

HIGHLANDS COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

2023-2024

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Updated August 22, 2023

2024 FAIR DATES FEBRUARY 2-10, 2024

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Highlands County Junior Livestock Organization

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HCJLC Swine: @79b7k6k

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If at any time you have any questions regarding your project please do not hesitate to contact the Livestock Committee at highlandsjuniorlivestock@gmail.com. The Junior Livestock Committee will be happy to advise and/or assist you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

ORIENTATION AND ENTRY DEADLINES

Online entries go to <https://www.hcfair.net/jrl/> for the link to the online entry website. All Entries will be Online Only this year.

Late Fee must be paid at the time entry. Cash, Check, or Money Order..

ENTRIES DUE – STEERS& COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Tuesday August 14, 2023 - 7:00 pm [Online](#) Only

(LATE ENTRY DEADLINE WITH \$100 LATE 8/16/2023 7:00 PM)

MANDATORY INITIAL WEIGH-IN & IDENTIFICATION – STEERS & COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

Saturday, August 26, 2023 - 7:00am- 8:30am

Hartt Ranch, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring, FL

<https://goo.gl/maps/VCf3A2VAuRVxmyeX8>

ENTRIES DUE – SWINE & GOATS

Monday, October 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm [Online Only](#)

(LATE ENTRY DEADLINE WITH \$100 LATE FEE 10/18/2023 7:00 PM)

MANDATORY ENTRY IDENTIFICATION – SWINE & GOATS

Saturday, October 21, 2023 – 7:30am -8:30am-At Highlands County High School Facilities

ENTRIES DUE - SMALL ANIMALS (POULTRY AND RABBIT)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 - 7:00 pm [Online Only](#)

(LATE ENTRY DEADLINE WITH \$100 LATE FEE 11/10/2023 7:00 PM)

RECOMMENDED SHOW ORIENTATION - ALL EXHIBITORS AND PARENTS

Monday, January 22, 2024– Fairgrounds

Pass Pick Up – 6:00 – 7:30 pm

RECORD BOOKS DUE – 7:00 PM

Small and Large Animal Exhibitor Orientation – 6:30 pm

Pass Purchases Available that Night and until January 26th. No EXCEPTIONS

ENTRIES DUE – PEE-WEE

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 7:00 pm [Online Only](#). Pee Wee Parents and Children are NOT required to attend the Recommended Show Orientation Meeting.

*** Schedule is tentative - times and dates may change and/or will be released.**

HIGHLANDS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK DATES & TIMES

ALL RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE JANUARY 22, 2024 7:00 PM AT THE SHOW ORIENTATION MEETING.

SMALL ANIMAL ENTRY FEE (\$5 EACH ENTRY) WILL BE DUE AT THE FAIR CHECK-IN.

FRIDAY February 2, 2024

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Poultry and Rabbit CHECK-IN & Meat Goat WEIGH-IN

(NO VET CHECK WILL BE AVAILABLE) **No Drive Thru Drop off will be permitted & Parking will be limited, large trailers are not recommended.**

SATURDAY February 3, 2024

5:30-9:30 am WEIGH-IN – Swine

2:00 pm Meat Goat Show – Showmanship to follow animal show.

5:00 pm Rabbit Show – Showmanship to follow animal show.

SUNDAY February 4, 2024

5:30-7:30 am **WEIGH-IN** - Steers & Commercial Heifers

Swine Exhibitors will be allowed into the barn to feed and care for their animals up until 8:00 am on Sunday. Barn will be closed during sifting.

8:30 am **Final Sifting Begins** – ALL Steers & Commercial Heifers

3:00 pm Market Swine Show – Showmanship to follow animal show.

MONDAY February 5, 2024

5:30 pm Pee-Wee Show – Large Animals (beef, dairy, goat, sheep & swine)

6:30 pm Commercial Heifer Show – Showmanship to follow animal show.

TUESDAY February 6, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 am No Sale Heifer & Goat Optional Release

6:30 pm Market Steer Show – Showmanship to follow animal show.

WEDNESDAY February 7, 2024

5:30 pm Pee Wee Show – Small Animals (rabbit & poultry)

6:30 pm Poultry Judging- Showmanship follows

THURSDAY February 8, 2024

5:00 pm Buyers Dinner

6:00 pm Livestock Auction

FRIDAY February 9, 2024

- 8:30-9:00 am Livestock Judging Registration
9:00-9:30 am Livestock Judging Clinic
9:30 am Livestock Judging Contest
11:30-12:30 pm Commercial Heifers Released
11:30-12:30 pm Small Animals and Goats Released – Exhibitors that are keeping animals must pick up their animal at this time
7:00-10:00 pm Exhibitor Celebration & Dance
7:30 pm Remove All Show equipment, Hog Waterers & Feed Buckets
(Steers Must Remain Tied (with halter) for Load Out the next morning)

SATURDAY February 10, 2024

Before and during loadout Exhibitors are NOT allowed in the barns until ALL large animals are loaded and shipped from Fairgrounds.

