allowed in the barn for all swine shows.

New 19. **ENTRY DEADLINE: September 1, 2009. Entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2009. Only official US Post Office postmarks will be accepted for the purpose of determining postmark date. Entries postmarked after September 1, 2009, will not be accepted. All fees must accompany entry form. Entries using METERED MAIL must arrive on or before September 1, 2009. Suggestion: when you take your entry forms to the post office, have the postal clerk postmark the entry form envelope while you are present.**

New **ONLINE ENTRIES: will be available at www.georgianationalfair.com under the Livestock tab. Payment for online entries is required through the online process.**

20. **CANCELLATIONS** or changes must be made no later than *September 15*.

21. **REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds for amounts less than \$10.00 and no refunds of any amount after *September 15, 2009*.

22. **SUBSTITUTIONS (Open Shows ONLY):** Substitutions of animals will be allowed within the same breed and class and for the same exhibitor. In addition, one open substitution (out of class) will be allowed per exhibitor. Substitutions can be made only in the name of the original exhibitor. Exhibitors in breed shows without defined classes can substitute only an animal of the same sex with a birth date within 90 days of the entry being substituted. Exhibitors in these shows will also be allowed one open substitution (not the same sex and DOB not within 90 days).

23. **GROUP CLASSES:** All entries for group classes must be shown in their respective single classes. Animals to comprise a competitive group need not be named in application for entry, but exhibitors must indicate in which group class they expect to compete.

24. **JUNIOR & OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS:** All animals shown in the Junior Show are eligible to show in the Open Show if applicable classes are available. If the Junior Exhibitor elects to show in the Open Show, he/she must abide by all the Open Show rules, including entry deadline, and must apply and pay entry fees for both shows.

Exception: Heifers showing in the Comm. Dairy Heifer Show are not eligible to be shown in the Purebred Show of the Georgia National Fair during the same year

25. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging. However, the management will determine each matter upon its merits.

26. **SHOW NUMBER:** Each entry in the Fair will be assigned a show number. This number will identify animals in the show and will correspond with the Official Livestock Catalog number and must be displayed properly when the entries are being judged.

Passes and Parking

27. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

Complimentary 3-day passes are provided for exhibitors and two 3-day passes for parents/guardians of each exhibiting family. (Example: If family has one child exhibiting, they receive three passes. If family has two children exhibiting, they receive four passes, etc.) One (1) complimentary vehicle pass per family will also be provided. Additional passes must be purchased.

4-H and FFA chapters with junior entries will receive two complimentary 3-day passes and two complimentary vehicle passes for Agents or Advisors. Any additional passes must be purchased.

All 3-day passes will be **punched** each day at gate. A handstamp will allow you to leave and reenter the Fairgrounds on the same day.

All complimentary passes must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock entrance to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Additional 3-day passes (quantities limited) may be purchased for \$20.00 each at the Livestock Credentials office.

Every vehicle and every person must have a pass to enter the gate. There will be no Vehicle or Trailer parking inside the gates. All vehicles with vehicle passes will be parked in a designated area outside the Livestock Entrance of the Fair.

Vehicle Passes good only for parking vehicle in designated areas, not for entrance of driver or passengers. Parking spaces are limited and vehicle pass does not guarantee space.

Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. Any vehicle other than trailers must have a vehicle pass to enter and to park in designated areas.

28. **OPEN SHOW EXHIBITORS**

Complimentary 3-day passes are issued depending on number of entries.

No. of entries 3-day Passes

1	1
2-3	2
4-5	3
6 or more	4

One complimentary vehicle pass will be issued per exhibitor.

All complimentary admission passes must be picked up at Livestock Credentials Office at the Livestock entrance to the Fairgrounds upon arrival.

Additional 3-day passes (quantities limited) may be purchased for \$20.00 each at the Livestock Credentials office.

Every vehicle and every person must have a pass to enter the gate. **There will be no Vehicle or Trailer parking inside the gates. All vehicles with vehicle passes will be parked in a designated area outside the Livestock Entrance of the Fair.** Vehicle passes good only for parking vehicle in designated areas, not for entrance of driver or passengers. Parking spaces are limited and vehicle pass does not guarantee space.

