



General Rules and Regulations

1. The Pennsylvania Beef Expo Committee will take every reasonable precaution in safekeeping exhibits and other materials/equipment, but will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause including fire or theft. All exhibits will be under the direction of the Beef Expo Chairman, but under no circumstance will the Pennsylvania State University or the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur during the Beef Expo. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage, done or occasioned by or arising from any exhibit entered by him and shall indemnify and hold harmless The Pennsylvania State University, The Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, and the Pennsylvania Beef Expo Committee against such loss, injury or damage in regard thereto.
2. Junior eligibility. The Junior events are open to all Junior Pennsylvania Cattlemen's members. Exhibitors must have passed their 8th birthday, but not have passed their 21st birthday by January 1, 2009 (born 1985 to 1999, inclusive). Exhibitors also must currently be Pennsylvania Junior Cattlemen's Association members in good standing.
3. Exhibitors shall conform to all requests of the management to lead out their animals for parade, exhibition, judging contest, or other purposes. Refusal will result in forfeiture of prizes won and such other penalty as the Beef Expo Committee may impose.
4. **Pens and stalls will be pre-assigned on the basis of the number of entries by each exhibitor. These facilities are to be used only to tie or enclose livestock. In the case of animals entered but not exhibited, management will reassign excess pens or stalls as deemed necessary.**
5. Livestock trucks to be on Penn State University property during the Beef Expo shall be parked – under the direction of the Beef Expo Management – in the areas set aside for such trucks as soon as unloaded.
6. To be eligible for junior competition, animals must be owned by the exhibitor, and the exhibitor must take entire charge and care of their livestock except in the case of illness or some other reason approved by the Expo Committee. If there is a valid reason that the exhibitor cannot show their animal(s), then another member who meets the junior requirements may show the animal(s); however, this member will not qualify for the showmanship contest. Exhibitors not showing their own animals must notify the show management before entering the ring.

Unethical or abusive activities are not allowed and will result in disqualification of the exhibitor from the show at sole decision of the Expo management (see Expo Ethics Statement).

The purpose of the junior events is to learn by doing via hands-on educational experiences. Youth who rely on professional fitters to perform activities in preparing their animals for show fail to gain these experiences.
7. No person other than those holding animals being exhibited will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging, except the officials and officially accredited reporters. Any persons who cannot control their animal may be asked to remove the animal from the show ring.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have their animal present at the specified time and place for weighing, showing and selling.
9. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their respective areas in a reasonably clean and orderly condition at all times.
10. The displaying of farm signs, banners, etc. over exhibits is encouraged, however, these displays must not interfere in any way with other exhibitors.
11. No animal showing signs of contagious or infectious disease, or external parasites, will be allowed entry to the Ag Arena. Exhibitors must have all necessary health papers signed by an accredited veterinarian when entries arrive.
12. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, false tail heads (or use of any false hair), use of paint, graphite, powders, hemp or other similar substances externally and any illegal/unapproved steroids, growth stimulants or artificial filling internally. Any animal or exhibitors found to be in violation will be barred from showing. The exhibition of cattle displaying false hair will not be allowed. Use only grooming products that are approved for use on meat producing animals when fitting any animal for show. Unapproved products may contain ingredients that result in unacceptable residues in the meat. If it is not certain that a product is residue safe and approved for use on meat animals, don't use it!

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