

**SECTION 1**  
**EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**  
**STATE FAIRS**

**For Health Requirement Information:**

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**General Requirements**

**These Exhibition Health Requirements apply to all livestock present at the Fair including those animals that are not entered in competitive events.**

1. Exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with all rules applicable to their exhibits. All out-of-state animals shall require an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

2. All animals, except as noted, shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) which shows that the animal meets all health requirements for the State of Illinois. CVI's shall be made available to Bureau of Animal Health Personnel on request. If an official electronic CVI is utilized, the exhibitor should be able to log on and show Bureau of Animal Health Personnel the completed CVI.

CVI means a legible record, made on an official form from the state of origin, which has been issued, signed and dated by an accredited veterinarian, and which shows the name and address of the animal's owner or exhibitor and the results of all required tests or vaccinations. A CVI shall list only one animal identification per line; shall be presented on the form on which it was initially issued; and shall not be corrected, changed or altered in any manner.

3. All animals shall be officially identified. The animal(s) official identification shall be recorded on the CVI.

Animal identification number (AIN): A numbering system for the official identification of individual animals in the United States that provides a nationally unique identification number for each animal. The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States or a unique country code for any U.S. territory that has such a code and elects to use it in place of the 840 code).

4. If animals are from tuberculosis accredited, brucellosis certified, pseudorabies qualified, or brucellosis validated herds, the identifying herd number(s) along with the date of the last herd test(s) shall appear on the CVI.
5. CVIs for out-of-state livestock shall be void thirty (30) days after issuance.
6. CVIs for Illinois-origin livestock shall be void ninety (90) days after issuance.
7. All livestock shall be subject to examination upon entry to any Illinois fair or exhibition. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall be immediately withdrawn and held in quarantine at the owner's risk and expense until properly treated and recovered, or until the animal is released to return to the owner's premise.

Any livestock infected with scabies, mange, active lesions of ringworm, soremouth, or multiple warts which are easily visible without close examination shall not be permitted to exhibit and are subject to

quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

Sheep and goats with caseous lymphadenitis as evidenced by draining abscesses shall not be exhibited and are subject to immediate quarantine or removal from the fairgrounds.

In the event of the suspicion of or diagnosis of a foreign animal disease, emerging animal disease, or other actionable disease, animals may be subject to quarantine on the fairgrounds until such time that it is determined that the disease is no longer a threat.

8. Illinois Department of Agriculture personnel or designee may collect blood, tissue, milk or urine samples from any animal being exhibited and/or raced at any Illinois fair to test for the presence of illegal drugs or banned substances. Examination techniques, such as ultrasound, may also be used at anytime while the animals are on the grounds of any Illinois fair or exhibit.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture or designee may collect urine, blood, tissue or other test samples from exhibition animals at the time of slaughter.

9. All exhibitors of animals at any Illinois fair or exhibition shall comply with the provisions of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. If violations are observed, the animal(s) will be excused from exhibition and ordered removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited.

Any practice or deviation from normal, accepted care, including physical, medical or mechanical application, shall constitute a violation of show rules and may result in the animal(s) disqualification and removal from the fairgrounds.

10. Any Illinois cattle, bison, cervidae or goats being exhibited in non-accredited free states must be isolated from the remainder of the herd/flock upon return to Illinois and retested for tuberculosis 60-120 days post-entry.

## CATTLE

### Identification

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, ("840" tag).

**Beginning in 2025, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

### Illinois Cattle

#### Brucellosis

Illinois is a Bovine Brucellosis Class-Free State. Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

#### Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin testing is not required for Illinois cattle.

**Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

### Out-of-State Cattle

All out-of-state cattle are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

#### Brucellosis

1. Female cattle six (6) months of age and older and bulls eighteen (18) months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) Days prior to entry, unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
  - a. Originate directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd.
  - b. Officially vaccinated dairy breeds under twenty (20) months of age or official vaccines of beef breeds under twenty-four (24) months of age.

- c. Animal originated from a “Class Free” state (if entire state is so classified)
  - d. Steers and spayed heifers are not required to be tested for brucellosis.
2. The negative brucellosis test shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory within 30 days prior to exhibition.

#### Tuberculosis

1. Accredited Tuberculous-Free States
  - a. No tuberculin test required. All cattle, including steers, originating from an Accredited Tuberculosis Free State, may enter Illinois for exhibition when accompanied by a CVI issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days.
2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)
  - a. Cattle must originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
  - b. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to an additional tuberculin test conducted **within 30 days prior to exhibition**.
  - c. Cattle that enter Illinois for exhibition and remain in Illinois (animal does not return to the state of origin within 30 days) must be isolated and retested for TB 60-120 days from the last official TB test date.

## **SWINE**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by a USDA official animal identification number ear tag, (“840” tag).

**Beginning in 2025, the tag must be able to be read both visually and electronically.**

### **Illinois Swine**

#### Brucellosis

Brucellosis testing is not required for Illinois swine.

#### Tuberculosis

Pseudorabies testing is not required for Illinois swine.

**Please note: Illinois calves under 6 months of age are not required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

### **Out-of-State Swine**

All out-of-state swine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

#### Brucellosis

1. Breeding swine 4 months of age and older shall be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition unless exempt by one (1) of the following:
  - a. Originate immediately and directly from a validated brucellosis-free herd.
  - b. Originate directly from a validated brucellosis-free state.
2. Swine brucellosis tests for exhibition shall be conducted at a state or federal laboratory.

#### Pseudorabies

1. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage IV or V state are exempt from the pseudorabies testing requirement.
2. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage III state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry or originate immediately and directly from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd.

3. Swine originating from a Pseudorabies Stage I or II state shall be negative to an official test for pseudorabies conducted within the 10 days prior to entry.
4. Barrows and females in market classes must meet the same requirements as breeding swine.

## **SHEEP**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

### **Market Lambs**

All market lambs must be slick shorn (show ring ready) before weigh-in so that show lamb fungus can be identified.

### **Illinois Sheep**

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

### **Out-of-State Sheep**

All out-of-state sheep are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

1. Sheep originating from a flock that has previously been classified as either an infected or source flock can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved flock plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

## **GOATS**

### **Identification**

Individual identification of each animal shall be by an ear tattoo or official metal or plastic tag. A microchip ID is acceptable if the owner provides the reader.

Ear tattoos may be used when a registration certificate, listing the tattoo number, accompanies the animal.

When using ear tags, the tag must indicate the premises ID and state of origin. The tag number must be assigned by a state or APHIS representative and recorded in the Scrapie Record Database.

Ears should be used for tattooing when possible. If there is no space in the ear, the flank or tail fold may be used.

### **Illinois Goats**

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

### **Out-of-State Goats**

All out-of-state goats are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

1. Goats originating from a herd that has previously been classified as either an infected or source herd can be exhibited in Illinois upon the completion of an approved herd plan.
2. Tuberculosis- Goats from areas or states that are not Accredited Bovine Tuberculosis Free, must be accompanied by a CVI indicating that the goats originated from a herd where a complete negative herd test has been conducted within the past twelve (12) months and the individual animals are negative to a tuberculin test conducted within thirty (30) days prior to entry. The CVI must include the flock of birth and the flock of origin, if different.

