INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels.

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

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

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals’ health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. This act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainers and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs from other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal’s performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, all procedures of said collection and preservation transfer to the laboratory, and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate. The report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal’s performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only, and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show official before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that an action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & CONSUMER SERVICES**

**CHAPTER 5C-4**

**ADMISSION OF ANIMALS FOR EXHIBITION**

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**5C-4.0015 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

1. Accredited Veterinarian. A veterinarian licensed in the state of origin and accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS) to perform certain functions of the federal and cooperative-state-federal programs in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) § 161 (2005).

2. Animal(s). This term shall include:
   (a) Livestock including grazing animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, and other hoofed animals;
   (b) Ratites, limited to ostriches, emus, and rheas;
   (c) Poultry or Domestic fowl which are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes; and
   (d) Wild or game animals which may threaten the agricultural interests of Florida.

3. Authorized Representative. An employee of the state or federal government, or a licensed veterinarian accredited by the USDA, who is authorized to conduct animal disease control and eradication activities.

4. Commercial Production Swine. Swine that have been subjected to and found negative on an annual brucellosis and pseudorabies test and have been continuously managed with adequate facilities and practices to prevent exposure to either transitional or feral swine and so recognized by state animal health officials.

5. Group. One or more animals maintained on the same premises or in contact with one another.

6. Horse. Any horse, mule, ass, zebra or other equidae.
(7) Isolation. Separation of individual animals by a physical barrier in a manner that assures one animal does not have access to the body, excrement, or discharges of another animal; does not share a building with a common ventilation system; and is not within ten feet of another animal.

(8) Market Class. An exhibition class consisting of finished fed animals that all go directly to slaughter immediately following the exhibition.

(9) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). A legible record or certificate made on an official form from the state of origin or from the USDA, or a Department-approved electronic format, issued and signed by veterinarians licensed and accredited in the state of origin for the purpose of certifying the official individual identification, test requirements, and health status of specific animals for movement, exhibition, and other designated purposes.

(10) Official Individual Identification. An individual animal identification that uniquely identifies the animal, the owner, the premises where the animal was identified and the state in which the official individual identification was applied and:

(a) For Cattle:
   1. Is approved by the United States Department of Agriculture in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 86.4(a)(1) (2013), as incorporated in Rule 5C-31.006, F.A.C.; or
   2. Is submitted to and verified by the Department as meeting the requirements for official individual identification such that state officials can determine the herd in which the animal was officially identified.

(b) For Livestock Other than Cattle:
   1. Tattoos and registered brands such as ear, tail-web or flank tattoos, breed registration tattoos when accompanied by breed registration papers; or an official breed registration brand when accompanied by a brand registration certificate;
   2. Official leg or wing bands for poultry;
   3. Color digital images or notarized color photographs of the animal, signed by a state-licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian; or
   4. Implanted electronic chips with a unique number that is recorded in a single, central database.

(11) Official test. A test conducted by a method approved by Department rules for the specific disease and animal species.

(12) Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites. Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasants, chukars, peafowl, guineas, ratites (limited to ostriches, emus and rheas) and waterfowl that are propagated or maintained for commercial or breeding purposes.

(13) Segregated. To maintain a group of animals separate from another group of animals in such a manner as to prevent physical contact between animals of the two groups.

5C-4.0016 Applications, Cards, Forms, Other Official Documents Required and Fees.

(1) USDA. VS Form 10-11. An official USDA, APHIS, VS form required for submitting samples and reporting results of Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests.

(2) Division.

(a) Official Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI). These certificates are provided only to Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarians and may be obtained as provided in subsection 5C-4.0016(3), F.A.C. Depending on species and purpose (sale or movement), the following are Florida-recognized OCVis:
   1. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, DACS-09000; for use with all species, in association with movement or sale. Cost is $65 per book of 25 certificates.

(b) Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, is an official card provided by the Department to the horse owner, which certifies the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous 12 months and a valid Florida Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for interstate movement for exhibition purposes in states which accept the card. The document is valid for six (6) months provided the conditions in subsections 5C-3.003(5)(a)-(f), F.A.C., are met. The Equine Interstate Passport Card is not acceptable for change of ownership purposes. It may be applied for by submitting an Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09219, to the Division with the associated fee of $15.00 for the first equine and $5.00 for each additional equine on the same application. Copies may be obtained as provided in subsection 5C-4.0016(3), F.A.C.

