



**Suwannee River Fair Association Inc.  
Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement**

Name and Location of Fair: Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale, Fanning Springs, Florida.

**ADULT AND MINOR PARTICIPANTS:**

Let it be known that all those directly associated with the Suwannee River Fair Association Inc./Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show & Sale/Suwannee River Fair (hereafter "Releasee"), including but not limited to Board Members, Staff, Show Committees, Sponsors, and Volunteers are to be held harmless and not responsible in any way in case of any damage, fire or accident as to person, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibited or any accidents that might occur to the exhibitor or their family, and/or the general public while visiting on the grounds at any time during fair activities. It is understood that all exhibitors entering any of the Suwannee River Fair shows and/or contests agree to comply with all General Rules and Regulations, Animal Inspections Rules & Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as well as the rules governing each individual show and contest.

**NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN**

**READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF RELEASEE USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM RELEASEE IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND RELEASEE HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM. F.S. 744.301(3)(b) PARENTAL CONSENT.**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to enter any of the livestock areas at the Suwannee River Fair (*including, but not limited to, the show ring, competition areas, chutes, hog pens, steer barn, scales, washing/drying areas, areas reserved and intended for exhibitors or restricted to the general public*), or being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any purpose participate in any way in the event, by signing below, I agree as follows:

1. I am aware that there are livestock animals at the Suwannee River Fair and I understand that livestock can be unpredictable and dangerous at times.
2. If allowed to enter any livestock area, I agree to be mindful and aware of my surroundings in any areas that I may be in and will conduct myself in a safe and sensible manner.
3. I agree that if, at any time, I am in a livestock area and I feel anything to be unsafe, I will immediately notify Fair officials of such and will leave the area.
4. I agree not to sue any youth exhibitors, the Suwannee River Fair or any affiliate of the Fair, the Fair Board Members, Fair Superintendents, Fair Officers, or anyone else associated with the Fair for any loss or damage claimed by myself due to the injury or death of myself or any person under my care at this event.
5. I understand that the activities of the Fair can be very dangerous and could involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage, and I assume this risk on behalf of myself and anyone under my care while at this Fair.
6. I understand that neither the Suwannee River Fair nor any of its affiliates are responsible for loss of or damage to any of my personal property or belongings while at the fairgrounds.
7. I understand that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Province or State in which the event is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
8. I agree the laws of the State of Florida shall govern the validity of this Release, the construction of its terms, and the interpretation of the rights and duties hereunder.

**I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. I UNDERSTAND IT IS A WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I ASSUME ALL RISK INHERENT IN THIS FAIR WHICH INVOLVES UNPREDICTABLE LIVESTOCK ANIMALS. I FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME EVIDENCING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.**

_____ Print Exhibitor Name	_____ Exhibitor Signature	_____ Date
_____ Print Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Date

## **GENERAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **FOR ALL SHOWS & CONTESTS**

1. The Suwannee River Fair Association (SRF) reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations.
2. The SRF reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.
3. The fair will take place at the discretion of the SRF Board of Directors and when possible the following year Fair dates will be set in January prior to the opening of the current Fair year.
4. Market animals that show must sell. Exhibitor owns the animal until it goes on the trailer of the resale buyer after the sale.
5. All animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and remain in their designated area during the feeding period or until released by show committee. The care and welfare of the shows animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county Agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
6. The website [mysrf.org](http://mysrf.org) has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
7. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fair grounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
8. Gate at SE corner of Horse arena will stay shut all the time. **No Vehicles, No Trailers.**
9. The Fair will not be responsible for any actions by the US Post Office concerning entries or thank you letters. This includes letters lost or delayed through the mail.
10. Use of drugs in animals not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Fair will be construed as tampering.
11. **SRF Association Resale Buyer Quality Assurance & Drug Statement.** This is to acknowledge that I have been advised that the presence of any drug, antibiotic or biological residue in my market animal at slaughter will result in the condemnation of the carcass and forfeiture of all sale proceeds and premiums. I certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturers label requirements or as prescribed by a veterinarian. I certify that I produced this animal, it was not fed any prohibited feedstuffs and all feeds were fed in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label instructions.
12. Show officials may refuse participation in any show, contest or sale, any exhibit or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the fair and/or does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
13. The decisions of Judges, Graders, DFACS Inspectors and other officials of the fair are final. There will be no arguments, verbal or written, or protest to the fair Judges or Graders. Protests are allowed under the provisions of SRF general rule #14.
14. Any disagreement or protest regarding any fair activities must be made in writing to the Fair Board President. The executive board will consider such protests and a decision rendered as soon as possible.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

15. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all fair sanctioned events. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of all premiums, awards and elimination or expulsion from participation in the current or future fair events.
  - a. Abide by all SRF rules and regulations.
  - b. Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages on fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
  - c. The use of profanity or fighting on fair property is forbidden.
  - d. The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
  - e. No open fires are permitted on fair property.
  - f. Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the fair grounds and/or activities.
  - g. No improper comments or conduct toward buyers, fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.

### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY**

16. Participants in SRF must be certified members in good standing of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Verification of membership is the sole responsibility of the advisors or agents and implies member compliance with national, state and local membership rules and policy. Membership is certified initially by the signature of the appropriate Advisor, Agent or Leader on the appropriate entry form. Final certification from Advisor or Agent will be verified from SRF Master Entry List.
17. **Age Division** between Primary (8-10), Junior (11-13), and Senior (14+) classes shall be uniform throughout the Fair. **The base age date for all shows: September 1, 2017.**
  - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, Jr: 8-13, Sr: 14 years and older
  - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2017** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.

18. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of **9/1/2017**.
  - a. Cloverbuds may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter and participate only in events specific to their age group.
  - b. Cloverbuds are eligible for participation in the Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Division Show and showmanship.
  - c. Cloverbud entries will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. See Specific Shows for Rules and Regulations.
  - d. A Cloverbud project summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter, drawing, or picture on 8.5x11 paper for rabbit and or poultry shows is required.
19. **SRF Dress Code:** All exhibitors participating in Shows, Sale, Contests and at Awards Program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in gender appropriate dark black jeans, slacks or skirts, a solid white shirt with a white collar and dark or green tie. 4-H or FFA Jacket or 4-H Accessories are required. Closed-toed shoes with backs or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. **Show Only Exceptions:** Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories. BBQ Contest and Dog Show participants check contest/show for dress code requirements. Dairy Cow and Goat participants may wear white pants and shirt. Horse Show participants are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate to riding style.
20. **Buyer's Invitation:** It is the exhibitors responsibility to help get new and returning buyers to come to the livestock sales.

### **EXHIBITOR ENTRIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

21. Animals must be entered at the initial and final entry time.
22. Exhibitors must own in full any animal exhibit offered for sale. No individual may show and/or sell more than one **SALE** animal per year. Chapter or club animals must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a market animal in the show.
23. Exhibitors must show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
24. All exhibits must be picked up no later than the time and date listed in the schedule of events or show barn for each show and division.
25. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
26. Steer and/or heifer exhibitor is required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the directors that they are able to handle their animal safely. This will include an unassisted walk around the indoor arena by the exhibitor. If any animal is deemed "green, unbroke, or unsafe" the exhibitor will be excused from the show and sale, regardless of division. There will be two opportunities to do this. At the March weigh-in and a time to be announced prior to the Show. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the show and sale.
27. For the safety of all exhibitors, any animal that becomes loose or unruly while in the show ring due to lack of control by the exhibitor shall be penned or tied to the fence for the remainder of the class.
28. **STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:** By signing and submitting an entry to the Suwannee River Youth Fair, the exhibitor, parents, leaders, and advisors agree that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as published by the Suwannee River Fair Association, and that all information on the entry form is true. By signing the entry form you release the Suwannee River Fair Association and those directly associated with it from any liability to your person or property and you consent to the use, by the Fair, of any pictures taken during the events for promotion or advertising of the Suwannee River Youth Fair.
29. **LIABILITY WAIVER:** Parent/Guardian and/or Exhibitor must sign and submit a Parental Permission, Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement with their entry form.
30. **WRIST BANDS:** Colored wrist band will be issued to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Wristbands are required to enter restricted livestock areas of the fair grounds.
31. **Entry Fees:**

