

# Division 4

## LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS

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### 2010 LIVESTOCK JUDGES

Large Livestock -----	Brett Kaysen
Goats -----	Tamara Taylor
Rabbits and Cavies -----	Alan Mesick
Rabbits and Cavies -----	Randy Schumaker
Poultry & Pigeons -----	Gary Overton

#### ENTRY DAY

Turn in Exhibit tags and Stall Cards  
Saturday July 31, 1 to 6 p.m.  
Largen Barn

#### ANIMAL DELIVERY & VET CHECK

Thursday, August 5  
Small animals: 2-8 p.m.  
Large Animals: 4-8 p.m.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**ENTERING:** Get a Fair ID number from the Fair Office. Use this number every year. Each animal entry or pen of animals must have a stall card (available in the Fair Office and online). Entry forms may be picked up from the Fair Office ahead of time, or they will be available in the Largen barn on entry day.

**PURE BREED JUDGING:** Purebred registration papers must be available if required, and must include animal identification. Add the name of the breed to the lot number on the stall card. At least three animals of the same breed for large animals and five animals of the same breed for small animals must be entered to be eligible for a Best of Breed ribbon.

**JUDGING SYSTEM (LIVESTOCK):** Open class judging in this Division is done on the American System, a system of judging by competition. 4-H and FFA classes are judged on the Danish System. The DANISH system of judging uses an established standard of perfection as the basis for judging. Each exhibit is judged individually in comparison to the standard. The judge then decides whether the exhibit is deserving of a Blue Award (Excellent), Red Award (Good), White Award (Worthy), or no award.

**A special ribbon will be given for the First Birth in each Barn at the Fair in the Livestock Division.**

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES**

**ANIMAL ENTRY:** Exhibit forms and stall cards must be submitted on Saturday July 31 between 1 and 6 p.m. Entries will be accepted at the Largen Barn on the Fairgrounds.

**DELIVERY TO THE FAIR:** All large animals must be delivered Thursday August 5, between 4 and 8 p.m. The exhibitor is responsible for having each large animal inspected by the veterinarian-on-call before taking the animal into the barn. Rabbits, cavies, and poultry must be delivered between 2 and 8 p.m. on Thursday August 5. Superintendents will vet-in small animals.

**STALL AND CAGE RESERVATIONS:** Completed entry forms and stall cards must be turned in to reserve stalls and cages.

**SAFETY:** Because of the public nature of the fair, all large animals must be manageable. If the Superintendent(s) determines an animal is unsafe to either the public or the exhibitor, it may be barred from the show ring or the Fair. All exhibitors with horned livestock need approval for entry from species Superintendent. Request for approval may be done before entry day.

**ANIMAL CONDITION:** All livestock must be free from disease, in good health, and good condition. Diseased or unsightly animals will be barred from entry or removed from exhibit on ruling by a qualified veterinarian or Division Superintendent. Test certificates must be attached to entry forms for:

**SWINE:** All swine entries must show documentation of complete course of vaccination for erysipelas (2 shots, 3 weeks apart, annual booster for mature animals). Documentation includes: name of vaccine, manufacturer, lot number, expiration date, date given, and signature of the person who administered the vaccine.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS:** All livestock will be carefully examined on arrival for evidence of infectious disease and if such is found, they will be removed from the grounds or held in quarantine and treated at the owner's expense until they can be removed.

**OTHER ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:** The following animal conditions must also be met:

**CATTLE:** To prevent escape or loose cattle, no rope halters or neck collar ties are permitted. Horse halters used on cattle are not allowed. Cattle halters must have a buckle closure. All cattle may be required to be tied based on space/ pen availability at Cattle Superintendent's and General Livestock Superintendent's discretion.

**RABBIT TATOO:** All rabbits must have a legible, permanent tattoo in the left ear. Tattooing is available on Entry Day for \$1.00/animal.

**CAVY TAG:** Cavies must have a tag in left ear. Tags are available on Entry Day for \$1.00/tag.

**DEHORNING/DOCKING:** All dairy goats, market sheep, and finished market beef over seven months of age must be dehorned. Sheep must be docked.

**POULTRY BANDING:** All poultry must have a leg or wing band. Bands are available on Entry Day and Delivery Day for \$1.00/animal, depending on size. Include band number and color (if applicable) on entry forms and stall cards.

**NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Large livestock exhibitors may make more than one entry per lot except in 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Project. See Division 4C, Poultry & Rabbits, for specific limits per lot for each variety.

**EARLY REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:** All animals must remain on exhibit and cannot be removed from the Fairgrounds before the end of the proper exhibit limit, except by written permission of the Division Superintendent. Any animals removed in violation of this rule will forfeit all premiums and any deposit.

**LIVESTOCK RELEASE:** All livestock exhibits must be picked up on Sunday, August 15, 7 a.m. Animals not picked up by 10 a.m. will be considered abandoned and will be impounded and subject to a daily charge for animal care. Stalls must be clean and inspected by Superintendents or Fair Clerks before animals are released from the Fair. **Prizes and premiums can be withheld from exhibitors who leave unclean stalls, pens, cages, or for non-participation in the final Barn Cleanup.**

**ADMISSION:** Exhibitors will be required to purchase either daily or season passes for entrance onto the Fairgrounds to show and tend their animals.