- 7:00 am Steers & Hogs Loaded Out
(No Exhibitors allowed in Barns During Load Out)
11:00-12:00 pm Steer Ropes/Halters shall be collected before 12:00pm, All items remaining at 12:00 pm will be either donated to school programs or put in the garbage.
12:00 pm Buyers Thank You Letters Due

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GENERAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY DEADLINES

1. The Show is open to exhibitors who live in Highlands County or attend school in Highlands County. Exhibitors must be a member of Highlands County clubs and/or chapters who are registered 4-H and/or FFA members that comply with the respective organization's rules and regulations and are currently enrolled in school (public, private, virtual school, or home school, first through twelfth grades), graduating seniors who graduate in December before the show in the given year are also eligible. A junior exhibitor is between the ages 8-11, intermediate exhibitor is between the ages 12-14, and a senior exhibitor is between the ages 15 and up. All ages are based upon **September 1, 2023**.
2. All middle and high school livestock exhibitors must be a full-time student and have a 2.0 GPA cumulative or current year GPA on coursework taken at current school. All exhibitors must be in good standing according to the Code of Student Conduct as required by The School Board of Highlands County for participation in extracurricular activities. All GPA's will be requested from the School Board of Highlands County in January prior to the fair. Virtual/Homeschool students must submit documentation of their GPA by January 12, 2024 to highlandsjuniorlivestock@gmail.com.

Seniors in High School that have completed requirements for graduation prior to the Fair may participate in the Junior Livestock Show, providing they were enrolled in High School in Highlands County at the beginning of the current school year and they meet all other requirements of this rule book including organizational membership requirements and GPA requirements for extra-curricular activities participation.

3. The Junior Livestock Rules Committee reserves the right to alter or modify procedures, classes, schedules, or rules in this book for safety, show facility restrictions or other circumstances that may arise during the entire course of the Highlands County Fair Junior Livestock Show period from the beginning through final release of animals at the Fair.
4. **PROTESTS.** Protests of any ruling or incident arising in connection with the Junior Livestock Show will be considered **only** if submitted in writing within 6 hours of the occurrence. **Protests of any judge's decision will not be considered.** Protests **must** be submitted in writing to the Junior Livestock Rules Committee accompanied by a \$100.00 money order made payable to the Highlands County Fair Association. Within 24 hours of filing the protest, the Junior Livestock Rules Committee will assemble a quorum to rule on the matter. Protestor will be afforded the opportunity to address the committee for a brief statement, no longer than 5 minutes, on the protest if they desire before a ruling is made. Upon rendering their ruling, all parties involved or affected will be notified of the outcome by the Junior Livestock Chair or their designated representative. Once a ruling is made, the matter will be considered closed; no further action will be considered by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee. If the ruling goes in favor of the protestor, the \$100.00 will be returned; otherwise, the protestor forfeits same.
5. Each exhibitor, club, or chapter may enter only one (1) exhibit in each large animal division and **no more than two (2) large animals**; Swine, Steer, Heifer, or Goat, for exhibition at the Junior Livestock Show. Exhibitors may enter more than one large

animal division; however, each Exhibitor may only sell one animal. Therefore, each Exhibitor may not enter both a Steer and a Swine for exhibition as each of those categories must be sold in the auction. In order to show Commercial Heifers or Goats that will not be presented at auction there will be a no sale fee of **\$100.00 and \$75.00**, respectively, which must be paid at the Fair Weigh-In or you will not be allowed to show. **All Small Animal Entries will be an entry fee of five dollars (\$5), which must be paid at the Fair Check-In or you will not be allowed to show.**

6. An entry form will not be accepted from an exhibitor that did not **pay all bills** related to their previous year's project within 45 days from the date the Sale and Premium checks were mailed. All checks issued by the Highlands County Fair Board will be void after 60 days from the date on the check.
7. A chapter or club animal must have a designated exhibitor by January 11th at 3pm and no changes in exhibitor may be made, except as allowed by the Substitute Exhibitor rule, below. Exhibitor must meet all 4-H and FFA requirements.
8. All animals will be tagged and/or photographed for identification at initial mandatory weigh-in and animal identification as set forth in the calendar of events.
9. Any large animal at final weigh-in without Highlands County Junior Livestock Committee Applied identification tag will not be admitted into the Fair. Exhibitor must contact the Junior Livestock to report your animals that have lost their ear tag and schedule retagging by emailing highlandsjuniorlivestock@gmail.com.
10. **ALL** entry forms must be completed to include **ALL** information on exhibitor and division including small animals. Entry forms must be completed and submitted (**ONLINE**) in by entry date as set in calendar of events for exhibitor's respective show division.
11. **LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A LATE FEE OF \$100 WITHIN 48 HOURS OF ENTRY DEADLINE AS SET IN CALENDAR OF EVENTS. ANY ENTRY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED AT ANY TIME** if the exhibitor or entry does not meet any or all rules pertaining to them as set down in the Rules and Regulations of the Highlands County Junior Livestock Show. **NO EXCEPTIONS, BEYOND ALOTTED LATE ENTRY DEADLINES, WILL BE MADE FOR ANY REASON CONCERNING ENTRY DEADLINES.**