\$35.00	Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wethers
\$30.00	Dairy Cattle, Goats (dairy, meat doe) & Horse
\$30/25.00	Beef Heifers \$30.00 1 <sup>st</sup> then \$25.00/Head 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$25/10.00	Dogs \$25.00 1 <sup>st</sup> and \$10.00 2 <sup>nd</sup>
\$20.00	Rabbit & Poultry
\$10.00	BBQ Contest
\$5.00	Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry
None	Creative Life Skill Shows
32. **Entry Forms:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline.
33. **Registration Deadlines:** All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor and entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:
  - a. **Market Steer & Swine Animals:** On the day of Weight/Tag-in.
  - b. **Non-Sale & Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December will be accepted at double the entry fee. Exhibitors are encouraged to include a self-addressed, stamped post card which will be returned upon receipt of their entry forms. A list of all received entries will be posted on the Fair website. Dropped off forms will not be accepted.
34. **REQUIRED Show/Contest Sponsor Thank You Letters:** Your animal will not be checked into the fair until a show/contest sponsor thank you letter is submitted. No Torn Pages, Frayed Edges or Envelopes will be excepted. Letters **MUST BE HANDWRITTEN** and **AT THE MINIMUM MUST** include 3 paragraphs with at least 9 sentences, using the following format:

- ▶ Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself (name, age, school, club/chapter, what other shows you participate in, etc.);
- ▶ Paragraph 2: tell what the project is (steer, swine, horse, rabbit, etc.) and describe what you learned from the project (do not just say "I learned responsibility" or "I learned time management," but explain how you learned it and why it is important);
- ▶ Paragraph 3: Express your appreciation and tell how much you appreciate them and their sponsorship.

35. **Mandatory Project Summary Sheet OR Record Book:**

- a. All animal exhibitors **MUST** complete either a Project Summary Sheet or a Record Book for each animal project they enter. Any exhibitor wishing to participate in the Record Book Contest must fully complete a Record Book.
- b. The completed project summary sheet or record book will be presented to the show committee check-in station where all summary sheets and record books will be examined for completeness.
- c. If a summary sheet or record book is found to be incomplete, the exhibitor and their animal **WILL BE** diverted out of line to an area where they will complete their sheet/book.
- d. Exhibitors showing in multiple animal divisions have the choice of completing either the project summary or the record book, so long as one or the other is completed for each division.
- e. If the sheet/book is complete, it will be rubber stamped as approved, and the exhibitor's hand will be stamped for entry into the scale house, arena or barns.
- f. **Optional Record Book Contest:** Refer to Contests and Other Events Rules.

36. **Showmanship Contests – General Rules:**

- a. There will be Primary, Junior, and Senior divisions.
- b. Refer to show division for specific criteria on participation.
- c. The exhibitor must show his own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show and division. Exhibitors of chapter or club animal may compete in the showmanship contest, 1 per club/chapter by designated club leader or chapter advisor.
- d. Awards may be given to the top three (3) showmen in each show category.

**ANIMAL INSPECTION RULES & REGULATIONS**

37. All animals shall enter the show grounds through the North gate, unless specified in SRF Division and Show.
38. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean and attractive manner, properly care for (feed and water) animal exhibits, for the duration of the Fair. Inspections will be performed by the Board.
39. **Proper Care:** If your animal is reported for lack of care and the grievance is found to be valid, the pen will be tagged with a date and time. Once your pen is tagged you must immediately report to the office/show superintendent. If the problem or concern is not corrected you will be withdrawn from the show.
40. State Veterinarian, USDA representative, SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right not to accept animals if they appear to be unhealthy, infected with external parasites (such as lice, mites & fleas), malnourished, or not in the best interest of the fair.
41. There will be no medicating of animals, unless approved by SRF Grievance Committee or their representative.
42. If illness appears during the course of the Fair, the SRF Grievance Committee or their representative reserve the right to remove animals from the barn that day.
43. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until released from Fair.
44. All health rules as outlined by the Suwannee River Fair and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry must be adhered to. State inspectors will be on the grounds to verify health papers and check in all animals. No animals will be unloaded without the inspector's approval.
45. The State Inspector has the right to test any animal on the facility without prior notice under **Florida Statutes 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
  1. *Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.*
    - (a) *The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.*
    - (b) *Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.*
  2. *Expiration of Required OCVI.*
    - (a) *For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.*
  4. *Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.*

