



### **MARKET STEER EAR TAGGING**

Maricopa County Fair Ear Tagging for all Market Steers is either **October 11th, 2-3pm** (if entered in AZ State Fair) or **October 16, 2023, 5pm-7pm** at the Arizona State Fairgrounds, behind the cattle barn. Entries must be done online, and all supporting documents brought with you to tagging. (SEE RED BOX): copy of your certificate from YQCA that is valid through fair, including Exhibitor Signature Form with all original signatures, entry fees, copy of the Seasonal Pass, and a picture of the animal with exhibitor following department guidelines. ***Incomplete entries will not be accepted.***

### **MARKET SHEEP/GOAT EAR TAGGING**

Maricopa County Fair Ear Tagging for all Market Sheep/Goats will be **Saturday, January 20th** in the **20<sup>th</sup> Ave & Encanto Lot (enter off of Lewis Ave)** from **9am-10am**. There will be **no make-up day!** Entries must be done online prior to **5pm on Tuesday January 9, 2024**, and all supporting documents submitted to our office or uploaded (see Red Box) by **5pm on Thursday, January 11, 2024**, including Exhibitor Signature Form with all original signatures, entry fees, copy of the Seasonal Pass & pictures of the animal with exhibitor following department guidelines. ***Incomplete entries will not be accepted.***

**\*Please note – No supporting documents will be accepted on tagging day.**

**This year – 2 ways to provide your animal supporting documents.**

- 1. Upload COMPLETE documents using form on website. *Incomplete documents will render entry invalid.***
- 2. Deliver by hand to MCF office, by appointment only.**
- 3. If you are in question – hand deliver. If you are confident that you are 100% complete – upload.**

**Arizona Department of Agriculture**  
**Regulations requires the following from**  
**Maricopa County Fair Exhibitors:**

❖ **Cattle (Beef and Dairy)**

- All cattle transported within Arizona must have an Arizona Department of Agriculture Self Inspection SEASONAL PASS. To obtain those passes, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407.

❖ **Sheep & Goats**

- All sheep and goats must have official scrapie identification. Contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (602) 542-4293, for more information on official scrapie identification.
- All sheep and goats transported within Arizona must have an Arizona Department of Agriculture Self Inspection SEASONAL PASS. To obtain those passes, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407.
- Before Out of State goats may enter Arizona to exhibit, a Prior Entry permit must be obtained from the office of the State Veterinarian at (602) 542-4293, information on Health Certificates and any additional requirements or restrictions may be obtained at that time.

❖ **Swine**

- All swine must be tagged with a tamper proof tag imprinted with the National NAIS premise identification number for the premise the pig originated from and/or a tamper proof 840 ear tag that conforms to the USDA requirements. No Ear Tags with a State Premise ID number or handwritten ear tag will be accepted.
- All swine transported within Arizona must have an Arizona Department of Agriculture Self Inspection SEASONAL PASS. To obtain those passes, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407.



## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of Exhibitor, Parent, Advisor and Leaders to read and understand all rules and regulations in all departments and areas that may apply. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to have his/her entry in on time. See specific departments for entry deadlines.

1. All exhibitors in the Maricopa County Fair must be residents of Maricopa County or an active member in a Maricopa County FFA, unless specific department rules allow entries from other counties.
2. Maricopa County Fair reserves the right to interpret, amend or add to the Rules and Regulations as it may deem advisable in its sole discretion. Maricopa County Fair will settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, connected with or arising out of the Fair. Exhibitor agrees to abide by all rules established by the Board of Directors, published and non-published.
3. All exhibits, contests, advertising, awards, sales, or other activities related to the Maricopa County Fair, must have the expressed written authorization of Fair Management.
4. The Fair reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of any animal or article, for any reason whatsoever.
5. Maricopa County Fair does not guarantee the payment of premiums and awards offered by merchants or other organizations. These prizes are secured with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.
6. Any person who violates any of the General or Specific Rules and Regulations will forfeit all entry fees, privileges, premiums and may face expulsion from the 2024 Fair and possibly from future Maricopa County Fairs. All decisions by the Fair are final and may be made by the Fair in its sole discretion.
7. The exhibitors will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from his/her animal or article being exhibited.
8. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Maricopa County Fair Board, the Executive Director or any other employee, agent or officer of the Fair from any and all losses, damages or injury, including death, as a result of exhibitor's participation in the Fair, including attorneys' fees and court costs incurred by the Fair to defend any related legal proceeding or threatened legal proceeding. The Maricopa County Fair Board, the Executive Director or any other employee, agent or officer of the Fair is in no way responsible for loss, damage or injury of any person, property or article caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, terrorism, or an act of God during any time or at any place while on the fairgrounds.
9. Exhibitors are not allowed to stay in any livestock barn or exhibit building overnight.
10. **There will be NO preparation of food allowed in barns on the fairgrounds by any exhibitor (including families and club leaders). Anyone found preparing food or using cooking appliances may**
  - a) **not be allowed to participate in the auction (parents and club leaders risk their children's participation in the auction),**
  - b) **have action taken by the Maricopa County Health Department or fire department,**
  - c) **be removed from the fairgrounds and/or**
  - d) **lose the opportunity to participate in future Maricopa County Fairs.**
11. No youth exhibitor is eligible to participate (in any way) in the Maricopa County Fair if one or more of the Exhibitor's parents or legal guardians are ineligible to participate in the Maricopa County Fair until: 1. The status of eligibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) changes; or 2. The exhibitor reaches their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; or 3. After being petitioned by the exhibitor, The Maricopa County Fair Board reinstates the Exhibitor's eligibility after a minimum of a 3 fairs.
12. All Signatures must be original, Photocopies not accepted.