(c) Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09160, is an official document provided by the Department to the horse owner to show proof of a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months, for purposes other than change of ownership. The document is valid for 12 months from the date the blood was drawn and is renewable annually with an associated fee of $5.00 per application (Card). The Negative EIA Test Verification Card may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09206. Copies may be obtained as provided in subsection 5C-18.0011(4), F.A.C.

(d) Equine Event Extension (A Permit), DACS-09051, an official document provided by the Department to the horse owner,
which certifies the existence of an official negative EIA test within the previous 12 months and a valid Florida Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The document is valid for six (6) months provided the conditions in subsections 5C-3.003(5)(a)-(f), F.A.C., are met. It may be applied for by submitting the Application for Equine Event Extension, DACS-09078, to the Division as referred to in subsection 5C-3.003(5), F.A.C., with the associated fee of $10.00 for the first equine and $5.00 for each additional equine on the application; copies of which may be obtained as provided in subsection 5C-3.0011(4), F.A.C.

(3) Forms. VS Form 10-11 (APR 90), is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, DACS-09000 Rev. 07/03; Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, DACS-09002 Rev. 10/05; Equine Event Extension (A Permit), DACS-09051 Rev. 03/06, Application for Equine Event Extension, DACS-09078 Rev. 10/05, Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09219 Rev. 10/05, Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09160 Rev. 07/05, and Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09206 Rev. 10/05, are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, DACS-09000 Rev. 07/03; Official Equine Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, DACS-09002 Rev. 10/05; Equine Event Extension (A Permit), DACS-09051 Rev. 03/06, Application for Equine Event Extension, DACS-09078 Rev. 10/05, Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09219 Rev. 10/05, Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09160 Rev. 07/05, and Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09206 Rev. 10/05, are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800; (850)410-0900.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), (5), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-21-06.

5C-4.0017 General Requirements, Exemptions and Limitations.

(1) Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) Required. Animals presented for exhibition purposes in Florida, unless specifically exempted, must be accompanied by an OCVI issued by a veterinarian accredited in the state of origin.

(a) The OCVI must be complete including the breed, sex, and registration number, and the official individual identification of each animal.

(b) Results of a specific test requirement or herd accreditation, certification or validation number for each animal must be recorded on the OCVI with the date of the test or herd accreditation, certification or validation.

(2) Expiration of Required OCVI.

(a) For Florida-origin animals an OCVI is valid for 90 days from the date of issue; or until the expiration date of any required tests, whichever is the earliest date.

(b) For animals imported into Florida for exhibition purposes only, the OCVI is valid for 30 days, except that, for equine imported into Florida using a current Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, the OCVI will be extended to the date of expiration of the Equine Interstate Passport Card or its equivalent of the state of origin.

(3) Exemption to Required OCVI. An OCVI is not required for animals originating in Florida and entered in market classes provided that animals are segregated from other animals and the pens are occupied only by the animals in a market class. Pens used for market classes must not be reused until after cleaning and disinfecting.

(4) Inspection Required. Prior to immediate acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by an authorized representative for:

(a) The required official individual identification of the animal; and

(b) Clinical signs of disease including, but not limited to: caseous lymphadenitis, blisters/ulcers around the mouth, nostrils, coronary band, pinkeye, pox, scabies, lice, ringworm, atrophic rhinitis, or multiple warts that are clearly visible; and

(c) Evidence of compliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, where required.

(5) Animals Rejected for Exhibition.

(a) Any animal in noncompliance with animal tests and OCVI requirements, or

(b) Any animal not meeting the official individual identification requirements, or

(c) Any animal which is suspected of having or showing clinical signs of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal which is known to be exposed to such diseases must be:

1. Immediately withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or

2. Examined by a Florida-licensed and USDA-accredited veterinarian at the owner’s expense within 24 hours, who certifies by a signed, written statement, that the animal is free of dangerous transmissible, contagious or infectious disease and pests.

(6) Forms. Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, 407 S. Calhoun St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History–New 6-21-06.

5C-4.002 Cattle or Bison.

(1) OCVI Required.

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(a) Florida-origin cattle or bison moved for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to exhibition.

(b) Cattle or bison imported from other states for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to exhibition.

(2) Test or Certification Required.

(a) Tuberculosis.

1. Florida-origin cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a tuberculin test.

2. Imported dairy cattle may be entered for exhibition provided they have a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test within 30 days prior to the date of the exhibition; except that, dairy cattle from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herds originating in Tuberculosis-Free States, are exempt from this test requirement.

