

NOTE TO BREEDERS

The Georgetown Fair Association has made every effort to provide a purebred show for every breed. It is the responsibility of the purebred breeders representing a specific breed to provide sufficient numbers of animals to make it economically feasible to show each breed as a separate unit. The Georgetown Fair Livestock Committee prefers to show each breed as a separate show. However, this committee reserves the right to move any breed not presenting adequate numbers of animals for a representative "breed show" into an "all other breed" competition. This decision, when made, is final and is made totally at the discretion of the Georgetown Fair Livestock Committee.

At the discretion of the livestock committee, a breed not designated to be shown as a separate breed, may be removed from A.O.B. classification and shown in its own breed show.

The Code of Ethics for Livestock Exhibition will be enforced. It is strictly prohibited to use any foreign substance in preparing any animal for the show ring.

Notice: It is mandatory for all out of state livestock to provide a "Permit to Enter" certificate provided by the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture before exhibition in the State of Illinois. (Call 217-782-4944 for details.)

Premises ID Requirement

A premise identification number will be required to exhibit livestock at state, county, 4-H and FFA fairs beginning in 2008, this is required by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Premises registration is the first step toward the establishment of a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and will greatly improve the ability of Illinois animal health professionals to contain disease outbreaks.

Premise Ids will allow knowing the locations of every livestock operation in the state. This will enable tracing movements of animals, imposing quarantines, and hopefully will prevent spread of diseases to other operations and farms.

The identification number corresponds to the location where an animal is raised, which means it does not necessarily need to be in the exhibitor's name. ***The number must be obtained and included on entry forms, before fairs will allow animals to compete.***

The premises ID requirement also applies to horses. Owners of horses stabled in Illinois and planning to race or exhibit at either a state or county fair can register online.

Owners of out-of-state animals must obtain a premises ID number through their state's department of agriculture. This information may be found online at http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/premises_id/register.shtml

To obtain Illinois premise ID numbers, registration is free and is easily completed with a short questionnaire. The application is online at www.agr.state.il.us/premiseid A copy may be requested by calling 866-299-9256.

**RULES GOVERNING THE
2008 GEORGETOWN AGRICULTURAL FAIR
August 2 - August 9, 2008
Phone (217) 662-6415**

DUE TO STATE REQUIREMENTS, A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL EXHIBITORS PRIOR TO ENTRY.

LIVESTOCK RULES

Entry Guidelines

1. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, July 29, 2008 at 6:00 pm. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
2. **Due to rule changes imposed by the Bureau of County Fairs, all entry fees in all livestock departments will be paid in advance with 1 entry fee per entry.**
3. Address all entries and communications to Entries, Georgetown Fair, PO Box 204, Georgetown, IL 61846.
4. Each exhibitor will be permitted to make two entries in each livestock class, except where noted.
5. Each exhibitor is responsible for the delivery and the pickup of his/her own exhibits. The fair association will not assume any cost of delivery or shipping of exhibits.

Exhibitor Guidelines

1. Each exhibitor is required to pay only one \$6.00 exhibitor's fee regardless of number of animals/exhibits entered. Children 12 years of age and under who exhibit in Home Ec. Depts. J-V pay only \$2.00 exhibitor's fee.
A \$6.00 helper's ticket may be purchased by livestock exhibitors for their helpers only..
2. All departments, except the Junior Livestock and Home Ec. Departments, which have ages defined by the Bureau of County Fairs, are open to the world. Junior classes are open to boys and girls who are 8 years of age or in third grade and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the year previous to the fair. The Junior Department competitions are open to junior exhibitors meeting the stated age requirements with no restrictions as to place of residence.
3. Exhibitor's in Junior Livestock Departments may also show in the Open Show providing that he/she registers for each show (Open and Junior).
4. Animals shown in the junior show must be registered in the Junior exhibitor's name. If the same animal is shown in the open show it must be entered by the Junior exhibitor.
5. Junior Livestock Exhibitors must have ownership of livestock before the following dates:
 - ! Barrows and wethers before June 1, 2008
 - ! Steers before May 1, 2008
 - ! All breeding animals before May 1, 2008
6. In the event of questions concerning an animal's ownership or the date of ownership, the person issuing the protest shall deposit a sum of \$25.00 with the fair secretary and present the protest in writing. The \$25.00 is forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The burden of proof, once an official protest is lodged, lies with the owner of the animal in question.
7. All gambling and gambling devices, sale or open use of alcoholic beverages and narcotics are all strictly prohibited on the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Security, including but not limited to, city

