

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

YOUTH LIVESTOCK & HORTICULTURE Inc

General Rules 2017 – 2018 Project Year

STEER * SWINE * BEEF BREEDING * RABBIT/CAVY
HORTICULTURE * POULTRY * GOAT

1. MEMBERS: Only registered members, ages 5-18 years of age, as of 9/01/2017 shall be permitted to participate in the IRCYLH Show and Auction. Show & Auction participants must be members in “good-standing,” as determined by the Rules Committee of IRCYLH and members in “good-standing” with the 4-H Program, as determined by the local Extension Agent. Students ages 5-7 (Cloverbuds) participate in showing their project but not in the sale or auction.

All youth participating in the IRCLYH Show & Auction must be currently enrolled in **an accredited educational institution within Indian River County** as of the date of registration. This may be an online virtual school, a homeschool or cooperative learning environment, a public or private school, high school and/ or an institution of higher learning, if sanctioned by the IRC School Board and an official letter of participation can be produced.

Out of County(New) Members: Youth from Neighboring Counties may join IRCYLH if one or more of the following apply:

- Family lives near Indian River County lines and parents work in IRC.
- Family lives near Indian River County lines and youth goes to School in IRC. This may be an online virtual school, a homeschool or cooperative learning environment, a public or private school, high school and/ or an institution of higher learning, if sanctioned by the IRC School Board and an official letter of participation can be produced.
- If for some reason it is more convenient and feasible to drive in to IRC for meetings.
- **All conditions must be pre-approved by the IRCYLH Board.**

If your address is not in Indian River County, you may join IRCYLH with the permission of your local county 4-H Agent and the approval of Indian River County 4-H Extension Agent or Staff and show a project at the IRCYLH Show & Auction with the following restrictions:

- Permitted projects for Fair Show & Auction include small animals & horticulture (i.e. Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Citrus Tree, Breedstock)
- **No Large Market Animal Projects will be permitted (i.e. Steers, Swine, Etc.)**

2. EXHIBITOR ENTRY FEES: A \$10.00 entry fee for each project will be paid when entry forms are turned in for that project at time of registration. This helps to provide start-up money for the Show & Auction year and to ensure all participants contribute by helping to off-set some of the costs accrued by putting on the IRCYLH Show & Auction.
3. CONTRACTS: Extension and IRCYLH do not become involved in any contractual disputes related to the purchase, housing, or feeding of any project animal by an IRCYLH member, parent, or legal guardian.

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4. RULE INFRACTIONS: All infractions must be reported first to the Club Leader and/or Project Coordinator within 48 hours of infractions, then the Leader and/or Project Coordinator will report the incident to the IRCYLH Agent, and he/she will inform the Rules Sub-Committee and/or Designee.

Ignorance of these rules is not an excuse for any violation. It is the individual responsibility of each member and parent/legal guardian to understand and follow all IRCYLH and Indian River County Fair IRCYLH Show and Auction Rules.

5. VIOLATIONS: In the event of a violation, the following disciplinary actions can occur, order notwithstanding, and/or a combination of all listed depending upon the severity of the infraction and to be determined by the Rules Subcommittee, and/or IRCYLH Designee.:

- i. *Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
- ii. *Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. *Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. *Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. *Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
- vi. *Complete dismissal from the IRCYLH program*

6. MANDATORY EXHIBITORS MEETING: All 4-H members participating in the Fair Show & Auction must attend the Annual Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 @ 6:30pm.**

7. IRCYLH Members who fail to attend this meeting without prior approval of the IRCYLH Rules Committee Chair or Barn Director will not be permitted to exhibit or auction their animal/horticulture project at the Show & Auction. Forms that are not signed properly and turned in on time may prevent the member from exhibiting their animal/horticulture project at the Show & Auction. Contact to the Rules Committee and Barn Director is the same as infraction process described in section 4.

8. EXCUSES: Excuses for missing a mandatory event must be completed at least 72 work week hours before the event (weekends and holidays do not count in the 72 hours). All requests for approved absences must be sent via e-mail to the IRCYLH Rules Subcommittee at IRCYLH.INC@gmail.com. Only pre-approved absences will be excused, unless in cases of extreme emergency. Requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and should be started early enough for all information to arrive in due time for the IRCYLH Designee to review and make a determination 72 work week hours before the event.

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9. Rules Compliance Agreement: All 4H members showing at the IRCYLH Show and Auction and their Parents must sign and return the Compliance Agreement and the Receipt of Rule Book, located in the back of this rule book at the conclusion of the Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting. Any parent or 4H exhibitor deemed to be in violation of these Show and Auction Rules will be asked to remove their project(s) immediately, and the IRCYLH exhibitor will not be allowed to show during the current year unless otherwise stated.
10. RECORD BOOKS: Every 4-H member participating in the IRCYLH Show and Auction must complete one project record book per project every year. Record books will be judged during fair week. The morning of final weigh-in, **BEFORE** animals are weighed and projects dropped off Record books will be checked for verification that they are up to date with all information, pictures, and stories and in the most current format (i.e. the only lines left blank are the totals for the auction and class placings, etc.). If the record book is not complete as described in the previous sentence then the youth and their project(s) will be not be allowed to enter the Fair Show and Auction grounds.

Club Leaders will determine by what time on the first Friday of fair they will collect the up-to-date record book from their club members. Club Leaders will then submit their club's record books to the IRCYLH Record Book Sub-Committee Chairperson and/or Designee **by 6:00pm on Friday, March 9, 2018.**

11. LIMIT OF AUCTION: Each exhibitor will only be allowed to live auction **ONE** (1) steer or swine. Steer and swine exhibitors will be allowed to weigh-in multiple steer or swine at the first weigh-in. A declaration of which steer/swine will be entered in the Show & Auction must be made at that time. **No substitution will be allowed after this declaration at time of Show & Auction Registration.** All steer, swine, goats, rabbits, cavies, poultry, and horticulture projects will be marked for identification per the IRCYLH instructions. No Bulls or Boars will be accepted.

Only the Grand & Reserve Grand Champion of meat pen, single fryer, poultry set, or horticulture projects are eligible for live auction. *Cloverbuds are not eligible to sell any type of project at any type of auction.*

12. SHOW TO AUCTION: All projects being sold at auction must be shown by the exhibitor in the assigned class. Exceptions may be made in certain extenuating circumstances as determined by the Rules Committee and IRCYLH Designee. A decision by the Rules Committee and IRCYLH Designee will be made within 24 hours of written exception request. **In order to show and auction, all projects must be in approved condition determined by a Veterinarian, Barn Directors, Project Directors, IRCYLH Designee.**

A sick animal (in distress, showing disease symptoms, and/or declared unable to show by a Veterinarian, Barn Director, or the IRCYLH Designee) cannot be shown during the show and/or auction. A sick animal (in distress, showing disease symptoms, dead and declared unable to show by a Veterinarian,

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Barn Director, or the IRCYLH Designee) cannot be sold at the live or silent auctions. No substitution of live animal will be allowed for sale night or for sale purposes, and a sick animal must be removed immediately for harvest by a reputable agent of the IRCYLH Designee or Barn Chairperson's choice.

