

## MONONGALIA COUNTY FAIR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

1. All exhibitors must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year and they must not be older than 21 as of January 1 of the current year. All exhibitors must be active members and enrolled by January 1 of current year in good standing in a Monongalia County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
2. All West Virginia livestock Project's must complete a mandatory Quality Assurance Training to exhibit or sell animals at County or State Fair. This is a rule established by the WV 4-H Program and FFA Organization. Training should be completed by July 1 of the current year.
3. All breeding animals must be in members' possession no later than March 1 of current year. All market animals must be in members' possession or proof of ownership by May 1 of current year.
4. No FFA or 4-H member can exhibit more than two animals in the same species of any market animal. Examples that would be allowed are two market lambs, one feeder steer and one market steer.
5. ALL animals must be a Monongalia County 4-H or FFA member's project.
6. The same project may not be carried in both 4-H and FFA within or among counties. Example: Market Steer carried as a 4-H project in Monongalia County cannot be carried as a FFA project in any other County.
7. All **market** animals must follow WVDA and USDA identification procedures. If an animal's ear tag is lost, contact the Monongalia Co. Extension Office immediately.
8. All identification procedures must be supervised by the Fair Officials or their approved representatives.
9. All 4-H & FFA Livestock Projects (Market & Breeding) must have completed a project and/or record book/supplement for project completion. Refer to your project book for your specific record requirements. Advisors will require completed record books be turned in to them to receive credit for the project.
10. All animals are to be in place by time and date set by the fair board. Each animal will be weighed one time. There will be no re-weighs for any animals.
11. All West Virginia Departments of Agriculture (WVDA) animal exhibition health requirements must be followed. Contact the WVDA State Veterinarian at 304-558-2214 for a copy of the current requirements. Fair market beef, market hog, market sheep, market poultry, dairy cow, dairy and market goat, turkey, duck and geese exhibitors must complete and turn in an animal health form at the fair weigh-in. If at any time after the Animal Health Form is filed the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered, an updated Animal Health Form shall promptly be filed with the records official.
12. All livestock entering the fairgrounds must first go through a WVDA animal health check at designated locations. Animals should be displayed in a way that they can easily be seen. Blankets and other coverings should be removed prior to the check. Additional checks by the designated fair vets or WVDA animal health personnel may occur daily and at any time through-out the fair.
13. Livestock health requirements shall conform to State Health Regulations and those of the appointed committee. If care does not meet the standards of the appointed committee, exhibitor will be dismissed & market animals will not be allowed to sell. Exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit any animals the following year. (See Livestock and Health Requirements in the front of the catalog.)
14. All Market Animals designated as Grand or Reserve Champions must sell at the Fair Livestock Auction.
15. No professional groomers are permitted at the fair. All exhibitors may receive assistance in care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the show, provided that the assistance is limited to explanation or minimal demonstration (member must be present) and that the assistance is provided only by the following:  
1. Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, 2. Siblings, 3. Monongalia Co. 4-H or FFA members, 4. Monongalia Co. 4-H Advisors, 5. Monongalia Co. Ag Instructor. Animals must be groomed. Exhibitors/animals not following these guidelines will be barred from competition thus will not be eligible for Showmanship, Grand and/or Reserve Champion.
16. **TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock show, the appointed committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing the underneath of the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dying or coloring hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state, or application of a topical product. There shall be **NO APPLICATION OF PRODUCTS NOT APPROVED FOR ANIMAL USE**. Transparent grooming materials only may be used. Neutral coloring (clear or white) only must be used. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition. **THE USE OF CLENBUTEROL AND OTHER UNAPPROVED DRUGS IS PROHIBITED**. All exhibitors, their immediate family and other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all awards. Should fair fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the appointed committee, be discovered after the animal or animals have shown and prior to the auction, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up. Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification. Additionally, sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
17. **RULE VIOLATIONS:** In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used. The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by appointed committee. Upon hearing the case, the appointed committee will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the appointed committee that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3) years before the right to a review. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the appointed committee will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and sale money under each violation, unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placing stand. No person shall be allowed to exhibit in the Monongalia County Fair that has been banned for disciplinary or other similar reasons from other county, independent or state fairs for a period commensurate with the ban.
18. The Monongalia County Fair will operate under the provisions of West Virginia Live- stock Show Reform Act and under all applicable West Virginia Department of Agricultural Fairs and Festivals Rules. This law and the amended rules may be viewed and/or secured at the Monongalia Co. Extension Office or the ODA website.

**\*Appointed committee shall consist of three from the following 4-H or County Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, Barn Committee Member, youth exhibitor at current event (15 years of age and older) or Fair Board Member.**

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