

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
YOUTH LIVESTOCK & HORTICULTURE
General Rules 2023-2024
Show Year

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

1. MEMBERS: Only registered members, ages 5-18 years of age, as of September 1st of the current show year 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, **if** registered with 4H, members in “good- standing” with the 4-H Program, as determined by the local Extension Agent. Students ages 5-7 (Peewees) participate in exhibiting their project but not in the sale or auction. Enrollment in 4H is not a requirement to participate in the IRCYLH Show and Auction.

All youth participating in the IRCLYH Show & Auction must be currently enrolled in **an accredited educational institution within The State of Florida** 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 State of Florida Board of Education 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.
- **All conditions/exemptions must be pre-approved by the IRCYLH Board prior to project registration.**

If your address is not in Indian River County, you may join IRCYLH as a 4H exhibitor only 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, Market Goat, Market Sheep, Etc.)**

2. EXHIBITOR ENTRY FEES: A \$15.00 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: IRCYLH does 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 via the rule report link on the website within 48 hours of infractions. Infractions that could cause harm or injury should be reported immediately to an IRCYLH official. the Rules Sub-Committee and/or Designee will review the infraction and issue any discipline for infractions found to have been committed. **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 and/or auction***
 - 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***

MANDATORY EXHIBITORS MEETING: All exhibitor families, club leaders, and IRCYLH non-exhibitor-parent volunteers participating in the Fair Show be present and participate in one of the in person exhibitor meetings. There will be NO excusals granted for missing this mandatory meeting. IRCYLH Exhibitors who fail to attend the Mandatory Exhibitors meeting **will not be allowed to participate in that current show year activities. A parent or guardian is required to attend with exhibitor.**

6. **EXCUSALS:** Excuse Request to miss other mandatory events is 5 business days before the event. Exemption request must be completed using the online exemption tool found on the exhibitor page of our website: www.IRCYLH.com. Excusal request may be sought from Barn Set-up or Tear down (one, not both) for a school activity or sporting event in which the youth exhibitor is participating, or a major family event such as a wedding (not general vacation). Excusal request for either barn set up or tear down must be submitted by 2/26/2024 to be considered. The exhibitor will be required to make up the hours from the event (3 for peewees, 4 for all others) PLUS 4 additional hours (total of 7 or 8 hours). These hours must be made up by the Wednesday following fair set-up. Failure to have hours completed by that time will result in the exhibitor not being able to participate in the show or auction for that year, and being listed as not in good standing. The hours can be made up at previous volunteer events – so please do not wait until the last minute to complete those hours if you will have to miss either barn tear set up or tear down.

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7. RULES COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT: All participants of IRCYLH Show and Auction activities, their Parent or Legal Guardian and Club Leader must sign and return the Compliance Agreement and the Receipt of Rule Book. Any parent or 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. Club Leaders agree to abide by all IRCYLH show and auction rules and acknowledge their responsibility in ensuring compliance by their exhibitors. See rules addendum for mandatory events and requirements.
8. RECORD BOOKS: Each project registered for the IRCYLH Show and Auction must be accompanied by one project record book per project (except Peewee exhibitors, who only complete one project record book per show year). Projects that fail to make it to the Show and Auction still must be completed and turned in on time. **Record books will be judged during fair week.** **BEFORE** animals are weighed and projects dropped off, record books will be checked for verification that they are complete 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.** Record books are due to be turned in for record book check to the IRCYLH Record Book Sub-Committee Chairperson and/or Designee **by Mandatory set-up day.**
- Failure to follow these rules will result in disciplinary action as described in section 5 of the rule book.**
9. 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 register and weigh in only 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 the time of registration. **No substitution will be allowed after this declaration.** All steer, swine, goats, rabbits/cavies, sheep, poultry, and horticulture projects will be marked for identification, per the IRCYLH instructions. No Bulls or Boars will be accepted. All wether goat and sheep will be live auctioned. Only the Grand & Reserve Grand Champion of meat pen, single fryer, commercial poultry set, and horticulture projects are eligible for live auction. *Peeweews are not eligible to sell any type of project at any type of auction.*
10. SHOW TO AUCTION: All projects being sold at auction must be shown by the registered exhibitor in the assigned class. Exemptions 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 48 hours of written exemption request. **In order to show and auction, all projects must be in approved condition determined by a Veterinarian, Barn Directors, Project Directors, IRCYLH Designee.**

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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, 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 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.

11. **ETHICS CERTIFICATION:** All 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 exhibitor 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. Ethics numbers will be verified at report card/handling check. Peewees are NOT required to have ethics certification. **ALL** exhibitors (except Peewees) 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.**
12. **DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL:** No exhibitor, parent or family member will be permitted to distribute flyers, 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.
13. **GROW YOUR OWN:** Exhibitors' project(s) and project animal(s) must be under the direct care, feeding, and handling of the registered 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

BUYERS SOLICITATION LETTERS: All exhibitors of animal/horticulture projects to be auctioned are required to provide contact information for five (5) potential buyers, two (2) of which did not buy a

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steer/swine/meat pen/horticulture/poultry project in the previous year's auction.

The letters may be handwritten or typed by the exhibitor

*. ALL exhibitors must turn in a COPY of their Buyers Contact List during Report Card/Handling Check. *Online Submission may be required.*

14. **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 IRCYLH Designee. The letter(s) will be uploaded to IRCYLH. Show & Auction participants should submit a copy of their original signed letter(s) via the upload tool provided no later than fourteen (14) days following the receipt of buyer/sponsors list from their Club Leader or IRCYLH. If an exhibitor fails to provide the letters by assigned day, **they will forfeit the right to exhibit the following year and will be assessed 25% of their auction proceeds..**
15. **CLUB REPRESENTATIVE DURING AUCTION:** Each club or independent exhibitor is required to have a representative (parent, legal guardian, family member, volunteer, etc.) to keep track of buyers and cartels who bought each club or individual member's animal during the live and silent auctions. exhibitors will need to contact their club's representative for sponsor information. IRCYLH will provide buyer and cartel information to the club leaders and independent exhibitor families, but NOT to individual club exhibitors.
16. **BUYER MEAT DISTRIBUTION:** The date of the meat distribution is to be determined by the harvesting facility. Meat distribution may take place directly from the processor, or hosted in person under the barn. If in person you will be notified 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.
17. **AUCTION CHECKS:** An exhibitor's auction check will not be released until his or her Thank You letters have been received by IRCYLH, **all payment checks for all projects have been received from the auction**, and a signed plaque delivery receipt is returned. 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.
18. **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 capital improvements. All payouts are subject to the assessment fee. Assessments will be a minimum of 2%
19. **ALL terminal animals (swine, cattle, market lambs, and wether goats) brought in as a market animal will be presented at auction for sale.** If sold, they must be transported by the pre-approved transport and processed by the pre-approved processor.
20. **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 wrapped meat or project given to the parent/legal guardian of the exhibitor at the exhibitor's

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cost. Payment of processing is due at the time of the meat delivery.