A sick exhibitor needs to have a doctor's note or an extenuating circumstance deemed valid by the IRCYLH Designee for being unable to show their animal at the Livestock Show & Auction. When an exhibitor is ill, in an accident, hospitalized, or is medically unable to show their animal in the assigned market class, another exhibitor – deemed to be in IRCYLH good-standing – may be chosen by the IRCYLH Designee and agreed upon by the 4-H Club Leader(s), IRCYLH Executive Committee, and Parent(s) to show the “medically excused” exhibitor's animal in the **market class** since that class is judged only on the condition of the animal. No substitutions will be made for showmanship classes, as these are judged on how the exhibitor performs with their project animal in front of the judge.

13. ETHICS CERTIFICATION: All 4H youth participating in an IRCYLH event with a project MUST have attended a certified Florida Federation of Fairs Youth Livestock Ethics & Animal Care Workshop within the past three (3) years. For more information about upcoming trainings, or whether you are certified, visit the Florida State Fair's website at: <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics>. This is a requirement of the Florida Federation of Fairs and NOT the responsibility of the 4H Program or IRCYLH. Each 4H member is required to arrange their own training by registering at the above website. Each exhibitor is required to provide their certification number and proof of certification for eligibility.
14. DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL: No exhibitor, parent or family member will be permitted to distribute fliers, handbills, business cards, etc., during the night of the auction or at any affiliated IRCYLH event(s) unless prior approval by the IRCYLH Designee has been obtained. Requests must be made in writing (email) to the IRCYLH Designee at least 7 days prior to the event. Anyone caught doing so without prior IRCYLH approval will result in the exhibitor's disqualification from the show and auction.
15. GROW YOUR OWN: Exhibitors' project(s) and project animal(s) must be under the direct care, feeding, and handling of the IRCYLH exhibitor. Participation in the IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction Program grants consent to inspection of a projects' facilities (living quarters and location) by the IRCYLH Designee. **All projects in the program must be housed within Indian River County at all times unless a previous exemption has been granted by the Rules Subcommittee.**

BUYERS

16. BUYERS SOLICITATION LETTERS: All exhibitors of animal/horticulture projects to be auctioned are required to contact three (3) potential buyers, two (2) of which did not buy a steer/swine/meat pen/horticulture/poultry project in the previous year's auction. The original signed letter will be turned into their Club Leader in a stamped, addressed, unsealed envelope for verification no less than 30 days prior to the final weigh-in. **The letters must be handwritten by the exhibitor.** Club Leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. **Copies of the three (3) letters must be shown to the Rule Committee or designee at the Mandatory Progress Check, Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018.** Copies of the

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three(3) letters must also be included in the exhibitor's project record book. Omission of these letters will result in an automatic deduction of 10 overall points when record book judging takes place.

17. **BUYERS THANK YOU LETTERS:** Each exhibitor of an animal/horticulture project shown and auctioned at the fair is required to write Thank You letters to the buyer(s) of his or her animal/horticulture project and others, as required by Club Leaders or IRCYLH Designee. The Club Leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. The letter(s) will be turned in in unsealed, stamped, addressed envelopes. IRCYLH Show & Auction participants should submit their original signed letter(s) to their Club Leader no later than fourteen (14) days following the receipt of buyer/sponsors list from their Club Leader. If an exhibitor fails to provide the letters by the 14th day, **they will forfeit the right to exhibit the following year and will be assessed 25% of their auction proceeds.** Following the verification of the letters by Club Leaders, they will be collected and mailed to the buyers/sponsors. A copy of the Buyer Thank You Letter(s) should be included in the final version of the record book. Hand delivering of letters to buyers will be allowed provided the exhibitor provides a letter of verification of delivery of the thank you letter signed by the buyer.
18. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE DURING AUCTION:** Each club is required to have a representative (parent, legal guardian, family member, volunteer, etc.) to keep track of buyers and cartels who bought each club member's animal during the live and silent auctions. IRCYLH will not maintain an official list for distribution, so members will need to contact their club's representative for sponsor information. IRCYLH will provide buyer and cartel information to the club leaders, but NOT to individual exhibitors.
19. **BUYER MEAT DISTRIBUTION:** The date of the meat distribution is to be determined by the harvesting facility. Your club leader will notify you of the date and time of the Meat Distribution so you can notify your buyers. IRCYLH Senior Students are strongly encouraged to help during the Meat Distribution in order for it to be accomplished in a timely fashion.
20. **AUCTION CHECKS:** An exhibitor's auction check will not be released until his or her thank you letters have been received by the Club Leader, **all payment checks for all projects have been received from the auction**, and his or her buyer thank you letters have been delivered and a signed plaque delivery receipt is returned. **Copies of the thank you letters must be shown to the IRCYLH Designee before picking-up checks.** The time frame for this entire process can range between 60 – 90 days. Plaques that need to be redone due to printing error will still need to be delivered by the exhibitor.
21. **ASSESSMENTS:** All exhibitors of auction items, either sold through the live or silent auctions, will be assessed a percentage of their auction proceeds to cover the cost of the show & auction and other expenses deemed necessary by the IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction Board plus an additional 1% for capital improvements. All add-ons are subject to the assessment fee.
22. **ALL large terminal animals (swine and cattle) brought in as a market animals will be presented at auction for sale and if sold must be transported by the pre-approved transport and processed by the pre-approved processor.**
23. **IF A PROJECT RECEIVES NO BID AT AUCTION (LIVE OR SILENT):** If an exhibitor does not receive a bid during the auction (live or silent) the animal project will be sent for termination and the

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wrapped meat or project given to the parent/legal guardian of the exhibitor at the exhibitor's cost. Payment of processing is due at the time of the meat delivery.

24. NO market animal that has crossed the scale can be removed unless the exhibitor is removed for misconduct or the animal is unable to be presented at live auction.

WEIGH-IN

25. **ALL Weigh-Ins Are First Come First Serve, NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED.**

26. ANIMALS: The only animals allowed at weigh-ins are animals being weighed. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED at the fairgrounds.