### Entry Requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to review, understand and abide by all rules and deadlines associated with entering an exhibit in the fair.

1. All applications for entry must be made on official entry forms, or on-line in accordance with the specific rules for each department. Entry form may be duplicated; however, separate entry forms must be used for each department in which the exhibitor participates. **LIVESTOCK, SMALL STOCK, AG MECHANICS AND 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE, and all supporting documents must be uploaded, or hand delivered to MCF by appointment only. NO INCOMPLETE ENTRIES. IF YOUR UPLOADED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETE, YOUR ENTRY WILL BE INVALID. NO LIVESTOCK OR SMALL STOCK SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE MAIL.**
2. Each department lists the correct entry form to be used. Forms must be filled out **completely**. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. The complete entries with entry fees must be **received** in the Fair office no later than the date & time specified for the closing of entries in each department. **Mailed entry forms will not be accepted for large or small animal entries.** Deliver entry forms with cash or checks payable to: Maricopa County Fair, 1826 W. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85007. Delivery of entry to a club leader, coordinator or board member does **NOT** constitute delivery of entry to the fair.
3. All large stock exhibitors including Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats must complete the YQCA class prior to their entry deadline. The certificate must be valid from deadline through the end of fair.
4. The Fair reserves the right to limit entries to the facilities available for entry display in each department.
5. Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibits, which have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the coordinator of the department, be transferred to their proper class before judging. If such classes have been judged, they will not be judged again.
6. Exhibitors are responsible to enter and to deliver items to proper departments and to **retrieve them at release.**

### Payments and Checks (Premiums and Auction)

1. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be returned to exhibitor and charged a \$35 fee. The entry form will not be considered complete until good funds are received, and entries may be rejected as a result.
2. Calculate fees carefully. Overpayment of any fees will not be refunded by the Fair.
3. July 1st following the fair is the deadline for reporting any error in premium checks or checks not having been received by exhibitor. After that, no changes will be made nor checks issued.
4. Premium and/or auction checks not cashed within 6 months of issuance will not be re-issued and rights to funds will revert to the Maricopa County Fair.
5. Any fees still owed to the fair will be deducted from the premium and/or auction checks.

### Exhibitors

1. Entry of non-animal items exhibited in prior Maricopa County Fairs, is strictly prohibited, and will result in forfeitures of all entry fees and expulsion from the Fair.
2. Every animal entered for exhibition will be placed in the charge of the coordinator for the department in which it is entered.
3. Exhibit ear tags, stall cards, cage or exhibit tags will be given to the exhibitor by the department Coordinator on receiving day and will serve as claim checks on release day.
4. Exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of exhibit unless otherwise specified. Ownership is the state of exclusive rights and control over property considered an entry or exhibit. Management of the Fair, and/or Coordinators at the request of Management or Request of the Board of Directors may demand proof of ownership as deemed necessary in their judgment. Each animal must be owned by exhibitor, no leasing or multiple owner animals to be permitted.
5. Any market animal entered in the Maricopa County Fair that is shown, or entered, by another exhibitor, after the time of entry in the Maricopa County Fair, at another show (where the rules for that show or the oversight organization would require the exhibitor to own the animal being shown) will be disqualified from the Maricopa County Fair, regardless of the enforcement of the ownership rule by the show or oversight organization.
6. Entries are entered and accepted under the condition that the Maricopa County Fair is in no case responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.
7. Exhibits will be released as stated in each individual department and exhibitors are expected to abide by their release times. Taking exhibits early without permission could result in exclusion of participation in future Maricopa County Fairs.
8. The sale or exchange of animals or items exhibited at the Fair must be authorized in writing by Management of the Maricopa County Fair.
9. Only good condition, properly grounded appliances (i.e., clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.) that meet UL specifications may be used. **No cooking appliances are permitted.**

10. Exhibitors, by signing the entry form, also agree that in consideration of permission to use the facility and services of Maricopa County Fair:
- That exhibiting animals is a physical, strenuous, and potentially dangerous activity, as animals are unpredictable, and are fully aware of the risks and hazards in or arising from the exhibitor's presence around animals and the exhibitor's presence upon the fair premises. Exhibitors will hereby assume any and all risks involved in or arising from the use of or presence upon the facility, including without limitation, the risks of bodily injury, including death, from exhibiting animals, physical contact between the exhibitor and animals, or another person or a stationary object, or the neglect or deliberate act of another person or an animal.
  - That the large livestock shall remain in the care, custody, and control of the exhibitor. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Maricopa County Fair and all its successors, assigns, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents for any injury, property damage and any real, incidental, or consequential damages resulting from the large livestock or caused by the large livestock. Exhibitor agrees to defend any claim brought against the Fair as a result of the large livestock.
  - That this release shall be binding upon the exhibitor's heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and legal representative.
  - That to waive the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect at the time of executing the release.
  - That if the exhibitor ignores this agreement and brings a claim, the exhibitor will be held responsible for all attorney fees and costs incurred by Maricopa County Fair or its agents or employees.
  - That the exhibitor has read and understands this agreement and that by signing the exhibitor entry form, surrenders valuable rights, including but not limited to the exhibitor's right to bring a claim.