**SELLING TO THE PUBLIC:** No “For Sale” or “Free” signs may be displayed on animals, stalls, or cages at Fair time. Giving rides for hire on any animal is strictly prohibited.

**CARE OF ANIMALS:** Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring their animals receive proper care including daily food and water available at all times. All animals, pens, equipment, and aisle spaces are to be kept clean at all times. All exhibitors are required to provide their own feed. Wood shavings will be furnished by the Fair for bedding of all animals. If other bedding is desired, it must be furnished by the exhibitor. Manure must be deposited in designated areas only. Exhibitors are required to abide by the individual rules set out by each Division for which they have animals entered. If a Division Superintendent needs to call the veterinarian for emergency animal care during the Fair, the owner will be responsible for the charges. If a Division Superintendent determines that the health and welfare of an animal is at risk due to insufficient or inadequate care, the exhibitor may be disqualified and asked to remove his or her animals from the Fairgrounds. The animal may be delivered to the Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Shelter at the exhibitor’s expense. The Tanana Valley State Fair Association has no liability for sick or injured animals.

**Exhibitors who fail to take proper care of their livestock will forfeit all premiums.**

**POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION:** The Fair requires a postmortem examination of any **animal** which dies during the Fair. The animal’s death must be reported to Fair management within four (4) hours, and Fair management will contact the attending veterinarian. All charges incurred for veterinary service or necropsy will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

**BARN DUTY:** Open, 4-H, and FFA exhibitors must sign up for two 2-hour slots in each area that they are exhibiting in during the week to help keep the barns, aisles, and surrounding areas clean, and to answer questions from the public. If there are not enough exhibitors to fill the time slots, the Superintendents may make the slots a longer duration. Duties will be determined by the Superintendents.

**LIVESTOCK AREAS:** Specific areas are designed for showing, judging, exercise, transport, feeding, watering, grooming, etc. No animal will be allowed outside the designated areas. All animals being exercised must be attended to by the owner or exhibitor. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of premiums and/or expulsion from the Fairgrounds.

**OVERNIGHTERS:** All youth exhibitors under 18 spending the night in the livestock parking area must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Livestock exhibitors willing to volunteer as night guards in the Livestock barn should call the Fair Office or the Division Superintendent. A midnight curfew will apply to the livestock buildings, barns, and parking areas. Quiet hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. must be observed.

**EXHIBIT SECURITY:** The TVSFA management uses every possible precaution to protect the exhibits and property while on exhibition. However, the TVSFA shall not be held responsible for loss, damage, or injury of any kind from any source. Due to the conditions beyond our control, the Fair management and/or association members will not be held responsible for personal injuries, accidents, or losses sustained by visitors, exhibitors, or other people on the Fairgrounds. **Any concerns regarding security of your exhibit must be dealt with prior to the Fair. Entering an exhibit into the Fair indicates that the exhibitor accepts the inherent risks in displaying his/her exhibits in a public forum.**

**PARKING:** Vehicle entry for the purpose of caring for or exhibiting animals will be made only through the Green Gate (see Fairground map). This area is for Livestock and Equine exhibitors only. Livestock/Equine parking will be as follows: \$3 per day for day parking only (no overnight), \$5 per day for a 20’ x 40’ space, and \$7 per day for a 20’ x 60’ space. Passes are available through the General Livestock Superintendent. **No parking passes will be sold through the Fair Office or at the gates.** Superintendents and Show Managers have reserved spaces. Failure to honor these will result in having your vehicle towed.

**Parking passes for Livestock Exhibitors may be purchased from the General Livestock Superintendent on Entry Day, Saturday July 31 from 1 to 6 p.m. after turning in entry forms.**

**Failure to abide by the directions of the Fair staff or Security team will result in a verbal or written warning and potential expulsion from the Fairgrounds. Purchase of a Livestock parking pass implies agreement to these conditions and rules.**

## **ETHICS POLICY FOR ANIMALS**

Every person with a live animal has a moral obligation to conduct him or herself with the highest standards of honor and dignity toward said animal and all people involved. Those ethics are to be used as guidelines for fair treatment of animals while on the property of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association.

Exhibitors, owners, or responsible persons in possession of animals on the Tanana Valley State Fair Association property shall at all times conduct themselves honestly and display good sportsmanship. TVSFA requires all exhibitors, owners, trainers, or responsible persons to be responsible for the care and management of their animals and to keep them healthy, clean, and safe.

## **CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Adapted from the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at the Tanana Valley State Fair.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of Fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fair.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in the Tanana Valley State Fair is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for Fair management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally, and the cost of the tests will be the responsibility of the owner of the animal. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock does not indicate the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, the cost of the tests will be the responsibility of the Tanana Valley State Fair Association. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair management, or other fair officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the Tanana Valley State Fair Association for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Tanana Valley State Fair without recourse against the Tanana Valley State Fair Association.

11) The act of entering of an animal in the Tanana Valley State Fair is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or local statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## TO BE INCLUDED ON FAIR ENTRY FORM

### EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at this event, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Exhibitor's Guide of this event.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Exhibitor (owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer,  
or absolutely responsible person)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guardian or Parent of the above Signatory