27. DRIVERS AT WEIGH-IN: Children under the age of 16 or individuals without a license CANNOT DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES on Fairgrounds. It is against the law and IRCYLH will not accept the liability.

28. ONE TIME ONLY ACROSS THE SCALES: You may be allowed to Re-Walk your animal across the scales only if there is a scale malfunction. This will be determined by the IRCYLH Designee and the Weigh Master. The animal in this case must stay in view of the IRCYLH Designee and Weigh Master running the scales.

FAIR

29. PROGRESS CHECK, REPORT CARD CHECK, ETHICS CERTIFICATION CHECK, & ANIMAL HANDLING CLINIC: A mandatory clinic for all animals will be held prior to 30 days to the Fair for all exhibitors to: **(Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018)**

- i. Show that the exhibitor can handle and control the animal— exhibitor must handle his/her own animal.
- ii. Draw blood to verify pregnancy on breed stock cows 2 years or older without calf by side (calf by side means calf is not to be older than 7 months)- according to class designation in Breedstock Rules Class 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. All cattle except Brahma must be bred or have a calf by its side. Brahman Cattle must be bred.
- iii. Allow for the Rules Committee /IRCYLH Designee to check school progress and ethics certification of all exhibitors:
 - a) Grade point average of a passing grade is required to show at the fair.
 - b) Failure to have a passing GPA at the report card check will require a student to show verified adequate progress. Progress report signed by a teacher(s) showing the student has achieved a minimum of passing GPA by the day of barn set-up is required for a student to show.
- iv. Goat and Breedstock exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own health certificates for their projects (each goat and/or breedstock).

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Any exceptions must have prior approval by the Rules Committee Chair or IRCYLH Designee at least 72 hours before the date of the event (for further explanation see #8). IRCYLH has the right to remove any animal (poultry, rabbit/cavy, swine, goat, steer, breedstock) that is deemed uncontrollable at this check or at any time during the Show & Auction. The progress check will be **Saturday, Feb. 3, 2013. Please bring the latest report card and a copy of the exhibitor's Ethics Certification.** If homeschooled, please provide a letter stating detailed progress.

30. ANIMAL CONTROL AT FAIR: In the event an animal makes it to the Show and Auction that an exhibitor cannot control; 1.) Steers and goats will be pulled out of the line and tied to the side of the show ring; 2.) Swine will be put in a walker in the ring (this is done to protect the other animals and/or exhibitors and give the other show members a fair chance to show their animals); 3) No breaking halters allowed for use on cattle during the fair.
31. DRIVERS: All individuals operating farm equipment on fairgrounds must be AT LEAST 18 YEARS OR OLDER. Farm equipment includes, but is not limited to tractors, back hoes, etc. If you are a 4-H Member, you are not allowed to operate heavy equipment.
32. HEALTH: All livestock must be 1) free of evidence of any disease, 2) healthy, and 3) in marketable condition at the time of the show and auction. Veterinary services for emergencies at IRCYLH Show & Auction at the fair and related events shall be performed at the owner's expense.
33. TAMPERING: Tampering at any time during the fair with any animal or horticulture project entered (such as filling with a foreign substance, **addition of cosmetic improvements or adornments**, etc.) is prohibited. Use of, or possession of, tranquilizers on show animals at the fair will be construed as a form of tampering. The Barn Committee and authorized personnel shall have the right to handle and examine animals at any time during the fair. If evidence of tampering is found, the animal shall be removed from the fairgrounds. If after the auction, all proceeds will be forfeited and exhibitor is prohibited from showing the following year.
34. STALL ASSIGNMENTS: Immediately following the weigh-in, all projects will be assigned a tie/pen and placed in the barn according to the species director. **Any protests with regard to tie/pen assignments will not be tolerated. In the event of a disruption, the project and exhibitor will be sent home immediately.** If an animal is moved to a different location without permission from the project coordinator, the exhibitor will be sent home immediately and not allowed to show or auction their project.
35. MANDATORY Events:
 - 1.) Mandatory Rules meeting **September 25, 2017.**
 - 2.) MANDATORY FAIR SET-UP: **Saturday, March 3, 2018** all exhibitors and one (1) parent/legal guardian to help set-up anything under the Agriculture Barn used during the length of the Fair.
Each child will need to help with the corresponding area of their project or wherever the Barn Director or Club Leader specifies until released by their 4-H Club Leader or Barn Director

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- 3.) MANDATORY FAIR MEETING: On the evening of **Friday, March 9, 2018**, the first night of the fair, all exhibitors must be present to go over rules for fair. Leaders will turn in record books to the IRCYLH Designee or ASSIGNED REPRESENTATIVE by 6:00pm on **Friday, March 9, 2018**.
- 4.) MANDATORY BREAK DOWN: Mandatory Break Down will be held **Sunday, March 18, 2018**. Any youth who does not participate in the Mandatory Set-Up or Break Down without receiving prior approval will not be allowed to participate in the show and auction the following year.

Approval for requests to be exempted may be granted if an exhibitor has requested a release from mandatory event via e-mail request to the rules committee a minimum of 72 hours prior to the date of the mandatory event. Exhibitor must submit request to their Club Leader and the Rules Sub-Committee for review. (See Rule #8)

Rules Committee Representative will keep an attendance record for all mandatory events and turn them into the IRCYLH Designee. If exhibitors are not present at the Mandatory Fair Set-Up without prior approval then they will be subject to assessment as determined by the Rules Committee including the potential of becoming ineligible to participate in the show and auction as well as future IRCYLH events. If the youth is not present at the Mandatory Fair Break Down without prior approval they will be assessed 10% of their auction check and the infraction will be reviewed by the Rules Committee to determine other potential penalties.

36. ANIMAL CARE: Animals while at the fair must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor, parent, legal guardian, or club leader, ONLY. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair and must feed and water in agriculturally approved containers and maintain a clean area for the duration of the fair. An exhibitor may be found in violation of this rule. With the first offense, the member will be given a “verbal warning” along with a written warning that will be delivered to the parents/guardians. A second violation will result in the project and exhibitor being removed from the fairgrounds, except in cases involving market animals. Market animals will stay on the premises and be run through at the end of the auction, and the exhibitor will be charged 35% of the auction price in addition to any other fees necessary to cover expenditures.
37. GROOMING: Only current Indian River County exhibitors, Club Leaders, parents/legal guardians of exhibitors or their immediate family will be allowed to help groom and work on the project while at the fair; exhibitor must be present, unless prior exceptions are made by IRCYLH Designee or Rules Committee (contact as described in section 4). Steer grooming contest; no additional assistance beyond the exhibitor is allowed to groom the steer for the competition. Juniors will be allowed one(1) parent/legal guardian to assist prior to the show. NO assistance is allowed during or after the show.
38. OFFICIAL DRESS: Official IRCYLH dress shall be worn for all shows and auctions, which shall be set forth by the IRCYLH Designee. Failure to adhere to dress codes determined by the IRCYLH Designee will result in ineligibility to compete in the show or auction of your project.

