

Suwannee River Fair

Small Animal Division Rules & Regulations

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Mandatory Meetings Fair Grounds

Saturday, August 16	9:00a	Meat/Dairy Doe
Tuesday, August 19	6:00p	Beef
Tuesday, November 11	6:00p	
Saturday, September 6	9:00a - 11:00a	Poultry/Rabbit
Monday, November 3	6:00p	Swine
Monday, December 1	6:00p	
Sunday, November 16	6:30p	Market Goat
Tuesday, December 2	7:15p	
Saturday, December 13	9:00a	

1. At the discretion of the show superintendent or show committee mandatory meetings may be required.
2. Two dates will be provided for these show specific meetings.
3. Participants and their parent/guardian MUST attend at least 1 meeting per show.
4. Failure to attend a required meeting will result in loss of entry fees and disqualification from the show for the current year.

Entry Form/Weight/Tag Dates & Times

Tuesday, August 26	5:00p - 7:00p	Fat Steers
Tuesday, September 16	Entry Form	Meat and Dairy Doe
Tuesday, September 23	Deadlines	
Tuesday, December 2	5:00p - 7:00p	Feeder Steers
Saturday, December 6	7:00a - 9:30a	Swine
Tuesday, December 2	Entry Form Due	Goat Wether
Tuesday, December 2	Entry Form	BBQ, Bull, Cupcake Contest, Dairy Cow, Creative Life Skills , Dog, Doe Goat, Heifer, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Tablescaping
Tuesday, December 9	Deadlines	

Fair Schedule

2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 24, 2025:

4:00p - 5:00p - Dairy & Meat Doe Entry

5:00p - 7:00p - Meat Doe Sale Preview

Saturday, October 25, 2025:

9:00a - Dairy & Meat Doe Show

12:00p - Bidding Ends

2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 28:

7:30a - 8:00a - Horse Entry & Contest Record Book Due

8:30a - Horse Show

9:00a - Dog Entry, Show, & Contest Record Book Due

4:00p - Tablescaping Contest

6:30p - Cupcake Decorating Contest

7:30p - Tablescaping & Cupcake Awards

Wednesday, March 4:

4:30p - Scholarship Application Deadline

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

Friday, March 6:

4:00p - 6:00p - Dairy Cattle & Beef Heifer/Bull Entry

4:00p - 6:00p - Dairy Cow Skill-a-thon

4:00p - 5:30p - Poultry & Rabbit Entry

5:30p - Cloverbud Rabbit Show/Showmanship

After CB - Rabbit Show

6:00p - Rabbit Showmanship

Saturday, March 7:

9:00a - Poultry Show

9:30a - Poultry Showmanship

After Show - Poultry Release

9:30a - 12:00p - Dairy Cattle Show/Showmanship - Release

11:00a - 1:00p - Ag-Life Contest

1:30p - Beef Cattle Shows

- Bull Show

30 minutes after - Heifer Show Order: American, AOB, bulls Homegrown

After Home - Heifer & Bull Showmanship

Grown

- Alternate Horse Show Date

Sunday, March 8:

12:30p - BBQ Contest

Friday, March 13:

4:00p - 6:00p - Wether Entry & Skill-a-thon

5:00p - 7:00p - Creative Life Skills NON-FOOD Entry

7:00p - Little Legends Pee-Wee Show

Saturday, March 14:

8:00a - 11:00a - Swine Entry

8:30a - 10:00a - Creative Life Skills Entry

9:00a - 11:00a - Wether Public Speaking/Sales Talk

1:00p - Market Wether Show

After Show - Market Goat Team Fitting Contest

6:00p - Goat Awards

4:00p - 6:00p - Steer Entry

Sunday, March 15:

Posted Time - Church Service

12:00p - 4:00p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing

1:00p - Livestock Judging Registration

2:00p - Livestock Judging Events

Monday, March 16:

8:30a - Swine Showmanship

10:00a - 4:00p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing

1:00p - Steer Fitting Contest

3:00p - Market Swine Show

Tuesday, March 17:

8:30a - Market Fat Steer Show

- Homegrown Market Fat Steer Show

- Market Fat Steer Showmanship

After Fat Shows - Feeder Steer Show

- Homegrown Feeder Steer Show

- Feeder Steer Showmanship

10:00a - 4:00p - Creative Life Skills Open For viewing

5:00p - All Creative Life Skills should be picked up

Wednesday, March 18:

9:30a - Sale

12:00p - Buyers Luncheon

1:30p - Sale

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

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

ADULT AND MINOR PARTICIPANTS:

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

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR ALL SHOWS & CONTESTS

1. The Suwannee River Fair Association (SRF) reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations.
2. The SRF reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.
3. All animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and remain in their designated area during the feeding period or until released by show committee. The care and welfare of the shows animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county Agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
4. The website <https://mysrf.org> has entry forms, record books, updates and changes to any rule.
5. Online registration is at <https://suwannee.fairwire.com>. The online portal will close 2 days prior to the mail-in entry deadline.
6. 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.
7. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fairgrounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
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 exhibit 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 Divisions: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14+)** shall be uniform throughout the Fair. **The base age date for all shows: September 1, 2025.**
 - a. Except Horse: Beginner any age, **Intermediates 11-13 can choose to compete in either the Junior or Senior division.**
 - b. Exhibitors who are not 8 years old by **9/1/2025** cannot participate in Large Animal Projects.

17. **4-H Cloverbuds** are 4-H members who are 5, but not 8 years old as of [9/1/2025](#).
 - a. Cloverbuds may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter and participate only in events specific to their age group.
 - b. Cloverbuds are eligible for participation in Exhibition Only classes in Creative Life Skills, Small Animal Shows, Dog Rally, some Showmanship classes, and record books.
 - c. Cloverbud entries will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. See Specific Shows for Rules and Regulations.
 - d. A Cloverbud Liability Release Sheet or record book 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:** Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories. Contest participants refer to contest dress code requirements. Dairy Cow and Goat participants may wear white pants and shirt. Dog Show participant refer to show dress code rules. Horse Show participants are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate to riding style.
19. **Buyer's Invitation:** It is the exhibitors 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 exhibit offered for sale.
23. No individual may show and/or sell more than one **SALE** animal per year.
24. All Market exhibitors are eligible to enter or tag in two of the same market animals. Only one will be allowed at the final weigh-in in March. The exhibitor will be responsible for the sale of the second animal.
25. Chapter/Club and siblings may use the same 2nd animal as their backup. Everyone must enter with their own entry form for that animal and pay all applicable fees.
26. If a market animal dies within 30 days after tag-in or weigh-in the animal may be replaced upon verification by two committee members. However, after the 30 days under no circumstances will a replacement be allowed. A replacement animal will have to be re-tagged within 7 days of the death. Replacement steer – The steer may not be more than 100 lbs. heavier than original weight at tag-in.
27. ALL market animals must be reared at the exhibitor's home or school they attend throughout the entire project unless granted permission by the board. If not kept at the exhibitor's home or school a letter addressed to the board with the proposed location and explanation of why must be turned in at time of tag in for consideration. This relocation must be within the Levy, Dixie, or Gilchrist foot print **NO EXEPTIONS**. Exhibitors are subject to random home visits from the time of the initial tag-in to the time of the final weigh-in by an Advisor, Leader, or SRF Board/Committee Member. Anyone not abiding by this rule will **NOT** be eligible to show at the March Fair!
28. Market animals that show must sell. Exhibitor owns the animal until it goes on the trailer of the resale buyer after the sale
29. Chapter or club animals must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a market animal in the show.
30. Exhibitors must show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate.
31. 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.
32. Early removal of exhibits may result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
33. 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.
34. **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.
35. **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, online must mail in.
36. **WRIST BANDS:** Colored wrist band will be issued to exhibitor and parent/guardian. Wristbands are required to enter restricted livestock areas of the fair grounds.
37. **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.

