



Rules, Regulations, Contests, Events & Shows

2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dixie-Gilchrist-Levy Counties 72nd Annual Swannee River Youth Livestock Show and Sale

Friday, March 15:

- 1200p - 100p - W ether Entry
- 400p - 700p - Swine Entry

Saturday, March 16:

- 700a - 900a - Steer Entry
- 900a - 1100a - Creative Life Skills Open for viewing
- 1000a - 1100a - Livestock Judging Registration
- 1100a - Livestock Judging Events
- 300p - Home Grown Fat Steer Show
- Fat Steer Showmanship
- Home Grown Feeder Steer Show
- Feeder Steer Showmanship
- Group Steer Registration Deadline
- 400p - 800p - Creative Life Skills Open for viewing

Sunday, March 17:

- Posted Time - Church Service
- 100p - 500p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing
- 130p - SRF Alumni Show Registration
- 200p - Alumni Steer Show
- 300p - Alumni Swine Show
- 400p - Cupcake Decorating Contest

Monday, March 18:

- 830a - Swine Showmanship
- 100p - Market W ether Show
- 900a - 700p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing
- 500p - Swine Show

Tuesday, March 19:

- 830a - Feeder Steer Show
- 900a - 300p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing
- 900a - Market Goat Team Fitting Contest
- 130p - Fat Steer Show
- 300p - 500p - Release of Creative Life Skills

Wednesday, March 20:

- 930a - Sale
- 1200p - Buyers Luncheon
- 130p - Sale

Fairgrounds and barns will open at 600 a.m. & closed at 1000 p.m. every day.
No one is to sleep in the Livestock area, in tents, or in any area not designated.
All children must be under adult supervision at all times.

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2023 Entry Form /W eight/Tag-in Dates & Times

Saturday, August 26	8:30 a - 10:00 a	Fat Steers
Friday, December 1	3:30 p - 5:00 p	Feeder Steers
Saturday, December 2	7:00 a - 9:30 a	Swine
Tuesday, December 5	Entry Form Due	Goat Wether
Tuesday, December 5	Entry Form	BBQ, Bull, Cavy, Cupcake Contest,
Tuesday, December 12	Deadlines	Dairy Cow, Dog, Doe Goat, Heifer,
		Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Tablescaping



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Saturday, March 2:

- 7:30 a - 9:00 a - Horse & Dog Non-Market Record Book Due
- 7:30 a - 8:00 a - Horse Entry
- 8:30 a - Horse Show
- 9:00 a - Dog Show Entry & Show
- 9:00 a - Tablescaping Contest

Wednesday, March 6:

- 4:30 p - Scholarship Application Deadline

- 4:00 p - 8:00 p - Contest Record Books MUST be turned in at Fair Grounds

Friday, March 8:

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

Saturday, March 9:

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

Sunday, March 10:

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

Fairgrounds and barns will open at 6:00 a.m. & closed at 10:00 p.m. every day.
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2024 RULE & REGULATION CHANGES

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- ✓ Fair Dates

superintendents are responsible for securing a ~~\$250~~ \$500 dollar Show Sponsor.

GENERAL RULE CHANGES

- ✓ Age Birthdate 9/1/2023

AWARDS PROGRAM

- ✓ Canceled. At the end of each show awards and photos will be taken. Other Contests and Events awards are TBA.

2025 PARTICIPATION APPLICATION DATE:

- ✓ New Applications for 2025 fair participation are due no later than 15 January 2024. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their request for the 2025 fair year participation no later than 30 January 2024.

FAIR ADS:

- ✓ Full Page ad \$200
- ✓ Fair Association will be responsible for solving bills for back and inside cover covers.

EXHIBITOR ENTRIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ✓ 23. No individual may show and/or sell more than one SALE animal per year. With exception of graduating seniors, they can tag in 2 market animals in the same division. Only 1 animal will be weighed and entered into the fair in March. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to sell or butcher the second animal.

SALE RULES & PROCEDURES

- ✓ A resale price will be established and announced at the beginning of the sale. Buyers will be billed for the purchase price less the announced resale value. A resale credit will go to the exhibitor.

SHOW & BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS

- ✓ To defray the cost of each show, all

CATTLE DIVISION

DARY CATTLE SHOW :

- ✓ 8. All exhibits must remain on display until the release time throughout the entirety of the show. All exhibits will be released at the conclusion of the show.
- ✓ 11. Classes will be as follows: **Heifer Classes:** Fall Heifer Calf, Summer Heifer Calf, Spring Heifer Calf, Winter Yearling, Fall Yearling, Summer Yearling, Spring Yearling. **Cow Classes:** Junior 2-Year Old, Senior 2-Year Old, 3-Year Old Cow, 4-Year Old Cow, 5-Year Old Cow, Aged Cow

HEIFER SHOW :

- ✓ 3. Participants can show up to 35 heifers or 24 heifers and a cow/calf pair. Cow/Calf pairs will not be considered for Grand and Reserve Trophies.

FAT STEER RESALE PROCEDURE:

- ✓ 1a. Fat Steer exhibitors have first right of refusal on their own steer for processing. Please contact Wendy Bid by February 28 to reserve your steer. You may use your own processor; however ALL CATTLE must be processed within 45 days of sale day and a processing ticket given to Beef Superintendent within that time. This is a terminal show, therefore all cattle must be processed and cannot be shown after the conclusion of SRF.
- ✓ 1b. Resale value will be determined using the Oklahoma Fat Steer Market price on the Monday of Market Week. All individuals will be contacted with their totals and monies will be collected by 3pm of sale day.

- ✓ **Group Steer Contest:** All entries are required to be submitted to the Superintendent of the show at the announcer's booth by the end of Steer Showmanship on Saturday.

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

BBQ :

- ✓ **Meat:** Bone-in Porkchop supplied by fair

CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST:

- ✓ \$10.00 Entry Fee

PROGRAM COVER:

- ✓ 1a. The 73rd Anniversary of the SRF
- ✓ 1c. Leave a space for Fair dates to be added by Fair Association.

RECORD BOOK CONTEST:

- ✓ Entry Dates: Record Books **MUST** be turned in at the fairgrounds and are due the first Wednesday in March between 4:00 p-8:00 p unless show occurs before this date. Then record books are due at time of show.
- ✓ Record books not turned in on time may still be used to enter an animal into the fair, but **WILL NOT** be judged.
- ✓ A portion of the entry fee will be utilized to provide a cash award.
- ✓ When possible, individuals from outside the Tri-County area will be sought to judge and score the record book competition. Record book committee will appoint qualified judges, who are not immediate relatives.

TABLESCAPING CONTEST:

- ✓ \$5.00 Entry Fee
- ✓ 7. Each team will table (card table size) dishes, centerpieces, tablecloths, china, crystal, silver, and any other decorations needed.
- ✓ 8. Glass items of any kind will **NOT** be permitted. Only SHATTER PROOF decorations may be used. No glass, china, crystal and other like items.

CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS:

- ✓ \$5.00 Entry Fee
- ✓ Removal of CLS scholarship it was never approved by board but accidentally made it into some portions of the rules.

CAKE DECORATING SHOW :

- ✓ 4. Cakes are required to be displayed on cake boards. Cakes should be as close to the cake board as possible or covered. Boards may be covered with food safe covering. No cake plates, stands, etc are allowed. No glass cake boards allowed.

FOOD SHOW RULES:

- ✓ All mentions of preserved foods will be removed from the food show rules
- ✓ 6. All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

PRESERVED FOOD SHOW :

- ✓ Entries may be either sweet or savory.
- ✓ All entries must have been preserved within the last year (12 months). Preservation means foods are stable at room temperature, not needing additional refrigeration or cooling for safety. **NOTE:** Refrigerator products are not preserved, and not eligible.
- ✓ All jars must be clear glass (standard) canning jars of half-pint (8 oz.), pint (16 oz.), or quart (32 oz.) size. Jars must be clean. Rings and lids should be free from rust. No other jars will be accepted! All products must be sealed by water bath or pressure canner.
- ✓ Exhibitors must submit two (2) jars for each entered item: one for exhibiting and one that can be opened for testing.
- ✓ Dehydrated Food: Use a glass jar with a rubber gasket in the lid to provide a better seal or vacuum sealed bags.
- ✓ Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.

