

OPEN COMPETITIVE LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS



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Open Livestock

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY:
September 1, 2016, AT 5:00 PM
ANIMAL CHECK IN NO LATER THAN:
Wednesday September 14th, 2016, from
12 Noon to 8:00 PM

RELEASE TIMES:
All release times will be on
Sunday, September 18, 2016.
Zone A will be released at 3:00 PM
Zone B will be released at 4:00 PM
Zone C will be released at 5:00 PM
See Mohave County Zone Map Page 42

EXHIBITS SPONSORED BY:
Ambient Edge AC - Stockton Hill Feed - Tractor Supply

DIVISION – Competitive Livestock
Department 200 - Cattle
Department 201 - Sheep
Department 202 - Swine
Department 203 - Goats
- Pack Goats

DIVISION - Competitive Small Animals
Department 204 - Poultry
Department 205 - Pigeons & Game Birds
Department 206 - Rabbits
Department 207 - Cavy

- All large animal owners (cattle, pig, sheep and goat) must have a seasonal show pass. This is a state law. The seasonal show pass number must be on the entry form and the pass itself must accompany the animal at the time of registration. To receive a seasonal show pass please see the letter from the AZ Dept of Agriculture at the end of the open competitive livestock general rules and regulations.**
- Official entry forms are at the back of each department of this premium book. **All entry forms MUST be filled out, SIGNED and accompanied by the proper entry fees NO LATER THAN September 1, 2015.**
- Exhibitors shall not hold the Mohave County Fair Association, the Mohave County Fair Committee or any person holding a position on such, liable for loss, damage or injury to livestock or other property, while said property is at the Fairgrounds. The Mohave County Fair Committee will take every precaution to ensure proper care and protection of exhibits, but will accept no responsibility for loss or damage.
- No one under the age of seven (7) years will be allowed to enter an exhibit in the Open Livestock Division, with the exception of the Horse and Gymkhana Departments.
- Swine entries must present a Health Certificate BEFORE unloading their animals. Please see Swine Regulations for more information as this is very important.
- The Mohave County Fair Committee and/or their appointed representatives shall reserve the right to disallow entry to any animal on the basis of health and any signs of disease. Exhibitor shall be held responsible for all damages caused by infected animals including mites or fleas. Each exhibitor may have no more than 15 entries per division.
- UNCONTROLLABLE livestock determined by the director, will not be permitted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to maintain control of his/her animal(s). All large animals being moved from pen to arena area **must** have collar or halter with lead attached.
- Tack stall quantity subject to animal entry count and/or availability.
- All exhibitors must accompany their livestock exhibits and MUST be on the Fairgrounds and checked in with their Department Superintendent NO LATER THAN Wednesday SEPTEMBER 14th, 2016, from noon to 8:00 P.M. (this does not mean mom or dad can do this for you). No late entries will be accepted. Exhibitor's livestock must remain in place at the Fairgrounds until Sunday, September 18th, 2016, at their designated release time. See Mohave County Zone map, There will be no exceptions!**
- All livestock entered as an exhibit **MUST** be show ready upon arrival. This means groomed & hoofs and nails cut. **No shaving, tattooing, or marking, etc of animals allowed.** There is an area provided for bathing your animal(s).
- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of his/her own animal(s). Water must be provided by owner at ALL times. If you cannot be there to feed and water your animal(s), the fair superintendents will do so for a fee of \$5.00 per feeding, you provide the feed. Failure to take care of your animal(s) will result in forfeiture of premiums and/or awards received. Also, you will not be allowed to exhibit next year.
- Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors. Please **check with your department superintendent before** bedding your animal(s). **See rule 10.**
- Bedding for pens is not provided by the Fair and is the responsibility of the exhibitor. All exhibitors are responsible for the general appearance and cleanliness of their pen areas. It is recommended that you clean your pens daily. Please have them cleaned and taken to the manure pile in the parking area by 9:00 A.M. If you do not keep stalls clean and healthy for your animals you may be asked not to return next year.
- No livestock will be permitted outside of the livestock area. There will be **NO RIDING IN THE STALL AREA.** All animals **MUST BE RESTRAINED** outside of their pens.
- Judges and Judging:** Judging will be basis on the American Standard. No person shall act as a judge in any division or department in which he or she is a member, or his immediate family is an exhibitor, or is a member of a group of exhibitors. Judges shall report, to the Department Superintendent, any exhibitor(s) who in any way, whether in person or by proxy, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The Superintendent may demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude him/her from further competition. The Mohave County Fair Committee may withhold from such exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and expel him/her from further exhibitions at the Fair. The judge, the department superintendent and/or ring steward, must sign the award book and see that all awards have been properly entered. It is upon this entry that awards or payment of premiums will be made. The decision of judges shall be final in all cases.

