

# JUNIOR LIVESTOCK DIVISION

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## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

### NOTICE TO ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:

Stalls and pens must be kept neat and supplied with necessary clean bedding. Wood shavings will be available for sale at a reasonable rate. Dairy goats may use straw but it must be cleaned upon check-out. Wood shavings will be allowed in all pens for bedding. Exhibitors may use muzzles, please see species specific rules for more information.

1. By submitting a fair entry, each animal exhibitor and their parent/guardian agree that they have read the policies, rules, and regulations printed in this book and will abide by them. It also indicates that they understand the consequences of, and penalties provided for actions by the policies, rules, and regulations. It is further consent that any action, which contravenes these rules and is in violation of federal or state regulations, may be reported to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions without recourse against the SLV Fair Board.
2. **ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY MEETING, SEE SCHEDULE FOR LOCATION AND TIME. PACKETS MAY ONLY BE PICKED UP BY THE EXHIBITOR, AND IF NOT PICKED UP, EXHIBITOR WILL NOT SHOW OR SELL ANIMAL(S).**
3. The Livestock Building will be closed from 10:00 pm-6:00 am while livestock are present.
4. **2025 FAIR ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS MUST BE POSTMARKED AND/OR RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JULY 12, 2025. ANY ENTRY RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED JULY 13, 2025 THROUGH JULY 19, 2025 WILL BE SUBJECTED TO A \$50 LATE FEE PER EXHIBITOR. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. All exhibitors are expected to help with their set up or tear down assignment. **There will be a \$50 fee charged if the exhibitor does NOT help with set up and clean up within their project area. This fee will be deducted from their Sale Check.** \*Horse specific set up/tear down times are listed in the horse section.
6. Only San Luis Valley 4-H/FFA members enrolled and in good standing, in the current year's program may exhibit in this Division. Members must be enrolled in 4-H/FFA for the project they exhibit and every animal must be a 4-H/FFA project.
7. No 4-H/FFA exhibitor shall conspire with another person(s) to intentionally violate these rules or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person(s) either by affirmative action or inaction to violate these rules. Violation of this shall subject such individual(s) to disciplinary action. The application of these rules provides for absolute responsibility of an animal's condition to the 4-H/FFA exhibitor whether or not he/she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of these rules.
8. Exhibitors of animals at the SLV Fair shall at all times comport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. All leaders working with 4-H/FFA exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. When an individual or exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct the SLV Fair Board can suspend the privilege of the person to attend or participate in future San Luis Valley Fairs for such a period as judged appropriate.
9. 4-H/FFA leaders, fitters, breeders, parents, and family members (over the age of 12) may assist exhibitors in fitting, caring for and handling livestock. Such assistance must be educational and demonstrational, or a matter of safety, and the exhibitor must be present and actively involved when such assistance is provided. The SLV Fair Board has the right to disqualify an exhibitor for disregarding this rule.
10. The exhibitor must own breeding animals by May 1, 2025 (Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Poultry, Egg

Production Poultry, and Exhibition Poultry). Exhibitors must prove ownership, by bill of sale or registration papers, if requested by the Superintendent. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

