

2018 SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo

General Rules and Regulations

All Exhibitors are cautioned to read carefully the following rules and regulations, as they will be enforced strictly, with no deviation.

1. This show reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences arising out of our connection with the show. The officers of this show reserve the right to further amend or add to the general rules set forth herein.
2. All exhibitors will be under control and direction of the management, but the show committee will in no way be responsible for any exhibit. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for his own exhibit. Diligent care will be exercised by the management to see that all animals are properly housed and supervised, but no further responsibility will be assumed.
3. No claim for injury to any person or to any livestock shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the SandHills Stock Show, or its officers or agents, by or on behalf of any person, firms or corporations, or other agent, representatives, servants or employees, having license or privilege to exhibit at the show or to occupy any space on the show grounds.
4. All exhibits will be under the control and directions of the management, but the SandHills Stock Show will be in no case responsible for any loss, injury or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him and for its description as given in the premium list. He shall indemnify the SandHills Stock Show against all legal or other proceedings in regards there to, as well as the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited by him or arising out of, or in any way connected with such exhibition or any of the animals so exhibited.
5. All exhibitors grant permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with activities during this show and any such photograph and/or interviews may be used by the show for television, film, video, visual, graphic or printed media. The exhibitors agree to release and indemnify the show with respect to any claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the show or any media.
6. The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibitor animal that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable without assigning a reason therefore, and, if necessary, to return any money already paid for space or stall which shall exonerate them from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.
7. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean a physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature or height of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of its carcass.
9. All Grand and Reserve Champion steers, lambs and goats will be tested for drugs and any other class winners and/or random sampling as proposed by the livestock committee. Blood and body fluids will be withdrawn by licensed veterinaries or personnel of the livestock committee.

10. All Junior Exhibitors must be Quality Counts verified and verification number must be provided on all entry applications when entries are submitted. Entries will not be accepted without a valid Quality Counts Verification number.

ENTRY RULES

All entries must be received as a group from the AST or CEA. Only one check per county/chapter will be accepted. All entries must be entered by midnight **November 15**. Exhibitors are urged to get their entries in as early as possible. There will be a \$35.00 entry fee for each Club Steer and \$35.00 entry fee for each junior Breeding Heifer. No straw or hay bedding allowed. All cattle will be bedded on washed sand. Sheep and goats will be bedded on wood shavings. Entry fee for the Lamb is \$25.00 and Goats will be \$25.00. No refunds of any entry fees will be made after the closing date for entries. All animals entered in this show must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Any exceptions to this rule must be stated in writing and submitted to the committee for approval. Any premiums awarded in violation of this rule will be subject to forfeit at the discretion of the committee. No diseased animal will be admitted to the show. Any animal showing symptoms of disease will be refused admission to the show. The superintendent will see that this rule is rigidly enforced. Any exhibitor found interfering with the judges in any way would forfeit all premium money won in the show. To be eligible to exhibit in the Steer, Heifer, Lamb and Goat divisions all Texas animals must be validated in accordance with the Texas validation program. Texas animals arriving at the show without the official Texas Steer, Lamb or Goat tag will not be eligible to show. The State Validation number on the official Texas Show tags must be shown on the weight card.

CONFLICT OF RULES

In the event of conflict of General and Special Rules the latter will govern. No animal will be allowed to be removed from the show without a written release from the superintendent of that division. Any violation of this rule will forfeit all premiums won in the show. Any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judges will be eliminated from competition and no premiums will be paid to unworthy exhibits. Where no competition exists in a class, the judges will determine the worthiness of the exhibit. All protest must be filed with the management before classes are judged.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHOLESOME MEAT ACT

The United States department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock and poultry which are sold during the Livestock Show, which act includes but is not limited to the following.

1. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug, chemical or foreign substance residues.
2. Antibiotics and Sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
3. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed. ***NOTE: Withdrawal Period may not equal Eliminations Period***

RESIDUE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

The SandHills Show reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division, for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals or feed additives. As a prior condition to accepting

any entry, an entry card or form signed by the exhibitor, Agriculture Science Teacher or County Extension Agent grants the Show permission to test entry.

Exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that the entry has not been administered or that the exhibitor and parent/guardian do not have any knowledge that this entry has received any substance not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for food animals to be exhibited. Any substance administered to an animal with the intent to prevent or treat conditions or to make changes in body functions is classified by FDA and/or USDA as a drug or chemical. Furthermore, the exhibitor and parent/guardian certify that this entry is free and clear of ALL drug and chemical residue withdrawal and elimination time periods at the time of weigh-in. *Approved withdrawal times are published on labels; whereas, elimination times are not published on labels.* An unpublished elimination time is the time it takes for a drug or chemical to be excreted from the body through the urine. If any approved drug or chemical has been administered to the animal, sufficient withdrawal time or elimination time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for any drugs or chemicals at weigh-in or show.

