

North Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs General Rules & Regulations

Rule Interpretation

The management of the North Florida Fair has the right to amend, add to, interpret and administer the rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the North Florida Fair, and their decision will be final. By virtue of membership to the IAFE, we accept and adopt their rules. Any complaints must be in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the complaint and delivered to the office of the North Florida Fair, Association at 441 E Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of the fair management will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Entries

- Entry forms are available on the North Florida Fair website; www.northfloridafair.com or upon request from the: North Florida Fair, 441 E Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850) 878-3247.
- All entries must be made on official entry forms or online with all information complete and accurate and accompanied by fees when applicable. All entries in the Youth Livestock Programs must be submitted via online system by the registration deadline.

Health Requirements

- A Florida Department of Agriculture State Inspector will be on the grounds to check-in all animals and accompanying papers. Animals are not to be unloaded without approval from the State Inspector on duty.
- Any violation of these rules will be grounds for disqualification of entry.
- ALL Breeding Beef, Steers, Goats, and Sheep must be covered by an official Health Certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian, dated within 90 days of the exhibition date. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Rabbits, Cavies, & Poultry DO NOT NEED A HEALTH CERTIFICATE!
- ALL Purebred Poultry is required to have NPIP! NPIP Testing will be available at Check In through the State Health Inspectors.

Premiums and Awards

- The North Florida Fair reserves the right to alter premiums and awards, delete categories or change sponsorships.
- Premiums will be paid based on the judging reports, which must be signed by the show management or clerk.
- Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor at the address given on the official 2026 entry form. All Address Changes must be sent in writing to stacey@northfloridafair.com before November 20, 2026.
- If a Social Security number or Federal ID Number is not provided, the North Florida Fair will not issue premium checks.

Judges and Judging

- The decision of the judge will be final, and no appeal will be considered.
- Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

- All animals must be present in the coop to be evaluated by the judge to receive premiums.

Exhibitor Tickets/Credentials/Admission

- Each exhibitor will be issued an official livestock exhibitor wristband to be worn for the duration of his or her respective check in date. Each exhibitor will be issued Ten (10) single day admission tickets (tickets will be given at check in) to be used. **Please Note:** All tickets will be single-day admission tickets. Be sure to utilize your tickets to cover every day you are at the fair. No additional tickets will be issued. Additional tickets may be purchased in advance.
- All vehicles and trailers will be parked in a remote location on the fairgrounds. No vehicles or trailers will be parked inside the fairgrounds. Vehicles parked in non-designated areas will be towed away at the owner's expense.

Liability for Loss or Theft

- The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the fairgrounds either for exhibit or for other purposes assumes, as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risks and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
- The North Florida Fair, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein, and any other property of any nature whatsoever.

General

- By application for entry to the North Florida Fair, each exhibitor certifies that all exhibits are in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the North Florida Fair and that the exhibitor agrees to be governed by these rules.
- Only bona-fide North Florida youth agricultural organizations (4-H) or FFA members residing in/or attending school in the following counties **Bay, Calhoun, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsen, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton and Washington** are eligible to enter.
- Exhibitors must meet grade level requirements and be active in a 2026-2027 youth agricultural organization (FFA or 4-H). The youth organization must be affiliated with a National Organization. "BREED" Associations DO NOT meet the requirements of the North Florida Fair Youth Livestock Programs.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in elementary or secondary school.
- Any exhibitor, parent, advisor, teacher, leader, or other, who displays unprofessional behavior toward any member of the Fair Board, Fair Management, Livestock Committee, Graders, or Judges, may be just cause for the exhibitor and their animals to be disqualified and removed from the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors may also be barred from showing at future fairs. Each person is responsible for his or her own behavior.
- Animals are restricted to a designated area of the fairgrounds and must not be taken from this area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by the owner or animal.
- Names and telephone numbers of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Livestock office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.
- Only animals being entered and shown at the North Florida Fair are permitted on the fairgrounds at any time.

- Personal pets (i.e. dogs, cats, reptiles, and rodents) are strictly prohibited on fairgrounds, with the exception to official Guide Dogs/ Leader Dogs for the Blind.
- The use of underage tobacco products, drugs and alcoholic beverages in the livestock complex is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited in the barn and on the entire fairgrounds.
- Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Fair Officials may result in premium forfeiture. Any person who violates any of the General Rules or other rules as published in the 2026 North Florida Fair Youth Livestock Premium Book will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.

Exhibitor Special Needs

- It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and parent to inform Fair Management of special needs (i.e., hearing or physical disability) an exhibitor may have. Special arrangements cannot be made if Fair Management is not aware of the need.
- Exhibitors with an IEP need to provide an accommodation sheet if applicable via IEP.

Protests

- All protests must be made in writing, must plainly state the complaint, be accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 (which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained) and must be delivered to the management within 24 hours after the cause of protest. Judging Protests will not be entertained.

Attire (Official North Florida Fair Show Ring Attire)

- Official dress for FFA is as defined in the official manual (note the comments below regarding shoes and pants). Skirts are not allowed.
- Other agricultural youth organizations (4-H) members must wear black pants (NO BLUE JEANS), a white, long-sleeved button-up shirt with a collar. 4-H Jackets are acceptable.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants.
- Pants must be on the outside of the shoes. No Skinny Jeans are permitted.
- Belts & Bolos/Ties are required.
- Closed toe brown or black boots above the ankle must be worn. Athletic shoes (sneakers/tennis shoes) or boat shoes (Sperry's) are not acceptable. Poultry and Rabbit/Cavy Exhibitors may wear solid Black Athletic shoes.
- No hats may be worn.

Camping

- All Campers/RVs must have a reserved camping spot in order to be allowed on the fairground campground.
- Sites only have 30- & 50-amp availability. 50 Amp hook ups are limited, must be reserved ahead of time through the Fair Office.
- Campsites are located on the grounds at a rate of \$30.00 per day, per site. Sites include Water and Electric, no sewer.
- Only self-contained units are allowed, NO TENTS! A limited number of spaces are available; therefore, reservations need to be made as early as possible. Reservations will be honored upon receipt of full payment, until available spaces are filled.
- Camping Availability is limited. First come, first serve. Campers will be in the RV lot.

- All camping reservations must be received by October 1, 2026. Any questions please contact stacey@northfloridafair.com.
- All Livestock Camping Reservations will ONLY be made on the official Livestock Camping form, no exception.