11. The exhibitor must own market animals by beginning weigh in/tag date. No substitutions can be made due to loss of an animal after June 1, 2025. Eligible exhibitors from the same family (siblings or same guardian) may weigh/tag family extra animals equal to 1 less than the number of family members in that project (Example: 3 exhibitors in a market project may tag/weigh up to two extra animals). This will only apply to enrolled 4-H/FFA members of the same family. Changing tagged and identified animals between family members will not be allowed.
12. The Exhibitor must own Market Turkeys and Waterfowl by May 15, 2025.
13. The Exhibitor must own Market Chickens by June 15, 2025.
14. Beef, goats, lambs, and pigs must be ear tagged on beginning weigh in/tag dates. Swine must be ear tagged and ear notch verified. Lost tags must be reported to a Fair Board member, Extension Agent or Species Superintendent within 48 hours upon animal losing the tag. No animals will be tagged at final weigh in: NO TAG – NO WEIGH IN. See specific divisions for final weigh in and Check-in dates, times, and entry fees.
15. All poultry must be banded on banding day, please contact the Extension office or Superintendent for more information on banding dates & procedures.
16. Market animals are allowed to cross the scale only one time at final weigh-in (except, swine, meat goats and sheep weighing within two pounds under minimum weight or two pounds over maximum weight) in which they may be immediately re-weighed if the exhibitor chooses.
17. Each exhibitor may enter up to four (4) market animal entries per species (including poultry and rabbits).
18. The same animal cannot be shown in both breeding and market divisions.
19. All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors will be assigned an exhibitor's number that must be worn by the exhibitor while showing.
20. All animals must be on grounds and entered at the time designated to be eligible to show.
21. Animals must be shown by the 4-H/FFA exhibitor, however, the Fair Board may allow another SLV 4-H/FFA exhibitor to substitute in showing in case of illness, injury, or death. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same class another SLV 4-H/FFA exhibitor may show one of the animals.
22. All animals need to be fed and watered at least twice daily, and otherwise cared for during the Fair. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas, grooming areas, and barn perimeters clean and attractive. All animals and other exhibits should be kept clean and in a presentable condition at all times. The Superintendent or SLV Fair Board reserves the right to feed and water neglected animals. Any animal deemed neglected will not be eligible for exhibition or sale.
23. No parents or leaders are allowed in the show ring unless the Superintendent approves them.
24. A veterinarian will be on call during the San Luis Valley Fair. All animals will be subject to health and soundness inspection; it is mandatory that all animals be checked for evidence of infectious or contagious disease. Animals showing evidence of contagious or infectious diseases or any animal originating from a herd under quarantine because of an infectious or contagious disease shall be ineligible for admission. An ill or unsound animal will not be allowed to participate. The Veterinarian, SLV Fair Board and/or the Superintendent will release any animal during the Fair, found to be non-acceptable.
25. Any market male animal that exhibits the characteristics or traits of an intact male may be disqualified at any time. Cryptorchid or short scrotum animals will not be eligible to show or sell.
26. At any time after an animal arrives at the Fair, the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered or supervised by a licensed veterinarian with the species superintendent, and a written report filed with the San Luis Valley Fair Board and placed in the official entry book. A Superintendent or the SLV Fair Board has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian in the treatment of a sick animal (if the exhibitor is not available). Any veterinary fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
27. The San Luis Valley Fair supports and endorses the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and requires all exhibitors

to be in compliance. The extension office will hold all compliance forms and report who is not in compliance before the fair begins.

28. Animals shall be presented at the SLV Fair where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in the SLV Fair is the giving of consent by the 4-H/FFA exhibitor to the SLV Fair Board to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
29. If any animal, exhibitor, or individual is being a danger to themselves or others, the SLV Fair Board and/or the Superintendent may disqualify the animal, exhibitor, or individual and take other appropriate action for the wellbeing and safety of all SLV Fair participants.
30. No animals may be released from the Fairgrounds without prior approval of the species Superintendent. All non-sale animals must be removed from the Fairgrounds by 8:00 pm on the Thursday before the auction, or a \$100 charge will be assessed.
31. The species Superintendents will make stall or pen assignments. It shall be at the discretion of the superintendent, not club, superintendents have the discretion to change pen assignments.
32. Each animal exhibited will be awarded a placing ribbon through 10th place.
33. The first-place animal of each class will compete for Breeding/Market Division Champion. After the Breeding/ Market Champion is selected, the second-place animal in the class furnishing the Champion then competes with the remaining first place animals for Reserve Breeding/Market Champion.
34. If the Superintendent divides the entries into classes for the objective of determining breed champions and the result is less than 5 entries in that class, then only plaques and/or rosettes for Grand and Reserve Champion breed awards will be given.
35. Market animals that qualify for feeder or overweight classes will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve in their prospective market species show or for the Junior Livestock Sale.
36. Animals will not be allowed beyond posted designated areas, see the map in this book [Here](#).
37. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor, family members or leaders directed toward any official or judge will result in disqualification and awards forfeited. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent and not the judge. The Superintendent will then take the question to the judge(s) if warranted.
38. Direct criticism or interference with the Judge(s), Fair management, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited and may result in disqualification. In the furtherance of their official duty all judges, Superintendents, and other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. All questions or comments must be directed to species Superintendents.
39. All entries are also subject to specific species regulations printed in this book.
40. All livestock project exhibitors are required to complete a record book to complete their project. They must submit completed record books to the Extension office by Friday, September 12, and score a minimum of 70% on them to be eligible to enroll in that project the following year. Members who do not achieve the minimum 70% will be contacted and given one week to pick up their record book, make corrections and re-submit it to achieve a passing score. Youth who do not turn in their record book, or meet the minimum score requirement, will not be allowed to enroll in that project or compete in the fair in that area in the next 4-H year.
41. All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops,