12. If it is determined that an animal will not meet eligibility requirements due to illness or injury, **as attested to by a veterinarian**, or due to natural death, a substitute animal that meets all requirements of the entered division defined within, and approved by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee will be allowed so long as the written request ([email](#) is acceptable) for substitution is received by the Junior Livestock Rules Committee by the following dates (~45 days from the entry date for the entered division):
 - a. Steers & Heifers- 9/28/2023
 - b. Swine & Goats- 11/30/2023
 - c. Small Animals- 12/23/2023

The substituted animal must be purchased within **10 days** of Junior Livestock Rules Committee Approval and will not be eligible for weight gain competition.

13. The Highlands County Fair Assoc. or Jr. Livestock Committee will not be held responsible for animals that do not gain entry to the Fair for any reason, including but not limited to the Fair being canceled for reasons out of the control of the Fair Association or Jr. Livestock Committee. The Exhibitor is responsible for the sale or slaughter of their animal if it does not make it into the Fair. If the animal enters the fair the Exhibitor is responsible for the care of their animal until the animal is loaded for transport from the fairgrounds at the end of the fair week.

SHOW ORIENTATION & ADMISSION TO SHOW

14. All animals meeting fair entry requirements will be admitted to the Fairgrounds on the dates set in the **Calendar of Events by Exhibitor Only. If conflicts arise, exceptions may be granted, but must be cleared with the Junior Livestock Rules Committee 24 hours PRIOR to the check-in.** Animals will be admitted only at these times. The Livestock Committee at the designated areas will weigh-in, check identification, and determine that specific and general requirements for show divisions as listed in later sections of this book are met by each animal and exhibitor. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reserves the right to decline entry of any animal to the Fairgrounds, due to health or illness concerns.
15. This rule is to notify the exhibitor(s) it is their responsibility to comply with state and federal Animal Identification Rules, which will be enforced by state and/or federal animal health inspectors at the entrance to the fair (Final Weigh In). All Beef Animals (Steers and Heifers) 18 months of age and older at time of final weigh in are required to have a unique animal identification (Premise ID Tag) that complies with Florida Administrative Code 5C-31 ([F.A.FC 5C-31](#)), answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available at [Beef FAQ](#). All Swine, regardless of age, are required to have a unique animal identification (Premise ID) that complies with Title 9 Code of Federal Regulation 71-19 ([CFR 71-19](#)), answers to Frequently Asked Questions are available at [Swine FAQ](#). Compliance advice is as follows:
 - a. If the animal has a Premise ID Tag that is compliant with the State and/or Federal Rules noted above, it is unlawful to remove the tag and as long as the Premise ID remains in place there is no additional tag/identification required by the exhibitor.
 - b. If the animal does not have a Premise ID:

- i. Confirm with the breeder/supplier of your animal if a Premise ID Tag is available to tag the animal.
- ii. If the breeder/supplier does not provide a Premise ID Tag, To obtain a Premise ID number, contact the office of the State Veterinarian at (850) 410-0900 or complete the Application for Premises Registration and submit the document to CattleForms@FDACS.gov .
- iii. With the Premise ID established, contact a local animal health supplier and order tags, alternatively NUES Tags are available for free from the FDACS District Office, examples of the compliant tags are available at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability/downloads/ADT_device_ain.pdf

FDACS District 6 Office
 (863) 462-5171
 123 NW 36th Street, Suite 123
 Okeechobee, FL 34972

- 16. Any animal that becomes uncontrollable by exhibitor or unruly after entering the fairgrounds and any time during fair week, will be dismissed from show, moved to a holding area and must leave the grounds as determined by a quorum of the Junior Livestock Rules Committee.
- 17. **Animals will be allowed to weigh only one time at the Fair Weigh-in.** If an animal does not meet the weight requirements of the show the exhibitor may request the scales be zeroed and the animal be **re-weighed immediately**. The request must be made before the animal leaves the scales and **the animal cannot be removed from the scale area before being re-weighed.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 18. Trucks or trailers hauling livestock must be **clean and disinfected** prior to hauling to Fairgrounds.
- 19. All large animal livestock for exhibition at the Highlands County Fair must be accompanied by a valid official certificate of veterinary inspection (OCVI) issued by an accredited veterinarian. All certificates of veterinary inspection for cattle, goats, and swine must show detailed record of tests for each animal, tattoo or ear tag number, brand letters or numbers, and if from a tuberculosis certified herd, give accredited or certified herd number **prior to Date of Final Weigh-In.**
- 20. **All market steers and swine will be sold for slaughter.**
- 21. The Junior Livestock Committee **recommends** that **all** beef animals including steers be given preventative vaccinations for blackleg, malignant edema, and pneumonia type diseases (IBR, BVD, PI3, Hemorrhagic Septicemia), as well as treated for internal and external parasites.
- 22. No shots or vaccinations will be administered to any animals 45 days prior to final weigh in unless administered by veterinarian as prescribed by legal label. Absolutely no shots or injections will be allowed after final weigh in onto Fairgrounds. Additionally, each

exhibitor and their parents or guardian by submitting their entry to participate agree to abide by the rules, ethics, and conduct contained within this document and the entry form.