Official IRCYLH dress:

- Black Pants.
- Plain White Long Sleeved Shirt (no patterns, embroidery or shiny things)

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- Green “4-H” Vest, Blazer or 4H jacket.
- Black or Brown Belt
- Black or Brown Shoes (Boots or Show Boots.)
- Green Apron for Citrus, Poultry, Cavy and Rabbit

**** No Crowns or Sashes are allowed to be worn by exhibitors in the ring at show or sale****

Clothing with provocative, racial, and/or sexual content (including, but not limited to, short shorts, bra straps showing, strapless shirts, spaghetti straps, or belly shirts) are not allowed to be worn by exhibitors or family while under the livestock barn or at IRCYLH meetings. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Pants are to be worn above or at hip level. Exhibitors or family wearing droopy pants that expose underwear will be sent home to change.

Closed toed shoes are mandatory for anyone who is under the barn.

The official dress code will apply to all leaders, families, siblings and parents/legal guardians.

Ethical and moral standards are to be maintained at all times while representing the IRCYLH and 4-H Programs.

39. AWARDS: The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions Livestock and Horticulture may receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder will be done on the DANISH SYSTEM. All entrants will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their project, *except Cloverbuds who are only eligible for participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee’s discretion.*
40. Other awards given will be as follows:
- HERDSMAN AWARD: There shall be an All-Around Herdsman Award
 - STEER/SWINE: Showmanship, Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18). Highest Daily Weigh Gain. Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Books. All-Around Youth Exhibitor Overall, Best Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine. A carcass contest will be conducted following the fair and an award given. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steer/Swine.
 - BEEF BREEDING: Showmanship, Class awards; Best Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18) Beef Breeding Record Books, and Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull/Heifer.
 - RABBITS/CAVIES: Showmanship, Best of Show & Reserve, Best of Breed & Reserve, Grand Champion Meat Pen & Reserve, Best of Opposite Sex (per breed shown) and the Best Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Book.
 - HORTICULTURE: Danish System Judging of Blue, Red, and White ribbons will be given to exhibitors with Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion coming from Blue ribbon projects. Best Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Book.
 - GOATS: Showmanship; Junior (8- 10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Record Book. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buck/Doe.
 - POULTRY: Showmanship; Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Record Book for Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion.

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41. Procedure for selection of Showmanship and IRC Bred Steer/Swine is as follows:
 - i. Showmanship competition shall be open to all junior, intermediate, and senior participants.
 - ii. If neither the grand nor reserve grand champion steer/swine are Indian River County Bred, the highest placing Indian River County Bred steer/swine with a blue ribbon in each class will return to the ring for judging.

42. ORDER OF AUCTION: Order of auction for livestock will be as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Highest Placing Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine, 1st Place (Blue Ribbon) steer or swine from the next class following the Grand Champion's class, etc. with all blue ribbon animals auctioning first, then red and white.

43. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in the Farm Bureau Ag Pavilion or parking lot at any time during the fair by ANYONE. This will be enforced by the Firefighters' Association, IRCYLH Show & Auction Committee, and the Fair Security Team. **The usage or possession of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in the loss of privilege to participate in the show and auction, loss of proceeds from the auction and suspension from IRCYLH for a specified time.** There will be absolutely no tolerance for any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind. Violations will be reported to the proper authorities. Indian River County and its properties are "No Smoking" zones, absolutely no smoking will be allowed under the barn.

44. JUDGES: The judges have been contracted by IRCYLH to do their job to the best of their ability. The youth of the IRCYLH have the opportunity for their project and record book to be judged by a professional in the industry. The judges' opinions will be respected, and their decisions are final. No disturbance over disagreements will be tolerated. Judges will be selected by a judges selection committee.

45. CHAIN OF COMMAND: For reporting rules infraction to the Rules Sub-Committee, the chain of command is as follows:
 - i. Immediately following the incident, the reporting person will need to alert their respective Club Leader with verifiable details and possible witnesses.
 - ii. The Club Leader will then contact the Species Director (if applicable) or the IRCYLH Designee and the Rules Sub-Committee Representative on duty.
 - iii. IRCYLH Designee and the Rules Sub-Committee Representative on duty will determine the next step to be taken.
 - iv. If the infraction is serious enough, then a Review Board will be convened with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the Rules Sub-Committee.

46. GRIEVANCE: Any un-sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior, (such as unethical or immoral activities, rudeness) resulting from any rules infraction involving an exhibitor or other person(s) will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair.

Any alleged complaint involving the IRCYLH Show and Auction Rules, or the mistreatment of people, animals, or horticulture shall be filed in writing. These infractions will be grounds for removal of

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exhibitors and their projects if prior to auction. If the infraction occurs after the auction, the exhibitor may be removed, and additional penalties assessed as described in section 5 of this rulebook.

47. APPEALS: Appeals to the Rules Committee's decision on a given infraction must be filed with the IRCYLH Designee in writing, along with \$50.00 cash processing fee, within 72 hours of notification of Rules Committee's decision; appeals will be heard within another 72 hours after receipt of written appeal on business days only. The defendant involved in the infraction may have one (1) representative with them at the Appeal Hearing to assist with the appeal. The processing fee of \$50.00 (cash), shall be forfeited if the penalty for the infraction is upheld.
48. INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR: Any club leader, parent, legal guardian, family member, and exhibitor who choose to participate in an IRCYLH Event will not personally violate the integrity of this program. This includes, but not limited to cussing, arguing, fighting, disagreeing with the judge, poor sportsmanship conduct, and/or saying derogatory things about other parents, leaders, volunteers, or exhibitors. Any person who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions may forfeits all rights, privileges, premiums, and auction money offered to the exhibitor and will be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately.
49. OWNERSHIP: The exhibitor must own the steer, swine, poultry, and horticulture projects. Exhibitors may lease goat, rabbit, cavy, or breedstock projects; no one other than the exhibitor can profit from his or her project. No individual who helps an exhibitor financially with their project shall receive reimbursement (payment) more than the actual expenses incurred.
50. RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee has the authority to enforce the rules and assess penalties and fines. All violations must be reported to the club leader and/or project director first and then to the Rules Committee Representative for a ruling on how to proceed.
At any mandatory IRCYLH event the exhibitor will need to check in with the IRCYLH Designee before the event starts.
51. The IRCYLH is the sole responsibility and has the final decision with regard to the IRCYLH Events and its affiliated activities. Failure to abide by these rules can result in the loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof. Date changes and addendum's to this document may be made at the discretion of the IRCYLH Board of Directors in accordance with IRCYLH By-Laws.

