

# **San Juan County Fair Market Rules and Regulations**

**APPROVED MAY 14, 2024**

## **ENTRY DEADLINE**

May 31 – Beef

May 31 – Lamb/Goat/Swine

July 15 - Poultry/Rabbit/Horse

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## I. GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A. **Membership** – Dues to the San Juan County Fair Association are \$10.00 per year for Individuals, Families, Clubs and Chapters or a onetime lifetime membership of \$100.00. All dues are payable prior to January 1 of the current year to be eligible to run for the board or vote in the current year election.

B. **Admission** – The fee charged to enter the fair is a minimal cost for children 12 & under, adults and senior citizens. Small infants in arms are admitted for free. See schedule of events for other promotions and admission costs.

### C. Passes

i. Staff Passes will be issued to the following: 4-H Extension Office and Organizational Leaders, FFA Advisors, Department Heads and Department Staff.

ii. Junior Livestock Exhibitors will be issued one vehicle pass (good for vehicle and driver and/or arm bands, parents or legal guardians and siblings up to 19 years of age.

iii. Open Show exhibitors housing animals for the duration of the fair are eligible for exhibitor passes. NOT A GATE PASS.

iv. Pass packets will be available at the start of fair for each family. A walk-through Gate Pass is available for a minimal cost per person for the week and a vehicle pass is available for \$20 per pass, exhibitor families camping on grounds or housing animals only.

### D. Check-in/Check-out of all Barns

a. Check-in will be the first Sunday of the fair and will take place at designated area from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm. Exhibitors will need to provide proper paperwork at check-in.

i. Brand Inspection Forms

ii. Market Certification forms (signed by 4-H member, parent, 4-H Leader and notarized.

b. Check-out will be the second Sunday of the fair and will take place in each barn from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm. Exhibitors will need Department Head to inspect and approve their area prior to being released.

## **II. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAIR ASSOCIATION**

A. Neither the San Juan County Fair Association, nor San Juan County will be responsible for any accidents of any nature arising out of any activities associated with the fair or livestock activities

B. The Fair Association will use every precaution within its power for the preservation and safe keeping of all entries, but will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any property of exhibitors while on the premises. All such property shall be subject to the control of the Board of Directors, but in no case shall the Fair Association, Fair Board, San Juan County or Fair Officials be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury of any kind to any such property while the same is under their control or on the premises. If property owners or others interested in the property desire to protect their property against loss, damage or injury, they must make their own arrangements. All published safety rules must be obeyed.

C. Board Members, Department Heads and Judges may not enter exhibits or animals in the departments which they are involved.

## **III. COMPLAINTS & CONCERNS**

A. It will be considered a favor if visitors will report in writing any problem they may have with any fair employee, concessionaire or vendor.

B. If an exhibitor wishes to file a grievance or protest with the SJCFB, it must be in writing and in accordance with the SJCF Rules and Regulations contained herein. A \$50 non-refundable fee per grievance/protest must be accompanied with written grievance/protest stating the rule(s) violated.

C. Exhibitors (NOT PARENTS/GUARDIANS) are expected to express grievances/concerns to Department Heads initially. Parents/Guardians will be contacted by Department Head, if necessary.

## **IV. HARASSMENT/DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

A. Harassment of local officials, Fair Board Directors, Department Heads, County Extension Agents or FFA Advisors/4-H Leaders, Judges and/or Buyers or any behavior which disrupts the Fair's activities either by an exhibitor or by a member of his/her immediate family may be grounds for disqualifications of the exhibitor and/or immediate family from the current fair, as well as future San Juan County Fairs. Loud, unruly, rude and disruptive behavior may result in exhibitors, family or friends being prohibited from exhibiting at future San Juan County Fairs.

B. Immediate family is defined by the SJCFCA as natural parent, adaptive parent, legal guardian, step-parent, brother, sister, step brother, step sister, half- brother or half-sister, aunt, uncle and grandparent.

C. Exhibitors and family members have been advised that any act of discourtesy, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, foul language, destruction of other exhibitor's property or County or Fair property may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and animals they are showing. All entry fees will in such case be forfeited. Courteous behavior is expected from all exhibitors and their immediate family.

D. Alcohol is prohibited on the Fairgrounds during the Fair.

E. No slaughter of animals on San Juan County Fairgrounds will be allowed.

F. Motorized vehicles, bicycles, skates, skateboard or other such devices are prohibited unless approved by the San Juan County Fair Board.

#### **V. SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES**

A. Online entry fees must be submitted with entry forms. Exhibitors are responsible for their own entries. late entries will be accepted 1 week following the Entry Deadline for Livestock Entries. A late fee of \$250.00 will be charged per entry. All late fees will go to the 4-H & FFA Scholarship program.