#### Leaders and Parents

1. RV Camping is intended as a convenience and privilege. Any youth staying in a RV (camper, motorhome, and trailer, **MUST HAVE WORKING SHOWERS**) must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Unlawful activity, by anyone staying at or visiting a campsite, including consumption of alcohol, use of drugs, harmful or illegal pranks, will not be tolerated and may result in the associated exhibitor(s) being barred from auction and/or be subject to legal prosecution.
2. Leaders, advisors, teachers, or parents who bring exhibitors to the Fair shall maintain responsibility and supervision of minors and should display and enforce proper conduct. Exhibitors involved in illegal or disruptive behavior may be disqualified from current or future Fairs and may have their animals pulled from the auctions and/or be subject to legal prosecution.

#### Judges and Judging

1. No person shall act as judge in any division in which he or she is a member or member of a group of exhibitors, or his or her immediate family is an exhibitor.
2. Judges may disqualify or transfer any exhibit that is not truly representative of the class or division, to a correct class.
3. Judges may disqualify any animal not in proper show condition, is uncontrollable for the safety of the judge and exhibitor, or one showing visible evidence of disease, deformity, or infirmity.
4. During judging, judges will stress the educational value of the judging process. Judges will be expected, whenever possible and reasonable, to give reasons for their decisions, embracing the values and desirable qualifications of the articles, products and animals for which awards are made.
5. The judges shall carefully read the general rules and all special rules under the heading of the department or class in which they are to serve; and especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them.
6. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether or not there is competition.
7. Judges shall report to the coordinator any exhibitors who, in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The Coordinator may, at his discretion, demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or exclude him from further competition. The Fair may withhold from such exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and expel him from further exhibiting at the Fair.
8. The judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care, after the award has been made, to see that the same is properly entered in the award book, for it is upon this entry that awards, or payment of premiums is made.
9. The judge, coordinator and clerk recording the awards of the department, must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in the given class have been made.
10. The entry clerk or Coordinator shall, under no circumstances, allow the award records to be inspected by anyone except authorized officers, or be out of his possession until entry of the judge's decisions have been made and closed.
11. If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot, the judge or judges shall report the same immediately to the Department Coordinator.

12. A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required. When in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the Coordinator in charge shall construe the same. This opinion, when required by either exhibitor or judge, must be reduced to writing and returned to the Fair office with the award book.
13. In judging livestock, the decision of the coordinator and/or management and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.
14. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make a decision or, with his approval, the decision there can be no appeal.
15. Open nominations for livestock judges must be received in the fair office no later than July 1st, for future fairs. Judges will not be contracted more than 2 years in advance.

#### **Protest and Appeals**

1. All protests must be made to the Fair office and filed within five hours of the incident.
2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$50 in any of the livestock departments and \$20 in any of the other departments, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. Protests must state plainly cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated. This protest must include names of witnesses and their addresses of those to which proof is to be made.
3. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered.
4. No protest can be made in reference to a judge's decision or a breed classification. Management will select an appropriate panel to review the protest. The panel's decision shall be final.

#### **2024 Credential Policy**

1. All non-animal department exhibitors will receive a one-day pass.
2. Any exhibitor entered in either livestock or small stock departments will receive one "Run of the Fair Pass" and one parking pass good for the week of the fair.
3. Parents, family members and exhibitors may purchase a "Run of the Fair" entrance pass for \$25.00 each (limit of six (6) per family). **This does not include a parking pass.** Additional parking passes for the south (17th Avenue and McDowell Road) lot near the animals may be purchased for \$25 each (limit of three (3) per family).
4. Maricopa County Leaders, Advisors and Teachers who have members or students exhibiting in the fair will receive one complimentary "Run of the Fair" entrance pass and one parking pass per club, school, or chapter. The parking passes do not guarantee a parking space. We recommend arriving early in the day to get a space. These fees should be included at the time of entry. **Run of Fair and parking passes can be purchased online up until March 8, 2024, after that they can be purchased onsite up until April 9, 2024. Day passes will be available at the livestock gate for \$15 each day and Run of Fair passes will be sold for \$40; this includes lost credentials.**
5. **There will be no refunds or replacements.**

#### **Youth Livestock & Small Stock General Rules and Limitations**

**Limitation on Entry:** All Exhibitors showing as a member of an organized club must be a member in good standing. Any application for entry received from an unqualified exhibitor will be considered ineligible. Exhibitors may submit entries for up to four (4) animals in each of the following species: Feeder & Prospect Beef; Market Beef; Market Swine; Market Sheep; Market Goats; Carcass and Replacement Dairy Heifers. However, only two (2) of each of those categories may be brought to the Fair or exhibited. Only one animal per exhibitor will be allowed through the auction. **Each exhibitor is allowed to participate in only one animal auction; either Large Stock or Small Stock. \*If exhibitor has animals eligible for both large and small auction, exhibitor will automatically be participating in the large stock sale. If exhibitor's eligible large animal does not make the large stock sale due to space, exhibitor's eligible small stock animal will be added to the small stock sale. Exhibitor MUST compete in showmanship for every specie entered in order to be eligible to participate in any of the sales.**

One of the purposes of this program is to provide all youth exhibitors the opportunity to show and sell their animals. The Fair wishes to strive to maximize the opportunity for Maricopa youth to exhibit and sell their animals. There is a limited pool of buyers within the County of Maricopa and limited facilities at the Fair. Participants in other counties have the opportunity to show and/or sell an animal within that county.

