

2019 LOCAL RULES

1. **Entries will be accepted online only at www.buttecountyfair.org**
2. The fair recognizes only entries made on online with the correct amount of entry fees, if required. Fees are required for group entries as well as individual entries. For animals entered with registration numbers pending, refer to State Rules.
3. **SIGNATURES WILL BE REQUIRED** on all still exhibit and breeding entry forms. **Market animal entries must be signed by leader/advisor prior to weigh-ins.** Parent signatures are required on all entries for exhibitors under 18 years of age or entering the Junior Department. This also applies to out-of-county entries.
4. **Premium and auction checks should be cashed upon receipt, and will not be honored after 60 days. No new check will be re-issued for an expired check.** A social security number may be required prior to obtaining award monies should the exhibitor reach the required reporting limit. If requested by the fair exhibitors must provide social security number prior to any award monies being released. **Any lost premium or auction check will only be re-issued less the \$35.00 bank service charge.**
5. Exhibitors or their agents must personally bring their exhibits to the fair, and must pick them up after the conclusion of the fair. No mailed or shipped exhibits can be accepted. **No early releases. Non-livestock exhibits not picked up by September 8th will be disposed of by fair officials.**
6. All livestock and other entries are shown at the owner's risk and the Association shall not be responsible for loss or damage caused by fire, theft, or otherwise. All possible precautions will be taken by the Association to protect entries.
7. Entry fees will not be refunded after entry closing dates.
8. No representative of the fair is permitted to release information concerning specific entries prior to closing dates. No award information will be released prior to fair opening.
9. Entries are open to legal residents of the State of California with the following exceptions: Junior Livestock Department entries are limited to residents of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Plumas, Yuba and Sutter Counties. Junior Livestock Sale and Junior Livestock Market Classes are limited to Butte County residents only. Junior Livestock Sale participants and Junior Livestock Classes are restricted to members of FFA, who are under the supervision of the Bureau of Agriculture Education, State Department of Education; or members of 4-H Youth groups who are under the supervision of the University of California Cooperative Extension; or Grange members, members of other recognized junior organizations, or other children 9 through 18 years of age unless otherwise specified. (See State Rules for specific age requirements). **Junior Exhibitors who are members of an established organization cannot exhibit as an "independent junior exhibitor" in the same species.** Open Livestock Department entries are limited to unless otherwise stated: Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Plumas and Placer Counties.
10. **Eligibility and Age Requirements:** Junior Exhibitors, 4-H, Grange and Independent Exhibitors who are exhibitors of large animal projects (e.g., sheep, swine, beef and goats) must be 9 years of age by January 1 of the current year. This includes showmanship classes. Youth 5-9 years of age may exhibit in special divisions designated by their local fair. Large animal classes are discouraged for youth 5-9 years of age. They may participate in "Beginning Projects" in the Junior Department and with rabbits, poultry, bummer lamb, bucket calf, porker and primary goat showmanship projects.
11. The Junior Department is for young people who want to enter exhibits in the fair. There are a number of organizations that want competition among members of the organization. The Butte County Fair has established divisions and classes for the FFA, 4-H and other junior exhibitors who are not members of an organization.
12. An Independent Junior may compete in an appropriate class in direct competition with an organization member but the independent exhibitor must meet all age requirements. Those exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older, as of January 1st, will compete against FFA. All other exhibitors younger than 14 years of age, as of January 1st, will compete against 4-H.
13. **ENTRY OPENING DATE: Market Steers March 26, 2018, all the remaining market animals will open May 4, 2018.**
14. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE: For market beef April 24, 2018. Market Goats, Lambs and Hogs, June 25, 2018. Poultry, Turkey and Rabbit meat pens, July 23, 2018 or until limits have been reached. All large animals breeding livestock and poultry breeders are due July 23, 2018. ARBA entries are due July 6, 2018. For Farm & Garden, Container Grown Plants, Floriculture and Floral Arrangements - see specific section for details & deadlines.** (Entries will be accepted until filled to capacity or by their due date, whichever is first). **Limits for market animals are as follows: Market Steers 30, Market Goats 40, Market Hogs 175, Market Lambs 120, Poultry Meat pens 10, Meat Turkeys 10 and Market Rabbits 20.**
15. No late entries will be accepted as specified in the State Rules.
16. Entries may close prior to specific closing dates if the Market Limits are reached as stated in Rule #14 of Local Rules. If breeding entries exceed barn capacity then space will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis with Butte County exhibitors receiving priority over out-of-county exhibitors. If an exhibit is cut, due to lack of space, all entry fees will be refunded for that exhibit.
17. Management reserves the right to cancel or combine any division or class that does not have a sufficient number of entries, see State Rules II #10.
18. Clarification of State Rule II #11- "Exhibitors may not submit the same entry at two or more fairs that require them to be on exhibit at the same time unless prior written approval has been obtained from both fairs. A copy of this approval must be submitted with entry forms." If you plan to exhibit livestock at two or more fairs whose dates overlap but the dates of actual exhibition do not, the Butte County Fair will accept your entry, provided the other fair is agreeable.
19. All exhibits must be complete and ready for judging as provided for in each department of the Exhibitor Guidebook.
20. All market animals must be on the grounds by 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2018. All other breeding livestock by 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 21st, with the exception of poultry & waterfowl they must go through inspection from 3pm – 5pm. Exhibitors moving stock into pens or stalls other than those assigned will be considered in violation of State Rule II #14. No livestock will be received on the grounds prior to 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 20th. Please refer to specific species for move in times and restrictions. All entries must remain on display for the duration of the fair. **There will be a one year suspension from exhibiting at the Fair if you remove animals early from the grounds.**
21. Bedding will NOT be supplied by the fair for any animals.