B. Only boys and girls who are members of 4-H Clubs served by the San Juan County Extension Office or FFA Chapters in San Juan County are eligible to enter market livestock. Exhibitors must meet these requirements: 8 years old and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and who have not turned 19 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current 4-H year. (4-H year is October 1st – September 30<sup>th</sup>).

C. An Exhibitor may enter as many animals in each lot as he or she may desire. However, in no case will exhibitors be allowed more than two placings in each class.

D. Livestock exhibitors cannot purchase animals for any purposes that have been bred and/or raised from the current years judge or members of their immediate family. The intent of this rule is to prohibit judges from judging their own animals. Any exhibitor found guilty of violating this rule by the Fair Board will forfeit all premium money and sale money, if any, which may be in excess of the packers bid for all entries. The owner of the animal may also be barred from future participation at the discretion of the Fair Board.

E. Animals must be free from disease, clean and groomed in show condition. The San Juan County Fair Board reserves the right to refuse entry of stock that does not meet the above conditions or that demonstrates unruly tendencies while stalled or while showing.

F. All animals must have breeder tags removed prior to arrival at the fairgrounds, unless prohibited by law.

G. Only the exhibitor's parents, legal guardian, grandparents, immediate family, aunts, uncles or San Juan County 4-H Club Project Leaders (San Juan County resident), San Juan County Extension Agents, barn superintendents, Fair Board Directors, San Juan County FFA Advisors and other San Juan County FFA or 4-H members, may offer instruction and assistance in helping the exhibitor prepare the animal for show. Any other assistance offered to the exhibitor must be recorded by Fair Association and will be given an arm band, indicating they have been given permission to assist in fitting of animals up and until Show Day. The exhibitor must be actively involved with the fitting. It will be up to the discretion of the barn superintendent to determine whether the exhibitor is actively involved. Any exhibitor not in compliance may be disqualified from the sale and premiums.

H. Additional classes may be set up or combined by the Department Head.

I. Weigh-in will begin as animals are received or at a time set by the Department Heads.

J. No personal scales will be allowed on the grounds. Scales will be provided for each Department.

K. Once an animal is weighed, the weight will be official. There will be no re-weighs or giving of weight at the scales. **Animals must have tags in place to be weighed.**

L. Weight limits are as follows:

i. SWINE – 200 lb. minimum and 280 lb. maximum.

ii. LAMB – 90 lb. minimum, exception 70 lb. Southdown, Southdown Cross and Hair Sheep. No maximum.

iii. MARKET BEEF – 1,000 lb. minimum and no maximum.

iv. GOAT – 50 lb. minimum and no maximum.

v. CHICKEN PEN – 4.5 lb. minimum and 5.5 maximum.

vi. RABBIT PEN – 3 lb. per rabbit minimum and 5 lb. per rabbit maximum. The age limit on a meat pen rabbit is 10 weeks.

vii. TURKEY PEN – No maximum.

M. Barn pathways and walkways must be clean and clear of equipment from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm daily.

N. Exhibitors must furnish their own water buckets, feed pails and bedding.

O. Only current San Juan County and FFA Exhibitors are allowed to show animals. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, another qualified exhibitor as described in Section V. Rule B, may show the animal. A valid request can be challenged by an exhibitor per Section III, Letter B.

P. At the Judge's discretion first through sixth place ribbons will be awarded.

Q. The removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging of San Juan County Fair ear tags prohibited.

#### **VI. SPECIAL RULES FOR BEEF, LAMBS, SWINE AND GOATS**

A. On entry day all sheep (Market and Breeding Lambs), and Market Goats will be inspected for toothing, contagious diseases and castration. Temporary teeth intact with no permanents showing to be eligible for show.

B. Classification of Market Lambs and Swine will be performed by exhibitor and/or parents and approved by the Department Head.

C. All livestock entries could be subject to one or more drug tests.

D. No Joint ownership will be allowed on any animal for sale or show.

E. No feeding of livestock in the wash area is allowed.

#### **VII. CARE OF ANIMALS**

A. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his/her animals until released from the fair.

B. Exhibitors who do not properly care for their animals may be charged \$20.00 per day per animal. Rabbit and Poultry pens may also be charged \$20.00 per pen per day for improper care.

C. Exhibitors and animals not properly cared for or deemed sick may be asked to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Fair Board and Department Head.

D. All premiums and sale money will be applied to the unpaid balance of charges set forth in VII (B) above.

- E. The Fair Board reserves the right to refuse entry to future San Juan County fairs for exhibitors who do not care for their animals.
- F. All stalls and pens must be cleaned and inspected by the Department Head prior to check out.
- G. Any alteration or change of ownership that affects the San Juan County Fair or a subsequent livestock show and that does not meet length of ownership requirements at the subsequent show is considered unethical practices.
- H. Any animal dismissed by a veterinarian will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale, even if that animal has qualified.