21. 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

22. **ALL Weigh-Ins Are First Come First Serve, NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
23. ANIMALS: The only animals allowed at weigh-ins are animals being weighed. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED at the fairgrounds.
24. DRIVERS AT WEIGH-IN: Children under the age of 16 or individuals without a license CANNOT DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES on Fairground property. It is against the law and IRCYLH will not accept the liability.
25. 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.

Pre-FAIR

Mandatory PROGRESS CHECK: REPORT CARD CHECK, ETHICS CERTIFICATION CHECK, & Cattle Handling Check:

- i. Show that cattle exhibitors can handle and control each animal they have registered to show – exhibitor must handle his/her own animal. This is a mandatory in person event for all cattle exhibitors. There will be no exemptions granted for missing cattle handling check.
- ii. **One** blood draw to verify pregnancy on breed stock cows 2 years or older (as of March 1st of the show year) without calf by side (calf by side means calf is not to be older than 5 months)- according to class designation will occur on the day of handling/report card check. No redraws will be permitted. PLEASE refer to Beef Breeding Rules for Classes 20-24 (pg.19-21) for details.
- iii. Allow for the Rules Committee/IRCYLH Designee to check school progress and ethics certification of all exhibitors:
 - a) 2.0 or equivalent Grade point average 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. All exhibitors with silent and live auction projects are required to turn in a COPY of their Buyers Contact List, and thank you letter draft during Report Card/Handling Check.

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Invitations and buyers passes will be sent out from the IRCYLH Show and Auction committee from all submitted lists.

- v. Swine, Steer, Goat, Sheep, and Beef Breeding exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own health certificates for their projects. *These are NOT due during Report Card/Handling Check- they MUST be presented with the animal in order to enter fair. IRCYLH, at its discretion may provide a vet for health check during handling check or at fair weigh in.

No Exemptions for the mandatory progress check in will be given.

Turned in online will be the latest report card, copies of three buyer's letters, and a copy of the exhibitor's Ethics Certification. If homeschooled, please provide a letter stating detailed progress.

26. ANIMAL CONTROL AT FAIR: In the event an animal makes it to the Show and Auction that an exhibitor cannot control; 1.) Cattle, Goat and Sheep 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.

Due to safety concerns for exhibitors, families, animals, and the public, exhibitors will no longer be allowed to practice in the arena during down times- Arena time is restricted to exhibition only.

27. 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, augers etc. If you are a 4-H Member or IRCYLH Exhibitor, you are not allowed to operate heavy equipment.

28. 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.

29. 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 forfeit and exhibitor is prohibited from showing the following year.

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30. 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.

31. **MANDATORY Events: (See Date addendum):**

- 1.) Mandatory Meeting – NO EXEMPTIONS granted, exhibitor and guardian MUST attend the meeting as scheduled in person or online IF an online option is given.
- 2.) Progress Check in – NO EXEMPTIONS granted.
- 3.) MANDATORY FAIR SET-UP: 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 the Barn Director.
- 4.) MANDATORY FAIR MEETING: On the evening of the first night of the fair, all exhibitors must be present to go over rules for fair
- 5.) MANDATORY BREAK DOWN

Any youth who does not participate in the Mandatory Break Down without receiving exemption approval will not be placed on a one year “not in good standing” status and not allowed to participate in the show and auction the following year.

(See Rule #8) Rules Committee Representative and Clerk of Show 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 , 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 a minimum fine of \$250 and the infraction will be reviewed by the Rules Committee to determine other potential penalties.

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER HOURS are required **IN ADDITION TO** the required hours at Mandatory Set-up (4hrs) and Mandatory Tear Down (4hr) Mandatory volunteer hours for exhibitors can be completed at any IRCYLH event in which volunteers are requested, i.e. Prospect Show, Ag Bonanza, Set-Up nights during the week before fair. Sign-up is required and spaces are filled on an as-needed basis. ***Seniors are required 10 hours per Show Season, Intermediate 8 hours, Junior 6 hours and Peewees 3 hours.***

Required Silent Auction Table hours do NOT count toward required volunteer hours.

Volunteer hour tracking forms will be made available and are now MANDATORY to be turned in for each exhibitor.

32. ANIMAL CARE: Animals must be fed and cared for by a responsible party who has completed a signed rules agreement for IRCYLH; this may be a parent, club leader, sibling or the exhibitor themselves.. 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 8 warning that will be delivered to the parents/guardians. A second violation will result in the project and

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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.

33. GROOMING: Only registered Indian River County exhibitors, Club Leaders, parents/legal guardians of exhibitors or their immediate family will be allowed to coach and be present while the exhibitor grooms the project while at the fair; exhibitor must be PRESENT and be the ACTIVE groomer of the animal. **Grooming of the project without the exhibitor actively present as the primary groomer will result in disqualification of the project.** This rule applies to all projects. During the optional cattle grooming competition NO assistance may be provided by ANY persons to the exhibitor. Any exhibitor who receives assistance or coaching during the grooming competition will be disqualified.
34. 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 Show Dress:

- Black or Blue Jeans/Pants. NO rips, tears, or frays.
- Plain, Solid-color, Long-Sleeve Button-down Shirt (no patterns, embroidery, texture, or shiny things).
- Belt – does not have to be plain.
- Close-toed Shoes.
- Apron, Vest, or Harness (any solid color) for Citrus, Poultry, Cavy and Rabbit exhibitors is required.
- Vest are optional for exhibitor's swine, cattle, goat and sheep exhibitors to wear, a show number harness may be used with or without a vest.

