

General Rules and Regulations

1. The State Fair of West Virginia reserves to its Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters in regard thereto and to add to or amend them as they may deem advisable.
2. Upon the discovery of aberrant act or unseemly behavior (including consumption of alcohol) on the part of any exhibitor in the barn and in the public view, the Board of Directors, reserves the right to withhold payment of any prizes awarded, to prohibit any such party or parties from exhibiting for one or more years, to publish the names of any such person or persons may be deemed expedient, and to award a prize or prizes so withheld as though such exhibitor or exhibitors had not exhibited.
3. Advertisements by means of posters, prints, handbills, etc. on buildings, trees, posts, or on other places on the grounds will not be permitted, nor will anyone be permitted to distribute any advertising except from inside of booth and not in the aisles in front of same.
4. All animals exhibited must comply with the sanitary regulations of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, please reference page 5 for these.
5. Exhibits brought to the Fair without having previously being entered at the Fair Office on the Fairgrounds will not be accepted.
6. Personal cooking equipment, i.e., refrigerators, hot plates, grills, etc. and generators will **NOT** be permitted in the barn area. Please confine these to the campgrounds.
7. All exhibitors who do not maintain clean tack/stall space/and adjacent walkways **WILL** be penalized. Stalls must be fully free of debris before departure. Failure to comply will result in withholding of ALL premiums.
8. All fees including entry fees and fees for grooming chutes and stands **MUST** be paid for through the Entry Department. Failure to comply will result in forfeiting ability to show.
9. The same animal cannot compete for the premium of two (2) or more classes, except when otherwise stated in the notes of the department.
10. The SFWV reserves the right to have any animal inspected by the Superintendent, a veterinarian of its choice, or Animal Health Staff to diagnose contagious disease and to reject any unhealthy animal at any time during the fair.
11. Any exhibitor who requests either a late arrival time or an early dismissal must submit these requests in writing or by email to the Agricultural Competitions Manager by the 1st of August. Emails must be addressed to **entries@statefairfww.com**
12. **Dogs are NOT permitted.** All service dogs must be under the control of its handler via leash, harness, or tether at all times per ADA guidelines.
13. **All exhibitors must have reached their 7th birthday on or before the date of showing.**

DEADLINES

Online entries are due by Midnight Wednesday July 14th

Entry forms will be accepted beginning May 5th. Any entry forms received before May 5th or after July 14th will not be processed. No exception will be made.

Online entries will be accepted at www.statefairfww.com until 12 Midnight on July 14th.

Tickets

Tickets will be distributed to exhibitors based on the number of days they will be exhibiting. The number of allocated tickets can be found under each breed. 10 additional livestock tickets will be able to be purchased through the box office at a discounted rate that is TBA.

Judges and Judging

- 1. The decision of the judge is final.**
2. Each livestock exhibitor is required to wear his/her entry identification number while in the judging ring.
3. Any attempt to influence or intimidate a judge, or any attempt whatsoever to decide or obtain a premium by misrepresentation, shall be reported at once to the Agricultural Competitions Manager, who shall order that exhibitor to be excluded from competition at the exhibition and any premium that may have been awarded shall be forfeited. This rule includes unethically fitted livestock.
4. No exhibitor shall act as judge in the department in which he or she exhibits.
- 5. If any disrespect is shown to judges by an exhibitor, or members of their family or their agent, they shall forfeit all awards received and the Superintendent shall make a report of same to the Agricultural Competitions Manager.**

Stalls and Stall Assignments

Tampering with and/or changing barn space assigned by the department Superintendent is strictly prohibited. Stall space will be adjusted according to the number of animals brought.

Premiums

1. Premiums will not be awarded simply because the item is the best of its kind exhibited. The judge retains the right to refuse to award a premium of any kind.
2. If there is a class with no competition, the judge must sign a statement that the article is worthy of first place money: otherwise, a blue ribbon will be awarded but second money will be awarded.
3. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than two (2) premium monies in any one class
4. **Premiums will be paid according to the records turned in to the Fair office by superintendents, not by ribbons presented.**
5. **Failure to notify the Agricultural Competitions Manager within 30 days of receiving an incorrect check will void your right to a correction.**

Parking

All livestock parking will enter through Gate 5, Livestock Gate on 219 North. Due to limited parking, there will be a \$10.00 daily fee. Spots are first come first serve. All exhibitors will be issued a livestock exhibitor identification tag to be eligible to park on grounds. Identification tag must be visible to drop animals off only. Exhibitor must be present to purchase one (1) parking pass per vehicle. No overnight parking will be permitted. Stock trailers must be parked in designated areas, outside of the Main Fairgrounds.