## **VIII. UNETHICAL PRACTICES**

- A. The following are considered unethical practices:
  - i. Drugging or injecting for body “fill-ins”.
  - ii. Only FDA approved products for their intended purpose are allowed per the notarized Market Certification Form signed by exhibitor and parent/legal guardian.
  - iii. The alteration, changing, defacing, bleaching, shading, dyeing, frosting or any other modifications of the markings or the anatomical structure of show animals; such as blowing binder twine, wood chips or cork on the legs and artificial tail fins.
  - iv. The use of adhesives to bone up legs and make tail fins is permitted as long as ingredients foreign to leg hair and tail fins are not used. Adding hair is considered foreign to the animal as well as any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used as fill-ins.
- B. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices or any other practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board, because of an unfair enhancement of the show qualities of any animal will forfeit all awards, premium money and sale money, if over packer’s bid. The owner of the animal may be barred from future participation, until such time as reinstatement is allowed by the Fair Board.
- C. All large market animals must be castrated by a method that completely and physically removes the testes, scrotum and cords. All wounds must be completely healed prior to the fair check-in. Any large market animal not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to show.

D. Any animal shown in the market division must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor for the following number of days. Beef – 120 days, Swine, Lamb and Goat – 90 days. Market Turkey Birds must be purchased after March 1<sup>st</sup>. No animals may be transferred from a 4-H Club to FFA or vice versa or within a family during the ownership period listed.

E. All exhibitors will be well groomed and neatly attired while in the show ring, Round Robin and Sale Ring.

F. No posting or marking of animals “For Sale” on fairgrounds will be allowed. Department Heads will provide a Sale Bulletin Board in their barn for posting of non-sale animals that exhibitors wish to sell. All “For Sale” signs must be acquired from Department Heads and placed on the Sale Bulletin Board in the appropriated barn. The Sale Bulletin Board will not be posted in the barns until after Thursday when the final pulls in the Sale Order have been finalized.

#### **IX. SAN JUAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE**

A. All animals must be sold by the exhibitor, unless the Department Head and the Fair Board Member of that department have approved a valid request asking that another exhibitor show the animal submitted to the Fair Board Office in writing before the sale.

B. Only ribboned animals will be sold. The number of animals sold may vary depending on number of entered animals, but Beef will be 25. The other large animal species will be determined by percentages, but will not be less than Lambs 36, Swine 36, Goats 16, Chicken 2 pens, Turkey 2 pens and Rabbits 2 pens. The number of sale animals can be changed at the discretion of the Fair Board.

C. Animals making sell and not pulled must sell unless dismissed by a veterinarian, by which the animal has been deemed not fit for human consumption or sale.

D. Exhibitors may sell no more than two animals in the livestock sale.

E. Top Sale Weights (the top weights the buyers will pay); Beef – 1,300 lbs., Lambs, Swine and Goats will be sold by the head. Chicken, Turkeys and Rabbits will be sold by the pen.

F. Livestock will be sold by alternating species.

G. The terms of the sale are check, cash or credit card (Master Card/Visa). As a courtesy to buyers, billing arrangements are allowed. A minimum purchase or a total of all purchases exceeds \$250. A deadline for all payments has been set for September 30<sup>th</sup> of current year.



H. Animals sold through the sale cannot be repurchased from the buyer. Exhibitors and their family members cannot solicit the buyer for the return of the animal. Any animal donated back to the exhibitor, has been sold, and donated, so ownership deadlines shall be followed. Any exhibitor caught in violation of this rule will be subject to such disciplinary action as deemed necessary, including withholding of sale premiums and disqualifications of 1 year.

I. All animals must be identified by an ear tag or tattoo received during designated fair tag-in and tattooing dates in accordance with ownership rules.

J. The exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of the animal in accordance with instructions from the buyer disposition sheet.

K. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the species of Beef, Swine, Lamb, Goats and Champion Pens for Poultry and Rabbits may be pulled from the sale. Exhibitors who have placed more than two animals in the sale or who do not wish to Sale an animal must pull them from the sale. All original pulls must be completed within 1 hour after the Steer Show is completed and the second pulls by 6:00 pm, on Thursday. The pulls will take place in the Fair Board designated room. Only exhibitors, parents and/or leaders are allowed in the designated room during the pulls. If you are waiting to see if you pull into the sale, you will be notified by phone following the end of the first pull time. Jumping classes will not be allowed. A copy of the Official Sale Order will be posted in all barns Friday. ONCE posted the Sale Order is FINAL!

#### **X. DRUG SCREENING GUIDELINES AND RULES**

A. Sample may be collected on the Grand and Reserve animals in the Steer, Swine, Lamb and Goat barns. Random samples from the (SSLG), barns may also be collected. The random sample animals will be selected by random drawing from ear tag numbers for all animals in the respective barn. The Random samples will be announced prior to the show and a sample will be collected on selected animals immediately after the class for that barn by the SJC Fair Official. Grand and Reserve samples will be collected after the Grand Drive. All withdrawal times must be expired by the date of the show to assure that animals sent to the packer are safe for consumption and we are in compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act (this is a federal requirement).

