

# Local Rules

1. Unless otherwise noted all Divisions and Classes are limited to Napa County residents only.
2. The Manager of the Napa Valley Exposition has the right to extend any and all entry deadlines at their sole discretion, excluding animal entries.
3. The 25th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors and employees will not be responsible for any entries mismarked, incorrectly entered or undelivered entries.
4. All judging (unless otherwise noted) will be closed to the public.

## Junior Livestock & Auction Rules

- 1) Market Livestock Classes are limited to current members of Napa County 4-H, FFA, Grange Clubs, and Independent Juniors residing in Napa County as outlined by the local rules and definitions.
- 2) To show livestock as a 4-H, FFA or Grange, exhibitors must be a recognized member of their chapter/club at least 60 days (120 days for beef) immediately preceding the opening day of Fair (or longer depending on individual organization requirements). They must also abide by all the rules set forth by their said organizations to meet their minimum eligibility requirements.
- 3) All INDEPENDENT JUNIOR EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS
  1. Exhibitor must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1, of current year's fair.
  2. Exhibitor must not be older than 18 years of age January 1, of current year's fair.
  3. All independent exhibitors must provide certificate of general liability insurance (\$1,000,000.00 minimum) or purchase insurance through the Fair office at the current year's rates.
  4. All Independent exhibitors must also meet the Fair's Independent Exhibitor Requirements as listed below to be eligible to complete as independent exhibitors.
  5. Independent exhibitor must abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Fair for the project he/she will participate in.
  6. Independent exhibitor must participate in the mandatory work day prior to fair.
- 4) 4-H, FFA &/or Grange members must wear the official uniform of their organization while showing and selling their animals.
- 5) The official 4-H show uniform for all livestock animals shall consist of black or white trousers or skirt, white shirt (long or short sleeved), green necktie or green scarf collar, and the 4-H club hat.
- 6) In the previous years, we have had the "Exhibitors Code of Excellence" program which exhibitors were required to fill out and submit each year. **In order to participate in a youth livestock program (excluding horse, cavies & dogs) at any California Fair, all exhibitors 9 years of age and older must obtain annual certification in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program or a comparable fair run program approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Fairs and Expositions Branch. Those not certified are not eligible to participate at a California Fair. You can visit the website, <http://yqca.org>**
- 7) All livestock may begin arriving on Sunday, August 4th at 7:30 a.m. and must be in their pens by 1:00 p.m.
- 8) Exhibitors may only bring the animal(s) that are entered and will be shown. You must decide which tagged animal(s) before arrival at the fair. You will not be allowed to go home and get a backup animal once you reach the vet check.
- 9) Animals entered in market Divisions may not be entered in breeding Divisions.
- 10) **Ear Tags - All market animals must have official Napa Town & Country Fair RFID ear tag. If a tag is lost, log into your showworks account and order a replacement tag from DNA/Tag Drop Down. This tag must be put in their ear and a photo of the tag in the animals ear uploaded to your replacement tag entry in showworks within 48 hours of receiving the tag (tracking on tag for delivery date and time). If a second tag is lost and/or removed, it will not be replaced and the exhibitor will forfeit that entry and the animal will not be allowed to show.**