3. Imported beef cattle or bison may be entered for exhibition without a negative caudal fold tuberculin skin test provided they originate from Accredited Tuberculosis-Free States or Herds. Otherwise, they must meet the requirements in subparagraph 5C-4.002(2)(a)2., F.A.C.

(b) Brucellosis.

1. Test Required. Cattle or bison, six (6) months of age or older, must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.

2. Exemption from Required Brucellosis Test.

a. Steers and spayed heifers; and

b. Cattle or bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or a Brucellosis Class Free State or Area which when certified, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test; and

c. Cattle or bison from non-quarantined herds originating from Class A State or Area provided that the cattle are under 18 months of age.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 7-25-66, 11-15-67, 1-1-70, 7-1-71, 8-7-77, 8-8-79, 9-30-80, 6-26-83, Formerly 5C-4.02, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06.

5C-4.003 Swine.

(1) OCVI Required.

(a) Swine for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation for exhibition.

(b) Swine imported for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 30 days prior to presentation for exhibition.

(2) Tests or Certification Required for Breeding Swine.

(a) Brucellosis.

1. Swine six (6) months of age or older must be negative to an official test for brucellosis within 30 days prior to exhibition, or

2. Originate from a Validated Brucellosis-Free Swine herd as defined in 9 CFR § 78.1, or

3. Originate from a Commercial Production Swine Herd as defined in subsection 5C-4.0015(4), F.A.C.

(b) Pseudorabies. Swine six (6) months of age or older must be negative to an official test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to exhibition, or

1. Originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies-Free Herd as defined in 9 CFR § 85, or

2. Originate from an Approved Commercial Production Swine Herd.

(3) Exemptions. Swine for exhibition as “market class” swine are exempt from the OCVI and test requirements provided that all swine in the class go directly to slaughter following the exhibition.

(4) Isolation. Breeding swine returning to the farm from exhibitions must be isolated from other swine at least 30 days before being returned to the herd. Breeding swine for exhibition must be maintained in isolation between exhibitions or move directly between exhibitions.


Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 3-21-64, 6-20-68, 1-1-71, 3-1-72, Formerly 5C-4.03, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-21-06.

5C-4.004 Poultry, Domestic Fowl or Ratites.

(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI is required for poultry, domestic fowl or ratites for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition. However, poultry, domestic fowl or ratites presented for exhibition without an OCVI, must be inspected as provided in subsection 5C-4.0017(4), F.A.C.

(2) Test or Certification Required. All poultry or domestic fowl entered for exhibition must originate from Pullorum-Typhoid
Clean flocks or hatcheries, as provided in 9 CFR § 145 (2005) and § 147 (2005), or have a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition.


Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—Amended 4-20-67, 4-18-84, 4-4-85, Formerly 5C-4.04, Amended 6-21-87, 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06.

5C-4.005 Goats or Sheep.
(1) OCVI Required.
(a) Florida-origin goats or sheep presented for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI dated not more than 90 days prior to presentation.
(b) Goats or sheep imported into Florida for exhibition must be accompanied by an OCVI completed within 30 days prior to exhibition.
(2) Identification. All goats or sheep entered for exhibition purposes must have an official individual identification in accordance with the National Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, APHIS 91-55-066, June 1, 2005.
(3) Test or Certification Required.
(a) Tuberculosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from an Accredited Tuberculosis-Free Herd, or have had a negative caudal fold tuberculosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from accredited tuberculosis-free herds, the OCVI must show, the accredited herd number and the date of the last herd accreditation test.
(b) Brucellosis Test. All dairy goats six (6) months of age or older imported for exhibition purposes must originate from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd, or have had a negative brucellosis test within 90 days prior to exhibition. When originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd, the OCVI must show the certified herd number and the date of the last herd certification test.
(c) Exemption From Test Requirements. There are no tuberculosis or brucellosis test requirements for meat type goats or Florida-origin dairy goats.

Rulemaking Authority 585.002(4), 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(2) FS. Law Implemented 585.08(2)(a), 585.145(1), (2) FS. History—New 11-4-76, Formerly 5C-4.05, Amended 4-17-89, 1-19-95, 6-4-95, 6-21-06.