22. Exhibitors of any and all livestock may be requested by the management to participate in a special livestock show.
23. **No vehicles will be allowed to enter the grounds after 7:30 a.m. each day.** All vehicles entering the grounds are subject to search. No vehicles or livestock trailers may be left on grounds, or parked in any area other than livestock parking area after **7:30 a.m. daily**. Vehicles or trailers parked in unauthorized spaces will be removed at owner's expense without notice. Traffic through the grounds is not permitted. Vehicles are prohibited from parking in RV area, violators will be removed at owner's expense.
24. No vehicles, except livestock hauling vehicles, will be allowed on grounds prior to 11 p.m. Sunday, for removal of exhibits. Livestock will be released Sunday at 7pm and other competitive exhibits on Monday, August 27th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any exceptions to this rule must be made by the Fair Manager in writing.
25. Exhibitors planning to bring an R.V. or camper to the fairgrounds must reserve a space in advance. No reservations will be finalized without an entry form and **only one trailer space per person**. A two hundred thirty five dollar (\$235) fee for full hook up, two hundred dollar (\$200) for water and power only and one hundred sixty five dollar (\$165) for dry camping no hook ups must be paid and the trailer space application be completed. Returning exhibitors will have first right of refusal to their 2017 trailer space, paperwork must be in by May 4th to retain your space. Exhibitors who did not have trailers in the previous fair and exhibitors who wish to relocate will be assigned spaces by the fair staff on a first come first serve basis. Spaces will be assigned to livestock exhibitors only. Reservations are limited to one space per family. **NO TENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. No trailers will be allowed to park on the fairgrounds prior to 10 a.m. Sunday, August 19th, without written approval from CEO. Gates will close at 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 19th - no trailers will be received after that time on Sunday. No overnight stay on **SUNDAY**. Gates will reopen on Monday, August 20th at 10 a.m. **NO LIVESTOCK CAN BE BROUGHT IN PRIOR TO MONDAY AT 10 a.m.** All trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds by Monday, August 27th at 4 p.m. Fees will be assessed after that time. Trailers must park within the assigned space, between the lines designated for that space. Trailers unable to fit within their space or trailers that are over the designated lines may be asked to move spaces or readjust to fit within the lines. **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED IN ANY AREAS NOT DESIGNATED FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS.**
26. **NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS unless they are service dogs, LEASHED OR OTHERWISE; THIS INCLUDES THE LIVESTOCK AREA without prior approval from the CEO.**
27. Exhibitors, participants and service credentials are limited to those issued solely for the purpose of supervising and maintaining exhibits or the performance of assigned official duties. One season credential will be issued to each 4-H leader or FFA instructor who has signed entry forms for the junior livestock exhibitors. A non-transferable exhibitor's pass will be assigned to each livestock exhibitor good for the duration of the fair (wristband may be used).

