

# LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

## INFORMATION, RULES & GUIDELINES

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### ENTRY INFORMATION

1. The Silver State Youth Livestock Show & Expo market and breeding shows are open to all individuals between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age in Nevada and surrounding states.
2. All exhibitors will be expected to adhere to all rules guiding the SSYLS, including but not limited to the General Rules, Livestock Rules, Auction Rules, National Show Ring Code of Ethics - Code of Practice and individual show and contest rules. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in disqualification from the show and sale and forfeiture of all premium and sale monies.
3. Presentation of an entry blank(s) shall be deemed acceptance of all the Fair Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. All entries must be on official Fair forms. All entry fees, where applicable, must accompany all forms. Exhibitor's birthdate must appear on form.
4. **Separate entry forms must be used for each market & breeding specie entered.**
5. All entry forms must be complete and signed by the exhibitor. All entry forms submitted for youth shows must be signed by their parent/guardian for entry forms to be accepted. **Make checks out to: Lyon County Fair Board**

Mail completed entry forms and entry fees to:  
**SILVER STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPO**  
**27 SOUTH MAIN STREET**  
**YERINGTON, NV 89447**

6. An animal may compete in one single class and in all group or special classes in which it is eligible. Individual animals shown in any of the group and herd classes must have been entered and shown in one of the individual classes. **No animal shall enter into an All Other Breeds class if the animal is already entered in a specified Breed Class.**
7. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and exhibited in their name, unless noted in Breed Sanctioned Show Rules.
8. All breeding livestock entry forms must include the animal's Division and Class description, birth date and ID number either in the form of a flock tag number or an individual tattoo number. Entries not including this information will be considered incomplete, void and will not be accepted. Pending registration numbers, and pending sire and dam numbers are acceptable. Sheep and goat entries must include Breeder and Scrapie Tag Number, including flock number and individual animal ID.
9. Breeding livestock substitutions must be made within the same class and division and substitutions must be made at time of check-in.
10. All original registration papers for registered/purebred animals must be presented & cleared, in the Livestock Office, no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the show. Faxed copies from the respective breed associations are accepted, but arrival arrangements are the responsibility of the exhibitor. If all registration papers are not checked, exhibitor will not be allowed to show and entry fees will not be refunded.
11. The judge or show management can transfer animals, entered in the wrong class, to the correct Division and/or Class. Substitutions may be made within the same division.
12. The Fair Management has the right to limit entries to facilities available and/or cancel any division or class in which there are not enough entries. Any return of entries under this rule will be done on a non-discriminatory basis. The Fair Management may combine entries, if necessary, to make up classes with a minimum of three (3) exhibits. If entries warrant, additional Divisions & Classes may be added.
13. All livestock pens and stalls must be cleaned and on exhibit by 10:00 a.m., and must be kept clean and neat for the public to view until 10:00 p.m. each day during the Fair. Pens and stalls may be "red tagged" for non-compliance of this rule. The first "Red Tag" issued will be a warning to clean the area. A second "Red Tag" will cause forfeiture of any premium money earned and if prior to sale day, the animal may be excluded from the sale. If it is necessary to issue a third "Red Tag", the exhibitor will be stripped of any special awards earned and asked to remove their animal from the grounds. If they have sold an animal in the auction, the sale will be voided.
14. Animals shown in market classes cannot be exhibited in breeding classes, and breeding animals may not be exhibited in market classes. (Third year futurity excluded)
15. Peewees (age 5 – 8 as of the first day of the fair). MUST be Pre-entered to show. May show in the Large Animal Breeding Classes; all ownership requirements must be filled out. Peewees are NOT eligible to show in Market Classes or go to the auction.

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16. **LIABILITY:** All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo nor the Silver State Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that might befall any livestock, equipment, or any loss or damage occurring or done to another, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him/her, and will protect and indemnify the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo and Silver Dollar Youth Livestock Show and Sale Committee against all legal or other proceedings. The show management is not liable for compensation to any exhibitor or their animals, which have been disqualified at the show. The exhibitors shall hold the Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo management harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings thereto. Only on this condition are entries accepted. The Exhibitor accepts full responsibility for any damage, loss, or injury done by the animals exhibited or the exhibitor. Silver State Youth Livestock Fair & Expo, Western Nevada area 4-H and State Vocational Agriculture Department assume no responsibility for loss or injury to exhibits. However every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of entries. By his/her signature on the entry form, the exhibitor acknowledges and accepts these conditions.
17. Release of back-up animals cannot be done before designated release times and requires signed livestock release forms.
18. If the property owner or others interested in property desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements. No officer or employee of the Fair has authority to suspend or change this rule.
19. Each exhibitor must show his or her own animal. If an exhibitor has more than one animal per class, another currently enrolled 4-H/FFA member must show the other animal in appropriate uniform.
20. All livestock exhibitors must fit their own animals for show. Adults may assist when necessary (due to age or experience of exhibitor). Professional fitters will not be allowed nor tolerated.

