

2025-2026
Beaver County Stockman's
Livestock Program Rules

Pennsylvania Code of Conduct And Behavioral Expectations

Members participating in or attending club, county, regional, district, state, and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by the Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. are required to conduct themselves according to the Pennsylvania Member Code of Conduct and Behavioral Expectations. The code and expectations operate in conjunction with the rules and regulations of the specific activity.

Volunteer Leaders attending or participating in the above-mentioned activities are expected to conduct themselves according to the Pennsylvania Volunteer Code of Conduct and Behavioral Expectations and to assist and support youth in their efforts to adhere to the Pennsylvania Member Code of Conduct and Behavioral Expectations.

Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. Dress Guidelines

Knowing what to wear at events is sometimes a challenge. To help you select what to wear we now have guidelines for dress code at County events such as club meetings, picnics, dinners, banquets, field trips, shows, activities during the shows, etc. Members not wearing appropriate dress will be asked to change.

Casual: Jeans, khakis, t-shirts, walking shorts (fingertip length or longer) are appropriate. This is what you would wear to club meetings or picnics. Not appropriate casual clothing: cut-offs; badly worn jeans; t-shirts depicting drug, alcohol or sexually oriented slogans; tube tops; tank tops with straps smaller than 2 inches; and strapless or backless shirts, & no oversize, sagging pants.

Professional Casual: For guys- Slacks or khakis, polo shirts, collared shirts (ties not required). For ladies- Skirts (fingertip length or longer) or dress slacks including khakis with blouse or sweater; or dresses (at least fingertip length, not strapless or backless). Professional casual clothing may be appropriate for club banquets, dinners.

Dress-up: For Gentlemen – Dress slacks with collared shirt and tie, jacket or sweater (no jeans). For Ladies – Dresses (at least fingertip length, not strapless or backless), suits or pantsuits.

At All Times: No undergarments may be exposed or prone to exposure. No midriff areas may be exposed or prone to exposure. Pajamas, loungewear, or other sleepwear should not be worn in public areas.

Dress Code for Shows & Sale:

Showmanship & Market Show: Button down short sleeve or long sleeve dress shirt

Sale: Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. Polo Shirts

Shirts are to be tucked into jeans or khaki pants. Pants are to be neat and have no holes or tears in them.

Beaver County Livestock Program Rules

1. Club members must be enrolled in a livestock project, attend the October organizational meeting, and commit themselves to the type and number of projects at this meeting. Changes made up until the January member meeting of the current BCSCI project year, excluding poultry, must be brought to the Board of Directors for approval. These rules will be reviewed and/or amended annually (by majority vote) of the membership of the BCSCI or BCSCI Board of Directors. Changes to these rules must be read or reviewed at a mandatory Parent/Kids meeting. Then they may be voted on by the membership for either approval or disapproval.
2. A club member must be seven (7) years of age before January 1 of the current year but must not have passed his or her 21st birthday by January 1 of the current year.
3. Members must attend at least 50% (5 of 9 meetings) of the regular livestock club meetings to be eligible to show and sell their projects. Members must be present for 75% of the meeting to be credited for attendance at that meeting. Excuses for absence must be approved by the Board of Directors. A responsible adult must accompany member(s) between the ages of 7 and 15 years old to each meeting.
4. Projects accepted for show and sale may be limited to space available at the show.
5. Projects must be on feed, weighed, and properly identified (tagged) by the species weigh-in date. Animals must be housed where they can receive daily care by the members to be eligible to be shown and sold at the show.
6. A responsible person must accompany member(s) project(s) to all weigh-ins. This person or the member will complete Weigh-In slips in triplicate. If a project is housed at a different location other than the members address it must be noted on the weigh-in form. Once completed and the animal is weighed and tagged, the member and his/her family will have ten(10) days from the date of weigh-in to make any corrections on the weigh-in entry form.
7. All male animals must be castrated except for the Poultry **and Rabbits**. Female hogs, lambs, poultry, and goats will be accepted as market projects in the Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. It is strongly recommended that all hogs, lambs, goats, and steers be castrated and healed before the weigh-in date. Animals **MUST** be castrated & Steers must be Dehorned **BEFORE** weigh-in.
8. **Spare Animal Weigh-In: The spare animal rule is designed to protect the time, educational experience, and financial investment of exhibitors in the event of unforeseen circumstances. It provides families with a fair backup option while ensuring integrity of competition.**
 - **Each immediate family (siblings living in the same household or under the care of the same legal guardian) may tag in one spare animal per species at the official tag-in/weigh-in date.**