## **HORSES, PONIES, MULES AND OTHER EQUIDAE**

### **Illinois Equine**

1. All horses and other equidae, twelve (12) months of age and older attending an advertised equine event, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. An advertised equine event means a show, rodeo, sale, auction, exhibition, trail ride, or horse fair that is posted or media promoted.
4. A CVI is not required for Illinois equine.

### **Out-of-State Equine**

All out-of-state equine are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

1. All horses and other equidae entering Illinois that are twelve (12) months of age or older, shall be accompanied by a negative test for equine infectious anemia (EIA) conducted within the last twelve (12) months. A copy of this test shall accompany the animal.
2. AGID (Coggins) or ELISA tests are accepted.
3. All horses and other equidae shall be accompanied by a CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to entry.

## **POULTRY**

1. All entries (except waterfowl, i.e., domesticated fowl that normally swim, such as ducks and geese) in a show or exhibition shall have originated from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent hatchery or flock OR have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. Exhibitor shall show proper information as to name and address of owner or exhibitor, name and address of the authorized testing agent, date of the testing and the number, breed, and species of those tested.
2. Prior to being used to transport poultry to a show, all crates, boxes, containers and vehicles shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
3. Any poultry vaccinations must be performed at least 4 weeks prior to delivery to the show.
4. Upon admission to a show, all entries shall be examined by the official fair veterinarian or qualified state personnel who shall also receive and examine all certificates necessary for admission of birds to a show. Birds not in show condition will be excused from exhibition and removed from the premises. Any fowl showing signs of illness during the fair will be removed from the exhibition grounds.
5. All out-of-state turkeys must originate from flocks that are officially classified as U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum Clean in accordance with the provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan or be negative to a test for Mycoplasma gallisepticum within 30 days prior to entry.
6. A permit is also required for out-of-state poultry. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

**CERVIDAE**  
**(Deer, Elk, Reindeer, Caribou, Moose, Red Deer and other Related Species)**

**Identification**

All animals shall be individually identified with an approved tag, microchip or tattoo. Elk are required to have two official/approved unique identifiers.

**Illinois Cervidae**

Chronic Wasting Disease

For cervidae changing ownership or moving within the State, the owner must obtain a permit issued by the Department prior to movement and the cervid must originate from a herd that is enrolled in the Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program or the Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Program. The permit shall be obtained no more than 72 hours in advance of the movement of the cervids by providing the following information:

- a. Name and complete mailing address of person exhibiting the cervids;
- b. Certified Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease or Contained Monitored Chronic Wasting Disease Herd number;
- c. Name and complete mailing address of location where the animals will be exhibited;
- d. Number of animals and unique identification of the animals.

Tuberculosis

Illinois is an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free State. Tuberculin test is not required for Illinois cervidae.

**Out-of-State Cervidae**

All out-of-state cervidae are to be accompanied by an entry permit. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>.

Chronic Wasting Disease

1. All cervidae entering Illinois must be in compliance with the Illinois Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5]. For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at 217/782-6384.
2. All cervidae entering Illinois must be accompanied by a permit from the Department and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that:
  - a. has been issued by an accredited veterinarian of the state of origin or a veterinarian in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture;
  - b. is approved by the Animal Health Official of the state of origin;
  - c. shows that the cervidae are free from visible evidence of any contagious, infectious or communicable disease or exposure thereto, do not originate from a CWD endemic area (any county and surrounding counties where CWD has been diagnosed in the past five years);
  - d. shows that the cervidae are not originating from a herd under quarantine for any contagious, infectious or communicable disease;
  - e. shows that the animals originate from a herd that has been monitored for at least 5 years under a state-approved CWD certification program.
3. A permit number can be obtained by applying online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Animals/AnimalHealth/Documents/permitrequestform.pdf>. Applicant for permit shall furnish the following information to the Department:
  - a. Name and post office mailing address of Illinois destination;
  - b. Name and post office mailing address of the consignor and/or source herds;
  - c. Name and post office mailing address of the herd veterinarian;
  - d. Number and unique identification of cervidae in shipment.

### Brucellosis

Cervidae six (6) months of age and older must have a negative brucellosis card or PCFIA test within sixty (60) days prior to entry.

### Tuberculosis

#### 1. Accredited Tuberculosis Free States

- a. All cervidae twelve (12) months of age and over shall be negative to two (2) single cervical tests for bovine TB no less than ninety (90) days apart with the second test conducted within ninety (90) days prior to entry. These animals shall be isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period unless they originate from an accredited, qualified or monitored herd.
  - i. Cervidae from an accredited herd may be moved into Illinois without further TB testing provided that a certificate stating that such cervids originated from an accredited herd accompanies them.
  - ii. Cervidae originating from qualified or monitored herds may enter with a negative test within ninety (90) days prior to entry and a certificate stating that the animals originate from a monitored herd.

#### 2. Non-Accredited Tuberculosis Free Areas or States (Not TB Free)

- a. All cervidae shall originate from a herd where a complete herd test was conducted within the past year.
- b. The individual animals entering Illinois must be negative to two (2) additional tuberculin tests conducted within 180 and 30 days prior to entry or exhibition.

## **RATITES (Ostriches, Emus, Rheas, Cassowaries and Kiwis)**

### **Illinois Ratites**

There are no requirements governing the movement of ratites within Illinois.

### **Out-of-State Ratites**

1. Must be accompanied by a CVI and permit number. Entry permits are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>
2. Individually identified by leg band or microchip.
3. Negative test for Avian Influenza within 10 days prior to entry.

## **PIGEONS**

There are no requirements governing the movement of pigeons within or into Illinois.

## **RABBITS**

There are no requirements governing the movement of rabbits within or into Illinois.

## **LLAMAS**

There are no requirements governing the movement of llamas within Illinois. A permit and CVI are required for out-of-state llamas. Entry permit numbers are available online at <https://entrypermit.agr.illinois.gov/Login.aspx>

## **END OF EXHIBITION LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

## SECTION 2

### **FIRE PREVENTION RULES**

The following restrictions are issued under advice of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall and result from requirements set forth in Illinois law as well as the Illinois Administrative Code. Penalties provided by Illinois law will be imposed for violations. Fire prevention inspectors will be on the Fairgrounds to enforce the rules and require general compliance with fire-safe practices.

#### **Flammable and Combustible Liquids:**

1. Unattended heaters used inside buildings for animal or poultry production or care shall be equipped with approved automatic devices to shut off the flow of gas to main burners, and pilots, if used, in the event of flame extinguishment or combustion failure.
2. Flammable liquids shall be prohibited in barns and sleeping rooms. Exceptions include paints, insecticides and veterinary medicine that shall not exceed five gallons in any one barn or sleeping room location.
3. Storage of gasoline, kerosene and other flammable or combustible liquids in quantities or methods different than those listed below shall be forbidden throughout the Fairgrounds.
  - a. Containers shall be filled only in daylight, well away from source of ignition, and always outside of any building, structure and tent and a safe distance therefrom.
  - b. Upon vacating premises, concessionaires/exhibitors shall not leave any filled, partly filled or empty container which has been used for gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquid and will be held responsible for any accident or injury which may result from violation of this provision.