23. Any animal that becomes ill or contracts what may be a contagious illness or disease after entering the Fairgrounds will be moved to a holding area and be disqualified from the show upon examination and advice of a veterinarian.
24. **All** poultry and rabbit entries must be clean and free of insects and infectious diseases prior to admission to the Fairgrounds.
25. **All** poultry must meet all state regulations relative to poultry as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services reserves the right to decline entry of any animal to the Fairgrounds.

BARN & CONDUCT RULES

26. **All exhibitors, leaders, and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, orderly, professional, positive, and sportsmanship like manner at all times, or they will be dismissed from the Fair and will be banned from participating in future Fairs.**
27. Any exhibitor at the barn during school hours other than days they are preparing for a show they are entered in will be disqualified unless accompanied by a Parent or Teacher.
28. Exhibitors assume all liability in cases of death or injury to their animals. Every effort will be made to prevent accidents, however, neither the Highlands County Fair Association or the Junior Livestock Show Committee, its members, nor the sponsorship of the Fair will be responsible.
29. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing for the care and feeding of their animals daily. This includes feed, water, and clean quarters for their animals. **If the Committee determines any animal requires care due to negligence of an exhibitor, the exhibitor shall forfeit their premium money, will not be allowed to show the following year (if the exhibitor is a senior in high school, they will be disqualified from the HCJL Scholarship Program) and will be fined \$100.00. Exhibitors' not following the rules outlined herein may result in a \$100.00 fine and suspension from showing the following year. The Junior Livestock Committee Reserves the right to assign a penalty and/or fine to an Exhibitor if the Exhibitor or the person Assisting them is conducting themselves in a manner which endangers other Exhibitors and Patrons of the Fair or is unsportsmanlike. The fine and/or penalty will be commensurate to the actions taken by the Exhibitor, which may include cash fine withheld from their sale check, excluded from receiving the HCJLC Scholarship, and being excluded from showing in the future.**
30. **Hog Exhibitors must supply their own waterer. Exhibitor will also need to provide means (hose clamps, etc.) for securing the waterer to the pens.**
31. Sand will be provided for steers and heifers only. Swine exhibitors **MUST PROVIDE** shavings for their stalls. **NO SHAVINGS** may be stored in the barn, all shavings must be brought to barn at the time bedding is changed for pigs.

32. All hogs will be housed on shavings which will be provided by the exhibitor. **Animals should be conditioned to this environment prior to the Fair.** No additional shavings may be stored in the barn.
33. Exhibitors should care for and fit animals while at the Fair with **minimal assistance.** An Exhibitor may have assistance when safety and education are involved, but exhibitor must be present when for all grooming and show preparation related duties or exhibitor shall forfeit their premium money.
34. For Safety of Public and Exhibitors show barns will be closed during shows and sale, only exhibitors entering and exiting the ring may be in the barn with their animal during the events. Exhibitors may have one person assist them with getting their animal to the showing, however Exhibitors are expected to be actively responsible for their animal.
35. Animals will be on display for the duration of the Fair, animals will be released only at the times designated in the Calendar of Events for each species.
36. **Parents of exhibitors will be given 2 gate passes per family not per exhibitor. You may purchase up to 2 more gate passes for the entire week. Passes will be available for purchase up until date specified in Calendar of Events (Page 1) from the Highlands County Fair Office (we recommend you calling there first to ensure the office is open when you plan to pick up passes).**
37. **All Beef animals shall remain tied at all times (Steers left without halters the morning of Load Out will result in a Fine of \$100.00).**
38. **Swine show boxes and supplies must be stored in designated areas. Any show boxes or supplies stored in aisles or outside of designated areas will be removed from the barn by the Committee.**

SHOW RULES

39. The Livestock Show Divisions Are:
 - a. **Market Steer**
 - b. **Commercial Heifers**
 - c. **Market Swine**
 - d. **Meat Goat**
 - e. **Poultry**
 - f. **Rabbits**
40. **Entry by exhibitor expressly implies their willingness to accept the decision of all judges. All Judges decisions are final.**
41. **THE DECISION OF ALL JUDGES WILL BE FINAL**, and awards will be given based on judges decision on an individual exhibits merit.
42. All Exhibitors are **required** to wear appropriate show attire, which shall be clean and neat. All exhibitors shall be dressed in white, green, dark blue, or dark black jeans or slacks with a solid white collared long-sleeved shirt, which must be tucked in. 4-H or FFA accessories are strongly recommended. No caps or hats will be allowed. Closed toed shoes/boots are required for sifting, show, and sale. **If exhibitor does not meet proper attire requirements he or she will not be allowed to show or sale.**

