

RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2011

The Farm Show will NOT mail premium (prize) checks this year. If your item earned a ribbon, you earned a cash award. If you cannot pick up your check Saturday evening or Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., please drop off a long (#10) self-addressed stamped envelope in the Farm Show office before or during show week.

CHECKS NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE SHOW BECOME NULL AND VOID.

1. The Board of Directors of the Butler Farm Show has the right to accept or refuse any entries.
2. All exhibitors agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of Butler Farm Show. The show management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as its judgment may determine.
3. **NO alcoholic beverages, drugs, dogs or pets permitted on the grounds. (Only seeing eye dogs will be admitted.) Persons using alcohol or other controlled substances will be expelled from the grounds. Minors caught drinking will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.**
4. Exhibitors will comply with all directions given by a Director, Farm Show Official or any police or security officer. Failure to immediately comply with the directions will be cause for the exhibitor to be disqualified and be prohibited from entering any future Butler Farm Show exhibitions or showings.
5. Violations of the rules or conduct contrary to the best interest of the Butler Farm Show will not be permitted. Exhibitors or others who persist in such violations or conduct will be asked to remove their exhibits and to leave the grounds. No fees or charges will be refunded and premiums will not be paid in such cases.
6. The exhibitor agrees to and shall assume all risks of injury to people and/or animals and/or damage to any property.
7. If you have exhibited in any department in the last seven years, you already have an exhibitor's number. Your exhibitor's number starts with the initial of your last name. This letter must be included when you write your number. Use the same exhibitor's number for everything you enter in every department.
8. All exhibits and exhibitors will be ready at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of show, except where judging is occurring.
9. Reasonable care will be taken to protect all exhibits on display from injury and damage, but **the show cannot, in any way, be held responsible for accidents, loss or damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss.**
10. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money.**
11. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In cases where there is no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. Same rule applies where there are fewer entries in any class than the number of premiums offered. The judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves. Placement and premium on single entries in a class will be determined by the judge.
12. **The show reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from any exhibitor in the same class or, in the case of livestock, the same species.**
13. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present a plainly-marked entry tab showing the name of the exhibit they are entering. Any item entered improperly will be disqualified to receive a prize, but the judges will mark the correct name of the entry on the tag for the benefit of the owner. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.
14. **Committees reserve the right to refuse any entry.** Furthermore, the committees reserve the right to bar from competition animals, vegetables, flowers, poultry products and home-produced articles of decidedly inferior quality and/or those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition.
15. **If the show management believes that any exhibits were made in previous years or not made by the exhibitor, those exhibits may be refused or disqualified.**
16. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of judging, is proven. In that case, such person(s) as the Board of Directors may appoint will make the decision.
17. The show management may, at any time, order the removal of any exhibit or part of exhibit in bad condition, and any article unfit to show may be excluded. Exhibits may NOT be removed at any time before the close of the show except by consent of the management. **Removal of an exhibit without consent of the department superintendent will forfeit all premiums.**
18. During the judging, buildings, except livestock arenas, are closed to everyone except fair officials, judges, and necessary attendants. An exhibitor or his/her agent shall NOT communicate with the judge during time of determining the awards, except to answer questions proposed by the judges. Any exhibitor interfering with the judge while making awards shall forfeit any premiums to which he would otherwise be entitled.

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS:

DO NOT USE SCREWS, STAPLES, NAILS, OR HARDWARE OF ANY TYPE ON THE TENT POLES.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

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A CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE is a free service provided by most insurance companies. Call your company before July 14, give them the dates of the Farm Show, and they will fax us (724-482-9118) a certificate showing that you have current liability insurance.