16. **Release Times:** Release times will be determined by zone. Zone is determined by the distance the exhibitor resides in relation to the Mohave County Fairgrounds. Please refer to the **Zoning Map**. All release times will be on Sunday, September 18th, 2016. Zone A will be released at 3:00 P.M., Zone B will be released at 4:00 P.M. and Zone C will be released at 5:00 P.M. **TO CONSERVE TIME, PLEASE HAVE AS MUCH OF YOUR PRELIMINARY WORK DONE AS POSSIBLE FOR YOUR RELEASE TIME.** There will be a guard stationed at the open livestock gate to direct traffic and to check ALL Proof of Ownership Affidavits. **NO ANIMAL will be allowed to leave the Fairgrounds unless the Proof of Ownership Affidavit has been checked and signed by the exhibitor. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
17. **Ribbons:** Ribbons will be awarded for first, second & third placements. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons & awards will be given in the cattle, sheep, swine, goat, and pack goat classes at Judges discretion. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons & awards will be given in all classes of the Small Animal Department at Judges discretion. All Judging is based on the American Standard. Trophies and plaques will be awarded for Best of Show and High in Trial at the dog show.
18. **Premiums:** There are no premiums awarded in dog shows. Premium checks for cattle, sheep, swine, goat, pack goat, and small animal departments will be mailed. **Premiums paid on ribbons only.**
19. No vehicles will be allowed in the stall area between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., except hours and days when livestock are scheduled to be received and released. The stall area will be open to vehicles every day from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and from 9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. for the purpose of loading or unloading feed and tack. The livestock area will close at 10:00 P.M. and only authorized persons will be allowed. There will be security personnel on duty from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. in the stall area.

**ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL USE THE EAST GATE ON HARRISON STREET.
GATE HOURS ARE 6:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M.**

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Adopted by the Mohave County Fair Committee in 2003 Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times conduct 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 youth as well as adult 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 "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 show. 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:

- A. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered.

- B. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- B. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- C. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time, dose and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to showing and sale of the animal. Failure to report this information to the show management will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. During the livestock event, the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. 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 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 that 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 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, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
- D. 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. Application of adhesives so as to fit the animals hair is allowed.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons 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.
- H. 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.

- I. 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 for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
- J. 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 he or she has read the 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 released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

METHOD TO REGISTER A FORMAL COMPLAINT:

- Presenting a signed letter to the superintendent of that department.
- Be a current Mohave County Fair exhibitor competing in the same department as the complaint that is being registered.
- The show committee will act upon any and all formal complaints.

SPECIAL OR SPECIFIC RULES

SWINE:

Arizona Swine Regulations:

The following are the revised State Swine Rules that went into effect January, 2000. These rules are in line with the USDA Psuedorabies Eradication Program.