- ✓ Jars or vacuum sealed bags must be labeled with the name of product and date canned. Entries without required labeling will not be judged.
- ✓ Fancy padded lids, fabric overlaps or overcozes interfere with the judging process and should not be used.
- ✓ Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form. Do not write name on recipe cards.
- ✓ All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

CLOTHING SHOW RULES:

- ✓ ~~Strike fashion revue~~
- ✓ ~~1. Participation in the evening Fashion Revue is optional, but recommended.~~
- ✓ ~~7. Accessories constructed to complement clothing entry (shoes, hat, purse, jewelry, etc.) will be entered into appropriate division for judging and will not be judged as an ensemble. However accessories entered in other divisions may be used to complement garment during the Fashion Revue.~~

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW RULES:

- ✓ ~~7. Indicate on entry form if you would like your photo donated to the silent auction. All proceeds from silent auction will be given to the Creative Life Skills Scholarship Fund.~~

DOG SHOWS:

- ✓ None

GOAT DIVISION

WETHER SHOWS:

- ✓ March Entry: Friday ~~12p-1p~~
- ✓ **Homegrown Show:** This show animals dam must have been owned by the family (parents, grandparents, or legal guardian) at the time of conception and the dam (includes recps) must have given birth on the family farm.
- ✓ **Tri-County Born and Bred Wether**

Show (locally bred and born genetics) Will be open to any goat breeder that resides (lives) in our three counties Dick, Gichrist & Levy. There will be a section for this information on the entry form. This section will need to have the breeder's name, farm name, premise ID and contact information (phone and address). Must include the breeder's certified scrapie tag at the time of entry and show. We will be verifying the animal. This show animals dam must have been owned by the Breeder at the time of conception and the dam (includes recps) must have given birth on one of our three counties breeders farms. The wether must also be raised in one of these three counties.

HORSE DIVISION:

- ✓ ~~14. Bandages (leg wraps) are not permitted in any class.~~

SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION

POULTRY SHOWS

- ✓ 7. **Turkey & Geese** are allowed to show
- ✓ 9. **Exhibition Duck Division:** 2 Pure Bred Ducks, Ducks, **Geese**, and **Turkeys:** 6 total may be shown.
- ✓ 9. **Pullet Management Contest:** Pullets cannot be borrowed from another exhibitor to complete your pen of 3.

RABBIT/CAVY SHOWS

- ✓ None

SWINE DIVISION

3. Swine Entry

- ✓ a. Exhibitors must choose the crossbred division or purebred division by checking appropriate box on entry form.

4. Swine Divisions and Classes

- ✓ a. Swine will be weighed and placed

- in classes with similar weights.
Classes will be separated into divisions. Divisions are determined by fairboard and/or swine committee.
- A Division Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each division.
- ✓ b. The last division will be a "Purebred Only Division". Purebred Division winners will still compete for Overall Top 5.
- ✓ c. Eligible breeds: Hampshire, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, Landrace, Chester, Spot, Hereford, or Tamworth
- ✓ d. Purebred Classes in the last division will be split based on number of entries and according to weight. 12 or more entries will be split in to two classes "a lighterweight class and a heavierweight class."
- ✓ e. Purebred Registration papers MUST BE in the exhibitor's name and address by the March Weigh In. A copy of the registration paper will need to be provided, checked, and verified at the March weigh in.
- ✓ f. Purebred gilts and barrows will need to meet eligibility requirements of their respective breed for a market hog.
- ✓ g. Any so-called purebred that does not meet these requirements can still show in the regular division just cannot compete in the "Purebred Only Division."
- ✓ h. Exhibitors are still only allowed one animal you just choose the crossbred or purebred division.

2025 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

- ✓ None

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility: Any resident of Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy County.
2. Dues: Persons meeting eligibility must submit \$5.00 annually.
3. Nominate and elect Directors from each of the 3 counties participating in the Fair.
4. Provide input to the Board of Directors as to the interests of the participating public.
5. Members must be 18 years old. Members cannot be a student grade K-12 or home schooled equivalent in Dixie, Levy or Gilchrist counties.

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT AT SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR

To be completed by exhibitors who are NOT residents of OR who do not attend school in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties, FL.

1. 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.
2. Applicants must be members in good standing as of the current year and vetted by the FFA Advisor, or 4-H Agent NOT 4-H Leader.
3. New Applications for 2025 fair participation WILL be accepted between January 1-15, 2024. Applicants will be notified as to the status of their request for the 2025 fair year participation no later than 30 January 2024.
4. The fair association will keep a list of approved and denied applicants. The 4-H Agents, and FFA will certify participants are members in good standing, the fair association will determine eligibility to participate.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Ambassador program focuses on recognizing active fair participants for their diligence and exemplary leadership qualities. Selected students will serve as role models to younger exhibitors and assist the Suwannee River Fair Boards and Superintendents when needed. Suwannee River Fair Ambassadors are expected to be the face of the fair regularly advocating for our program and its implications on youth development while making an effort to educate others on the livestock industry.

Eligibility Rules:

1. Must be in 10th grade or above.
2. Must have a minimum 2.0 GPA.
3. Must be able to travel and participate in evening and weekend activities under supervision of the program coordinator.
4. Must be a bonafide and active member of a 4-H Club/FFA Chapter in Levy, Gilchrist, or Dixie County, as indicated by your advisor or county agent.
5. Must dress appropriately when representing SRF at events (jeans, closed-toed shoes, and ambassador shirt).
6. If selected, you must attend all meetings held by SRF Ambassadors.
7. If selected, you must volunteer a minimum of 12 hours during all fair related activities.
8. Ambassadors are not allowed to serve on the grievance committee.
9. All Ambassadors will be required to obtain a Florida State Fair Ethics number during their term if they have yet to complete the courses.

10. Complete Application Packet.

BARN S - G R O U N D S - P A V I L I O N R E N T A L

The pavilion is available for rental for your event. The heat and cooled 15,000 square foot handicap accessible main pavilion building seats up to 975 people. For more information: www.suwanneeriverfairpavilion.com

C O N C E S S I O N / V E N D O R R U L E S

1. 4-H & FFA can utilize old building on a first come first serve basis.
2. **Goods & Service Vendors:** Fairbookkeeper has the application. Fee is \$100/day on a first come first serve basis. MUST provide own power and water.

F A I R B O O K R U L E S

1. **Fees:** Full Page-\$200, 1/2 Page-\$100, Senior ad \$100/\$50. Cover- Inside Front, Inside Back and Back Cover will be sold separately to the highest bidder. Sealed bids are to be submitted directly to the Fair Book Superintendent.
2. **Complimentary Ads:** Complimentary ads are at the discretion of the fairboard.
3. **Show Sponsorships:** Paid sponsorships will be given - \$500 full page ad and \$250 half page ad. It is the responsibility of the show superintendent to submit ad to Fair Book Superintendent.
4. **Compilation of Fair Book**
 - a. **Hard copies of ALL** ads are due by the second Friday in January to Holly Houghton, PO Box 640, Cross City 32628.
 - b. Late ads will be added to the back of the book at the discretion of the Fair Book Superintendent and the printer.

J U N I O R F A I R B O A R D P R O G R A M

The Suwannee River Junior Fair Board will serve the purpose of assisting the Fair Board in efficiently running the fair while providing insight on changes and developments that can be made to the benefit of fair participants. The Junior Fair Board provides recently graduated individuals an opportunity to give back to the community. Members will work diligently to develop new educational programs and improve upon current activities at the Suwannee River Fair. Those selected for leadership roles on the board will serve as delegates in matters voted upon by the Current Fair Board.

Eligibility Rules:

1. Must be between 13-25 years old.
2. Must live within an hour from Suwannee River Fair grounds and permanent address must be in either Levy, Gilchrist, or Dixie County.
3. FFA advisors and 4-H Agents are not allowed to serve as voting members of the Junior Fair Board.
4. Members must attend all Junior Fair Board meetings and Chair/Co-Chair elects must also attend all Executive Fair Board meetings.
5. Must be a dues paying member of the Suwannee River Fair Association (\$5 due at the September meeting).
6. Complete Application Packet.

MARKET ANIMAL SALE, PAYMENTS, & DISTRIBUTION

RESALE RULES & PROCEDURE

1. The President will form a committee to evaluate resale options prior to the sale.
2. Sale weight on steers will be the official weigh-in weight less 3% shrinkage. Market swine and wethers sale weight will be the official weigh-in weight.
3. All animals must be resold and delivered to the resale buyer.
4. No individual resale, custom kill, or retained ownership purchases are allowed. Except for Fat Steers.
4. Fat Steer Resale Procedures
 - a. Fat Steer exhibitors have first right of refusal on their own steer for processing. Please contact Wendy Bid by February 28 to reserve your steer. You may use your own processor, however ALL CATTLE must be processed within 45 days of sale day and a processing ticket given to Beef Superintendent within that time. This is a terminal show, therefore all cattle must be processed and cannot be shown after the conclusion of SRF.
 - b. Resale value will be determined using the Oklahoma Fat Steer Market price on the Monday of Market Week. **All individuals will be contacted with their totals and monies will be collected by 3pm of sale day.**
 - c. Remove the steer from the fairgrounds by 6:00p on Sale Day.

