

Rule Suggestions for the 2023 Calaveras County Fair Junior Livestock Show and Sale

1. RULES

- Rules in the entry guidebook need to be followed:
- Example Grooming and Fitting Rule #36
- Grooming and fitting: The fair is an educational experience and, as such, exhibitors must fit and groom their own animals for show. Exhibitors may receive *limited* assistance for instructional purposes from their parents and leaders and/or advisors. *No professional fitters*. NOTE: Violation of this rule as determined by the JLC will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and exhibit, forfeiting all awards, premiums, and eligibility to participate in the Auction.
- Can exhibitors and leader/advisors from out of the county help? This is not clear in the book. In the past this was no but last year it was okay.

2. CHAMPIONS

- All champions, including Breed and County Bred need to sell before the reserve champions.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- No breeders or parents should work in the showring where their children are participating, or animals are being shown.

4. JUDGES

- What is the protocol and timeline for hiring judges? How does it work? Who selects the judges?

5. INDEPENDENTS

- Request that all junior livestock exhibitors that show as an 'independent,' be considered and classified as a group/club while exhibiting animals at the fair.
- The independent exhibitors already stall together during fair; they are assigned set-up and drop-off times as a 'group/club,' they are required to wear the same uniform and are considered a 'group/club' for the purpose of judging the barn **Herdsman contest**.

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- By formally classifying the independent exhibitors into a group/club, it would effectively allow those exhibitors to compete in group/club showmanship opportunities and alleviate grey area in the current rule book. This rule would not change the structure of divisions or classes within the show, but it could further encourage camaraderie amongst the independents throughout the barns.
- This rule recommendation is in direct step with our California State Fair Official Rule book and is recommended in a letter from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources written to the Ca Agriculture Extension Resource representatives at the state fair.
- Every youth livestock exhibitor should be afforded the same equitable opportunities while exhibiting at fair no matter if they are part of the FFA, 4-H, Grange or Independent. Allowing these individuals to participate as a group/club in all aspects of the livestock show will only have a positive effect on the overall image of 'community' throughout the livestock barns.

6. RULE ADDITION/ REQUEST

- Showmanship Buckles to all large animal (Horse, Beef, Sheep, Boer Goat, Dairy Goat) Advanced FFA & 4-H Division winners, to follow suite with the already awarded Showmanship buckles for Advanced FFA & 4-H Division winners in Swine Showmanship. I have already lined up more than enough pledged sponsors in our community ready to sponsor for 5yr. contact. That is a total of 10+ new buckle sponsors excited to offer even more awards to our hardworking youth at the livestock show.

7. RULE ADDITION/ REQUEST

- Divide the Market Sheep class into 'Black Face' and 'White Face' category.

8. RULE ADDITION/ REQUEST

- Add an 'Over market' division to the Market Goat Department and the Market Swine Department. This will act just the same as the feeder classes but will be for the projects that are over the class weight limits. This will allow those animals to start on the ground and those exhibitors can still show off their animals in a class.

9. AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE #36 -LIVESTOCK RULES (GROOMING AND FITTING RULE) PG.9

- Replace line 2 with: Exhibitors may receive limited assistance for instructional purposes from their parent(s)/guardian, Calaveras County FFA and/or 4-H Advisors only.
- Replace line 4 with: Violation of this rule as determined by the Livestock Superintendent; all decisions will be final.

10. SCALES

- Require all scale faces and/or digital screens to be in clear, unobscured view of the public during official fair market class weigh-ins. In the spirit of transparency and integrity, we should also follow the example of most other county fairs and invite a non-partisan weighmaster to be our official for all our market classes, they can be on the same rotation as the market class judges. These official market weights are the very amounts that are being traded for legal tender at the Junior Livestock Auction, which is why the livestock scales are required to be certified. We need to take every step to make sure that the sellers and buyers are confident in the accuracy of those weights.

11. MARKET GOATS

- As recommended by Superior Farms, minimum weight of 60lbs, no maximum weight and a pay to weight of 100lbs.

12. PARTNER UP DIVISION

- Similar to Club/Chapter Groups but exhibitors show in groups of three but the three can be 4-H, FFA, Independent or any combination. This will create comradery within the barns.

13. CONDEMNED ANIMALS

- I would like there to be a rule put in place for the event of an animal being condemned. Stating that the Junior Livestock Board has the ability to vote if the child should receive their auction Check. In the event that the reason for Condemning the animal was out of the control of the exhibitor. If the child's animal was inspected, shown, and made it to auction with showing no signs of illness. If an animal is condemned the fair or Junior Livestock Committee should give supporting documentation / photos from the processing center to the exhibitor who owned the animal.

14. BEEF SHOW AND REPLECEMENT HEIFER SHOW

- Change beef show schedule
0900 market FFA/4h split into two divisions non-County bred and county bred broken by weight.

At the conclusion of county bred a champion and reserve will be chosen and will compete against non-county bred for an overall 4h or FIFA champion this will still rotate every year on who goes first.

