

Suwannee River Fair

Large Animal Division Rules & Regulations

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Important Dates In March

A completed record book, record book receipt, or summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter must be turned in for you to show your animal.

RECORD BOOK CONTEST: Contest Record Books **MUST** be turned in at Fair Grounds Wednesday, 5 March 2025 @ 4:00p - 8:00p

EXCEPTION: Dog & Horse Show participants **MUST** be turned in at show entry Saturday, 1 March 2025

COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarship Application Deadline **MUST** be BY 4:30p on Wednesday, 5 March 2025

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST: You **MUST** sign up for showmanship at the check-in table during March entry. **Late entries WILL NOT** be accepted.

DAIRY CATTLE CHECK-IN DAY: Friday 7 March 2025 @ 4:00p - 6:00p

DAIRY CATTLE SKILL-A-THON CONTEST: Friday 7 March 2025 @ 4:00p - 6:00p

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW: Saturday 8 March 2025 @ 9:30a - 12:00p

DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP: Saturday 8 March 2025 @ During Show

DAIRY CATTLE RELEASE TIME: Release After Show

DOG CHECK-IN DAY: Saturday 1 March 2025 @ 9:00a

DOG SHOWS: Saturday 1 March 2025 @ 9:00a

DOG SHOWMANSHIP: Saturday 1 March 2025 During Show

DOG RELEASE TIME: Release After Show

HORSE CHECK-IN DAY: Saturday 1 March 2025 @ 7:30a

ALTERNATE CHECK-IN DAY: Saturday 8 March 2025 @ 7:30a

HORSE SHOWS: Saturday 1 March 2025 @ 8:00a

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP: Saturday 1 March 2025 During Show

HORSE RELEASE TIME: Release After Show

2025 Fair Schedule

Weight/Tag-in/Entry Form Dates & Times

Saturday, August 31st – Fat Steers 8:30a – 10:00a
Friday, December 6th – Feeder Steers 3:30p – 5:00p
Saturday, December 7th – Swine 7:00a – 9:30a
Tuesday, December 3rd – Goat Wethers Online or Postmarked Due Date

Entry Forms Due – ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY DUE DATE

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Goat Wether, Doe Goat, Dairy Cow, Heifer, Horse, Bull, Dog, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy,
BBQ Contest, Cupcake Contest, Tablescaping

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

FINAL NON-MARKET DEADLINE WITH LATE FEE!

Saturday, March 1:

7:30a – 8:00a – Horse Entry & Contest Record Book Turn-in
8:30a – Horse Show
9:00a – Dog Show Entry/Show & Contest Record Book Due
9:00a – Tablescaping Contest
4:00p – Cupcake Decorating Contest

Wednesday, March 5:

4:30p – Scholarship Application Deadline
4:00p – 8:00p – Contest Record Books MUST be turned in at Fair Grounds

Friday, March 7:

4:00p – 6:00p – Dairy Cow, Heifer, Bull Entry & Dairy Cow Skill-a-Thon
4:00p – 5:30p – Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit Entry
5:00p – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Entry (NON-FOOD ITEMS)
5:30p – Cloverbud Cavy Show & Rabbit Show/Showmanship
After Cloverbud – Cavy Show & Rabbit Show
6:00p – Rabbit Showmanship

Saturday, March 8:

8:30a – 10:30a – Creative Life Skills Entry
9:00a – Poultry Show
9:30a – Poultry Showmanship
After Show – Poultry Release, Superintendent must approve other times
9:30a – 12:00p – Dairy Cow Show/Showmanship – Release after show
11:00a – 1:00p – Ag- Life Contest
1:30p – Cattle Shows
-Bull Show
-30 Minute after bulls – Heifer Show Order: American, AOB, Homegrown
After Homegrown – Heifer Showmanship
4:00p – 5:00p – Release PERISHABLE FOOD ENTRIES
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing
-Alternate Horse Show Date

Sunday, March 9:

12:30p – BBQ Contest
2:00p – Goat Doe Entry
3:00p – Doe Goat Shows/Showmanship – Release After Show

Friday, March 14:

4:00p – 6:00p – Wether Entry/Skill-a-thon

Saturday, March 15:

8:00a– 11:00a – Swine Entry
9:00a – 11:00a – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing
9:00a – 11:00a – Wether Public Speaking/Sales Talk
1:00p – Market Wether Show
After Wether Show – Market Goat Team Fitting Contest
4:00 – 6:00p – Steer Entry
4:00p – 8:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing

Sunday, March 16:

Posted Time – Church Service
1:00p – 5:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing
3:30p– SRF Alumni Show Registration
4:00p – Alumni Goat, Swine, Steer Show

Monday, March 17:

8:30a– Swine Showmanship
9:00a – 7:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing
1:00p – Steer Fitting Contest
3:00p – Market Swine Show

Tuesday, March 18:

8:30a – Fat Steer Show
Homegrown Fat Steer Show
Fat Steer Showmanship
Following Fat Steer Show – Feeder Steer Show
Homegrown Feeder Steer Show
Feed Steer Showmanship
3:00p – 4:00p – Livestock Judging Registration
4:00p – Livestock Judging Events
9:00a – 3:00p – Creative Life Skills Open for Viewing
3:00p – 5:00p – Release of Creative Life Skills

Wednesday, March 19:

9:30a – Sale
12:00p– Buyers Luncheon
1:30p – Sale

**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 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, 2024.**
 - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, Jr: 8-13, Sr: 14 years and older
 - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2024** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.

18. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of 9/1/2024.
 - 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
32. **Entry Fees:** 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

\$35.00	Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wether
\$30.00	Horse Performance, & Horse Speed
\$30.00	Beef Bull & Heifer Dairy Cattle, Dog, & Goat Doe \$30.00 per Head
\$20.00	Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit
\$10.00	BBQ Contest & Cupcake Decorating Contest,
\$5.00	Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry
\$5.00	Creative Life Skill Shows & Tablescaping Contest
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. **Showmanship Entries – Participants. MUST register at check-in area. Other showmanship entry times are NOT ALLOWED.**
 - 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 Statutes 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
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CATTLE DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

CATTLE GENERAL RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Health Requirements:
 - a. 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.
 - b. 5C-4.002 Cattle (Beef & Dairy): **OCVI Required.** (a) Florida-origin cattle moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition. (Health Certificate)
 - c. All Market and Non-Market Cattle must have an **Official Individual Animal ID.**
3. Cattle must be polled or dehorned at the time of the initial entry, limited at the discretion of the board.
4. Nose rings are not allowed in any cattle. Except Nose rings are required in Bulls age 6-30 months. **Age is at time of Show entry in March.**
5. Cattle must be halter broken in March. A screening committee appointed by the board of directors may sift out any animal that becomes unruly and dangerous at any time during the show and sale. Sifted cattle will not be sold by the Association and must be removed from the grounds.
6. Cattle (bull, heifer and/or steer) 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 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.
7. No reserving spots or setting up cages in advance of the weigh-in. All spots will be selected in the order of weigh-in. No cages will be setup until all animals are weighed and have selected their spots.
8. Cattle must be shown with show halters only. Animals requiring a rope halter will be tied if unruly, but must enter the showring in a show halter.
9. No altering of cattle: including but not limited to improper injections.

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW RULES

DAIRY COW SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Jessica Emerson Campos 352.486.5131

Entry Fee: **\$30.00**

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to all shows and contests.
2. Nose Rings are NOT Allowed.
3. All animals must be halter broken, clipped and washed prior to arrival at the show, and groomed ethically and according to good show ring practices. Animals must be groomed by the exhibitor, no professional groomers allowed.
4. All animals must show a predominance of dairy breeding. If the animal is not registered through a breed association, the exhibitor must turn in a grade ID application form with entry form.
5. Only females of recognized breeds and exhibiting a predominance of dairy breeding may be shown. Recognized Breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey.
6. All dairy cattle must be dehorned for entry; animals with horns may be disqualified.
7. All dairy animals must be owned or leased. If the animal is leased, a fully executed lease must accompany the entry form.
8. All exhibits must remain on display throughout the entirety of the show. All exhibits will be released at the conclusion of the show.
9. Heifer & Cow Grand & Reserve Divisions.
10. Each exhibitor may enter and show only 1 animal in each class with a maximum of 3 animals in the show.
11. **All animals showing as two-year olds and older must show evidence of reproduction. Cows 3 years of age and older must have freshened at least one time. Two-year olds and older must have freshened or have been diagnosed pregnant prior to show, documentation required at check-in. Any animal not meeting these requirements, as determined by the Superintendent will be disqualified**
12. Classes will be as follows:

Class #	Class Name	Birthdate Range
HEIFER CLASSES		
1	Fall Heifer Calf	09/01/2024 – 11/30/2024
2	Summer Heifer Calf	06/01/2024 – 08/31/2024
3	Spring Heifer Calf	03/01/2024 – 05/31/2024
4	Winter Yearling	12/01/2023 – 02/29/2024
5	Fall Yearling	09/01/2023 – 11/30/2023
6	Summer Yearling	06/01/2023 – 08/31/2023
7	Spring Yearling	03/01/2023 – 05/31/2023

Class #	Class Name	Birthdate Range
	COW CLASSES	
8	Junior 2-Year-Old	09/01/2022 – 02/28/2023
9	Senior 2-Year-Old	03/01/2022 – 08/31/2022
10	3-Year-Old Cow*	03/01/2021 – 02/28/2022
11	4-Year-Old Cow*	03/01/2020 – 02/28/2021
12	5-Year-Old Cow*	03/01/2019 – 02/28/2020
13	Aged Cow*	Before 03/01/2019

DAIRY CATTLE SKILL-A-THON CONTEST RULES

Entry Fee: None

Contest: Open for two hours (4 PM to 6 PM) on the day of dairy entry.

1. All contestants are entered as individuals in their respective age groups.
 2. Contestants may not bring notes, or books of any kind into the contest area. Contestants may not speak with anyone other than designated adults while they are participating in the skill-a-thon . No cell phones or other electronic devices may be used.
 3. Exhibitors who are 8-18 may participate in the skill-a-thon .
 4. Contestants are not permitted to leave the area of the contest once they have begun. Leaving the area without completing the contest will result in the exhibitor forfeiting.
 5. The top 3 in each age group will be awarded.
 6. Skill-a-thon winners will be announced and awarded at the end of the SRF Dairy Show.
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DOG DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Jessica Cooper 352.463.3174
Entry Fee: Dogs \$30.00/dog

DOG GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Exhibitors ages 5-7 as of 9/1 of the current year may register to compete in exhibition only classes with rally and showmanship. Green ribbons will awarded and youth will be provided feedback, but will not be scored or ranked.
3. Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend 3 dog practices at SRF with each dog that they are showing, with 1 being before the entry deadline in December to determine their competition level and guarantee the safety of this event. Several workshops will be offered throughout the year, please contact the show superintendent for further details.
4. More information about each division show will be housed on the SRF Dog Project Facebook page and mysrf.org website.
5. Health Requirements:
 - a. A signed veterinarian slip with the dog's vaccination record covering expiration date must be attached to the entry form with rabies and DHPP.
 - b. All purebred and mixed breed dogs, at least 6 months of age.
 - c. A female dog in season will not be permitted to show or be present during the show even if they have been registered for the event; they also cannot attend practice while in season. If you are showing an unaltered female, please plan to attend at least 1 practice with 1 back up dog to ensure you have another dog to show at the SRF.
 - d. Dogs must be well groomed, washed and brushed with all mats removed from the coat, ears clean and nails trimmed.
5. Only animals being shown at the Suwannee River Fair will be allowed on show grounds.
6. Dogs are not permitted anywhere on the Fairgrounds except with their handler in the Arena & grooming areas. Anyone found violating this rule will be disqualified from the show.
7. Keep safety and common sense in mind at all times. Dogs must be leashed or crated at all times outside of class requirements. All crates must be placed in the designated area. Only exhibitors and 1 of their parents/guardians will be allowed in the crate area. It is recommended to keep dogs in the safety of their crate throughout the day when not competing.
8. All dogs must be owned or co-owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family; however, dogs may be leased/loaned to the exhibitor with a lease agreement.
9. Two members of the same family may show the same dog. The Dog will be allowed in each class one time.
10. Each owner/handler is responsible for their dog's behavior. Any dog exhibiting acts of aggression will be excluded from participation. Uncontrollable or aggressive dogs must be immediately be removed from grounds.
11. Dogs must have been trained by their youth handler. No dog shall be individually hands-on trained by a professional dog trainer.
12. While on the fairgrounds, only the exhibitor should handle, train, work, prepare or groom his/her dog. Disregard of this rule will result in disqualification. Adults are strictly prohibited from providing direct assistance in preparation or showing of animals unless exception is permitted by the fair board, requests must be made in advance, in writing in order to be considered.