SALE RULES & PROCEDURES

1. The sale order will provide for a mixed animal sale. A certain number of swine, then a number of fat calves, then a number of feeder calves, then a number of wethers, will sell. The numbers in each "cycle" will be determined by calculations based on total numbers in each category.
2. Grand Champions in each category will sell first, then Reserve Champions in each group. Entries in each category (swine, feeders, fats, wethers) will sell based on this order while maintaining the mixed animal "cycle" described in #1 above.
3. In an effort to make sale day less chaotic and stressful,
 - a. Only champion animals will be taken through the ring. Exhibitors must be with their animal when it enters the sale ring or their animal will receive resale price only.
 - b. All other sale animals will stay in the barn. Exhibitors must be in line and ready to sell their animal or their animal will receive resale price only.
4. Each animal will be sold separately to the highest bidder.
5. Auctioneer will determine the highest bidder and settle all disputes.
6. A resale price will be established and announced at the beginning of the sale. **All resale credit will go to the exhibitor.**
7. Any person buying animals for another party must sign their name to the purchase contract and is legally responsible for the payment of the bill.

BD & ADD-ON PAYMENT RULES & PROCEDURES

1. Terms are cash, credit card, or check made payable to the **Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Association, PO Box 252, Trenton, FL 32693.**
2. Add-ons must use form with complete billing address and signature. All add-ons are subject to sales commission, no resale credit will be applied. **ADD-ONS MUST BE PAID on sale day and no later than 30 minutes after sale ends!** (2/13/23)
3. Fat Steers must be paid on sale day no later than **3:00 p**
4. Payment is due no later than **30 days** after the date of the sale. Payment is overdue after 30 days and interest on the unpaid balance will be charged after 60 days. After 90 days, appropriate legal action will be taken to collect unpaid bills. Such bills will be charged attorney and legal fees plus interest on the unpaid balance.

FAIR SALE CHECK COLLECTION & DISTRIBUTION TIMELINE

1. Fair invoices will be sent after all buyer addresses have been confirmed

EXHIBITOR SALE CHECK DISTRIBUTION RULES & PROCEDURES

1. All market animal participants are **REQUIRED** to write an appropriate thank you letter to all buyers.
2. Letters **MUST BE HANDWRITTEN** and placed in an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope.
3. No Torn Pages, and or Frayed Edges will be accepted.
4. Letters **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 you intend to use these funds or tell how much you appreciate them and their sponsorship.
5. **NO FORM LETTERS.** Cards are acceptable as long as all other criteria are met.
6. Return Address for all Thank You letters PO Box 252, Trenton, FL 32693
7. Prior to the last day of school, all thank you letters shall be given to the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor for mailing. 4-H Agents and FFA Advisors will notify the Fair Secretary, at least weekly, as to receipt of Thank You Letters. After the last day of school all thank you letters will be submitted to the Fair Secretary.
8. Sale check will be mailed in participant's name to the legal guardian address upon receipt of an appropriate thank you letter(s) from exhibitor to their buyer(s).
9. The mailing address will be obtained from the official mailing address of the legal parent/guardian on the Market Animal Entry Form.
10. After 90 days from Sale Date, any checks that have not been mailed due to lack of proper thank you letters shall be subject to a 15% penalty fee.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

1. Currently, 5 scholarships are available to qualified applicants for attendance at a University, Community College, or Trade School.
 - a. 1-\$500 Suwannee River Fair Scholarship
 - b. 1-\$500 Suwannee River Fair Swine Committee Scholarship
 - c. 3-\$500 Farm Credit of North Florida Scholarships
2. Applicants must be active FFA or 4-H member in good standing in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties.
3. Applicants must be a senior in high school and exhibiting in the current year of the Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Show.
4. Application must be made on an approved form and submitted to the Suwannee River Fair business office, P.O. Box 252, Trenton, FL 32693 by 4:30p the ***1st Wednesday in March***.
5. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of information supplied on approved application form including: Financial Need, Scholarship (Grade Point Average), Project Record, Fair Participation, Leadership Experience, Personal Information.
6. Volunteer work at the Suwannee River Fair is required. A total minimum of 40 hours are required and must be completed by February 15 of your 12th grade year.
7. Applications will be reviewed anonymously and the recipient selected by either a committee of Directors appointed by the Association President, or by members of the Swine Committee.
8. Recipients must submit a **Thank You Letter** and proof of enrollment in either University, Community College, or Trade School within 1 year following their award, if not all monies will be forfeited to the SRF Association. Exceptions will be considered by the board on a case by case basis.

SHOW AWARDS & BELT BUCKLE SPONSORS

1. To defray the cost of each show, all superintendents are responsible for securing a \$500 dollar Show Sponsor and full page ad.
2. Show sponsorship includes:
 - Full-page ad in fairbook
 - Name of the sponsor will be added to trophies and plaques if applicable
 - Show superintendents will announce and thank the sponsor during their show.
 - Show sponsors are encouraged to have a representative present at each show.
 - Primary show sponsors can supply the Fair Association a banner (3x5) to be displayed in the arena.
3. Current sponsors will be billed in August and if they choose to cancel their sponsorship, the show superintendent will need to secure another sponsor.
4. **Show Awards:**
 - \$100 will be utilized to purchase bulk ribbons, rosettes, and sash banners. Each Show Superintendent is responsible for determining the number of bulk ribbons needed and turning this information into the awards committee no later than December 1st.
 - The balance is available for awards chosen by the show superintendent.

5. **Bel Buckles:** Additional funding or sponsors must be secured for all bel buckles. See Fair Secretary for Information.

SHOW & CONTEST JUDGE SELECTION

All Division, Show and Contest the Superintendents and/or Show Committees are personally responsible for the selection and securing of judges. The name, title, address availability, and fees of ALL judges, including show judge and showmanship judge, are to be submitted to the Fair Secretary.

SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR ASSOCIATION INC.

PARENTAL PERMISSION, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

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, 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 AFE 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 LAW SUIT 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, operate,

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 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.

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. 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 show animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county Agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
5. The website mysrf.org has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
6. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fair grounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. **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.
10. Show officials may refuse participation in any show, contest or sale, any exhibitor or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the fair and/or does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
11. 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.
12. 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

13. 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

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. **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, 2023.**
- a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, Jr: 8-13, Sr: 14 years and older
 - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2023** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.
17. **4-H C bverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of **9/1/2023**.
- a. C bverbuds may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter and participate only in events specific to their age group.
 - b. C bverbuds are eligible for participation in Exhibition Only classes in Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Shows, Dog Rally, and Some Showmanship classes.
 - c. C bverbud entries will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. See Specific Shows for Rules and Regulations.
 - d. A C bverbud project summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter, drawing, or picture on 8 1/2 x 11 paper for cavy, poultry and or rabbit shows is required.

18. **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:** C overbuds 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.
19. **Buyer's Invitation:** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to help get new and returning buyers to come to the livestock sales.
20. 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

21. Animals must be entered at the initial and final entry time.
22. Exhibitors must own in full any animal exhibited for sale.
23. No individual may show and/or sell more than one **SALE** animal per year. *With exception of graduating seniors, they can tag in 2 market animals in the same division. Only 1 animal will be weighed and entered into the fair in March. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to sell or butcher the second animal.*
24. Market animals that show must sell. Exhibitor owns the animal until it goes on the trailer of the resale buyer after the sale.
25. Chapter or club animals must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a market animal in the show.
26. Exhibitors must show and sell his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
27. 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.
28. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
29. 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.
30. **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.
31. **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.

32. **WRIST BANDS:** Colored wristband will be issued to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Wristbands are required to enter restricted livestock areas of the fairgrounds.
33. **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.
34. **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.
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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 | Coverbud Dog |
| \$20.00 | Cavy, Poultry & Rabbit |
| \$10.00 | BBQ Contest & Cupcake Decorating Contest, |
| \$5.00 | Coverbud Rabbit & Poultry |
| \$5.00 | Creative Life Skill Shows & Tablescaping Contest |
35. **Registration Deadlines:** All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor and entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:
- Market Steer & Swine Animals:** On the day of Weigh/Tag-in.
 - Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be postmarked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year.
 - Non-Sale Animals:** Forms must be postmarked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries postmarked 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 postcard 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.
36. **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 accepted. 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.

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

- a. All animals 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 grouped 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.

