



Indian River County Youth Livestock and Horticulture, Inc.

2025-2026 Show Year General Rules

1. MEMBERS:

- a. Participation in the IRCYLH Show and Auction is open to registered members ages 5–18 as of September 1 of the current show year who are residents of Indian River County. Peewee members (ages 5–7) may exhibit their projects but are not eligible to participate in the sale or auction.
- b. All participants must be members in good standing with IRCYLH. Members also enrolled in 4-H must be in good standing with the 4-H Program, as determined by the local Extension Agent.
- c. Enrollment in 4-H is not required to participate in the IRCYLH Show and Auction.
- d. All youth participants must be enrolled in an accredited educational institution within the State of Florida as of the registration date, until after the completion of our fair. This includes public or private schools, virtual schools, homeschool or cooperative learning environments, high schools, and institutions of higher learning sanctioned by the Florida Board of Education. Proof of enrollment (such as an official letter of participation) must be provided if requested.
- e. Out-of-County Members: Youth from neighboring counties may join IRCYLH if one or more of the following apply:
 - i. The family lives near the Indian River County line and parents work in Indian River County.
 - ii. The family lives near the Indian River County line and the youth attends school in Indian River County. This may include an online virtual school, a homeschool or cooperative learning environment, a public or private school, a high school, or an institution of higher learning, if sanctioned by the Indian River County School Board and supported by official documentation.
- f. All conditions and exemptions must be pre-approved by the IRCYLH Board prior to project registration
- g. Out-of-county exhibitors may show a project at the IRCYLH Show & Auction with the following restriction:
 - i. Only non-selling projects are permitted.
 - ii. Sellable projects (e.g., steers, swine, market goats, market sheep, citrus trees, laying hens, etc.) are not allowed.
- h. If the family's address is outside of Indian River County, youth may join IRCYLH as a 4-H exhibitor only with permission from their local County 4-H Agent and approval from the Indian River County 4-H Extension Agent or staff.

2. EXHIBITOR ENTRY FEES: A \$15.00 entry fee per project is due at the time of registration when entry forms are submitted. These fees provide start-up funds for the Show & Auction year and ensure that all participants contribute toward offsetting the costs of hosting the IRCYLH Show & Auction.



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3. CONTRACTS: IRCYLH will not be involved in any contractual disputes concerning the purchase, housing, or feeding of project animals by an IRCYLH member, parent, or legal guardian.
4. RULE INFRACTIONS:
 - a. All infractions must be reported by email to rules@ircylh.com within 48 hours of the incident.
 - b. Any infraction that could cause harm or injury must be reported immediately to an IRCYLH official.
 - c. The Executive Board will review all reported infractions and determine appropriate disciplinary action if a violation is confirmed.
 - d. Ignorance of the rules is not a valid excuse. It is the responsibility of each member and their parent/legal guardian to read, understand, and follow all IRCYLH and Indian River County Fair Show & Auction rules.
5. VIOLATIONS: In the event of a violation, disciplinary actions may include one or more of the measures listed below, depending on the severity of the infraction. Final decisions will be made by the Executive Board.
 - a. *Minor Infractions*:
 - i. *1st Violation: 5 hours of volunteer service*
 - ii. *2nd Violation: 10 hours of volunteer service plus a \$25.00 fine*
 - iii. *3rd Violation: 15 hours of volunteer service plus a \$75.00 fine*
 - iv. *4th Violation: Removal from IRCYLH*
 - b. *Major Infractions*:
 - i. *All major infractions will be brought before the Executive Board for review.*
 - ii. *Disciplinary action may include suspension or removal from IRCYLH, as determined by the Board.*
6. MANDATORY EXHIBITORS MEETING: All exhibitor families, club leaders, and IRCYLH non-exhibitor parent volunteers participating in the Fair Show are required to attend one in-person exhibitor meeting.
 - a. No excusals will be granted.
 - b. Exhibitors who fail to attend a mandatory meeting will not be permitted to participate in Show & Auction activities for that show year.
 - c. A parent or legal guardian (as defined by Florida law) must attend the meeting with the exhibitor.
7. RULES COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT: All participants in IRCYLH Show and Auction activities, along with their parent or legal guardian and club leader, must sign and return the Rule Book Acknowledgement and Compliance Agreement at the conclusion of the mandatory meeting.



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- a. Any parent or exhibitor found to be in violation of these Show and Auction Rules will have their violation, whether minor or major, handled in accordance with Rule 5: Violations.
 - b. Club leaders agree to abide by all IRCYLH Show and Auction Rules and accept responsibility for ensuring their exhibitors' compliance.
 - c. See the Rules Addendum for a complete list of mandatory events and requirements.
8. **EXCUSALS:** All exemption requests must be submitted through the online exemption tool found on the exhibitor page of our website: www.IRCYLH.com.
 - a. Requests to be excused from mandatory events must be submitted at least 5 business days prior to the event.
 - b. Exceptions: Excusal requests for Barn Set-Up or Tear-Down must be submitted by the deadline listed on the Show Dates page of the IRCYLH website.
 - i. Exhibitors may request an excusal from either Barn Set-Up or Tear-Down (not both) for:
 1. A school activity or sporting event in which the youth is actively participating, or
 2. A major family event (e.g., wedding). *General vacations are not valid reasons for excusal.*
 - ii. *Exhibitors granted an excusal must make up the required hours:*
 1. *Peewee & Junior exhibitors: 2 hours from the missed event + 4 additional hours = 6 hours total*
 2. *All other exhibitors: 4 hours from the missed event + 4 additional hours = 8 hours total*
 - iii. *All make-up hours must be completed by the Wednesday following Fair Set-Up.*
 - iv. *Failure to complete hours by the deadline will result in:*
 1. *The exhibitor being ineligible to participate in the current year's Show & Auction, and*
 2. *The exhibitor being listed as not in good standing for the following year.*
 - c. *Make-up hours may be earned at prior volunteer events. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged not to wait until the last minute to complete these hours.*
 - d. This process does not apply to the Mandatory Rule Meeting. No excusals will be granted for this meeting.
9. **ACCOUNTING BOOKS:** Each exhibitor must submit one project accounting book per show year, regardless of the number of projects entered. Exhibitors with multiple projects are required to complete the Large Animal Project Book rather than the Small Project Book. Peewee exhibitors must complete and submit the Peewee Accounting Book. Projects that do not make it to the Show and Auction must still be documented in the appropriate book and submitted on time.



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- a. Accounting books will be judged during fair week.
- b. Books must be submitted to the IRCYLH Accounting Book Coordinator by Mandatory Set-Up Day for review and must be 100% complete.
- c. Books will be checked to ensure they are complete, including all required information, pictures, stories, and use of the most current format.
- d. Incomplete books will result in the exhibitor and their project(s) being denied entry to the Fair Show and Auction grounds.
- e. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action as outlined in Section 5 of this rulebook.
- f. If an exhibitor has more than one project, they will submit only one accounting book, based on the following priority order (from highest to lowest):
 - i. Steer
 - ii. Swine, Wether Sheep or Wether Goat
 - iii. Breedstock Cattle, Sheep or Goat
 - iv. Laying Hens, Rabbits, Cavies or Breedstock Chickens
 - v. Citrus (Horticulture)

10. **LIMIT OF AUCTION:** Each exhibitor may live auction only one (1) steer or swine.

Steer and swine exhibitors may register and weigh in only one animal at the first weigh-in. A declaration of which steer or swine will be entered in the Show & Auction must be made at tag-in, and no substitutions will be allowed after this declaration.

- a. All steer, swine, goats, rabbits/cavies, sheep, poultry, and horticulture projects will be marked for identification according to IRCYLH instructions.
- b. No bulls or boars will be accepted.
- c. Only the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of goat, sheep, meat pen, single fryer, laying hen set, and horticulture projects are eligible for live auction.
- d. Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to sell any project in any type of auction.

11. **SHOW TO AUCTION:** All projects being sold at auction must be shown by the registered exhibitor in their assigned class. Exemptions may be granted only in extenuating circumstances and must be requested in writing. A decision will be made within 48 hours by the IRCYLH Executive Board.

- a. Animal Health Requirements
 - i. All projects must be in approved condition as determined by a veterinarian, Barn Directors, Project Directors, or the IRCYLH Designee.
 - ii. A sick animal (in distress, showing symptoms of disease, deceased, or declared unfit to show by an authorized official) may not be shown or sold in either the live or silent auctions.
 - iii. No substitution of live animals is permitted for sale night or auction purposes.
 - iv. Any animal deemed unfit must be immediately removed for harvest by a reputable agent chosen by the IRCYLH Designee or Barn Chairperson.