38. **Entry Fees:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline.
- \$35.00 Fat Steer, Feeder Steer, Swine & Wether
 - \$30.00 Horse Performance, & Horse Speed
 - \$30.00 Beef Bull & Heifer Dairy Cattle, Dog
 - \$30/\$15** Goat Doe **\$30.00/1st and \$15.00/additional**
 - \$20.00 Poultry & Rabbit
 - \$10.00 BBQ Contest, Cupcake Decorating Contest, & **Tablescaping**
 - \$5.00 Cloverbud Rabbit & Poultry. **Creative Life Skill Shows per Item**
39. **Registration Deadlines:** All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor and entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:
- a. **Market Steer & Swine Animals:** On the day of Weight/Tag-in.
 - b. **Market Wether Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year.
 - c. **Breeding Goat Does:** Forms must be post marked by the 3rd Tuesday in September of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 4th Tuesday of September will be accepted at double the entry fee.
 - d. **Non-Sale Animals:** Forms must be post marked by the 1st Tuesday in December of the current fair year. Entries post marked after the deadline but on or before the 2nd Tuesday of December will be accepted at double the entry fee. Exhibitors are encouraged to include a self-addressed, stamped post card which will be returned upon receipt of their entry forms. A list of all received entries will be posted on the Fair website. Dropped off forms will not be accepted.
 - e. **The Online registration is at <https://suwannee.fairwire.com>. The online portal will close 2 days prior to the mail-in entry deadline.**
40. **Mandatory Drug and Quality Assurance Sheet or Record Book Receipt:**
- a. All animal exhibitors **MUST** complete a Drug and Quality Assurance Sheet or a Record Book for each animal project they enter.
 - b. The completed drug assurance sheet or record book receipt will be presented to the show committee check-in station, where they will be examined for completeness.
 - c. **Incomplete Information:** The exhibitor and their animal **WILL BE** diverted out of line to an area where they will complete the required information.
 - d. The exhibitor's hand will be stamped for entry into the scale house and barns.
 - e. **Optional Record Book Contest:** Refer to Contests and Other Events Rules.
41. **Showmanship Contests – General Rules:**
- a. There will be **Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14+)** divisions.
 - b. **Make sure you understand the rules for your animal. Some are required, some need preregistration, and others are entered at March weigh-in.**
 - 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

42. All animals shall enter the show grounds through the North gate, unless specified in SRF Division and Show.
 43. 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.
 44. **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.
 45. 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.
 46. There will be no medicating of animals, unless approved by SRF Grievance Committee or their representative.
 47. 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.
 48. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until released from Fair.
 49. All health rules as outlined by the Suwannee River Fair and the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry must be adhered to. State inspectors will be on the grounds to verify health papers and check in all animals. No animals will be unloaded without the inspector's approval. The State Inspector has the right to test any animal on the facility without prior notice under **Florida Statutes 5C-4.0017 General Requirements & Limitations.**
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DOG DIVISION RULES & REGULATIONS

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

DOG GENERAL REGULATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

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

Show and Classes

13. Full SRF official dress is required. Skirts are permitted for showmanship, but it is recommended that all exhibitors wear pants for rally, agility, and obedience.
14. Bring proper leash and collar for each class entered. As well as treats, water, crate, and lots of patience!
15. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except during advanced, off-leash exercises. A 6 foot leash with a choke-chain or nylon training collar. No tags, attachments, lead collars, chain leash, or harness will be accepted. Pinch collars may be used for training only.
16. Coaching from the rail will not be permitted. In addition, on show day, only handler/dog pairs, fair board members, judges, and appointed ring volunteers will be permitted in the show ring.
17. All classes may be divided into age divisions if the number of entries received warrant it at the Show Committee's discretion
18. Dogs must be entered in a class comparable to their level of training. If required, the Show Committee shall determine proper/improper class entry for the handler/dog. In this case, they will be allowed to participate but will not receive scores or placement for the incorrect class.
19. Basic and 8-11 year old handlers may enter 1 dog. Experienced handlers or handlers 11+ years of age as of September 1st of the current 4-H year may choose to exhibit up to 2 dogs. Dogs may not exhibit in the same class.
20. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog. Any dogs relieving themselves in the show ring may be disqualified from class at the 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 the SRF Dog Show including AKC, UKC, NADAC, etc.
22. **AWARDS:** For each class all exhibitors will be scored using the modified Danish judging system and 1-6 place rosettes will be given. For each age group, despite their experience level, there will be an overall award for showmanship, rally, obedience, and agility. The judge's decision/placing will be final. An additional Versatility Award. This high point award will go to the **1 exhibitor 1 dog combination** that has the highest combined score in all 4 offered events. Competition in all 4 events is required to be considered for this award.

