

San Juan County Fair Market Rules and Regulations

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ENTRY DEADLINE

Entry Fee \$12.00 per entry

TBD Annually - Market/Breeding Beef

April 15 - Market Turkeys

TBD Annually - Market Lamb/Market Goat/Market Swine

May 31 - Breeding and Dairy

July 15 - Poultry/Rabbit/Horse/Market Chickens/Market Rabbits

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I. GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

- A. Membership - Dues to the San Juan County Fair Association are \$10.00 per year for individuals, families, clubs, and chapters, or a one-time lifetime membership of \$100.00. All dues are payable on or before January 1 of the current year for eligibility to run for the board or vote in the current year election.
- B. Admission - The fee charged to enter the fair is a minimal cost for children 12 and under, adults, and senior citizens. Small infants in arms are admitted for free. See schedule of events for other promotions and admission costs.
- C. Passes
- i. Staff passes will be issued to the following: 4-H Extension office and organizational leaders, FFA advisors, department heads, and department staff.
 - ii. Junior livestock exhibitors will be issued two vehicle passes per family. Each exhibitor who submits an entry must have a physical address for the family in order to receive the proper passes. Passes are issued by address and not by individual.
 - iii. Open show exhibitors housing animals for the duration of the fair are eligible for exhibitor passes **NOT A GATE PASS**.
 - iv. Pass packets will be available at the start of the fair for each family. A walk-through gate pass is available for a minimal cost per person for the week, and a vehicle pass is available for \$20.00 per pass to exhibitor families camping on grounds or housing animals only.
- D. Check-In/Check-Out of all Barns
- a. Check-in will be the first Sunday of the fair and will take place at a designated area from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Exhibitors must provide proper paperwork for check-in.
 - **Brand inspections forms**
 - **Market certification forms (signed by 4H member, Parent, 4H leader and notarized)**
 - b. Check-out will be the second Sunday of the fair and will take place in each barn from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm. Exhibitors will give proper paperwork to their department head, have exhibitors assigned area inspected and approved prior to being released.

II. AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- A. Participants agree to be responsible for and pay, indemnify, save and hold harmless San Juan County Fair, San Juan County Fair Board, and San Juan County against any and all loss, claims, costs and/or expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, resulting from any loss, claims, or legal action of any nature whatsoever, whether or not reduced to a judgement,

for any liability of any nature whatsoever that may arise against the county fair as a result of the operations, and/or the use of the premises including any acts of the participants or invitees, or in connection with any of the rights or privileges granted by the San Juan County Fair Board to participants.

- B. At no time will the San Juan County Fair Board assume care, custody, or control of any animal, livestock, and/or personal property of the exhibitor. At all times, the participants will have full control, custody, and will care for, feed, and keep safe their animals, livestock, and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of the San Juan County Fair Association.
- C. All published safety rules must be obeyed. The county fire code prohibits any parking within twenty feet of any building. Vehicles improperly parked will be towed at the owner's expense.

~~D. Board members, department heads, and judges may not enter exhibits or animals in the departments in which they are involved.~~

III. COMPLAINTS and CONCERNS

- A. It will (be) considered a favor if visitors will report in writing any problem they may have with any fair employee, concessionaire, or vendor, immediately.
- B. Exhibitors (WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS) must initially express grievances to department heads. (Department head will contact fair board). If the grievance cannot be resolved by parties, a written grievance must be filed.
- C. If an exhibitor wishes to file a grievance with the SJCFB, it must be in writing and in accordance with the SJCF rules and regulations contained herein. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee per grievance must be accompanied with written grievance stating the rule(s) violated. The grievance must be filed within 24 hours of each grievance.

IV. HARASSMENT/DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

- A. Harassment of local officials, fair board directors, department heads, County Extension agents or FFA advisors, judges, classifiers and/or buyers, or any behavior which disrupts the fair's activities either by an exhibitor or by a member of his/her immediate family may be grounds for disqualifications of the exhibitor and/or immediate family from the current fair as well as future San Juan County fairs. Loud, unruly, rude, and disruptive behavior may result in exhibitors, family, or friends being prohibited from exhibiting at future San Juan County fairs.