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- b. Exhibitor Illness or Injury
 - i. An exhibitor who is medically unable to show their project must provide a doctor's note or demonstrate another valid extenuating circumstance as approved by the IRCYLH Designee.
 - ii. In such cases, another exhibitor in good standing may be designated (with approval from the IRCYLH Designee, the Executive Committee, and the exhibitor's parent/guardian) to show the project in the market class. Substitutions are not permitted in showmanship classes, as these are judged on the exhibitor's own performance with their project animal.
12. **ETHICS CERTIFICATION:** All youth exhibitors participating in an IRCYLH event with a project are required to complete a Florida Federation of Fairs Youth Livestock Ethics & Animal Care Workshop within the past three (3) years. This requirement is set by the Florida Federation of Fairs and is not the responsibility of IRCYLH or the 4-H Program.
- a. Each exhibitor is responsible for arranging their own training and must register through the Florida State Fair website: <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics>.
 - b. Certification numbers must be provided by the exhibitor and will be verified at the report card/handling check.
 - c. Peewee exhibitors are exempt from this requirement.
 - d. All other exhibitors must complete their Ethics certification no later than January 15 of the current show year.
 - e. Failure to meet this requirement by the check-in date will result in removal of the exhibitor and their project(s) from the show for that year.
 - f. Each exhibitor is required to provide their certification number and proof of certification for eligibility. Ethics numbers will be verified at report card/handlicheck. Peeweess are NOT required to have ethics certification. ALL exhibitors (except Peeweess) must take their ethics class for certification no later than January 15th of the current show year. Failure to have ethics certification by the check in date will result in the removal of the exhibitor and project for that show year.
13. **DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL:** Exhibitors, parents, and family members are not permitted to distribute flyers, handbills, business cards, or similar materials during the auction or at any IRCYLH-affiliated event without prior approval. Requests for approval must be submitted in writing (via email) to the IRCYLH Designee at least 7 days prior to the event. Unauthorized distribution of materials will result in the exhibitor's disqualification from the Show and Auction.
14. **BUYERS SOLICITATION LETTERS:** *All exhibitors with a project that will be sold at either the live auction or silent auction are required to submit contact information for five (5) potential buyers.*



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- a. *At least two (2) of these contacts must be individuals or businesses who did not purchase a steer, swine, meat pen, horticulture, or poultry project in the previous year's auction.*
- b. *A copy of the Buyers Contact List must be turned in by each exhibitor during Report Card/Handling Check. Buyer solicitation letters may be handwritten or typed by the exhibitor.*

Note: Online submission may be required.

15. CLUB REPRESENTATIVE DURING AUCTION: Each club and each non-club independent exhibitor family is required to designate a representative (parent, legal guardian, family member, volunteer, etc.) to keep track of buyers and cartels who purchase their club or individual member's animal during both the live and silent auctions.

- a. Exhibitors must contact their club's representative to obtain sponsor information.
- b. IRCYLH will provide buyer and cartel information to club leaders and non-club independent exhibitor families, but not directly to individual club exhibitors.

16. BUYER MEAT DISTRIBUTION: The date of meat distribution will be determined by the harvesting facility.

- a. Distribution may take place either directly from the processor or be hosted under the barn.
- b. Exhibitors will be notified of the date and time of the Meat Distribution so they can notify their buyers.
- c. Senior exhibitors are strongly encouraged to assist with Meat Distribution to ensure the process is completed in a timely manner.

17. AUCTION CHECKS:

- a. An exhibitor's auction check will not be released until both of the following have been completed:
 - i. All payment checks for all projects have been received from the auction.
 - ii. A signed plaque delivery receipt has been returned.
- b. The time frame for this process is estimated to extend until June 1st following the Fair.
- c. Plaques that must be reprinted due to a printing error are still required to be delivered by the exhibitor.

18. ASSESSMENTS:

- a. All exhibitors with projects sold through the live or silent auctions will be assessed a percentage of their auction proceeds.
- b. This assessment helps cover the cost of the Show & Auction as well as other capital improvements.
- c. All payouts are subject to the assessment fee (minimum of 2%)



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19. ALL TERMINAL ANIMALS:

- a. All terminal animals (swine, cattle, market lambs, and wether goats) entered as market projects will be presented at auction for sale.
- b. If sold, they must be transported by a pre-approved transporter and processed by a pre-approved processor.
- c. If a Project Receives No Bid (Live or Silent Auction):
 - i. If an exhibitor's market animal receives no bids, the project will be sent for termination.
 - ii. The processed and wrapped meat will be provided to the exhibitor's parent/legal guardian at the exhibitor's cost.
 - iii. Payment for processing is due at the time of meat delivery.
- d. Removal of Market Animals:
 - i. No market animal that has crossed the scale may be removed, except in the following cases:
 1. The exhibitor is removed for misconduct, or
 2. The animal is declared unable to be presented at live auction.

20. TAG/WEIGH-IN: All Tag/Weigh-Ins are conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. No exceptions will be permitted.

21. ANIMALS:

- a. The only animals permitted at weigh-ins are those being weighed.
- b. Pets are not allowed at the fairgrounds during weigh-ins.
- c. Pets are not allowed in the barn area at any time, from setup through tear-down.

22. DRIVERS AT WEIGH-IN:

- a. Children under the age of 16 or individuals without a valid driver's license are not permitted to operate motor vehicles on Fairground property at any time.
- b. This rule applies during all IRCYLH functions, including tag, weigh-in, setup, and tear-down.
- c. Driving without a license is against the law, and IRCYLH will not accept any liability for such actions.

23. ONE TIME ONLY ACROSS THE SCALES:

- a. Each animal will be permitted to cross the scales only once.
- b. A re-weigh will only be allowed in the event of a scale malfunction, as determined by the IRCYLH Designee and the Weigh Master.
- c. In such cases, the animal must remain in full view of the IRCYLH Designee and the Weigh Master until the re-weigh is completed.
- d. During weigh-in, only one parent or legal guardian may stand at the fence with the exhibitor.



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- e. No other individuals, aside from designated IRCYLH volunteers, are permitted at the scales.
- f. Congregation at the scales or along the entry/exit paths to the weigh stations is strictly prohibited.

24. PRE-FAIR MANDATORY PROGRESS CHECK: This mandatory in-person event includes: Report Card Check, Ethics Certification Check, and Cattle Handling Check. No exemptions will be granted.

- a. Report Card & Ethics Certification Check will be online submissions
 - i. Exhibitors must submit the following online by the posted deadline:
 - 1. The latest report card (or homeschool progress letter with details).
 - 2. Copies of three buyers' letters.
 - 3. The exhibitor's Ethics Certification.
 - ii. The Clerk of the show will verify school progress and ethics certification for all exhibitors.
 - 1. A minimum 2.0 GPA (or equivalent) is required to show at the fair.
 - a. Exhibitors failing to meet the GPA requirement must show verified adequate progress:
 - b. A progress report signed by a teacher(s) demonstrating a passing GPA must be submitted by Barn Set-Up Day to remain eligible.
 - iii. Invitations and buyer passes will be distributed by the IRCYLH Show & Auction Committee Based on contacts submitted at Progress Check.
- b. Cattle Handling Check
 - i. Exhibitors must demonstrate that they can handle and control each animal they have registered.
 - ii. Exhibitors must handle their own animal.
 - iii. This is a mandatory event for all cattle exhibitors.
 - iv. Beef Breeding Requirements
 - 1. A blood draw will be performed on breed stock cows 2 years or older (as of March 1 of the show year) without a calf by side.
 - 2. A calf by side is defined as a calf not older than 5 months.
 - 3. Blood draws will occur on the day of Report Card/Handling Check. No re-draws will be permitted.

25. Health Certificates

- a. Swine, Steer, Goat, Sheep, and Beef Breeding exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own health certificates.
- b. These are not due at Report Card/Handling Check but must be presented with the animal to enter the fair.
- c. At its discretion, IRCYLH may provide a veterinarian for health checks during Handling Check or at Fair Weigh-In.



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26. ANIMAL CONTROL AT FAIR:

- a. If an exhibitor is unable to control their animal during the Show and Auction, the following procedures will be enforced:
 - i. Cattle, goats, and sheep will be removed from the line and tied to the side of the show ring.
 - ii. Swine will be placed in a walker inside the ring. This protects other animals and exhibitors and ensures all participants have a fair chance to show their projects.
- b. Breaking halters are not permitted for use on cattle during the Fair.
- c. For safety reasons, exhibitors will not be allowed to practice in the arena during down times. Arena use is restricted to official exhibition only.

27. DRIVERS:

- a. All individuals operating farm equipment on the fairgrounds must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- b. Farm equipment includes, but is not limited to: tractors, backhoes, augers, and similar machinery.
- c. IRCYLH exhibitors are not permitted to operate heavy equipment under any circumstances, regardless of age.

28. HEALTH:

- a. All livestock must be
 - i. Free of any evidence of disease
 - ii. Healthy,
 - iii. In marketable condition at the time of the Show and Auction.
- b. Veterinary services for emergencies during the IRCYLH Show & Auction and related events will be provided at the owner's expense.