**Power may be limited – If you have a generator, you are welcome to bring it.**

**JUNIOR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION**

1. Exhibitors do not have to be a member of 4-H, FFA or Grange to participate, however, the following age breakdowns, where applicable, should be followed for all youth entries. For consistency at the Fair, the age, (as of January 1, 2021), breakdown in all areas will be:

Pee Wee	Age 5 through 8 (as of First day of show)
Junior	Age 9 and 10
Intermediate	Age 11 through 13
Senior	Age 14 through 19
2. Some divisions will have a Pee Wee class, which is any youth 5 thru 8 years of age and are not eligible for premium money.
3. NO YOUTH UNDER AGE NINE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021 MAY EXHIBIT OR SELL A MARKET ANIMAL.
4. Exhibits and animals need not qualify for entry at any district or county fair in order to enter the SSYLS 4-H, FFA and Grange Divisions.
5. Grange, FFA & 4-H Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H, FFA or Grange by January 1, 2021.
6. If exhibitors are Grange, FFA and/or 4-H members, the Club/Chapter name must be listed on the entry form, if no Club/Chapter name is given, the exhibitor will be considered an Open Youth exhibitor. Entries are required to be signed by the exhibitor's parent or guardian validating the independent exhibitor status.
7. All 4-H entries must be signed and dated by the county 4-H Staff member or club leader. All FFA entries must be signed and dated by the FFA advisor. All Grange entries must be signed and dated by Grange Leader. Failure to have entries signed makes them void.
8. Open Youth divisions are open to ALL youth 18 years or younger and the 4-H divisions are open to youth actively enrolled in a corresponding 4-H project. The entry must be the individual's own project, completed in 2020-2021 4-H calendar year.
9. The youth exhibitor is required to wear the attire as described for their organization and/or in their specific specie section.

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**ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND MAINTENANCE**

1. All animals must be fed and pens cleaned by 10:00 a.m. each day of the Fair. Animals must be provided adequate water.
2. All bulls over the age 6 months must be shown with a nose lead in all halter classes.
3. Any animal deemed unmanageable will be immediately dismissed from the fairgrounds. Determination of "unmanageable" shall be at the discretion of the Fair Management.
4. Animals must be shown in a manner the judges may require or allow. Exhibitors refusing to do so, will forfeit premiums and be barred from further participation in the Fair.
5. Each exhibit must have a stall card. Stall cards are available from the Livestock Office.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

1. NO early arrivals unless approved by Management.
2. ALL MARKET ANIMALS **MUST** BE SOLD IN THE SILVER STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INCLUDING GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS. SSYLS CONTRACTED TRUCKING WILL TRANSPORT ALL SALE ANIMALS THAT ARE BEING PROSSESSED.  
**The Buyer will have the choice of the animal being processed or live released.**
3. All exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the livestock area during the Fair. Stock must remain on the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair.
4. **All exhibits must be held in place until release time unless granted WRITTEN permission by the LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENT.** Anyone found violating this rule would forfeit all premiums.
5. All livestock must be stabled according to space allocated by Livestock Superintendent, or species chairs.
6. Animals will be released from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 22, 2021, after the conclusion of the auction.

**JUDGING**

1. All divisions and classes shall be judged under the American or Danish System of judging as specified in each competitive section.  
**AMERICAN:** The judging process is to rank exhibits against one another and award one first, one-second, etc.  
**DANISH:** The judging process is to compare each exhibit on its own merit against the scorecard or recognized standard and award as many blue ribbons, etc. as merited.
2. The management has the right to remove any entry that is ineligible for competition or is not in the best interests of the Fair, endangers the public, or has violated any other SSYLS rules.
3. The judge's decision is final.
  - a. Fair Management will not request any changes to the judges ruling.
  - b. No person shall be allowed to interfere with a judge(s) during the decision making process.
  - c. The judge may disqualify any animal that is in his/her opinion hazardous to public safety, and refuse to award premiums to any animal, which shows visible evidence of disease, deformity or lameness or lacks quality of conformation.
4. Judges will immediately report any suspected violation of the NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS to the management. Management will then determine the continual eligibility of entry. Management's decision is final.
5. No exhibitor shall receive more than 2 cash awards per class.