43. Substitute Exhibitor - If injury, illness, or other emergency prevents an exhibitor from showing their animal, an alternate individual may show for the entrant, provided they meet the qualifications of the Eligibility Rules above and the matter is brought to the attention of the Jr. Livestock Rules Committee in writing prior to the beginning of the particular class showing. The alternate exhibitor must not be showing an animal in the same division as the animal they are exhibiting as a substitute.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

44. There will be a showmanship contest in **all** show categories. Showmanship contests will be divided into **Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) Senior (15 & up)** divisions. **ALL** large animal showmanship classes will be determined during animal Show. **Show Age is determined as of September 1, 2023.**
45. All small animal exhibitors are eligible for showmanship and can participate if they so choose excluding Pee-Wee and Clover Buds. They must indicate at the time they check-in their animal if they wish to participate in showmanship.

JUDGING CONTESTS

46. There will be a Junior Livestock Judging Contest during Fair Week. Any registered 4-H or FFA member who meets the grade requirements of the General Rule section, above, may participate in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest.

RECORD BOOK CONTESTS

47. There will be a Record Book contest for all Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors. The completed Highlands County Fair Record Book will be used. Exhibitor will forfeit premium money and be fined **\$100.00** if an incomplete record book is turned in.
48. All Record Books must be turned into the Junior Livestock Committee, **per the calendar of events.**
49. **ALL** Exhibitors must submit their Record Book for competition. In the event the exhibitor or animal does not make the fair the exhibitor must turn in a completed Highlands County Fair Record Book for each entry in order to receive a livestock arm band for entry into the Highlands County Fair for the week.
50. The Record Book must be stapled. The Record Book **must not be** in a binder, folder, page protector, notebook, or loose, and contain no artwork. The Record Book will not be judged if the previously mentioned is not followed.
51. Only Hand-Written Record Books will be eligible for Neatness points when scored.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

52. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held at the Fair on the date set in the **Calendar of Events** and
53. Order of Sale will be determined by the Junior Livestock Show Committee. Committee Reserves the Right to execute judgement in determining the sale order. Generally, the Sale Order will be as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Grand Champion Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior), Reserve Grand Champion

(Senior, Intermediate, Junior,), Class First Place Winners, Class Second Place Winners, Etc.

54. The Highlands County Fair Board will serve as the agent for the exhibitor and buyer in selling the animal. The exhibitor (seller) should allow at least **60 days** for their checks. Checks issued by the Highlands County Fair Board will be void 60 days after issue date. A Livestock Sale Commission of 5% of the total sale price for each animal will be charged to cover expenses of the Show and Sale including judges, auctioneer expenses, beef and pork industry charges, awards, etc. Please note the Sale Commission is not withheld from the Add-Ons, the Fair Program does not have an option to not charge commission on Add-Ons thus it will be in the form of a refund or manual adjustment on any detail of the exhibitor check.
55. An exhibitor may sell only one (1) large animal in the Jr. Livestock Auction; steer, swine, heifer, or goat. As per general rules above, exhibitors may not enter both a swine and steer. **All steers and swine shown at the Fair must go through the sale ring and to slaughter.**
56. All sale animals and exhibitors must meet any and all Rules and Regulations requirements for show and sale that apply to them in this book. Any animal or exhibitor disqualified from show competition or dismissed for any reason prior to sale night, will not be allowed through the sale ring.
57. Any exhibitor that “**No Sales**” their Commercial Heifer or Goat will be charged, \$100.00 and \$75.00, respectively. No sale means exhibitor declared at fair final weigh-in that they will not sell the animal.
58. In order to insure continued good relationships with Sale Buyers and their participation in the Junior Livestock Sale, **all exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Livestock Sale must have a professional like thank you letter, in an open envelope; addressed to the buyer, stamped for mailing, and OPEN for inspection by a Committee Member.** This letter is to be placed in a designated box located in the Livestock Barn on the date as set in the Calendar of Events. **Any exhibitor not complying will forfeit any and all prize money won. Sale money will be held until the thank you letter to the buyer is provided to the committee in the manner instructed.**
59. Payment(s) to exhibitor will be mailed to address provided on the entry form. In the event of an address change after the entry form is submitted an address change can be submitted to the Jr. Livestock Committee via email highlandsjuniorlivestock@gmail.com. Failure to update the mailing address prior to payments being mailed may delay the receipt of the payment.

MARKET STEER RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL MARKET STEERS MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER!