Have a safe and super year!!

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**MARKET STEER RULES
2017 - 2018**

WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show and auction.
2. **STEER OWNERSHIP:** All exhibitors will have their steers no later than ten (10) days prior to the first weigh-in, **Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017**. Exhibitor must have possession of animal and animal must be housed in IRC by this date, **Aug. 31, 2017**. A bill of sale to prove ownership, completed and signed entry form, IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee, and a color photo of the steer must be delivered at the time of the first weigh-in on: **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**.
3. **CASTRATION & DE-HORNING:** All steers must be castrated prior to arriving at the first weigh-in. De-horned steers must be healed by final weigh-in. Insurance regulations prohibit any de-horning, castration, worming, implanting and etc., at IRCYLH functions related to the show and auction. Horns that are two (2) inches or longer will be rejected.
4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-INS:** All steers must be weighed at the official weigh-in on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017, between 5:00 – 7:00 PM** and that is the weight at which they will start. Steers must weigh at least 525 pounds first and only time across the scales, with no allowance for shrinkage. **No exceptions.**
5. **AVERAGE DAILY WEIGHT GAIN:** Steers must average gaining at least two (2) pounds per day between the first weigh-in and the final weigh-in date, **Tuesday, March 13, 2018**. There will be no allowances for shrinkage. At the final weigh-in, steers will be allowed on the scales only one time. No exceptions. Steers weighing more than 1,275 pounds will be sold as 1,275lbs. All steer's final auction weight will have a 3% shrinkage calculated into the weight to allow for weight loss during the fair and transportation for slaughter.

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6. **STEER AGE:** All steers will be no more than 24 months of age at the time of the show and auction. Steers may be mouthed for age by a certified veterinarian.
7. **NECK ROPES:** All steers will have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the fair. The neck and lead rope shall no longer than 18'' inches from knot to animal at any time while they are tied. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine for first time violators; second time will be asked to remove the project from grounds. This is to keep animals from injuring animals next to them or getting tangled in their ropes and their neighbor's ropes due to not being tied properly. No one will touch or move another person's animal without the prior permission of the owner or the project coordinators' approval.

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8. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on material provided by IRCYLH. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the duration of the Fair.
9. **GROOMING SHOW:** Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) exhibitors are to groom their own steer for the show. Assistance from any individual CANNOT be provided to help intermediate or senior exhibitors for steer grooming show. **Junior exhibitors (8-10) may have one parent or legal guardian help groom their animal for the show;** however, the exhibitor must be present at all times. On show night, the steer project area will be closed at 5:30 PM to everyone **except exhibitors and one (1) junior exhibitor parent.** IRCYLH show attire is required for grooming competition.
10. **SHOW YOUR OWN:** The exhibitor has to use his or her own project animal for all competitions.

Failure to abide by the above listed rules can result in:

the following disciplinary actions that can occur, order notwithstanding, and/or a combination of all listed depending upon the severity of the infraction and to be determined by the Rules Subcommittee, and/or IRCYLH Designee.:

- i. *Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
- ii. *Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. *Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. *Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. *Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
- vi. *Complete dismissal from the IRCYLH program*

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MARKET SWINE RULES

2017 - 2018

WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **SWINE OWNERSHIP:** All exhibitors will own their swine by **Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017**. A bill of sale to prove ownership, completed and signed entry form, IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee, and two color photos (of the standing pig's left and right side profiles with exhibitor pictured) must be delivered by the conclusion of the first weigh-in on **Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017**.
3. **CASTRATION:** Entries may show either a gilt or barrow. Male pigs must be castrated before the first weigh-in.
4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-INS:** All pigs must be weighed and ear tagged at the official weigh-in on **Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017** between 8:00 – 11:00 AM, with all pigs being on the fairgrounds property by 11:00 AM. It is recommended that the pigs weigh at least 50 pounds, but it is not mandatory. They will have one time only across the scales and that is the weight at which they will start. A bill of sale with name, address and telephone number of seller, (subject to verification to prove ownership) and a completed and signed entry form, IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee, and two color photos (of the standing pig's left and right side profiles with exhibitor pictured) must be turned in at the official weigh-in. *Only one (1) animal per entry form.* Incorrect forms will be disqualified.
5. **FINAL WEIGH-IN:** At the final weigh-in, on the first day of the fair, **Friday, March 9, 2018**, all hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 300 pounds. **Any hog weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 300 pounds will be disqualified.** Each animal will only have one opportunity to cross the scales – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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6. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on material provided by IRCYLH. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the duration of the Fair.
7. **SHOW YOUR OWN:** The exhibitor **MUST** to use his or her own project animal for all competitions.
8. **FEED TIMES:** Afternoon feeding time is between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. There is no feeding during show times.

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AUCTION

9. No Feeding on Sale Night. Feed in the morning. Feed Bowls must be out by 12:00pm Noon on Sale Night. No feeding during shows.

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- i. Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
- vi. Complete dismissal from the IRCYLH program*

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**BEEF BREEDING RULES
2017 - 2018**

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **ENTRY FORMS & FEES:** A completed and signed entry form, IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee, and color photo must be submitted to the IRCYLH Office by end of Swine Weigh-in on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time. **The entry fee for beef breeding is a \$10.00 project fee per animal.**
3. **OWNERSHIP:** Each exhibitor will own, or have a signed lease agreement for their animal by end of registration at Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 2, 2017**, and have full responsibility of feeding, breaking and the general all-around care and exercise of their animal(s). Exhibitor must have possession (if owned) of animal by December 2, 2017. If leased, exhibitor needs to be active and involved in the care of the leased animal. All animals must be housed in Indian River County
4. **AGE AND ID:** Registered and unregistered stocks are eligible to compete. All animals must have I.D. as follows: Registered animals per association requirements, unregistered animals by brand or tattoo, or metal Premises tag (the state does not accept plastic ear tags). Heifers over 18 months of age must have metal premise tags. Bulls over 9 months of age **MUST** have a nose ring.
5. **AGE (cont.):** Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age. All cows from classes 11, 12 & 13 must be bred or with calf to be eligible to show. Cows 2 years and older will have blood drawn at Progress Check on **Saturday, February 3, 2018**, to verify pregnancy. If the cow has calf by side, calf must be 7 months or younger. Cows have to be bred by January 15th, 2018. Bulls over 2 years of age cannot be shown. Bulls 9 months or older **MUST** have Nose Ring.
6. **LIMITATIONS:** No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in same class.
7. **SHOWING:** Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he or she has two or more in the same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member – in good-standing - to exhibit his or her additional animals approved by the Rules Committee Chair and the IRCYLH Designee.
8. **DIVISION CHAMPION:** Only blue ribbon animals will be called in for division champions. Each exhibitor will show only his or her animal for showmanship competition.
9. **NECK ROPES:** All beef breed stock will have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the fair. The neck and lead rope shall no longer than 18 inches from knot to animal at any time while they are tied.

