

Erie County Fair Youth Livestock Auction

The Erie County Fair and its board members are very excited to bring back an auction to our fair. The board members see this as an opportunity for youth all around our region to have an additional opportunity to show and sell the animals that they have worked hard to raise. We have seen in this region a rising number of youth that are not able to be involved in 4H or FFA but still have the passion to raise and show animals. We are happy to provide a platform for those youth, as well as those already involved in 4H, FFA, or other organizations to show off their hard work.

Rules:

1. Youth must be between the ages of 5-22 as of the start of fair. Exhibitors may auction 1 animal of each species, up to 2 animals total.
2. Youth must have owned the animal for at least 60 days prior to fair.
3. Animal must be shown in proper classes in order to be sold at the auction. Each individual in the auction must be an exhibitor during the entire week of fair.
4. Animals must have an RFID tag, and CVI to enter. These items will be checked at the time of check in/weigh in. If these documents are not readily available, you will not be able to unload.
5. Animals must be safely handled by exhibitor at all times. Superintendents, vet, or show officials reserve the right to, at any time, excuse an animal/exhibitor if they feel it is a safety risk. This will forfeit the opportunity to sell the animal at the sale.
6. All Animal Health Requirements for the state of Pennsylvania must be followed. Please refer to the Premium Book, or the PA Department of Agriculture website for a complete list of rules.
7. Minimum weights for each species are as follows:
 - Beef – 850 lbs
 - Dairy - 650
 - Swine – 200 lbs
 - Lamb – 80 lbs
 - Goat – 60 lbs
 - Chicken – 4 lbs
 - Turkey – 12 lbs
8. All animals must be fully castrated at the time of check-in.
9. No horns on beef cattle or dairy beef.
10. Animal Ages:
 - Beef Cattle: Born after January 1st in the year preceding the show
 - Dairy Beef: Born before February 28th of the show year
 - Dairy/Beef Cross: Born before February 28th of the show year
 - Hogs: Born after January 1st of the year of the show
 - Lambs: Born after January 1st of the year of the show
 - Goats: Born after November 1st of the year preceding the show

11. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
12. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
13. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
14. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
15. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
16. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
17. Show officials and Fair Board reserves the right to change the rules at any time in order to be in compliance with the USDA, or for any other reason. Entries may be limited due to barn space.

NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS
IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock

offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested (by the approved laboratory to which it is sent) is the one taken from the animal in question. Its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was

taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.