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

Clothing with provocative, racial, and/or sexual content are not allowed to be worn by exhibitors or family while under the livestock barn or at IRCYLH meetings. Exhibitors and family members shall remember they are representatives of IRCYLH and should dress and act accordingly.

Any time the exhibitor is in the show arena Close toed shows, boots, or show boots are required. When not in the show arena any style closed toe shoes is acceptable (including Croc style shoes) and required.

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 IRCYLH and 4-H Programs.

35. 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- *meaning only blue-ribbon projects, showmen, and record books are eligible for 1st place (buckle) awards.* All entrants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons for their project, *except Peewees who are only eligible for participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee's discretion.*

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36. Other awards given will be as follows:

- i. BarnHand AWARD: There shall be a BarnHand Award for Junior, Intermediate, and Senior age groups.
- ii. STEER/SWINE: Showmanship: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18). Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Books, Best Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine. A carcass contest will be conducted during fair week and an award given. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steer/Swine.
- iii. BEEF BREEDING: Showmanship: Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18). Beef Breeding Record Books, and Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull/Heifer.
- iv. 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. GOATS: Showmanship; Junior (8- 10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Record Book. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buck/Doe/Wether.
- vii. POULTRY: Showmanship; Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). RecordBook for Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Commercial and Grand Champion & Reserve GC Poultry Breedstock.
- viii. SHEEP: Showmanship; Junior (8- 10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Record Book. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Ewe/Ram/Market Lamb.
- ix. **All Around exhibitor:** Award is to recognize the exhibitor that best exhibits his/her projects throughout the week of fair and produces a quality record book(s) for their project(s).
 - Points awarded for each area of awarding of:
 - Showmanship = 75 points
 - Grand Champion = 50 Points
 - Reserve Grand Champion = 40 points
 - Best IRC Bred (must be blue ribbon) =50 points
 - Each Blue Ribbon = 10 points
 - Each Red Ribbon = 5 points
 - Each White Ribbon = 3 points
 - Record book score (top scoring) = Up to 100 points.

Example: Johnny has 3 Breed Stock that he gets blue ribbons with (**30 points**), a red ribbon swine that he wins showmanship with (**80 points** – 75 for showmanship and 5 for red ribbon), and a blue-ribbon citrus tree (**10 points**). He does record books for each of these projects and scores an 89,92, and 95 on his record books (**105 points** – 95 for highest record book and 10 for blue ribbon).

With this showing Johnny would have **225 points** toward his all-around exhibitor count.

The exhibitor with the highest total of points at the end of fair week will be announced as the award winner prior to the auction at the close of fair week.

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37. Showmanship, Grooming, and Indian River County Bred Shows and Awards:

- i. Showmanship competition shall be open to all junior, intermediate, and senior participants. Showmanship participation is mandatory for exhibitors if they have registered and entered a project in to the show and auction. All showmanship projects entered in the IRCYLH Fair Show and Auction must be shown by the registered exhibitor. There are NO substitutions. Exhibitor will be judged on judging standards for their species projects and awarded accordingly. 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 awards.
- ii. IRC Bred Steer will be its own class and will be the first class of the steer show. IRC Bred Winner and 1st and 2nd runner up will be announced. Steer IRC Bred Winner will receive a \$250 prize. 2nd place a \$100 prize. \$50 for 3rd place.
- iii. If three or more IRC Bred Swine are entered in to the fair, a class of IRC Bred Swine will lead off the swine show. The Winner and 1st runner up will be recognized. Winner will receive a \$150 prize, 1st runner up a \$75 prize. If there are less than 3 IRC Bred swine the highest placing Indian River County Bred swine for the show with a blue ribbon they will be declared the IRC Bred Winning Swine.
- iv. 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 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.

38. 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, Carcass Winners (1st-3rd), 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.

39. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: Alcohol is allowed by fair rules ONLY in public areas. NO alcohol is allowed in the parking lot or in club tent areas. No illegal drugs of any kind are allowed on fair premises. **The usage or possession by persons 21 years or older of any alcoholic beverages (in non-public areas) or illegal drugs will lead to their removal from the barn area. Possession of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any exhibitor on the fairgrounds property will result in their loss of privilege to participate in the show and auction, loss of proceeds from the auction and suspension from IRCYLH for a specified time.** 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.

40. 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

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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. Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of exhibitors are **NOT** allowed in the show arena during times where their exhibitor children are showing.

41. CHAIN OF COMMAND: For reporting rules infraction to the Rules Sub-Committee, the chain of command is as follows:
- i. Immediately following the incident, if emergent an IRCYLH Show and Auction Committee Chair or Board Member should be notified.
 - ii. For non emergent issues the online reporting tool should be used to report the incident.
42. GRIEVANCE: Any un-sportsmanlike 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, 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.
43. APPEALS: Appeals to any Rules Committee decision on a given infraction must be filed with the IRCYLH via email to rules@ircylh.com. The person making the appeal will be asked to pay the \$50.00 processing fee within 72 hours of notification of Rules Committee's decision; appeals will be heard within another 10 business days after receipt of written appeal. The requestor of the appeal 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, shall be forfeited if the penalty for the infraction is upheld.
44. INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR: Direct criticism, harassment, or interference with the Judge, Fair, or IRCYLH Livestock Show and Auction Management, other Exhibitors, Breed Representatives, or Show Officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. 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 forfeit all rights, privileges, premiums, and auction money offered to the exhibitor and will be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately. IRCYLH recognizes that it is a privilege to participate in the Livestock Show and Auction, and that

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bullying activities and illegal substance use are detrimental to the education provided by participation in 4-H or FFA activities. By entering an exhibit in the IRCYLH Show and Auction, the exhibitor acknowledges that if they are found to participate in bullying activities or use of illegal substances (including use of alcohol by those under 21yrs of age), their entry may be disqualified at any time at the discretion of the IRCYLH Rules Committee, Executive Board, and/or Board of Directors.