Pass Policy for livestock exhibitors:

Youth exhibitors shall receive one (1) exhibitor pass, one (1) parent pass, and one (1) parking pass.

Open Exhibitors shall receive two (2) exhibitor passes and one (1) parking pass.

Livestock gate will be checking passes on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 6am. If you do not have your passes with you, you will NOT be allowed to park in livestock parking. Paid gate admissions will start on Wednesday, August 22nd.

Livestock exhibitors only may purchase additional passes for \$10.00 each and parking permits for \$10.00 each. Restrictions apply. No passes will be given or sold to non-exhibitors or non-entry fee paying livestock exhibitors. You can ONLY PURCHASE THESE AT THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND THEY HAVE TO BE PURCHASED BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 21st. AFTER THAT NO WRIST BANDS OR LIVESTOCK PARKING WILL BE SOLD.

VEHICLE PARKING PERMIT MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE WINDSHIELD OF YOUR VEHICLE. NAME ON PARKING PERMIT MUST BE VISIBLE. WRISTBANDS AND PARKING PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

Note: Vehicle Parking Permit only permits vehicles on grounds. All occupants of vehicle must have passes/credentials.

Parking for stock trailers will be on the High School side. Trailers are not allowed to park in the livestock parking lot. There will be a few parking spaces for stock trailers to purchase in a designated spots on a first come first serve basis.

28. Exhibitors, leaders, advisors, parents and any other person displaying abusive behavior towards any employee, agent, officer, volunteer, contractor, director or management of the Butte County Fair Association will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Exhibitors will forfeit awards and will not be able to sell in the auction, see State Rules. (Abusive behavior is defined as, but not limited to, verbal assaults, physical intimidation and the use of profanity.)
29. The following are the procedures that the Butte County Fair will follow to minimize any alcohol-related problems: 1) we will not allow alcohol to be brought onto the fairgrounds. No ice chests, six packs, bottles or cans of any kind will be allowed on the grounds. 2) No drinking in parking lots. 3) No exhibitor will be allowed to consume alcohol while on duty or in their exhibit area. 4) Zero Tolerance of minors and alcohol. Minors exhibiting at the fair will have their exhibit removed from any competition and sale and will be stripped of all awards if they are caught drinking alcohol.
30. The fair may withhold payment of cash awards if all exhibits, pens, and alleys are not kept clean at all times. Manure must be deposited in designated area. Awards may be withheld if animals are not fed, watered, and properly cared for while at the fair. See RED TAG POLICY.
31. The livestock office will be open during fair time from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
32. Animals must be shown by owners except in cases where the owner has two animals entered in the same class (breeding classes). In this case, the owner must show one of the animals personally.
33. **Animal Grooming Rules:** Junior exhibitors are expected to fit their own animals with no professional assistance. Leaders, instructors, parents, other club or chapter member, or other immediate family members exhibiting at the Fair (brother or sister) may give assistance. Junior exhibitors must be present when animal is being fitted. Violation of this rule will be cause for disqualification.

34. Uniform Requirements:

- a. All FFA, 4-H, Independent and Grange livestock exhibitors MUST wear the official uniform of their organization while participating in their events. If exhibitor is not dressed in complete uniform as required by the organization above, they will not be permitted in the show ring. The official uniform to be worn by Independent Exhibitors are to follow the official 4-H uniform except, 4-H tie, scarf and hat do not apply to independent exhibitors, at the Butte County Fair in livestock divisions and the Junior Livestock Auction.

35. Animal Care & Barn Cleanliness. Juniors showing in any Junior Livestock Division must be on the grounds to care for and exhibit their animal(s). Failure to comply will be grounds for disqualification and removal from the grounds.

36. RED TAG POLICY

A. Purpose: To ensure that livestock exhibited at the Butte County Fair are cared for and treated in a humane and ethical manner and that the livestock pens/stalls are suitable for public display.