1. Therefore, no entries from applicants and no applications will be accepted from applicants who have exhibited and sold an entry at any other Arizona county fair during the prior 12 months (this does NOT include the Arizona National Livestock Show or the Arizona State Fair). This means no such applicants are eligible to exhibit and sell at the 2024 Maricopa County Fair. If Fair management becomes aware that a youth exhibitor has exhibited and sold an entry at any other Arizona county fair during the prior 12 months, and did not so advise management, the youth exhibitor must immediately remove his or her entry(s) from the Fair facilities, the entry fee will be forfeited, and the youth exhibitor may be prohibited from participation in any future Maricopa County Fairs.

2. Maricopa County applicants who have exhibited during the prior 12 months, but not sold animals at any formally-sponsored Arizona livestock show, event, community fair, another county fair, etc., or program, such as one sponsored by the 4-H, FFA (with the exception of the Arizona National Livestock Show and the Arizona State Fair), or a similar youth organization, are eligible to exhibit and sell animals at the 2024 Fair. But applicants who have sold animals at such shows, events, auctions, or programs (with the exception of the Arizona National Livestock Show and the Arizona State Fair) are eligible to exhibit but are not eligible to sell their entries at the 2024 Fair. If Fair management becomes aware that a youth exhibitor has sold an animal at any such show, event, auction, or program and did not advise the management, the youth exhibitor must immediately remove his or her animal from the Fair facilities, the entry fees will be forfeited, and the youth exhibitor may be prohibited from participation in any future Maricopa County Fairs.

### General Youth Rules

1. Livestock departments (except Dairy Cattle) are open ONLY to youth residents of Maricopa County or active members of a recognized Maricopa County FFA. The official entry form shall designate the club/organization, i.e., leader, advisor, teacher.
2. When purchasing your animal for fair, purchase an animal from an eligible breeder. Confirm with breeder they are eligible prior to purchasing an animal. Animals purchased from an ineligible breeder may be ineligible to participate in fair. Should you have any questions, contact the office.
3. Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass/Ownership/Registration papers and hauling papers must be brought to the Fair for review by the Coordinator as animals are received on entry day. A copy of the Seasonal Pass must also accompany the entry form. Exhibitors who have both market and breeding animals need to have two sets of hauling papers.
4. 4-H, FFA and Open Youth must declare their organization and club affiliation at time of entry and must be a member in good standing of same. Once the entry is complete, clubs cannot change. The official entry form shall designate the club/organization and leader, advisor, teacher.
5. Youth exhibitors are required to submit a record book by May 31, 2024, for their animal project. The record book format can be found online beginning January 1, 2024.
6. The Maricopa County Extension requires that 4-H members MUST be enrolled in 4-H by a certain date to participate in the 2024 fair. Please contact the 4-H Extension Office at (602) 827-8200 for this information. Members must be a member in good standing as determined by the County 4-H Office to be eligible to participate in the 2024 Fair. *The County Extension Office will review exhibitors entered as 4-H members to verify membership.* Some departments may have additional requirements.
7. All Exhibitors must be age EIGHT (8) by January 1, 2024 and must not have reached their nineteenth birthday by January 1, 2024.
8. Any special needs/special education student in high school, who has reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2024, and desires to exhibit an animal at the Maricopa County Fair, *MUST* submit a special request in writing and include at least three letters from doctors, teachers, counselors, etc. who are not parents of the student. Other special circumstances will be considered under these same guidelines.
9. Beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat goat, and carcass exhibitors may enter as 4-H, FFA or Open Youth members, but not more than one organization in any specific species division. For example, an exhibitor may enter a FFA beef and a 4-H lamb, but *MAY NOT* enter two hogs-one in FFA and one in 4-H or Open Youth.
10. All market animals must be ear tagged to be at the Fair. Failure to have your animal tagged as outlined below will disqualify your entry. **Market Hogs** will be tagged at fair receiving. **Market Beef** will be ear-tagged SEE BEEF DEPARTMENT RULES, behind the Cattle Barn at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. **Market Sheep and Goats** will be ear-tagged or tattooed on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 9:00am-10:00am, in the DPS parking lot. Enter tagging area from Lewis Avenue and follow signage.
11. If an exhibitor's animal loses their MCF ear tag, they must contact the Maricopa County Fair office. The office will contact a member of the Livestock Committee to reinsert the ear tag.
12. Dairy goats entered in the breed division cannot be shown in the Dairy Goats for Auction division. Calves must be at least three months of age on show date and must be owned and in custody of exhibitor by the entry deadline.
13. Registry number and the name of your association/club must be shown prior to judging in any breed or registered class.
14. Livestock trailers must be removed from the grounds by 9 p.m. on receiving day and are not to be brought back onto the fairgrounds until release Sunday, after 6pm.
15. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL ANIMALS MUST REMAIN IN LIVESTOCK AREA. ANY EXHIBITOR FOUND WITH AN ANIMAL OUTSIDE OF THEIR SPECIFIC LIVESTOCK BARN AREA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION.**
16. Muzzles are permitted. Any non-traditional or not commercially made muzzle will be allowed at the discretion of the Coordinator and/or Fair Management.
17. Livestock will be weighed one time only. Protest or request for re-weigh must be made while the animal is on the scale. Animal will be taken off the scale and stay in the scale area. The weigh master and scale man will then balance scale (scale will be reset to zero) and animal will be put back on scale and re-weighed. This is the official weight.