- Exhibitors may only show the designated number of animals allowed by species as stated in the current rulebook.
- The extra animal may be substituted for a family member's project if needed but cannot be used to increase the number of entries shown.
- Substitution may occur prior to the final weigh in/check in at the fair.
- The extra animal is for family use only and cannot be transferred to non-family exhibitors.
- Only one extra animal per species per family may be weighed in regardless of the number of exhibitors in that family.
- All animals, including the extra, must meet the same tagging, identification, care, and exhibition requirements outlined in the rule book.

i.e. A family with one member who carried a pen of lambs (2) project can tag three lambs but only show two at the fair.

i.e. A family with two members who each carried a pen of hogs(2) project can tag five hogs but can only show four at the fair.

i.e. A family with two members who carried a full lamb project and are showing a single hog project can tag in three hogs but only show two.

9. **Steers:** Only beef breed calves will be accepted. It is recommended that steers for show be born between January and May, of the current weigh-in year. Weigh-in date is Saturday before Thanksgiving. Suggested weight range is 400-750 pounds. Time: 8 AM – 10AM
10. **Lambs:** Weigh-in date: First Saturday in May. Time: 8AM – 10AM. It is recommended that the Lambs be born February – March, of the current weigh- in year. Suggested weight range is 45 – 85 pounds. Ideal weight at weigh- in is 60 pounds. All lambs must have a scrapie ID prior to weigh- in. If scrapie tag is lost the member has to contact the breeder.
11. **Swine:** Weigh- in date: First Saturday in May. Time: 8 AM – 10 AM. It is recommended that the hogs be born in February of the current weigh-in year. Suggest weight range is 40- 85 pounds. Ideal weight at weigh – in is 60 pounds.
12. **Goats:** Weigh – in date: First Saturday in May. Time: 8 AM – 10 AM. It is recommended goats should be born in January of the current weigh – in year. Suggest weight range is 40-50 pounds. (Meat goats only) All goats must have scrapie ID prior to weigh –in. If scrapie tag is lost the member must contact the breeder.
13. **Meat Rabbit pen:** A pen must consist of 3 rabbits of an accepted commercial type (18 breeds available) of meat breed . The weight of the pen may not exceed 25 pounds. Rabbits must be 8 to 12 weeks old, and the pen must weigh 12-25 pounds. It is suggested that a pen be uniform in size and color.
14. **Turkeys:** This project is a pen one (1) Tom turkey. All turkeys will be from the same turkey pool. All turkeys must be paid for in full by the member when the order is placed.

Turkeys will be delivered to Beaver County in 16 to 18 weeks before the show depending upon availability. It is suggested to purchase a few extra birds due to their fragility.

15. **Poultry Pen:** This project is a pen of three (3) hens. A minimum of 10 birds (per project) must be ordered. All birds must be paid in full by the member when the order is placed. Birds will be delivered to Beaver County in 9 to 10 weeks before the show depending upon availability.

16. To be eligible to show and sell at the sale, the required minimum and Maximum weights are:

Steers.....	950-1600 lbs.	Poultry Pen.....	20-40 lbs.
Lambs.....	90-160 lbs.	Hogs.....	200-320 lbs.
Goats.....	60-125 lbs.	Turkeys.....	18-55 lbs.
Rabbits.....	12-25 lbs.		

Steers: Recommended Weight is 1,325 Pounds

Lambs: Must be Slick Shorn before August Weigh- in

Hogs: Recommended Weight is 280 lbs.

Goats: Must be Slick Shorn before August Weigh- in

All animals must be marketable quality as determined by the Board of Directors of the Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc.

