

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 has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
7. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fairgrounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. **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 manufacturer's 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.
11. 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.
12. The decisions of Judges, Graders, FDACS 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 #13.
13. 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

14. 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

15. **Participants in the Suwannee River Fair, MUST live or attend school in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Individuals not meeting this requirement must apply to the Suwannee River Fair Association for exemption to participate. Refer to Application For Participation in Suwannee River Fair.**
16. Participants in SRF must be certified members in good standing of 4-H or FFA 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, 2022.**
 - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, Jr: 8-13, Sr: 14 years and older
 - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2022** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.

18. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of 9/1/2022.
 - 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 Exhibition Only classes in Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Shows, Dog Rally, and Some Showmanship classes.
 - 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 cavy, poultry and or rabbit shows is required.
19. **SRF Dress Code:** All exhibitors participating in Shows, Sale, and Awards Program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in black pants or skirts, a solid white button up shirt with a white collar and dark or green tie. 4-H or FFA Jacket or 4-H Vest are required. Closed-toed shoes with backs or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. **Show and Contest Exceptions:** Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories. Contest participants refer to contest dress code requirements. Dairy Cow and Goat participants may wear white pants and shirt. Dog Show participant refer to show dress code rules. 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.
21. Exhibitor must be ready to enter the arena on time. Once class has started no late entries or early exits will be allowed.

EXHIBITOR ENTRIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

22. Animals must be entered at the initial and final entry time.
23. 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.
24. Exhibitors must show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
25. 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.
26. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
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 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
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\$35.00	Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wether
\$30.00	Dairy Cattle, Goats (dairy/meat doe), Horse Performance & Horse Speed
\$30/25.00	Beef Bull & Heifer \$30.00 1 st then \$25.00/Head 2 nd & 3 rd
\$25/10.00	Dog \$25.00 1 st and \$10.00 2 nd
\$15.00	Cloverbud Dog
\$20.00	Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit
\$10.00	BBQ Contest
\$5.00	Cupcake Decorating Contest, Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry
None	Creative Life Skill Shows
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. **Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year.
 - c. **Non-Sale Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 2nd 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 or project 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. Animals will be group as either Market or Non-Market Animals.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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.
 - g. **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. **Preregistration application is required for Bull, Goat Doe, Heifer, Market Fat, Market Feeder, Swine and Wether shows. This application is page 3 or 4 of the entry form and this is the only time you can register for showmanship.**
 - c. Refer to show division for specific criteria on participation.
 - d. 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.
 - e. 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. The State Inspector has the right to test any animal on the facility without prior notice under **Florida Statues 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
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