- B. A Parent or Legal Guardian must be present for the collection of the sample and they must sign and initial all required paperwork with their child (the exhibitor).
- C. Using intoxicating beverages, tranquilizers or other drugs that affect the mood or attitude prior to judging is prohibited. The use of steroids, growth stimulants, diuretic or artificial filling internally is prohibited. Judges are requested to report to the Department Head or Director any animals upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their “show” appearance except dehorning, including surgical dehorning by a Licensed Veterinary, which is permitted.
- D. No drugs given to an animal for the sole purpose of movement enhancement will be allowed.
- E. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices or any other practice found by the Fair Board to unfairly enhance qualities of the animal, will forfeit all awards, premium money and sale money, if any, over the packers bid. The exhibitor of the animal may be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board.

## **XI. MEDICATION**

- A. “The use of any chemical or compound that is not approved by the FDA or USDA for use in meat producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals or compounds is prohibited. This includes the use of chemicals or compounds used in species not specifically approved for”. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals. If an animal passes all USDA tests, but fails any FDA testing for the presence of drug(s) or other chemicals, the animal will be condemned by the show officials and not allowed for consumption.
- B. All medication must be administered by the Exhibitor’s Veterinarian from time of livestock check-in through livestock check-out on Sunday. A Department Head or Fair Board member must be present at the time administration of any and all medication.

## **XII. ANIMAL INSPECTIONS**

- A. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the Fair Board, NMLB, FDA, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture and/or New Mexico Department of Health and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or Fair Official.

- B. The Show specifically reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition and the exhibitor grants permission by signing the Market Certification Form. The conclusions reached by the Fair Board as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final and without appeal or recourse against the Show, Fair Board and Fair Officials.

### **XIII. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY (Prescribed) DRUGS, FEED AND SUBSTANCES**

- A. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor and Parent/Legal Guardian to ensure that the animal is free of prescribed drugs and substances in accordance with the San Juan County Fair Rules and Regulations. Extent of knowledge on the part of the Exhibitor with regard to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknowingly introduced the prescribed substance into the animal. If a product in violation of these rules is found in the tissue of a carcass of any animal sold through sales connected with the San Juan County Fair, the carcass will be condemned. The exhibitor will in such case forfeit all rights to sale proceeds, premiums and prizes.

### **XIV. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF DRUG SCREENING GUIDELINES AND RULES**

- A. If, after examination by an appointed Fair Official an animal is found to be out of compliance with drug screening or medication guidelines, in producing and analysis with a quantity of a substance or drug in violation of the rules. The findings shall be reported to the Fair Board and Department Heads, at which time action will be taken and may result in one or more of the following sanctions.
  - i. Exhibitor will be disqualified.
  - ii. Exhibitor will be barred from further exhibition.
  - iii. No awards will be made for the involved animal and any other animal exhibited by exhibitor.
  - iv. Entry fees will not be refunded.

### **XV. MARKET CERTIFICATION**

- A. All junior market animal exhibitors will be required to have a San Juan County Fair Junior Market Certification Form signed by the following: Junior Exhibitor and Parent/Legal Guardian. 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor.

- B. This form must be notarized and turned in at check-in on the first Sunday. No Junior Market animal will be allowed to show without the Market Certification form properly filled out and notarized. SJC Fair requires only ONE Market Certification Form per species per exhibitor, regardless of the number of animals.
- C. Failure of an exhibitor to sign a SJCF Junior Market Certification Form will result in exhibitor being refused entry in the current San Juan County Fair.
- D. This form confirms that the exhibitor and parent or legal guardian have read and understand all the current San Juan County Fair Rules and Regulations.
- E. Exhibitors of market animals will be required to attend an Exhibitors Meeting on the first Sunday of the fair at a time designated by Department Head in each barn to be announced prior to check-in.

**XVI. RIGHT OF APPEAL**

- A. All exhibitors have the right to appeal any decision that affects their right to continue as an exhibitor, as well as any sanctions that may be ordered by the Fair Board. The appeal must be made with twelve (12) hours after the exhibitor is notified of an adverse decision by the Board. The appeal shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the office of the Fair Board during business hours and shall request a hearing before the Board. The hearing will take place as soon as practicable after the appeal has been filed. The exhibitor may appear without counsel, be represented by a member of his/her immediate family or by an attorney. A panel of at least any seven Board Members and the Department Head shall appear, if necessary. The decision of the committee, after fair hearing and opportunity of the exhibitor to state his/her position, will be rendered promptly and will be final.

**XVII. SEVERABILITY**

- A. If any portion of these Rules and Regulations shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.