45. OWNERSHIP: The exhibitor must own the steer, swine, poultry, market goat, market sheep, and horticulture projects. Exhibitors may lease breeding goat, rabbit, cavy, breeding sheep, beef breeding, or breed stock poultry 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. The registered exhibitor is the only exhibitor able to A leased project animal.
46. RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee has the authority to enforce the rules and assess penalties and fines. All violations must be reported using the “rules report” tool, or if immediate attention is required to an IRCYLH official. The matter will be submitted to the Rules Committee Representative for a ruling on how to proceed. **Rules committee matters for consideration are only to be reported via the online tool or in person to a designee if immediate attention is required. Rules committee members are not to be personally contacted with rules matters. Failure to follow this process is, itself, a rule violation and subject to penalty for violators.**
47. 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 addendums to this document may be made at the discretion of the IRCYLH Board of Directors in accordance with IRCYLH By-Laws.
48. Fundraising: IRCYLH has a sponsorship packet that it publishes annually. We appreciate and encourage our exhibitor families to participate in fundraising and generating awareness of our activities. Any request for funding for IRCYLH should be made through the approved sponsorship packet. This assures that all benefits are uniform and equal for donors based on their level of giving. There are options for donors to give at various levels, and each level comes with it’s own benefits.
- All members, exhibitors, and club leaders as part of their agreement to participate in the annual show and auction agree to not solicit funds outside of the use of the IRCYLH sponsorship packet for IRCYLH events and purposes.
- Example: Local Club CAN raise money or seek donations for food to be served for club dinners.
- Local Clubs CANNOT raise funds for their donors to be advertised at the fair show and auction – even if at a club tent. This causes confusion amongst donors and is in conflict with IRCYLH fundraising efforts which are raised for the benefit of the whole rather than for a specific club.
- When raising funds for 4H Clubs, leaders should clearly state that the funds sought are for club use, not IRCYLH.

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**MARKET STEER
RULES**

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. Exhibitor must have possession of animal and animal must be housed in IRC by this date. A bill of sale to prove ownership, completed and signed registration form, IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee, and two (2) color photos of the steer (one of each side profile [left and right], exhibitor in photos) must be provided by online registration deadline.
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 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/tagging/tattoo and this will be considered the weight at which each steer will begin. There is no minimum weight required at initial weigh in, though it is recommended that steer should weigh a minimum of 600lbs at this time to make weight for final weigh in. *Highest Average Daily Weight Gain will no longer be considered for an award.*
5. **FINAL WEIGH-IN at FAIR:** At the final weigh-in, steers will be allowed on the scales only one time. STEERS MUST WEIGH A MINIMUM OF 1,000lbs.
No exceptions. There is no longer any maximum weight on pounds sold of steer (previously, if the steer weighed 1310lbs, it would auction at the cap of 1275lbs, now a 1310lb steer auctions at 1310lbs).

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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 be 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 (sand); Stall mats may be used if provided by exhibitor. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the duration of the Fair. Fans will be allowed for cattle: from 11pm to 4pm or the opening of fair, whichever is earlier. Barn power supply may be used. *all stipulations of placement and safety concerns yield to the Barn Chairmen, IRC FF officials, and county grounds directors.*
9. **Official ID Tags:** All steer should have OID tags in place in their ears by handling check. Steer without premise tags by time of weigh in will not be allowed to weigh in at fair and steer will be excluded from the show and auction.
10. **SHOW YOUR OWN:** The exhibitor must use his or her own registered project animal for all competitions.
11. **EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:** All cattle equipment should be dropped off and picked up during hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair and placed in the designated by the Barn Chairs and/or the Cattle Coordinator. Barn Chairs and Cattle Coordinators may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibitor.

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 and/or auction*
- 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

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 **the final Saturday of November of each show year**. 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 provided by online registration deadline.
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 **the first Saturday of December**. 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. *There is no longer an average daily weigh gain competition. * 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), and a clear picture of the OID tag must be turned in at by the online registration deadline, prior to the official weigh- in. Only one (1) animal per entry form.
5. FINAL WEIGH-IN: At the final weigh-in, on the first day of the fair, all hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds and a maximum of 315 pounds. **Any hog weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 315 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 (sand) provided by IRCYLH. Exhibitors are now permitted to provide their own shavings, throughout the week (same rules of cleanliness/maintenance apply). 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** use his or her own registered project animal for all competitions.
8. FEED TIMES: Each day of fair, there is no feeding during any show times. Feed bowls **MUST** be removed at least 15min before any show begins under the barn (please keep an eye on the livestock barn schedule).
No Feeding after noon (12:00pm) on sale day. Feeding should be done in the morning, before sale, and may be done after the entire auction is complete.

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9. NO swine out of pens (including play pen area and exercise areas) while the barn is open to the public. Due to safety concerns for exhibitors, families, animals, and the public, exhibitors will no longer be allowed to practice in the arena during down times- Arena time is restricted to exhibition only.
10. Official ID TAGS: All swine should have OID tags (or RFID) put in place by their breeders. Swine without premise tags (or RFID) in place by time of first official weigh-in will not be allowed to weigh in for fair registration and swine will be excluded from the show and auction.
11. EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP: All swine equipment should be dropped off and picked up during hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair and placed in the area designated by the Barn Chairs and/or the Swine Coordinator. Barn Chairs and Swine Coordinators may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibitor.