- 11) All market beef must have a DNA sample pulled, and tagged approximately 120 days prior to fair. Market swine, market lambs and market goats must have a DNA sample pulled and tagged at approximately 60 days prior to fair. Please bring the required copy of your bill of sale to the fair.
- 12) Market livestock exhibitors are limited to showing two large market animals, of which only one (1) may be a Market Beef and two small market animals.
- 13) All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Goat and Market Swine must go through the auction as a custom or resale process, NOT LIVE PICK UP.
- 14) Market Lambs may not carry more than one-quarter inch (1/4") of stretched fleece at any point on their bodies, longer wool from the knee & hocks down is acceptable. No market lambs will be weighed with more than 1/4" fleece and must be sheared from head to hock.
- 15) Ear tags placed on market animals must remain attached to the animal. Exhibitors may not remove ear tags for any reason.
- 16) No adult, parent, leader, advisor or non-exhibiting youth may feed or water livestock or assist with the fitting, assist in cleaning pens of livestock while animals are at the fair, unless safety is a concern.
- 17) Leaders and advisors may assist the exhibitor to the scales, wash racks and show ring, and any other non-fitting assistance as needed for the general safety of all exhibitors and fairgoers.
- 18) It is required that all exhibitors show in their respective showmanship class. This includes market and breeding livestock exhibitors.
- 19) All livestock exhibitors must supply their own feed receptacles. Water receptacles will be supplied for pigs, but beef, sheep and goat exhibitors must supply their own. Swine water receptacles are not to be blocked off, plugged or shut off at anytime; pigs must have access to water at all times. Beef, Sheep and Goat water receptacles should be placed near the front of the pens for ease in checking the level of the water; along with this all animals must have access to water at all times.
- 20) Exhibitors are required to maintain the barn and stall areas. Pens must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. daily and bedding materials must be dumped in designated trash receptacles. Areas and or pens that are not kept in an acceptable manner will be red tagged.
- 21) There is no sleeping in the barns.
- 22) No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds.
- 23) Tack boxes and blocking chutes must be placed in designated locations. No tack boxes and blocking chutes will be permitted in the aisles. Tack areas are to remain clean at all times.
- 24) Management has the right to consult a vet to check any sick animal at the owner's expense. Any unhealthy animals will be asked to leave the premises.
- 25) Premium awards will not be paid to exhibitors failing to abide by the rules of this show.
- 26) For clarification of State Rule on Tail Docking, the dock must be liftable, at a minimum, with a quarter-inch round (standard pencil) from the lamb's free standing position. This will be done at the time of official vet check.
- 27) Only animals entered in the show will be allowed on grounds.
- 28) All Poultry exhibits must be inspected at the Health Check Area prior to entry into Zinfandel Hall. Birds or animals showing evidence of diseases or mites will not be cooped and will be removed by their owner.
- 29) **DISQUALIFICATION:** Fair management shall reserve the right to vacate, declare ineligible for competition, and/or order the removal of any entry which is not in the best interest of the Fair, is unsightly, unhealthy, injured, lame, unsound, endangers public safety, violates the Fair's Animal Welfare Policies, or has been entered in violation of these rules and regulations.
- 30) **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** In the event an entry or an exhibitor is disqualified for any rule or policy violation (including but not limited to practices or procedures that are unethical, those in violation of the Fair's Residue Avoidance Program, DNA Testing Program and those not adhering to the Fair's schedule for the program), any or all of the following actions may take place:
  1. The entry or exhibitor that is disqualified will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premium money and/or any sale proceeds. Further, the exhibitor shall be responsible for payment of any fees, fines due or costs incurred by the Fair as a result of disqualification.

2. The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent Napa Town & Country Fair Programs. The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair Management.
- 31) COOPERATION - Exhibitors not cooperating with security personnel or any other Fair officials in all matters of policy, including but not limited to RV's, parking, stall/pen/space assignments and appearance, and/or animal care will have their entries cancelled and will be ordered to remove their exhibit from the grounds immediately.
- 32) PUBLIC DISTURBANCES - Exhibitors causing public disturbances, those who are uncooperative and/or unsportsmanlike, those not following good animal welfare practices as determined by management, or those found in violation of rules or in practices unethical or inimical with the Fair program and/or policies/procedures shall be penalized by forfeiture of premiums awarded, any and all awards, payments of fines and/or damages to State Property, privileges, and/or disqualification at this or subsequent State Fairs as may be deemed appropriate by the Fair Management and/or the Board of Directors. Further, if the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's adult supervisor, parent or family member's actions are deemed to be illegal, inhumane or unethical to livestock, the proper authorities will be notified for further investigation by those agencies for possible prosecution and/or civil penalties.
- 33) JUDGING - The judge(s) shall award first, second or third place, etc., according to merit and if without merit the judge shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.
- 34) JUDGE/EXHIBITOR INFORMATION - 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.
- 35) JUDGE/FRATERNIZATION/CRITICISM - Judges should avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another. Violators of this rule shall be excluded immediately from the judging area and from competition and be subject to such additional penalties, including cancellations of awards, as the Fair management shall consider appropriate.
- 36) MANAGEMENT - Reserves the right to combine or to divide classes in a manner it deems necessary in order to assure adequate competition. In the event of a show change, as a result of this rule, or where classes are established after the close of entries, premiums and awards will be distributed, divided or eliminated in a manner as deemed necessary by Fair Management.
- 37) JUDGE'S DECISION - The judge's decision is final. The judge's decision cannot be protested.
- 38) Exhibitors selling in other county or district fairs will not be permitted to sell at the Napa Town and Country Fair Auction.
- 39) All resale livestock will go to be processed through the local slaughter house or auction yard and will not be resold after the auction to private individuals.
- 40) Any Exhibitors that misses your assigned auction lot will automatically be sold at resale value and will not be allowed to change lot assignments.
- 41) There will be a **9%** commission on all livestock sold through the auction as well as add ons, to be automatically deducted from the exhibitor's check.
- 42) All market livestock large and small are automatically entered in the Junior Livestock Auction. You must declare at the time of entry your intent not to sell in the auction by submitting "**I DO NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION**" at entry.
- 43) Livestock declared not wishing to sell through the auction are not eligible to compete for championship honors.
- 44) No exhibitor may withdraw from the auction after the entry deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 45) Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of all market livestock through Sunday morning.
- 46) The fair management will have the right to lot lambs and hogs for sale purposes only.
- 47) Only Market Ready and Market Acceptable large and small animals are eligible to sell. All Not Market Ready and Not Market Acceptable animals will be required to be sent home on the day of show between the hours of 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 48) **ALL PHARMACEUTICALS** administered to livestock at the fair must be approved by show management prior to use. Exhibitors are required to submit a completed Livestock Medical Form

