2026 SILVER STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW & EXPO
GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION FOR ALL DIVISIONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Section I

1. The Lyon County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard to, otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
2. **The Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as, in their judgment, they may deem advisable.**
3. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the Fair Board may order.
4. The Fair Board does not guarantee the payment of Special Premiums and awards offered in these lists by the merchant's or livestock associations. These prizes are usually secured by the Fair Committee with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.
5. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequence or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him or her, and shall indemnify the Fair Board, the Executive Director, or any other officer or employee of the Lyon County Fair Board, against all legal proceeding in regard thereto. The Board will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of exhibits and property of every description entered for competition, display, or any other purpose while anywhere on the grounds that shall be subject to the control of the Lyon County Fair Board, but the owners themselves must take the risk of exhibiting them. In no case will the Board be responsible in any way for loss, damage, or injury of any character to any property, article, or person, while same is on the Fairgrounds or at any time or place, nor be liable for or make any payment for damage, loss, or injury. The Lyon County Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, or acts of God. Presentation of an entry blank(s) shall be deemed acceptance of all the rules, regulations, and guidelines of the SSYLS.
6. Service Dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds and are the responsibility of the dog owner and/or assistant.
7. All exhibitors may be currently enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, Grange, Keystone, or meet SSYLS requirements for Independent (Exhibitors). Exhibitors must own and be in possession of their lamb, goat, or swine for 60 days and beef for 120 days prior to the opening date of the fair. Rabbits and poultry must be owned and in possession of their animals 30 days prior to fair.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Section II

1. All applications for competitive exhibits must be made on the Official Online Entry System and in accordance with instructions thereon and rules of the Competition Handbook.
2. When “Entry” is used, it refers to the Entry Blank. “Exhibit” refers to the article entered for competition.
3. The Fair management has the right to limit entries to facilities available and/or cancel any division or classes in which there are not enough entries. Any return of entries under this rule will be done on a discriminatory basis.
4. The Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit being offered for exhibition.
5. Exhibitor is responsible for classifying his/her own Exhibit. If for any reason the Exhibit is in the wrong division or class, the staff/judge has the authority to move an entry to another class or division, except where prohibited by the rules.
6. All material used in decorating booths, racks and exhibits must be made from nonflammable products or treated and maintained in a flame-retardant condition, as per the regulations prescribed by the Fire Department.
7. Exhibitors of all leased registered and unregistered breeding show animals shall maintain and have in their possession, at the show, a copy of an appropriate lease agreement. The agreement form should contain the information listed on this form. Appropriate lease agreements must specify that the exhibitor is solely responsible for the care of the animal within the ownership guidelines included in the rules of SSYLS. The agreement should include information indicating that the lease duration fulfilled the ownership/possession requirements of SSYLS.

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EXHIBITORS

Section III

1. Any exhibitor who, for the purpose of defrauding or misrepresentation, makes any fraudulent entry in the name of another exhibitor for the purpose of exhibiting will be subject to disciplinary action to be determined by Fair management.
2. Exhibit buildings will be open to the public during Fair operation hours.
3. No cooking appliances will be allowed in any exhibit. All exhibitors are required to use only appliances that are properly grounded and have met UL specifications, (i.e., clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.)

JUDGING SYSTEMS

Section IV

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, through 8th place.
   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, red, or white as merited. (Market and Futurities)
2. Judges may not award prizes to unworthy exhibits. It is the intention of the management to display only quality items.
3. No person shall act as a judge in any division in which he/she or a member of his/her immediate family is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, in charge of a group of exhibitors or is a member of a group of exhibitors.
4. The decision of the judges is FINAL. To encourage high standards, the judge can award first, second, third place, etc. according to merit of the Exhibit. If an Exhibit is considered without merit, the judge is under no obligation to present an award under any circumstances.

PROTEST AND APPEALS

Section V

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of the Fair rules, regulations, and guidelines. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weigh masters and timers cannot be protested and are final.
2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of $500.00, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses from which proof is to be obtained.
3. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of an official Fair judge to the Board will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit; or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another.
4. All questions in dispute or difference not covered by these rules shall be referred to the Board, whose decision is final.
5. If a grievance is filed, as per number 2 of this section, the Show Director will appoint a committee at that time consisting of a superintendent, one livestock representative, and one neutral from the community.

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PREMIUM CHECKS

Section VI

1. The Board positively will not pay premiums on any article not specifically mentioned in the Competition Handbook.
2. Judge's book shall be evidence for payment of premiums.
3. No exhibitors may receive more than two cash awards in any one class.
4. Premium checks will be mailed as soon after the Fair as possible. If checks are not received within 30 days, the Fair Office should be notified.
5. October 1, 2026, is the deadline for reporting any errors in premium checks or checks not received by the exhibitor. After that date, no changes will be made, or checks will be issued.
6. **Premiums are NOT paid on Market Animals.**
7. Premiums are not guaranteed and will be paid only if funding is available. Due to the increased cost of the show, we will take available funds, after expenses, and allocate said funds on the following scale.

Premiums

Premiums will be paid on a sliding scale according to the number of entries within the species competing as follows, if providing funds are available:

Large Animal Premiums				Small Animal Premiums			
# In Class	1st	2nd	3rd	# In Class	1st	2nd	3rd
7 or more	$40	$26	$10	7 or more	$13	$8	$3
5 or 6	$30	$20	$10	5 or 6	$10	$7	$3
3 or 4	$26	$20	$10	3 or 4	$8	$7	$3
2	$15	$10		2	$5	$3	
1	$15			1	$5		