29. TAMPERING:

- a. Tampering with any animal or horticulture project entered in the Fair is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Filling with foreign substances
 - ii. Applying cosmetic improvements or adornments
 - iii. Use or possession of tranquilizers on show animals (considered tampering)
- b. The Barn Committee and authorized personnel have the right to examine, handle, and/or require testing of any animal at any time during the Fair.
- c. If tampering is confirmed:
 - i. The animal will be removed from the fairgrounds.
 - ii. If tampering is discovered after the auction, all proceeds will be forfeited.
 - iii. The exhibitor will be prohibited from showing the following year.



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30. STALL ASSIGNMENTS:

- a. Immediately following weigh-in, all projects will be assigned a stall, tie, or pen location in the barn as directed by the species director.
- b. Protests will not be tolerated. Any exhibitor who disrupts the stall assignment process will have their project and themselves sent home immediately.
- c. If an animal is moved to a different location without prior approval from the project coordinator, the exhibitor will be sent home immediately and will not be permitted to show or auction their project.

31. MANDATORY Events: (See Date addendum):

- a. Events/Meetings – No Exemptions
 - i. Mandatory Rule Meeting – Exhibitor and legal guardian must attend in person or online (if an online option is provided).
 - ii. Progress Check / Handling Check – All exhibitors must attend / Submit Information.
- b. Mandatory Fair Set-Up
 - i. All exhibitors and one parent/legal guardian must assist in set-up under the Agriculture Barn.
 - ii. Each exhibitor is responsible for helping in their project area or where directed by the Barn Director or Club Leader, until officially released.
 - iii. Reporting times:
 - 1. Seniors & Intermediates: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - 2. Juniors & Peewees: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- c. Mandatory Fair Meeting
 - i. Held on the evening of the first night of the Fair.
 - ii. All exhibitors must attend to review rules.
- d. Mandatory Break Down
 - i. All exhibitors, except Peewees, must report at 8:00 AM and remain until released by the Barn Chair.
 - ii. Peewee exhibitors are excused from this event.
 - iii. Exhibitors who fail to participate without prior exemption approval will:
 - 1. Be placed on a one-year “Not in Good Standing” status, and
 - 2. Be fined (see Attendance & Enforcement below).
- e. Attendance & Enforcement
 - i. Attendance records will be kept by the Clerk of Show.
 - ii. Missing Fair Set-Up without prior approval may result in penalties determined by the IRCYLH Executive Board, up to and including ineligibility for the current and future events.
 - iii. Missing Fair Break Down without prior approval will result in a minimum \$250 fine, with additional penalties subject to Executive Board review.



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- f. Mandatory Volunteer Hours
 - i. These are required in addition to Set-Up and Break Down hours.
 - ii. Volunteer hours may be completed at approved IRCYLH events such as the Prospect Show, Ag Bonanza, Volunteer Opportunities promoted by IRCYLH or pre-Fair set-up nights.
 - iii. Sign-up is required; spots will be filled as needed.
 - iv. Hour requirements:
 - 1. Seniors: 10 hours per show season
 - 2. Intermediates: 8 hours per show season
 - 3. Juniors: 6 hours per show season
 - 4. Peewees: 3 hours per show season
- g. Silent Auction Exhibitors
 - i. Exhibitors with silent auction projects must complete 1 additional hour per project at the Silent Auction table.
 - ii. These hours do not count toward the mandatory volunteer hour requirement.
- h. Volunteer Hour Tracking
 - i. Volunteer hour tracking forms will be provided.
 - ii. A completed form is mandatory and must be turned in at set-up by each exhibitor.

32. ANIMAL CARE:

- a. Animals must be fed and cared for by a responsible party who has signed the IRCYLH Rules Agreement. This may include the exhibitor, a parent, sibling, or club leader.
- b. Each exhibitor assumes full liability for their animal in the event of injury until the conclusion of the Fair.
- c. Exhibitors are responsible for:
 - i. Providing feed and water in agriculturally approved containers
 - ii. Maintaining a clean and sanitary area for the duration of the Fair
- d. Violations & Penalties
 - i. First Offense: Exhibitor receives a verbal warning and a written warning delivered to parents/legal guardians
 - ii. Second Offense: The project and exhibitor will be removed from the fairgrounds, with the following exception:
 - 1. Market animals will remain on the premises, be run through at the end of the auction, and the exhibitor will be charged 35% of the auction price, plus any other fees necessary to cover expenditures.



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33. GROOMING:

- a. Only registered IRCYLH exhibitors, Club Leaders, parents/legal guardians, or immediate family members may coach or be present while an exhibitor grooms their project at the Fair.
- b. The exhibitor must be present and actively serve as the primary groomer of their own animal.
- c. Grooming of a project without the exhibitor's active participation may result in disqualification of the project.
- d. A \$25 assessment will be issued for each infraction of this rule during Fair week.
- e. This rule applies to all projects.
- f. Cattle Grooming Competition
 - i. During the optional cattle grooming competition, no assistance or coaching may be provided to the exhibitor by any person.
 - ii. Exhibitors who receive assistance or coaching during the competition will be disqualified.

34. OFFICIAL DRESS: Official IRCYLH dress must be worn for all shows and auctions, as set forth by the IRCYLH. Failure to follow the official dress code will result in ineligibility to compete in the show or auction of your project.

- a. Official IRCYLH Show Dress
 - i. Pants: Black or blue jeans/pants with no rips, tears, or frays.
 - ii. Shirt: Plain, long-sleeve button-down shirt (no adornments, sparkles, or shiny materials that could endanger animals).
 - iii. Belt: Required (does not need to be plain).
 - iv. Shoes: Close-toed shoes are required at all times.
 - 1. In the show arena: close-toed shoes, boots, or show boots are required.
 - 2. Outside the arena: any closed-toe shoe is acceptable (including Croc-style shoes).
- v. Accessories:
 - 1. Citrus, poultry, cavy, and rabbit exhibitors are encouraged to wear an apron, vest, or harness (any solid color).
 - 2. Swine, cattle, goat, and sheep exhibitors may optionally wear a vest; a show number harness may be used with or without a vest.
- vi. Prohibited Items
 - 1. Crowns or sashes are not permitted in the show or sale rings.
 - 2. Clothing with provocative, racial, or sexual content is not allowed in the livestock barn or at IRCYLH meetings.



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vii. Standards of Conduct

1. Exhibitors and family members are representatives of IRCYLH and must dress and act in a manner that upholds ethical and moral standards at all times.
2. The official dress code applies to all leaders, members, and IRCYLH exhibitors.

35. AWARDS:

- a. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in both Livestock and Horticulture may receive ribbons and awards.
- b. Judging for all other projects will follow the Danish System:
 - i. Only blue-ribbon projects, showmen, and record books are eligible for 1st place (buckle) awards.
 - ii. All exhibitors will receive blue, red, or white ribbons.
 - iii. Peewee exhibitors are only eligible for participation ribbons, at the IRCYLH Designee's discretion.
- c. *Awards are subject to change based on registration numbers.*
- d. Special Awards
 - i. BarnHand Award: Presented to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age groups.
 - ii. All-Around Exhibitor Award: Recognizes the exhibitor who best demonstrates quality project work and strong record books.
 1. All-Around Exhibitor Point System
 - a. Showmanship = 75 points
 - b. Grand Champion = 50 points
 - c. Reserve Grand Champion = 40 points
 - d. Best IRC Bred (must be a blue ribbon project) = 25 points
 - e. Each Blue Ribbon = 10 points
 - f. Each Red Ribbon = 5 points
 - g. Each White Ribbon = 3 points
 - h. Record Book (highest score) = up to 100 points
 - i. *Example:* Johnny shows three breed stock projects, each earning a blue ribbon (30 pts), plus a red-ribbon swine that wins showmanship (80 pts), and a blue-ribbon citrus tree (10 pts). His three record books score 89, 92, and 95, with the 95 counting (95 pts + 10 pts for the blue ribbon). Johnny earns 225 total points. The exhibitor with the highest total at the end of Fair week will be announced prior to the auction.