Show and Classes

13. Full SRF official dress is required. Skirts are permitted for showmanship, but it is recommended that all exhibitors wear parts for rally, agility, and obedience.
14. Bring proper leash and collar for each class entered. As well as treats, water, crate, and lots of patience!
15. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except during advanced, off-leash exercises. A 6 foot leash with a choke-chain or nylon training collar. No tags, attachments, lead collars, chain leash, or harness will be accepted. Pinch collars may be used for training only.
16. Coaching from the rail will not be permitted. In addition, on show day, only handler/dog pairs, fair board members, judges, and appointed ring volunteers will be permitted in the show ring.
17. All classes may be divided into age divisions if the number of entries received warrant it at the Show Committee's discretion
18. Dogs must be entered in a class comparable to their level of training. If required, the Show Committee shall determine proper/improper class entry for the handler/dog. In this case, they will be allowed to participate but will not receive scores or placement for the incorrect class.
19. Basic and 8-11 year old handlers may enter 1 dog. Experienced handlers or handlers 11+ years of age as of September 1st of the current 4-H year may choose to exhibit up to 2 dogs. Dogs may not exhibit in the same class.
20. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog. Any dogs relieving themselves in the show ring may be disqualified from class at the digression of the judge.
21. **Youth Dog Show Definitions:**

Basic Handler/Exhibitor: Exhibitors who have NEVER competed in ANY state level dog show, or in any outside venue.

 - **Basic Dog:** Any dog that has NEVER competed in ANY state level dog show or any other outside venue AND is being shown by a basic handler. A dog may compete in Basic classes with a Basic handler (first 4-H/FFA year).

- **Experienced Handler:** Exhibitor who has previously shown at a state level dog show, or has competed in any outside venue.
 - **Experienced Dog:** Any dog that has previously shown at a state level dog show, or has competed in any outside venue, OR any titled dog whether handler was the person who titled the dog or not.
 - **Outside Venue:** Outside Venue: Any show other the SRF Dog Show including AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.
22. **AWARDS:** For each class all exhibitors will be scored using the modified Danish judging system and 1-6 place rosettes will be given. For each age group, despite their experience level, there will be an overall award for showmanship, rally, obedience, and agility. The judge's decision/placing will be final. An additional Versatility Award. This high point award will go to the **1 exhibitor 1 dog combination** that has the highest combined score in all 4 offered events. Competition in all 4 events is required to be considered for this award.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. SRF Dog Show General Rules and Regulations apply to Showmanship.
2. This class is required in order to be eligible for the remainder of the show.
3. Recommended equipment – slip collar with skinny lead.
4. Handlers are judged on teamwork and presentation of their dog. Class entered should be determined by the experience and show record of the handler first, then the dog.
5. **Classes:**
 - **Basic:** Inexperienced handler with a basic dog, this includes any dogs who have not yet been to a state show or dogs who have competed at the county level for 2 years or less.
 - **Novice:** Experienced handler with basic dog or basic handler with an experienced dog, or handlers who have shown for 2 or more years at the county level or participated in a state level show. Any exhibitor who has won the novice showmanship class twice must move up to the
 - **Advanced:** Experienced Handlers and experienced dogs with Novice titles, but have not yet earned open or masters title in outside venues, must show in this class. Exhibitor and/or dog that has won Novice showmanship class twice.
 - **Excellent:** Handlers with any titles or certifications from outside venue must show in Excellent. Handlers who have placed first in Junior Showmanship at the association level 3 or more times in any outside venue dog shows.

AGILITY SHOW

1. SRF Dog Show General Rules and Regulations apply to Agility.
2. Only open to dogs 15 months of age or older as of the date of show.
3. Dogs without formal agility training or dogs deemed unfit by show staff will not be allowed on the course.
4. All exhibitors will receive a copy of the pattern before they compete at the show.
5. Equipment provided at show will be based on AKC standards as modified by the Dog Show Committee. This event is subject to change depending on what type of equipment and supplies we are able to secure before the fair.
6. Dogs with official height card should bring them to the show and will show according to their card. All others will be assigned an appropriate height by show staff due to safety.
7. For handlers and dogs with agility training, the only acceptable collar is a flat buckle collar. Off-lead dogs may run with no collar.
8. No contact familiarization before each class, all course walks will be done with alternate dog.
9. Dogs capable of off-lead work should not enter in on lead classes. In the on-lead agility classes, a loose leash must be maintained at all times.
10. Judges will deduct points each time the leash is tightened, and a major deduction will be taken for a constant tight leash.
11. **A dog will be allowed 3 refusals.** Points will not be taken for each refusal, after 3 refusals the maximum points off will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to "move on" to the next obstacle. 1 deal recommended.
12. Any dog showing on leash agility will not have to jump over 12" in height. Dogs competing off leash will show at the AKC height or one height lower per AKC guidelines.
13. Jump Heights