B. Policy: Livestock exhibitors are solely responsible for the care of their animals while on exhibit at the Butte County Fair. If the livestock superintendent becomes aware of any livestock exhibit that is not being cared for in an ethical, humane manner; or situations where an acceptable state of pen cleanliness, as determined by the livestock management staff, is not being maintained, the following will occur:

a. The livestock superintendent will determine the name and affiliation of the responsible exhibitor.

b. A Red Tag, with the following information, will be affixed to the exhibitors pen/stall.

i. The exhibitors name.

ii. The observed problem.

iii. The date and time of the citation.

iv. Signature of the livestock superintendent.

c. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to respond to the Red Tag by contacting the livestock superintendent within 6 hours of the citation being issued. The exhibitor will formulate and initiate a plan of correction approved by the livestock superintendent. Reasonable efforts will be made by the livestock superintendent to contact the exhibitor's FFA Advisor, 4-H Leader, parent or designee and advise them of the situation resulting in the Red Tag citation.

d. Any exhibitor failing to make contact with the livestock superintendent within 6 hours of issuance of the citation may be issued an automatic second Red Tag citation.

e. Any exhibitor receiving two Red Tag citations during the Fair will be declared ineligible for further competition, including participation in the Junior Livestock Auction. The exhibitor will forfeit all fair premiums, awards earned and are required to remove the animal exhibit from the fairgrounds.

f. Any exhibitor that is required, under the provisions of the Red Tag Policy, to remove their animal entry from the fairgrounds, must do so within 6 hours from the time of notification.

37. SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS: All showmanship winners, excluding beginner showmanship need to declare at the Livestock Office by 5pm the day of the show if they will be participating in Master Showmanship. If an exhibitor wins in multiple species they have to declare which species they will be representing or they will forfeit their spot.

38. NO HOOPER BOARDS OR MOTORIZED BOARDS ARE ALLOWED. NO DRONES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE CFC.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. Participation is limited to bona fide members of Butte County 4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters who reside in Butte County; or who attend a Butte County School; or as defined in State Rules. Independent Junior Exhibitors qualify only if they reside in Butte County.
2. The sale will be conducted by the Butte County Fair Association assisted by a sales committee composed of Butte County FFA Advisors, 4-H Leaders, and representatives of various organizations. The JLA Advisory Committee is selected, and their duties are assigned, by the Butte County Fair Board of Directors. The JLA Advisory Committee recommends rules and policy pertaining to the Junior Livestock Show to the Butte County Fair Association Board of Directors as well as assists in the presentation of the Junior Livestock Auction.
3. A bill of sale and/or brand inspection slip must be furnished at time of weighing for beef cattle. If a market steer was bred and raised by the exhibitor, a verified statement must be submitted.
4. Each exhibitor can only exhibit one (1) market animal - one beef, one goat, one lamb, one hog, one rabbit meat pen, one poultry pen or one turkey at the Fair. Exhibitors may enter a total of two species of market animal. If you are unsure which animal you will be bringing to the fair prior to the entry closing date, then you must enter both animals and you must pay an entry fee for both animals. The entry fee on the non-competing animal will not be refunded. Only one of the entered animals may be weighed and shown at the fair. You cannot bring two market animals to the fair. Only one (1) animal may be brought to the fair and weighed in at fair-time. (Pick your best animal at HOME to be weighed at the Fair). No private scales will be allowed on the fairgrounds.
5. **Parent and Exhibitor signatures are required at time of entry, parent signature page is available online at Buttecountyfair.org.** Leaders and Advisors will need to sign for market and breeding animal entries prior to weigh-ins.
6. No pre-weighing permitted. If a weight is questioned, it must be done immediately, the animal taken off the scale, the scale re-balanced and the animal again weighed. Under no circumstances shall the animal leave the scale area. **You are only allowed one (1) reweigh per animal.**
7. All animals not making the weight requirements (sifted animals) will be allowed to stay and participate in showmanship only and will be released with the breeding on Sunday, August 26th, at 7 pm. If you choose not to go into showmanship you need to remove your sifted animal from the grounds on Tuesday, August 21st.
8. All animals eligible for the sale must have been shown as individuals in their respective classes and must be graded in the top classification and weight limits of the market classes. Judge's decisions of market animal classes are final and are not subject to change after judging.
9. All animals which meet weight requirements and are eligible to sell after showing in their respective classes must go through the Junior Livestock Auction.