- All divisions of market beef will show in this show.
Bred by exhibitor will be the class before the supreme drive.
Its estimated that this will end around 11-11:30a.m.
The breeding heifer show will follow

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- Noon will be the replacement heifer show.
It was brought up to have a color sale sheet at the show.
The show is to be a non-fit show, so no adhesives are to be use on these cattle. They will then sell at the conclusion of the show
Approximately 1:15p.m.
- Showmanship is @ 2pm and will be a blow and go show
- Delete ranchers' choice and merge it into county bred

15. **HOG SHOW**

Delete 5/8 hair rule in hogs

16. **THE REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW**

- Make a no fit show because the animals leave the grounds immediately following the show. Also, because the product does not get properly washed from the animal.

17. **HERDSMAN**

- Change it to one day of judging, encourage kids to be present.
Create two divisions, one for groups and one for singles.

18. **ALL CHAMPIONS MUST SELL**

- Legality – Is it legal?
- When is it to late for an exhibitor to pull their animal from the sale?
- Can a parent overrule a minor.

HORSE SHOW

Rules Suggestion Change for Horses/Ponies/Minis:

Page 19: Awards

Ribbons are awarded in the Horse Show, Gymkhana and Mini/Pony Classes.
1st -5th Place

High Point and Reserve High Point Neck Ribbons are awarded for the Horse Show, Gymkhana

and Mini/Pony Divisions

A Trophy Buckle is awarded to the All-Around Equestrian in all Divisions, Walk/Trot, Junior,

Senior, Mini/Pony

Page 45: Junior Horse Show & Gymkhana

Unless listed, stay the same

k. Juniors will be defined as 13 years of age (minimum of 9 years) or under as of December 31, 2022.

Seniors will be defined as 14 years or older but under age 19 as of December 31, 2022. It will be left to

the judge's discretion if an exhibitor is too large for their animal.

REMOVING THE PONY HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

p. Points for High Point will follow the horse/rider combination.

THIS IS REMOVING JUMP REQUIREMENTS AS THERE ARE NO MORE JUMPING CLASSES, AND

PLACING IN A DEFINITION FOR THE POINTS

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r. Unless other rules are specified, rules and definitions for conducting each judged class as contained in

the USEF Rule Book, and for each Gymkhana Class as contained in the California Gymkhana Rule Book

will apply to this horse show. Decisions of the Horse Show management will be final.

THIS UPDATES THE RULE BOOKS TO COINCIDE WITH STATE FAIR

x. change: only official uniform (as defined under “Livestock Rules & Information”) may be worn during

this class. Boots and Belts are required. Helmets are encouraged, but not required for Showmanship.

THIS REMOVES THE ABILITY TO DO SHOWMANSHIP IN ENGLISH OR WESTERN ATTIRE

Divisions:

Division 731 – Walk/Jog

Division 732 – Junior

Division 733 – Senior

REMOVES THE PONY DIVISION AS IT HAS NOT BEEN USED IN MANY YEARS AND PLACES IN THE

DIVISIONS IN ORDER OF HOW THEY SHOW DURING THE DAY OF THE SHOW

Classes:

1-12 remain the same

REMOVES MODIFIES TRAIL – HALTER AS IT WILL BE IN SEPARATE DEPARTMENT

Page 47: Change “Horse” Showmanship to “Equine” Showmanship

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ALL EQUINE, HORSES, PONIES AND MINIS WILL SHOW TOGETHER

ADDITION OF NEW DEPARTMENT: MINI/PONY DEPARTMENT: NEW,
DIVISION: NEW

Entries:

same as Horses

Rules:

a-j – same as horses

k. Division of Mini/Pony will be defined as the height of the animal being under 12 Hands

l. removes and replace with: The jumping class is at regulation hunter height. In the event of clean

rounds, jumps are raised until only one winner. Jump heights start at 24” and raise at 3” increments

m. remove

n. same

o. remove

p. same with slight change (new rules pertaining high point) Points for High Point will follow the horse/driver-handler combination

q. same

r. Unless other rules are specified, rules and definitions for conducting each judged class as contained in

the AMHA Rule Book. Decisions of the Horse Show management will be final.

s-w – same

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x. change: only official uniform (as defined under “Livestock Rules & Information”) may be worn. Boots

and Belts are required. Helmets are encouraged, but not required for Showmanship and In Hand

classes. ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear are required while driving.

y-z. remove

DIVISION: Mini/Pony

Classes:

1. In Hand Trail
2. In Hand Jumping
3. Driving Pleasure
4. Driving Cones

CLASS ORDER OF THE DAY:

Any changes in the Horse Show schedule will be announced at the Horse Show Arena on the day of the show. Such announcements shall be deemed sufficient notice to exhibitors.

IN SOUTH SIDE OF ARENA

Showmanship:

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Bareback Equitation

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- In Hand Jumping
- English Equitation
- English Pleasure
- Driving Pleasure
- Driving Cones
- Western Equitation
- Western Horsemanship
- Western Pleasure

Tower Pavilion (to occur immediately after showmanship)

In Hand Trail

North Side of Arena (to occur simultaneously, beginning after showmanship)

Trail

Lunch Break and Arena Drag

Whole Arena

Gymkhana Classes