38. **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 Western 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

39. All animals shall enter the show grounds through the North gate, unless specified in SRF Division and Show.
40. 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.
41. **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.
42. 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.

43. There will be no medicating of animals, unless approved by SRF Grievance Committee or their representative.
 44. 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.
 45. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until released from Fair.
 46. 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 unbanded 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 0 0 17**
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-4007 General Requirements & Limitations.
 - b. 5C-4002 Cattle (Beef & Dairy): **OCV Required**. (a) Florida-origin cattle moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCV 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 6-24 months.
5. Cattle must be halterbroken 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 show ring in a show halter.
9. No altering of cattle: including but not limited to pumping or improper injections.
10. **Beef Cattle Homegrown Champions**: Homegrown means the mother of the show animal was owned by your family's (parents, grandparents or legal guardian) family. Top 5 Homegrown animals will be awarded.
11. Beef Cattle Awards will be given to the top 5 overall steers and heifers.

BEEF CATTLE SHOW RULES

BULL SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Lint Jene's

Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird
Jaimie Nesmith

Entry Fee: \$30.00 *then \$25.00/head

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. Bulls must be 0-24 months of age.
3. Participants can show up to 3 bulls.
4. Bulls will be classed by weight. No more than 8 bulls to a class.

HEIFER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Lint Jenele

Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird

Entry Fee: \$30.00 if then \$25.00/head

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. Heifers must be **6 months to 30 months** of age.
3. Participants can show up to 5 heifers or 4 heifers and a cow/calf pair. Cow/calf pairs will not be considered for Grand and Reserve Trophies.
4. **Heifer Show:** Heifers will be classed by weight for each division except for the American. No more than 8 heifers will be assigned to a class. All heifers will be weighed at check in.
5. **Show Divisions:** (1) American Heifers (2) Commercial & AOB Registered Heifers (3) Homegrown Heifers. Exhibitors must indicate which divisions they are entering on their entry form and select between (1) American and (2) Commercial & AOB registered heifers. Heifers will not be allowed entry in both of these divisions; however they are encouraged to enter the homegrown heifer show if they are eligible. The judge will select a top 5 from each division; American, Commercial & AOB Registered, and Homegrown.

American Division: Heifers within the American division will be classed by age: 6-10 months, 11-15 months, 16-22 months, 23-30 months but will still be required to weigh in upon arrival.

American Heifers will be recognized as females that exhibit and maintain prominent Bos Indicus breed characteristics or have registration papers that indicate a Brahman Cross breed of 50% or more - Braford, Simbrah, Santa Gertrudis, Brahman F1, etc.

Prominent Bos Indicus breed characteristics are considered as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ clip or slick coat, dewlap that extends to the underside of the neck, angular rear, hump or crest, and extended naval. The committee will confirm on show entry in March whether they maintain the American characteristics necessary to compete in that division. If they do not meet the characteristics outlined, they will be reclassified into the commercial and AOB registered division. If you are unsure of which division to enter, please contact the heifer show committee and we can confirm via photo before your entry is classed.

STEER SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Lint Jenele

Show Committee: Dalton Long, Gary McKenzie, Huston McKenzie, Wendy Bird

Entry Fee: \$35.00

1. The Cattle General Rules and Regulations apply to all shows and contests.
2. Cattle determined by the committee to be structurally unsound and therefore unmarketable may be rejected from the show & sale.
3. Steer will be weighed only once. The exhibitor, at this time, may request the animal be removed from the scales, the scales rebalanced and the animal re-weighed. Any request for re-weighing must be at the time of the initial weighing. Animal must not leave scale area. No animal will be weighed more than twice.
4. The top steer from each class will compete for Grand Champion. In the class from which the champion comes from, the 2nd place animal can compete for Reserve Grand Champion.

5. If any rules are found to be violated, exhibitors will only receive resale value.
6. Exhibitors must deliver steers to the holding pen and sign delivery list after the conclusion of the sale.

MARKET FEEDER STEER SHOW RULES

1. **Maximum weight at first weigh-in is 550 lbs.**
2. Calves must gain a minimum of 15 pound per day during the feeding period.
3. Weight in March will be a minimum of 600 and maximum of 850. The objective is to grow the calf, not to fatten the calf, producing a healthy growing steer.
4. After all steers are entered, they will be classed by ending weight.
5. A 10% sales commission, plus a \$100 Beef Check-off Fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrink weight (97% of the ending weight).

MARKET FAT STEER SHOW RULES

1. **Maximum weight at first weigh-in is 950 lbs.**
2. Steers entered in the show and sale must have gained a minimum of 1 pound per day during the feeding period and weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at the March weigh-in.
3. After all the steers are entered, they will be classed by weight starting at 1000 pounds with no more than 8 animals in a class.
4. A 8% sales commission, plus a \$100 Beef Check-off fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrink weight (97% of the ending weight).
5. **Group Steer Contest:** All entries are required to be submitted to the Superintendent of the show at the announcer's booth by the end of [Steer Show manship on Saturday](#). A steer group will consist of 3 entered fat steers participating in the fair. Groups selected should be uniform by confirmation, size, and desirable carcass traits. Judging will be based on 50% uniformity and 50% carcass traits. Awards will be given for top 3 groups.
6. **Gain in Weight Contest:** Designed to measure the exhibitor's ability as a herdsman to select and feed an animal for economical gain. Steer committee will be responsible for weighing and certifying these weights to the sponsor. Any certified steer entry in the SRF, which meets contest rules, will be eligible to compete. Each steer must be identified at the time of weigh-in with an ear tag and ED provided by the association. The show classification weight will be used at the end of the feeding period weight. Awards will be given for top 3 places.

DARY CATTLE SHOW RULES

DARY 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 halterbroken, clipped and washed prior to arrival at the show, and groomed ethically and according to good showing practices. An animal 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. Classes will be as follows:
Heifer Classes: Fall Heifer Calf, Summer Heifer Calf, Spring Heifer Calf, Winter Yearling, Fall Yearling, Summer Yearling, Spring Yearling
Cow Classes: Junior 2-Year Old, Senior 2-Year Old, 3-Year Old Cow, 4-Year Old Cow, 5-Year Old Cow, Aged Cow
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CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to all Contests & Events.
2. Do Not have separate 4-H & FFA Awards.
3. Contact <http://mysrf.org> for study materials.

AG-LIFE CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Jessica Emerson Campos & Jessica Cooper

Entry Fee: None

This contest encourages youth to continue expanding their understanding, knowledge, and participation in all areas of agriculture.

1. **Dress Code:** Participants are to be clean and wearing club/chapter or SRF shirts, jeans and closed toe shoes.
2. Individual contest with Primary, Junior and Senior divisions.
3. During the contest participants can start and stop station rotation as needed to compete in other shows and contests. You must turn in your score cards prior to leaving contest area and it is your responsibility to complete this contest.
4. Discussing the competition will result in disqualification.
5. Areas of study and study materials will be published on mysrf.org.
6. **AWARDS** - Ribbons and Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Suwannee River Youth Fair. CHAMPION - One Belt Buckle Champion will be selected based on total score, regardless of age division.

CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Darbi Chaires

Entry Fee: \$10.00, pre-registration is required

Contest Time: 20 minutes

1. Individual contest with Primary, Junior and Senior divisions.
2. Fair will provide the cupcakes, frosting and cake display board.
3. **Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear black pants or skirt, short or long sleeve shirt that fits close to the arms, closed-toed shoes with backs or boots, hair should be pulled-back, tied-back, or cap worn. Aprons should also be worn.
4. Judges reserve the right to disqualify anyone for unsanitary behavior.
5. Check in and setup begins at the posted time when you turn in a contest thank you letter. You will receive a participant number and last minute instructions.
6. Sharing is not permitted. Each contestant must have their own supplies.
7. Each participant will:
 - a. **Furnish** their own table (3'x6' or 2 smaller), bowls, spatulas, spoons, piping bags, tips, dye or any supplies needed. Help will be provided to open and step up tables only. Any and all other setup required will be done by the participant only.