- B. Immediate family is defined by the SJCFB as natural parent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, step-parent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, aunt, uncle, and grandparents.
- C. Exhibitors and family members have been advised that any act of discourtesy, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and foul language, destruction of other exhibitors' property or county or fair property may result in the disqualifications of the exhibitor and animals they are showing. All entry fees will in such case be forfeited. Courteous behavior is expected from all exhibitors and their immediate families.
- D. Alcohol drinks are prohibited on the fairgrounds during the fair.
- E. Slaughter of animals on San Juan County fairgrounds is prohibited.
- F. Motorized vehicles (ATVs, motorcycles, mo-peds, etc.), bicycles, skates, skateboards, or other such devices are prohibited within the public area of the fairgrounds unless approved by the San Juan County Fair Board.

V. SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RULES

- A. No late entries (tagging for Market Animals), will be accepted. Online entry fee shall be submitted with entry at tag-in. Rabbit, Poultry, and Horse entries submitted by mail without proper postage will not be accepted. Exhibitors are responsible for their own entries.
- B. Only members of 4-H Clubs served by the San Juan County Extension Office or FFA Chapters in San Juan County are eligible to enter market livestock. ~~Exhibitors must meet the age—requirements for 4-H and FFA.~~

Exhibitors must meet these age requirements:

Exhibitors who are 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade and who have not turned 19 by January 1st of the current 4H year. (4H year is October 1st – September 30th)

- C. An Exhibitor may enter as many animals in each lot as he or she may desire; however, in no case will exhibitors be allowed more than two placing in each class.
- D. Livestock exhibitors cannot purchase animals for any purposes that have been bred and/or raised from the current year's judge or members of their immediate family. The intent of this rule is to prohibit judges from judging their own animals. Any exhibitor found guilty of violating this rule by the San Juan County Fair Board will forfeit all premium money and sale money, if any, which may be in excess of the packer's bid for all entries. The owner of the animal will be barred from future San Juan County Fair participation at the discretion of the SJCFB.
- E. Animals must be free of disease, clean, and groomed in show condition. The SJCFB reserves the right to refuse entry of stock that does not meet the above conditions, or that demonstrate unruly tendencies while stalled or while showing.

- F. Only the exhibitor's parents, legal guardian(s), grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or San Juan County 4-H Project Leaders, San Juan County Extension Agents, San Juan FFA Advisors, and other San Juan County FFA or 4-H members may offer instruction and assistance in helping the exhibitor prepare the animal for show. The exhibitor must be actively involved with the fitting. It will be at the discretion of the barn superintendent to determine whether the exhibitor is, in fact, actively involved in such preparation.
- G. Additional lots or classes may be set up or combined at the discretion of the department head. Any class with three or fewer animals will not be awarded a premium.
- H. Weigh-in will begin as animals are received or at a time set by the department heads.
- I. No personal scales will be allowed on the grounds. Scales will be provided for each department.
- J. Once an animal is weighed, the weight will be official. There will be no re-weighs or giving of weight at the scales. Animals must have tags in place to be weighed.
- K. Weight Limits are as Follows:
 - i. SWINE - 200 lb. minimum and 280 lb. maximum
 - ii. MARKET LAMB - 90 lb. minimum, exception 70 lb. Southdown and Southdown Cross, no maximum
 - iii. MARKET BEEF - 1,000 lb. minimum & no maximum
 - iv. MARKET GOAT - 50 lb. minimum & no maximum
 - v. CHICKEN PEN - 4.5 lb. minimum & 5.5 maximum
 - vi. RABBIT PEN - 3 lbs. per rabbit minimum & 5 lbs. per rabbit maximum
The age limit on a meat pen rabbit is 10 weeks.
 - vii. TURKEY PEN - no maximum
- L. Barn pathways/walkways must be clean/clear of equipment from 9 am – 10 pm during the fair.
- M. Exhibitors must furnish their own water buckets, feed pails, and bedding.
- N. All animals must be shown and sold by the exhibitor, unless the department head and the fair board member of that department have approved a valid request submitted to the fair board office in writing before the sale requesting that another exhibitor show the animal. Only current San Juan County 4-H and FFA exhibitors are allowed to show animals. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, another qualified exhibitor as described in Section V. Rule B, may show the animal. A valid request can be challenged by an exhibitor per Section III, Letter B.
- O. At the judge's discretion, first through sixth place ribbons will be awarded.