5C-4.008 Horses.
(1) OCVI Required. An OCVI or an Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin, signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official, is required for horses for movement into Florida, but not specifically for exhibition.
(2) Test or Certification Required. All horses presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition. The negative EIA test must be reported on:
(a) An original owner’s copy of a VS Form 10-11;
(b) A laboratory certified copy of a VS Form 10-11;
(c) A legible photocopy of a VS Form 10-11;
(d) An Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official; which may be applied for by submitting the Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09219 as provided in subsection 5C-4.008(4), F.A.C.;
(e) A Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09160, or equivalent of the state of origin signed by the State Veterinarian or chief animal health official; which may be applied for by submitting the Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09206 as provided in subsection 5C-4.008(4), F.A.C., or
(f) A Department-approved electronic EIA form containing clear, color digital images.
(3) Exemption to Test Requirement. A foal under six (6) months of age accompanied by its dam which has met the EIA test requirement is not required to have an EIA test.
(4) Forms. VS Form 10-11 (APR 90), Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test, is hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained from the United States Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Mail Stop SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328. Application for Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09219 Rev. 10/05, Equine Interstate Passport Card, DACS-09207 Rev. 07/05, Application for Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09206 Rev. 10/05, and Negative EIA Test Verification Card, DACS-09160 Rev. 07/05, are hereby incorporated by reference. Copies may be obtained
Animal Welfare Policy

The purpose of the South Florida Fair's Livestock Committee is to address all issues of animal care including:
- Appropriate care and management of animals while on the South Florida Fairgrounds by exhibitors.
- Educational programs for exhibitors.
- The philosophy of the South Florida Fair in regards to animal care and management.
- Handling expressions of concern for animal care from the public.

Philosophy Statement

- The South Florida Fair is an animal welfare advocates requiring the humane treatment of animals. Animal welfare advocates continue to expand their knowledge base about animals, their behavior, and their management as science and technology dictate. Animal welfare advocates celebrate the bond between animals and humans.
- IN CONTRAST, animal rights activists seek to sever any bond between humans and animals. Most animal rights activists believe animals should only be admired from afar, without human intervention. A large fraction of the movement is also pushing for animals to be given the same rights and status as humans. Animal rights activists fundamentally believe animals should not be utilized to feed, clothe, assist, entertain, or benefit humans.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. All entries and awards in all livestock departments shall be subject to the rules and regulations published in the premium book. Each exhibitor must complete, in its entirety, an entry form, W-9 and submit online to receive premium monies. A paper entry form is not required if you have submitted successfully online.

2. Entries close: December 1st. ALL entries are to be completed online by December 1st. A $10.00 fee will be collected per exhibitor for Paper entries mailed in. Paper Entries must be POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1. All fees must be paid at time of submission. No email or faxed entries will be accepted. Any entries received without required entry fees will be returned.

3. Substitutions for up to 2 animals will be accepted at the check in table. These substitutions must be on a paper entry form and show the deleted and substituted animals. If the exhibitor does not have the appropriate paperwork, the substitutions will not be accepted. ALL STUDENTS ENTERED IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR YOUTH SHOWS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THE ETHICS TRAINING WORKSHOP OR HAVE A CURRENT ETHICS NUMBER BEFORE January 1 TO SHOW AN ANIMAL AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR.

4. NOTE: While most Florida fairs have adopted this ethics program, the rules governing the exhibitors differ from fair to fair. It is the exhibitors' responsibility to make sure they are in compliance with EACH particular fair where they are showing an animal. For a complete Ethics Class listing go to: www.southfloridafair.com/ethics

5. Special rules for the physically challenged will apply.

6. Youth Exhibitors cannot be under the age of 8 or over the age of 19 as of January 1 current year, depending on the animal they are showing (see rules per livestock). Youth Exhibitors must also be attending school or be enrolled in a certified home school program. Youth Exhibitors who have graduated from high school or obtained their high school G.E.D. are not eligible (unless breed show rules supersede).

   a. Protest Procedures: All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of $100.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such a protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to Show Committee within twenty-four hours after the occasion for such protest. Protest must be signed by three exhibitors. B. Order of hearing or protest: 1. Show Chairman. 2. Action by Show Chairman. 3. Final action by Livestock Committee. C. All rules and regulations that have been properly protested to the Show Chairman and the Livestock Committee shall be subject to the following penalties: 1. Loss of premium money. 2. Loss of awards.

7. Suspension from showing that animal as deemed necessary. Penalty may be for one, two, or three shows, or as long as deemed necessary for the offense. 4. Suspension of the exhibitor. D. Failure to adhere to each show's specific rules shall also be subject to these penalties. Proper protest procedures must be adhered to.