SHOWMANSHIP

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

AGILITY SHOW

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

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

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

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

15. Classes:

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

OBEDIENCE SHOW

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

RALLY SHOW

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

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

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

7. **Classes:**

- **Basic** is first year handlers with beginner dogs. Basic Rally will compete on the same course and with the same requirements as Novice, except that Basic Handlers may move 1 foot to finish their dog without receiving a penalty.
 - **Novice** is second year or greater handlers or dogs with qualifying scores in Rally or Obedience. For dogs and or handlers that have earned a Novice Title in Rally or Obedience from any outside venue or who have placed in the top 4 with a qualifying score above 170 in the Novice A class at a state event or previous fair.
 - Basic and Novice Exercises are judged on leash, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be made of fabric or leather and must be long enough to provide adequate slack. Must have 10 to 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-5 stationary exercises. Signs 1-36 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
 - **Intermediate** title is not required to progress to the Advanced class but it does offer the newly Rally Novice titled dog an opportunity to work many of the Advanced signs while having the dog on leash. The course requirements are the same as in the Advanced class without the jump.
 - **Advanced** is for handlers ready to perform off lead.
 - Exercises are judged off leash. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 12 to 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations plus 1 required jump per class. Allowed jumps are the high jump, bar jump and broad jump. Signs 1-118 from the AKC Rally Regulations may be used.
 - **Excellent** is for dog and handler teams ready to perform off lead at a more advanced level. Dogs who have earned a qualifying score at the Excellent, or similar level, from any organization must enter this class.
 - Exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. Must have 15 to 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with 3-7 stationary exercises. Courses shall have a minimum of 3 Advanced level stations and a minimum of 2 Excellent level stations, plus the 2 required jumps and the Honor exercise per class. Handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.
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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 Cloverbud Entries** will be judged and awarded green ribbons of participation. A liability release sheet or record book is required.
5. **Showmanship Contest:** Scores: 90-100 Blue, 80-89 Red, 70-79 White and 69 or below Green. 4-H Cloverbuds may participate in these contests for experience and will be awarded a green ribbon. Illustrated steps for showmanship are available at <http://mysrf.org>
 - 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 Cloverbuds which will receive a green ribbon.

POULTRY SHOW RULES

Show Superintendent: Trisha Barber 352.949.3154
Entry Fee: \$20.00
Cloverbud Entry Fee: \$5.00

1. The Small Animal General Rules and Regulations apply to this show.
2. Health Requirement **5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl:** A USDA Representative will examine the general health of the birds. All birds not on the NPIP program will be bled to check for pullorum-typhoid and throats swabbed for Avian Influenza and Exotic Newcastle. If you participate in the NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) write your card number on your entry form in the space provided. Upon arrival at the fair notify USDA representatives prior to bleeding and show them your card.
3. 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.amerpoultryassn> 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

Cloverbud 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 interior or 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. Exhibitor 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. **Only blue ribbon rabbits will be considered for Best of Breed and Best of Show.**
 - d. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected, from the Best of Breed winners.
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RECORD BOOK CONTEST

Contest Superintendent: Ashley Cook-Gregory

Contest Committee: Jessica Cooper, Wendy Bird

Entry Fee: None

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

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