



## **General Livestock Rules & Livestock Exhibitor's Right of Appeal**

Youth Classes/Junior Exhibitors shall be Delaware residents who are 21 years old and younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the fair year sought to be entered. Jr. Exhibitors that show in the Jr. Show are also eligible to show in the open show. Active Delaware 4-H members are permitted to exhibit in junior livestock show and in the horse department regardless of residency.

PLEASE REFER TO THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE FOR SPECIFIC SHOW TIME AND DATES ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED ENTRY FEE INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC RULES AND SHOW TIMES.

Junior exhibitors must show their own animals in the Jr. Show unless there is an emergency. No exceptions! No assistance in the show ring at any time in all junior livestock classes except for assistance provided by a designated ring steward/master. Livestock ear tag numbers will be checked before each exhibitor and animal enter the show ring.

All showmen and/or Junior Exhibitors will wear clean, neat, appropriate show attire. Neat, clean jeans or slacks are recommended along with a clean shirt with some type of sleeve. SHORTS OF ANY TYPE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN DURING A SHOW. Exhibitors are prohibited from wearing shirts with inappropriate messages and/or logos. OPEN-TOED SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN DURING A SHOW. Work-type boots or sneakers are recommended for safety purposes. The judge will deduct for inappropriate show attire as this distracts from the overall appearance of the show. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Superintendent.

Animals may arrive on Thursday July 21 starting at 8:00 AM and must be in place by Saturday July 23 at 8:00 AM.

ANIMALS MAY NOT LEAVE THE GROUNDS BEFORE 1:00 AM ON SUNDAY JULY 31. Premiums will be forfeited if animals leave before the designated time.

Livestock exhibitors are permitted vehicle access until 12 NOON each day to make deliveries. Due to the high volume of exhibitor vehicles unloading items, Fair staff ask that livestock exhibitors unload items as quickly as possible and return them back to the designated fairgrounds parking area.

Animals must have been owned and cared for by exhibitor 60 days prior to the Fair. All animals positively must be in show condition or will not be accepted. In Fitting and Showmanship, the exhibitor must show their own animal and must also be entered in an open or junior class show.

Please read carefully all health requirements as they apply to all livestock. If there are any questions regarding health requirements, contact the State Veterinarian, State Department of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

Care will be taken to protect the animals from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not in any way hold themselves responsible for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage sustained. All animals are entered at the owner's risk.

If, in the opinion of the judge, an entry does not merit a premium, then no premium shall be paid. Further he is empowered to limit the top award in any class to a second, third, or lower premium if in his opinion the quality of the class so merits. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent shall have the right to disqualify any exhibitor for infringement of the rules.

## **Livestock Exhibitor's Right of Appeal**

Any and all livestock exhibitors have a right to bring any of their concerns to the attention of the Delaware State Fair through the Chairperson of the Fair's Competitive Exhibits Committee and ultimately fair management without fear of reprisal or recrimination.

Exhibitors should use the following guidelines in expressing these concerns.

1. Please submit in written form a brief summary of your observations. Provide as much detail as possible, and present the summary based on the facts. Hand-written summaries are welcomed, but must bear the writer's signature. Anonymously written summaries will not be accepted. Submission should be turned in at the Administrative Office where it will be forwarded to the appropriate individual (Competitive Exhibits Committee Chairperson and General Manager).
2. A Livestock Exhibitor's Right of appeal form must be used and filed prior to end of current Fair. Appeal forms are available at the Delaware State Fair's administration office. Please complete all required information fields including your name, address, cell phone, email address, etc. along with the best means to contact you with the Fair's response.
3. It is critical that any concerns be properly communicated in the fashion set forth above in a timely fashion. It is imperative that all concerns be brought to the attention of management while the Fair is underway so that all parties who might need to be involved in a discussion are on site. A timely response will be made by management and communicated to the person who filed the appeal.
4. Any opinion or decision rendered by the Chairperson of the Competitive Exhibits Committee may be immediately appealed to the Fair's General Manager, who in his or her discretion may consult with any additional parties needed to render a decision. The General Manager's decision on an appeal shall be considered final.



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**Contact Information of person filing appeal:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the best way to reach you during Fair: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the best way to reach you after Fair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of complaint: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate time of complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use only; please do not complete this section: Date submitted to Administrative Office: _____ Time: _____ Name of Employee collecting Appeals Form: _____
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