18. All judging for market animals in Beef, Sheep, Replacement Heifers, Swine, and Meat Goat shall be done by the Danish System. Breed Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from first and second place blue ribbon animals from their respective class. Red ribbon animals are not eligible for breed champion.
19. In the event of an Exhibitor's inability to show due to court order, the Exhibitor's name on a qualified entry may be changed, by authorization of Executive Management, to another individual.
20. Exhibitors not coming into the show ring when called will be dropped from the class and subsequently from the auction.
21. All Grand & Reserve Grand Champions will be drug tested immediately following selection and are not to leave show ring until testing is completed, unless approved by fair management. The same test must be completed for each animal in a given species. (e.g., if urine is collected on one goat and the second goat urine cannot be collected in a timely manner and blood sample is take, a blood sample must be taken on the first goat. Animals of the same species are required to have the same type of sample taken.) Two samples (of either urine or blood) will be taken. Which type of sample is collected will be determined by fair staff and/or the veterinarian.
22. A veterinarian or County Fair Official may at their discretion, inspect any animal. Any animal injured, sick, diseased, with lice, ticks, or any other visible signs of parasites, lesions and/or abnormalities (this includes any sores, ring worm, lamb fungus, sore mouth, **severe sunburn** etc.) will be rejected and/or removed immediately, at owner's expense.
23. In case of communicable diseases in any class, the show may be cancelled or become a terminal show upon recommendation of the State Veterinarian and/or Fair Board.
24. No bulls, boars, bucks, or rams will be allowed in the Market classes. No pregnant animals are allowed in Market Classes.
25. Drenching: No item or device shall be inserted into an animal's mouth with the intent to force the animal to ingest liquid/food/substance, except as necessary for medical care and under the direction of the fair veterinarian and staff authorization. Animals may be assisted in hydrating (using water or specie approved/labeled electrolytes) with bottles, sprayers, non-intrusive device labeled for that specie – as long as nothing is inserted more than two (2) inches inside the animal's mouth and no airways are blocked (i.e. – you can't cover their nose to make them swallow).
26. FOR ALL SPECIES: Any alteration of appearance, physical change by removal or injection or any other means is prohibited. You cannot change the color of any animal by any means.
27. Exhibitors entering small stock (rabbits, covies, poultry, pygmy goats, dairy goats) are required to show showmanship for every small stock species they entered, regardless of their intent to sell.
28. All contests, including but not limited to Skill-a-thon, Livestock Judging, Dairy Judging, require official dress in order to participate. The only exception is pee-wee and adult contests.

### Code of Conduct

**All exhibitors, parents and club leaders must follow** the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics. Show Ring Ethics are available at the end of this rule book and must be read. Proper conduct is expected at all shows and youth activities by exhibitors and their families.

1. **While at the fair, no adult may assist in fitting or showing of any animal. Exhibitors may receive instruction from another Maricopa County Youth Livestock Exhibitor. No Fees may be charged for such assistance.**
2. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless they have more than one in the same market or breed class. If so, they must have other youth in proper show attire who are livestock exhibitors of the current Fair, show their additional animals. Beef and dairy cattle must be shown in a show halter.
3. Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass/Ownership/Registration papers and hauling papers must be brought to the Fair for review by the Coordinator as animals are received on entry day. A copy of the Seasonal Pass must also accompany the entry form. Exhibitors who have both market and breeding animals need to have two sets of hauling papers, or all animals are to be listed on the Seasonal Pass.
4. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING WHOLESOME MEAT ACT AND THE FOLLOWING RULES:
  - a. **Use of Drugs:** The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Maricopa County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Maricopa County Fair shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.
  - b. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited. Additionally, any animal that has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species is subject to disqualification if that animal tests positive for that drug upon arrival the fair. All animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the fairgrounds. "The Fair practices a Zero Tolerance policy on all residue violations." The Fair reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of this rule of the



Fair Rules and Regulations listed in the handbook and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sale and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If an animal(s) is disqualified, the class placing will not change. A disqualified exhibitor may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Fair.