Dog Height at Withers	Height to be jumped
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11 inches and under	4 inches
12 inches to 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to 18 inches	12 inches
18 inches to 22 inches	16 inches
over 22 inches	20 inches

ALL dogs jumping one jump height level LOWER than an AKC standard.

14. Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic or Sub-Novice Classes. Exhibitors who have shown in any other show venue and have a title but no legs in the next highest class may show in the lowest title class. Exhibitors who have titles in any other show venue AND have qualifying legs in the next highest class must show in the higher

class.

15. **Classes:**

- **Basic On Lead:** Beginner handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing. Simple Course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above, Tire Jump, Broad Jump, approximately 6 Hurdles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- **Sub-Novice On Lead:** For experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog. Also for experienced handler (two or more years of showing) who has won first place but has not achieved a score of 200 at a previous State Dog Show. If the dog has any qualifying agility legs, it must be shown in Novice or higher. Simple Course may include any of the following: A Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above, Tire Jump, Broad Jump, approximately 6 Hurdles, 6/12 Weave Poles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- **Novice Off Lead:** Simple Course may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog Walk, Tunnel, 8" Table for 8", 12", 16" for 16" and above, Tire Jump, Broad Jump, approximately Six Hurdles, 6 Weave Poles. Course time will be used only to break ties.
- **Advanced Off Lead:** Dogs that show off lead in outside venues must show in Advanced Class. Course design may be more complex, may include any of the following: A-Frame (apex at 4'11"), Dog walk (3'0"), See-Saw, Tunnel, Weave 12 Poles, Table (8" for dogs jumping 8" and 12", 16" for dogs jumping 16" and above, Tire Jump, Broad Jump, approximately, 6 Hurdles (at judge's discretion). Course time will be used only to break ties. Advanced agility allows three refusals on weave poles, but points will be deducted for each attempt.

OBEDIENCE SHOW

1. SRF Dog Show General Rules and Regulations apply to Obedience.
2. Obedience will be judged according to AKC rules as modified by the Dog Show Committee.
3. A 6' lead (cloth or leather) and the following collars are permitted: Metal or nylon training, martingale or flat buckle/snap collars. All classes will be scored out of 200 points.
4. Scoring ties will be broken first by the best sits and downs score, second by the best heeling score, and third by the best stand for examination score.
5. Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic or Sub-Novice Classes. Exhibitors who have shown in any other show venue and have a title but no legs in the next highest class may show in the lowest title class. Exhibitors who have titles in any other show venue AND have qualifying legs in the next highest class must show in the higher class.
6. **Classes:**
 - **Basic:** For beginning handler and beginning dog in their first year of showing.
 - Heel on leash, figure 8, sit for exam (handler stays by dog), sit/walk around your dog, recall on leash.
 - **Sub Novice:** Experienced handler with beginning dog or beginning handler with experienced dog, except second year handler with a second year dog.
 - to be run like beginner novice obedience. Heel on leash, figure 8, sit for exam, sit stay, recall off leash.
 - **Beginner Novice:** For handlers and dogs who are training for novice off-lead classes.
 - Individual: Heel on Lead, Figure 8 on Lead, Sit for Exam, Recall Off Lead, Sit/Stay Off Lead with walk around the ring.
 - **Novice:** For handlers and their dogs ready to compete in Off Lead novice exercises.
 - Off Lead: 1 minute Sit, 1 minute Down.
 - **Open Obedience:** Obedience rules may change as AKC rules change, so handlers who are going to compete should carefully review the rules from the year in which they will be competing. Dogs without titles in Open A; dogs with titles show in Open B. The Open exercises are:
 - Individual: Heal Off Lead, Figure 8, Drop on Recall, Retrieve on the Flat, Retrieve Over High Jump, and Broad Jump.
 - Group: Long Sit (3 minutes) and Long Down (5 minutes).