#### **Barns:**

4. Smoking is prohibited in all livestock barns.
5. Portable heating and cooking appliances are prohibited in barns. Further, cooking via grills or open flame fires is prohibited in the barns.
6. No unauthorized extension cords from barns, stalls, and poles to campers, motor homes, or other electrical devices outside the barns will be allowed.
7. Sleeping is prohibited in lofts, hay or straw storage areas, or where combustible materials are located. Sleeping is allowed only during the fair on cots in the aisles, empty stalls and tack rooms. In all cases, aisles shall be maintained clear of obstruction at all times and access to fire exits and equipment shall not be blocked.
8. Vehicles, including golf carts, are prohibited in barns at all times. Exceptions include State Fair Personnel and Grounds vehicles which may pass through buildings for cleaning and maintenance.
9. Only reasonable hay and straw storage shall be allowed in stalls and lofts.

#### **Decorations and Trim:**

10. Draperies, curtains, hanging decorations and other similar furnishings shall be flame resistant as demonstrated by passing both the small and large scale test of NAPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame-Resistant Textiles and Films -1991 edition. Material not complying with this provision will be ordered removed. Furnishings or decorations of an explosive or highly flammable nature shall not be used.



**Housekeeping:**

11. All fire lanes shall be posted and kept free of vehicles and storage. Vehicles shall not park within 15 feet of fire hydrants, fire hose stations, fire reporting stations, building doors or sprinkler system connections.
12. Booths, railings, fencing, displays, etc., shall not block or interfere with aisles, stairs, entrances, or exits in any building, tent, grandstand or other occupiable structure.

**Fireworks:**

13. The display, sale and/or use of fireworks, as defined in Illinois law, is prohibited except as authorized through the issuance of a special fireworks display permit issued by the Manager of the State Fair and approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

**Electric Lights and Power:**

14. No items shall be attached to or hung from electrical wiring. All extension cords, or pendant wires, in temporary structures, tents or in the open shall be rubber-covered cords.
15. No wiring shall be laid on the ground or on the floor, of any permanent or temporary structure, tent or booth. Electric wiring shall not be fastened to or draped over fencing. Where installations require wiring to be placed on or over fencing the wiring must be secured to a non-conducting surface such as a 1" x 2" board.

**END OF FIRE PREVENTION RULES**

**SECTION 3**  
**ANIMAL CARE, DRUGS, TESTING, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility are encouraged to contact the Illinois State Veterinarian at 217-782-4944 prior to administration of medication.**

1. All exhibitors in any and all events described in this Premium Book acknowledge by their entry into such events that they have no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in such events. All exhibitors hereby expressly acknowledge that the procedures set forth in this Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any disqualification. The Illinois State Fair and/or the Department of Agriculture reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
2. Exhibitors and exhibitors' parents and/or legal guardians bear absolute responsibility for the care and custody of their animals. The use of drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of Federal Law.
3. The Illinois State Fair is entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for a drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardian are unaware of any wrongdoing, did not administer the drug, or had no knowledge of the administration of the drug. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Illinois State Fair is entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.
4. If an exhibitor administers any medication or drug to an animal prior to the Illinois State Fair, it is the exhibitor's sole responsibility to ensure that withdrawal times allow the animal to be slaughter eligible by the time it arrives at the fairgrounds. The elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal period for most approved drugs.
5. The Illinois State Fair has the right to examine and/or test any animal (deceased or living), feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. The Illinois State Fair may sample an animal's blood, urine, milk, saliva, and/or tissue. Any samples taken for testing become the property of the Illinois State Fair. Samples may be collected, stored and tested in any manner the Illinois Department of Agriculture deems appropriate. Positive test results may be made public.
6. The Illinois State Fair may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the Illinois State Fair is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the Illinois State Fair receives final test results.
7. The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardians.
8. Violations:
  - a. Drug Administration: It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal after it has arrived on the State Fairgrounds without the supervision of the official State Fair Veterinarian. If an animal requires treatment while on the fairgrounds, only the Official State Fair Veterinarian is allowed to administer a medication or drug to the animal. Animals administered a medication or drug by the Official State Veterinarian having a reported withdrawal and/or elimination time period beyond the show date will be automatically disqualified from the competition.
  - b. Unapproved Drug Use: It is a violation if a market animal tests "positive" (not a quantitative test) for any drug that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for such type of animal. However, it shall not be a violation of this subsection if the exhibitor discloses the drug specifically as follows: the exhibitor provides to the Illinois State Fair, within 24

hours of check-in, the Illinois State Fair AMDUCA form properly completed by the veterinarian that prescribed the non-FDA-approved drug for the animal. It shall also not be a violation of this subsection if the State Fair Veterinarian prescribes a non-FDA-approved drug for an animal during the Illinois State Fair and completes the AMDUCA form. The AMDUCA form is available by contacting the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Although the preceding paragraph allows for certain use of non-FDA-approved drugs, please be aware that federal law (21 C.F.R. § 530.41) prohibits the following list of drugs, families of drugs, and substances for extra label animal uses. Therefore, notwithstanding the above paragraph, it is a violation with an increased penalty, including notification to the relevant authorities, if a market animal tests “positive” (not a quantitative test) for any of the following:

- i. Chloramphenicol;
  - ii. Clenbuterol;
  - iii. Diethylstilbestrol (DES);
  - iv. Dimetridazole;
  - v. Ipronidazole;
  - vi. Other nitroimidazoles;
  - vii. Furazolidone;
  - viii. Nitrofurazone;
  - ix. Sulfonamide drugs in lactating dairy cattle (except approved use of sulfadimethoxine, sulfabromomethazine, and sulfaethoxyypyridazine);
  - x. Fluoroquinolones;
  - xi. Glycopeptides;
  - xii. Phenylbutazone in female dairy cattle 20 months of age or older; and
  - xiii. Cephalosporins (not including cephalixin) in cattle, swine, chickens, or turkeys:
    1. For disease prevention purposes;
    2. At unapproved doses, frequencies, durations, or routes of administration; or
    3. If the drug is not approved for that species and production class.
- c. Violative Residue Limit (Tolerance): It is a violation if a test result indicates the presence of a drug, additive, or contaminant that exceeds a residue limit (tolerance) set by the FDA and applied by the FSIS.
- d. Unethical Fitting and Grooming Practices: It is a violation if an animal evidences air pumping or the presence of inappropriate substances to alter conformation. Methods such as stomach pumping to induce artificial fill, performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animal’s configuration or the natural conformation of any part of the animal’s body, or unethical fitting are grounds for disqualification. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching and docking tails.
- e. Falsification of Entries or Records: It is a violation to falsify or alter official entries, records or registrations of animals.
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- g. Approaching a Judge: It is a violation for any individual, except Illinois State Fair personnel, to approach a judge during a show. Further, it is a violation to interfere with a judge in the performance of his/her duty or to refuse the awards designated by a judge.

