



Livestock Rules and Regulations



- **Use the Livestock & Equine Entry Form for all livestock entries, including poultry and rabbits.** (Livestock entries listed on the Competitive Exhibits Entry Form will not be accepted.)
- **All animals must be treated humanely and with respect at all times. Any mistreatment will result in immediate disqualification.**
- All exhibitors are responsible for being familiar with and abiding by all general and show specific rules and regulations.
- No alcohol, profanity, food or drinks in the livestock areas.
- Pay special attention to the information listed under each department for show specific rules, regulations, premium amounts and entry fees. (if applicable)
- ONLY ONE ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS MAY BE ENTERED (unless otherwise specified within the department rules.)
- No one under the age of 5 may enter.
- **All Entry Forms due: Monday, August 24th, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**
- Entry forms with fully completed W9 form can be submitted online, by mail, email, or brought to the Fair Office.
 - **Mail:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
 - **Email:** fair@cabarruscounty.us
 - **Fair Office:** 4759 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025
- NC Substitute W-9 Form must be completed annually.
- **The Social Security number MUST be that of the entrant NOT the parent or guardian.**
- **If an exhibitor does not wish to be paid, please note "Do not pay" on the entry form.**
- **NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID WITHOUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF THE EXHIBITOR OR TAX ID NUMBER OF SCHOOL OR CLUB.**



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- Entries are accepted in the order in which they are received. In the event a show reaches capacity, priority will be given to Cabarrus County residents.
- Premium checks will be mailed within 60 days of the fair. Contact the Fair Office if you have not received your check by December 1st.
- Any artificial alterations (steroids, dyeing, lifting, etc.) are strictly prohibited.
- Showing under another persons name will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of all awards and premiums.
- Animals, stalls and staging areas must be kept clean and well cared for at all times. Exhibitors who leave stalls unclean upon departure will forfeit all premiums. (If you are unsure whether your area is in acceptable condition, see the Livestock Superintendent.)
- Exhibitors must be able to safely handle their animal.
- Exhibitors ages 5-8 may be accompanied by an adult to ensure the safety of both the animals and the exhibitors.
- Good sportsmanship and respectful behavior are expected at all times.
- All entries are subject to current North Carolina health regulations in effect at the time of the fair.
- All animals will be examined by an on-site, licensed veterinarian, contracted by the fair, prior to admission to the show area. Please see individual show pages for animal specific health rules and regulations.
- Veterinarian has authority to suspend any show if disease risk arises.
- Fair management, judges or veterinarian staff reserve the right to reject any unhealthy or unruly animal.
- Fair management, judges or veterinarian staff decisions are final.
- Show classes, rules and/or regulations are subject to change at any time without notice.
- New breed requests must be submitted to the Fair Office by October 31st, 2026 to be considered.
- All shows follow IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

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