

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. It is required that all breeding animals including ewes, rams, does, heifers, cows, bulls, gilts, and sows being exhibited have registration papers in a recognized breed association. Commercial heifers, crossbreed ewes, crossbreed gilts and percentage does do not need papers. Papers must be in exhibitor's name.
2. All animals exhibited for premiums must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to the date of the show. It is required that those members exhibiting in the Junior Department must have owned and cared for beef projects for a period of 120 days and swine, sheep, dairy and goat projects for a period of not less than 90 days prior to the opening date of the fair.
3. Each exhibitor may enter not more than three steers, three market lambs, three market goats and three market hogs in the Junior Division.
4. Superintendents shall have the discretion to divide market animals into weight classes and number of animals per class as deemed necessary.
5. In the event the judge or breed superintendents determine an animal is not typical of a breed being shown, the animal in question shall be required to show in the crossbreed class which show last.
6. Exhibitor may show goats in either the Junior or Open show, but not both.
7. No bedding or feed to be furnished by Rogers County Free Fair Association for any species or groups except for show arena for fair and Premium Sale. If available from Rogers County, bark will be/can be provided for livestock stalling areas.
8. School or Group Class will consist of 3 head of market animals for a single FFA Chapter or 4-H Club. There is no limit to the number of groups that an individual club or organization can have.
9. Shavings only excluding tie outs, barked areas and dairy.
10. All animals must be in good health. No animal affected with a disease will be permitted to occupy any of the exhibit pens.
11. Exhibitor must provide all information on entry card at time of entry including exhibitor social security number. If exhibiting a breeding animal, registration papers will be checked at time of entry, please have your registration papers with you for check in. Commercial breeding heifers must present bill of sale or if bred & owned a breeder verification form (included in this fair book). TSF commercial heifer paperwork is acceptable.
12. **No butt fans allowed in aisles.**

SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interest of all exhibitors and breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the barn & show ring, the following list of practices are considered unacceptable in the presentation of livestock. The use of such practices or procedures is, therefore, considered a violation of the Rules and Regulations governing this show.

1. Misrepresenting the age, breed or weight of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Treating or massaging any part of the body internally or externally with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
3. Minimize the effects of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise.
4. Striking the animal to cause swelling.
5. Surgery or any other procedure performed to change the natural process of growth, maturation, contour or appearance of any animal, to include teeth, is prohibited. Not included is removal of teats or horns, clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
6. Insertion of foreign material under the skin.
7. Any attempt to change natural color of an animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
9. The practice of artificial filling by pumping or any other device is prohibited.
10. Administration of a drug of any kind or description, internally or externally, prior to entering the show ring, except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for tranquilizing bulls that may otherwise be dangerous or females in heat. For the purpose of these rules, the term "legal drug" shall mean any substance, the sale, possession or use of which is controlled by license under federal, state or local laws or regulations and by any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions. The use of any chemical and/or compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals and the illegal use of approved chemicals and/or compounds are prohibited. All animals shall be subject to tests for foreign substance that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration or the Environmental Protection Agency. A positive test will result in disqualification, forfeiture of any premiums and/or awards and will exclude the exhibitor from future competition. All medications will be administered by licensed veterinarians only.
11. Balancing the udder by any abnormal means including the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs. Setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant. The use of common products such as fly spray, ointment or liniment in excess to the extent that it is irritating is included as an irritant unless required to reduce edema at time of calving.

Any violation of the Rules and Regulations specifically designed for the individual shows or the "Show Ring Code of Ethics" may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor, organized group, any individual or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the management will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the management may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future events.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

For the purposes of the Rogers County Fair a protest or appeal are considered one and the same.

Protests must be made in writing, accompanied by a \$50 deposit and signed by the person(s) making the protest. The deposit will be refunded only if the protest is sustained.

All protests must be filed within four hours following the occurrence of the incident. The protest must be filed by 9:00 a.m. the following day if the incident occurs after 6:00 p.m. For awards purposes it is considered the incident occurred whenever the placing is given. The protest must contain at least one specific charge stating the facts or the rule violated and any witnesses capable of substantiating the charges. A protest is considered to be filed when delivered in person to a member of the Rogers County Free Fair Board.

The Fair Board reserves the right to recognize fraudulent actions which are accomplished or attempted in connection with any exhibit. This right is held independent of protests filed by exhibitors or other interested parties. The Fair Board may take action regardless of whomever files the protest.

No complaint will be accepted based solely on observation that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article. The right of an exhibitor to appeal or protest the decisions of a judge will be limited to the following cases:

- (1) It is charged the exhibit or award violated the rules governing the exhibition of the animal or article.
- (2) It is charged the judge's decision was unduly influenced or interfered with by the actions of another.

The Fair Board will convene a reviewing committee meeting within 24 hours following the receipt of a protest. This committee shall consist of three Fair Board members to be selected from separate election districts within the county. If member of protest committee is involved directly or indirectly with the individual filing the protest or under protest then he/she will be replaced by the first available alternate from that district. At this meeting the committee may uphold, reject or table the protest based on the merits of the case. Members of the committee will be held blameless regarding the outcome from the protest.

Persons wishing to present an appeal of the committee's decision must make a deposit of \$100 and present the information at the next meeting of the Rogers County Free Fair Board Association. Deposits will be refunded only if the final protest is sustained. A request for an agenda item must be made in accordance with the governing rules of board. The decision of the Fair Board is final in all matters.

All questions or disputes not provided for under these rules shall be referred to the Fair Board for interpretation within the time period indicated above.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: Participation in the Rogers County Free Fair as an exhibitor, owner, handler or volunteer shall constitute a release of liability of the R.C.F.F.A., its officers, directors, agents and employees and of Rogers County and the Board of County Commissioners for any personal injury or damage to animals or property occurring at the Rogers County Free Fair. Each exhibitor (or exhibitor's parents if a minor), owner, handler or volunteer shall indemnify and hold harmless the R.C.F.F.A., its officers, directors, agents and employees, Rogers County and the Board of County Commissioners from all claims, demands and causes of action and expenses of every kind arising out of any acts or omissions of the exhibitor, owner, handler or volunteer or animals in the care and control of any such person. Presentation of a signed entry form or appearance on the grounds of the Rogers County Free Fair as an exhibitor, owner, handler or volunteer shall be deemed acceptance of the conditions of this rule. The Oklahoma Livestock Activities Liability Limitation Act, 76 O.S. § 50.1, applies to the Rogers County Fall Fair and its livestock activities.



ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY

SHOWMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A 4-year tuition waiver scholarship to Rogers State University (RSU) will be awarded to the Senior Champion Showman in Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Goats and Horse. Exhibitor does not have to be a senior in high school to win (e.g. maybe Junior (11th grade) and win the senior division of Showmanship). If exhibitor has already won Senior Showmanship, they may not win the scholarship again. In the case of the Champion Senior Division Showman having already won the scholarship, the scholarship will be awarded to the next highest placing senior showman who has not previously won this award. The scholarship is not transferable. This scholarship is sponsored by RSU and winner must meet admission standards at RSU.