5. *Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:*

(a) *The required official individual identification of the animal; and*

(b) *Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and*

(c) *Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.*

5. *Animals Rejected for Exhibition.*

(a) *Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or (b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or (c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be: Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian at the owner's expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.*

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## **SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **SMALL ANIMAL GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS**

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. All animals must remain in the possession of exhibitor and caged during the feeding period or until released by show committee. Animals may only be removed from cages with permission of the Superintendent, with the exception of pre-judging grooming.
3. All small animals must be owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to fair entry. Leased or borrowed animals will not be permitted.
4. At check-in *Each Exhibitor Must Be Present with Their Animal, Completed Project Summary, and Cage or Coop Their Own Animal. **Parents are not allowed to check in for exhibitors.*** The Fair Association will furnish exhibition pens or coops.
5. Exhibitors must provide feed and water containers (for each cage) and feed and water animals daily. **Containers must be attached to cage.** Do Not Feed Animals That Do Not Belong To You. Contact Superintendent or committee member for assistance.
8. **4-H Cloverbud Entries** will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. A completed 4-H Cloverbud project summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter, drawing, or picture on 8.5x11 paper is required..
9. **Showmanship Contest:** Scores: 90-100 Blue, 80-89 Red, 70-79 White and 69 or below Green. 4-H Cloverbuds may participate in these contests for experience and will be awarded a green ribbon. Illustrated steps for showmanship are available at <http://mysrf.org>
10. **Awards:** Small Animals will be judged on the Modified Danish System. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to recognized purebred breeds and/or varieties, except for Cloverbuds which will receive a green ribbon. White ribbons will be awarded to all mixed breed entries, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon.
11. **Poster Contest:** All exhibitors are encouraged turn in an Educational poster for judging. Refer to **Creative Life Skill Division for rules.**

## **POULTRY SHOW RULES**

**Show Superintendent:** Trisha Barber 352.949.3154

**Entry Fee:** \$20.00 **Cloverbud Entry Fee:** \$5.00

1. The Small Animal General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
  2. Health Requirement **5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl:** A USDA Representative will examine the general health of the birds. All birds not on the NPIP program will be bled to check for pullorum-typhoid and throats swabbed for Avian Influenza and Exotic Newcastle. If you participate in the NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) write your card number on your entry form in the space provided. Upon arrival at the fair notify USDA representatives prior to bleeding and show them your card.
  3. The Judge has the right to, NOT handle any bird for judging or due to aggressive behavior.
  4. Enter only fancy or best producing poultry by the division listed and age: cockerel, pullet, cock or hen. No guineas, quail, turkeys, peafowl, swans, geese, pigeons, pheasants, ostrich, emus, rheas or other exotic poultry or waterfowl may be entered.
  5. Only birds recognized in the American Poultry Association and/or American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection may be shown. Refer to <http://www.amerpoultryassn> for a list of recognized breeds and their standards.
  6. Each exhibitor may enter into the following classes:  
**Fancy Exhibition Chicken Division:** 6 Pure Bred Large Fowl and/or Bantam Chickens. Commercial Egg Production hens entered in Fancy Exhibition will not receive a blue ribbon or be considered for Best of Breed or Best of Class.  
**Exhibition Duck Division:** 2 Pure Bred Ducks may be shown.  
**Commercial Egg Production Hen Division:** 2 Production Large Fowl White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, and Sex Links hens.  
**Pullet Management Contest:** To enter this contest pullets must be pre-ordered in September by contacting Superintendent and picked-up in October. Exhibitors will register the best of 3 pullets as a pen in December and show this pen of 3 in March. Pullets not purchased from the Fair Association will receive a participation ribbon only.
5. **AWARDS:**
- a. Rosettes will be given to all Champion and Reserve Champion Class winners.
  - b. An Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Poultry will be selected, based on overall qualities determined by the judge. Commercial Class entries will not be considered for these awards.
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