to the Livestock Superintendent, to obtain this approval. Failure to do so could result in disqualification of exhibit, or other appropriate discipline.

- 49) Any vet expenses occurring during fair time are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Fair reserves the right to perform a postmortem exam of any animal that dies at the Fair, at the exhibitor's expense.
- 50) If there is an indication of any unhealthy animals at the Fair, such animals, herds, or flocks will be removed immediately and will not receive cash awards, if awarded.
- 51) To eliminate delay in treatment of a sick or ailing animal, the owner extends authority to take such action as deemed expedient and necessary by the Fair Management, when and after diligent attempts have been made to contact the owner or agent of said exhibit. Fair Management has Power of Attorney for the exhibitor in this instance and by virtue of entry into competition; the Napa Town & Country Fair Association will not assume any cost for action taken pursuant to this rule.
- 52) Only sheep and goats purchased from scrapie compliant breeders, and meeting state-mandated identification requirements, are allowed on fairgrounds.
- 53) **All market livestock entries will be subject to any and all testing fair management deems necessary and will be required to turn in a Declaration of Medication Form. All livestock exhibitors and their parents are required to sign the declaration of medication form. Signed and completed forms must be presented at the time of exhibitor wristband distribution in order for the animal to be weighed and a part of the Fair and Junior Livestock Auction.**
- 54) **Retag Procedure:**
  1. If your animal loses its Fair issued ear tag, log into your showworks account and click DNA/Tag from the Drop Down and order a retag.
  2. The replacement ear tag will cost \$25.00, which is due upon ordering online.
  3. The tag will then be mailed to you and you have 48 hours from arrival of the tag to take a picture of the tag in your animals ear and upload it to your showworks Retag entry for verification.
  4. All retags may be required to complete a new DNA kit at the time of arrival.
  5. If a second tag is lost and/or removed, they will not be replaced and the exhibitor will forfeit that entry and the animal will not be allowed to show.
- 55) Any animal which may be considered a liability to the exhibitor, fair guests, or staff; will be considered a disqualified entry at the Fair.
- 56) Exhibitors must turn in a buyer "Thank You" letters to receive your check. Please see thank you note policy for the animals.

## DNA Policy

### Program Overview:

To confirm ownership requirements as outlined by State Rules, a DNA sample will be required for each potential livestock entry. (Exhibitor must own market beef 120 days prior to the Fair; market goats, sheep, and hogs must be owned by Exhibitor 60 days prior to the Fair.)