- P. The alteration, changing, or purposely damaging of ear tags prohibited. Removal of tags will not be allowed per veterinary inspection.

VI. SPECIAL RULES FOR BEEF, LAMBS, SWINE, AND GOATS

- A. On check-in day, all lambs will be inspected for teeth, contagious diseases, and castration.
- B. Market Lambs and Market Goats will be toothed at weigh-in and must have their temporary teeth intact, with no permanents showing, to be eligible for show.
- C. Market Lamb and Swine will be classified by a qualified classifier. Classifications are final.
- ~~D. No dressing (such as oil, paint, powder, etc.) other than water may be used on swine. Any swine with dressing other than water will immediately be removed from the ring and will not be allowed to compete for premiums.~~
- E. All livestock entries are subject to one or more drug tests.
- F. If an animal is dismissed by a veterinarian, that animal must leave the premises immediately.
- G. Any animal dismissed by a veterinarian will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale, even if that animal has qualified.
- H. No joint ownership will be allowed on any animal for sale or show.
- I. All show animals must be returned to barn by closing time. Beef may be left outside overnight in stalls after 8 pm, Mon-Thurs, and 9 pm, Fri-Sat.

VII. CARE OF ANIMALS

- A. Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of his or her animals until release from the fair.
- B. Exhibitors who do not properly care for their animals will be charged \$20.00 per day per animal. Rabbit and poultry pens will also be charged \$20.00 per pen per day for improper care. **and / or exhibitors and animals not properly cared for may be asked to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the fair board and department head.**
- ~~C. Exhibitors and animals not properly cared for may be asked to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the fair board and department head.~~
- D. All premiums and sale money will be applied to the unpaid balance of those charges set forth in VII (B) above.
- E. The fair board reserves the right to refuse entry to future San Juan County fairs for exhibitors who do not care for their animals.

- F. All stalls and pens must be cleaned ~~by exhibitors~~, and the pen must be inspected by department heads prior to check-out. No premium checks or ribbons will be given until stalls and pens are cleaned and inspected by the department head. Pens and stalls must be kept clean at all times.
- G. Any alteration or change of ownership that affects the San Juan County Fair, or a subsequent livestock show, and that does not meet length of ownership requirements at the subsequent show, is considered unethical practice.

VIII. UNETHICAL PRACTICES

- A. The following are considered unethical practices:
 - i. Drugging or injecting for body “fill-ins.”
 - ii. Only FDA-approved products for their intended purpose are allowed.
 - iii. Filling of abdominal cavity, by any method, such as air or pumping or the use of foreign substance, including but not limited to carbonated products, mayonnaise, Miracle Whip, butter, corn oil, peanut oil, saline, collagen, Botox, etc.
 - iv. The alteration, changing, defacing, bleaching, shading, dyeing, frosting, or any other modifications of the markings or the anatomical structure of show animals (such as blowing binder twine, wood chips or cork on the legs, and artificial tail fins.)
 - v. The use of adhesives to bone-up legs and make tail fins is permitted as long as ingredients foreign to leg hair and tail fins are not used. Adding hair is considered foreign to the animal as well as any type of injection where oils, glycerin, or like substances are used as fill-ins.
- B. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the fair board, because of an unfair enhancement of the show qualities of any animal will forfeit all awards, premium money, and sale money, if any, over the packer’s bid. The owner of the animal may be barred from future participation in the San Juan County Fair until such time as reinstatement is allowed by the fair board.
- C. All large market animals must be castrated by a method that completely and physically removes the testes, scrotum, and cords. All wounds must be completely healed prior to the fair ~~entry~~ **check-in** day. Any large market animal not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to show.
- D. Any animal shown in the market division must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor for the following number of days; Beef-120 days, Swine, Lamb, and Goat – 90 days. Market Turkey Birds must be purchased after March 1st. No animals may be transferred from a 4-H club to FFA or vice versa or within a family during the ownership period listed.
- E. All exhibitors will be well groomed and neatly attired while in the show ring, round-robin and sale ring (i.e. collared and tucked-in shirt, long pants, and closed toe shoes; no tennis

shoes). Violations of VIII.E or F will result in \$25.00 per occurrence to be settled before the issue of exhibitor's check.