- b. Bring any and all fondants, candies, and/or decorations to be used. All cake and board decorations must be edible. Decorations must not be pre-assembled and fondants un-dyed at the start of the contest.
8. No one except exhibitors will be permitted in the decorating area until after judging.
9. Exhibitors will be observed from the time of setup until the cake is submitted for judging and their respective area is cleaned.
10. Cakes can be decorated individually or as a whole.
11. Each participant will present their cakes to the panel of judges at the conclusion of the contest.
12. **AWARDS** - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given in each age division. Best of Show plaque & cash awards may be awarded.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Jessica Cooper 352 463 3174

Entry Fee: None

1. **Dress Code:** Participants are to be clean and wearing club/chapter or SRF shirts, jeans and closed toe shoes.
2. No Cell Phones.
3. Individual and Team contest. Primary, Junior, Senior and Mixed age divisions. A mixed team will be entered at the level of the oldest participant. Club/Chapter may enter multiple judging teams & individuals per age division.
4. Teams will consist of 3 or 4 members. The team score will be the total of the 3 highest individual scores of members of the team.
5. Contestants or Teams must be registered 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest. No one is allowed in the judging area except judging teams (No Adults).
6. Classes for the judging contest will be selected by the contest committee from available market animals. 10 minutes will be allowed to judge a class.
7. There will be a questions class for all ages and the senior age division may have a reasons class.
8. Only SRF participants will be allowed to judge on the rail. Auditing teams will judge from the stands. Outside counties/schools will be permitted to "school" or "audit" the livestock judging contest for their educational benefit; however will be ineligible for SRF awards.
9. Awards will be given to the first three (3) places in Primary, Junior and Senior Divisions and high individuals (1st-3rd) for each age group.

MRIORAN'S BBQ CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Tyler Pittman & Tyler Voorhees

Entry Fee: \$10.00, pre-registration is required

Contest Time: 90 minutes

Meat: Bone-in Porkchop - supplied by fair

Side Dish: Grilled Vegetables and/or Fruit - supplied by contestant

1. Individual Belt Buckle Contest for ages 9 and up.
2. Participants are **Required** to follow the contest safety videos. All videos, required forms, study materials, and meat type for contest are available at <http://myvsrf.org>

3. **Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear appropriate clothing and hair covers/hats.
4. Judges reserve the right to disqualify anyone for unsafe or unsanitary procedures.
5. Sharing is not permitted. Each contestant must have their own supplies.
6. Fair will **provide** meat, presentation plate and portion cup, for sample of sauce.
7. Each participant will:
 - a. Be scored on barbeque skills and sensory evaluation of final product.
 - b. **Furnish** their own **prep table** (3'x6' or 2 smaller) and **small portable charcoal grill**. You should be able to walk/carry it into the contest area. **Furnish** all other equipment, food thermometer, charcoal, starter fluid, supplies and sauces. **No** self-starting charcoal or automatic fire starter blocks will be permitted. However chimney-starters may be used.
9. Check in and Setup begins at posted time when you turn in a record sheet, and both contest and meat sponsor thank you letters. You will receive a participant number and last minute instructions.
10. The contest will start with the lighting of the fires. One (1) point will be deducted for every 5 minutes late.
11. No one except exhibitors will be permitted in the cooking area until after judging.
12. All contestants:
 - a. must setup and start their own grill, are required to stay in their assigned area until end of contest and will work alone during cooking unless officials have safety concerns. You will lose points if lighter fluid is sprayed on live (hot) coals. You must use the technique outlined on our website.
 - b. will receive their meat when ready to cook.
 - c. cook the meat to **minimal internal temperature and time** as measured by SRF equipment.
 - d. may not inject any fluid or sauce into the meat and may not place meat in baskets to aid in turning.
 - e. will be observed from the time of setup and fires are lit until the food is submitted for judging and their respective area is cleaned. Trash bins will be provided.
 - f. must clean your area and properly dispose of charcoal, before leaving contest.
13. **AWARDS** - Ribbons and Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Suwannee River Youth Fair. One Belt Buckle Champion will be selected based on total score, regardless of age division.

PROGRAM COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Dabi Chaires

Entry Fee: See Creative Life Skills Rules

1. Individual contest with Primary, Junior and Senior age divisions.
2. Decisions of the Judging Committee will be final.
3. No offensive or obscene material will be allowed.
4. No copyright material will be allowed.

5. All designs become the property of the Suwannee River Youth Fair to be used in whatever advertising capacity they deem acceptable without compensation to the exhibitor.
6. If deemed worthy by the panel of judges, the winning design will become the cover for the following year Suwannee River Youth Fair and/or promotional items or advertising.
7. The exhibitor must have done the work on the design.
8. Only one (1) design per exhibitor will be allowed.
9. Design must be Portrait/Vertical submitted on 8½ x 11 paper.
10. Computer generated art is allowed, but it must be printed out, do not submit on disk.
11. The following must be incorporated into the design:
 - a. The 73rd Anniversary of the Show & Sale.
 - b. The general theme of the Fair (farm animals, 4-H, FFA, crafts, etc.)
 - c. Leave a space for Fair dates to be added by Fair Association.
 - d. "Free Admission" for the Fair.
 - e. Create a slogan
 - f. The location of the events – Suwannee River Fair Grounds, Dixie, Gilchrist, and Levy Counties Florida.
 - g. There must be room left for the insertion of the Fair Logo.

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 fairgrounds and are due the first Wednesday in March between 4:00 p-8:00 p 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 an 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 C luberbuds** 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, W ether)
 - b. **Non-M arket 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.

TABLESCAPING CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Darbi Chaires

Entry Fee: \$5.00, pre-registration is required

Contest Time: 1 hour

1. This is a team contest. Primary, Junior, Senior and Mixed age divisions. A mixed team will be entered at the level of the oldest participant. Club/Chapter may enter multiple judging teams per age division.
2. Teams will consist of 2 members.
3. **Dress Code:** Official Dress is **Not Required**. Participants **Will Not** have any means of identification as to their name, club, chapter or community. You are **Required** to wear black pants or skirt, short or long sleeve shirt that fits close to the arms, closed-toed shoes with backs or boots, hair should be pulled-back, tied-back, or cap worn. Aprons should also be worn.
4. No one is allowed in the setup area except team members participating. (No Adults).
5. Setup begins and ends at the posted times. At check in your team will receive a team number and last-minute instructions.
6. Sharing is not permitted. Each team must have their own supplies.
7. Each team will provide table (card table size), and any other decorations.
8. **Only SHATTER PROOF decorations may be used. No glass, china, crystal and other like items.**
9. Each tablescape must include: a menu and 2 place settings set for that menu.
10. Live flowers may be used - food is not permitted to be a part of the tablescape display (Fresh, uncut fruits or vegetables may be used in the centerpiece only if they add to the overall design.)
11. Table coverings are required for all tables.
12. Include a menu suitable for your table setting theme. Menu should be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches. No alcoholic beverages on the menu.
13. Fair reserves the right to reject any table setting that is objectionable or unsuitable.
14. The fair is not responsible for any damage or breakage.
15. **AWARDS** - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be given in each age division. Best of Show plaque & cash awards may be awarded.

CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Darbi Chaires Meisner

Entry Fee: \$5.00 Exhibitor Entry Fee

1. The SRF General Rules & Regulations apply to this Division, Shows and Contests.
2. The Suwannee River Fair Association reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all show rules and regulations. All Creative Life Skills (CLS) exhibitors will be under control of the CLS Superintendent. The Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damages that may occur to entries.
3. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors will be grouped as follows: C overbuds, Primary, Junior, Senior, and Participants. **Participants** in any grade who have a diagnosed mental or physical condition that prevents them from competing at their grade level. **WRITTEN PARENTAL** consent, participants may enter their items into the CLS Show for display only and will be awarded a ribbon for their participation.
4. **Shows:** Clothing, Cake Decorating, Textiles, Foods, Handicrafts, Photography.
5. **Contests:** Cupcake Decorating, Program Cover, and Tablescaping.
6. **Number of Entries:** Exhibitors are limited to 10 entries in this Department. Only 1 entry per division will be accepted at registration.
7. **Registration:** Entry forms, which will also serve as registration forms are available online and must be signed by both the exhibitor and the leader or advisor. Division and class information may be completed on the form when the exhibit is entered into the show. No entry will be accepted without a signed entry form.
8. **Exhibits:** All exhibits must have been completed in the last 12 months and must be individual work of the exhibitor. All exhibits must be clean and attractively displayed.
9. **Show Sponsor Thank You Letters:** Show sponsor thank you letters are required as laid out in General Fair Rules. Only one letter per exhibitor is required.
10. **Entry and Release Times:** Please refer to the current fair year schedule of events for dates and times of Non-food and Food exhibits entries. Perishables not picked up at scheduled time will be disposed of by the show superintendent. Pictures will be taken of food items to be displayed at the fair with other exhibits. Exhibits and ribbons must be picked up between 3:00 p-5:00 p Tuesday before awards night.
11. **Judges, Judging and Awards:** Judges with knowledge in the subject to be judged will be chosen by the superintendent. Judges will first award blue, red, and white ribbons for all exhibits. Only blue ribbon exhibits will be considered for Best of Division Rosettes in the respective age categories. Only exhibits awarded rosettes will be considered for Best of Show plaques, which are awarded to the top entry in clothing, textiles, foods, handicrafts, photography, and cake decorating. Grand and Reserved trophies will be given from the top two Best of Show recipients.
12. **Protest:** The CLS Superintendent has the final decision on any discrepancies. SRF rules apply to all protests.
13. **Names:** The only place that an exhibitor's name can appear is on the entry form. This is to insure anonymity for judging. Items marked with an exhibitor's name will not be accepted.

CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS DIVISION RULES

CAKE DECORATING SHOW RULES

1. Entry must be sole work of the exhibitor.
2. Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made, and techniques used. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the form must be attached to the exhibit.
3. All cakes entered in the Cake Decorating Division will be released from 4:00p-5:00p on Saturday. Perishables not picked up at this time will be disposed of by the show superintendent. Pictures will be taken of cakes to be displayed at the fair.
4. Cakes are required to be displayed on cake boards. Cakes should be as close to the cake board size as possible or covered. Boards may be covered with food safe covering. No cake plates, stands, etc are allowed. No glass cake boards allowed.
5. Cakes will be judged only on appearance and technique; forms may be used.
6. Frosting, fondant, gum paste, candies, etc may be used. No artificial flowers, toys, etc. All decorations must be edible.
7. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, workmanship, degree of difficulty and overall appearance.
8. No moving parts are allowed
9. Cakes can be any shape or a pull-a-part cake
10. Cake base is to be no larger than a quartersheet and no more than 3 tiers high.
11. All finishing must be done before entering the creative life skills building.

CLOTHING SHOW RULES

1. To insure garments are correctly identified by the judges, print the number of your entry form onto a 1" by 3" piece of white fabric. Also print the number of pieces of clothing being entered (for example: 1 of 2, or 3 of 3). Pin fabric inside the garment and hang your garment on a hanger.
2. The entry form number must also be written on the pattern envelope and guide sheet. Put the envelope and guide sheet into a plastic bag and hang it on the same hanger as the garment. Exhibitors who draft their own pattern should write that information and their entry form number on an index card as well as a brief description of how they assembled their garment and put the card in the plastic bag in place of the guide sheet and pattern envelope.
3. A personal data form is due at the time the clothing exhibit is entered into the fair.
4. Repurposed Clothing: participants designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used materials. The completed garment is different from its original use.
5. Belts may be professionally made and finished garments professionally pressed, but must be so labeled.
6. Accessories constructed to complement clothing entry (shoes, hat, purse, jewelry, etc.) will be entered into appropriate division for judging and will not be judged as an ensemble.

FOOD SHOW RULES

1. Food containing **UN-BAKED** ingredients such as custard, cream cheese, or raw eggs will be accepted. **HOWEVER**, this division does not have accessibility to refrigeration before, during or after the judging session. **Entries deemed as unsafe will not be tasted by the judges.**
2. All cakes and breads entered into the Food Division will be released from 4:00 p- 5:00 p on Saturday. **Perishables not picked up at this time will be disposed of by show superintendent.** Pictures will be taken of food items to be displayed at the fair.
3. For each entry, write the exhibitor's entry form number on a small piece of white paper and attach to the underside of the exhibit.
4. With the exception of pies **foods must be set on cardboard covered aluminum foil. No cake plates or glass pie dishes will be accepted.**
 - a) For smaller items such as cookies, muffins, candies, rolls or biscuits, place 6 of them on a 6"x6" foil-covered cardboard and cover as necessary.
 - b) Larger items such as cakes and bread should be entered on a foil-covered cardboard and cover as necessary. No cake should exceed a quarter of a sheet cake.
5. Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form with the exhibitor's entry form number clearly written across the top. **Do not write exhibitor's name on recipe cards.** The use of box mixes and bread machines are prohibited.
6. All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

PRESERVED FOOD SHOW RULES

1. Entries may be either sweet or savory.
2. All entries must have been preserved within the last year (12 months). Preservation means foods are stable at room temperature, not needing additional refrigeration or cooling for safety. **NOTE:** Refrigerator products are not preserved, and not eligible.
3. All jars must be clear glass (standard) canning jars of half-pint (8 oz.), pint (16 oz.), or quart (32 oz.) size. Jars must be clean. Rings and lids should be free from rust. No other jars will be accepted! All products must be sealed by water bath or pressure canner.
4. Exhibitor must submit two (2) jars for each entered item: one for exhibiting and one that can be opened for testing.
5. Dehydrated Food: Use a glass jar with a rubber gasket in the lid to provide a better seal or vacuum sealed bags.
6. Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged.
7. Jars or vacuum sealed bags must be labeled with the name of product and date canned. Entries without required labeling will not be judged.
8. Fancy padded lids, fabric overlays or overcozies interfere with the judging process and should not be used.
9. Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form. Do not write name on recipe cards.
10. All recipes will be kept to be used in a future fair cookbook.

HANDICRAFT SHOW RULES

1. **This Show Is Not Responsible For Breakage!**
2. **G lass entries or entries w ith glass components w ill not be accepted.**
3. In general, handicrafts are items that are inedible and have not been hand or machine stitched. Kits are not permitted with the exception of paint-by-number kits for C lubs and Prim aries.
4. Each exhibit must come w ith an explanation of how it was made. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the form must be attached to the exhibit.
5. Items must be ready for their intended use. This means that pictures and other works of art intended for hanging must be ready to hang or w ill be disqualified.
6. Pot hangers should have unbreakable pots rather than clay or pottery pots.
7. All hem m ing and finishing must be the work of the exhibitor.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW RULES

1. **No Frames, Glass Or Plexiglas W ill Be Allowed!**
2. A photo entry may be either black/white or color, processed from a negative or a digital camera and must be taken by the exhibitor.
3. The exhibit must have a short explanation of why the picture was taken and chosen for entry. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit.
4. Exhibitors may submit entry as either: A series of photos: picture sequence or story showing a logical progression of images, or an individual photo.
5. Pictures should depict activities typical of those in which a 4-H or FFA member and their friends would likely participate.
6. The photo must be mounted on foam board. Maximum size for a single photo is 8"x10".

TEXTILE SHOW RULES

1. Textiles are made w ith fabric or yarn that has been hand or machine stitched or both.
2. Kits may be used, but that information must be plainly noted.
3. Each exhibit must come w ith an explanation of how it was made and whether a kit was used. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit and have the exhibitor's name on them.
4. Entries must be complete and ready to use. For example: a counted cross-stitch sampler should be framed and ready to hang. However, **NO GLASS!!** Label any items that have been professionally framed.
5. Liquid embroidery is acceptable if at least 25% of the item is stitched, crocheted or otherwise needle worked.

CREATIVE LIFE SKILLS CONTESTS

Refer to Contest Rules and Regulations in this handbook for information on Cupcake Decorating, Program Cover, and Tablescaping.

DOG DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Becky Bussard 352 284 6861

Entry Fee: Dogs \$25.00 1st and \$10.00 2nd
CockerBuds \$15.00

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 be 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 mysrforj 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. A 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 Fair grounds 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/banned 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 pants for rally, agility, and obedience.
14. Bring proper leash and collar for each class entered. As well as treats, water, crate, and bits 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 warrants 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 discretion 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 than 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.

SHOW MANSHIP

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 master's 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-leash dogs may run with no collar.
8. No contact familiarization before each class, all course walks will be done with a leashed dog.

9. Dogs capable of off-leash work should not enter in on-leash classes. In the on-leash 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 possible will be taken and the exhibitor will be instructed to "move on" to the next obstacle. Ideal recommended.
12. Any dog showing on-leash agility will not have to jump over 12" in height. Dogs competing on-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

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, Tie 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, Tie 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, Tie 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, Tie 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.

O B E D I E N C E S H O W

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 on leash.
 - **Beginner Novice:** For handlers and dogs who are training for novice obedience classes.
 - Individual: Heel on Lead, Figure 8 on Lead, Sit for Exam, Recall on Lead, Sit/Stay on Lead with walk around the ring.
 - **Novice:** For handlers and their dogs ready to compete in Obedience Lead novice exercises.
 - Open 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: Heel on 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 on lead.
 - **Exercises** are judged on 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 on 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 on 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 audible 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 connections.