low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn during a show event. Recommended dress is as follows: long or short-sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt. Hard soled, closed-toed shoes or boots are recommended to protect feet. Rabbit and Chickens: jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are recommended. The Fair Board or superintendents may refuse anyone improperly dressed entry into the show ring until said exhibitor is properly dressed.

42. Drenching will be allowed for cattle, sheep, and goats for hydration purposes only. An animal may only be drenched by the exhibitor or his/her parent/guardian. Drenching may not occur on the fairgrounds until after weigh in and until the waiver has been signed. Before any animal may be drenched by the exhibitor or the parent/guardian, a waiver must be signed and on file in the fair board office. The waiver releases the fair board of all liability to the animal that is being drenched. The animal's identification tag must also be on file.
43. Abuse of an animal in any form will not be allowed. Electric prods will not be allowed at any time. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.
44. Skin Conditioning products may be used as needed before and during judging. Exhibitors are allowed to enhance, but not change the natural color of the animal before and during judging. Markings must remain their natural color. For example white hair must stay white, black hair must stay black, red hair must stay red. No products may be applied for the sale or after as they could affect meat quality.
45. The San Luis Valley Fair Board expects all individuals to practice ethical and humane treatment of animals consistent with accepted animal husbandry practices. The following are termed "unethical practices":
  1. Surgical procedures, drugging, tubing, or injecting (any oil, glycerin or like substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance
  2. Striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices
  3. Altering, changing, defacing or modifying of the markings and the anatomical structure of an animal
  4. External applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) that would cause an edematous condition.
  5. Use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.
46. The following practices are **NOT ALLOWED**:
  1. Towels immersed in ice water; wet towels only will be acceptable.
  2. Adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair like substance.
  3. Removal, alteration, changing, or purposely damaging ear tags.
  4. Decorating animals with any unnecessary trappings during the judging.
47. In cases where unethical fitting or other unethical practices appear to have been attempted, the SLV Fair Board may appoint a veterinarian, official, or committee to inspect the entry. The Fair Board will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian, official, or committee.
48. All arena equipment is off limits to all exhibitors and guests unless it is being utilized for animal husbandry and shows. Penalties could include disqualification from the fair, loss of awards and possible forfeit of participation in next year's fair.

**Any exhibitor/individual found guilty of any of the above listed or any other practice deemed unethical by the San Luis Valley Fair Board may be subject to forfeiture of all privileges, awards, and premiums and to such other penalty deemed appropriate by the Fair Board, or may be subject to prosecution under CRS 18-9-207 Tampering or Drugging Livestock.**

**ALL DECISIONS OF THE SLV FAIR BOARD, SUPERINTENDENTS, OR JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

**An official photo must be taken of the animal you plan to sell. Seller must pick up the Buyer Thank You Photo, and the Buyer's Thank You Received Form, from the Extension office. Take this photo, and any other thank you gift you choose, to your buyer and have the buyer sign the Buyer's Thank You Received Form. You are responsible for getting the form to the Fair Board by October 6, 2025 or you will not sell in 2026.**