- F. No hats allowed in show ring, round-robin, or sale ring with exception of horse participants.
- G. No posting or marking of animals "FOR SALE" on fairgrounds will be allowed. Department heads will provide a sale bulletin board in their barn for posting of non-sale animals that exhibitors wish to sell. All "FOR SALE" signs must be placed on the sale bulletin board in the appropriate barn. The sale bulletin board will not be posted in the barns until after Thursday at 6:00 pm, when the pulls in the sale order have been finalized.

IX. SAN JUAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SALE

- A. ~~Only FFA and 4-H members whose club or chapter has a current membership of the San Juan County Fair Association will be allowed to sell their livestock.~~
- B. Only ribboned animals will be sold. The number of animals sold will be beef-25, lambs-36, swine-36, chicken-2 pens, turkey-2 pens, rabbits-2 pens, goats-16. The number of sale animals can be changed at the discretion of the fair board.
- C. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of beef, swine, lamb and goats and Champion Pens for poultry and rabbits must be sold.
- D. Exhibitors can sell only two animals in the livestock sale.
- E. Top sale weights (the top weights the buyers will pay): beef - 1300 lbs., lambs - 150 lbs., swine - 260 lbs.; goats - 120 lbs.
- F. Livestock will be sold by alternating species.
- G. The terms of the sale are check, cash, or credit card (MasterCard/Visa). As a courtesy to buyers, billing arrangements may be arranged upon request by the buyer.
- H. Animals sold through the sale cannot be repurchased from the buyer. Exhibitors and their family members cannot solicit the buyer for the return of the animal. Any exhibitor discovered in violation of this rule will be subject to such disciplinary action as deemed necessary including withholding of current sale premiums and disqualifications of 1 year from the San Juan County Fair.
- I. All animals must be tagged or tattooed in accordance with ownership rules.
- J. The exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of their sale animal in accordance with instructions as directed by the buyer disposition sheet.
- K. Exhibitors who have placed more than two animals in the sale or who do not wish to sell an animal must pull them from the sale. All original pulls must be completed by 4:00 pm and second pulls by 6:00 pm on Thursday. The pulls will take place in Classroom A. Jumping classes will not be allowed. (If class is exhausted, pulls will be from next class). A

copy of the preliminary sale order will be posted in all barns Friday to be reviewed for correct information by 2:00 pm. If there are no corrections, the official sale order will be final and posted.

X. DRUG SCREENING GUIDELINES AND RULES

- A. A sample will be collected on the Grand and Reserve animals in the steer, swine, lamb, and meat goat barns. Random samples from the (SSLG) barns will also be collected. The random sample animals will be determined by a random independent drawing of ear tag numbers for each respective barn. The 2 random samples will be announced after the show, and a sample will be collected on selected animals, including the Grand and Reserve Grand, immediately after the show for that barn by a ~~board member~~ designated person and department head. All withdrawal times must be adhered to assuring that animals sent to the packer are safe for consumption, and the animal is in compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act (this is a federal requirement).
- B. A parent or legal guardian must be present for the collection of the sample, and they must sign and initial all required paperwork with the exhibitor.
- C. Using intoxicating beverages, tranquilizers, or other drugs that affect the mood or attitude of the animal prior to judging is prohibited. The use of steroids, growth stimulants, diuretic, or artificial filling internally is prohibited. Judges are requested to report to the management any animals upon which a surgical operation has been performed to improve their "show" appearance (except dehorning). Surgical dehorning by a licensed veterinarian is permitted.
- D. No drugs given to an animal for the sole purpose of movement enhancement will be allowed.
- E. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice found by the fair board to unfairly enhance qualities of the animal, will forfeit all awards, premium money and sale money, if any, over the packer's bid. The exhibitor of the animal may be barred from future participation of the San Juan County Fair until such time as reinstatement is made by the fair board.