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e. Species & Project Awards

- i. Steer/Swine
 - 1. Showmanship: Junior (8–10), Intermediate (11–13), Senior (14–18)
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 3. Best Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine
 - 4. Carcass Contest Award
 - 5. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steer/Swine
- ii. Beef Breeding
 - 1. Showmanship: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 3. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull/Heifer
- iii. Rabbits/Cavies
 - 1. Showmanship
 - 2. Best of Show & Reserve
 - 3. Best of Breed & Reserve
 - 4. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen
 - 5. Best of Opposite Sex (per breed)
 - 6. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- iv. Horticulture
 - 1. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion selected from Blue Ribbon projects
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
- v. Goats
 - 1. Showmanship: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 3. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buck/Doe/Wether
 - 4. Carcass Contest Award
- vi. Poultry
 - 1. Showmanship: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 3. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Commercial
 - 4. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Non-Commercial
 - 5. Division Awards: Bantam and full-size breed stock, plus single layer
- vii. Sheep
 - 1. Showmanship: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 2. Record Books: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
 - 3. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ewe/Ram/Market Lamb
 - 4. Carcass Contest Award



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f. Showmanship, Grooming & IRC Bred Awards

i. Showmanship

1. Open to all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors.
2. Participation is mandatory for all exhibitors with projects in the Show & Auction.
3. All projects must be shown by the registered exhibitor (no substitutions).
4. Judging will follow species-specific standards.
5. Awards: Top 3 in each final class (Winner = Belt Buckle; 1st & 2nd Runner-Up = Awards).

ii. Indian River County (IRC) Bred Awards

1. Steer: If 3 or more entries, IRC Bred class first in the show.
Awards:
 - a. 1st place = \$250, 2nd place = \$100, 3rd place = \$50
2. Swine: If 3 or more entries, IRC Bred class will lead the swine show.
Awards:
 - a. Winner = \$150, 1st Runner-Up = \$75
 - b. If fewer than 3 entries, the highest-placing IRC Bred blue-ribbon swine will be declared the winner.
3. If there are less than 3 IRC Bred swine / steer the highest placing Indian River County Bred swine for the show with a blue ribbon they will be declared the IRC Bred Winning Swine.

iii. Cattle Grooming Competition

1. Optional event for Steer and Breedstock exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors may enter one registered animal.
3. Process: Animals must start wet down; exhibitors will have limited time (Juniors = 1 hr; Intermediates & Seniors = 45 min) to dry and groom for judging.
4. No assistance is allowed (no coaching, shouting, signs, or gestures).
5. Any exhibitor receiving assistance will be disqualified.
6. Awards: One Champion per age class (Junior, Intermediate, Senior).
7. Competition requires a minimum of 2 exhibitors per class.
8. Exhibitors must provide their own generator for blowers. Generators may be brought in 1 hour before the event and must be removed after.
9. The first 3 places in each showmanship Final Class will be awarded with the winner receiving a belt buckle, and 1st and 2nd runner up winning award.



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10. Cattle Grooming is an optional opportunity for Steer and Breedstock exhibitors. Each registered exhibitor may choose one of their registered animals to participate. Each animal will start by being completely wet down, and then exhibitors will have time (according to age) to dry, and groom their animal for presentation to the judge. The judge will be present during the grooming time to watch the exhibitors' process. NO assistance to the exhibitors by anyone is permissible during the competition. This includes shouting out from the audience, signs, coaching or hand gestures. Any exhibitor receiving outside assistance will be disqualified. A Champion Award will be given (one per age class) based on the show age class of the exhibitors. Juniors will have 1 hour, Intermediate and Seniors 45 minutes to complete their grooming. Minimum of 2 exhibitors per class is required. Cattle grooming exhibitors must provide their own generator to power their blower. Generators may be brought in 1 hr before the competition begins and must be removed at the end of the competition.

36. ORDER OF AUCTION: The auction order for live auction will proceed as follows:

- a. Citrus (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- b. Laying Hen (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- c. Meat Rabbits (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- d. Goat (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- e. Sheep (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- f. Steer (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- g. Highest Placing Indian River County Bred Steer
- h. Carcass Contest Winners (1st–3rd)
- i. 1st Place (Blue Ribbon) Steer from the next class following the Grand Champion's class
- j. Remaining Blue Ribbon Steers
- k. Red Ribbon Steers
- l. White Ribbon Steers
- m. Swine (Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion)
- n. Highest Placing Indian River County Bred Swine
- o. Carcass Contest Winners (1st–3rd)
- p. 1st Place (Blue Ribbon) Swine from the next class following the Grand Champion's class
- q. Remaining Blue Ribbon Swine
- r. Red Ribbon Swine
- s. White Ribbon Swine



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37. NO ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR INTOXICATION:

- a. Alcohol is permitted by Fair rules only in designated public areas.
- b. No alcohol is allowed in the parking lot, livestock barn, or club tent areas.
- c. No illegal drugs of any kind are permitted on Fair premises.
- d. The use, possession, or presence while intoxicated by any person (including those 21 years or older) in non-public areas will result in immediate removal from the barn area.
- e. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any exhibitor on Fairgrounds property will result in:
 - i. Loss of privilege to participate in the Show & Auction,
 - ii. Forfeiture of auction proceeds, and
 - iii. Suspension from IRCYLH for a specified time.
- f. All violations will be reported to the proper authorities.
- g. Indian River County Fairgrounds are No Smoking zones; absolutely no smoking will be allowed under the barn.

38. JUDGES:

- a. Judges are contracted by IRCYLH to evaluate projects and record books to the best of their professional ability.
- b. Youth exhibitors benefit from having their work evaluated by an industry professional.
- c. The judges' opinions will be respected, and all decisions are final.
- d. No disturbances or disputes over judging outcomes will be tolerated.
- e. Judges are selected by the Judges' Selection Committee.
- f. Parents and/or legal guardians of exhibitors are not permitted in the show arena during times when their children are showing.

39. APPEALS:

- a. Appeals to any decision regarding an infraction must be submitted in writing via email to rules@ircylh.com.
- b. A \$75.00 processing fee must be paid within 72 hours of notification of the decision.
- c. Appeals will be heard within 10 business days after receipt of the written appeal and fee.
- d. The appellant (the person making the appeal) may have one representative present at the Appeal Hearing to assist with the appeal.
- e. If the penalty for the infraction is upheld, the \$75.00 processing fee will be forfeited.



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40. INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR & GRIEVANCE:

- a. Standards of Conduct
 - i. All exhibitors, parents, legal guardians, club leaders, family members, and volunteers are expected to treat judges, fair officials, IRCYLH management, exhibitors, and projects with courtesy, cooperation, and respect at all times
 - ii. The following behaviors are prohibited:
 - 1. Direct criticism, harassment, or interference with judges, officials, exhibitors, or volunteers
 - 2. Abusive or threatening conduct
 - 3. Cussing or vulgar language
 - 4. Fighting, arguing, or poor sportsmanship
 - 5. Derogatory or disrespectful comments about others
 - 6. Bullying
 - 7. Use or possession of illegal substances (including alcohol by those under 21 years of age) or appearing intoxicated on Fairgrounds
- b. Consequences
 - i. Any person who violates these standards may be:
 - 1. Immediately dismissed from the Fairgrounds, and/or
 - 2. Required to forfeit premiums, auction proceeds, and other privileges of participation
 - 3. Subject to suspension from IRCYLH for a specified period
 - ii. Exhibitors may be removed from competition and penalties assessed under Rule 5: Violations.
- c. Grievance/Complaint Process
 - i. Complaints involving violations of IRCYLH Show & Auction Rules, unsportsmanlike behavior, or mistreatment of exhibitors, people, or projects must be submitted in writing via email to rules@ircylh.com.
 - ii. Complaints must be submitted prior to the auction to be considered.
 - iii. If an infraction is discovered after the auction, the exhibitor may still be removed, and penalties assessed under Rule 5: Violations.

41. GROW YOUR OWN & OWNERSHIP:

- a. Ownership/Leasing
 - i. Exhibitors must own the following projects: steer, swine, poultry, market goat, market sheep, and horticulture.
 - ii. Exhibitors may lease the following projects: breeding goat, rabbit, cavy, breeding sheep, beef breeding, or breed stock poultry.
 - iii. Only the registered exhibitor may show a leased project animal.
 - iv. No individual who assists an exhibitor financially may profit from the project. Reimbursement may not exceed the actual expenses incurred.



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- b. Direct Care
 - i. Exhibitors' projects must be under the direct care, feeding, and handling of the registered IRCYLH exhibitor.
 - ii. Projects may not be managed by outside parties, though parents, guardians, or club leaders may supervise or assist.
- c. Housing
 - i. All projects must be housed within Indian River County for the duration of the program.
 - ii. Exemptions may only be granted in advance by the IRCYLH Executive Board.
- d. Inspection
 - i. By participating in the IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction Program, exhibitors grant consent for the IRCYLH Designee to inspect project facilities (including living quarters and locations) at any time.

42. Executive Board:

- a. The Executive Board has the authority to enforce rules and assess penalties and fines.
- b. All violations must be reported by emailing rules@ircylh.com or, if immediate attention is required, to an IRCYLH official.
- c. Matters for consideration must be reported via the online tool or, in urgent situations, directly to a designee.
- d. Executive Board members are not to be personally contacted regarding rules matters. Failure to follow this process is itself a rule violation and may result in penalties.
- e. Executive Board members have sole responsibility and final decision-making authority for all IRCYLH events and affiliated activities.
- f. Failure to abide by these rules may result in loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction proceeds, and/or a percentage thereof.
- g. Date changes and addendums to this document may be made at the discretion of the IRCYLH Board of Directors in accordance with IRCYLH By-Laws.

