

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SALE

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION/INDEPENDENT STATUS

In order to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction an exhibitor must fall into one of the following four criteria:

- 1) 4-H Club Member in Plumas or Sierra County in Good Standing
- 2) FFA Member in Plumas or Sierra County in Good Standing
- 3) Grange Member in Plumas or Sierra County in Good Standing
- 4) Independent Exhibitors - see Appendix A for Independent Exhibitor Policy

SALE COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

In order for members of a recognized organization to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction their organization must be represented by 1 adult and 1 youth member at a minimum of 5 of the 6 meetings held between September and July for the Junior Livestock Auction that will be held in August of that fiscal year. Fiscal year is to be defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31.

ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY

In order for members of a recognized organization to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction that organization must completely execute the responsibilities of at least 1 of the Junior Livestock Auction sub-committee assignments. See Appendix B for a list of sub-committees.

EXHIBITOR SALE LOT LIMIT

Each member of a recognized organization may sell one (1) lot per year in the Junior Livestock Auction. If an exhibitor is exhibiting more than one market animal/lot at the Plumas Sierra County Fair they must notify the Plumas Sierra Junior Livestock Sale Committee, in writing, of which market animal entry they intend to sell in the Junior Livestock Auctions by 6:00 pm on the Friday preceding the Sunday Junior Livestock Auction.

SHOWMANSHIP/MARKET CLASS REQUIREMENT

In order for members of a recognized organization to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction they must exhibit their market animal intended for sale in the appropriate showmanship and market classes as defined by the premium book of the Plumas Sierra County Fair.

LIVE MARKET ANIMAL HEALTH

If a question of animal health arises the following steps will occur in order to determine sale eligibility.

- 1) The Junior Livestock Sale Committee will convene the Health Committee. The Health Committee will consist of five Junior Livestock Sale Committee members appointed by the President. The appointed committee will include the project advisor (or parent, if project advisor is not available) of the exhibitor who owns the said animal of concern.

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- 2) The Health Committee will determine if a Veterinarian consultation is necessary. The Health Committee will be responsible for the selection of a qualified Veterinarian.
- 3) Any costs incurred are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- 4) In consultation with the Veterinarian, the Health Committee will make a final decision regarding sale eligibility.
- 5) The Health Committee will advise Plumas Sierra County Fair management of any animal health concerns.

RED TAG/CLEAN STALL POLICY

The Junior Livestock Sale Committee recognizes and supports the Red Tag/Clean Stall Policy of the Plumas Sierra County Fair. Any exhibitor who is disqualified from fair participation due to infraction will also be disqualified from participation in the Junior Livestock Auction. See Appendix C for Red Tag/Clean Stall Policy.

EXECUTION OF JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION POLICY

SALE ORDER DETERMINATION

The sales order will be determined based upon the results of the Plumas Sierra County Fair market animal classes. The sales order will be as follows:

Sale of Champions – All Grand Champions and Division Champions By Species

Group I – Rotating Species Order, Rotating Divisions, Top to Bottom of Class Placings

Group II – Rotating Species Order, Rotating Divisions, Top to Bottom of Class Placings

The first species sold during the Sale of Champions shall rotate on a yearly basis in the following order: Beef, Goat, Swine, Rabbits, Lamb, Meat Bird. The species selling first in any year then rotates to the bottom of the order in the following year.

If an exhibitor fails to be present during their assigned slot in the sale order they may exercise an option to sell their animal immediately following the sale of the last animal in the sale order.

If an exhibitor chooses not to sell their animal through the Junior Livestock Auction it is their responsibility to inform the President of the Livestock Sale Committee prior to the start of the sale.

RESALE ANIMALS

Any animal designated as “resale” by the buyer during the Junior Livestock Auction will not be offered for sale to the general public during the Junior Livestock Auction or the Plumas Sierra County Fair. It is not the desire of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee to resale these animals.

RESALE PRICES

The resale prices offered during the Junior Livestock Auction are determined through negotiations made by the Processing Arrangements sub-committee.

DONATED ANIMALS

In the event that an animal is donated to a specific group and sold multiple times during the Junior Livestock Auction a sales fee will be assessed for each of the transactions.

MARKET ANIMAL GRADING STANDARDS

Only market animals grading Group I or Group II by the official judge of the Plumas Sierra County Fair will be eligible for sale through the Junior Livestock Auction.

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SHIPPING OF NON-SALE UNDERWEIGHT/PRIVATE TREATY ANIMALS

Only market animals sold during the Junior Livestock Auction will be transported to the processor. No other animals will be transported to the processor.