GOAT DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Tina Blair 325 494 4876
Dairy & Meat Doe Goat Entry Fee: \$30.00
Market Wether Entry Fee: \$35.00
Market Wether Fitting Contest Fee: \$10.00

GOAT GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Health Requirements:
 - a. SC-4007 General Requirements & Limitations.
 - b. SC-4005 Goat: Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from a veterinarian. Florida-origin goats presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an CVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation. Goats imported into Florida for exhibition must be accompanied by an CVI completed within 30 days prior to exhibition.
 - c. All entered goats registered, unregistered, or grade must have a scrapie ID (Individual Identification) number that meets the identification requirements mandated by the USDA (APHIS 91-55-066, June 1, 2005).
 - d. Goats shall be free of any health or skin illnesses, and free of lice.
 - e. All goats must be polled or have their horns either tipped or cushioned with a material to help prevent injury to the exhibitor. No tipping of horns on the show grounds.
 - f. Each exhibitor must provide their own equipment to maintain the health of their animal and the cleanliness of their pens. Bring latching device for pen gates. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO FEED and WATER UNTIL ANIMALS ARE REMOVED FROM BARN. If animal(s) is not tended to, Fair Premiums and/or Eligibility may be revoked if conditions continue. Bedding, is provided by the fair.
3. **Shows and Classes:**
 - a. Spectators, parents and/or breeders are not allowed in the back once exhibitors are in line to show.
 - b. Meat and Dairy goats are separate shows. A goat cannot be shown in both shows.
 - c. Only 1 goat per class is allowed to be shown. There must be a minimum of 5 exhibitors to host a show. In the event of limited entries, the non-qualifying show exhibitors can still participate in the running show and will be judged to that show standard.
 - d. Pygmy goats are allowed only in the meat classes and will be judged to meat standards.
 - e. No Bucks will be allowed to show.
 - f. Does over 24 months that have not kidded cannot be shown.
 - g. All shows are **BLOW and GO** (shampoo & blow-dry). No products of any kind. If you have grooming products on your animal you will not show.
 - h. Base Date is the age of the animal on the day of the show. Date of birth must be included on entry form.
 - i. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters or collars in the show ring.
 - j. Exhibitors will be in control of their goat at all times or they may be dismissed/disqualified from the show.

4. **Proof of Ownership:**

- a. All animals must be owned or leased by the show entry deadline. Lease agreement must be attached to entry form.
- b. Scrapie/ Premise ID or Tattoo ID must be included on entry form or entry will be considered incomplete and not accepted.
- c. All exhibitors entries owned or leased must maintain continuous full ownership, possession and provide primary care for their animal project from time of entry until show day. If at entry time the animal is not in the exhibitor's possession the entry will be invalid and no refund given. A farm visit is up to the discretion of the SRF leadership.
- d. Only doe goats owned the entire duration as the entry form may be subbed out in the case of death per superintendent approval.

5. **Show Entry:**

- a. All goats must be checked in after vet check. All animals not checked in will be considered "No Shows" and will be deleted from the show.
- b. Goats with Tattoos will need to bring their registration paperwork at check-in.
- c. Only animals exhibited, entered, shown and checked by the State health inspectors will be allowed in the barn. No exceptions. Kids under 3 months of age and still nursing their dam may be brought into the barn after check-in. If kids are buckling is they will not be part of the show.
- d. Once animals are checked in they cannot leave the grounds until show is complete.
- e. All goats must be broken to lead, clipped and washed prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. See Weather Rules for clipping instructions.
- f. There will be No Body Clipping of Goats on the fairgrounds. Minor trimming, washing, grooming and fitting as necessary for show appearance is allowed.

6. **Showmanship is Optional**

- a. The Superintendent reserves the right to combine Dairy Doe and Meat Doe shows for Showmanship if there are less than 4 in each age division.
- b. Prior to show entry date, if there are less than 4 exhibitors in an age division the superintendent reserves the right to withhold belt buckle.

BREEDING MEAT DOE SHOW RULES

1. The Goat General Rules and Regulations apply to all shows.
2. Exhibitors is limited to a total of 6 entries, only 1 entry in each class is allowed.
3. **Classes** will be established after check-in at the discretion of the show committee based on the number of entries.

Junior: 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, Champion & Reserve

Yearling: 12-16 months, 16-20 months, 20-24 months, Champion & Reserve

Senior: 24-36 months, 36 plus months, Champion & Reserve

Grand & Reserve Champion

DAIRY DOE SHOW RULES

1. The Goat General Rules and Regulations apply to this show and contests.
2. Exhibitors is limited to a total of 6 entries, only 1 entry in each class is allowed.
3. Classes will be established after check-in at the discretion of the show committee based on the number of entries. If there are less than 5 exhibitors/goats to make a Sr Doe or Jr Doe show, the Superintendent reserves the right to combine the shows and award 1 grand and 1 reserve. However, all goats will be judged according to their breed characteristics and age.
4. Over-udderding of dairy goats is frowned upon. The judge shall have the authority to excuse animals from the ring for removal of excess milk.
5. Goats over 24 months must have freshened (had kids) or cannot be shown.
6. Junior does are under 24 months that have never kidded & are not in milk.
7. **Classes:**
Juniors: 0-6 month, 6-12 month, 12-18 month, 18-24 month, Champion & Reserve
Senior Milkers: 24-36 months, 3-4 years, 4 plus years Division Champions
Grand & Reserve Champion

MARKET WETHER SHOW RULES

1. The Goat General Rules and Regulations apply to this show and contests.
2. Exhibitors is limited to 1 entry.
3. Registration Deadline: Forms must be postmarked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year. No Late Registration
4. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
5. Use of muzzles is optional on market goats.
6. Must be shorn to within 3/8 inch or less above the knees and hock joints prior to entering the show.
7. Bracing will be allowed in the wether goat division.
8. Goats will be divided into 3 classes by weight - Light, Medium and Heavy
9. Goats will be weighed from 50 - 200 lbs, No age requirements.
10. Class breaks will be determined at the discretion of the division superintendent.
11. A 13% sales commission will be deducted from the exhibitors proceeds.

TRICOUNTY BORN AND BRED WETHER SHOW (locally bred and born genetics):

Will be open to any goat breeder that resides (lives) in our three counties Dixie, Gilchrist & Levy. There will be a section for this information on the entry form. This section will need to have the breeder's name, farm name, premise ID and contact information (phone and address). Must include the breeders certified scrapie tag at the time of entry and show. We will be verifying the animal. This show animals dam must have been owned by the Breeder at the time of conception and the dam (includes recip's) must have given birth on one of our three counties breeders farms. The wether must also be raised in one of these three counties.

HOMEGROWN SHOW : This show animals dam must have been owned by the family (parents, grandparents, or legal guardian) at the time of conception and the dam (includes recps) must have given birth on the family farm.

MARKET WETHER TEAM FITTING CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Tina Blair
 Entry Fee: \$10.00/contestant, pre-registration is required
 Contest Time: 30 minutes

The Contest will take place the Tuesday after the show at 9 am on the east end of the goat barn. Contestants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting prior to the contest held the day of check in. There will be three age divisions. Exhibitors must follow the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations section of the Premium Book.

1. To enter you must check the entry form box and pay the \$10 entry fee. Sign up must be completed at check-in with team members names. The team will be issued an entry number and this number must be displayed during the contest.
2. Participants must be a current market wether show exhibitor.
3. Each team will consist of no more than two individuals.
4. Each team will be required to furnish and fit one wether. The animal must be an eligible entry at the current Suwannee River Youth Fair and the animal must also be owned by one of the team members.
5. The animal needs to be clean to start (washed and dried), no products, free of any artificial substances (no mousse, foam, etc.) are allowed on the animal upon entering the competition area. Animals will be checked for products before entering the competition area. The animal may be lightly misted with water to confirm that the animal is unfitted.
6. Each team is responsible for obtaining/provide their own fitting equipment and supplies used to fit their animal.
7. It is the responsibility of the contestant to have their equipment in place 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
8. Once the contest begins, no team member may leave the area and no additional equipment may be brought into the fitting area.
9. Each team will be allowed 30 minutes to fit their animal.
10. Contestants may not use inappropriate fitting methods. Unethical fitting situations include but are not limited to the addition of any hair or hair like substances (including twine). All fitting techniques must be within acceptable practices. Any exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices could result in disqualification.
11. Only contestants and officials will be allowed in contest area. All audience members must stay out of the area designated as the contest space and are not allowed to communicate with the participants in any fashion. No assistance or coaching will be allowed once contest begins.
12. Judge will circulate and question participants during the 30 mins.
13. Periodic time announcements will be made throughout the contest. A 10-minute warning will be given. At the end of the 30-minute allotted time, clippers down and work stopped.
14. Once time has been called, all teams must cease working on their animal. If fitting is continued after time is called, the team will be automatically disqualified.