RALLY SHOW

1. SRF Dog Show General Rules and Regulations apply to Rally.
2. Rally is a form of obedience in which the dog and handler complete a course which has been designed by the judge.
3. Dog Show rally rules are based on AKC Rally Rules, as amended 12/1/2015.
4. **General Rally Scoring Times** will be recorded but not posted. Times will be used only to break ties for placements.
5. Any dog that has competed in or holds a Title in AKC or UKC Obedience or Rally may not compete in Basic or Sub-Novice Classes. Exhibitors who have shown in any other show venue and have a title but no legs in the next highest class may show in the lowest title class. Exhibitors who have titles in any other show venue AND have qualifying legs in the next highest class must show in the higher class.

6. **Advanced & Excellent Jump Heights:** The dog's jump height shall be given on the entry form. Entries will be arranged according to the jump height of the dogs. The judge may allow handlers to run out of order to allow for conflicts at their discretion.

Dog Height at Withers	Height to be jumped
Less than 10 inches	4 inches
10 inches to less than 15 inches	8 inches
15 inches to less than 20 inches	12 inches
20 inches and over 16 inches	16 inches

7. **Classes:**

- **Basic** is first year handlers with beginner dogs. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice, except that Basic Handlers may move 1 foot to finish their dog without receiving a penalty.
 - **Novice** is second year or greater handlers or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience. For dogs and or handlers that have earned a Novice Title in Rally or Obedience from any outside venue or who have placed in the top 4 with a qualifying score above 170 in the Novice A class at a state event or previous fair.
 - *Basic and Novice Exercises* are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. Must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-5 stationary exercises. Signs 1-36 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
 - **Intermediate** title is not required to progress to the Advanced class but it does offer the newly Rally Novice titled dog an opportunity to work many of the Advanced signs while having the dog on leash. The course requirements are the same as in the Advanced class without the jump.
 - **Advanced** is for handlers ready to perform off lead.
 - *Exercises* are judged off leash. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations plus 1 required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump and broad jump. Signs 1-118 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
 - **Excellent** is for dog and handler teams ready to perform off lead at a more advanced level. Dogs who have earned a qualifying score at the Excellent, or similar level, from any organization must enter this class.
 - *Exercises* are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations and a minimum of 2 Excellent level stations, plus the 2 required jumps and the Honor exercise per class. Handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.
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HORSE DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Kyndal Bussard & Blu Langford

Performance Show Entry Fee: \$30.00

Speed Events Show Entry Fee: \$30.00

HORSE GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Health Requirements:
 - a. 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.
 - b. **5C-4.008 Horse:** All horses presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition and must be reported on VS Form 10-11.
3. Exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to wear an SEI or ASTM approved safety equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness in all warm-up/ make-up areas and during all in hand and mounted classes. Additionally, appropriate footwear must be worn. This pertains to the entire show grounds from the time of arrival until departure. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. (SEI - Safety Equipment Institute, ASTM - American Society of Testing and Measures).
4. Contest Rules, Regulations and Procedures will go through the show superintendent and the SRF website rules. It is the responsibility of the contestant to comply with all rules and regulations.
5. The show will be held on the date scheduled barring a natural catastrophe. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor's parent or guardian to determine if he/she is able to compete safely. In case of inclement weather, all contestants must realize that the conditions and facilities are the best available as determined by the show management and show accordingly.
6. **Junior and Senior Divisions:** Juniors are 8-13 and Seniors must be 14 years old on or before September 1st of the current 4-H year. Junior entrants have the option of competing in either the Junior or Senior division.
7. **Walk-Trot Division** - Walk/Trot Only, Showmanship is Mandatory, No age division. Can not compete in Speed Events or for Championship Trophies.
8. Performance and Speed Events are separate shows, with separate registration fees. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in all events.
9. Exhibitors may show 2 Horses, 1 Performance Horse and 1 Speed Horse, but only 1 horse per show. More than 1 rider may exhibit a horse. When 2 people ride the same horse, the maximum number of classes **per day** (contests, shows, events combined) for that HORSE is 6 and under no circumstance will a horse be allowed to compete in any class twice or run any timed pattern twice.
10. Leasing of Horse is Permissible. Complete Lease Agreement on SRF website.
11. Western pleasure riding bridle must have brow band with throat latch or single/double ear and split reins. Hunter riding bridle with throat latch and hunter type reins.
12. Only the exhibitor is allowed to be riding the horse while on the show grounds. "Tuning-up" by persons other than the exhibitor is prohibited. Lunging by someone other than the exhibitor is permitted. **Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the contestant.**
13. The Judge for the SRF horse show has the final decision on any discrepancies. SRF rules apply to all protests.
14. Show management and/or judge:
 - a. has the option of applying any additional rules and classes to meet SRF regulations.
 - b. reserves the right to stop or cancel a class in progress due to storm, accident, or other emergency.
 - c. reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel any class(es), to alter or modify any class procedures, obstacles, patterns, or rules for safety concerns, show facility restrictions, or other mitigating circumstances.
 - d. reserves the right to determine the number of horses that will be brought back to any semifinals, finals, or workout unless that number has been previously determined.
 - e. has the option to conduct random bit checks according to breed specifics, no longer than 8 inch shanks. Any bit can be excused per judges discretion.
 - f. has the authority to excuse any horse from a class which is obviously lame. Obvious lameness is the inability to move; consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances; marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride; minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest.
 - g. reserves the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors or animals. With the exhibitor's safety in mind, any activity or situation deemed unsafe will be stopped and may result in disqualification from that class.
 - h. dismiss any horse receiving inhumane treatment while exhibiting. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured as what a reasonable experienced informed person or generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane. Striking a horse in front of cinch with anything other than the open hand or striking the horse with anything, including hand, in front of the throatlatch is a disqualification.
 - i. dismiss or disqualify any contestant receiving assistance or coaching while competing in a class. No communication devices will be allowed by exhibitors while in a class.

