# Mississippi Youth Expo RULES AND REGULATIONS

# **General Rules**

- 1. Age limit of exhibitors is 7-21 years of age as of show day.
- 2. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor can show in any species. They are allowed to show multiple species.
- 3. Commercial animals must meet a 5% weigh back if they are selected to compete for overall Grand and Reserve Champion.
- 4. There is a 15 head minimum to have a species (ex. dairy goat or market goat) show.
- 5. There is a 10 head minimum to have a breed (ex. Angus or duroc) show.
- 6. Any grievances must be presented to the show managers in writing before the Grand Drive of the species. There is a non-refundable \$250.00 fee that must be brought in cash with the written letter.

# **Swine**

- 1. The swine show will be broken down by weight group and breeds.
- 2. Breeds represented- Yorkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Chester, Crossbred, Spots, Barrow
- 3. Swine exhibitors are also subject to the general rules.
- 4. All animals must be shown and treated ethically in all aspects of the show.
- 5. Altering the confirmation and/or appearance of an animal using products including those internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing and the exhibitor will forfeit all winnings previous to the findings.
- 6. Crossbred barrows MUST show in the barrow show, crossbred gilts will all show together.
- 7. Any barrow is allowed to show in the barrow show.

# **Goats and Sheep**

- 1. All animals must be shown and treated ethical in all aspects of the show.
- 2. Absolutely no pumping will be allowed.
- 3. Animals are eligible for full fit including glues, paints, etc.
- 4. Altering the confirmation and/or appearance of an animal using products include those internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing and the exhibitor will forfeit all winnings previous to the findings.
- 5. NO spike collars will be allowed in the showring.
- 6. Minimum weight of 50 pounds on all goats with no max weight.
- 7. Goats must meet weigh back after winning their respective classes to be in the championship drive. Weigh back will be 5%
- 8. Wethers must be disbudded with no regrowth over 1.5 inches above the skin.

Divisions to be shown are market goat, commercial doe, market sheep (by breed), wether dam.

#### **Market Goat**

• Will show by weight

# **Commercial Doe Goat Rules**

- Wether dam goats will show by weight
- Slick and haired does show together

# **Wether Dam Ewe Rules**

• Wether dam ewes will show by weight

# **Market Lamb Rules**

- 1. Will show by Breeds
- 2. Market Lamb breeds offered
  - Blackface Cross, White Face Cross, Hair, Hamp, Dorset, Southdown, Suffolk, AOB, and Natural
  - \* Please note: There must be 10 head entered per breed to make a breed. Breed divisions with less than 10 head will be combined into the AOB division.

# **Beef Cattle**

- 1. All animals must be shown in an ethical manner during the duration of the show weekend.
- 2. Exhibitors are allowed to nominate the number of animals they desire.
- 3. Show management will make stall assignments. If you are needing extra stall space you will need to pay for extra space and let the management team know at sign up.
- 4. The beef show is a full fit show including glues, paints, hair, etc.
- 5. Absolutely no artificial fillers are allowed including but not limited to pumping.
- 6. Altering the confirmation and/or appearance of an animal using products include those internally such as steroids, illegal or unlicensed pharmaceuticals. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing and the exhibitor will forfeit all winnings previous to the findings.
- 7. Each class will be judged numerically 1,2,3 with premiums set up with each slot of award.
- 8. Animals released after showing.
- 9. Fans are allowed on racks above the cattle provided the fans are firmly affixed to the rack. Fans must be mounted high enough that the animals can freely pass under the fans without contacting them. Persons using fans assume all responsibility.
- 10. All bulls (no matter of age) showing must have a permanent nose ring with the exhibitor having the nose lead in hand at all times. Nose leads are not allowed in heifers.

- 11. If there is a pair showing, the calf must be on a halter and under control by the assistant. Calf must be registered by show day and have proof in hand at registration.
- 12. All cattle must be tied in the beds with a halter and "neck rope."
- 13. All breeding cattle must have an original registration certificate from breeding association to show.
- 14. All breeding animals must a legible and correct tattoo or brand.
- 15. There is a required 10 head minimum of one breed to make a breed show, if this is not met they will be placed in the AOB Show.