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 and/or auction***
- 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 RULES:

1. ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **ENTRY FORMS & FEES:** A bill of sale to prove ownership or a lease form, completed and signed registration form, IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction entry fee, and two color photos of each beef breeding animal (one of each side profile [left and right], exhibitor in photos) must be provided by the online registration deadline. 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 the online registration deadline, prior to first official weigh-in 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 the IRCYLH online registration deadline. 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 official ID, RDIF or Metal. Heifers over 18 months of age must have metal premise tags. Bulls over 9 months of age **MUST** have a nose ring. All animals must have an Official ID unless it is a nursing calf on moms side.
5. **AGE (cont.):** Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to weight. Cow/Calf pairs will be weighed in and shown based on the cow (not calf with cow) weight. Cows 2 years and older will have blood drawn at Report card and Handling Check on to verify pregnancy. If the cow has calf by side, calf must be 5 months or younger. Bulls over 2 years of age cannot be shown. Bulls 9 months or older **MUST** have Nose Ring.
6. **LIMITATIONS:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors are permitted to exhibit five (5) beef breeding animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in the same class. **PEEWEE exhibitors permitted to show one (1) beef breeding animal.** ALL Peewee exhibitors showing breed stock cattle will be placed into one exhibition class, Peewee exhibitors can register a breed stock owned by a “mentor” exhibitor who has registered the animal to be show by the peewee exhibitor in an exhibition only class. The mentor has to show the breed stock in the assigned class and shows. Peewee exhibitors must complete handing check, and it is the responsibility of the mentor exhibitor to be present while the peewee exhibits the animal, and assist if the peewee exhibitor loses control of the animal.
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. **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 be no longer than 18 inches from knot to animal at any time while tied. Failure to do so will result in a warning for first time violators; second violation, exhibitor may be fined \$25.00. This

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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.

9. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on sand or material provided by IRCYLH. Exhibitor may provide stall mats or shavings. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the fair.
10. **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.
11. **RELEASE TIME:** ALL cattle will remain at fair for the entirety of the IRCYLH Show and Auction Fair Week. The Barn Chairmen or IRCYLH Designee will give time and date removal instructions. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission from the IRCYLH Designee-Barn Director, will forfeit premium monies and be subject to rules violations.
12. **CLASSES:** Will be determined by weight rather than age of the animal and will be provided after fair weigh in.
13. **Official ID:** All breed stock over 18 months of age, as well as breed stock originating out of the State of Florida should have OID tags in place in their ears by handling check. Breed stock without OID tags by time of weigh/check in will not be allowed to enter the fair and will be excluded from the show and auction.
14. **EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF and PICK-UP:** All cattle equipment should be dropped off and picked up during hours designated by the Barn Chair and Co-Chair and placed in the area designated by the Barn Chairs and/or the Cattle Coordinator. Barn Chairs and Cattle Coordinators may limit the amount of equipment allowed per exhibitor.

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, S&A Directors.)*
- ii. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price*
- iii. Removal of exhibitor and project from the barn and/or auction*
- 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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RABBIT & CAVY RULES

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All rabbits and cavies will be judged according to the judges standards. Rabbits and cavies can be purebred or mixed in order to enter the Rabbit/Cavy show. All purebred and mixed rabbits and cavies will be shown with their prospective breed per species. All rabbits and cavies must be 12 weeks or older at the time of time registration.
3. **DEADLINES:** Individual completed and signed rabbit/cavy entry form, IRCYLH Show & Auction project animal must be provided by online registration date. Additional rabbit/cavy entries may not be added or substituted after this date.

(3) **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. CAVY registration paperwork should include entry forms, registration fees, and two (2) color photos of each animal (side profiles [left and right] with exhibitor in photos). Multiple Rabbit projects and multiple Cavy projects may be entered at the time of registration, however, the registration fees paid are per animal, not per species.
4. **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.
5. **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 and IRCYLH Rules Committee Designee. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the animal(s) must be removed from the barn.
Rabbit and Cavy health may be reviewed by the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator and IRCYLH Designee during:

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6. **LIMITATIONS:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors are permitted to register up to five (5) rabbit and five (5) cavy breed show projects. Companion class animals are limited to one (1) per exhibitor. Peewee exhibitors are permitted to enter one (1) rabbit or cavy project. (Peewees are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee’s discretion and are not eligible to auction their animals.)

7. **FAIR WEEK:** ALL rabbit and cavy registered and entered to show during the IRCYLH Show and Auction will remain on premise for the entire duration of fair week. ALL rabbit and cavy registered and entered to show during the IRCYLH Show and Auction will remain on premise for the entire duration of fair week. All exhibitors are required to provide their own lock and two keys. One key **MUST** be given to the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator at time of check in of the first day of fair. Exhibitors are required to provide their own waterer and feed bowls. Hay containers and small platforms for the bottom of the cage are permitted for the duration of the fair as well. The exhibitor is required to check on their project(s) during the entire week of the fair. The exhibitor **MUST** clean under their project(s) cage every day. **DO NOT** put new shavings on top of the old ones. Failure to complete daily tasks will result in the exhibitor violating rules and be subject to penalty as per section 5 of this manual. Animals will be allowed to leave the premises at 10pm the night of auction after the barn closes.

8. **AWARDS:** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, Showmanship, Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex (per breed shown). Judging for the remainder projects will be done on the Danish System. Companion Class projects are not eligible for breed show awards, but exhibitors showing companion class animals will participate in their designated showmanship classes. All breed show entrants (*except Peewees, see #9 below*) will receive blue, red, or white ribbons for their projects.

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 and/or auction***
 - iv. ***Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof***
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**MARKET RABBITS
MEAT PEN & SINGLE FRYER**

1. All general rules must be followed
2. QUALIFICATIONS:
. All Meat pens consist of three “commercial type” breed rabbits. They must be from the same litter, but do not have to be identical. They must be no older than 80 days and must weigh at least 2.5 pounds. A Single Fryer is an individual “commercial type” breed rabbit. They must be no older than 80 days and weigh at least 2.5 pounds.
3. OWNERSHIP DEADLINES: All exhibitors must possess, in Indian River County, their “commercial-type” doe(s) for meat pen/single fryer breeding no later the ownership date (see general date addendum) 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) with exhibitor must be provided by the online registration deadline. *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 and photos will be disqualified.
4. BREEDING: The doe(s) shall be bred no more than 110 days before the first day of fair.
5. MANDATORY WEIGH-IN: All meat pen and single fryer rabbits must be weighed-in and final selections made at the final weigh-in.. Final weigh-in for all market rabbits will be **take place at fair weigh in day**. If any animal in the meat pen is unhealthy, dies, is under-weight, overweight or over- age, then the entire pen will be disqualified.
6. SHOW RULES:.. All rules of conduct will be as per IRCYLH Fair Show & Auction Rules.
7. AWARDS: Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer 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.
8. 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.