- j. may check the appointments of any horse/rider combination throughout the duration of the show and have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which, in their opinion is unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage or is deemed inhumane. No string, rubber bands, or other material to tie feet or legs in stirrups is allowed.
- 15. **CLASS POINT SYSTEM:** Each of the first 6 horses in a class will be given 1 point for each horse placing below it, plus 1 point. Points not to exceed 6 for first place. Horses not placing in the top 6 in a class will not receive points for that class. The number of horses in a class will be determined by the number actually shown. Under no circumstances shall a disqualified contestant receive points; however, all horses brought into the ring will constitute an entry and will be counted.
- 16. **CLASS TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES:** Ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in judged events will be worked off. Ties below 3rd place in any class will be broken at discretion of judge and show committee. For ties not broken by judge, any points involved will be evenly split between contestants.
- 17. **CHAMPIONSHIP/HIGH POINT AWARDS:** In a case of ties, the following priority order apply: 1. Most points earned in Showmanship; 2. The horse with the highest placing's.
- 18. **VERSATILITY AWARD:** The Versatility Award is given to the Junior and Senior rider with highest combined points earned in both performance and speed shows.
- 19. **AWARDS** The types of awards will be based on the size of each show.

PERFORMANCE HORSE SHOW RULES

1. The show will be divided by age into Beginner Walk-Trot, Junior and the Senior Division. All Classes may be a combination of Western and Hunter styles.

2. CLASSES:

Showmanship At Halter Class: Participation in showmanship is **mandatory** and points earned in this class will be added to the points earned in the following performance classes.

Ranch Riding Class: serves to measure the ability of the horse to be functional and a pleasure to ride at a working speed while being used as a means of conveyance from one western stock horse task to another. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside of the arena and that of a working ranch horse. This horse should be well-broke, relaxed, quiet, soft, and cadenced at all gaits. The horse should be responsive to the rider, yield to contact, and make all required transitions smoothly, timely, and correctly. The horse should perform with reasonable speed, and be obedient, well-mannered, free, and easy moving.

Horsemanship Class: Riders will be asked to perform individual patterns. The patterns will consist of a combination of maneuvers that will test the equitation/horsemanship skills of the rider. All individuals, or finalists may be asked to enter the ring and work on the rail.

Pleasure Class: Horses will be shown at three gaits walk, trot/jog/natural gait and lope/canter/third gait in each direction of the arena. Horses must back easily and stand quietly. Judge has option to ask exhibitor to extend any gait or request any additional work.