43. Fundraising:

- a. IRCYLH publishes an annual sponsorship packet for all approved fundraising. This ensures donors receive uniform recognition and benefits by level of giving.
- b. Exhibitor families are encouraged to help promote fundraising and awareness but may only solicit funds using the official packet.
- c. Local clubs may raise funds for club use only (e.g., meals, activities). Clubs may not raise funds or display donor recognition at the IRCYLH Show & Auction, including club tents.
- d. When raising money for 4-H or Independent clubs, leaders must clearly state funds are for the club, not IRCYLH.



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MARKET STEER RULES

WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:**

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. **STEER OWNERSHIP:**

- a All exhibitors must have possession of their steer no later than ten (10) days prior to the first weigh-in.
- b The steer must be housed in Indian River County by this date.
- c The following must be submitted by the online registration deadline:
 - i Bill of Sale to prove ownership
 - ii Completed and signed registration form
 - iii IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv Two (2) color photos of the steer (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor visible in both photos

3. **CASTRATION & DE-HORNING:**

- a All steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
- b All de-horned steers must be fully healed by the final weigh-in.
- c Insurance regulations prohibit castration, de-horning, worming, implanting, or any similar procedures at IRCYLH functions related to the Show & Auction.
- d Steers with horns measuring 4 inches or longer will be rejected.

4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-INS:**

- a All steers must be weighed at the official weigh-in/tagging/tattoo.
- b This weight will be recorded as the starting weight for the project.
- c There is no minimum weight required at the initial weigh-in; however, it is recommended that steers weigh at least 600 lbs at this time in order to meet final weight requirements.

5. **FINAL WEIGH-IN AT FAIR:**

- a At the final weigh-in, steers will be allowed on the scales only one time.
- b Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs to qualify — no exceptions.
- c There is no maximum sale weight.
 - i Example: A steer weighing 1,310 lbs will auction at 1,310 lbs (previously capped at 1,275 lbs).



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6. STEER AGE:

- a All steers must be no more than 24 months of age at the time of the Show & Auction.
- b Steers may be mouthed for age by a certified veterinarian to verify compliance.

7. NECK ROPES:

- a All steers must have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the Fair.
- b The combined length of the neck and lead rope must be no longer than 18 inches (from knot to animal) at any time while tied.
- c These requirements are for the safety of animals and exhibitors, preventing injuries or tangling with neighboring animals.
- d No one may touch or move another exhibitor's animal without prior permission from the animal's owner or approval from the project coordinator.
- e Penalties:
 - i First violation = \$25.00 fine
 - ii Second violation = removal of the project from the grounds

8. BEDDING:

- a All animals will be bedded on material provided by IRCYLH (sand).
- b Stall mats may be used if supplied by the exhibitor.
- c Each exhibitor must provide their own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers for the duration of the Fair.
- d Fans are permitted for cattle and may be used from 11:00 PM to 4:00 PM (or until the opening of the Fair, whichever comes first).
- e Barn power supply may be used for fans.
- f All stipulations regarding placement and safety are subject to the authority of the Barn Chairmen, IRC Fire/Rescue officials, and County Grounds Directors.

9. Official ID Tags:

- a All steers must have Official Identification (OID) tags in place in their ears by tag-in/registration.
- b OID tags must remain in place and will be checked again at Handling Check.
- c Any steer without an OID tag by Handling Check will not be allowed to weigh in at the Fair and will be excluded from the Show & Auction.

10. EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

- a All cattle equipment must be dropped off and picked up during the hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair.
- b Equipment must be placed in the designated area as directed by the Barn Chairs and/or Cattle Coordinator.



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- c The Barn Chairs and Cattle Coordinator may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibit

11. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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MARKET SWINE RULES

WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:**

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. **SWINE OWNERSHIP:**

- a All exhibitors must have possession of their swine by the final Saturday in November of each show year.
- b The swine must be housed in Indian River County by this date.
- c The following must be submitted by the online registration deadline:
 - i Bill of Sale to prove ownership
 - ii Completed and signed registration form
 - iii IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv Two (2) color photos of the steer (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor visible in both photos

3. **CASTRATION:**

- a Entries may be shown as either a gilt or a barrow.
- b All male pigs must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.

4. **MANDATORY TAG-IN:**

- a All pigs must be ear-tagged at the official tag-in on the first Saturday of December.
- b By the online registration deadline (before the official weigh-in), exhibitors must submit:
 - i A bill of sale including the seller's name, address, and telephone number (subject to verification to prove ownership)
 - ii A completed and signed entry form (one animal per form)
 - iii The IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv Two color photos of the pig's left and right side profiles with the exhibitor pictured. A clear photo of the OID tag

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5. **FINAL WEIGH-IN:**

- a The final weigh-in will take place on the first day of the Fair.
- b Each hog must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 315 pounds.
- c Any swine weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 315 pounds will be disqualified.
- d Each animal will have only one opportunity to cross the scales — no exceptions.



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6. BEDDING:

- a All animals will be bedded on sand provided by IRCYLH.
- b Exhibitors may supply their own shavings during the week, provided all cleanliness and maintenance rules are followed.
- c Each exhibitor must provide their own feed in agriculturally approved containers for the duration of the Fair.

7. FEED TIMES:

- a No feeding is permitted during any show times.
- b Feed bowls must be removed at least 15 minutes before any show begins under the barn. Exhibitors are responsible for monitoring the livestock barn schedule.
- c On sale day, no feeding is allowed after 12:00 PM.
 - i Morning feeding must be completed before the sale begins.
 - ii Feeding may resume only after the entire auction is complete.

8. ARENA USE:

- a Exhibitors are not permitted to practice in the arena during down times.
- b Arena time is restricted to official exhibitions only.

9. Official ID TAGS:

- a All swine must have Official Identification (OID) tags in place in their ears by tag-in/registration.
- b OID tags must remain in place and will be checked again at Handling Check.
- c Any swine without an OID tag by Handling Check will not be allowed to weigh in at the Fair and will be excluded from the Show & Auction.

10. EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

- a All swine equipment must be dropped off and picked up during the hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair.
- b Equipment must be placed in the designated area as directed by the Barn Chairs and/or Swine Coordinator.
- c The Barn Chairs and Swine Coordinator may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibitor.

11. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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BEEF BREEDING

1. RULES:

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. BEEF BREEDING OWNERSHIP:

- a Each exhibitor must own or have a signed lease agreement for their beef breeding animal by the IRCYLH online registration deadline (prior to the first official weigh-in).
- b Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, training, and overall care and exercise of their animal(s).
- c If leased, the exhibitor must remain actively involved in the daily care of the animal.
- d All animals must be housed in Indian River County.
- e The following must be submitted by the online registration deadline:
 - i A bill of sale or lease form (as applicable)
 - ii A completed and signed registration form
 - iii The IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv Two color photos of each beef breeding animal (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor pictured in both

3. AGE AND ID:

- a Eligibility
 - i Both registered and unregistered stock are eligible to compete and will be shown together in their respective classes according to weight.
 - ii Cow/Calf pairs will be weighed and shown based on the cow's weight (not the calf's).
- b Identification
 - i Registered animals must meet their breed association's ID requirements.
 - ii Unregistered animals must have a brand, tattoo, or official ID (RFID or metal).
 - iii All animals must have an Official ID unless they are a nursing calf on the dam's side.
 - iv Heifers over 18 months must have metal premise tags.
- c Bulls
 - i Bulls 9 months or older must have a nose ring.
 - ii Bulls over 2 years of age may not be shown.
- d Pregnancy Verification
 - i Cows 2 years and older will have blood drawn at Report Card & Handling Check to verify pregnancy.
 - ii If a cow has a calf at side, the calf must be 5 months or younger.



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4. LIMITATIONS:

a Exhibitor Limits

- i Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may show up to five (5) beef breeding animals, with no more than two (2) head per class.
- ii Peewee exhibitors may show one (1) beef breeding animal.

b Peewee Exhibition Class

- i All Peewee exhibitors showing breed stock cattle will compete in one exhibition-only class.
- ii A Peewee may register a breed stock animal owned by a “mentor” exhibitor for this exhibition class.
- iii The mentor exhibitor must also show the same animal in its assigned class and shows.

c Supervision & Check Requirements

- i Peewee exhibitors must complete Handling Check
- ii The mentor exhibitor must be present while the Peewee exhibits and must assist if the Peewee loses control of the animal.

5. SHOWING:

a Each exhibitor must show their own animal, except in the following situations:

- i The exhibitor has two or more animals in the same age class, or
- ii The exhibitor has more than one animal showing for division champions.

b In these cases, the exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member in good standing to show the additional animal(s), with approval from the Executive Board and the IRCYLH Designee.