IAFE CODE OF 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 National 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 animal 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. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer 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 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 chemical 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 laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and 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 the 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 officials 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 and 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, trainer, 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 the 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, exhibitor, 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 the code. It is further a consent that any 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.

Safety

1. Fire Code and risk management policies do not allow cords or cables to be ran across aisle ways or travel lanes inside the barn.
2. Aisles must be kept clean at all times. Stalls, pens, and tack areas must be kept neat and clean. Grooming chutes, milking stands, etc. must be kept in designated areas only.
3. No butt fans will be allowed in the barn or near entrance ways. Please remember all fans must be suspended above the stalls in the barns.
4. All owners and those in charge of property of livestock shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The SFWV will not be responsible for any loss or damage.
5. No smoking or vaping is permitted in the barns.
6. Aerosol cans are not permitted in show rings or make-up area.
7. In accordance with West Virginia ABC Board regulations. Consumption of alcoholic beverages on SFWV property is limited to designated areas of licensed vendors. The barns are not licensed areas.

WEST VIRGINIA FAIRS, FESTIVALS, AND PUREBRED CONSIGNMENT SALES HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2023

This is an official interpretation of regulations promulgated under the authority of Chapter 19, Article 9 of the State Code of West Virginia. This applies to fairs, festivals and shows.

- All livestock imported into the State of West Virginia for fairs, festivals, and shows shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection approved by the livestock health official of the State of origin. A copy of the approved Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall be forwarded to the Director of the Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Capitol Building, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, and should be in his possession (5) five days prior to the arrival of livestock.
- Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspections (CVI) is good for 30 days. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

Any animal showing signs of a potential infectious or contagious disease will not be allowed to participate in the event.

- Note: Cattle and goats from other states with disease outbreaks may be required to secure a special permit from the Director of Animal Health Division, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Charleston, West Virginia 25305, phone number (304) 558-2214, before being admitted into West Virginia.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST MEET THE STATE OF DESTINATION HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AS TO MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS. SOME VARIATION IS FOUND IN HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AMONG THE SEVERAL STATES.

Official ID is a requirement for interstate movement for cattle, swine, sheep and goats.

FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

All out-of-state cattle must be accompanied by an Official CVI with Official Identification listed. Health certificates are good for 30 days. Nursing Animals – move with Dam. No CVI is required but must be listed on dam's CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS IN CATTLE

Cattle to be exhibited at West Virginia fairs, festivals, and shows must meet one of the following requirements:

From West Virginia: No test required, if herd is not under quarantine for tuberculosis.

From Other States:

1. From Brucellosis Free State – No test required. Interstate CVI is required.
2. From other than a Brucellosis Free State:
 - a. Official Brucellosis vaccinates under 24 months (beef) and 20 months (dairy) of age from a herd not under brucellosis restrictions – No test required, or
 - b. Originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free herd – No test required, or
 - c. Complete herd test within one year before the show – No test required, or
 - d. A negative brucellosis test within 30 days. Nursing calves may be shown on the dam's negative CVI. All out of state cattle must have official identification listed on the health certificate.

LEPTOSPIROSIS - CATTLE

- Recommended: Vaccinations for *L. canicola*, *L. icterhaemorrhagiae*, *L. hardjo*, *L. pomona* and *L. grippotyphosa*, are to be seriously considered.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

All out-of-state and breeding sheep/goats must be accompanied by an Official CVI good for 30 days. In state breeding sheep/goats must have an Official CVI or a West Virginia Honor Flock/Herd Certificate. USDA regulation states that you must have an official Scrapie ID and the ID# must be listed on the CVI. All sheep/goats will be inspected by West Virginia Animal Health Officials.

TB & BRUCELLOSIS FOR SHEEP/GOATS

No test required.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Honor Herd Certificate or CVI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Scrapie ID• Health Certificate (CVI)• No Test Required

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

All out-of-state swine must be accompanied by an official CVI good for 30 days and official ID.