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9. Market rabbit projects are open **ONLY** to Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior(14-18) members.
10. 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.
11. BUYERS LETTERS: Any exhibitors showing market rabbits must submit buyer's letters as stated in section 16 of the general rules. Buyers Letters are required during Report Card and Handling Check However, for Market Rabbit Projects, the deadline for buyer's letters to be sent for market rabbit projects is once projects are weighed and officially accepted into fair Show and Auction. Copies of buyer's letters must be provided to the Rabbit/Cavy Director prior to weigh in of the project.
12. Fair Week: ALL meat pens and single fryers registered and entered to show during the IRCYLH Show and Auction will remain on premise for the entire duration of fair week. All exhibitors are required to provide their own lock and two keys. One key **MUST** be given to the Rabbit/Cavy Coordinator at time of check in of the first day of fair. Exhibitors are required to provide their own water and feed bowls. Hay containers and small platforms for the bottom of the cage are permitted for the duration of the fair as well. The exhibitor is required to check on their project(s) during the entire week of the fair. The exhibitor **MUST** clean under their project(s) cage everyday. **DO NOT** put new shavings on top of the old ones.
13. Meat Pen or Single Fryer exhibitors who do not have other rabbits being exhibited can use their project animal in showmanship competition.

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 and/or auction***
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**HORTICULTURE
RULES**

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 must be submitted by the online registration deadline.
3. **PLANT CHECK/SCREENING:** Plants must be grown at exhibitor's residence. Entries may 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 (nursery tags) and fair tags that will be added upon entry, both must remain on the plant at all times. Any removal will result in disqualifications from the show and loss of all rights to auction the plant during the live and/or silent auction. Plants must be shown and kept in the 7gallon pot that is received at the time of ownership from IRCYLH.
5. **LIMITATIONS:** Peewee exhibitors are permitted to show horticulture projects. Peewee exhibitors are NOT permitted to sell any project during the fair Show and Auction. Peeweeks are youth between the ages of 5-7 They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent's discretion.
6. **SILENT AUCTION:** ALL citrus exhibitors (including Peeweeks) are required to volunteer one hour (per exhibitor) at the silent auction table. Registration with the Horticulture Director is mandatory prior to fair week. Exhibitors failing to meet this requirement are subject to disciplinary action listed below. The one-hour silent auction volunteer time does NOT credit toward overall required volunteer hours.
7. **BUYERS LETTERS:** Horticulture exhibitors are required to write buyers letters. Exhibitors showing another market project may include the citrus tree auction information in those letters. As with all other salable projects, three copies of buyers letters are due before (online) or during, decision pending, Report Card/Handling Check and must be included in the record book.
8. **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.
9. **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

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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 Peeweess,*)

10. AWARDS: Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Horticulture will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be on a modified Danish System, blue, red, and white ribbons. Peeweess (5–7 years of age) will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee discretion.
11. LIVE AUCTION: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion horticulture projects are eligible to be sold during the Livestock Market Project Auction. All live auction exhibitor rules apply, and exhibitors must be present to auction their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion projects.
12. 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 taken home the night of live auction. 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 Clerk of Auction.

Thank You letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules.

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 and/or auction***
- iv. ***Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof***
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COMMERCIAL

POULTRY RULES

1. ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. REGISTRATION: Entry Forms will be completed online prior to the project registration deadline. For identification purposes, color photos of the poultry project must be turned in prior to (online) or during, decision pending, Report Card/ Handling Check.
3. LIMITATIONS: Peewee exhibitors are permitted to show poultry projects. Peewee exhibitors are NOT permitted to sell any project during the fair Show and Auction. Peeweesees are youth between the ages of 5–7. They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent’s discretion. Since Peewee projects are not eligible to auction, these chickens will go back home with the Peewee exhibitors AFTER auction night AND release from the Poultry Director and/or Barn Chair.
4. IDENTIFICATION: All entries must be properly leg-band and numbers correctly recorded before cage assignments are made (leg bands will be distributed at fair check in, when chickens are brought to the fair).
5. FAIR ENTRY: 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. You should show only your 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.
6. 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 projects check-in will take place during Show and Auction project entry. Poultry presented at any other time will not be accepted.
7. 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.
8. FAIR WEEK HEALTH: There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the birds must be removed from the barn. If this is necessary, all information will be reviewed and dispersed by the Poultry Species Director, the IRCYLH Rules Committee, AND the Barn Chairman. During fair, the exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily in secured, agriculturally appropriate hanging containers.

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9. SILENT AUCTION: ALL poultry exhibitors (including Peewees) are required to volunteer one hour (per exhibitor) at the silent auction table. Registration with the Poultry Director is mandatory prior to fair week. Exhibitors failing to meet this requirement are subject to disciplinary action listed below. The one-hour silent auction volunteer time does NOT credit toward overall required volunteer hours.
10. BUYERS LETTERS: Poultry exhibitors (except Peewees) are required to write buyers letters. Exhibitors showing another market project may include the poultry auction information in those letters. As with all other salable projects, three copies of buyers' letters are due prior to (online) or during, decision pending, Report Card/Handling Check, and must be included in the record book.

AUCTION

11. LIVE AUCTION: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion poultry projects are eligible to be sold during the Livestock Market Project Auction. All live auction exhibitors' rules apply, and exhibitors must be present to auction their Grand or Reserve Grand Champion projects.
12. PICK-UP/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. 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 IRCYLH Clerk of Auction. Thank You letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules.
13. 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.
14. AWARDS: Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Poultry will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be on a modified Danish System, blue, red, and white ribbons. Peewees (5–7 years of age) will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee discretion.
15. YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: Poultry must be entered in the IRCYLH Fair Show and Auction and be shown by the registered exhibitor. Exhibitor will be judged on a point scale based on handling, knowledge, and appearance.
 - AGES: 8 – 10 (Junior), 11 – 13 (Intermediate), 14 – 18 (Senior) (*IRCYLH Show Age*)
16. 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.**

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

1. ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. All goats must be Boer goats. They do not have to be registered but must possess at least 75% Boer goat characteristics according to the American Boer Goat Association. Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age, except for wethers, which will be shown by weight. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Species Coordinator.
3. **ENTRY FORM:** A completed registration for Show & Auction entry form, proof of ownership, entry fee, and two profile color photos (one of each side [left and right] with exhibitor in photo) must be provided prior to the online project registration deadline. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time. Entry Forms and Lease Agreements must be turned in along with color photos of the entire animal.