1. ALL swine (native and out of state) must have the following: a.) Dated bill of sale listing name and address of seller. b.) All swine must have an individual identification using an ear notch that conforms to the universal ear notch system plus the Premise ID number using a tattoo or tamper proof ear tag that conforms to the National Premise Identification System.
2. Swine entering from out of state must have a permit number from the State Veterinarian and Health Certificate before entering.
3. Only swine from a Stage 5, 4, or Qualified Negative herd from California may enter the state for exhibition.
4. Swine from a Stage 5 state are free to go anywhere and are exempt from testing.
5. Stage 4 and California Qualified Negative herds must be tested for psuedorabies 15 days before and 30 days after entry in the state. These swine are to be held in quarantine for this period and until lifted by the State Vet.
6. All swine must have in possession for entry into the Fair an Arizona State Office Certificate of Swine Inspection. This can be obtained by calling Arizona Department of Agriculture. (602) 542-6406 There is no charge for this service.
7. **COPY OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM.**

GOATS, PACK GOATS:

1. Milk-out time will be between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 for all does entered in the milker classes.
2. Milkers MUST be stripped out in front of a superintendent at 7:00 P.M. following milk-out time. Owners MUST be present or make PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUPERINTENDENT or animals will be disqualified.
3. Base age for all classes is September 1, 2016. This means all animals must meet the minimum age requirement for the class they are entered in as of this date.
4. All animals must have a collar and/or halter, with lead. - 40 -

5. All animals must have their own pack saddle with breast collar, a rump cinch and belly cinch. Animals under 1yr of age do not need saddle.
6. All does in milk MUST be milked out, prior to entering ring, at set time as per above. There will be no exceptions. The assistant superintendent and or directors will go round at about 1:00 pm for the milk-out.
7. There will be an obstacle course.
8. Bucks to be shown in buck show only.

SMALL ANIMALS:

1. Any animal may be entered in one lot only. Limited space will not permit exhibits for display purposes only.
2. All entries must be in good health. Superintendent shall have full authority to refuse any exhibit showing signs of disease or insect infestation. The superintendent shall have the authority to ask any exhibitor to remove any entry from the show that becomes ill or injured.
3. All birds MUST have numbered leg bands in place. Rabbits must have a tattoo on the ear to aid in identification and avoid possible loss. All cavies must have a permanent ear tag in place. These identification numbers will be checked against those listed on the entry forms. Any ear tag/leg band number that does not match entry form will be denied entry.
4. All entries must be in place, fed and watered by 6:00 P.M., each night of the Fair. The barn will close at 8:00 P.M. on Sept. 14th and will close at 11:00 P.M. on Sept. 15th, 16th, and 17th. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Owners MUST provide adequate food and water dishes for each entry.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, cleaning and general care of all exhibits they have entered, animals not being cared for properly will be exempt from judging and cash prizes. Superintendent will ask for removal of animal.
7. Each exhibitor may have no more than 15 entries per division.
8. Entries withdrawn before premiums are distributed (exception is illness or injury) will lose all cash prizes. Those withdrawn after premiums are distributed and before the release time, will lose the right to show the following year. Those exhibitors from out of town must allow sufficient time for travel to enter and pick up all animals, owner at the time of release. Buyers must provide a cage for transportation of animals from the fair. No animals will be released without proper restraint: cage or box.
9. The Fair will provide cage space, except for cavies.
10. Best of Show ribbon awarded to each department at Judges discretion.
11. There will be a guard stationed at the Open Livestock gate to direct traffic.
12. A watchman and caretaker will be on duty at all times to exercise all reasonable care of the handling and protection of the exhibits. **(All entries are entered and shown at the risk of the owner).**
13. Each adult entry must be signed in and out by the participant for all stock. **All children Ages 7 to 17 must be present with parent or guardian to sign in and out all stock. NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule unless approved by the Fair Committee.**

SPECIAL RULES: The term cock and hen are defined as birds hatched prior to September 1, 2015. Cockerels and pullets are birds hatched since that time. An exhibition trio consists of one male and two females of the same breed and age. An egg pen is three females of the same breeding age. Judging will be on the basis of breed characteristics as set forth in the American Standard of Perfection. No cross breeds are eligible for prizes except in Class 4 and Class 8. A fryer is up to 4 months, a roaster is up to 1 year.

NOTICE TO ALL ENTREES:

ANY VIOLATIONS TO ANY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE REASON FOR A POSSIBLE TWO YEAR BAN OF SHOWING AT THE MOHAVE COUNTY FAIR.