



**Amador County Fair**  
**26th District Agricultural Association**  
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## **2024 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT & PARENT/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT**

This Code of Conduct was developed by the 26th District Agricultural Association (DAA), who operates under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions, for the primary purpose of producing the annual Amador County Fair. The Code of Conduct is further enhanced with additional rules and regulations, including the State Rules.

### **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT (PART I)**

#### **POLICIES FOR EXHIBITOR CONDUCT**

1. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is PROHIBITED. Judge's decision is Final.
2. Exhibitors shall use respectful language. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated.
3. All junior livestock exhibitors must care for, maintain and groom their own animals while they are on the Fairgrounds. Any assistance must come ONLY from another Junior Livestock Exhibitor who is exhibiting an animal at the 2024 Amador County Fair. Parent or adult assistance is not allowed. Adult verbal assistance is allowed. The Fair's Livestock Species Superintendent will oversee barns and enforce all rules.
4. Possession of any weapon or illegal drugs on the Fairgrounds is prohibited.
5. Possession of alcohol or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the Fairgrounds, and/or being under the influence by any underage exhibitor (minor) on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
6. Smoking or vaping of any kind is allowed only in the designated location on the Fairgrounds and not allowed by any underage exhibitors.
7. Any exhibitor whose conduct jeopardizes the health and safety of another exhibitor, animal, or the public, will be immediately expelled from further participation in the current Amador County Fair and possibly future fairs. The exhibitor and their animal(s) are to be removed from the grounds immediately and lose the opportunity to show and sell his/her animal(s) through the Junior Livestock Auction.

#### **POLICIES FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT**

1. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants, which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal, is not allowed. Exceptions to this rule would be a California Licensed Certified Veterinarian's treatment for recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The Livestock Office must receive notification from the Licensed Certified Veterinarian of the details of any such prescribed treatment in writing. The

- substance used in this treatment must have been approved by The Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to feed, water and care for any animal they have entered in the Fair throughout the entire Livestock Show, including any period following the sale of the animal prior to the end of the Show/Fair.
3. Any animal that is determined to be unmanageable, or could be a safety hazard to the public, will be removed from the Fairgrounds. The Livestock Superintendent/Fair Management makes this decision final.
4. It is considered abuse to excessively shrink or excessively exercise an animal.
5. No Icing or Drenching in any form or definition allowed.
6. Physical abuse of an animal will not be tolerated.
7. For the safety of the animal and the public, animals are not to be left unattended on fitting tables or in blocking chutes.
8. The livestock area needs to be presentable at all times. All livestock stalls/pens must be cleaned out daily before 7:00 AM and exhibitors should make every effort to keep the barns clean at all times for the public.
9. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the security of their animals in stalls or pens. All beef cattle shall be securely tied with a neck rope in addition to a suitable halter. All sheep, goat, and swine pens shall be securely closed and fastened before the exhibitor leaves the barn area. Please do not put padlocks on any gates or pens.

#### **CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF EXHIBIT POLICIES**

1. If any violation of policy occurs prior to the junior livestock auction, the exhibitor will not be allowed to sell his/her animal.
2. If it is determined that an exhibitor has violated the Fair's Code of Conduct or other exhibit policies, the exhibitor will be removed from the grounds and may not exhibit livestock at the following year's fair.
3. Direction shall be focused more on the exhibitors excelling in leadership, education, and citizenship with their livestock projects.

## **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

The auction is a privilege, not a right. You are producing a product that will enter the food chain. The Fair's goal is not only to provide a seller with an avenue to sell, but also provide a consumer/buyer with quality, healthy, safely produced products from knowledgeable and responsible producers.

1. Every market animal exhibitor at Amador County Fair is required to complete a Declaration of Medication Form as well as an Understanding of Terminal Sale Form prior to selling an animal at the Junior Livestock Auction. Animals will not be eligible to sell if the Medication Form or Terminal Sale Form is not completed and properly signed.
2. Exhibitors, as the "sole owner" of their market animals, acknowledge that they will be responsible for their animal if rejected at a harvesting plant due to the presence of drug or another residue. If drug or other residue is detected, the exhibitor understands that he/she may be liable to the buyer and/or Fair for an amount equal to three (3) times the purchase price and may also be liable for any attorney's fees and civil penalties (Food and Agriculture Code Section 14363).

