

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.