9. Penalties: In the event of a violation, the exhibitor and animal shall be disqualified. The Illinois State Fair will provide the disqualified exhibitor with a Notice of Disqualification setting forth the specific reasons for the disqualification. The exhibitor of the disqualified animal shall be subject to the following penalties:
  - a. If exhibitor's first disqualification:
    - i. Forfeiture of all monetary awards including sale proceeds associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair. The exhibitor also forfeits the rights to any product resulting therefrom.
    - ii. Return of all trophies and non-monetary awards associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
    - iii. Forfeiture of all titles associated with the exhibitor for the current State Fair.
    - iv. A ban from competing in any competitive event at the Illinois State Fair for the following year, unless the animal is disqualified for testing positive for a drug, family of drugs, or substances prohibited by 21 C.F.R. § 530.41, in which case the ban shall be for the lifetime of the exhibitor.
  - b. If exhibitor's second or subsequent disqualification:
    - i. All of the penalties above in 9(A), except the exhibitor shall be subject to a ban from competing in any competitive event at the Illinois State Fair for the following three (3) years, unless the animal is disqualified for testing positive for a drug, family of drugs, or substances prohibited by 21 C.F.R. § 530.41, in which case the ban shall be for the lifetime of the exhibitor.
10. Appeal of Disqualification: A disqualified exhibitor shall have 10 days following the receipt of the Notice of Disqualification to file a Petition with the Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The procedures set forth in 8 Illinois Administrative Code 1, SUBPART C shall govern the process of filing and considering a Petition from a disqualified exhibitor.
11. If a Grand Champion or Grand Champion Land of Lincoln animal is disqualified, the Reserve Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Land of Lincoln will be elevated to the respective designation. Disqualified animal photos and designations shall not be used in any advertising or promotional activities following the State Fair.

### **Sick, Non-Ambulatory and Deceased Animal Policy**

12. The Illinois State Fair is fully committed to carrying out Animal Wellness and Care principles and ensuring the proper treatment of all animal exhibits. Therefore, sick animals shall not be exhibited because of the risk to the animal, other animals, the exhibitor, other persons, and the integrity of competitions. The Illinois State Fair Management, Department Superintendents, State of Illinois Veterinarians, and their respective designees, at their sole discretion, may prohibit an animal from showing and may require an animal to be sent to quarantine or leave the fairgrounds on the basis of animal health and care concerns.
13. A veterinarian will be available during the State Fair and may be reached by calling 217/524-9755 or 217/372-1418.
14. Upon arrival at the State Fairgrounds, all Junior Livestock Division Exhibitors irrevocably consent to emergency medical care that may be needed to preserve an animal's life or prevent extreme suffering. 4-H and FFA exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby waive any claim

related to emergency medical care and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, 4-H and FFA exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Illinois State Fair, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois 4-H and FFA Programs, the State of Illinois, and respective agencies, affiliates, agents, officers, and employees from all claims and suits including court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses related to emergency medical care. If the following conditions have been met, the Illinois State Fair is expressly authorized to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices/ procedures, administering of medications, surgery, and euthanasia, for an animal in the absence of the 4-H or FFA Exhibitor:

- a. The 4-H or FFA Exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the Exhibitor; and
  - b. The State Fair Veterinarian (or designee), Department Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent jointly determine the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or that the animal is in extreme pain.
15. Upon entry to the Illinois State Fairgrounds only the official State Fair Veterinarians (or designee) may administer any medications or treatments externally or internally to animals on the Fairgrounds. It is a violation if any medication or drug is administered to an animal without the supervision of the official State Fair Veterinarian. 'Treatment' includes any care provided to an animal using a device, medication, or substance, therapeutic or otherwise. It includes but is not limited to: pulsing electromagnetic field therapy, percussive massage therapy, and use of a Theragun or similar-type device. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to confer with the Superintendent of their animal's class prior to taking any action if the Exhibitor has a question about whether that action constitutes a treatment.
16. Notification to the State Veterinarian shall be completed by the attending official veterinarian and signed by the exhibitor or their guardian. Within 2 hours of treatment, the official State Fair Veterinarian shall electronically report all performed treatments to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
17. No animals can be unloaded that are non-ambulatory (i.e. downer) or unable to walk off the vehicle under their own power. The exception to this policy will be unloading the animal for euthanizing and disposing of the animal. If an animal becomes non-ambulatory after arrival at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, the following policy will be strictly enforced:
- a. The owner shall immediately notify the Department Superintendent.
  - b. The Department Superintendent shall immediately notify the State Fair Veterinarian and General Livestock Superintendent about the animal in question and the evolving circumstances.
  - c. The official Illinois State Fair Veterinarian, Department Superintendent, General Livestock Superintendent, and owner (or representative) will consult to determine the best course of action with primary focus on the animal's well-being. If euthanasia is determined to be the best option, this will be at the owner's expense.
  - d. Livestock that becomes non-ambulatory after arriving at the Illinois State Fairgrounds must be disposed of or removed for treatment within 12 hours of discovery or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and the previously identified committee agrees, the owner must remove that animal from the Fairgrounds (at the owner's expense) within the 12-hour period.

- e. If an animal dies while at the Illinois State Fair, the animal's owner(s) shall immediately notify the Department Superintendent, who shall notify the General Livestock Superintendent who shall contact the State Veterinarian. The animal shall be removed from the building or display area within 30 minutes. Fairgrounds staff will assist in loading the carcass into a vehicle for removal or to an appropriate holding area, but the animal's owner(s) is responsible for removing the carcass from the fairgrounds. In all instances, the Department Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent must be present to assist in coordinating the removal of the carcass.
- f. The Illinois Department of Agriculture reserves the right to examine and/or test any animal that dies on the fairgrounds, including having a necropsy performed. If a necropsy is performed, the Department of Agriculture will bear the cost.

### **Ethical Care and Fitting of Animals**

1. The Illinois State Fair provides a showcase for Illinois Agriculture, highlighting the highest quality livestock, commodities and products through fair, unbiased and educational competitive events. Therefore, livestock exhibitors are held to a high standard of stewardship, integrity and ethics in each and every aspect of the care and exhibiting of animals. By making entries in the Illinois State Fair, exhibitors certify they have read the contents of this section of the fair book and agree to abide by all applicable rules and guidelines associated with the ethical care and exhibiting of animals, including specific rules relating to the administration of drugs to animals. Failure to do so could result in immediate disqualification from entered events, loss of entry fees and other identified penalties.
  - a. When caring for and exhibiting animals, ethics means:
    - i. Setting good examples.
    - ii. Doing the right things.
    - iii. Making ethical decisions.
    - iv. Being accountable for your decisions.
  - b. Specifically, ethical care includes:
    - i. Knowing how to properly handle and treat your animals and acting accordingly.
    - ii. Observing your animals each and every day.
    - iii. Treating your animals humanely at all times.
    - iv. Providing safe and humane housing for your animals that protects them from the weather and any hazards that could result in injuries, pain or disease.
    - v. Transporting your animals in a manner that will avoid unnecessary stress or chance of injury.
    - vi. Being gentle and patient with animals.
    - vii. Providing adequate amounts of good quality and wholesome food and water. This means feeding and watering animals daily, even on busy, difficult days.
    - viii. Keeping your animals, pens and stalls clean at all times.
    - ix. Protecting your animal's health through implementing disease prevention strategies, such as following proper vaccination protocols and quickly responding to any change in the health status of your animal.
    - x. Using and storing medications correctly and in accordance with label directions.