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Failure to do so will result in a warning for first time violators; second violation, exhibitor may be fined \$25.00. This is to keep animals from injuring animals next to them or getting tangled in their ropes and their neighbor's ropes due to not being tied properly. No one will touch or move another person's animal without the prior permission of the owner or the species superintendent's approval.

10. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on sand or material provided by IRCYLH. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the fair.
11. **HEALTH:** All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State regulations.
TUBERCULOSIS: Beef breeding animals do not fall under these guidelines.
12. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for breed stock will be on Tuesday, March 13th or upon the arrival of the market steer projects. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission from the IRCYLH Designee, Barn Director or appropriate representative will forfeit premium money.
13. **CLASSES:** See current class rules in the appendix.

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- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
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Beef Breeding Classes

HEIFER CLASS #	DESCRIPTION	AGE	BULL CLASS #
1	JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL CALF	11/1/17 TO 2/28/18	29
2	EARLY JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL	9/1/17 TO 10/31/17	30
3	LATE JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL	7/1/17 TO 8/31/17	31
4	DIVISION I CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		32
5	DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		33
6	SENIOR HEIFER/BULL	5/1/17 TO 6/30/17	34
7	APRIL JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	4/1/17 TO 4/30/17	35
8	MARCH JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	3/1/17 TO 3/1/17	36
9	DIVISION II CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		37
10	DIVISION II RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		38
11	JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	1/1/17 TO 2/29/17	39
12	LATE YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	11/1/16 TO 12/31/16	40
13	DIVISION III CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		41
14	DIVISION III RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		42
15	FALL YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	9/1/16 TO 10/31/16	43
16	SUMMER SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	7/1/16 TO 8/31/16	44
17	DIVISION IV CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		45
18	DIVISION IV RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL		46
19	SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL	5/1/16 TO 6/30/16	47
20 *	SPRING YEARLING HEIFER FEMALE/BULL	3/1/16 TO 4/30/16	48
21 *	EARLY SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE	1/1/16 TO 2/28/16	
22 **	LATE SENIOR FEMALE	1/1/15 TO 12/31/15	
23 **	EARLY SENIOR FEMALE	12/31/14 TO 1/31/14	
24 **	AGED COWS	12/31/13 TO 1/31/13	
25	DIVISION V CHAMPION		
26	DIVISION V RESERVE CHAMPION		
27	GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE/BULL		49
28	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE/BULL		50
*CLASSES 20 THRU 24	HAVE TO BE BRED OR HAVE CALF AT SIDE		
** BRAHMAN	CATTLE MUST BE BREED		

**** Bulls 9 months or older MUST have Nose Ring.**

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RABBIT & CAVY RULES

2017 - 2018

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All rabbits and cavies must be a purebred recognized breed and variety as found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. All rabbits and cavies must be 8 weeks or older and have permanent identification in their left ear. Rabbit and cavy ear tag and tattoos must be done prior to the registration deadline. Decisions of qualification will be made by the Rabbit & Cavy Project Director.
3. **DEADLINES:** Each exhibitor must be registered to show a rabbit or cavy project by the Mandatory Exhibitors' Meeting on **Monday, September 25th, 2017**. Individual completed and signed rabbit/cavy entry forms, IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee, a copy of the pedigree, and a color photo of the project animal must be turned in by 12pm **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. Additional rabbit/cavy entries may not be added or substituted after this date.
4. **ENTRIES:** All entries must be made on an official entry form that will be provided prior to the entry deadline. Incorrect or incomplete forms will be disqualified. Entry deadline is 12pm on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**.
5. **TRANSPORTATION:** Rabbit and cavy projects must be transported in appropriate pet carriers or cages. Any rabbit or cavy transported in a box, plastic bin, bag, or carried by hand will be rejected.
6. **HEALTH:** There will be NO medicating of rabbits or cavies during the fair. All animals must be in good health; decisions of health will be determined by a veterinarian, if available, or the IRCYLH Rabbit & Cavy Project Director. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the animal(s) must be removed from the barn.
7. **SHOW RULES:** Show judging and the rules of the show will be as per ARBA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per IRCYLH Show & Auction Rules. ARBA Rules are on-line at: https://www.arba.net/PDFs/show_rules.pdf.
8. **AWARDS:** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, Showmanship, Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex (per breed shown) and best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record Book for rabbits and cavies will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be done on the Danish System. All entrants (*except Cloverbuds, see #9 below*) will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their projects.
9. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 by Sep. 1, 2017. They are not judged, but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee discretion and are not eligible to auction their animal.
10. Early removal of animals before assigned time is not permitted.

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- i. Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
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**MARKET RABBITS
MEAT PEN & SINGLE FRYER
2017-2018**

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All Meat pens consist of three ARBA recognized “commercial type” breed and variety rabbits as close to identical in appearance as possible. They must be the same breed and variety, 70 days old or younger and weigh no less than 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds each.

A Single Fryer is an individual ARBA recognized “commercial type” breed and variety. They must be 70 days old or younger and weigh no less than 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds.
2. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINES:** All exhibitors must possess, in Indian River County, their “commercial-type” doe(s) for meat pen/single fryer breeding no later than **Friday, October 27, 2017**. A copy of the pedigree showing at least two generations lineage or a bill of sale with name, address and telephone number of seller, (subject to verification to prove ownership) and a completed and signed entry form, IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee and color photo of the doe(s) must be turned into the IRCYLH Species Director by **Friday, October 27, 2017, before 4:30 PM**. *Exhibitor can list up to three (3) breeding does per entry form for meat pen or single fryer.* Exhibitors are allowed only one (1) meat pen and one (1) single fryer project. Incorrect forms will be disqualified.
3. **BREEDING:** The doe(s) shall be bred no more than 100 days before the show: **Wednesday, November 29, 2017** is the earliest possible breed date. **The meat pen doe(s) must be bred and the resulting kits raised by the youth exhibitor. Youth exhibitors may not purchase their meat pen kits nor purchase their breeding doe already bred.** The Rabbit & Cavy Species Director must be notified of the breeding date and the kindling date of the litter.
4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-IN:** All meat pen and single fryer rabbits must be weighed and final selections made at the final weigh-in. Each rabbit will be weighed on this day and given an ear tattoo number by the Rabbit & Cavy Project Director. Final weigh-in for all market rabbits will be **Friday, March 9, 2018**. If any animal in the meat pen is unhealthy, dies, is under-weight, over-weight or over-age, then the entire pen will be disqualified.
5. **SHOW RULES:** Show judging and the rules of the show will be as per ARBA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction Rules.
6. **AWARDS:** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer, and best Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Record Book will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be done on the Danish System. All entrants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons for their projects.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pens and Single Fryers will be eligible for live auction. All other market rabbits will be sold by silent auction.
8. Market rabbit projects are open **only** to Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) members.

