

Erie County Fair Youth Livestock Auction Rules

The Erie County Fair and its board members are very excited to have the 2nd Annual Youth Livestock Auction at fair. The board members see this as an opportunity for young people 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 youths 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.
2. Exhibitors may auction 1 animal of each species, up to 2 animal's total.
3. Youth must own the animal for at least 60 days prior to fair.
4. Animals must be shown in proper classes in order to be sold at the auction. Everyone in the auction must be an exhibitor during the entire week of fair.
5. 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.
6. Animals must be safely handled by exhibitor at all times. Superintendents, vets, 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.
7. 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.
8. Minimum weights for each species are as follows:
 - a. **Beef** – 850 lbs.
 - b. **Dairy** – 650 lbs.
 - c. **Swine** – 200 lbs.
 - d. **Lamb** – 80 lbs.
 - e. **Goat** – 60 lbs.
 - f. **Chicken** – 4 lbs.
 - g. **Turkey** – 12 lbs.
 - h. **Rabbit** – 3.5 lbs. to 5.5 lbs.
9. All animals must be fully castrated at the time of check-in.
10. No horns on beef cattle or dairy beef.
11. Animal Ages:
 - a. **Beef Cattle:** Born after January 1st in the year preceding the show.
 - b. **Dairy Beef:** Born before February 28th of the show year.
 - c. **Dairy/Beef Cross:** Born before February 28th of the show year.
 - d. **Hogs:** Born after January 1st of the year of the show.
 - e. **Lambs:** Born after January 1st of the year of the show.
 - f. **Goats:** Born after November 1st of the year preceding the show.
 - g. **Poultry:** N/A
 - h. **Rabbits:** over 10 weeks old
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or 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 individuals to disciplinary action.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. The act of entering an animal into 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.
18. 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 spaces.