- 1) **All DNA Kits can be purchased for \$10 each through showworks for each potential livestock entry in the following divisions: Market Sheep, Swine and Goats. Select DNA Kits from the Divisions Drop Down Bar.**
- 2) Each exhibitor is responsible for submitting a completed DNA package by the Fair's deadlines as listed below. Although leaders and advisors may assist, it is the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to submit an acceptable DNA sample.
- 3) The exhibitor must be the only person to seal the bag, regardless of who pulls the hair sample, making them responsible for the contents of their envelope and bag.
- 4) To meet the Fair's DNA requirement, exhibitors need to do the following for each animal:
  - a. Provide two samples – Sample A-1 and Sample A-2. Sample bags are included in DNA kits. Follow the tips for gathering DNA sample, see *Instructions for DNA Collections*.
  - b. Seal the plastic bags with at least 20-30 hairs (roots attached) in each bag.
  - c. Provide Parent/Leader and Exhibitor signature on the outside of each bag (Sample A-1 and Sample A-2).
  - d. Pull off the top receipt from Sample A-1 and Sample A-2 for your records. Place the two sealed evidence bags (Sample A-1 and Sample A-2) inside the DNA envelope. Be sure to complete the information on the envelope, including signatures. If you do not put your information on the outside of the DNA Kit, we will not be able to confirm your sample, and it will be considered invalid and not accepted for entry.
- 5) **Complete the DNA Animal Registration Form. Place the yellow copy inside the DNA envelope with the dna bags and seal it. Attached the white copy to the outside of the envelope and keep the pink for your records.**
- 6) In order to be accepted as a valid Fair DNA Sample: Market Beef DNA samples must be ordered by April 7<sup>th</sup> and submitted by April 12, 2024 by 4pm at the fair front office drop box. Market Sheep, Swine and Goat DNA samples must be ordered by June 3<sup>rd</sup> and submitted by June 7, 2024 by 4pm to the fair front office dop box. Call the Fair office at 707.253.4900 with any questions.

## Instructions for DNA Collection

**Both Exhibitor and Parent/Leader/Advisor must be present at the time of DNA Collection.**

- Thoroughly wash and dry your hands. Select ONE animal and complete all the instructions before selecting another animal. Remember you will need to submit a separate kit for each animal. **DO NOT MIX ANIMAL HAIRS.** Make sure that samples are completely in the sample bag and not caught in the seal.
- Make sure your animal is clean in the area where hair sample is being pulled. Failure to do so may result in an invalid DNA sample which may result in a disqualification of the entry.
- Using forceps Pull, **DO NOT CUT**, the hair from the animal. When pulling hair, be sure the roots are included in the sample. The hair must contain roots for DNA testing. Avoid touching the roots and be sure the hair is dry. We need 20-30 hairs per sample bag from each animal. Clean forceps with alcohol before each use.
  - a) **Beef:** It is recommended that you collect switch hair. If not from the switch, then the neck or tail head.
  - b) **Hogs:** Hair may be pulled from any part which is clean and free of debris.
  - c) **Sheep:** Do not pull wool; pull hair from below the knee. It is recommended that you pull hair directly away from the skin, **NOT** at an angle. This will allow the root to come out with the hair.
  - d) **Goats:** It is recommended that you pull hair directly away from the skin, not at an angle. This will allow the root to come out with the hair.

## *Residue Avoidance Policy*

The Napa Town & Country Fair reserves the right to test any animal officially entered in any division at any time without notice, for any foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives as well as DNA testing. At a minimum, some animals from the following groups will be tested: animals required to participate in the Champion Drive (including any alternates) and; any animals suspect in terms of unusual physical appearance, demeanor or activity.

As a condition precedent to accepting an entry, an entry form submitted by the exhibitor, FFA (Agricultural Science) Instructor, 4-H Leader, Grange Advisor, Parent or Legal Guardian, grants the Napa Town & Country Fair permission to test any entry. Testing may be performed on any body tissue or fluid on both the live animal and the carcass. Test samples collected from any animal must have zero tolerance for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substances including drugs (legal and illegal), chemicals of any kind or feed additives, unless established as permissible by the USDA or FDA or disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.

If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed so that the animal does not test positive for that drug upon arrival at the Napa Town & Country Fair. Animals must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues while on show grounds unless being treated by the Fair veterinarian or a licensed veterinarian while the Fair veterinarian is present. If these medications administered are enhancement drugs then the animal will be removed from the show. Please note that elimination time (the time it takes for no drug residue to be found in the system) is generally longer than the labeled withdrawal time for most approved drugs.

The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, 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 slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

No animal may compete with a declared medication with a withdrawal beyond the show date. Animals testing positive to an unapproved foreign substance including but not limited to drugs, chemicals or feed additives, will be disqualified and declared ineligible to receive awards, premium money or sale proceeds.