- xi. Providing veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering.
- xii. Helping others whenever possible.
- c. Specifically, ethical exhibiting includes:
  - i. Making sure each animal's records and entries are correct, including age, breed, weight and ownership papers.
  - ii. Following the deadlines for entry and arrival at shows.
  - iii. Being truthful in completing paperwork and entry forms and demonstrating honesty in working with other exhibitors and show staff.
  - iv. Keeping the promises made by signing the Illinois State Fair Affidavit that...
    - 1. livestock exhibits have been cared for and maintained by the exhibitor and his or her immediate family,
    - 2. exhibitors will follow the rules of the Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act, and
    - 3. exhibitors will follow all fair rules on animal care, grooming and market eligibility.
  - v. Properly handling your animals when they are being exhibited.
  - vi. Being courteous toward other exhibitors and adults working with the program.
  - vii. Listening to and following the advice of advisors and leaders.
  - viii. Dealing with anger and disagreements in a peaceful way.
  - ix. Accepting the results of competition and being a good sport.
- d. Ethical behavior does not include:
  - i. Striking, tormenting, overworking, starving or abusing animals in any manner.
  - ii. Abandoning any animal where it may become a public charge or may suffer injury, hunger or exposure.
  - iii. Using animal drugs illegally or not according to the label, as such action may potentially harm animals, make animal products unsafe for consumers and could result in criminal charges.
  - iv. Turning in false paperwork about an animal's age, breed, weight, ownership, identity, or more.
  - v. Taking credit for work you did not do.
  - vi. Illegally changing the appearance of an animal.
  - vii. Exhibiting deceitful, disrespectful or discourteous behavior toward other exhibitors or show staff.

## **END OF ANIMAL CARE, DRUGS, TESTING, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

**SECTION 4**  
**LAND OF LINCOLN BREEDERS AWARD**  
**FOR PUREBRED REGISTERED LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES**

**Program Established**

“The Department shall establish and promote contests and exhibitions of various classes of purebred registered livestock to be known as “Land of Lincoln Breeders Awards for Purebred Registered Livestock”. (8 IAC 270.261(j))

**Eligibility**

1. Only animals which are Illinois bred, born and solely owned and exhibited by residents of the State of Illinois as printed on registration paper, shall be eligible to participate in such contests and exhibitions. All such animals, in order to remain eligible shall be maintained in the State of Illinois; provided, however, that such animals shall be permitted out of state for a maximum of 90 days for the purpose of showings and exhibitions or embryo transplants.”

**Governance**

2. The General Rules published in the 2024 Illinois State Fair Horse Show Premium Book and those listed under each department will prevail in connection with classes of purebred registered livestock.

**Entry Rules**

3. All entries must be made on show-specific entry forms provided for exhibitors. Entry forms may be secured through the State Fair Entry Department at 217/782-0786 or the State Fair website [www.illinoisstatefair.info](http://www.illinoisstatefair.info). Entry forms may be submitted directly to the State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427.
4. Entry forms must be completely filled out with class numbers for both the Junior/Open Classes and Land of Lincoln Classes, if applicable and appropriate. If entry is for Junior/Open Class only, the Land of Lincoln class number column should be left blank. All animals must be shown in Junior/Open classes to be eligible for Land of Lincoln classes.
5. The entry blank or card submitted to the Department for check-in, when signed and properly certified, will confirm an entry.
6. Junior Exhibitors desiring to make Open Show Land of Lincoln entries must make entries on Official Open Show Entry Forms.
7. Proof of eligibility through proper registration papers is required of all Land of Lincoln Livestock entries.

**Animal Registration and Ownership**

8. Original registration papers issued by respective breed associations will be required in all purebred classes. For Junior Show Land of Lincoln entries, registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members including the exhibitor for the period required in the 4-H or FFA projects.
9. Effective dates for ownership must appear on the registration papers. Required ownership dates are printed in the species sections.
10. Double registered animals will be allowed entry in only one breed show.



11. This division will be governed by rules and specifications set forth in the National Breed Associations unless otherwise specified (ex. Chianina must be 3/4% or higher to show as purebred).
12. A Registration Paper or Certificate of Eligibility is required for all steer, wether, and barrow entries. Exhibitor shall have a registration paper or certificate attested by the Secretary of a recognized National Breed Association or a 'Certificate of Registry' for each animal indicating that the animal entered is purebred and giving registry numbers of sire and dam. Certificates must be presented at time of check-in to complete entry. There will be no exceptions to this rule and failure to comply will disqualify the animal.

*Special Note: In the Land of Lincoln Steer Show, the Champions and Reserve Champions of all breeds may have DNA collected to verify breed characteristics. Any breeder and/or exhibitor found to be in violation will not be awarded Land of Lincoln premiums and/or awards.*

## **ILLINOIS EXHIBITOR BRED AND OWNED LIVESTOCK AWARDS JUNIOR DIVISION ONLY**

As a distinct part of the Land of Lincoln Breeders Awards, in the Junior Livestock Division, the Illinois State Fair also offers Illinois Exhibitor Bred and Owned Livestock Awards for breeding animals in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Departments.

### **Eligibility**

13. All animals must meet the eligibility requirements of the Land of Lincoln Breeders Award for Purebred Registered Livestock as previously stated.
14. Only breeding animals bred and owned under ownership of the Illinois exhibitor, as printed on the registration paper, shall be eligible to participate in such contests and exhibitions.
15. All eligible animals, in order to remain eligible, shall be maintained in the State of Illinois; provided, however, that such animals shall be permitted out of state for a maximum of 90 days for the purpose of showings and exhibitions or embryo transplants.

### **Governance, Entry Rules and Animal Registration and Ownership**

16. All previously stated regulations associated with the Land of Lincoln Breeders Award for Purebred Registered Livestock governance, entries, and animal registration and ownership apply to the Illinois Exhibitor Bred and Owned Livestock Awards.
17. In all instances, the Division Superintendent and General Livestock Superintendent have the right and authority to interpret the rules and proceedings of the shows associated with the Illinois Exhibitor Bred and Owned Livestock Awards program.

### **Awards**

18. Champion rosettes may be awarded to the highest placing, eligible purebred breeding animal of each of the Junior Livestock Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Department shows.
19. A single Illinois Exhibitor Bred and Owned Livestock Award banner will be awarded to the highest placing, eligible purebred breeding animal of each of the Junior Livestock Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat and Dairy Goat Department shows.

### **Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Association Scholarship**

A scholarship will be awarded to a student or students between the ages of 17 and 20 years old by January 1 of the application year and furthering their education in an agriculture or related field of study. Applicants and/or their family need to be members of the Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Association and involved in purebred livestock. The eligible purebred livestock are beef, dairy, goats, horses, llamas, sheep and swine as listed in the Illinois State Fair Premium Books.

Applications are available through the Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeder's Association website at [www.landoflincolnlivestock.com](http://www.landoflincolnlivestock.com)

**END OF GENERAL RULES FOR LAND OF LINCOLN BREEDERS AWARD**

**SECTION 5**  
**JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL RULES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Junior Horse Division gives members of the Illinois FFA and University of Illinois Extension 4-H programs an opportunity to take part in the Illinois State Fair. Horse Shows are provided in which 4-H and FFA members may exhibit the animals they have raised in their project work and demonstrate their knowledge and skills associated with the horse industry and showmanship. Participation will be educational for every exhibitor who attends.