### **SELLER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

1. All animals must follow the sale order as determined and compiled by Fair staff. Failure of the exhibitor to be present and ready to enter the ring with their animal will automatically disqualify the exhibitor from the sale.
2. No advertisement will be permitted for animals. Do not ask the auctioneer for special announcements.
3. Exhibitors selling livestock through the Auction are solely responsible for feeding, watering, and general well-being of their own animals until the animals are loaded onto trucks for transport.

### **CONDEMNED CARCASS**

1. In the case of a condemned carcass due to drug or chemical contamination, contagious disease, or sign of genetic disease syndrome exhibitors will forfeit earnings and all premiums and pay all costs associated with expenses the Fair may incur.

### **SOLICITATION OF BUYERS/NON-SALE MARKET ANIMALS**

1. Absolutely no "For Sale" signs will be allowed. No responsibility is incurred by the Fair for non-auctioned animals sold by exhibitors.

### **REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE**

1. Transfer of ownership will occur when the animal is sold. If the exhibitor intends to keep the replacement heifer project on the fairgrounds after the sale is concluded, a release of liability form must be completed by the exhibitor, buyer of heifer and approved by the Livestock Superintendent and Fair. Continued care of the heifer and stall will be determined through the agreement of the buyer and exhibitor (seller).

## **PARENT/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT (PART II)**

### **POLICIES FOR PARENT CONDUCT**

As a Parent or Guardian of a Livestock Exhibitor at the Amador County Fair, you are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will jeopardize the participation of your club, the exhibitors, your child, or any member of your family.

1. As a Leader/Advisor or parent, I acknowledge that the child must demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as an exhibitor of show animals, and that the assistance of an adult in the washing, grooming, fitting, or showing of his or her animal while at the Fair is prohibited. Verbal assistance by an adult is acceptable.
2. As a Leader/Advisor or parent, I acknowledge that direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is PROHIBITED. All judges, Fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and as a Leader/Advisor or Parent I will not allow any person connected with my exhibitor's or child's animal project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official.
3. Leader/Advisor and Parents shall use respectful language. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated in the Livestock Area or on the fairgrounds.
4. Possession of any weapons or illegal drugs on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
5. As a parent, I/We are aware that responsible alcohol use is allowed on the Fairgrounds, and I/We will limit use of alcohol so that a proper example is set for my exhibitor child, or children of others around us. Any child/student or children/students of other club/chapters around us. Any abuse of alcohol or public intoxication by Parent in or around the Livestock facility is PROHIBITED. This type of activity is further monitored by law enforcement.
6. As a parent, I/We agree not to bring or store any outside alcohol in the livestock area.
7. Smoking or vaping is allowed only in the designated smoking area. Smoking or vaping of any kind is PROHIBITED in the livestock area.

Disciplinary action will be taken regarding any violations listed in this Code of Conduct. Any Parent/Guardian whose conduct jeopardizes the health or safety of an exhibitor, animal, or the public, will be immediately expelled from the Amador County Fair and will jeopardize the participation of their club/chapter's exhibitors or any member of the Parent's family. The Parent is to be removed from the grounds immediately and could jeopardize their club's exhibitors or child's opportunity to show and sell through the Junior Livestock Auction. By signing this Agreement, all parties (livestock exhibitors of market, breeding, and small animals and their parents or guardian), do hereby agree to the Junior Livestock Exhibitor and Parent/Adult Code of Conduct as expressly stated above. Failure to read and submit the signed agreement causes ineligibility to show at the 2024 Fair.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

1. The Amador County Fair Code of Conduct applies to online activity including social media. Remember when you are exhibiting or are the parent of an exhibitor at the Amador County Fair. You are representing both yourself and the youth programs you or your children are members of. Be a positive role model and make sure that your postings are positive and appropriate for all concerned. Posted Information can get out of control fast, so consider the consequences before posting.
2. All Exhibitors and Parent will avoid publicly disputing a position that Amador County

Fairgrounds has publicly taken on any issue. Publicly includes all social media sites, blogs, and websites, as well as television and radio. We strive to portray an image of unity and objectivity and it is your job to help us maintain that image.

Adhering to this policy is important because Amador County Fairgrounds takes no legal responsibility for anything you post on a personal social media account. However, the DAA will hold all participants accountable for always conducting themselves in a professional manner.

Exhibitor's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

1st Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_