XI. MEDICATION

- A. The use of any chemical or compound that is not approved by the FDA or USDA for use in meat producing animals, and the illegal use of approved chemicals or compounds is prohibited. This includes the use of approved chemicals or compounds not specifically approved for use in that respective species. "Unapproved" is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals. If an animal passes all USDA tests but fails any FDA testing for the presence of drug(s) or other chemicals, the animal will be condemned by the show officials and not allowed for consumption.

- B. All medication must be administered by a veterinarian from time of livestock check-in through livestock check-out on Sunday. A department head and fair board member must be present at the time of administration of any and all medication.

XII. ANIMAL INSPECTIONS

- A. As a condition for participation in the show, every exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian appointed by the fair board, FDA, NMLB, USDA/FSIS, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and/or New Mexico Department and requested by a veterinarian or fair official.
- B. The show specifically reserves the right to have hair, tissue, blood, or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition, and the exhibitor grants permission by signing the market certification form. The conclusions reached by a veterinarian, as to whether such animal has been administered or given a substance or drug in violation of the rules or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final and without appeal or recourse against the show, fair board, veterinary, and fair officials.

XIII. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY (Prescribed) DRUGS, FEED, and SUBSTANCES

- A. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and parent/legal guardian to ensure that the animal is free of prescribed drugs and substances in accordance with the San Juan County Fair rules and regulations. Extent of knowledge on the part of the exhibitor with regard to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be a defense that a person or persons unknowingly introduced the prescribed substance into the animal. If a product in violation of these rules is found in the tissue of a carcass of any animal sold through sales connected with the San Juan County Fair, the carcass will be condemned. The exhibitor will in such case forfeit all rights to sale proceeds, premiums, and prizes.

XIV. CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS OF DRUG SCREENING GUIDELINES AND RULES

- A. If, after examination by a veterinarian, an animal is found to be out of compliance with drug screening or medication guidelines, including producing and analysis with a quantity of a substance or drug in violation of the rules, the veterinarian will report findings to the fair board and department heads, at which time action will be taken and may result in one or more of the following sanctions.
 - i. exhibitor will be disqualified;
 - ii. exhibitor will be barred from further exhibition;
 - iii. no awards will be made for the involved animal and any other animal exhibited by exhibitor;

iv. entry fees will not be refunded.

v. the exhibitor will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future.

XV. MARKET CERTIFICATION

A. All junior market animal exhibitors will be required to have a San Juan County Fair Junior Market Certification form signed by the following:

i. Junior Exhibitor

ii. Parent or legal guardian

iii. 4H leader or FFA advisor

B. This form must be notarized and turned in at animal check in on Sunday. No Junior Market animal will be allowed to enter SJC fair grounds without the market certification form from PER EXHIBITOR regardless of the number of animals or species.

C. Failure of an exhibitor to sign a SJCF Junior Market Certification Form will result in exhibitor being refused entry in the current San Juan County Fair.

D. This form confirms that the exhibitor and parent or legal guardian have read and understand all the current San Juan County Fair rules and regulations.

XVI. RIGHT OF APPEAL

A. All exhibitors have the right to appeal any decision that affects their right to continue as an exhibitor, as well as any sanctions that may be ordered by the fair board. The appeal must be made within twelve (12) hours after the exhibitor is notified of an adverse decision by the board. The appeal shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the office of the fair board during business hours and shall request a hearing before the Board. The hearing will take place as soon as practicable after the appeal has been filed. The exhibitor may appear without counsel, be represented by a member of his/her immediate family or by an attorney. A panel of at least any seven board members, the department head, and a veterinarian, shall appear, if necessary. The decision of the committee, after fair hearing and opportunity of the exhibitor to state his or her position, will be rendered promptly and will be final.

XVII. SEVERABILITY

A. If any portion of these rules and regulations shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.