8. Disqualifications: Any exhibitor who has been disqualified from competition in any livestock show or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of rule violation(s), will not be allowed to compete in other shows. This shall include, but is not limited to, disqualification for fraud, misrepresentation, unethical fitting or
deception. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation, and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an animal, will be considered. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by their representative, interferes with the judge(s), or shows any disrespect to them or to show officials, the existing show may excuse him/her from the ring and exclude him/her from further competition; exhibitor premiums that may have been awarded may also be withheld. If an animal is disqualified after having won awards or premiums, the animals placing below him may be moved up at the option of the Livestock Committee, to fill the vacated position.

9. Effective August 17, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the South Florida Fair and Palm Beach County Expositions, Inc. voted there would be absolutely no animal sales to the public, with the exception of those amended by the Board, during the annual Fair. Rules and regulations have been revised to reflect this Fair Board action.

10. The IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services guidelines for Admission of Animals for Exhibition and the South Florida Fair shall govern the competitions at the South Florida Fair.

11. Except as otherwise permitted by law, NO DOGS are allowed in any exhibit tent/building unless they are scheduled for a demonstration or competition.
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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What is 4-H? 4-H is the youth development component of the Cooperative Extension Service (CES). Its mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential while working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

Who sponsors 4-H? The County Extension Office in Palm Beach County is a partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture, the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, and Palm Beach County.

4-H CLUB PLEDGE
I pledge my head to clearer thinking;
My heart to greater loyalty;
My hands to larger service; and
My health to better living for
My club, my community, my country,
And my world.

4-H PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR
The opportunities for 4-H members to participate in 4-H specific events at the South Florida Fair are many. They can serve as 4-H ambassadors during the fair, enter exhibits, conduct demonstrations/illustrated talks, try their skills at cooking during the 4-H Poultry BBQ Contest, and participate in large and small animal shows.

4-H AGE DIVISIONS
Cloverbud: 5-7 years old
Junior: 8-10 years old
Intermediate: 11-13 years old
Senior: 14-18 years and older

RIBBONS AND PREMIUMS
4-H Youth Exhibits
Grand Champion: Purple Rosette $10.00
(Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)
Reserve Champion: Lavender Rosette $5.00
(Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions)
Blue Ribbon $5.00
Red Ribbon $4.00
White Ribbon $3.00
Green Ribbon (Cloverbud Participation)

Note: Poultry BBQ has separate award premiums. See poultry page for details.

The South Florida Fair sponsors ribbons and premiums for 4-H youth competitions.

All 4-H premium vouchers must be cashed during the Fair. No vouchers will be accepted after the annual Fair ends.

Judging is based on the Danish system and the decisions of judges are final.

4-H members are also encouraged to participate in the other activities taking place at the South Florida Fair. There are community service and competitive opportunities in the areas of poultry, rabbits, dogs, horses, horticulture, livestock, and several others. Please refer to the rest of the Premium Book for more details regarding the dates, times, rules, and regulations in these areas.

EXHIBITS
Rules for 4-H Project Exhibits
1. Open to any Palm Beach & Broward County 4-H member 5-18 years of age who is officially enrolled by November 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Youth must be enrolled in a related project area for each exhibit entry.
3. A 4-H member may enter no more than one exhibit per category including food and nutrition, for a total of eight exhibits. The only exception to this is vegetables. A youth may enter up to three different types of vegetables in the vegetable category, each as a separate exhibit.
All exhibits must be entered by an individual, not a group.
4. All exhibits must be educational in nature, representing topics youth have learned from their project areas.

5. Project areas and their categories are listed on the following page.

6. All non-food exhibits must have an exhibit card securely attached and clearly printed or typed.

7. Items must have been made or grown during the current 4-H year with the exception of horticulture exhibits.

8. All horticulture exhibits must have been planted or re-potted before **October 15** of the current 4-H year. Horticulture exhibits must include both the common and scientific name of the plant(s).

9. All vegetable exhibits must have been planted or re-potted before **December 1** of the current 4-H year.

10. **In order to receive a Fair premium, youth must present their projects at designated judging events.**

11. Food and nutrition exhibits must be accompanied by a recipe on a 3” x 5” card. Include name, club, and 4-H age on card.

12. For cookie, brownie, bar dessert, roll, and muffin entries, there should be six items on a plate.

13. Food entries are limited to those for human consumption only. The exception is cake decorating. Either real cakes or styro foam forms may be used.