- police, sheriff departments and police canine units will remove violators from the grounds.
- Electricity and water hookup is available for campers. The fee is \$20 per day or a max. of \$110 per week. Arrangements may be made at the Georgetown Fair Office, or by contacting:

Don Pearson
4709N 1980 East Rd.
Georgetown, IL 61846

Livestock Placement Guidelines

- ALL livestock except OPEN, JUNIOR, and FFA barrows, market hogs, dairy goats, and horses must be in place by Sunday August 3, 2008 at Midnight.
- Stall and pen fees must accompany entries. ONE PEN FEE covers entry in BOTH Open and Junior. Stalls and pens will be assigned.
- Pens and stalls are not to be used to store equipment. This will be enforced.***
- All livestock will be released immediately following the open show in which they participate.
- Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his own bed, feed, bedding, and water pails. Washing of animals must be done in places provided by the Fair Association.
- Current health papers on every animal for exhibition in the Georgetown Fair Open and Junior Departments must be presented to the Secretary of the fair office immediately upon arrival of the animals at the fairgrounds. There will be no arm bands issued until every animal entered by an exhibitor has been officially certified by the fair Veterinarian. Failure to produce a current health paper will absolutely render that animal ineligible for exhibition. The rule will be enforced just as it is written. The health papers presented must be in compliance with health regulations for exhibition in 2008 as printed in this premium book.

Showing Guidelines

- The judge's decision is final in all cases.
- The Georgetown Fair Livestock Department reserves the right to request a pedigree for any animal shown in any purebred class. Livestock superintendents will enforce this policy at their discretion. Any exhibitor discovered misrepresenting an animal will forfeit all premiums.**
- No animal will be passed upon by the judge or a premium awarded whose attendant does not carry or show proper entry tag for the class exhibited. Each animal in a Junior Show must be shown by a junior showman, adults not permitted in the show ring.
- No premium will be awarded to any animal, or group of animals, unless presented in the show ring.
- To be eligible for the Junior Showmanship contest, an exhibitor must exhibit at least one animal in the Junior Department.
- The Junior department showmanship competition will be divided into a Junior and a Senior division. An exhibitor 15 years or older as of fair date is a Senior exhibitor. There will be a Junior and Senior showman named for each livestock species. The final competition will name a Grand Champion Junior Showman and a Grand Champion Senior Showman. The Grand Champion Senior Showperson will represent the Georgetown Fair at the 2009 Illinois State Fair Junior Showmanship Contest.
- Commercial breeding gilts will be weighed, ear tagged for identification and broken into a maximum of 10 classes by weight.

8. Commercial breeding gilts and purebred gilts may be shown in Sunday's Open Market Gilt Show. They will be ear tagged for Sunday's show.
9. Purebred gilts shown in Sunday's Market Gilt Show may be shown in the Open and Jr. Breeding Gilt classes. Commercial breeding gilts may not be shown in the Open and Junior breed gilt classes
10. Commercial breeding gilts are not eligible to show for Grand Champion Female in the Open and Junior Breeding shows.

General Guidelines

1. An exhibitor violating any fair rules may forfeit all privileges and premiums and incur penalties as ordered by the superintendent.
2. The Georgetown Fair Board of Directors reserves the absolute and final right to interpret all rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle all matters, questions, and differences.
3. CLAIMS FOR INJURY - No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Georgetown Fair, its officers or its agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm, or corporation or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or occupy any space thereon. If damage, loss or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm, or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds, or occupying space thereon, the Georgetown Fair shall be in no manner responsible therefore, and in case it be subject to any expense or liability all persons causing same are liable therefore, shall indemnify the said Georgetown Fair. The Georgetown Fair will not be in any way liable for any injury to any attendant to any exhibit in all departments while en route to or from Fair.
4. LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS - All property of every character entered for competition, display, or for any other purpose, or brought to the Fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth by the Georgetown Fair Board of Directors. In no case shall the Georgetown Fair or any of its officers or directors be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury, or death by diseases, theft, or from any other cause of any character, to any property while same is on the grounds, or any other time and place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds. If the property owners, or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire, or from any other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.

***ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST READ AND
AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CODE OF ETHICS.***

IAFE

(INTERNATIONAL ASSN OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

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 and 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, 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 veterinarian.

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(s) 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 of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that the 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 release to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.