6. NECK ROPES:

a All beef breed stock must have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the Fair.

b The combined length of the neck and lead rope must be no longer than 18 inches (from knot to animal) at any time while tied.

c These requirements are for the safety of animals and exhibitors, preventing injuries or tangling with neighboring animals.

d No one may touch or move another exhibitor’s animal without prior permission from the animal’s owner or approval from the project coordinator.

e Penalties:

- i First violation = \$25.00 fine
- ii Second violation = removal of the project from the grounds



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7. BEDDING:

- a All animals will be bedded on material provided by IRCYLH (sand).
- b Stall mats may be used if supplied by the exhibitor.
- c Each exhibitor must provide their own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers for the duration of the Fair.
- d Fans are permitted for cattle and may be used from 11:00 PM to 4:00 PM (or until the opening of the Fair, whichever comes first).
- e Barn power supply may be used for fans.
- f All stipulations regarding placement and safety are subject to the authority of the Barn Chairmen, IRC Fire/Rescue officials, and County Grounds Directors.

8. HEALTH:

- a All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate that lists each animal's permanent identification and any tests required under State of Florida regulations.
- b Tuberculosis: Beef breeding animals are not subject to tuberculosis testing requirements.

9. RELEASE TIME:

- a Breed stock cattle will be released from the Fair on Monday at 10:00 AM.
- b The Barn Chairmen or IRCYLH Designee will provide removal instructions.
- c Each stall/area must be inspected and approved before an animal is released.
- d Any animal removed before the scheduled release time without prior permission from the IRCYLH Designee or Barn Director will forfeit all premium monies and be subject to disciplinary action under Rule 5: Violations.

10. CLASSES:

- a Classes will be determined by the weight of the animal, not age.
- b Final class assignments will be provided after the Fair weigh-in.

11. Official ID:

- a All breed stock over 18 months of age, and all breed stock originating outside the State of Florida, must have an Official Identification (OID) tag in place in the ear by Handling Check.
- b Breed stock without an OID tag at the time of weigh-in or check-in will not be allowed to enter the Fair and will be excluded from the Show & Auction.



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12. EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:

- a All cattle equipment must be dropped off and picked up during the hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair.
- b Equipment must be placed in the designated area as directed by the Barn Chairs and/or Cattle Coordinator.
- c The Barn Chairs and Cattle Coordinator may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibitor.

13. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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RABBIT & CAVY RULES

1. RULES:

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. QUALIFICATIONS:

- a All rabbits and cavies will be judged according to current judging standards set by the show judge.
- b Animals may be purebred or mixed to enter the Rabbit/Cavy Show.
- c Purebred and mixed rabbits and cavies will be shown either:
 - i With their respective breed class, or
 - ii In a mixed category for non-purebred projects.
- d All rabbits and cavies must be at least 12 weeks old at the time of registration.

3. ENTRIES:

- a All rabbit and cavy entries must be submitted by the online registration deadline.
- b Each entry requires:
 - i A completed and signed official entry form (provided before the deadline)
 - ii The IRCYLH Show & Auction project fee (fees are per animal, not per species)
 - iii Two color photos of each animal (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor pictured
- c No additions or substitutions may be made after the registration deadline.
- d Incomplete or incorrect forms will result in disqualification.
- e Multiple rabbit or cavy projects may be entered at registration, but each animal requires its own fee and documentation.

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4. TRANSPORTATION:

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

5. HEALTH:

- a No medicating of rabbits or cavies is permitted during the Fair.
- b All animals must arrive in good health.
- c Health determinations will be made by a veterinarian (if available) or the IRCYLH Rabbit/Cavy Project Director and IRCYLH Designee.
- d If an animal shows signs of illness during the Fair, it must be removed from the barn immediately.
- e Rabbit and cavy health may be reviewed at any time by the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator and the IRCYLH Designee.



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6. LIMITATIONS:

a Exhibitor Limits

- i Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may register up to five (5) rabbit projects and five (5) cavy projects for the breed show.
- ii Exhibitors may enter one (1) companion class animal in addition to their breed show projects.
- iii Peewee exhibitors may enter one (1) rabbit or cavy project.

b Peewee Exhibition Class

- i Peewee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
- ii Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals.

7. SHOWING:

a Each exhibitor must show their own animal, except in the following situations:

- i The exhibitor has two or more animals in the same age class, or
- ii The exhibitor has more than one animal showing for division champions.

b In these cases, the exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member in good standing to show the additional animal(s), with approval from the Executive Board and the IRCYLH Designee.

8. FAIR WEEK:

a On-Premises Requirement

- i All registered rabbits and cavies must remain on the Fairgrounds for the entire duration of Fair week.
- ii Animals may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes

b Supplies & Check-In

- i Exhibitors must provide their own lock and two keys.
 - 1 One key must be given to the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator at check-in on the first day of the Fair.
- ii Exhibitors must supply their own waterer, feed bowls, hay containers, and any small cage platforms used during the week.

c Daily Care & Cleanliness

- i Exhibitors are responsible for checking on their animals daily throughout Fair week.
- ii Cages must be cleaned under the project(s) every day.
 - 1 Do not place new shavings over old bedding.

9. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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MARKET RABBITS MEAT PEN & SINGLEFRYER

1. RULES:

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. QUALIFICATIONS:

a Meat Pens

- i Consist of three (3) “commercial type” breed rabbits.
- ii Rabbits must be from the same litter but do not need to be identical in appearance.
- iii Each rabbit must be no older than 80 days and must weigh at least 2.5 pounds at check-in.

b Single Fryer

- i Consists of one (1) “commercial type” breed rabbit.
- ii Must be no older than 80 days and must weigh at least 2.5 pounds at check-in.

3. MEAT PEN / SINGLE FRYER OWNERSHIP:

a Ownership & Location

- i Each exhibitor must possess their “commercial-type” breeding doe(s) in Indian River County by the ownership date listed in the General Date Addendum.
- ii Exhibitors are responsible for the feeding, care, and management of their breeding does.

b Project Limits

- i Exhibitors may register one (1) Meat Pen project and one (1) Single Fryer project only.

c Required Documentation (due by the online registration deadline)

- i A pedigree showing at least two generations of lineage or a bill of sale with the seller’s name, address, and telephone number (subject to verification)
- ii A completed and signed entry form (may list up to three (3) breeding does per entry for Meat Pen or Single Fryer)
- iii The IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee
- iv A color photo of each breeding doe with the exhibitor pictured

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4. TRANSPORTATION:

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



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5. MANDATORY WEIGH-IN:

- a All meat pen and single fryer rabbits must be weighed and final selections confirmed at the Fair weigh-in day.
- b Any meat pen rabbit found to be unhealthy, deceased, underweight, overweight, or overage will result in the disqualification of the entire pen.

6. BREEDING:

- a The breeding doe(s) must be bred no more than 110 days prior to the first day of the Fair.

7. AUCTION:

- a Market rabbit projects are open only to Junior (ages 8–10), Intermediate (ages 11–13), and Senior (ages 14–18) members.
- b Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pens and Single Fryers are eligible for the live auction.
- c All other qualified market rabbits will be sold through the silent auction.

8. FAIR WEEK:

- a On-Premises Requirement
 - i All registered rabbits and cavyes must remain on the Fairgrounds for the entire duration of Fair week.
 - ii Animals may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes
- b Supplies & Check-In
 - i Exhibitors must provide their own lock and two keys.
 - 1 One key must be given to the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator at check-in on the first day of the Fair.
 - ii Exhibitors must supply their own waterer, feed bowls, hay containers, and any small cage platforms used during the week.
- c Daily Care & Cleanliness
 - i Exhibitors are responsible for checking on their animals daily throughout Fair week.
 - ii Cages must be cleaned under the project(s) every day.
 - 1 Do not place new shavings over old bedding.
- d Showmanship Requirement
 - i Meat Pen or Single Fryer exhibitors who do not have other rabbits entered must use their project animal in the showmanship competition.

9. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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HORTICULTURE RULES

1. **RULES:**

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. **ENTRIES:**

- a Each entry requires:
 - i A completed and signed official entry form (provided before the deadline)
 - ii The IRCYLH Show & Auction project fee

3. **LIMITATIONS:**

- a Exhibitor Limits
 - i Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may register 1 horticulture project.
- b Peewee Exhibition Class
 - i Peewee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
 - ii Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals.

4. **PLANT CHECK/SCREENING:**

- a All plants must be grown at the exhibitor's residence.
- b Entries may be subject to a spot check by the Horticulture Committee.
- c The committee reserves the right to reject any entry of inferior quality or diseased plants.
- d If there is doubt that an exhibitor personally cared for the plant, the committee may question the exhibitor regarding their knowledge of growing the plant.

5. **PLANT TAGS, LABELS & POTS:**

- a The original nursery tag provided at purchase and the Fair tag added at entry must remain on the plant at all times.
- b Removal of either tag will result in disqualification from the show and loss of all rights to auction the plant in either the live or silent auction.
- c Plants must be shown and kept in the 7-gallon pot received at the time of ownership from IRCYLH.

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6. **SHOW:**

- a Purpose
 - i This show is organized to recognize participants' skills in growing horticulture and to reward youth through a horticulture silent auction.
- b Entry Standards
 - i Any tree deemed to have inferior quality, disease, or inadequate care will be refused by the Horticulture Director and must be removed immediately by the exhibitor or their parent/guardian.