14. All food, vegetable, and cake decorating entries will be exhibited through photographs taken by 4-H staff during judging.

15. "Cake Decorating" is categorized under "Food & Nutrition."

16. Entries are not to exceed 10 inches in diameter or 8 inches in height. Collections may not be larger than 16” x 16” x 12”.

17. Drawings done on lined notebook paper will not be accepted.

18. **No live animals can be exhibited except indesignated areas.**

19. All photo entries must be mounted on cardboard, foam core or similar backing for display.

20. Video vignette submissions must be between 1-6 minutes. Longer video requires prior approval from 4-H Agent.

21. Fair management and the Cooperative Extension Service are in no way responsible for exhibits.

22. **Exhibits may not be removed until 8:00 p.m. on last day of the Fair. All exhibits must be removed by Sunday, January 29. Exhibits may be removed by the individual or an assigned club representative.**

**Rules for Poster & Science Exhibits:**

1. A single poster board or a single science board may be submitted in any of the exhibit categories below. Each entry will represent one exhibit.

2. Posters must be educational in nature, depicting information gained from a specific project.

3. Posters must be no larger than 22” x 29”.

**Additional Rules for Science Boards:**

1. Science boards must be on tri-fold boards.

**Rules for 4-H Cloverbud Exhibits:**

1. Open to any **Palm Beach & Broward County** 4-H member 5-7 years of age who is officially enrolled as of **November 1** of the current 4-H year.

2. Each member may exhibit eight items following the rules listed in the previous sections.

3. Each member will receive feedback from the judges and a participation ribbon but not any premium money.

4. Cloverbuds are encouraged to enroll in the Discovering 4-H project.

“In accordance with provisions of ADA this document may be requested in a different format.” The 4-H emblem is protected under 18 U.S.C. 707.

**Extension programs are open to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, disability, religion, or national origin.**
EXHIBIT AREAS AND CATEGORIES

HORTICULTURE
1. Dish Gardens
2. Hanging Baskets
3. Herbs
4. Potted Plants
5. Terrariums
6. Vegetables

NATURAL SCIENCES & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS
1. Forestry
2. Wildlife and Fisheries
3. Outdoor Education/Recreation
4. Shooting Sports
5. Waste Management
6. Geology & Minerals
7. Marine Science
8. Entomology

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
1. Aerospace/Aviation
2. Astronomy
3. Bicycles
4. Computers
5. Electric
6. Small Engines
7. Wood Science & Industrial Arts
8. Veterinary Science
9. Large Animal Science
10. Small Animal Science
11. Robotics

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES
1. Fabric Items
2. Needlework
3. Knitting, Crochet and Latch Hook
4. Quilts
5. Clothing Construction

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP
1. Career Exploration & Employability
2. Personal Development
3. Leadership
4. Society & Entrepreneurship
5. Introductory 4-H Projects - Discovering 4-H (Cloverbuds 5-8 years of age)
6. Financial Literacy
7. Citizenship

VIDEOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPHY
1. Digital Division
   - Class A: Digital Photo - Single (little or no manipulation)
   - Class B: Digital Photo - Series (up to 10 images, little to no manipulation)
   - Class C: Creative Digital Photo - Single
   - Class D: Creative Digital Photo - Series (up to 10 images)
   - Class E: Digital Photo Single - Black and White.
   - Class F: Digital Photo Series - Black and White.
   - Class G: Video Vinettes

ARTS AND CRAFTS
1. Ceramics
2. Jewelry
3. Woodworking
4. Floral Arrangements
5. Model Crafts
6. Collections
7. Drawings
8. Paintings
9. Sculpture

PERFORMING ARTS
1. Music
2. Drama/Theater
3. Puppetry

FOODS AND NUTRITION
1. Food Preservation
2. Cookies/Brownies
3. Cakes
4. Pies
5. Candies
6. Quick Breads
7. Yeast Breads
8. Casseroles and Main Dishes
9. Hot Vegetable Dishes
10. Salads/Cold Vegetable Dishes
11. Cake Decorating
12. Cupcakes
13. Beverages
14. Fruit Dishes
15. Dips & Appetizers

HEALTH
1. Personal Health & Well-being
2. Community Health

Please contact the 4-H office for information about these and ALL 4-H contests.
(561) 233-1731
REGIONAL 4-H POULTRY BBQ CONTEST

January 20, 2018 10:00 am
Entry Deadline: January 1st

1. Contestants must be 4-H members, enrolled by Nov 1 of the current year. Minimum of five youth must be registered.

2. There are two age divisions:
   Intermediate (ages 11-13) and Senior (ages 14-18).

3. The Regional 4-H Poultry BBQ is open to all qualifying 4-H youth in the South Florida Fair, which includes all participating counties. South Florida Fair offers a $25.00 premium for first place and a $15.00 premium for second place in both senior and intermediate age divisions per county. The Top-placing County Senior contestant will move on to the Florida State Fair.