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9. NOTICE: Rabbit and cavy projects must be transported in appropriate pet carriers or cages. Any rabbit or cavy transported in a box, plastic bin, bag, or carried by hand will be rejected.

10. Any exhibitors showing market rabbits must submit buyer's letters as stated in section 16 of the general rules. Deadline for buyer's letters to be sent for market rabbit projects is March 9th 2018. Copies of buyer's letters must be provided to the Rabbit/Cavy Director prior to weigh in of the project.

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- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
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**HORTICULTURE RULES
2017 - 2018**

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply, must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **ENTRY:** Entries may be exhibited in the horticulture division, provided a record book of that project is turned in as per the General Rules regarding Record Books. A completed and signed entry form and IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee will be turned in by end of project pickup on **Saturday, September 23, 2017.**
3. **PLANT CHECK/SCREENING:** Plants may be grown at home or personally cared for in the school nursery. Entries will be subject to a spot check by the Horticulture Committee. This committee has the right to reject entries of inferior qualities or diseased plants. If any doubt exists as to whether an exhibitor has cared for his or her plant, the committee has the right to question the exhibitor about his or her knowledge of growing the plants entered.
4. **PLANT TAGS, LABELS & POTS:** The original tags that are provided for, or on the plant at the time of purchase by the exhibitor (white nursery tags) and green fair tags that will be added upon entry to the fairgrounds, both need to remain on the plant at all times. Any removal will result in disqualifications from the show and lose all rights to auction the plant during the live or silent auction. Plants must be shown and kept in the 7 gallon pot that was received at the time of ownership from the Extension Office, or a pot of same size and make.
5. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5–7 by Sept. 1, 2017. They are not judged, but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

CITRUS TREE (containerized)

6. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify to show.
7. **SHOW:** This show is organized solely for the purpose of recognizing the participant's skills in growing horticulture and rewarding youth by providing a horticulture silent auction. Any tree deemed to have inferior qualities, diseased, or seemed to not have been cared for properly will be refused by the Horticulture Director and will not be allowed to be shown. The IRCYLH exhibitor, or their parent/guardian, will be asked to remove the project immediately.
8. **GRADING:** Entries in the competition will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards. All trees must be judged Florida #3 or better to be exhibited. Trees will be sold as landscape plants at silent auction. The trees will be judged by a professional in the citrus industry during the show and all awards are based on the Danish System of blue, red, or white ribbons (*except Cloverbuds, see #5 above*).

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9. PICK-UP: After the conclusion of the silent auction, winners will be notified by the project coordinators or designee. Winners will pay for their citrus tree at the auction table then they can pick up their citrus tree and should be taken home that night. An assessment fee to help offset the costs of putting on the show and auction, to be determined by the Show and Auction Committee, will be assessed to every participant. No exhibitors, parents, or leaders will be able to accept payment in any form (for the auction of the project). All payments need to be turned in and processed through the IRCYLH Treasurer/Clerk of the Auction. Thank you letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules.

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- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
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POULTRY RULES

2017 - 2018

1. ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. All entries must be made on official entry forms provided. A completed and signed entry form and IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee is due by end of chick pick-up on **Sunday, September 23, 2017**.
 - i. On Registration Forms, each set of laying hens must be listed individually. Incorrect forms may be disqualified.
 - ii. Entry Forms will be turned in at the date of chick purchase. For identification purposes, a color photo of the poultry project must be turned in at Vet Check, **February 3, 2018**.
3. Poultry are sold via a silent auction. Only Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors are allowed to auction their poultry project during a silent auction. Participants will be expected to attend the fair to help promote and auction their project via the Silent Auction.
4. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5–7 by Sept. 1, 2017. They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the Species Directors discretion and are not eligible to auction their project. These chickens will go home with the Cloverbuds.
5. The show will include exhibitors ages 5–18 years of age. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for their birds at all times.
6. All entries must be properly leg-banded and numbers correctly recorded before cage assignments are made (leg bands will be distributed on **Friday, March 9th** when chickens are brought to the fair).
7. All projects must check-in and coop their own birds with assistance of a 4-H Club Leader, IRCYLH Poultry Director or Assigned Representative. No drop offs will be allowed.
8. ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR: Health regulations will be enforced according to Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled Admission of Animals for Exhibition. **All birds must be transported in a cage or pet carrier. Cardboard boxes are not allowed.** The exhibitor – not the parent – must cage all of his or her birds. No sick or diseased birds or any bird showing evidence of parasites will be allowed in the show. The state inspector from FDACS will test all birds upon arrival before placing in exhibit show pens for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean. Poultry presented at any other time will not be accepted. The poultry check-in time will be announced closer to Fair.
9. FLOCK CERTIFICATION: The state inspector from FDACS will test all of your birds upon arrival for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean (NPIP). To have your flock certified before entry to the entry deadline, call Jennifer Jennings-Glover at (850) 878-0344 for further information.

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- i. Judging will be scheduled. Exhibitors are permitted and encouraged (but not required) to be present during judging.
 - ii. Check-In will be during Friday, **March 9, 2017**, the exact check-in time will be announced prior to Fair. We suggest you dust your birds for mites with 5% Sevin Dust labeled specifically for poultry prior to check-in day.
10. Show only best producing birds. The Poultry Director may decline any entries he or she feels should not be shown. Birds will not be accepted unless they are in healthy condition.
 11. There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the birds must be removed from the barn.
 12. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the loss of ribbons or premiums.
 13. All birds removed from the grounds must be accompanied by a release from the Poultry Director.
 14. Early removal of animals before assigned time will result in loss of ribbons, premiums, and future show privileges.