10. FAIR-TIME WEIGHT LIMITS

- Steers: 1000 lbs. to NO TOP WEIGHT (*Top Selling weight of 1300 lbs.*)
- Lambs: 100 lbs. to NO TOP WEIGHT (*Top selling weight of 150 lbs.*)
- Swine: 200 lbs. to NO TOP WEIGHT (*Top selling weight of 270 lbs.*)
- Goats: 70 lbs. to NO TOP WEIGHT (*Top selling weight of 105 lbs.*)
- Rabbits: 3 lbs. to 5 lbs. (pen of three)
- Turkeys: 15 lbs. to NO TOP WEIGHT (turkeys will be allowed to sale over 35lbs, suggested top weight)
- Chickens: 3.5 lbs. to 6.0 lbs. (pen of three)

11. In the event an exhibitor is unable to handle his/her animal in the sale ring or if, for a legitimate reason, the exhibitor is unable to be present at the time his animal is sold, permission to use a substitute handler may be granted by the livestock office.
12. Official uniform must be worn in the sales ring by the owner of the animal to be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors not meeting the sales committee standards for attire, cleanliness, and neatness will not be allowed to sell.
13. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 25th. The Butte County Fair Association reserves the right to arrange the sale order in a manner which seems fair to all consignors. Sale of Champions will sell in the lot order.
14. The sale will be limited to blue ribbon animals for beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, turkeys and swine. The sale order will be determined by judge's placing in the American System of judging. The sale order will be posted at the livestock office and copies will be available to leaders and buyers prior to the sale.
15. Each animal will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve. "Bumps" (additional price per pound by non-buyer) will be allowed at the Livestock Office on sale day. Bumps are not totaled into the live auction sale price. The sales auctioneer will settle any and all disputes as to bids and his decision shall be binding. Only a maximum of 10 buyers per lot will be allowed. No Exceptions.
16. Terms of sale: Credit cards (no American Express), cash, and checks: payable to the Butte County Fair Association.
17. The Junior Livestock Auction is a terminal auction - NO LIVE ANIMAL PICK-UP; Buyers of animals through the auction shall not negotiate resale of animals during the sale, and transfer of animals from one buyer to another will not be permitted through the sale office.
18. All exhibitors selling animals through the auction shall be assessed: 8% for goats, sheep, swine, poultry, turkeys and rabbits, and 4.25% for steers, of the selling price to offset auction expenses and provide an auction contingency reserve for bad debts. A \$5 fee will be assessed all sellers in the auction to offset buyers' lunch. An additional auction fee will be charged to cover auctioneer costs. It will be split equally between all the exhibitors in the sale.
19. Each animal will be at the buyer's risk as soon as sold and will be yarded for shipment at buyer's instructions. Seller must care for animals as long as the animal remains on the fairgrounds. The Fair reserves the right to withhold cash prizes and/or auction proceeds from any seller who does not comply. *Exhibitors selling animals shall not approach buyers to buy back their animals.* Once the animal is sold it will be processed according to the buyer's instructions.
20. Exhibitors should attempt to secure a buyer for their animal for the auction. New buyers should preregister prior to the day of the auction. Each potential buyer will receive two one-day gate passes to attend the auction.
21. **DISTRIBUTION OF CHECKS: Auction checks will be released to FFA Leaders and to the 4-H, Independent and Grange members individually on September 16th. Exhibitors are responsible for mailing thank you letters. Auction checks will not be mailed.**
22. The North and South aisles in the sheep barn must be kept clear during the auction.
23. All animals in the market animal division in the JLA are entered and shown subject to the rules and conditions contained in the Butte County Fair Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance Program.
24. If an exhibitor misses their number in the sale order the exhibitor will receive re-sale price for their specie, the animal will not go thru the sale.
25. Exhibitors must be a Butte County resident to participate in showmanship. Out of county exhibitors will be allowed to show breeding, but cannot participate in showmanship.
26. All sheep and goats must be sheared not to exceed ¼" before they can go over the scale. All sheep and goats must have blankets removed and have to dry to go over the scale.
27. **Vet check on market and unregistered animals will be done at the scale, registered animals will be done at the stalls with a vet and a fair clerk the exhibitor will receive a slip to turn in at the livestock office when checking papers. If an animal does not pass vet check the exhibitor may be fined a \$100 per animal.**
28. **No soliciting if animal has been sifted (including not making weight or if animal is not market ready), if violated exhibitor will receive a one year ban from participating at the Butte County Fair.**

