

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the date of showing.**

## DEADLINES

### Online entries are due by Midnight Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup>

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

Online entries will be accepted at [www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com) until 12 Midnight on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 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"><li>• Official Scrapie ID</li><li>• Honor Herd Certificate or CVI</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official Scrapie ID</li><li>• Health Certificate (CVI)</li><li>• No Test Required</li></ul>

### 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"><li>• Pseudorabies not required</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official ID</li><li>• Health Certificate (CVI)</li></ul>

# Department H – Rabbits

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 pm – 6 pm Rabbit Check-In**

**Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 4 pm Rabbit Judging**

**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 9 am Rabbit Judging**

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm Rabbit Check Out**

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**Fees:** For cage rent and feed, \$5.00 per head fee will be charged and must be paid at time of registration

### **Rules:**

1. The SFWV will not be responsible for loss by accident, fire or providential destruction. All possible care will be used in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring for and return of rabbits. **ONLY ONE KIND OF FEED WILL BE FED BY ATTENDANTS.** Stock will be attended by competent workers and special attention will be given at all times. If your animal requires special feeding, such a request must be made, in writing, with your entry form. Extra passes will **NOT** be given for you to return for special feeding.
2. No person shall handle his or her exhibits or any exhibits without permission of show officials
3. Unless four (4) or more of a breed are exhibited, there will be no cash premiums paid. Ribbons will be awarded through fifth place.
4. **All specimens must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the left ear and have a temporary mark with coop number in the right ear. Animals with illegible ear numbers will not be permitted in the show.**
5. The management reserves the right to reject any exhibitor or livestock. Any entry form that omits information will be rejected. Management reserves the right to limit the number of animals entered by any one exhibitor.
6. **All rabbits must be at least 12 weeks old.**
7. **Absolutely no breeding will be allowed in the show room.**
8. **POSITIVELY NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED, EXCEPT IN THE SAME CLASS, BREED, VARIETY AND SEX AND ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN ONLY.**
9. **No one except the officials will be allowed inside the judging arena. The decision of the judge is final in all cases and the right is reserved to substitute another judge in case of an emergency.**
10. **Rabbit must remain in the barn until check-out.**

**NO SALES WILL BE PERMITTED UNTIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH  
AT 6 PM OF THE ANNUAL STATE FAIR. RABBITS MUST REMAIN IN  
THE BARN UNTIL THAT TIME.**



**Best of Show Award**

**Best rabbit of the show, chosen by the official judge, to receive a special ribbon and a financial award of \$30**

**DISPLAY**

**Exhibitors in all breeds will compete and points will be awarded according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association rules.**

- 1st place .....6 x number in class**
- 2nd place.....4 x number in class**
- 3rd place.....3 x number in class**
- 4th place.....2 x number in class**
- 5th place.....1 x number in class**

**Premiums**

<b>0-20 exhibitors</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> - \$5 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$4 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$3 4<sup>th</sup> - \$2</b>
<b>20 or more exhibitors</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> - \$6 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$5 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$4 4<sup>th</sup> - \$3 5<sup>th</sup> - \$2</b>

**To qualify as an exhibitor, you must have five (5) or more exhibits in a breed and in each breed from which you receive points. Display points will not be given on pre-juniors**