**Educational Objectives**

The purpose of the Junior Horse Division is to provide the youth participants the opportunity to accomplish the following objectives:

1. All participate in a quality educational experience through interaction with experts in a given project field, as well as fellow exhibitors.
2. Exhibit the animal and showmanship skills associated with their project work.
3. Showcase the talents of individual participants.
4. Showcase the educational benefits of the 4-H and FFA programs.
5. Showcase Illinois Horses and Illinois Agriculture.

**General Eligibility**

The following Illinois youth are eligible to show in the Junior Horse Division of the Illinois State Fair:

1. Any exhibitor, who during the year has conducted a supervised 4-H or FFA program, with records kept therein, may enter the Junior Horse Division. A minimum age of 8 as September 1, 2023 is required to participate in the State Fair Junior Horse Division.
2. Programs may be done under the supervision of:
  - a. 4-H leaders or Extension staff members
  - b. Teachers of Vocational Agriculture
3. Illinois 4-H members exhibiting in the Junior Horse Division of the Illinois State Fair must be active 4-H club members, as verified by the County Extension Office, and at least 8 but not yet 18 years of age on September 1, 2023. Active Illinois FFA members, as verified by local Teachers of Vocational Agriculture, may participate.
4. Individuals previously enrolled in Illinois 4-H or FFA programs and under 21 years of age as of September 1, 2023, may participate in the Junior Horse Division of the Illinois State Fair provided they are active FFA members as verified by Illinois FFA and in accordance with one of the following options:
  - a. Maintain active membership on the roster of their local high school FFA Chapter;
  - b. Maintain active membership in a collegiate FFA Chapter in a post-secondary institution of higher education in the State of Illinois; or
  - c. Maintain active membership in an Illinois FFA Alumni Chapter. FFA members must not have reached their 21st birthday as of September 2023.

## **A Word to Parents, Leaders and Teachers**

The Management of the Fair realizes the necessity of proper supervision of the activities of the young people participating in the Junior Horse Division. Those in charge of the activities of this department have been selected because of their experience in working with young people. However, parents and leaders should be aware of conditions on the Fairgrounds and make provisions for adequate care and supervision of exhibitors.

## **Premises Registration Number Voluntary**

Premises Registration is voluntary to exhibit horses at the Illinois State Fair.

Choosing to register your premises puts you on the frontline of controlling and preventing the spread of animal disease. A disease outbreak can't be predicted but it can impact every segment of animal agriculture. Participation ensures that you have the information you need, when you need it most, to protect your animals and your investment. Registering a premise involves obtaining a seven-character alpha-numeric "identifier" for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic or other site where animals are handled, housed, managed or processed.

If an exhibitor wants to register their animals an application form can be found on-line at <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>. Exhibitors who register on-line will receive a premise registration number immediately. An application can also be obtained by calling 866/299-9256. If completing application and returning by mail, it may take up to four (4) weeks to receive the number.

## **Filing a Protest**

If another exhibitor or any member of the public has reason to believe that an animal should be disqualified, he/she must contact the appropriate Department Superintendent and/or State Fair officials and file a protest presenting his/her evidence in writing. Such protest and evidence must be filed after official check-in of the animal of protest or within forty-eight hours after the respective show. If, after reviewing the evidence, the State Fair disqualifies the animal and disqualified exhibitor requests an administrative hearing, the complaining person shall be required to testify under oath at the hearing and present his/her evidence. If the complaining person refuses to testify or cannot be found to be served with a subpoena, no disqualification will be made on the basis of that complaining person's evidence.

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **Entry Rules, Fees and Information**

1. No employee (includes full-time, part-time, and/or contractual employees) of the Illinois State Fair or member of his/her Immediate Family is allowed to own or exhibit any animals and/or articles in any competitive event in which he/she is employed as a judge or superintendent. (Immediate Family is defined as the spouse, children, step-children, parents or step-parents, brothers, sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters.)
2. By submitting an Illinois State Fair Entry Form, Exhibitors agree to all terms and conditions in this premium book and all other laws including the *Humane Care for Animals Act*.
3. All Junior Horse Division entries must be made on specific entry forms provided for the Junior Exhibitors. Entry forms may be secured through the State Fair Entry Department at 217/782-0786 or the State Fair website [www.statefair.illinois.gov](http://www.statefair.illinois.gov). Entry forms may be submitted directly to the State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427.
4. All exhibitors must sign the condition of entry on their entry form regarding Ethical Care and Exhibiting of Animals.

5. Entry forms must be completely filled out with class numbers for both the Junior Classes and Land of Lincoln Classes, if applicable and appropriate. If entry is for Junior Class only, the Land of Lincoln class number column should be left blank. All animals must be shown in Junior classes to be eligible for Land of Lincoln classes.
6. All entries must be postmarked by June 15, 2024. Local Extension Offices may set earlier deadlines for submission due to local staff schedules. Note: It is highly encouraged for exhibitors to check with their local post office to determine post office policy prior to entry deadline.
7. Incomplete, faxed or emailed entries will not be allowed in the Junior Show at the 2024 Illinois State Fair.
8. Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.
9. The State Fair Management reserves the right to reject any entry.
10. Checks should be made payable to the *Illinois State Fair* and must be attached to all entry forms.

### **Animal Registration and Ownership**

11. Registration papers issued by respective breed associations will be required in all purebred classes. Registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members (considered to be individuals living in the same household) including the exhibitor for the period required in the 4-H or FFA projects. Original registration papers, copies and electronic papers will all be accepted.
12. Effective dates for ownership must appear on the registration papers. Required ownership dates are printed in the species sections.
13. Horses and ponies must be owned or leased by the member and must be part of the member's project. By June 1 of the exhibit year, exhibitors will place on file at the local Extension Office or school (FFA), copies of ownership and/or lease papers for all animals that the member may plan to exhibit at the State Junior Horse Show. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two (2) colored photos (one of each side) of each animal must also be placed on file to show proof of the specific exhibit animal. This will be mandatory for all horses and ponies, grade and registered animals. By June 20, local Extension Offices will forward this paperwork to the Competitive Events Office at the Illinois State Fair for entry verification.
14. Each exhibitor must have kept accurate records and reports of feeds, weight, gains and methods of handling animals in connection with their project.

### **Arrival, Penning/Stalling, Check-in, Showing and Release of Animals**

15. All horses exhibited in the Junior Division must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements of the Illinois State Fair as previously identified.
16. The State Fair Management encourages the displaying of county and school exhibit signs. Such signs, if displayed, must not exceed six feet in length and three feet in width. No commercial product or service advertising, other than the home, farm, or breed of the entrant shall be allowed on stalls, hurdles, or in the show arena. Decorative lights and painting of any portion of State Fair facilities is prohibited.
17. Junior exhibitors of horses must personally care for their animals or exhibit during the entire show and must assume responsibility for having their animals available at the time of Junior Division judging.
18. All animals must be exhibited in the show/judging rings by the owners unless exempted in advance by the Department Superintendent due to an identified, eligible conflict. In order for an exemption to be considered, a letter of request must be provided to the Department Superintendent no later than the time of animal check-in. The request must name the person, who must be a current exhibitor in the same Junior Horse Show, who will show the animal(s).

19. Each exhibitor will be furnished ring cards showing the exhibitor number which must be worn in the show ring when animals are exhibited. Exhibitor numbers are to be secured from the Superintendent of the Department at the designated time of check-in.