Livestock trailers may be dropped in designated areas without a vehicle pass. Any vehicle other than trailers must have a vehicle pass to park in designated areas.

Open and Junior Show Exhibitors - Exhibitors showing in both junior and open shows, when those shows are held within the same three-day period of time, will receive complimentary passes for the junior show only, not for both shows. When the junior and open shows are not held within the same three-day period of time, the exhibitor will receive passes for both shows.

29. No parking is permitted on the asphalt next to the barns.

30. **NONCOMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or officials of the Show in all matters of policy, including parking, will have their entries canceled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately

31. **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS:** On heavy attendance days the Georgia State Patrol will designate all gates on the Fairgrounds as exits only from approximately 9 pm until 11 pm. It is strongly suggested that you plan your entrance and exit times wisely with this information in mind.

Judges and Judging Procedure

32. Policies of selecting judges and of determining judging systems rest solely with the management.

33. Judges will be familiar with all rules, regulations and procedures of the Georgia National Fair.

34. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest. In cases where fraud, misrepresentation, error or collusion is discovered after awards have been given, the Georgia National Fair management or such referee as may be appointed may make a decision regarding final placement. Such cases may be appealed in writing to the Livestock Committee from whose decision there will be no appeal.

35. If any exhibitor or his/her representative interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the Show, the management may withhold from such exhibitor any premium monies that may have been awarded, or take any other steps deemed desirable.

36. Judging will not be delayed for animals entering the arena late. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time is barred from competition in the class. Protests that the judges overlooked exhibits will not be considered.

37. No one will be allowed to act as judge in the ring or class in which he/she exhibits or in which he/she may hold an interest.

38. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intent of the Ag Expo Authority that no premium or distinction of any kind be given any animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is being exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his/her award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited which may be either first, second, third, etc. Only first prize winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.

Protests

39. Protest against an award and/or eligibility must be made in writing to the Agricultural/Youth Director of the Georgia National Fair and accompanied by an affidavit and a deposit of \$50.00 within twenty-four (24) hours following the designation of such award. In case the protest shall not be sustained, the deposit shall be forfeited to the Georgia National Fair. The Livestock Superintendent will notify the exhibitor of the protested animal or article, of such protest, and both parties shall then have ten (10) days in which to bring testimony in the case to be submitted to the Livestock Committee. The protested animal will be submitted to the Livestock Committee. The protested award will be held in abeyance until the final action of the Georgia Agricultural Exposition authority.

40. No other protest will be considered by the Livestock Committee.

Care of Animals, Stalls and Pens

41. **ANIMAL WELL-BEING:** Management reserves the right to remove any exhibitor from the grounds who is deemed to be mistreating any animal.

42. **CONTROL:** *All animals exhibited at the Georgia National Fair must be halter broke.*

43. **BEDDING:** The official bedding of the Georgia National Fair is wood shavings. All beef entries in the Junior and Open shows will be required to use wood shavings in the barn. The first bedding is provided and additional chips can be purchased on site. Absolutely NO exceptions to this rule. Violators will forfeit all premiums won. Junior and Open Dairy and Llama exhibitors will be allowed to use straw on top of the existing wood shavings. Wood shavings must not be removed from stalls.

44. **BEDDING SALES:** Shavings and straw will be available on the Fairgrounds at reasonable prices. Straw will be allowed in the outside tie-outs only, except where otherwise specified. Hours and location for purchase of bedding will be posted.

45. **TIE-OUTS:** Cattle may be tied out after 8:00 pm each evening in areas designated by management. No tie-outs to trailers or in other locations allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS. In the designated tie-out area the exhibitors will be permitted to use any type bedding they so desire.

46. **SIGNS:** Livestock exhibitors are permitted to display a sign or banner over their exhibit advertising their own herd or farm. This sign or banner shall be of a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other exhibitors signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22 X 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals within an individual exhibit. The management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed.