- c. **Unethical Fitting:** Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature, or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified. Examples of unethical fitting include, but are not limited to the following: • application of any substance to any part of the animal's body, unless specifically allowed in the department rules of that species; injection, unapproved drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited • use of injections • draining of fluids • bruising • feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass • surgical alterations • artificially filling animals by stomach pumping or airing injections • Alternative treatments including but not limited to: Acupuncture, Massage Therapy, Therapeutic Laser. Drenching: Drench guns may not be used in any stall/pen, aisle or walkway. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is prohibited.
- d. **Therapeutic Practices:** The practice or use of any therapeutic application including, but not limited to animal chiropractic services, acupuncture or electrical massage stimulation on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
- e. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.
- f. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the fair. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on the fairgrounds. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.
- g. **Animal Inspection:** As condition for participation in the Fair, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Fair. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Fair or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final and binding without recourse against the Fair or any of its officers. Further, the Fair specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, urine, hair, feather, and/or fecal laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory shall be final and binding without recourse against the Fair or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal that is found to be unethically fitted, and/or testing positive for any drug or medication or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.
- h. **Unmanageable Animals:** The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable.
- i. **Non-adherence to Rules:** Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Fair rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Maricopa County Fair.
- j. **Emergency Treatment:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Fair veterinarian MUST be notified in advance, and he/she MUST be present. Animals which are administered treatments with a withdrawal or extended elimination time period will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, The Official Fair Veterinarian, in agreement with Fair Management, reserve the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official Fair Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the Official Fair Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal and/or elimination time, the animal will be determined ineligible for competition.
- k. **Treatment Cost:** All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- l. **Any exhibitor found in violation of the MCF unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment and a minimum of a one fair suspension from MCF. The board has the discretion to increase suspension and/or ban.**

### Herdsmanship:

1. All exhibitors must always keep stall and animals presentable, including walkways in immediate areas. Entry fees paid to the fair do NOT include maintaining exhibitor stalls, tack pens and walkways. Clubs or Chapters not maintaining their areas adequately may be notified by the Department Coordinator or the Fair Office. Parents, Leaders, or advisors may feed animals and clean pens on weekday mornings when youth exhibitors are not required to be on the grounds showing their animals. **Exhibitors shall be responsible for complete care of their animals until their animals leave the grounds.**
2. Herdsmanship awards will be presented to the clubs that meet the following criteria: a) Neatness and cleanliness of stalls and alleys. b) Cleanliness of animals and pens. c) Creative use of educational materials and special displays. d) Courtesy to Judges and Fair Officials. e) Courtesy to Fair visitors and other exhibitors. Areas will be checked periodically by a committee designated by Fair management. Clubs will be competing from beef, sheep/meat goats, swine, dairy cattle, and small stock barn for the following cash prizes in each department. Dairy Goats and Pygmy Goats have a separate Herdsmanship award listed in their department. **All awards may not be presented if the committee finds lack of effort or if the Fair is required to clean the areas with their work crews.**
  - First Place: \$100
  - Second Place: \$75
  - Third Place: \$50

### Dress Code:

Exhibitors will wear appropriate dress to show professional pride in the show ring and auction. Appropriate dress for exhibitors in the show ring AND at Auction is required. No hats. T-shirts and polo shirts are not acceptable.

- **4-H** - Clean dark blue or black jeans, belted, solid green or solid white collared and sleeved shirt and tie or scarf. Club vests are permitted. Shirts are to be tucked in. **Official 4-H emblem logo/patch is required. Patch/ logo should be visible at all times (on vest or shirt). Closed toe shoes only.**
- **FFA** – Allow Field Dress (black pants vs skirt) Clean black jeans, belted, white collared and sleeved shirt, dark blue or black tie or scarf and official jacket. Shirts are to be tucked in. Closed toe shoes only.
- **Open Youth** - Clean dark blue or black jeans, belted, white collared sleeved shirt, solid color other than green tie or scarf. Shirts are to be tucked in. Closed toe shoes only.

### Release:

1. Animals will be released beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2024 for Breeding and April 14, 2024 for all other animals. **All animals must be removed by 8 p.m.** Animals taken out before official release date and time, must be at the discretion of the Coordinator. Exhibitor will be banned from the following year's fair if they do not abide by this rule.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors with second animals to make private arrangements to pick up their animals. Only animals sold through auction will be allowed onto the processors' trucks.

### Livestock Auction Rules

**Only blue and red ribbon winners are eligible for Auction, however, not all of these will make the sale.** THE SALE WILL BE LIMITED TO 465 ANIMALS (110 beef, 110 sheep, 110 swine, 110 meat goats, 25 Replacement Dairy Heifers). All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must sell. All Grand & Reserve Grand Champions are terminal except for dairy heifers. In the event there are fewer animals eligible for sale than the number allotted to a specific species, the balance will be rolled over to another species. All roll-over animals will be sold in same order as original livestock auction order at the end of the sale. **The number of roll-overs will be determined by a percentage of department entries compared to total livestock entries, except that management shall have discretion to alter the number of rollovers per species +/- 5 head.** Purchasing a livestock project does not guarantee the project will be eligible to exhibit at the Fair. Exhibiting does not guarantee the animal will be sold at auction and selling animals at the Auction does not guarantee a profit will be made. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to secure his/ her own buyer.