4. Contestants must have attended the Palm Beach County Food Safety Seminar, or one at their local Extension Office, to compete. Contestants must also complete three practice barbecues. This will be verified via the poultry barbecue project record book, which must be submitted on the day of the contest.

5. An illustrated talk is not required for the county level contest, but will be required at the state competition.

6. The contestants will be scored for barbecue cooking skills and sensory evaluation according to the national barbecue score sheets. Score sheets may be viewed at http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/bbqscore.html

7. Each participant will prepare two 1 1/4-1 1/2 pound chicken halves provided by the contest monitors in accordance with the following:
   - The chicken will not be available to the contestant prior to the contest starting time.
   - Chicken shall not be marinated prior to the start of the contest.
   - A contestant may not inject any fluid or sauce into the chicken.
   - Chicken halves may not be placed in baskets to aid in turning.

8. There will be a 2 1/2 hour time limit on the preparation of the chicken. Contestant is to turn in product at the end of stated cooking time.

9. Contestants are responsible for bringing the following items:
   - barbecue grill (no gas grills allowed)
   - work table
   - charcoal (no self-starting charcoal, automatic fire-starter blocks, or wood chips are allowed)
   - lighter fluid
   - matches or lighting tool
   - presentation plate
   - original recipe sauce
   - completed recipe card
   - tongs or other turning device
   - second tongs for adding extra briquettes or moving briquettes
   - water bottle for misting flames or hot spots in the fire

10. Each contestant will present one (1) barbecued chicken half to the panel of judges at the conclusion of his/her cooking on his/her presentation plate. No garnishes will be permitted on the plate when submitted to the judges.

11. Contestants must use a meat thermometer. Grill lids or grill covers will be permitted. Commercial devices for covering meat during cooking will not be permitted; only aluminum foil wrap may be used.

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12. Contestants will work alone, except for setting up for the demonstration or in case of an emergency, as determined by contest monitors.

13. Tie scores of the top contestants will be broken in descending order by:
   - highest score in sensory evaluation portion
   - highest score in cooking skills portion
   - a method decided by the contest judges

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1, 2017: 4-H age is the youth’s age as of September 1, 2017.

October 15, 2017: Deadline for horticulture exhibits to be planted or repotted.

November 1, 2017: Deadline to register as a 4-H member to participate in the 4-H Fair exhibit competitions.

December 1, 2017: Deadline for all animal competition entries due to the South Florida Fair. See forms in Premium Book or visit web site.

December 1, 2017: Deadline for vegetable exhibits to be planted or repotted.

December 3, 2017: Food judging from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service Office.

January 1, 2018: Deadline to register for Poultry BBQ Contest.

January 6, 2018: Youth judging pre-registration entry form due to the South Florida Fair. Please email registration forms to: dsc1954@ufl.edu

January 6, 2018: General Exhibit & Food judging from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at South Florida Fair, Building 4.

January 13, 2018: Youth Livestock judging from noon-3:00 p.m. - Horse Arena.

January 20, 2018: 4-H Poultry Barbecue Contest at 10:00 a.m. in the Palm Oasis. Participants to arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. Entry deadline January 1, 2018, at Extension Office. Youth must have attended the December Palm Beach County Food Safety Seminar.

January 26, 2018: Youth Vegetable, Youth Horticulture, Horse & Dairy Cattle judging - Agriplex area.

January 28, 2018: All items must remain in place until the closing of the Fair at 8:00 p.m. No exhibits can be removed before 8:00 p.m. All exhibits must be removed by January 29th.
Form W-9
Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type on this page. See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to Get a TIN on page 2.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

Employer identification number

Part II Certification
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have not been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Signature of U.S. person

Date

General Instructions
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9. At www.irs.gov/w9, information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form
A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third-party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest paid, acquisitions or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States, or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate, other than a foreign estate,
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.