From West Virginia:

Any swine born in West Virginia, and have never left the state, will no longer require pseudorabies testing prior to being shown at any fair or festival in West Virginia.

From Other States:

All swine must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for entry into West Virginia and official ID.

In State	Out Of State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pseudorabies not required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official ID• Health Certificate (CVI)

- 1- Hampshire
- 2- Suffolk
- 3- Border Cheviot
- 4- North Country Cheviot
- 5- Dorset

- 6- Horned Dorset
- 7- Southdown
- 8- All Other Breeds – Meat
- 9- All Other Breeds – Wool

Premiums

1st - \$35 2nd - \$30 3rd - \$25 4th - \$20 5th - \$15
Champion - \$50 Reserve Champion - \$40 Supreme Champion's - \$100

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yearling Ram, one (1) year and under two (2) 2. Senior Ram Lamb, under one (1) year, born Aug. 20 through Dec. 31, 2021 3. Early Junior Ram Lamb, born between January 1 and February 15 4. Junior Ram Lamb, born February 16 and after 5. Pair of Ram Lambs 6. CHAMPION RAM 7. RESERVE CHAMPION RAM 8. Yearling Ewe, one (1) year and under two (2) 9. Pair of Yearling Ewes 10. Senior Ewe Lamb, under one (1) year, born Aug. 20 through Dec. 31, 2021 11. Early Junior Ewe Lamb, born between January 1 and February 15 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Late Junior Ewe Lamb, born February 16 and after 13. Pair of Ewe Lambs 14. CHAMPION EWE 15. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE 16. Pair of Lambs, bred and owned by exhibitor (one ewe and one ram) 17. Pen of 4 Lambs, either sex 18. Flock - To consist of 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs 19. Breeder's Young Flock: To Consist of 1 ram lamb, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs, all to be owned and bred by exhibitor. 20. Premier Breeder - The exhibitor winning the most premium money in each division 21. Supreme Champion Ewe 22. Supreme Champion Ram |
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Division 10 - Sheep Shearing Contest

Saturday, August 12th, Large Stock Arena, 6 pm

Please visit statefairfwo.com/livestock-competitions for complete rules and class listings.

Intermediate Premiums

1st - \$500 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$125 4th - \$100 5th - \$75

Professional Premiums

1st - \$1000 2nd - \$500 3rd - \$250 4th - \$125 5th - \$100

Division 11 - Shepherd's Lead Competition

For Guys and Gals

Tuesday, August 16th, Small Stock Arena, 5 pm

The objective is to present a class of sheep in the most attractive manner; to give spectators an opportunity to view classes of beauty; to improve the image of a sheep show; and to promote the sheep and wool industry.

Premiums

1st - \$40 2nd - \$35 3rd - \$30 4th - \$25 5th - \$20

Classes:

1. Juniors – 6-10 years of age
2. Juniors – 11-14 years of age
3. Intermediate – 14-21 years of age
4. Adults – Over 21 years of age

Exhibitors will be judged according to the following: exhibitor's costume, control, presentation of animal and appearance of ewe.

Rules:

1. Sheep must be registered yearling ewes or registered ewe lambs, conditioned fitted and trained to show at halter.
2. Any animal entered must meet the health requirements. No animal may be brought onto the fairgrounds solely for the purpose of being used in the Shepherd's Lead Competition. If you enter the Shepherd's Lead Competition and do not have a sheep that meets these requirements, an effort will be made to provide one for you.
3. The Shepherd's Lead Competition may be entered by the July 6 deadline in either the open show or the junior purebred sheep show. **Exhibitors may also enter the competition the day of.**
4. Exhibitor outfits **MUST BE AT LEAST 50% WOOL.**
5. Exhibitor must provide their own outfit, but the outfit does not have to be hand-made.
6. Each contestant must report to the Small Stock Arena by 2:00pm for rehearsal the day of the contest with typed, **NOT HANDWRITTEN**, copy of the contestant's biographical information. Please include your name, hometown, information about the outfit you plan to wear, past fair experiences and any other anecdotes you would like to include.
7. Management reserves the right to re-divide the classes based on the ages and number entered. Management also reserves the right to cancel this activity if fewer than (5) entries are received.