17. All animals will be subject to Executive Committee
18. Market projects must be shown by their owner except when the member has more than one animal in a class; or if the Club member has to be at College, Service or a legitimate reason. Then the additional animal or animals may be shown by another Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. member.
19. Farmyard & Backyard Projects
- A. The following constitutes a Farmyard project:
 - a. One (1) Steer
 - b. Two (2) Lambs (wethers or ewes)
 - c. Two (2) Hogs (barrows or gilts)
 - d. Two (2) Goats
 - B. The following constitutes a Backyard project:
 - a. Three (3) Hens
 - b. Three (3) Rabbits
 - c. One (1) Turkey
 - C. Members are allowed Four (4) projects which are limited to:
 - Three (3) Farmyard projects and One (1) Backyard project.
 - Two (2) Farmyard projects and Two (2) Backyard projects.

One (1) Farmyard project and Three (3) Backyard projects.

A maximum of Two (2) projects per any One (1) species

D. Experienced members are allowed to exceed these project limits by Board approval and barn space available.

E. If a child signs up for a full project of any species, that child can then sign up for a single animal of one of the three (2 animal pen projects). Those projects would be pigs, lambs, goats. At that point a child would be able to bring a single pig, lamb, or goat as a second project.

20. At the Show animals will show by weight only

21. All Steers must be trained to lead with a halter and have a controllable disposition.

Animals with an uncontrollable disposition will have to leave the show. For any steer not having a suitable rope halter and neck rope at loading time following the sale, a \$12.00 fee will be deducted from the member's receipts.

22. **All Stockman's Club members showing beef must demonstrate before a committee, comprised of a fair board director, the head of livestock, and executive board member, and the two beef leaders, that the beef is under control by leading the beef in the designated area of the show arena. If judged unsafe by the committee, the animal is to be removed immediately from the fairgrounds. The walkthrough will take place following weigh-in and prior to 6pm Monday. Members whose beef fails to pass the walkthrough will be given 1 additional re-enter. Members not completing the walkthrough will be ineligible to exhibit their animal.**

23. THIS IS A PUBLIC AUCTION. THE FOLLOWING MARKET PROJECTS ARE TERMINAL PROJECTS STEERS, HOGS, CHICKENS AND TURKEYS. THESE MARKET PROJECTS LAMBS, GOATS AND RABBITS MAY BE NONTERMINAL OR TERMINAL. ALL MARKET PROJECTS WILL BE SOLD AT THE AUCTION.

A. SALE OF CHAMPIONS WILL INCLUDE GRAND CHAMPION SUPREME SHOWMAN

B. ALL BUY BACK ANIMALS WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF THE LIVESTOCK SALE.

C. ALL NONTERMINAL ANIMALS MUST BE PICKED UP THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE LIVESTOCK SALE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9-11. NOT BEFORE THIS SET TIME.

24. FEED: Exhibitors must provide their own grain, hay, buckets and troughs.

25. A **1.5 %** commission will be deducted from the gross sale of each animal and deposited into the Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. treasury.

A \$1.00 Beef check-off fee will be deducted from the gross sale of each steer and forwarded to the Pennsylvania Beef Council P O BOX 6159, Hermitage, PA 16148.

A .004% Pork check-off fee will be deducted from the gross sale of each Hog and forwarded to the National Pork Producers Council, 1776 NW 114th Street, Des, Moines, Iowa 50325.

A \$1.00 Dairy Beef check-off fee will be deducted from the gross sale of each Dairy Beef and forwarded to the PA Beef Council, Inc. 4714 Orchard Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109

A .007 cent per pound check-off fee will be deducted from the sale of each Lamb and forwarded to American Lamb Board 23039 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1230

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COMMISSIONS OR CHECK-OFFS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