1. There will be no selling or trading of animals except through the auction. In addition, no animals will be sold from the resale pens unless approved by Executive Management. This will be strictly enforced!
2. The auction shall be open ONLY to Maricopa County Fair Youth exhibitors who are entered/enrolled in Market Animal Project (beef, sheep, swine, meat goats) and have purchased and raised, fed, and cared for their beef, sheep, swine or meat goat. Exhibitors with replacement heifers from other counties are also eligible.
3. The Maricopa County Fair Board of Directors, Livestock Committee and Management specifically reserves the right to remove and/or bar from sale any exhibitor/seller or any animal if the Committee deems it necessary in the best interest of the fair and /or auction.
4. Authorization to Purchase forms are available at the Fair office. The signer of the Purchase of Sale contract shall assume responsibility for payment.
5. **Only one animal per exhibitor may be sold regardless of the number entered or shown.**

6. The only exception to the number of animals allowed to sell at the Maricopa County Fair is the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions in each department.
7. **When an Exhibitor has more than one eligible animal a Sale Withdrawal Form must be filled out and submitted to the department Coordinator for signature within one hour of the conclusion of market judging. If no Sale Withdrawal Form is submitted the highest placing animal will be placed on the sale list.**
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that his/her animal is at the auction ring according to SALE ORDER. If the exhibitor misses her/his turn, they will not sell. Exhibitors must be in the sale ring with his/her own animal unless excused by the livestock committee. Exhibitor MUST provide, in writing, to the fair office the reason for not being able to attend the Auction. The request MUST be turned in to the fair office NO LATER than noon on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Besides a death in the family or exhibitor illness, an exception may be made for an organized youth event that the exhibitor would not have been aware of at the time of entry (i.e.: championship game, etc.). Exhibitors will be notified of the Committee's decision. The animal will not sell if exhibitor is absent and unexcused. Exhibitors not complying with this regulation may be barred from future shows.
9. **Only animals sold through auction will be hauled as arranged by the Livestock Committee. No contract shall be made to an auction buyer in regard to any animal as potential purchase at the fair by an exhibitor, parent or leader, seeking the sale of a second or sifted animal.**
10. The Auction will be held Saturday, April 13th, beginning at approximately 10am. The Outstanding Exhibitor & Scholarship Awards will be presented at *approximately* 1:30pm, during the transition to swine. Appropriate dress is required. (See General Rules for appropriate dress.)
11. In the event an animal is found in violation of the Wholesome Meat Act and the animal carcass or meat is condemned the seller will forgive or refund to the buyer the purchase price of the animal. Additionally, the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of commission charged by the fair based on the full sale price of the animal.
12. Exhibitor/seller checks will be issued no sooner than May 31st, pending buyers' full payment and only after their advisor, the fair has received a record book and proof of thank you note sent after fair. Thank you cards during fair are appreciated by buyers, but it is important to send a thank you note after fair to reiterate your appreciation.
13. In the event of a buyer default, the maximum amount an exhibitor/ seller will be paid will be an amount equal to the lowest sale amount in that breed. A buyer may be declared in default when no payment has been made within 90 days of the auction or upon review by the board of directors. Should payment be received from the buyer after they have been declared in default, an equal payment will be made to the exhibitor/seller less the stipulated auction fees. These payments will be made on the first business day following the month the fair receives payment from the buyer. See general rules regarding checks.
14. Checks will be sent to the exhibitor at the address on file after receipt of fair record book being completed online and W-9 if needed.
15. **SELLERS** will be responsible for soliciting and obtaining prospective buyers prior to the fair. Buyer's brochures are available in the fair office. Buyer's brochures should NOT be mailed to any buyer who purchased an animal at the 2023 Maricopa County Fair. *Exhibitors may send letters to the previous year's buyers, but do not include a buyer's brochure, as the fair sends one to each buyer.*
16. **No soliciting of buyers and/or advertising of auction animals on sale day by exhibitors, club members or parents is permitted. No exhibitor will ask the buyer for their animal to be donated back at the risk of facing expulsion from future Maricopa County Fairs. Exhibitors caught doing this will have their funds forfeited for the current year as well as face possible expulsion from future fairs.**
17. Once the auction book has been posted there will be no changes made except to correct a clerical error.
18. **Grand champion and Reserve Grand Champions are terminal. Buyer must select custom termination only! Animals will go to a Maricopa County Fair approved processing plant for termination. Approved processing will be listed on the buyer's sale slip they sign.**
19. **In order to be eligible to sell, exhibitor MUST participate in showmanship for every specie entered by that exhibitor. Poultry meat pen entries are exempt from mandatory showmanship.**

**COMMISSION:** There will be a 6% commission charged on animals sold through the auctions at the fair. Commission will also be charged on add-ons. All payments for auction animals or add-ons must be processed by the Maricopa County Fair. Any Exhibitor found to have directly accepted payments or add-ons will be banned from future Fairs and sales.

### **Small Stock Auction Rules**

The Annual Small Stock Auction will be held at the Maricopa County Fair on Friday, April 12th. The auction will be held in the Agriculture Center. **At time of each entry, exhibitors must declare each animal they may want to sell in the auction, if eligible. When an exhibitor has more than one eligible animal, a Sale Declaration Form MUST be filled out (as to which animals the exhibitor wants to sell), signed by the exhibitor and turned into the department Coordinator. Coordinator will sign the form and submit to the Livestock Office NO LATER THAN 7PM the night of the confirmation/breed show.**