Test samples collected from any animal must have zero tolerances for any identifiable or unidentifiable substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the USDA OR FDA. Animals that have been administered an approved drug or chemical must allow sufficient time so that the drug or chemical is completely eliminated from the animal's system at the time of weigh-in. *NOTE: THE SANDHILLS LIVESTOCK SHOW WILL NOT TOLERATE THE PRESENCE OF ZILPATEROL HYDROCHLORIDE (Zilmax®) IN THE URINE OF MARKET ANIMALS. Further, the Show will not tolerate the presence of Ractopamine in any other market specie (i.e. lambs and goats)*

Unethical Fitting: Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter the natural appearance, conformation, musculature or weight of an animal by any unnatural means. Unethical fitting includes the use of injections or feeding of material not conducive to the health of the animal, safety of food or marketability of its carcass. Unethical fitting also includes, but is not limited to, artificially filling animals by stomach pumping, airing injections and bruising. Animals showing signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified.

Unapproved Drug Use: The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug or chemical is strictly prohibited. Such drugs and chemicals include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, tranquilizer, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption. The use of an FDA approved drug or a USDA approved chemical in an unapproved species will constitute unapproved drug use. The use of animal drugs or other substances not in accord with the label approved by FDA and/or USDA is in a violation of Federal law, except the approved extra-label use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

Approved Drug Use: If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved or a chemical that is USDA approved for their particular species, sufficient withdrawal time or elimination time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug or chemical at weigh-in. All animals must be free and clear of all drug and chemical residues at the time of weigh-in. Please note that the time it takes for drugs and chemicals to be excreted from the body through the urine of dehydrated animals is generally longer than the labeled FDA and USDA withdrawal times for most approved drugs and chemicals.

Animal Inspection: As condition for participation in the Show, exhibitor must agree to submit any animal entered by the exhibitor for inspection. Exhibitor agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests requested by the Show. Exhibitor also agrees that the opinion reached by the Show or its officials as to whether such animal is unethically fitted or over age shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. Further, the Show specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the laboratory as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, tranquilizer, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, or has not been completely eliminated from approved drugs shall be final and binding without recourse against the Show or any of its officers. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug or chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the Show.

Unmanageable Animals: The Show may disqualify any animal deemed unmanageable. Tranquilizers and sedatives for food animals are not approved by FDA.

Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency treatment while on Show grounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug or chemical. An exhibitor may choose a licensed veterinarian other than the official Show veterinarian, but the official Show Veterinarian MUST be notified in advance and he/she MUST be present. Animals that are administered drugs or chemicals with published withdrawal time periods or unpublished elimination time periods will be disqualified from competition. Furthermore, the official Show Veterinarian, in agreement with Show Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the official Show Veterinarian, it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated. If the official Show Veterinarian administers treatment to an animal, and therefore uses any medication that does not meet the appropriate withdrawal time or elimination time, will be determined ineligible for competition.

Treatment Costs: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Nonadherence to Rules: Any person found guilty of misrepresentation or not abiding by the Show rules will be disqualified and denied the privilege of showing in the Show.

Premiums and sale proceeds will be withheld until tests are completed. The exhibitor will pay the expense of testing if positive test results occur.

All testing required by the SandHills Stock Show will be paid for by SandHills. Payment for any other tests required in the Market animal division of the junior livestock show will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

Animals testing positive to an unapproved foreign substance including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive premium money or sale proceeds.

Carcasses of disqualified animal will be disposed of per written instruction from the USDA or FDA.

If an entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in the placings of other animals. The owner and members of his/her immediate family will not be eligible to compete in the SandHills show for a minimum of 3 years, subject to a lifetime ban if deemed necessary.

If foreign substance residues, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, are found in the tissue of the carcass of an animal sold through the sale or sales connected with the SandHills Show, the Show will in no way be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or the sale price of the animal. In such cases, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to any and all proceeds including: Auction Price, Scholarships, Premium Awards, Market (Floor) Price and Special Awards.

The Show expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the Show or by others (such as drug testing). The Show does NOT provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the Show shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug or chemical; even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and had no role in the administration of the drug or chemical revealed by the laboratory test. Even if the source of the drug or chemical is unknown, the Show shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.