1. **Steers must be owned by exhibitor and be under exhibitor's management prior to the initial weigh-in.** It is recommended that steers be on feed for 30 days prior to the initial Weigh-In, and weigh at least 700 pounds at the time of initial weigh-in.
2. All steers must be dehorned and healed in order to show or exhibit. Any horn re-growth will be evaluated by the Junior Livestock Committee. All steers must not exceed 24 months of age at Fair time. All steers may be mouthed by a qualified veterinarian. No bulls or stags will be permitted.
3. All steers must be born and raised in Highlands, Glades, Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, Hardee, Desoto, or Charlotte Counties.
4. **All Steers must arrive at the Fair clipped to a maximum of a quarter inch hair over the body only leaving the switch. Clipping of steers must be done before arrival at the fair. Clipping must be of the head-top knot-poll, tail head, body underline, and legs above the knee and hock. Steers will be checked at final weigh-in and will not be allowed to show with more than a quarter inch of hair. If steer needs to be re-clipped it must be taken to the end of the weigh in line and must be back in line by 7:30 am. If steer is not back in line by 7:30 am or fails recheck of close clipping by 7:30 am, steer will be disqualified. Altering the coat after check in will result in automatic disqualification.**
5. All steer entries are automatically entered in the weight-gain contest from the initial weigh-in. Steers will be initially weighed in by the Highlands County Junior Livestock Committee at the location and date set in the **Calendar of Events**. All steers will be weighed-in to the Fair on the date set in the **Calendar of Events** to determine show and sale weight.
6. Steers must be halter broken, controlled by exhibitor, properly trained and should be in show condition at admission time. Animals that require nose tongs or similar tools to be controlled will not be allowed. They must weigh a minimum of **1,000 pounds and with no maximum weight**, at weigh-in time of Fair week. The Junior Livestock Committee recommends that all steers have gained a minimum of 2.00 pounds per day since initial weigh-in.
7. Steers will be assigned to show classes by weight upon arrival at the Fair. No separation will be made by breed.
8. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Steer Exhibitor.** The overall and reserve overall champion steer exhibitors will be determined by accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and steer competition. The total number of points possible will be 100 and will be accumulated on a percentage basis in the following manner:
 - a. Weight Gain Contest 5%
 - b. Show Placing 25%
 - c. Showmanship Placing 35%
 - d. Judging Contest 20%
 - e. Record Book 15%

Market Steer Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Steer class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Class Placing	First	Second	Third
Premium	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Show Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Market Steer Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Steer class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Belt Buckle	To Be Determined

Market Steer Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$25.00	\$15.00

Market Steer Weight Gain

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Weight Gain Champion	Reserve Weight Gain Champion
Premium	50.00	40.00

Overall Market Steer Champion Exhibitors

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$100.00	\$50.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

COMMERCIAL HEIFER RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All Heifers must be born and raised in Highlands, Glades, Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, Hardee, Desoto, or Charlotte Counties.
2. Heifers must be owned and under the exhibitor's management before the initial weigh-in and identification as set in the Calendar of Events.
3. Heifers must be polled or dehorned and healed, halter broken, properly trained, have good beef conformation, of proper size and condition for age and in show condition upon admission to the Fair. Any horn re-growth will be evaluated by the Junior Livestock Committee.
4. Heifers must be halter broken, controlled by exhibitor, properly trained and should be in show condition at admission time. Animals that require nose tongs or similar tools to be controlled will not be allowed.
5. All heifers will show in their respective weight classes regardless of breed resemblance.
6. **All Commercial Heifers must weigh at least 750 pounds at Fair Weigh-In to sell and must be under 24 months of age to show.**
7. Commercial Heifers not sold at the Junior Livestock Sale shall pay a \$100.00 no sale fee, Due at Fair Weigh-In.
8. Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Commercial Heifer Exhibitor will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors and their animals through participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and Commercial Heifer competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:
 - a. Show Placing 30%
 - b. Showmanship Placing 35%
 - c. Judging Contest 20%
 - d. Record Book 15%

Commercial Heifer Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Commercial Heifer class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Class Placing	First	Second	Third
Premium	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00

Show Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Commercial Heifer Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Commercial Heifer class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Belt Buckle	To Be Determined

Commercial Heifer Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$25.00	\$15.00

Overall Commercial Heifer Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$100.00	\$50.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

MARKET SWINE RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL MARKET SWINE MUST GO TO SLAUGHTER!

1. Market Hogs must be owned by exhibitor and under their management by the Mandatory Entry Identification.
2. Market Hogs can be either barrows or gilts but no boars will be allowed.
3. **Hog Exhibitors must supply their own waterer. Exhibitor will also need to provide mounting hardware for waterer and/or feeder.**
4. Market Hogs will be assigned to Show Classes by weight upon arrival at Fair, per **Calendar of Events**. No separation will be made by breed for competition. **ONLY** undecorated wooden canes, fiberglass, pvc show sticks and whips/crops will be used while on the Fairgrounds.
5. Market Hogs must be of a recognized purebred breed or a crossbred of recognized purebred breeds.
6. All swine will be housed on shavings at the Fairgrounds, and animals should be conditioned to this environment prior to the Fair. No automatic feeders will be allowed in the hog pens, during the week of the Fair. Shavings will be provided by the exhibitor. It is recommended that you keep 6-inches of shavings at all times in your stall. **NO SHAVINGS** may be stored in the barn, all shavings must be brought to barn at the time bedding is changed.
7. **Hogs must weigh at least 235 pounds and no more than 310 pounds. Exhibitor will be paid up to 300 pounds.** Hog must be of show quality at time of admission to Fair.
8. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Swine Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion swine exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and swine competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:
 - a. Show Placing 30%
 - b. Showmanship Placing 35%
 - c. Judging Contest 20%
 - d. Record Book 15%
9. **Any Clipping of swine must be done prior to arrival at the fair. Clipping of swine is recommended but not required.**