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c Judging & Grades

- i Entries will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards.
- ii All trees must be graded Florida #3 or better to be exhibited.
- iii Trees will be sold as landscape plants at the silent auction.
- iv Judging will be conducted by a professional in the citrus industry using the Danish System of blue, red, or white ribbons (except Peeweess).

7. AUCTION:

a Silent Auction

- i All citrus exhibitors, including Peeweess, must volunteer one (1) hour at the silent auction table.
- ii Registration for the silent auction table is required before the fair with the Horticulture Director.
- iii The silent auction volunteer hour does not count toward overall required volunteer hours.
- iv Exhibitors who fail to meet this requirement are subject to disciplinary action under Rule 5: Violations.

b Live Auction

- i Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion horticulture projects are eligible to be sold during the Livestock Market Project Auction.
- ii All live auction exhibitor rules apply, and exhibitors must be present to auction their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion projects.

8. PICK-UP:

- a After the silent auction concludes, winners will be notified by the Project Coordinators or their designee.
- b Winners must pay for their citrus tree before pick-up.
- c Trees may be taken home by the buyer the night of the live auction after payment is processed.
- d Peewee trees may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes.
- e All payments must be processed through the IRCYLH Clerk of Auction.
 - i No exhibitors, parents, or leaders may accept payment in any form for the auction of the project.

9. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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LAYING HENS

1. RULES:

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. ENTRIES:

- a All Laying Hens entries must be submitted by the online registration deadline.
- b Each entry requires:
 - i A completed and signed official entry form (provided before the deadline)
 - ii The IRCYLH Show & Auction project fee

3. LIMITATIONS:

- a Exhibitor Limits
 - i Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may register 1 Laying Hen project.
- b Peewee Exhibition Class
 - i Peewee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
 - ii Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals

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4. ENTRY / ARRIVAL:

- a Check-In & Coop
 - i All poultry projects must check in and coop their own birds with assistance from a Club Leader, IRCYLH Poultry Director, or assigned representative.
 - ii No drop-offs will be allowed, and exhibitors are expected to show only their best-producing birds.
 - iii The Poultry Director may decline any entry deemed unfit for exhibition.
- b Health & Transportation
 - i All birds must be transported in a cage or pet carrier—cardboard boxes are not allowed.
 - ii Exhibitors, not parents, must personally cage their birds.
 - iii No sick or diseased birds or birds showing signs of parasites will be accepted.
 - iv Health regulations will be enforced under Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code (Admission of Animals for Exhibition).
- c Testing & Certification
 - i Upon arrival, a State Inspector from FDACS will test all birds for Avian Influenza and Pullorum Antibody Clean (NPIP) before they are placed in show pens.
 - ii Exhibitors may have their flock certified prior to the entry deadline by contacting Jennifer Jennings-Glover at (850) 878-0344 for information.



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5. IDENTIFICATION:

- a All poultry entries must be properly leg-banded and the band numbers accurately recorded before cage assignments are made.
- b Leg bands will be distributed at Fair check-in when chickens are brought to the Fair.

6. FAIR WEEK HEALTH:

- a No medicating of birds is permitted during the Fair.
- b If a bird shows signs of illness during the Fair, it must be removed from the barn immediately.
- c All health concerns and removals will be reviewed and documented by the Poultry Species Director, IRCYLH Designee, and Barn Chair.
- d Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily using secure, agriculturally appropriate hanging containers.

7. LOCKS:

- a All exhibitors must provide their own cage lock and an extra key.
- b The extra key must be given to the project coordinator on the first day of the Fair.
- c Exhibitors who fail to provide a lock and/or extra key will be required to rent a lock for a non-refundable \$25.00 fee for the duration of the Fair.

8. AUCTION:

- a Silent Auction
 - i All Laying Hen exhibitors, including Peewees, must volunteer one (1) hour at the silent auction table.
 - ii Registration for the silent auction table is required before the Fair with the Poultry Director.
 - iii The silent auction volunteer hour does not count toward overall required volunteer hours.
 - iv Exhibitors who fail to meet this requirement are subject to disciplinary action under Rule 5: Violations.
- b Live Auction
 - i Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Laying Hen projects are eligible to be sold during the Livestock Market Project Auction.
 - ii All live auction exhibitor rules apply, and exhibitors must be present to auction their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion projects.

9. PICK-UP:

- a After the silent auction concludes, winners will be notified by the Project Coordinators or their designee.
- b Winners must pay for their Laying Hens before pick-up.
- c Laying Hens may be taken home by the buyer the night of the live auction after payment is processed.



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- d Peewee laying hen may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes.
- e All payments must be processed through the IRCYLH Clerk of Auction.
 - i No exhibitors, parents, or leaders may accept payment in any form for the auction of the project.

10. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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BOER GOAT RULES

1. RULES:

- a. All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. QUALIFICATION:

- a. All goats must be Boer goats and display at least 75% Boer characteristics as defined by the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA).
- b. Goats do not need to be registered.
- c. Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective age classes, except wethers, which will be shown by weight.
- d. Only bucks (uncastrated males) under 14 months of age are permitted to be shown.
- e. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Species Coordinator.

3. ENTRY / OWNERSHIP:

- a. Ownership
 - i. Each exhibitor must own or have a signed lease agreement for their goat(s) by the IRCYLH online Show & Auction registration deadline.
 - ii. Wether goats must be owned by the exhibitor (leasing is not permitted).
 - iii. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care, feeding, and management of their animals.
- b. Required Documentation (due by the online registration deadline)
 - i. Bill of sale
 - ii. Completed and signed entry form
 - iii. IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv. Two color photos of each animal (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor pictured in each photo
- c. Pregnancy Registration
 - i. If a doe is pregnant or may be pregnant and is due before or during the Fair, a \$20 pregnancy registration fee must be paid at the time of online registration.
 - ii. This fee covers any kids from that pregnancy that the exhibitor may choose to show, as long as project limits are not exceeded.
 - iii. Unborn kids cannot be registered separately; the dam must be registered for the kids to be eligible.
- d. Wethers
 - i. Wethers must weigh a minimum of 70 lbs at the Final Fair Weigh-In.
 - ii. Wethers will be shown in classes according to weight.
 - iii. Castration: Bucks must be wethered before the initial weigh-in and tagging (which occurs during swine weigh-in).
 - iv. Age Limit: Wethers must be 13 months or younger at the time of the Final Fair Weigh-In.



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4. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Exhibitor Limits
 - i. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may show up to five (5) Boer Goats, with no more than two (2) head per class.
 - ii. Pee wee exhibitors may show one (1) Boer Goat animal.
- b. Pee wee Exhibition Class
 - i. All Pee wee exhibitors showing Boer Goat will compete in one exhibition-only class.
 - ii. Pee wee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
 - iii. Pee wee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals.
 - iv. A Pee wee may register a breed stock animal owned by a “mentor” exhibitor for this exhibition class.
 - v. The mentor exhibitor must also show the same animal in its assigned class and shows.

5. HEALTH:

- a. All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate dated within 90 days prior to the show, listing permanent identification and any required tests in accordance with State of Florida regulations.
- b. Goats must have a Scrapie tag or a legible tattoo before entry to the Fair.
- c. If an animal is identified only by tattoo and not by a Scrapie tag, the registration papers must be presented to the Health Inspector at check-in.

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6. SHOWING:

- a. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, except in the following situations:
 - i. The exhibitor has two or more animals in the same age class, or
 - ii. The exhibitor has more than one animal showing for division champions.
- b. In these cases, the exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member in good standing to show the additional animal(s), with approval from the Executive Board and the IRCYLH Designee.

7. BEDDING AND PEN ASSIGNMENTS:

- a. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding material and furnish their own hay, feed, and water in secured, agriculturally approved containers for the duration of the Fair.
- b. The Species Coordinator has full authority to reassign pens as needed.
- c. Exhibitors may not move animals to a different pen without prior approval from the Species Coordinator.
- d. Exhibitors wishing to keep animals isolated must supply their own isolation materials, provided they do not compromise the structure of the pen supplied by IRCYLH.



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- i.* Isolation units must not exceed the height of the pen fence or extend into the alleyway between pens.
- 8. RELEASE TIME:
 - a. Animals may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes
- 9. FAILURE TO ABIDE:
 - a. Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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SHEEP and LAMB RULES

1. RULES:

- a. All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. QUALIFICATION:

- a. Breed Eligibility: Any breed of sheep may be shown.
- b. Class Division: Classes will be based on the animal's weight at the Final Fair Weigh-In.
- c. Combining Classes: Classes and divisions will be arranged according to the number and type of entries.
 - i. Sheep may be separated by breed or combined strictly by weight at the discretion of the Species Coordinator.
- d. Breeding Ewes & Lambs: Lambs must be under 4 months of age to show alongside a breeding ewe.
- e. Rams: Only rams (uncastrated males) under 14 months of age on the show date are permitted to be shown.