Trail Class: Attire and Tack must be acceptable for use in Pleasure classes. No tie downs, martingales or mechanical hackamores. The trail course will be closed until the start of the class (no practice on the obstacles). The period in which the obstacle course will be open and **contestant order of go** will be posted and announced. Riders must take obstacles in order. Missing an obstacle or taking an obstacle out of order is a disqualification. Failure to complete an obstacle once attempted does not constitute a disqualification but should be scored accordingly. **A maximum of 3 refusals or 1 minute after first refusal will be allowed on any 1 obstacle.**

Beginner Walk-Trot may participate in this class as exhibition only and No points will be awarded.

SPEED EVENTS SHOW RULES

1. The show will be divided by age into Junior and the Senior age division. These contests are strictly timed events. The contestant is allowed a running start. Timing shall begin as soon as the horse's nose crosses the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line. Horses must be started and stopped in the arena. **No horse or rider will be assisted inside the arena. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.**
2. An electric timer is preferred for timed events, when available. In the absence of an electric timer, the average time from at least 2 stop watches will constitute the official time. In the event of a malfunction by the electric timer the contestant will be given a rerun.
3. A clearly visible starting line shall be provided. Times will be announced at the completion of each contestant's run.
4. No rerun will be given to any contestant if handicapped by failure of personal equipment or accident to horse or rider.
5. Loss of helmet from head while in arena will result in disqualification.
6. Failure to follow or complete course is disqualification.
7. Touching barrels or poles with hand(s) is disqualification. Contestant should leave no doubt as to whether or not they touched barrel or pole with hands. This may be accomplished by keeping hands completely away from these objects. Hands should be on the reins, some part of the saddle or holding a bat and completely away from the barrels and poles.
8. Total score will be an accumulation of ground handling & timed event points
9. Walk-Trot Beginners may not participate.
10. **AWARDS** The types of awards will be based on the size of the show.
11. **CLASSES:**

Ground Handling Class: Participation in ground handling is **mandatory** and points earned in this class will be added to the points earned in the following timed event classes.

Cloverleaf Barrels is to be run around 3 barrels. Size of course will be determined by available space. First and second barrel should be at least 20 feet from fence. Each barrel knocked equals 5 second penalty.

Flag Race: Two 2-gallon buckets filled with sand are placed on top of barrels 1 and 3, with a flag in one of these buckets. Pick up the flag from barrel 1 and deposit it on barrel 3. The contestant is disqualified for failure to pick-up or place flag, dropping flag, hitting horse with flag, knocking over barrel or bucket, place flag side down, running off course, falling of horse or rider.

Texas Barrels: is an event in which the contestant weaves through 3 barrels set up in a straight line and turn the 3rd barrel. The contestant can choose to weave starting at the left or the right. Breaking the pattern will result in disqualification/no time. Each barrel knocked results in a 5 second penalty.

Pole Bending is a bending pattern run around 6 poles. Each Pole knocked equals 5 second penalty.

RECORD BOOK CONTEST

Contest Superintendents: Jessica Cooper & Wendy Bird

Contest Chair: Ashley Cook

Entry Fee: None

Entry Dates: Record Books **MUST** be turned in at the fair grounds and are due the first Wednesday in March between 4:00p-8:00p unless show occurs before this date. Then record books are due at time of show.

1. Exhibitors who complete a record book for an animal do not have to also complete a project summary sheet for the same animal.
 2. Record books not turned in on time may still be used to enter animal into the fair, but **WILL NOT** be judged.
 3. Individual Contest. Primary, Junior, and Senior age divisions.
 4. Age Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
 - a. **Primary** division (ages 8-10)
 - b. **Junior** division (ages 11-13)
 - c. **Senior** division (ages 14+)
 - d. **4-H Cloverbuds** are Not eligible to participate in Record Book Contest
 5. Record Book Divisions for the contest will be grouped as follows:
 - a. **Market Animals** (Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine, Wether)
 - b. **Non-Market Animals** (Beef Bull, Beef Heifer, Dairy Cow, Dairy Doe, Dog, Horse, Meat Doe, Poultry, Rabbit)
 6. Exhibitors may enter 1 record book per show they are participating in.
 7. Record book committee will appoint qualified judges, who are not immediate relatives.
 8. Rubrics will be provided in the back of each record book template for all participants. These rubrics will then be used to score individual books.
 9. Ribbon Awards: Blue 90-100 points; Red 80-89 points; White 70-79 points; Green 69 points & below.
 10. Awards: First, second and third place may be awarded.
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