AUCTION

15. Any poultry is to be sold will be done via silent auction. Only Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are allowed to sell. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to participate in the silent auction
16. DELIVERY: After the conclusion of the silent auction, the auction winners will be notified by the project director or designee. Winners will pay for their chickens at the auction table. The winners can pick up their chickens and should take them home that night. An assessment to help offset the cost of the show and auction, determined by the IRCYLH Show and Auction Board, will be imposed. Thank you letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules. No exhibitors, parents, or leaders are allowed to accept any payments in any form for the auction of the project. All payments need to be turned into and processed through the Show and Auction Clerk/IRCYLH Treasurer.
17. NOTICE: You will not be able to use cardboard boxes for transporting poultry to and from the fair. Use only wire cages or approved pet carriers.
18. During fair the exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily in secured agriculturally appropriate hanging containers.
19. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. Cloverbuds (5–7 years of age) will not be judged, but will receive participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee discretion.

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20. YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: Poultry must be entered in the IRCYLH Fair Show and Auction and be owned by the exhibitor. Exhibitor will be judged on a point scale based on handling, knowledge and appearance.

- i. AGES: 8 – 10 (Junior), 11 – 13 (Intermediate), 14 – 18 (Senior) (*IRCYLH age on Sept. 1, 2017*)
- ii. Premiums will be awarded in each age group, except Cloverbuds.

21. LOCKS: All exhibitors are required to provide their own locks as well as an extra key, which should be given to the project coordinator the first day of fair. **Exhibitors who do not provide a lock and/or an extra key, will be required to rent a lock for \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the duration of the fair.**

Failure to abide by the above listed rules can result in:

the following disciplinary actions that can occur, order notwithstanding, and/or a combination of all listed depending upon the severity of the infraction and to be determined by the Rules Subcommittee, and/or IRCYLH Designee.:

- i. *Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
- ii. *Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. *Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn*
- iv. *Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
- v. *Subsequent IRCYLH year as a 'member NOT in good-standing' and loss of privilege to show the following year*
- vi. *Complete dismissal from the IRCYLH program*

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**BOER GOAT RULES
2017 - 2018**

1. ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. All goats must be Boer Goat, or be 75 percent with Boer Goat characteristics according to the American Boer Goat Association.
3. ENTRY FORM: A completed and signed entry form IRC Fair Show & Auction, proof of ownership, entry fee and color photo must be submitted to the IRCYLH Office by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 2, 2017**. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time on **Dec. 2, 2017**. All Entry Forms and Lease Agreements must be turned in with a color photo of the entire animal.
4. All entries must be made on official entry forms that are furnished by the Species Director. Entry deadline is by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 2, 2017**.
 - i. On Entry Forms, each animal must be listed individually. Incorrect forms will be disqualified. There should only be one animal listed on each entry form.
 - ii. If your goat is pregnant or has a chance of becoming pregnant you will need to fill out an additional form for the kid(s).
5. GOAT OWNERSHIP: A bill of sale to prove ownership or a lease agreement accompanied with a signed entry form and color photo (see above) must be turned in at IRCYLH Show and Auction Registration by **Saturday, December 2, 2017**.
6. AGE OF ANIMAL: Registered and Unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age.
7. HEALTH: All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State Regulations.
8. LIMITATIONS: No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in the same class.
9. No Billy goats (uncastrated males) are allowed to be shown, unless 12 months or younger.
10. SHOWING: Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he or she has two or more in the same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member – in good standing - to exhibit his or her additional animals approved by the Rules Committee Chair and the IRCYLH Designee. Ages: 8–10 (Junior), 11–13 (Intermediate), and

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14- 18 (Senior). Cloverbuds (5 – 7 years of age) will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons at the discretion of the species director with a right to disallow if the youth's goat is deemed unmanageable.

11. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on material provided by IRCYLH, **No Exceptions**. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay, feed and water throughout the fair in a secured agriculturally approved container. If you would like to keep your animal(s) isolated, you will need to provide your own items to do so without compromising the structure of the pen that IRCYLH provides. These isolation units may not go above the heights of the fence or extend into the alleyway between pens.
12. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for goats will be at barn closing, after the auction on **Saturday, March 17th**. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money and not be able to show the following year.
13. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5–7 by Sept. 1, 2017. They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

the following disciplinary actions that can occur, order notwithstanding, and/or a combination of all listed depending upon the severity of the infraction and to be determined by the Rules Subcommittee, and/or IRCYLH Designee.:

- i. Verbal and/or written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (IRCYLH Officers, Project Coordinators, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction Directors.)*
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Goat Classes

Class Number	Class Name	Age of Goat
1	Junior Doe	0 to under 3 months
2	Junior Doe	3 to under 6 months
3	Junior Doe	6 to under 9 months
4	Junior Doe	9 to under 12 months
5	Junior Champion Doe	
6	Junior Reserve Champion Doe	
7	Yearling Doe	12 to under 16 months
8	Yearling Doe	16 to under 20 months
9	Yearling Doe	20 to under 24 months
10	Yearling Doe Champion	
11	Yearling Doe Reserve Champion	
12	Senior Doe	24 to under 36 months
13	Senior Doe	36 months and over
14	Senior Doe Champion	
15	Senior Doe Reserve Champion	
16	Grand Champion Doe	
17	Reserve Grand Champion Doe	
18	Junior Buck	0 to under 3 months
19	Junior Buck	3 to under 6 months
20	Junior Champion Buck	
21	Reserve Champion Buck	
22	Yearling Buck	6 to under 9 months
23	Yearling Buck	9 to under 12 months
24	Yearling Buck Champion	
25	Reserve Buck Champion	
26	Grand Champion Buck	
27	Reserve Grand Champion Buck	

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RECEIPT OF RULE BOOK & COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I, _____, believe that my participation in any IRCYLH Event should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and the life skills I have gained as a caretaker of agriculture. I will do my own work and accept only advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting, and/or showing of my animal(s) or horticulture projects. **I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices.** I also will not allow my parents, my supervisor, or any other person to employ such practices either.

I agree that I own my project, and no other person will receive monetary gain from the auction of my animal or horticultural project. With the penalty being my suspension from further participation in IRCYLH.

I have read and understand the rules of the Fire Fighters' Fair IRCYLH Show and Auction Event, in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and family not break the rules or ask for exceptions on my behalf, knowing the full consequences as stated in the rules. I wish for my project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer (good and bad), lessons learned, and how to live with the outcome. **I understand this is a learning experience and not a way for me to profit financially.**

I realize I am responsible for following the rules set before me by the IRCYLH Show and Auction Board and agree that I and my family will follow and abide by these rules, understanding that violations will be a detriment to my success.

CLUB NAME

CLUB LEADER(S)

EXHIBITOR NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT(GUARDIAN) NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

This form must be turned into the IRCYLH Designee on the night of the IRCYLH Fair Show and Auction Mandatory Meeting of **September 25, 2017.**