

2017 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES - STEERS

YOUTH STEER SHOW AND SALE RULES (180 DAY PROJECT)

This is a terminal project. All animals will be sold as market steers and are to be sent directly to slaughter immediately following the sale on vehicles approved by Columbia County Resources.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

All questions related to the rules of these shows are to be directed to the Livestock Committee. The Columbia County Resources Board of Directors reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to, the Fair. Any violation of the rules will be addressed by Columbia County Resources on an individual basis.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age, and must either be (i) a resident of Columbia County, (ii) currently enrolled in the Columbia County School System, or (iii) enrolled in a valid home school program within Columbia County. Age is determined as of **October 31, 2017**. Anyone having graduated from, or currently dropped out of school, shall not be eligible to enter the show or sale. No one under school suspension on final entry or show day will be allowed to participate in any show or sale. Physical condition of entrants which may result in physical danger to the exhibitor or others may result in the rejection of an entry or disqualification from any show or sale (this includes any female entrant who may be pregnant at any time during the course of the project).
2. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs may enter in any show but cannot have an entry in BOTH the swine and steer shows/sale. Chapters and Clubs will be treated as a single individual for the purposes of complying with the rules of any show. No school shall be able to have an entry in any show. Additionally, FFA or 4-H "teams" shall not be eligible for participation in any show.

ENTRIES AND START OF PROJECT

3. Entry forms are available at the Fair Office located at the Columbia County Fairgrounds or may be downloaded from the Columbia County Resources website at www.columbiacountyfair.org.
4. All entries must be made on originals or copies of the official entry forms. Completed entry forms must be received in the Columbia County Resources Office by the date and time set forth in the rules for

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each specific show. A separate entry form must be completed for each exhibitor. By signing the entry form, the exhibitor certifies he/she is the sole owner of the animal being exhibited. The only exception will be for Club or Chapter project animals.

5. An entry fee of \$5.00 per animal must be included with an official entry form and must be received by Columbia County Resources office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017. No entries will be accepted after this date.
6. The maximum beginning weight at the initial weigh in will not exceed 900 pounds. It is highly recommended that no animal weigh less than 600 pounds at initial weigh in.
7. All steers must be weighed in and properly identified by Columbia County Resources. Means of identification will be at the discretion of Columbia County Resources. Should an ear tag become infected or fall out, the exhibitor must notify Columbia County Resources within 48 hours so that arrangements may be made to replace the tag. NO animal will be admitted at the final weigh-in without the tag issued by Columbia County Resources. Steers will be given one (1) opportunity for weighing. The only exception will be at the request of the weigh master. Any animal not meeting weight requirements as set forth in paragraph 6 will be disqualified.
8. All steers must be castrated and dehorned or naturally polled PRIOR to the initial weigh in.
9. Columbia County Resources reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry of application at any time. Columbia County Resources may revoke premiums earned or terminate any exhibitor for just cause, and such decision shall be final.

CLASSES

10. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Columbia County Resources Livestock Committee after the ending weigh-in. Every attempt will be made to post classes at least 24 hours prior to the show.
11. Any show failing to have six (6) qualified entries by the required entry deadline will be cancelled.

ENTRANCE TO FAIR AND PARKING

12. All exhibitors must enter the Fairgrounds through the West Gate for both the beginning and ending weigh-in for livestock. During fair week, all vehicles must enter via the Livestock Gate and park in the designated parking area.
13. Each exhibitor will be issued one parking pass which will admit the driver and vehicle. However, only one parking pass will be given per family. In

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addition each exhibitor will receive two walk-in passes for the exhibitor's parents.

14. Tickets will be issued at the conclusion of the ending weigh-in.

HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

15. All animals must meet health regulations as specified by the Department of Agriculture, and are subject to the health requirements as set forth by the State of Florida. State inspectors will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the inspector on duty.
16. Steers are subject to being tested for illegal drugs as they are weighed at ending weigh-in. Additionally, the Grand and Reserve Champions and each class winner may be tested immediately following the show. Any animal testing positive will be disqualified from the show and must be removed from the premises. Exhibitors of any animal testing positive will also forfeit any premiums already awarded. The method of testing will be at the discretion of the Livestock Committee and Fair Board.
17. All animals must be healthy and sound, free of lice and warts.

DISCLAIMERS

18. Columbia County Resources will not be responsible for any mistakes in the fair bulletin.
19. Columbia County Resources or any of its personnel will not be responsible for accidents or errors that may occur. However, every effort will be made to provide for the safety and comfort of the participants, livestock, and guests.
20. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

GENERAL

21. The Barn Superintendent will be allowed to make rules and regulations regarding the barn area for the protection, comfort and safety of all exhibitors, exhibitor family members and visitors. This may include limiting access of the public to the barns during shows and the sale.
22. No exhibitor will be allowed to SELL more than one (1) market animal (steer, goat or hog). Each exhibitor, however, has the option of weighing in two (2) steers, two (2) hogs or one (1) steer and one (1) hog. No substitutions of animals may be made after the initial weigh-in has closed.
23. Exhibitors or their designated person must unload the animals for weigh-in. Columbia County

Resources will not be responsible for any injuries that may occur to an animal during this process.

24. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Columbia County Resources Livestock Committee after the ending weigh-in. Every attempt will be made to post classes at least 24 hours prior to the show.
25. **Misconduct or failure to cooperate with the show management by the exhibitor, parents or other persons, at any time during this project, may automatically disqualify the exhibitor and the animal(s) from this or future shows.**
26. Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal(s) in the show and sale. **(you must show your own animal to compete in showmanship)** Exceptions will be addressed by Columbia County Resources on an individual basis. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing to Columbia County Resources at 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056. No parents will be allowed in the show ring to assist their child without prior consent of Columbia County Resources.
27. The Fair Association will supply sufficient bedding for ALL animals. Feed and water pails must be supplied by the exhibitor. All exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animal(s) through Thursday after the sale. Columbia County Resources will not be responsible for any items including, but not limited to, items remaining after the sale. Each exhibitor is required to check in with the designated official once daily to verify the care and feeding of their animal(s). A \$25.00 per day charge will be assessed for non-compliance and will be deducted from sale proceeds. Feed and water pans are not to be left in beds between feeding. Exhibitors are encouraged to affix their name to any personal belongings brought to the fair.
28. **TIE PROCEDURE: All steers must be double-tied with both halter lead and neck rope. The proper procedure for this is: Each steer is tied with a rope attached to the halter in addition to a neck rope.**

GROOMING, TACK, SHOW BOXES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

29. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own tack and show boxes sufficient to secure their personal belongings for the duration of the fair. Tack boxes, feed or water pails, and other personal belongings used during fair week may be removed Thursday immediately following the close of the sale.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

30. An official photographer will be designated by Columbia County Resources. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer

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may get in touch with him through the Columbia County Resources Office. The designated photographer is the *only person allowed to take photos during scheduled events* including, but not limited to, livestock show, awards ceremony, and sale. All exhibitors and parents are required to cooperate with the photographer and refrain from violating this rule. Please respect this rule!

EXHIBITOR SHOW AND SALE ATTIRE

31. Exhibitors are to wear the following attire during the shows and sale:

- Blue or black jeans (without holes)
- Long sleeved, button up shirt tucked inside jeans
- No hats or baseball caps
- Belt
- Boots or leather shoes – no tennis shoes, open toed shoes or flip flops.

Please note that Chapter or Club Advisors may require exhibitors to wear the club official dress that complies with this dress code.

ENDING WEIGH-IN

32. All steers will be weighed at a mandatory end weigh-in at the fairgrounds on October 26, 2017. At this time, each steer must weigh no less than 950 pounds, be a maximum of 24 months of age, have no horns and be manageable in order to be eligible for competition. In addition, each steer must have gained at least 1.25 pounds per day in order to be eligible for show (225 pounds over the term of the project).

33. Steers will be sifted by disposition. Sifted steers will not be allowed to enter the fairgrounds and must be transported home or to another facility as soon as reasonably possible after disqualification. No steer may be exhibited that cannot be properly managed and led by the exhibitor to the satisfaction of the screening committee. A reasonable length of time will be given to an exhibitor of any animal deemed unruly to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed and safely exhibited. If, at any time, an animal is deemed as unmanageable, it may be disqualified and must immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.

34. No nose rings or tongs will be used to assist the exhibitor in leading their animal.

35. An animal will only be weighed once. The only exception will be at the request of the weigh master. Any animal not meeting weight requirements as set forth in paragraph 32 will be disqualified.

RECORD BOOK

36. A complete record book will be required and must be turned in no later than one hour following the conclusion of the ending weigh-in on Thursday.

Books will be screened on Thursday, for completeness. Any book that is not complete will result in the loss of premium. If the exhibitor does not submit a record book, the exhibitor and animal will be disqualified. The animal must then be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

JUDGES AND JUDGING

37. The decision of the judges shall be final.

38. Any exhibitor or parent who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if incident occurs after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.

39. Animals will be judged with a Grand and Reserve Champion being selected. The first-place animal from each class will compete for Grand Champion. The second-place animal of the class from which the Grand Champion was selected will then compete with the first-place animals of the other classes for Reserve Champion.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

40. Showmanship will be judged on the exhibitor's ability to display their animals and themselves. Classes will be:

- Junior, ages 8-12 years;
- Intermediate, ages 13-15 years;
- Senior, ages 16-18.

Exhibitor's age to be determined as of October 31, 2017. The showmanship judge will be present during the judging for Grand and Reserve Champion. He/she will call back the exhibitors from the show that he/she feels are the best showmen from each class. The showmanship contest will be held immediately following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

41. All exhibitors MUST attend awards program on Wednesday. All ribbons will be presented as part of the awards program at this time.

42. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the modified Danish Judging System.

- Blue Ribbon = \$30.00
- Red Ribbon = \$25.00
- White Ribbon = \$20.00

43. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after the close of the fair and mailed to the exhibitor at the address provided on the entry form. Any change in an exhibitor's address should be promptly reported to the Columbia County Resources Livestock Committee at 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056.

44. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion steer will be selected. Both the Grand Champion exhibitor

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and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be awarded a belt buckle.

45. A rate of gain plaque will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest average daily gaining steer.
46. Monetary awards and plaques will be given to the top three placing livestock exhibitors for record books in each age category (Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels).
47. There will be three total herdsman awards. Exhibitors of steers, beef and dairy heifers will compete for one award while swine and goat exhibitors will compete for the second and third. A committee of judges will score each exhibitor at least once each day. The exhibitors who earn the highest score in each division will receive \$50.00.
48. The Showmanship Champion in each age group will be awarded a belt buckle.

SALE

49. The resale price will be set through open auction held at the beginning of the livestock sale on Thursday.
50. Across the board add-ons will be accepted and held in the YOUTH INCENTIVE FUND to be equally divided among exhibitors.
51. All steers will be auctioned by the pound and sold for slaughter. The maximum sale "pay" weight will be 1300 pounds. Sale weight of all steers will be receiving weight (up to 1300 pounds)
52. A 4% (four percent) sales commission on gross sales price will be collected by Columbia County Resources on each steer.
53. There will be a mandatory deduction of no more than \$105.00 from the final purchase price to buy up to two (2) plaques for the buyer(s). If more than two (2) people co-purchase an animal, extra funds will be withheld from the exhibitor's sale check to cover the extra printing costs OR the buyers will be simply listed as "Friends of (child's name)". Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to purchase additional plaques and pictures if more than two buyers should purchase their animal. Arrangements MUST be made by end of Fair Week with both the photographer and Columbia County Resources Office for these extra purchases. Exhibitors will be notified when plaques are ready to be picked up from the fair office. Plaques MUST be picked up and delivered before the exhibitors check will be released. A deduction of \$25.00 per week will be made from the exhibitor's sale proceeds until the plaques have been picked up and delivered to respective buyers. The buyer's receipt must be returned to the Columbia County Resources Office for this deduction to cease.

54. Buyers are an integral part of these projects. Each exhibitor is expected to solicit buyers for their animal (marketing). Parents should assist their children with this aspect of the project in order to achieve the most success.
55. All buyers will be required to pay for their purchases through Columbia County Resources the night of the sale with the exception of buyers receiving prior approval from Columbia County Resources. The minimum amount any person may pay toward the purchase of a steer is .50 per pound.
56. The buyer agrees to pay the price called out by the auctioneer unless objection is made at the time of sale.
57. The seller agrees with the decisions of the auctioneer as to which bid, the size bid, and when the final bid shall be taken.
58. The seller agrees to rely on the decision of Columbia County Resources as to the selection of an auctioneer.

RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK

59. Animals will be released at the conclusion of the sale. Tack boxes, feed or water pails, and other personal belongings used during fair week should remain intact until this time also.
60. **COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES WILL SUPPLY ALL STEER EXHIBITORS WITH A NYLON HALTER TO TIE ANIMALS IN THE BARN AFTER THE SALE. ALL MARKET ANIMALS WILL LOAD OUT ON FRIDAY MORNING.**

AFTER THE FAIR

61. Each exhibitor is required to write a thank you letters to those who purchased his/her animal and to all contributors to the Youth Incentive Fund. These letters should be turned into the Columbia County Resources Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you letters must be received by the Columbia County Resources Office *no later than two weeks* after the conclusion of the sale. Each letter must be accompanied with an unsealed stamped envelope for each buyer. Letters may be typed or handwritten in ink by the exhibitor.
62. No money will be distributed to the exhibitor until all buyer monies have been received by Columbia County Resources, proper thank you letters have been received and approved by Columbia County Resources, plaques have been delivered to the buyers, and buyer receipts for plaques have been returned to the Columbia County Resources Office.
63. A penalty of \$25.00 per week will be deducted directly from the sale proceeds from those who have

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not complied with the thank you letter or plaque requirement.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Entry Deadline</i>	<i>Friday, April 21</i>
<i>Mandatory Beginning Weigh-In Columbia County Fairgrounds</i>	<i>Saturday, April 29 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Scales Open (Optional)</i>	<i>Saturday, August 19 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Mandatory End Weigh-In Columbia Co. Fairgrounds</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 26 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Record Book Deadline</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 26 One hour following the close of scales</i>
<i>Show</i>	<i>Monday, October 30 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>wards</i>	<i>Wed., Nov. 2 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sale</i>	<i>Thurs., Nov. 3 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Animal Release</i>	<i>Thurs., Nov. 3 Conclusion of sale</i>
<i>Buyer Thank you deadline</i>	<i>November 24, 2017</i>

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