Additional registrations for pregnant does.

- i.* If, as of the deadline of online Show and Auction registration, your doe is pregnant or has a chance of becoming pregnant and is due to deliver before/during fair, there will be a \$15.00 pregnancy registration fee. That fee will include the kids from that doe's pregnancy that an exhibitor can choose to show, as long as the quantity of animals under limitations is not exceeded. If the doe is not registered as bred than the kids will not be able to be shown in their own class or with the doe in her class. Unborn Kids cannot be registered on their own. The dam must be registered.
4. **GOAT OWNERSHIP:** A bill of sale to prove ownership or a lease agreement (wether goats must be owned by exhibitor) accompanied with a signed entry form and color photos (see above) must be turned in at the time of IRCYLH online Show and Auction Registration deadline.
5. **HEALTH:** All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate dated not more than 90 days prior to show listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State Regulations. Goats must have Scrapie Tag or Tattoo prior to entry to the fair. If an animal is only tattooed and not scrapie tagged, registration papers must be presented to Health Inspector at check-in.
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 the same class. Peewees are permitted to enter/show one (1) goat project.
7. Only Bucks (uncastrated males) under 14 months old are permitted to be shown.
8. **SHOWING:** Each exhibitor will show his or her own registered 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

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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), a 14- 18 (Senior). Peewees (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.

9. WETHERS: Goats in the wether class must be minimum of 70lbs at Fair Entry Final Weigh-in, Wethers will be shown in classes according to weight. - There will be only one time across the scale, wethers will not be re-weighed. Bucks must be wethered before the initial weigh-in and tagging (during swine weigh-in). Wethers must be 13 months or younger at time of final fair weigh in.
10. MARKET CLASS EXHIBITORS: All exhibitors of market class animals, including wethers, are required to provide three copies of Buyers Letters at Report Card/Handling Check prior to (online) or during, decision pending. Wether exhibitors are also under the same guidelines for providing Thank You letters to silent auction winners.
11. BEDDING AND PEN ASSIGNMENTS: All animals will be bedded on material provided by the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay, feed, and water throughout the fair in a secured agriculturally approved container. Species Coordinator has the authority to move animals out of initially assigned pens at their discretion. Under no circumstances should an exhibitor move animals from assigned to a different pen without approval from species coordinator. 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, 10pm, after the auction. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money and not be able to show the following year.
13. PEEWEES: Peewees are youth between the ages of 5–7. They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

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Species Coordinator has the authority to move animals out of initially assigned pens at their discretion. Under no circumstances should an exhibitor move animals from assigned to a different pen without approval from species coordinator.

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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 and/or auction*
- 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*

Goat Classes

Class Number	Class Name	Age of Goat
1	Junior Doe	0 to under 6 months
2	Junior Doe	6 to under 12 months
3	Yearling Doe	12 to under 16 months
4	Yearling Doe	16 to under 20 months
5	Yearling Doe	20 to under 24 months
6	Senior Doe	24 months and over
7	Junior Buck	0 to under 6 Months
8	Yearling Buck	0 to under 14 months
9	Wether Class 1	70lbs -115lbs
10	Wether Class 2	115lbs++

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**SHEEP and LAMB
RULES**

1. ALL GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. BREED and CLASSES: Any breed of sheep may be shown. Classes will be based on the weight of the animal at fair entry final weigh-in. Classes and Divisions will be divided upon number of entries; sheep may be broken up by breed, but breeds may be combined simply by weight according to number and types of entries. Classes can be combined at the discretion of the Species Coordinator. Breeding Ewes and Lambs must be under 4 months of age to show with ewe.
3. ENTRY FORM: A completed registration including proof of ownership, entry fee, and two profile color photos (one of each side [left and right] with exhibitor in photo) must be provided prior to the online registration deadline. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FOR PREGNANT EWES: If, as of the online registration deadline, your ewe is pregnant or has a chance of becoming pregnant and is due to deliver before/during fair, there will be a \$15.00 pregnancy registration fee which will include the kids from that ewe's pregnancy that an exhibitor can choose to show, as long as the quantity of animals under limitations is not exceeded. If the doe is not registered as bred then the kids will not be able to be shown in their own class or with the ewe in her class. Unborn ewes cannot be registered on their own. The dam must be registered.

4. RAMS: Only Rams (uncastrated males) under 14 month old as show date are permitted to be shown.
5. SHEEP/LAMB 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 the time of IRCYLH Show and Auction online registration.

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6. **HEALTH:** All entries must be accompanied by an official health certificate issued by a Veterinarian, dated not more than 90 days prior to show, listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State Regulations. Sheep and Lambs must have a USDA Scrapie Ear Tag or Tattoo prior to entry to the fair.
7. **LIMITATIONS:** No exhibitor will be permitted to register and exhibit more than one (5) sheep project in the show. Peewees are permitted to enter/show one (1) sheep project.
8. **SHOWING:** Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal. Ages: 8–10 (Junior), 11–13 (Intermediate), a 14- 18 (Senior). Peewees (5 – 7 years of age) will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons at the discretion of the IRCYLH designee. The Species Director and Show and Auction Management have right to disallow exhibition if any youth's sheep is deemed unmanageable.
9. **Market Lambs-** All wethers must be 13 months or younger as of the date of final fair weigh in. Market Lamb classes are open to Wool and Hair type Wethers and Ewes that have NOT lambed and have NOT been bred. Rams must be wethered BEFORE the initial weigh-in and tagging at Registration (during Swine Weigh- in). Minimum weight for Final Fair Entry is 95lbs. There will be only one time across the scale, wethers will not be re-weighed
10. **BEDDING AND PEN ASSIGNMENTS:** All animals will be bedded on material provided by the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay, feed, and water throughout the fair in a secured agriculturally approved container. Species Coordinator has the authority to move animals out of initially assigned pens at their discretion. Under no circumstances should an exhibitor move animals from assigned to a different pen without approval from species coordinator. 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.
11. **MARKET CLASS EXHIBITORS:** All exhibitors of market class animals, including market lambs, are required to provide three copies of Buyers Letters prior to (online) or during, decision pending, Report Card/Handling Check. Market Class Lamb exhibitors are also under the same guidelines for providing Thank You letters to silent auction winners.
12. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for sheep and lambs will be at barn closing, 10pm, after the auction Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money and not be able to show the following year.
13. **PEEWEEES:** Peewees are youth between the ages of 5–7. They are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