Market Swine Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Swine class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Class Placing	First	Second	Third
Premium	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$12.00

Show Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Market Swine Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Market Swine class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Belt Buckle	To Be Determined

Market Swine Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$25.00	\$15.00

Overall Market Swine Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

MEAT GOAT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Eligibility of Animal:** Show is limited to **does (female) or wethers (castrated males)** of a Boer and/or Boer Cross Meat Goat breed.
2. Goats must be owned by exhibitor and under their management by the Mandatory Entry Identification. All goats must have a scrapie tag on the animal at first check-in. All male goats must be wethered (castrated) at Mandatory Entry Identification. Animals not displaying a scrapie tag will not be permitted to be unloaded.
3. **Final weight-in & animal eligibility:** Minimum weight at final weigh-in is 30lbs. Goats will be placed in classes based on weight at the Fair Entry, per Calendar of Events. Goats must be under 14-months of age at the time of show.
4. **All pens must be cleaned daily.** Exhibitors are required to clean grooming areas after grooming. Goats must be exercised in designated areas.
5. **Showing:** All goats must be trained for show and are to be controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be asked to be haltered or be disqualified.
6. Goats are to be kept clean and in show condition until official release time.
7. **Sale:** Goats are eligible for sale, if you choose not to sell your goat there is a \$75.00 no sale fee, Due at Fair Weigh-In.
8. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Meat Goat Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion goat exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and meat goat competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:
 - a. Show Placing 30%
 - b. Showmanship Placing 35%
 - c. Judging Contest 20%
 - d. Record Book 15%

Meat Goat Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Meat Goat class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Class Placing	First	Second	Third
Premium	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$12.00

Show Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Meat Goat Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Meat Goat class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$25.00
Award	Belt Buckle	To Be Determined

Meat Goat Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$25.00	\$15.00

Overall Meat Goat Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$50.00	\$35.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

SMALL ANIMAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Rabbit and Poultry)

DO NOT FEED ANY ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT OWNED BY YOU, THE EXHIBITOR!

ALL SMALL ANIMAL ENTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ENTRY FEE PER THE GENERAL RULES ABOVE.

ALL RULES IN THIS BOOK APPLY TO SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS!

POULTRY

1. All birds must be of a recognized breed and be identified on entry form. Refer to the American Standard of Perfection for Poultry for recognized breeds.
2. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and under their management by the entry date as set in the **Calendar of Events**.
3. Judging of poultry conducted in reference to the American Poultry Association of Standard of Perfection or American Bantam Association Standards.
4. Entries are exhibited one per cage unless otherwise stated.
5. **POULTRY Entries (chickens)**
 - a. Class I - Hens
 - b. Class II - Roosters
 - c. Class III - Trio
6. Exhibitor may enter three Entries of poultry for ribbon and prize money. At time Exhibitor Check-in at the Fair, Exhibitor must designate which animal will be used for accumulation of overall points. (Ex. Hen, Trio or Rooster). Other Entries are for exhibition purpose only. The total number of exhibit entries may be limited by barn facilities.
7. The following may be entered in the Fair as exhibits only:
 - a. Hen and Chicks
 - b. Hen and Ducklings
 - c. Hen and Pullets
 - d. Doe and Litter
 - e. Peacocks
 - f. Ducks and Turkeys
8. Release of small animals will be to the exhibitor only on the dates and times as set in the Calendar of Events. The animal must be picked up at the designated release time. If conflict arises, a written request to the Junior Livestock Committee Must be emailed and approved to release the animal at an alternate time. If the exhibitor removes their animal without permission the exhibitor will be dismissed from the show, forfeit premiums and it will be determined by a quorum of the Junior Livestock Committee if that exhibitor will be allowed to show again in future years.

9. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Poultry Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion poultry exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and poultry competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:
 - a. Show Placing 30%
 - b. Showmanship Placing 35%
 - c. Record Book 20%
 - d. Ask Me Booth 15%
10. **All poultry exhibitors must turn in two photographs per entry with their online entry. One photo of the exhibitor with the animal and one photo of the side view of the animal in landscape orientation.**
11. **Exhibitor must be present at time of judging.**
12. **Cloverbud members will be only be able to participate in the Pee-Wee Show. Cloverbud Members are ineligible to keep their animal in the barn for the duration of the Fair.**
13. **Exhibitor will need to provide all supplies for your project during the length of the fair.**

Poultry Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Poultry class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$15.00	\$10.00
Award	Banner	Banner

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Poultry Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$15.00	\$10.00
Award	Banner	To Be Determined

Poultry Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$10.00	\$5.00

Overall Poultry Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$20.00	\$10.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

RABBITS

1. All rabbits must be of a recognized breed and be identified on entry form. Refer to the American Standards of Perfection for Rabbits for recognized breeds.
2. All rabbits, except meat rabbits, must be purebred of a recognized breed.
3. All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor and under their management by entry date as set in the **Calendar of Events**.
4. Judging and entry classification of rabbits will be conducted in reference to the American Rabbit Association Breeders Association, which will prevail.
5. Entries are exhibited one per cage unless otherwise stated.
6. **RABBITS (breeding and meat)**
 - a. **Class I - Doe**
 - b. **Class II - Buck**
7. Entrant may enter two classes of rabbits with one entry per class for ribbon and prize money. However, one may enter additional animals for exhibition purpose only. The total number of exhibit entries will be limited by barn facilities. If Exhibitor enters multiple rabbits, they must declare at time of Fair Check-In which of their Entries will be judged for Overall.
8. Release of small animals will be to the exhibitor, only on the dates and times as set in the Calendar of Events. The animal must be picked up at the designated release time. If a conflict arises, a written request to the Junior Livestock Committee must be emailed to release the animal at an alternate time. If the exhibitor removes their animal without permission the exhibitor will be dismissed from the show, forfeit premiums and it will be determined by a quorum of the Junior Livestock Committee if that exhibitor will be allowed to show again in future years.
9. **Overall and Reserve Overall Champion Rabbit Exhibitor.** Overall and reserve overall champion rabbit exhibitors will be determined by the accumulation of points by all exhibitors through their participation in various aspects of the Junior Livestock Show and rabbit competition. The total number of possible points will be 100 and will be accumulated in the following manner:

a. Show Placing	30%	c. Record Book	20%
b. Showmanship Placing	35%	d. Ask Me Booth	15%
10. All rabbits will need to two submit photographs per entry when they turn in their online entry. One photo of the exhibitor with the animal and one photo of the side view of the animal in landscape orientation.
11. Exhibitor will need to provide all supplies your project needs during the length of the fair.
12. Exhibitor must be present at time of judging.
13. Cloverbud members will only be able to participate in the Pee-Wee Show. Cloverbud members are ineligible to keep their animal in the barn for the duration of the Fair.

Rabbits Show Awards

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums per Rabbit class. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision and ribbon placing.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$15.00	\$10.00
Award	Banner	Banner

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Rabbit Showmanship

Exhibitors will be eligible for the following premiums. All judge's decisions are final. Premiums will be awarded on the judge's decision.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$15.00	\$10.00
Award	Banner	To Be Determined

Rabbit Record Book

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors.

Placing	Grand Champion	Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$10.00	\$5.00

Overall Rabbit Champion Exhibitor

The following premiums are awarded to the top two exhibitors on the total number of points earned during the fair.

Placing	Overall Grand Champion	Overall Reserve Grand Champion
Premium	\$20.00	\$10.00
Award	Belt Buckle	Belt Buckle

ASK ME BOOTH

1. The “Ask Me” Booth will be available to any small animal exhibitor of the Junior Livestock Shows. The purpose of the booth is to allow participants to share their knowledge of their project with the public. **Participants will sign-up for a 30 minute time slot at the Recommended Meeting or at the Small Animal Check-In.**
2. This is a voluntary program. Participants who fulfill their time will receive points towards their division overall award. Participants may sign-up for more than one time slot after everyone has had the chance to sign-up. Additional time at the booth will be voluntary and will not include additional points.

PEE WEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Pee Wee exhibitors must be a minimum of five (5) years old before September 1st and a maximum of seven (7) years old. Pee Wee must be able to handle their chosen animal in the show arena.
2. Limit of one (1) entry per Pee Wee exhibitor. Pee Wee’s may show the following:
 - a. Swine (less than eight (8) weeks)
 - b. Sheep, Goat (less than 6 months of age)
 - c. Jr. Dairy Calf (less than three (3) months of age)
 - d. Jr. Beef Calf (less than three (3) months of age)
 - e. Small animal (as listed in Small animal rules)
3. No record book is required for Pee Wee projects.
4. All animals must meet general health requirements. Pee Wee animals are not allowed in the Show Barn due to these animals not being required to have certified health papers.
5. All Pee Wee entries and type of animal must be declared no later than recommended orientation meeting, date in Calendar of Events.
6. All Pee Wee entries will show at times listed in the Calendar of Events at the beginning of this Rule Book.
7. There are not to be any premiums awarded for the Pee-Wee show.
8. Closed toe shoes are required.