1. Refer to General Rules on the previous pages and Health Rules for each species on the following pages. **Animals will NOT BE ADMITTED to the Farm Show unless these health requirements have been fulfilled.**
2. **The department superintendents have the final judgment in resolving any and all disputes.**
3. Exhibitors are expected to display their animals as directed by the committee; accept the stall assignment without controversy; keep their animals in an attractive appearance; and cooperate in every way that may serve to increase the educational value of the show.
4. Animals with horns will NOT be shown or displayed at the Butler Farm Show, except for Horned Dorset sheep and as specified for Boer and market goats.
5. **All livestock entries and fees must be submitted to the Farm Show secretary by July 14. All livestock exhibitors MUST provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance and a Vet/Client Form (provided in the back of this book) with the entry form and fees.**
6. Entry fees are NOT refundable.
7. **Equines, dairy & beef cattle, goats, sheep & swine shown in registered breeding classes must be REGISTERED purebred animals (except as specified in Junior Departments). Registration papers must be OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRED into the exhibitor's name 30 days prior to the show unless otherwise specified by the department. i.e. Rabbits must be owned 60 days prior to this year's show. Original registration papers (not copies) will be checked by the Farm Show committee or designated representative. SIGNED TRANSFERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Animals shall be identified as specified by the breed or registry association. Sheep must wear the ear tags of their respective registry association. All animals registered in associations requiring tattoos must have legible tattoos. Any LEASED animal must have a NOTARIZED lease or contract from the original owner.**
8. The Livestock Committee or designated representative is responsible for checking all Certificates of Veterinary Inspections & Vet-Client Relationship Forms.
9. Feed & bedding must be furnished by the exhibitors.
10. Livestock, breeding and market, will NOT be accepted before 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, but they must be in the stalls/barns by 5:00 p.m. that day. They must remain until 9:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13.
11. **Exhibits and/or exhibitors leaving the show early will NOT receive premium checks; they will FORFEIT all award money.**
12. All market **beef** and **lambs** must be slick sheared (1/4" maximum hair length) before they are unloaded from the trailer on Sunday. **The decision of the slick-shear committee is FINAL.**
13. All breeding stock entries (open or junior beef, swine, sheep) must have health, registration, and identification papers ready at pens on Sunday at 9:00 p.m. **Identification numbers on registration papers, health papers, tattoos and/or ear tags must match.**
14. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing when their animals will be judged. Stock must be in the ring promptly when called. Late entries will not be allowed to enter the ring and will be out of competition. Decorations with ribbons or ornaments previously won by animals are prohibited until after the awards have been made in their respective classes by the judges.
15. Overfitting of cattle will be discriminated against. Any artificial means used to change the form or shape of an animal will disqualify it from competition.
16. Use only grooming products that are approved for use on market and dairy animals when fitting your cattle for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat or milk. If you are not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat or dairy animals, **do not use it!** **IMPORTANT!** If upon slaughter, treatment with drugs, biologics or any chemical from fitting products is the cause of condemnation of a carcass, the loss of the carcass and any other damages will be borne by the exhibitor.
17. **Interference with judges will not be tolerated. Interfering exhibitors, including immediate family members, will be barred from competition.** The only people ALLOWED in the ring during judging are the judge, breed chairman, and necessary attendants.
18. Should any animal awarded a prize be disqualified, the animals earning the lower prizes will move into the next higher position if, in the opinion of the judges, the animals are worthy of such prizes.
19. When on exhibition in the ring, each animal must be under halter and in charge of the owner or employee.
20. Any animal of unthrifty nature, unsuitable condition, or which cannot be satisfactorily handled under show conditions must be removed from the show grounds.
21. Every exhibit accepted for premiums must be clearly labeled. The breed name must be shown on cards large enough to be readily identified by the viewers, or if the livestock is grouped together according to breed, one large sign to designate the group will be satisfactory. However, the award ribbons must be placed on the stall or pen of the individual winners for the duration of the show. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of premiums. It will be the duty of the show officials to see that this regulation is followed. If award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate, free of charge, at the close of the show.
22. Each person exhibiting livestock will be issued one exhibitor's pass.
23. **Open exhibitors are limited to two paid entries per class per exhibitor.**
24. **The Committee reserves the right to reject entries once the stall space allotments have been filled.**

See State & National Code of Ethics on page 31.

GUIDELINES FOR CARE OF ANIMALS

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical. Following are some guidelines for the treatment of animals exhibited at the show.

1. **Restraining animals**
 - a. Animals should be tied or penned in a manner that will not hurt the animal or restrict its breathing in any way.
 - b. Animals should be tied so that all four feet are firmly on the ground and they have enough room to stand comfortably and lie down.
 - c. Animals should be tied so that they are not able to injure animals tied near them.
 - d. Animals unaccustomed to each other should not be penned together.
2. **Handling** – Any type of rough handling which could harm the animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them. Remember, animals will respond quicker and better to quiet, gentle handling, than loud, rough handling.
3. **Bedding** – All animals should have bedding that is dry and clean. Pens should be cleaned regularly to keep the animals clean and comfortable. If non-traditional bedding such as carpeting is used, it should be regularly cleaned (at least twice daily) to keep the pen free from manure.
4. **Feeding & Water** – Animals should be well fed and have access to clean water regularly. Realizing that many market animals must have restricted amounts of feed to maintain the proper weight, animals must be fed adequate amounts of feed to meet the animal's basic requirements. Animals not allowed reasonable access to feed and water will be disqualified from the show.
5. **Transportation** – Animals should be transported in a way that is both safe and considerate of the animal's well-being.
6. **Blanket/Sweat Collars** – Any type of material such as blankets or sweat collars should be large enough to permit normal body functions such as breathing, eating, drinking or lying down.
7. **Health** – It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide proper health care for their animals through routine inspections and consultation with health care professionals. The improper or illegal use of drugs or antibiotics is prohibited. If medication is indicated, be sure to follow the label directions and allow more than the stated withdrawal time.

Entry Forms for POULTRY and RABBITS are available at the FARM SHOW OFFICE, the Extension Office, or online @www.butlerfarmshow.com.

Entry Forms for EQUINES, BREEDING SHEEP & SWINE, and MARKET ANIMALS and a Vet-Client Form are provided in the back of this book.

Enter TRACTOR HANDLING or LEAD LINE CONTEST on any entry form.

A CAMPER form is included in this book. This form & payment are also due JULY 14.

NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS!

PA STATE & NATIONAL 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 a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial & national levels.

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 in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

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 or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show 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 provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical 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. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved 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 at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed vet.

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 and livestock show management, or other show 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 any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the "IAFE National 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 provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.