26. Only exhibitors will be permitted in the ring while the Show is in progress. It is strongly recommended that no coaching be given from outside the ring as this tends to distract and confuse the exhibitor.
27. During the Show Week, FITTING MUST BE DONE ONLY BY THE EXHIBITOR, FAMILY MEMBER, VOLUNTEER LEADER, OR OTHER BEAVER COUNTY MEMBER OF THE SAME CLUB.
28. Unethical Fitting- Any animal showing any evidence of unethical fitting practices, such as tampering with the natural fleshing and muscle development, and drenching, will be barred for the show.
29. **Bribing a judge in any capacity at a livestock show is a serious ethical violation and can lead to disqualifications from the competition. Consequences will include forfeit placing and going to the bottom of the sale order and can be taken to the board of directors for further action.**
30. If an animal loses an ear tag or leg band, Club Leaders must be notified immediately. A new tag or leg band must be placed in the animal's ear or leg only by a Leader, or executive committee.
31. If an animal dies during the year the member must contact the leader or Executive Committee so that the ear tag can be taken out of the ear of the animal before it is disposed of.
32. Any tampering or any unethical practices related to animals' identification may result in disqualification of the animal and/or member.
33. Exhibitors must not sleep or loiter at night in the buildings or livestock areas on the grounds during the Fair unless given permission by the Club's Board of Directors.
34. Livestock club members are required to participate in club activities (show & sale), including fund-raisers, and to complete their project book. Members who do not participate in fund-raisers will be responsible for the minimal amount that is required to be sold/earned. Members who do not participate in club activities and who do not complete their project and record books are not eligible to enroll in the Beaver County Stockman's Club, Inc. the following year. Members must sell a minimum of \$ 75 dollars of ads for the Ad book per member or \$75 dollars will be deducted from the member's check.

35. All members must participate in both set up days and must help with clean up after the fair or a \$150.00 fee will be deducted from their project check. Set up and clean-up days start at 8am.

All members must attend 1 set- up day and must help with clean up after the fair or a \$100 fee will be deducted from their project check. If you can't make a set-up day you can reach out for board approved activities.

One parent per family is required to attend 1 set up day before the fair, fair clean-up, and 3 hours of volunteer time during the fair or throughout the year or a \$100 volunteer check will be cashed.

36. The Board of Directors of each club reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to or otherwise arising out of or connected with the livestock clubs.
37. Showmanship: The member MUST show his/her own animal in the showmanship classes. Showman-ship is judged on how well YOU work with YOUR animal. Exceptions to this rule will be made for market projects members at their club show whose animal didn't make weight or were unable to come to the show.
38. Each member is responsible for feeding, watering and caring for their animal(s) show week until Saturday after the show and they are taken to be processed. Animals must independently consume feed and water. NO FORCE FEEDING IS PERMITTED. All animals must be fed & pens cleaned every day of the fair by 10 am.
39. Animals consigned for slaughter during or immediately following the show shall not receive any treatment with drugs or biologics within the withdrawal time prior to slaughter. Withdrawal times for drugs and biologics are all stated on the directions for use. Label directions must be followed at all times. If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics, or any chemical from fitting products, is the condemnation of a carcass, loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor. No drugs may be administered to animals within thirty (30) days prior to the sale without the approval of a Veterinarian.
40. Members may decorate project stalls within the allotted exhibitor's space. The decorations must be put above the BCSC stall cards.
41. Species Leaders and directors will be making species visits for all members. More details concerning species visits will be determined at a later time.
42. When an exhibitor, parent, guardian, leader, coach, or representative acting on behalf of an exhibitor is guilty of unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct, the Board of Directors may require the member to return all trophies and ribbons, and may suspend the member involved from participation in shows or events for such a period as judged appropriate.

A parent, guardian, volunteer, leader, coach, or representative acting on behalf of an exhibitor, deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct may also be prohibited from participation in shows or events for such a period as judged appropriate. Persons deemed guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct may be expelled from the show grounds at the direction of the Board of Directors. This rule applies at all times during any event, activity, Show & Sale.

43. Signed Acknowledgement of BCSCI Rules and ByLaws must be signed and returned by the January member meeting of the current BCSCI project year. If not received, the member will not be eligible for show and sale.

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the member(s) and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) to obtain the COMPLETE health requirements for the current year for member(s) projects. These health rules are based on requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

When you purchase an animal, check with the breeder and/or owner to see if any shots, vaccinations, etc. have been given to the animal. This will help you maintain and track your animal's health.