### **Additional Expectations**

20. No alcohol is allowed outside the designated areas of the Illinois State Fairgrounds.
21. As a service to exhibitors, the State Fair Management contracts with reputable entities to supply livestock feed, bedding and some miscellaneous livestock supplies. Feeds will be of good quality with prices on a level with the area retail market. Feed, bedding and supplies purchased shall be on a cash basis and all bills must be paid with a receipt provided prior to animals being released. As a special service on the fairgrounds, bedding and feed can be delivered to assigned stalls and pens prior to arrival if exhibitors phone or write to: Feed Store, Illinois State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794; Phone 217-523-5400; FAX 217-882-2128; or Email [evansfeed@gmail.com](mailto:evansfeed@gmail.com).
22. Campers must be parked in the campground area. Unless specifically authorized, no campers will be allowed to park around barns.
23. There will be no wheelbarrows furnished by the Illinois State Fair for use by exhibitors.
24. Equipment left on the fairgrounds over thirty (30) days after the closing date of the State Fair is subject to removal at the discretion of the State Fair Management.
25. Care will be exercised to prevent accident or damage of any kind to people, animals or property, but the State Fair Management will not assume any liability for such.

### **Awards and Premiums**

1. Awards will be made by the judges in each section. No person will act as judge in any class in which he may be interested as the exhibitor, agent or employee of an exhibitor, or otherwise. If such circumstance should occur, the Superintendent of the department shall remove such judge, and substitute another temporarily if needed. If an official judge without such a conflict is not present, the Superintendent of the department has the authority to appoint a capable judge, provided the appointee has no conflict.
2. No animal deemed unworthy will be allowed into a class for judging or awarded a premium.
3. Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the Department Superintendent in writing, providing good and sufficient reasons, prior to the judge in question making any award in a given show. In all cases, the Illinois State Fair Management shall have full power and authority to act.
4. The Superintendent shall instruct the Clerk to check the entries, as shown in the *Entry Book*, with the exhibits present and mark the *Entry Books* to show what animals were shown and passed upon by the Judge. The Department Superintendent shall ensure *Entry Books*, recorded properly with placings, awards and premiums and properly signed and certified by the appointed Judge and Clerk, and then known as the *Judge's Books*, are returned as soon as a show is completed. Payment of premiums can only be authorized upon entries and associated placings and awards contained within the completed, returned and certified *Judge's Books*.
5. *Judge's Books* only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons/rosettes will not serve as evidence. Judge's Books will be supported by completed and certified Judge's Cards and Department Superintendent records completed in the showing at the time of judging.
6. Premiums will be paid as rapidly as possible after the last day of the State Fair.
7. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until November 1 following the fair, after which time the books will be closed and incorrect premiums forfeited.

8. All special premiums and/or awards will be paid or presented by designated associations or donors offering the same and the State Fair is in no way responsible for the payment or extension of such special prizes.
9. No premium will be awarded to any animal for the purpose of advertising any commodity.
10. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the Horse Show Premium Book.
11. Ribbons and trophies will be presented to exhibitors at the time of judging and the State Fair will not be responsible for loss or the issuing of replacements.
12. Champion classes are limited to first place animals, except reserve champions where the second-place animal from the class in which the champion was selected may compete.

## **END OF JUNIOR HORSE DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RULES**

**SECTION 6**  
**OPEN HORSE DIVISION**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL RULES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**General Eligibility**

The Open Horse Division of the Illinois State Fair is open to all regardless of age or residency. Parental discretion is encouraged when considering the most appropriate age for young children to be caring for and exhibiting animals in the Open Division of the State Fair. Further, parents should be aware of conditions on the Fairgrounds and make provisions for adequate care and supervision of young children.

**Truck Parking**

Unless properly permitted, no stock truck or trailer parking will be permitted in Lot 1 west of the Junior Livestock Barn at any time from August 8-20, 2024. All horse trailers must be parked in the half-mile track. Upon unloading, dump any excess manure from trailers into manure pits that are placed around Junior Livestock Barn. No vehicles may be parked in the half-mile track and no horse trailers may be parked in other areas. Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

*Special Note: Horse Shows held outside of the Official Dates of the Illinois State Fair are exempt from this rule.*

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If an exhibitor wants to register their animals an application form can be found on-line at <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>. Exhibitors who register on-line will receive a premise registration number immediately. An application can also be obtained by calling 866/299-9256. If completing application and returning by mail, it may take up to four (4) weeks to receive the number.

**Filing a Protest**

If another exhibitor or any member of the public has reason to believe that an animal should be disqualified, he/she must contact the appropriate Department Superintendent and/or State Fair officials and file a protest presenting his/her evidence in writing. Such protest and evidence must be filed after official check-in of the animal of protest or within forty-eight hours after the respective show. If, after reviewing the evidence, the State Fair disqualifies the animal and disqualified exhibitor requests an administrative hearing, the complaining person shall be required to testify under oath at the hearing and present his/her evidence. If the complaining person refuses to testify or cannot be found to be served with a subpoena, no disqualification will be made on the basis of that complaining person's evidence.



## GENERAL RULES

### Entry Rules, Fees and Information

1. No employee (includes full-time, part-time, and/or contractual employees) of the Illinois State Fair or member of his/her Immediate Family is allowed to own or exhibit any animals and/or articles in any competitive event in which he/she is employed as a judge or superintendent. (Immediate Family is defined as the spouse, children, step-children, parents or step-parents, brothers, sisters, step-brothers or step-sisters.)
2. By submitting an Illinois State Fair Entry Form, Exhibitors agree to all terms and conditions in this premium book and all other laws including the *Humane Care for Animals Act*. All exhibitors must sign the condition of entry on their entry form regarding Ethical Care and Exhibiting of Animals.
3. Entry forms may be secured through the State Fair Entry Department at 217/782-0786 or the State Fair website [www.illinoisstatefair.info](http://www.illinoisstatefair.info). Entry forms may be submitted directly to the State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794-9427.
4. Open Horse Division entries must be made on Department-specific Official Entry Forms provided for the Open Exhibitors. Entries made in different Departments must be made on separate entry forms with only one (1) breed per entry form.
5. Only one (1) exhibitor should be submitted on any one (1) entry form. For purposes of entry, an exhibitor is defined as the individual, farm, or corporation responsible for executing the entry form, paying the entry fees, and ultimately receiving any premium monies that may be awarded. An exhibitor is limited to two (2) entries per class.
6. Entries must state the name and registration number of the animals to be exhibited; name, address and social security number of the exhibitor; and name and address of breeder and owner as it appears on the original registration paper issued by the respective national breed association.
7. Group entries must be made from animals entered and shown in single classes and must be the same owner as single entries unless otherwise stated in breed classification. Additionally, group entries are limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor. Further, partnership animals cannot be combined for group classes, including family partnership, unless otherwise stated in breed classification.
8. Entry forms must be completely filled out with class numbers for both the Open Classes and Land of Lincoln Classes, if applicable and appropriate. If entry is for Open Class only, the Land of Lincoln class number column should be left blank. All animals must be shown in Open classes to be eligible for Land of Lincoln classes.
9. Entries should include the number of stalls requested.
10. Incomplete, faxed or emailed entries will not be allowed in the Open Show at the 2024 Illinois State Fair.
11. For the Draft Horse and Pony Show and Miniature Horse Show, late entries will be accepted for an additional fee through July 26, 2024. Late entries will be charged \$50.00/head (late fee) + entry fee. Positively no entries will be accepted postmarked after July 26, 2024.
12. State Fair Management reserves the right to reject any entry.
13. At the time of check in, if an animal is identified as erroneously entered, the Department Superintendent has the authority to transfer the animal to the correct class. If the correct class has already been judged, it shall not be reopened, and the animal will be ineligible for competition. There will be no refund of entry fee for erroneously entered animals. "Erroneously entered" shall refer to exhibits that do not meet the technical requirements for the class (e.g. a steer class that requires at least 50% of a specific breed, where the entered animal is less than 50% of the specific breed, may be moved to another class, if the animal meets the requirements for that class in the premium book).