47. Posting of signs is not allowed outside the barns or in any area inside the barns other than in the exhibitors assigned spaces.

48. All owners and those in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The Georgia National Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Composite Rules and Regulations

49. **NO DOGS** are allowed on the Georgia National Fairgrounds during the Fair except guide dogs and dogs participating in demonstrations and/or competitions.

50. All articles and animals for exhibition must be in their places, with all rubbish and waste cleared away by 9:00 am each morning.

51. **ARRIVAL TIME:** All animals must be in the barn by the time and date specified in this book under individual shows. No Open Show cattle will be allowed on the grounds before 6:00 pm of the day before their arrival date. Early arrivals allowed only with prior approval of barn manager and will be required to spend the night in the tie-outs.

52. **DEPARTURE TIME:** All animals must be out of the barn by 9:00 pm on the date of their release as specified in this book under individual shows. They may spend that night in the tie-outs, but must be off the grounds by noon the following day.

53. **EARLY DEPARTURE:** Any animal on exhibition may not be removed from the grounds prior to its release time without a special order given by the Livestock Department. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all premiums earned by exhibitor.

54. ANY EQUIPMENT BROUGHT IN TO BE USED IN YOUR STALL OR SPACE MUST COMPLY WITH AND BE USED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS.

55. **NO BUTT FANS ALLOWED:** No fans allowed in alleyways. All fans must be attached to tie panel in stalling area and cannot be attached by extension to hang beyond 42 inches from tie panel.

56. **PORTABLE SCALES:** Exhibitors will not be allowed to bring portable scales into the building.

57. No demonstrators, trophies, decorations, portals, fountains, signs, banners (except as allowed in rule # 41), advertising matter or exhibits of any kind or character will be allowed in the aisles or public passageways or attached to the Show buildings' walls, posts, or doors.

58. **TRIMMING CHUTES:** will be assigned locations in the tie space area. NO chutes allowed in center aisle of cattle barn. The permit fee is included in the fee for "space for tack & trimming."

59. **BREED SHOWS:** Where breed shows are offered, breeds that do not meet the minimum requirements for that show for two consecutive years will no longer be offered a breed show. See individual show rules.

60. **PAINT:** No paint is allowed on any animals entered in the Fair. Only exception is painting of hoofs which must be done in such a manner so as not to deface the facility (i.e. within a blocking chute, etc.).

61. The use of roller blades, roller skates, scooters, or other unauthorized forms of transportation is prohibited on the Fairgrounds at all times.

Photographs

62. Exhibitors of Champion and Grand Champion winners must make themselves and their animals available for the taking of official photographs and must remain at the Show until animals are released; those photographs are to become the property of the Georgia National Fair with copies made available on site for purchase by the exhibitors.

Failure to comply may result in premium monies being withheld.

Only the photographers displaying the badge of "Official Photographer" are authorized to take photos for resale on the Fairgrounds.

Premiums & Awards

63. Premium checks will be mailed by the Georgia National Fair (except where otherwise stated) as soon after the Show as possible.

64. All premium checks issued by the Georgia National Fair are good for up to six (6) months after the date of the last day of the Fair. Checks not cashed by that time will not be reissued. In the event that a premium check is lost in the mail, request must be made before this six month period has lapsed to have the premium check reissued.

Notice to Exhibitors

65. Exhibitors may spend the night inside the barns only to tend to lactating animals and must do so within their assigned stalling area or purchase additional stalling space, if available. No other camping is allowed in or around the barn areas.

66. In order to create a good public image and add to the attractiveness of the livestock area, all beds, cots, bedding, etc., should be stored out of sight by 8 a.m. each morning.

67. No cooking is allowed inside or around the outside of the barns to comply with local fire codes. *Coolers are allowed.*

68. No Unauthorized ATVs, Scooters, Golf Carts, Motorcycles or Bicycles allowed on grounds. The fair will provide transportation and drivers to assist exhibitors in the restocking of their feed and supplies during the fair.