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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 and/or auction*
- 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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Breedstock Poultry

1. **RULES:** ALL General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All poultry will be qualified and judged according to APA & ABA standards. In order to qualify for the breed show, all poultry must be pure-bred, and a recognized breed, color, and variety as found in the APA and/or ABA Standard of Perfection. All poultry must be large fowl or bantam and be 20 weeks or older. Poultry may be a hen or rooster.
3. **ENTRIES:** All registrations are to be completed prior to the online registration deadline and contain entry forms, registration fees, and two (2) color photos of each bird (side profiles with exhibitor in photos). Multiple Poultry projects may be entered on the designated registration forms for each. However, the registration fees paid are per animal, not per species. Additional poultry entries may not be added or substituted after the deadline.
4. **LIMITATIONS:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors are permitted to register up to two (2) poultry breed stock projects. Peewee exhibitors are permitted to enter only one (1) poultry breed stock project. Peewees are youth between the ages of 5 – 7. *Peewees are not judged but may be given participation ribbons at the IRCYLH Designee's discretion.*
5. **FAIR ENTRY:** 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. 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.
6. **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 and certify all birds upon arrival before placing in exhibit show pens for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean. To have your flock certified before the entry deadline, call Jennifer Jennings-Glover at (850) 878-0344 for further information. Poultry projects check-in will take place during Show and Auction project entry. Poultry presented at any other time will not be accepted.
7. **IDENTIFICATION:** All entries must be properly leg-banded and numbered. Registration photos will be reviewed before cage assignments are made. Leg bands will be distributed at check in.
8. **FAIR WEEK HEALTH:** There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the birds must be removed from the barn. If this is necessary, all information will be reviewed and dispersed by the Poultry Species Director, the IRCYLH Rules Committee, AND the Barn Chairman. During the fair, the exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily using secured, agriculturally

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appropriate hanging containers. ALL registered and entered poultry for the IRCYLH Show and Auction will remain on premise for the entire duration of fair week.

9. LOCKS: All exhibitors are required to provide their own locks as well as an extra key, which should be given to the project coordinator by 2:00 pm on the day of check in. Exhibitors who do not provide a lock and/or an extra key, will be required to rent, for the duration of the fair, a lock for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.

10. SHOW RULES: Show judging and the rules of the show will be as per APA and ABA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per IRCYLH Show & Auction Rules.

11. AWARDS: Awards will be given for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Showmanship, and Best of Breed. Judging for the remaining projects will be done on the Danish System. All breed show entrants (except Peewees, see #4 above) will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their projects.

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

AGES: 8 – 10 (Junior), 11 – 13 (Intermediate), 14 – 18 (Senior) (*IRCYLH age per show year*)

13. RELEASE TIME: Release time for breed stock poultry will be on **10pm on the final Saturday of fair**. Any bird or birds removed before this time without permission from the IRCYLH Designee, Barn Director, or appropriate representative will forfeit premium money and/or be considered a IRCYLH member not in good standing.

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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 and/or auction*
- iv. *Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof*
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RULE BOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 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 for the IRCYLH Show and Auction, 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. Complete rule books are available for download at www.IRCYLH.com, and it is my responsibility to read and understand the rules in their entirety.

I understand that the events I participate in take place in a public venue. Photographs may be taken by media, volunteers, IRCYLH representative, etc. for the purposes of highlighting the activities of IRCYLH and the accomplishment of the students we support through traditional and social media.

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IRCYLH 2023.24 Show Year Event Dates

Event	Date	Mandatory Status
Age as of Date	9/1/2023	To determine show age
Meat Pen/Single Fryer Ownership Deadline	11/19/2023	if showing Single Fryer/Meat Pen
Mandatory Meeting IN PERSON Date 1	9/25/2023	ALL exhibitors with a parent or Guardian, Volunteers
Mandatory Meeting IN PERSON Date 2	9/26/2023	ALL exhibitors with a parent or Guardian, Volunteers
Swine Ownership Deadline	11/23/2023	if showing Swine
Meat Pen/Single Fryer Kit Date (to be birthed by)	12/19/2023	if showing Single Fryer/Meat Pen
Beef Breeding, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Cavy, Swine Registration Deadline	11/29/2023	Yes, if registering project
Swine Tag in	12/2/2023	Yes for exhibitor project, not exhibitor
Exhibitor Ethics Certification Deadline	1/15/2024	Yes, for all exhibitors except Peeweews
Report Card Check/Buyers Letter Verification Online Deadline	2/3/2024	For all exhibitors
Handing Check - in person	2/3/2024	For Cattle Exhibitors
Mandatory Fair Set-up	3/2/2024	For exhibitor plus 1 parent/guardian
Mandatory Fair Meeting	3/8/2024	For exhibitor plus 1 parent/guardian
Fair Weigh-In / Check in	3/8/2024	Project must be on grounds by 11am
Auction/Final Night/Projects, supplies, Tents removed	3/17/2024	Yes
Mandatory Fair Breakdown / Clean up	3/18/2024	For exhibitor plus 1 parent/guardian

General E-mail for Questions and Communication: Info@IRCYLH.com

www.ircylh.com/rules for exemption request and violation reporting.

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