In addition to the disqualification and forfeiture of awards, premiums and/or auction proceeds, the Fair may release to the media the name of the exhibitor, leader, advisor and the name of the exhibitor's animal that was disqualified and was in violation of the Drug Residue Program.

If entry is disqualified, the entry and/or the exhibitor will be declared ineligible and will not receive awards, premiums and/or any sale proceeds, further the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of all fees (including attorneys' fees), fines, and costs incurred by Napa Town & Country Fair as result of the disqualification and any proceeding related to the disqualification; The owner/exhibitor and members of his/her immediate family may not be eligible to compete in subsequent Napa Town & Country Fair Programs.

The extent and degree of future eligibility shall be determined by Fair management. If foreign substance residues including drugs, chemicals or feed additives are found in the carcass of animals sold through the Junior Livestock Auction, the Napa Town & Country Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass.

Wholesome Assurance Statement - The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the FDA is a violation of federal law. Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/ USDA established tolerances for any foreign substances including drugs, pesticides, feed additives or other chemicals. Violated results of residue testing are subject to investigation by the USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud. Violations: If a Junior Exhibitor is found to be in violation of any of the Livestock Show rules, he/she and his/her family may be forever barred from showing at the Napa Town & Country Fair.

Post Mortem Examination: The Napa Town & Country Fair may require a post mortem examination of any animal which dies at the Fair. This will be performed by a licensed veterinarian at the expense of the exhibitor. Notice to Junior Livestock Exhibitors Residue Avoidance test fees: any fees related to testing any animal or carcass as required by The Napa Town & Country Fair, USDA or FDA. or food processor will be the responsibility of the junior exhibitor. If an animal tests positive on the original residue test screen, the exhibitor shall be responsible for paying for the confirmation test. If the exhibitor fails to pay or post fees for the confirmation test, the animal in question will be declared ineligible.

It is the policy and rule of the Napa Town & Country Fair that no animal which is entered for competition in the Fair shall contain any trace residues of any substance which are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals, unless disclosed on the Medication Declaration Form.

It is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that the animal is free of the above prescribed drugs and substances. Extent of knowledge on the part of the Exhibitor with regards to the drugs or substance found in an animal is not relevant to any issue, and it shall not be the defense that person or persons unknown introduced the proscribed substance into the animal prior to, or at arrival, or after arrival on the Fair property.

Personnel (employees and contractors) of the Napa Town & Country Fair, other approved departments (and their representatives) within University of California at Davis, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Pomona, California State University at Fresno or Chico, Modesto Junior College, University of California at Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, FDA, USDA, California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Department of Health or any other representative approved by the Napa Town & Country Fair reserve the right to take urine, blood, hair and other body tissue samples from any animal or it's carcass at any time without notice, for the purpose of determining whether there is any residue of any substance found within the body of the tested animal. The exhibitor, by entering his/her animal, expressly agrees that he or she will cooperate with the person or persons charged with the responsibility of taking the sample from the animal at the time of arrival, weigh-in, during the show or any other time the animal is on the Napa Town & Country Fairgrounds. Failure to fully cooperate with testing procedures, and/or representatives collecting samples shall indicate a voluntary withdrawal by the Exhibitor of the animal from the competition, and result in the immediate disqualification of this project and automatic loss of participation privileges in all future Napa Town & Country Fair competitive events.

All samples shall be taken by persons designated by the Napa Town & Country Fair and tested in an approved Laboratory. Reasonable care will be taken with regard to maintaining the purity and identity of the sample. The only chain of custody required will be that routinely relied upon by licensed veterinarians.

As samples are taken, the Junior Exhibitor, a parent or legal guardian and/or a leader/ supervisor shall be present to view the procedure. Upon collection of a sample, the Junior Exhibitor, and a parent or legal guardian or leader/supervisor shall provide their signatures to acknowledge that the sample was collected from the Exhibitor's animal.

In the event that any animal is disqualified as a result of the violation of any of the rules found within the Residue Avoidance Program, or the animal is voluntarily withdrawn from the competition as a result of failure to cooperate with the testing procedures, then the Exhibitor shall immediately return awards and/or auction proceeds previously presented.

By making entry in the Napa Town & Country Fair Junior Livestock program, the Exhibitor, a parent or both parents/legal guardian(s) and project leader/supervisor agree to abide by this Residue Avoidance Program. Thank you for your participation in the Napa Town & Country Fair.