3. ENTRY / OWNERSHIP:

- a. Ownership
 - i. Each exhibitor must own or have a signed lease agreement for their sheep or lamb(s) by the IRCYLH online Show & Auction registration deadline.
 - ii. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care, feeding, and management of their animals.
- b. Required Documentation (due by the online registration deadline)
 - i. Bill of sale or lease agreement (as applicable)
 - ii. Completed and signed entry form
 - iii. IRCYLH Show & Auction entry fee
 - iv. Two color photos of each animal (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor pictured in each photo
- c. Pregnancy Registration
 - i. If a ewe is pregnant or may be pregnant and is due before or during the Fair, a \$20 pregnancy registration fee must be paid at the time of online registration.
 - ii. This fee covers any lambs from that pregnancy that the exhibitor may choose to show, as long as project limits are not exceeded.
 - iii. Unborn lambs cannot be registered separately; the dam must be registered for the lambs to be eligible.
- d. Market Lamb Requirements
 - i. Market lamb classes are open to wool and hair-type wethers and to ewes that have not lambled and have not been bred.
 - ii. Wethers must be 13 months or younger as of the Final Fair Weigh-In and must weigh a minimum of 95 lbs.
 - iii. Wethers will be shown in classes according to weight.



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- iv. Castration: Rams must be wethered before the initial weigh-in and tagging (which occurs during Swine Weigh-In).
- v. Scale Rule: Each market lamb will have only one opportunity to cross the scale; no re-weighs are permitted.

4. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Exhibitor Limits
 - i. Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may show up to five (5) Sheep, with no more than two (2) head per class.
 - ii. Peewee exhibitors may show one (1) Sheep animal.
- b. Peewee Exhibition Class
 - i. All Peewee exhibitors showing Boer Goat will compete in one exhibition-only class.
 - ii. Peewee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
 - iii. Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals.
 - iv. A Peewee may register a breed stock animal owned by a “mentor” exhibitor for this exhibition class.
 - v. The mentor exhibitor must also show the same animal in its assigned class and shows.

5. HEALTH:

- a. All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate dated within 90 days prior to the show, listing permanent identification and any required tests in accordance with State of Florida regulations.
- b. Goats must have a Scrapie tag or a legible tattoo before entry to the Fair.
- c. If an animal is identified only by tattoo and not by a Scrapie tag, the registration papers must be presented to the Health Inspector at check-in.

6. SHOWING:

- a. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, except in the following situations:
 - i. The exhibitor has two or more animals in the same age class, or
 - ii. The exhibitor has more than one animal showing for division champions.
- b. In these cases, the exhibitor may select a fellow IRCYLH member in good standing to show the additional animal(s), with approval from the Executive Board and the IRCYLH Designee.

7. BEDDING AND PEN ASSIGNMENTS:

- a. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding material and furnish their own hay, feed, and water in secured, agriculturally approved containers for the duration of the Fair.
- b. The Species Coordinator has full authority to reassign pens as needed.
- c. Exhibitors may not move animals to a different pen without prior approval from the Species Coordinator.



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Breedstock Poultry

1. RULES:

- a All General Rules apply and must be followed in order to qualify for participation in the Show and Auction.

2. QUALIFICATIONS:

- a All poultry will be qualified and judged according to American Poultry Association (APA) and American Bantam Association (ABA) standards.
- b To qualify for the breed show, poultry must be:
 - i Purebred and of a recognized breed, color, and variety listed in the APA or ABA *Standard of Perfection*.
 - ii Large fowl, bantam, or a single-layer hen.
 - iii At least 20 weeks of age at the time of the show.
- c Entries may be a hen or rooster, but single-layer entries must be hens.

3. ENTRIES:

- a All breedstock poultry entries must be submitted by the online registration deadline.
- b Each entry requires:
 - i A completed and signed official entry form (provided before the deadline)
 - ii The IRCYLH Show & Auction project fee (fees are per animal, not per species)
 - iii Two color photos of each animal (left and right side profiles) with the exhibitor pictured
- c No additions or substitutions may be made after the registration deadline.
- d Incomplete or incorrect forms will result in disqualification.
- e Multiple rabbit or cavy projects may be entered at registration, but each animal requires its own fee and documentation.

4. LIMITATIONS:

- a Exhibitor Limits
 - i Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors may register up to five (5) rabbit projects and five (5) cavy projects for the breed show.
 - ii Exhibitors may enter one (1) companion class animal in addition to their breed show projects.
 - iii Peewee exhibitors may enter one (1) rabbit or cavy project.
- b Peewee Exhibition Class
 - i Peewee projects are not judged but may receive a participation ribbon at the discretion of the IRCYLH Designee.
 - ii Peewee exhibitors are not eligible to auction their animals.



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5. ENTRY / ARRIVAL:

a Check-In & Coop

- i All poultry projects must check in and coop their own birds with assistance from a Club Leader, IRCYLH Poultry Director, or assigned representative.
- ii No drop-offs will be allowed, and exhibitors are expected to show only their best-producing birds.
- iii The Poultry Director may decline any entry deemed unfit for exhibition.

b Health & Transportation

- i All birds must be transported in a cage or pet carrier—cardboard boxes are not allowed.
- ii Exhibitors, not parents, must personally cage their birds.
- iii No sick or diseased birds or birds showing signs of parasites will be accepted.
- iv Health regulations will be enforced under Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code (Admission of Animals for Exhibition).

c Testing & Certification

- i Upon arrival, a State Inspector from FDACS will test all birds for Avian Influenza and Pullorum Antibody Clean (NPIP) before they are placed in show pens.
- ii Exhibitors may have their flock certified prior to the entry deadline by contacting Jennifer Jennings-Glover at (850) 878-0344 for information.

6. IDENTIFICATION:

- a All poultry entries must be properly leg-banded and the band numbers accurately recorded before cage assignments are made.
- b Leg bands will be distributed at Fair check-in when chickens are brought to the Fair.

7. FAIR WEEK HEALTH:

- a No medicating of birds is permitted during the Fair.
- b If a bird shows signs of illness during the Fair, it must be removed from the barn immediately.
- c All health concerns and removals will be reviewed and documented by the Poultry Species Director, IRCYLH Designee, and Barn Chair.
- d Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily using secure, agriculturally appropriate hanging containers.

8. LOCKS:

- a All exhibitors must provide their own cage lock and an extra key.
- b The extra key must be given to the project coordinator on the first day of the Fair.
- c Exhibitors who fail to provide a lock and/or extra key will be required to rent a lock for a non-refundable \$25.00 fee for the duration of the Fair.



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9. YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP:

- a Poultry must be entered in the IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction and shown by the registered exhibitor.
- b Exhibitors will be judged on a point scale that evaluates:
 - i Handling of the bird
 - ii Knowledge of poultry care and breed standards
 - iii Overall appearance and presentation

10. RELEASE TIME:

- a Animals may not leave the premises until 10:00 PM on the night of the auction, after the barn closes

11. FAILURE TO ABIDE:

- a Failure to abide by any of the rules contained in this Rule Book may result in disciplinary action as described in Rule 5: Violations.



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IRCYLH 2025-2026 Show Year Event Dates

Event	Date	Mandatory Status
Show Age status determination	09/01/25	ALL exhibitors
In-person Mandatory Meeting Date 1 or 2	11/11/25 or 11/12/25	ALL exhibitors, parent/legal guardian, volunteers, club leaders
Meat Pen/Single Fryer Rabbit Ownership Deadline	11/23/25	If showing Single Fryer/Meat Pen Rabbit
Swine Ownership Deadline	11/29/25	If showing swine
Beef Breeding, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Cavy, Swine, Breedstock Poultry Registration Deadline	11/29/25	Yes, if registering project
Swine Tag-in	12/06/25	If showing Swine
Meat Pen/Single Fryer Rabbit Kit Date (to be birthed by)	12/23/25	If showing Single Fryer/Meat Pen
Obtaining a current Exhibitor Ethics Certification/Number	01/15/26	ALL exhibitors (except Peeweess) that are new or have an expired ethics certification/number
Report Card/Buyers' Letter online submission deadline	02/07/26	ALL exhibitors
In-person Handling Check	02/07/26	ALL Cattle Exhibitors
Accounting Books Due	03/07/26	ALL Exhibitors' accounting books are due
Mandatory Fair Set-Up	03/07/26	ALL Exhibitors plus 1 parent/legal guardian
Fair Check-in/Weigh-in	03/13/26	ALL projects must be on grounds by 11AM
Mandatory Fair Meeting	03/13/26	ALL Exhibitors plus 1 parent/legal guardian
Information Tables	03/13/26-03/20/26	ALL citrus, commercial poultry, & meat pen/single fryer exhibitors INCLUDING PEEWEES
Auction/Final Night	03/20/26	ALL exhibitors who have auction projects,
Mandatory Fair Breakdown	03/21/26	ALL Exhibitors (minus peeweess)

ALL event's dates are subject to change without prior notice.

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