1. There will be a maximum of 125 animals sold in the Small Stock Auction, 30 from each of the following youth departments: Cavy, Rabbit, Poultry, and Pygmy Goats, with 5 spots for Dairy Goats. Animals may rollover into other unfilled auction spots left by other departments, until the maximum of 125 animals is reached. Blue ribbon and red ribbon winners are eligible to sell.
2. Exhibitors will be allowed to auction one animal each.
3. No exhibitor may sell the same animal more than once, at more than one Maricopa County Fair. (e.g., same rabbit sold at the 2022 fair, and the 2023 fair by the same exhibitor)
4. The method of animal rotation used to set the sale order will be determined at the discretion of the Auction clerk and Committee.
5. **WARNING:** All animals may not sell and not all animals with the same placing may sell.
6. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that his/her animal is at the auction ring according to SALE ORDER. If the exhibitor misses her/his turn, they will not sell. Exhibitors must be in the sale ring with his/her own animal unless excused by the livestock committee. Exhibitor **MUST** provide, in writing, to the fair office the reason for not being able to attend the Auction. The request **MUST** be turned in to the fair office **NO LATER** than noon on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Besides a death in the family or exhibitor illness, an exception may be made for an organized youth event that the exhibitor would not have been aware of at the time of entry (i.e.: championship game, etc.). Exhibitors will be notified of the Committee's decision. The animal will not sell if exhibitor is absent and unexcused. Exhibitors not complying with this regulation may be barred from future shows.
7. Department placing list/judging records must be submitted by Coordinator to Auction Clerk upon completion of judging.
8. When possible, auction committee and clerk will make every attempt to keep higher placing animals at the top of the sale order.
9. **SELLERS** will be responsible for soliciting and obtaining prospective buyers prior to Fair. Buyers Brochures are available in the fair office. Please contact your Leader or Advisor for additional help.
10. Buyers will have two destination options when purchasing animals through the small stock auction: 1) Buyer Pick-Up OR 2) Donate animal to resale. Resale proceeds will be donated to the Maricopa County Fair Scholarship Fund.
11. **RELEASE:** of animals sold through the auction will be the Sunday following the auction, at 6pm. It is the responsibility of the seller and buyer to make arrangements for the pickup or delivery of animals sold. Exhibitor is responsible for animal until transfer of possession.
12. **PURCHASED:** Animals must be paid for at the time of sale. Cash or check will be accepted.
13. **COMMISSION:** A 6% commission will be charged on animals sold through the auction. Commission will also be charged on add-ons. All payments for auction animals or add-ons must be processed by the Maricopa County Fair. Any Exhibitor found to have directly accepted payments or add-ons will be banned from future Fairs and auctions.
14. **PAYMENT:** Exhibitor/seller checks will be issued no sooner than May 31st, pending buyers' full payment and only after the on-line record book is completed and proof of thank you note sent after fair. Thank you cards during fair are appreciated by buyers, but it is important to send a thank you note after fair to reiterate your appreciation. In the event of a buyer default, the maximum amount an exhibitor/seller will be paid will be an amount equal to the lowest sale amount in that breed. A buyer may be declared in default when no payment has been made within 90 days of the auction or upon review by the board of directors. Should payment be received from the buyer after they have been declared in default, an equal payment will be made to the exhibitor/seller less the stipulated auction fees. These payments will be made on the first business day following the month the fair receives payment from the buyer.
15. Checks will be sent to the exhibitor at the address on file after confirmations from leaders/advisors that thank you letters have been sent.

### **FFA Ag Mechanics "Silent Auction"**

The FFA Ag Mechanics "Silent Auction" will be held at the Maricopa County Fair, beginning Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 10:00am and bids will close on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 3:00pm. **EXHIBITORS:** Exhibitors **MUST** list an opening bid. There will be no "for sale" signs posted on projects. There will be no private treaty sales of projects at the fair. Exhibitors not complying with these requirements may be barred from participation in future fairs.

**BIDDER/BUYER:** The last bidder listed on each exhibit's bid sheet will be expected to make payment to the Maricopa County Fair, at bid closing. Exhibits sold that can be hand carried out will be released to buyer on Saturday at bid closing once payment has been made.

**COMMISSION:** There will be a 6% Commission deducted from the purchase of each project. All payments for auction items must be processed by the Maricopa County Fair. Any Exhibitor found to have directly accepted payments or additions will be banned from future Fairs and sales. Checks will be sent to the exhibitor at the address on file after confirmations from leaders/advisors that thank you letters have been sent.

**OUTSTANDING YOUTH EXHIBITOR**

If you are interested in nominating an exhibitor for the 2024 Maricopa County Fair Outstanding Youth Exhibitor Award, an application can be picked up at from the Livestock Office starting on Thursday, April 4th.

**EXHIBITOR OLYMPICS**

Youth exhibitors, now's your chance to "go for the gold" and compete in some old fashioned, tried and true events with the world class spirit of true Olympiads.

The Exhibitor Olympics will be Friday, April 12th, Time TBA in the Cattle Barn Show Ring.

Exhibitor Olympics are open to any FFA Chapter, 4-H Club and Open Youth in teams of not more than nine (9) individuals. Each team must have a leader/advisor/ teacher or parent as a member

. Teams must use different competitors for each event. If your team consists of less than nine (9) members, you may use an exhibitor in not more than two (2) events.

**To enter, please check in with the Junior Fair Board 20 minutes before the event.**

Please list team members' names on the entry form and the name of your team captain, listing their mailing address and phone number as a contact.

# IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

## CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport 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. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

### **The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. 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 owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show 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.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.