**LYON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS POLICIES**

1. Stalls are designed for livestock only. Use of the stalls for other than housing livestock is at the renter's risk.
2. Do not drive over the traffic bumpers and curbs.
3. Park in designated parking spaces and within the lines. Protruding vehicles will be ticketed and or towed.
4. All animals remaining on the grounds overnight must be in a stall/pen/corral.
5. Horse trailers remaining on the grounds must be cleaned after arrival to prevent odors and flies.
6. **Dry Camping areas are available to Exhibitors. Note: No hookups for water or sewer are available.**
7. **DO NOT park any vehicle, camper or recreational vehicle on the grass. Parking is allowed around the edge.**
8. **DO NOT drive any type of vehicle on the grass areas.**

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**ANIMAL HEALTH RULES**

**Health Certificates are not required for in-state livestock**

**INSPECTION BY FAIR VETERINARIAN OR “DESIGNATED ANIMAL HEALTH” REPRESENTATIVE**

1. A veterinarian, hired by the Fair, will inspect all livestock as they arrive on the Fairgrounds. Any animal found to have an infectious, contagious, or parasitic disease or any condition which would affect its appearance to the public (i.e. prolapse, sore mouth, abscesses, **under fed**, etc.) must be immediately removed from the Fairgrounds and will be scratched from the Show and Sale.
2. Specie chairpersons will health inspect cavies, poultry and rabbits and all unacceptable animals must immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.
3. Out of state animals must comply with Interstate Health requirements.
4. All sheep and goats must be individually identified by tattoo or ear tag and be in compliance with the current Federal Scrapie program and show evidence of compliance.
5. Required Laboratory Testing – must be conducted in Federal/State approved Lab.

**Cattle:**

Native Nevada cattle do not need Brucellosis or Tuberculosis tests.

**Dairy Animals:**

Dairy cattle over 6 months of age and coming from out of state must have a negative Tuberculosis test.

**Sheep and Goats:**

All sheep and goats must be individually identified by tattoo or ear tag and be in compliance with the current Federal Scrapie program and show evidence of compliance.

**Swine:**

No test or vaccination requirements.

**Poultry & Birds:**

No test or vaccination requirements.

Evidence of coryza, respiratory distress, enlarged hocks, ruffled feathers, diarrhea, bluecomb, nasal discharge, lice, mites or other infectious, contagious or parasitic disease will disqualify the bird.

**Cavies:**

No test or vaccination requirements.

Evidence of pneumonia, ear mites, diarrhea, parasites, mites, lice, ticks or other infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases will disqualify the animal.

**Rabbits:**

No test or vaccination requirements.

Evidence of snuffles, mastitis, vent disease, weepy eye, ear mites, diarrhea or other infectious, contagious or parasitic disease will disqualify the animal. **Due to ongoing outbreaks of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV2), NO rabbits within 150 miles of any current outbreak area will be allowed to show at SSYLS.**

FOR CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [WWW.SSYLS.COM](http://WWW.SSYLS.COM)

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**NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**  
International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE)

**CODE OF PRACTICE**  
AS ADOPTED BY  
**THE SILVER STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK FAIR & EXPO**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows and fairs shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct shall always reflect the highest standard of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education.

Youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are responsible to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that the youth will be influenced by their example. Persons who violate the code of ethics will be prohibited from future exhibition.

The guidelines for exhibitors and livestock in competitive events are:

1. Exhibitors must present, upon request of show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or other facts is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors or other responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request of fair officials.
3. Junior Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fair or livestock show.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering is the giving of consent for show management to obtain specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs or substances other than in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
5. If the laboratory tests of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from an animal indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facia evidence that such a substance has been administered to the animal internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance taken from the animal correctly reflect the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden of proving otherwise falling to the owner, exhibitor or responsible person at any hearing conducted by the fair or livestock show regarding the matter.
6. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, a licensed veterinarian shall administer all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications.
7. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drugs, 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 hooves or horns of animals which affect the 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.
8. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivances or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials, before, during or after the event is prohibited. Judges and other show officials are to be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect.

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10. 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 these rules shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
11. The application of the code of practice provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal is in violation of this code of ethics.
12. The act of entering an animal is giving the consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication.
13. 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 had read the SSYLS Code of Practice, IAFE National Code of Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action, which violates these rules, may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

**WHOLESOME ASSURANCE ACT**

The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance (identified or unidentified) including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals. Violate results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass will be considered fraud.