15. After fitting time, each team member must be beside the animal, but are not allowed to continue fitting the animal after time is called.
 16. Once released from the competition all animals must be broken down and products washed from the animal.
 17. Rules will be strictly enforced.
 18. Exhibitors will be judged based upon the following criteria and points/scoring will be awarded based as follows:
 - a. Quality of workmanship (ability to fit)
 - b. Team Skills - collaboration, organization, and participation of each team member
 - c. Compatibility of the use of various types of grooming equipment and supplies.
 - d. Overall completion and final appearance of the animal
 - e. Judge's questions for team members (response to these will be related to their knowledge of the animal, products, or fitting methods)
 - f. Neatness of individuals and area will be in consideration.
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HORSE DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Division Superintendent: Kyndal Bussard & Blü 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-40017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
 - b. **5C-4008 Horse:** All horses presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative oral 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, Cannot 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 semi-finals, 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. disallows any horse receiving inhumane treatment while exhibiting. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured as what a reasonable experienced 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. disallows or disqualifies 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, rubberbands, 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 on. 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 placings.
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.

Command/Obedience Class: An elimination contest where any rider not executing the judge's exact commands promptly and correctly will be eliminated. Awarding of ribbons is to be based on the order of elimination of final contestants.

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 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 off horse or rider.

Keyhole: is an event in which the contestant races from starting line to entrance way of key. Passes through entrance, turns in the circle, then return through the entrance and cross the start-finish line between markers. The contestant is disqualified if a horse steps on or outside the markings of the circle or the opening or fails to cross start-finish line between markers.

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

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 prior to entry form deadline. Leased or borrowed animals will not be permitted.
4. **4-H C bverbud Entries** will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. A completed 4-H C bverbud project summary sheet and a show sponsor thank you letter, drawing, or picture on 8.5x11 paper is required..
5. **Showmanship Contest:** Scores: 90 -100 Blue, 80 -89 Red, 70 -79 White and 69 or below Green. 4-H C bverbuds may participate in these contests for experience and will be awarded a green ribbon. Illustrated steps for showmanship are available at <http://mysrf.org>
 - a. **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 C bverbuds which will receive a green ribbon.

CAVY SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Dr. TL Andrews 352 463 1818

Entry Fee: \$20.00

C bverbud Entry Fee: \$5.00

1. The Small Animal General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. **Health Requirement:** Cavies will NOT be accepted for entry if they are emaciated, unhealthy or infested with internal or external parasites such as lice, mites and fleas. Any cavy with traces of medication or oil in ear or fur will be denied entry into the fair. No sow may be shown pregnant.
3. All cavies entered in the show must be tagged in the left ear or tape tagged on the left ear with ID number.
4. Entries will be limited to 3 cavies.
5. All cavies are required to be in a leak-proof carrier when checked in and will remain in it except while being shown.
6. All cavies will be judged individually.
7. Exhibitors must physically show their animal during the show, using accepted handling techniques and abiding by SRF Dress Code.
8. All cavies must be purebred to enter the show. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) - Standard of Perfection (SOP) and the ARBA website <http://arba.net> for a list of recognized breeds and their standards. A purebred cavy will be defined as an animal whose parents are of the same recognized breed and meet the requirements for the standards of their breed as defined in the ARBA - SOP.
9. **AWARDS:**
 - a. All awards will be based on overall qualities as determined by the judge.
 - b. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected from the Best of Breed winners.

POULTRY SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Trisha Barber 352 949 3154

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Coverbud 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 pulbrium - 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. Any birds shown to have presence of mites at the time of check-in will be removed from the show immediately.
4. At check-in *Each Exhibitor Must Be Present with Their Animal, Completed Project Summary, and Coop Their Own Animal. Parents are not allowed to check in for exhibitors.* The Fair Association will furnish exhibition coops.
5. Exhibitors must provide feed and water containers (for each coop) 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.
6. The Judge has the right to, NOT handle any bird for judging or due to aggressive behavior.
7. Enter only fancy or best producing poultry by the division listed and age: cockerel, pullet, cock or hen. No guineas, quail, peafowl, swans, pigeons, pheasants, ostrich, emus, rheas or other exotic poultry or waterfowl may be entered.
8. Only birds recognized in the American Poultry Association and/or American Bantam Association Standard of Perfection may be shown. Refer to <http://www.ameripoultryassn.org> for a list of recognized breeds and their standards.
9. 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, Geese, and Turkey Division: a total of 6 fowl 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. ***Pullets cannot be borrowed from another exhibitor to complete your pen of 3.***
9. **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.

RABBIT SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Dr. TL Andrews 352 463 1818

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Coverbud Entry Fee: \$5.00

1. The Small Animal General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
 2. Health Requirement: Rabbits will NOT be accepted for entry if they are emaciated, unhealthy or infested with interbrore external parasites such as lice, mites and fleas. Any rabbit with traces of medication or oil in ear or fur will be denied entry into the fair. No doe may be shown pregnant.
 3. All rabbits entered in the Rabbit Show must be tattooed in the left ear to be shown.
 4. Entries will be limited to 3 rabbits.
 5. All rabbits are required to be in a leak-proof carrier when checked in and will remain in it except while being shown.
 6. All rabbits will be judged individually.
 7. Exhibitors must physically show their animal during the show, using accepted handling techniques and abiding by SRF Dress Code.
 8. All rabbits must be purebred to enter the show. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) - Standard of Perfection (SOP) and the ARBA website <http://arba.net> for a list of recognized breeds and their standards. A purebred rabbit will be defined as an animal whose parents are of the same recognized breed and meet the requirements for the standards of their breed as defined in the ARBA-SOP.
 9. **AWARDS:**
 - a. All awards will be based on overall qualities as determined by the judge.
 - b. Rosettes will be awarded to the Best of Breed winners
 - c. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected, from the Best of Breed winners.
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SWINE DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

Show Superintendent: Gene Higginbotham
Show Committee: Aaron Buck, Jessie Robinson, John Driggers, Tracey Groom, Tyler Voorhees
Entry Fee: \$35.00

MARKET SWINE SHOW RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. The SRF General Rules and Regulations apply to this Division and Shows.
2. Health Requirements:
 - a. SC-40017 General Requirements & Limitations.
 - b. Swine with evidence of atrophic rhinitis "crooked nose disease" will not be allowed in the fair.
 - c. Swine must be clean, parasite, and disease free at the March entry.
 - d. Swine must have an Official Individual Animal ID.
3. Swine Entry
 - a. Exhibitors must choose the crossbred division or purebred division by checking appropriate box on entry form.
 - b. All swine must be barrows or gilts. Male hogs must have been cut at the time of the initial tag in.
 - c. Swine will not be weighed at the initial tag in.
 - d. Maximum weight at the March weigh-in will be 290 pounds, minimum weight will be 230 pounds.
 - e. Swine will be weighed only once. The exhibitor, at this time, may request the animal be removed from the scales, the scales re-balanced and the animal immediately re-weighed.
4. Swine Divisions and Classes
 - a. Swine will be weighed and placed in classes with similar weights. Classes will be separated into divisions. Divisions are determined by fair board and/or swine committee. A Division Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each division.
 - b. The last division will be a "Purebred Only Division". Purebred Division winners will still compete for Overall Top 5.
 - c. Eligible breeds: Hampshire, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, Landrace, Chester, Spot, Hereford, or Tamworth.
 - d. Purebred classes in the last division will be split based on number of entries and according to weight. 12 or more entries will be split in to two classes "a lighter weight class and a heavier weight class."
 - e. Purebred Registration papers MUST BE in the exhibitor's name and address by the March Weigh In. A copy of the registration paper will need to be provided, checked, and verified at the March weigh in.
 - f. Purebred gilts and barrows will need to meet eligibility requirements of their respective breed for a market hog.
 - g. Any so-called purebred that does not meet these requirements can still show in the regular division just cannot compete in the "Purebred Only Division."

- h. Exhibitors are still only allowed one animal you just choose the crossbred or purebred division.
5. Clipping is allowed in designated areas or in pen. Violation is subject to removal from show and sale. Recommended Clipping: No Shorter Than 3/8 inch.
 6. The wash area next to the goat barn and facing the concession stand is for washing of swine only. NO clipping or electrical equipment allowed.
 7. Exhibitors must provide an automatic watering system for their hog. Each animal/family must have their own sufficient water source.
 8. Show ring implements must be of proper size and dimension for the exhibitor. Permitted show ring implements are flexible whips, crops, and bats. NO wooden canes and PVC pipes.
 9. No swine may change their assigned pen without authorization of a fair official.
 10. No hay is allowed in the swine pens.
 11. A 13% sales commission and a pork check-off fee of 0.045% of market (resale) value, as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds.
 12. "Swine Committee" Scholarship is offered to graduating Seniors. See Scholarships Awards for selection criteria.
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