SALE CHECK DISPURSEMENT POLICY

VERIFICATION OF FIT CARCASS

If an animal is determined to be unfit for human consumption by the USDA inspected processor then the following will occur:

1. The exhibitor (seller) will be notified by the President of the Livestock Sale Committee.
2. The buyer will be notified by the President of the Livestock Sale Committee.
3. The seller will not receive payment for the sale price of the unfit animal.
4. The buyer will be reimbursed for or cleared of responsibility for payment of unfit animal.

TIMELINE

Checks will be distributed to sellers fifteen days after the Junior Livestock Auction or as soon as possible after all animals have been determined to be fit for human consumption by the USDA inspected processor.

DEATH OF ANIMAL DURING SHIPPING

In the event of the death of a market animal during transportation to the designated Livestock Sale Committee processing plant then it will be the responsibility of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee to assist the buyer in obtaining reimbursement through liability insurance required of any trucking company contracted for work by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee.

SALE COMMISSION CALCULATION

All animals sold during the Junior Livestock Auction will be subject to fees based on the following formula:

Total Expenses of the Sale divided by Total Revenue of the Sale expressed as a percentage plus one percent (1%) for Livestock Sale Committee Reserves fund.

THANK YOU LETTER REQUIREMENT

Every exhibitor who sells an animal through the Junior Livestock Auction will be required to write an acceptable thank you letter on provided stationary in order to receive their payment. It is recommended that the exhibitors fulfill this requirement on the day of the auction. Payment will be held until the requirement is adequately fulfilled.

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APPENDIX A – INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR POLICY

Independent fair exhibitors who elect to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction need to participate and contribute at the same rate as 4-H, FFA and Grange Members. In order to participate in the Junior Livestock Auction an independent exhibitor must:

- A. File a letter of intent to participate with the Livestock Sale Committee no later than 120 days prior to the first day of the Plumas Sierra County Fair.
- B. Attend a minimum of 3 of the 6 meetings, one of which must be the July meeting, held between September and July for the Junior Livestock Auction that will be held in August of that fiscal year. Fiscal year is to be defined as beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31.
- C. Serve on and take on some of the responsibilities of at least 1 of the Junior Livestock Auction sub-committee assignments. See Appendix B for a list of sub-committees.

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APPENDIX B – JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SUB-COMMITTEE LIST

- 1) Check Disbursements & Thank You Letters
- 2) Buyer Photos & Backdrop
- 3) Sale Promotion
- 4) Sale Brochures & Posters
- 5) Buyer Invitation & Registration
- 6) Sale Accounting Arrangements
- 7) Sale Order & Printing
- 8) Auctioneer Services
- 9) Ringmen Committee
- 10) Processing Arrangements
- 11) Buyers Gifts
- 12) Live Animal Trucking
- 13) Meat Transportation & Distribution
- 14) Buyers Breakfast
- 15) Buyers Luncheon
- 16) Sodas, Pizza & Ice During Sale
- 17) Sale Ring Set-up
- 18) Power Point Sale Display
- 19) Hog Tattooing & Live Animal Loading
- 20) Previous Year Buyer Thank You Sign

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APPENDIX C – RED TAG/CLEAN STALL POLICY

Purpose: To ensure that livestock exhibited at the Plumas Sierra County Fair are cared for and treated in a humane and ethical manner, and that livestock pens are suitable for public display.

Policy: Livestock exhibitors are solely responsible for the care of their animals while on exhibit at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair. If the Barn Supervisor or livestock Superintendent become aware of any livestock exhibit that is not being cared for in an ethical, humane manner, or situations where an acceptable state of pen cleanliness, as maintained, the following will occur:

1. The Barn Supervisor will make the Livestock Superintendent aware of the situation.
2. The Barn Supervisor and Livestock Superintendent will determine the name and affiliation of the responsible exhibitor.
3. A Red Tag, with the following information, will be affixed to the exhibitors pen:
 - a. The exhibitors name
 - b. The observed problem
 - c. The date and time of the citation
 - d. Signature of the Livestock Superintendent/Barn Supervisor
4. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to respond to the Red Tag by contacting the Livestock Superintendent/Barn Supervisor within 12 hours of the citation being issued. The exhibitor will formulate and initiate a plan of correction approved by the Livestock Superintendent. Reasonable efforts will be made by the Livestock Superintendent/Barn Supervisor to contact the exhibitors FFA advisor, 4-H leader, parent or designee and make them aware of the situation resulting in the Red Tag.
5. Any exhibitor failing to make contact with the Livestock Superintendent/Barn Supervisor within 12 hours may be issued an automatic second Red Tag Citation.
6. Any exhibitor receiving two Red Tag Citations during the fair will be declared ineligible for further competition, including participation in the Jr. Livestock Auction. The exhibitor will forfeit all fair premiums, awards earned and is required to remove the animal exhibit from the fairgrounds.
7. Any exhibitor that is required, under the provisions of the Red Tag Policy, to remove their animal entry from the fairgrounds, must do so within 12 hours from time of notification.