14. Checks should be made payable to the *Illinois State Fair* and must be attached to all entry forms. There will be no refunds of Fees under any circumstances.

### **Animal Registration and Ownership**

15. Registration papers issued by respective breed associations will be required in all purebred classes. Registration must show ownership of the animals in the name of the exhibitor or ownership by immediate family members (considered to be individuals living in the same household) including the exhibitor for the period required in the 4-H or FFA projects. Original registration papers, copies and electronic papers will all be accepted.
16. Original registration papers only must be available to the Department Superintendent at check-in and when checking ear markings, tattoos, or other identification. In extreme emergencies, a copy of the registration paper faxed from the respective National Breed Association directly to the Illinois State Fair Entry Department, 217-782-8362, when accompanied by a cover letter will be accepted.
17. All animals must be so registered and transferred in the name of the exhibitor or partnership at least thirty (30) days prior to the starting date of the show.
18. For purposes of distinguishing the breeder, the owner of the dam at the time of service shall be considered the breeder of the exhibited animal.
19. Double registered animals will be allowed entry in only one breed show.
20. Effective dates for ownership must appear on the registration papers. Required ownership dates are printed in the Department sections.

### **Arrival, Penning/Stalling, Check-in, Showing and Release of Animals**

21. All horse exhibited in the Open Division must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements of the Illinois State Fair as previously identified.
22. Time of arrival, showing and release of animals is identified in the Department sections. Any animals in barns prior to identified arrival times may be moved according to Superintendent's instruction.
23. All stalls are to be assigned by the superintendent or his/her assistants. Animals must be stalled according to these assignments.
24. The State Fair Management encourages the displaying of farm exhibit signs. Such signs, if displayed, must not exceed six feet in length and three feet in width. No commercial product or service advertising, other than the home, farm, or breed of the entrant shall be allowed on stalls, hurdles, or in the show arena. Decorative lights and painting of any portion of State Fair facilities are prohibited.
25. In most Departments, exhibitors will be furnished ring cards showing the exhibitor number which must be worn in the show ring when animals are exhibited. Exhibitor numbers are to be secured from the Superintendent of the Department at the designated time of check-in.
26. Animals will be released in accordance with the schedules listed for a given Department. In all instances, exhibitors must obtain a signed release form from an authorized Superintendent and have the approved release form available for inspection by security at fair gates. Animals may be released prior to the published release dates and times if, at the discretion of the Department Superintendent, an early release is warranted to preserve and protect the health and welfare of animals and exhibitors.

*Special Note: Horse Shows held outside of the Official Dates of the Illinois State Fair are exempt from this rule.*

### **Additional Expectations**

27. Due to limited storage space in and around barns and other facilities on the fairgrounds, exhibitors will only be allowed to bring a reasonable amount of feed and bedding with them.
28. As a service to exhibitors, the State Fair Management contracts with reputable entities to supply livestock feed, bedding and some miscellaneous livestock supplies. Feeds will be of good quality with prices on a level with the area retail market. Feed, bedding and supplies purchased shall be on a cash basis and all bills must be paid with a receipt provided prior to animals being released. As a special service on the fairgrounds, bedding and feed can be delivered to assigned stalls and pens prior to arrival if exhibitors phone or write to: Feed Store, Illinois State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19427, Springfield, IL 62794; Phone 217-523-5400; FAX 217-882-2128; or Email [www.evansfeed@gmail.com](mailto:www.evansfeed@gmail.com).
29. No alcohol is allowed outside the designated areas of the Illinois State Fairgrounds.
30. Campers must be parked in the campground area. Unless specifically authorized, no campers will be allowed to park around barns.
31. There will be no wheelbarrows furnished by the Illinois State Fair for use by exhibitors.
32. Equipment left on the fairgrounds over thirty (30) days after the closing date of the State Fair is subject to removal at the discretion of the State Fair Management.
33. Care will be exercised to prevent accident or damage of any kind to people, animals or property, but the State Fair Management will not assume any liability for such.

### **Awards and Premiums**

1. Awards will be made by the judges in each section. No person will act as judge in any class in which he may be interested as the exhibitor, agent or employee of an exhibitor, or otherwise. If such circumstance should occur, the Superintendent of the department shall remove such judge, and substitute another temporarily if needed. If an official judge without such a conflict is not present, the Superintendent of the department has the authority to appoint a capable judge, provided the appointee has no conflict.
2. No animal deemed unworthy will be allowed into a class for judging or awarded a premium.
3. Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the Department Superintendent in writing, providing good and sufficient reasons, prior to the judge in question making any award in a given show. In all cases, the Illinois State Fair Management shall have full power and authority to act.
4. The Superintendent of each Department shall instruct the Clerk to check the entries, as shown in the *Entry Book*, with the exhibits present and mark the *Entry Books* to show what animals were shown and passed upon by the Judge. The Department Superintendent shall ensure *Entry Books*, recorded properly with placings, awards and premiums and properly signed and certified by the appointed Judge and Clerk, and then known as the *Judge's Books* are returned as soon as a show is completed. Payment of premiums can only be authorized upon entries and associated placings and awards contained within the completed, returned and certified *Judge's Books*.
5. *Judge's Books* only will be used as evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons/rosettes will not serve as evidence. *Judge's Books* will be supported by completed and certified Judge's Cards and Department Superintendent records completed in the showing at the time of judging.
6. Premiums will be paid as rapidly as possible after the last day of the State Fair.
7. Errors in premium statements will be corrected until November 1 following the fair, after which time the books will be closed and incorrect premiums forfeited.

8. In all Horse Departments, unless otherwise stated, exhibitors are limited to two premiums in single classes and one premium in group classes, in both Open and Land of Lincoln shows.
9. All special premiums and/or awards will be paid or presented by designated associations or donors offering the same and the State Fair is in no way responsible for the payment or extension of such special prizes.
10. No premium will be awarded to any animal or group of animals for the purpose of advertising any commodity.
11. The Department of Agriculture shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund premiums. In any year for which the General Assembly of the State of Illinois fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such premiums, premium amounts may not be accurately reflected in the Horse Show Premium Book.
12. Ribbons and trophies will be presented to exhibitors at the time of judging and the State Fair will not be responsible for loss or the issuing of replacements.
13. Champion classes are limited to first place animals, except reserve champions where the second place animal from the class in which the champion was selected may compete.

## **END OF OPEN HORSE DIVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RULES**