

Rules, Regulations, Contests, Events & Shows

Dixie-Levy-Gilchrist Counties

Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show and Sale

2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 18-20

Thursday, March 18:

- 3:00p - 7:00p - Poultry Entry
- 3:00p - 7:00p - Rabbit Entry
- 3:30p - 4:00p - Skill-a-Thon Registration
- 4:00p - 7:00p - Poultry Skill-a-Thon Contest
- 4:00p - 7:00p - Rabbit Skill-a-Thon Contest

Friday, March 19:

- 4:00p - 6:00p - Dairy Cow Entry
- 4:00p - 6:00p - Dairy Goat Entry
- 4:00p - 6:00p - Heifer Entry
- 5:00p - Cloverbud Rabbit Show
- After Cloverbud - Rabbit Show
- 5:00p - Poultry Show
- 5:30p - Rabbit Showmanship
- 5:30p - Poultry Showmanship

Saturday, March 20:

- 7:30a - 8:00a - Horse Entry
- 8:30a - Horse Show
- After Horse Show - Gymkhana (Speed) Contest
- 8:30a - 10:30a - Dairy Goat Showmanship
- After Showmanship - Dairy Goat Show
- 10:30a - 12:00p - Exhibitor Milking Contest
- Adult Milk-Off
- Goat Costume Contest
- Open Mock Dairy Goat Show
- 11:30a - 12:00p - Dairy Judging Registration
- 12:00p - Dairy Judging Events
- 1:00p - 3:00p - Horse Skill-a-Thon Contest
- 1:30p - Dairy Cow Show
- 1:30p - Dairy Cow Showmanship
- 3:30p - Heifer Show
- After Show - Heifer Showmanship
- 4:00p - 6:00p - Rabbit-Poultry-Dairy Release

MARCH 26 - 31

Friday, March 26:

- 3:00p - 5:30p - Steer Entry
- 5:00p - 5:30p - Consumer Judging Registration
- 5:30p - Primary & Senior Judging Event
- 6:00p - Junior Judging Event
- 6:30p - 8:00p - Home Economics Entry (NON-FOOD ITEMS)

Saturday, March 27:

- 7:00a - 10:00a - Swine Entry
- 9:00a - 11:00a - Home Economics Entry
- 10:30a - 11:00a - Livestock Judging Registration
- 11:00a - Livestock Judging Events
- 1:00p - Judging of Home Ec. Exhibits
- 3:00p - Home Grown Steer Show
- 4:00p - 5:00p - Release of Home Economics-PERISHABLE FOOD ENTRIES
- 5:00p - Market Steer Showmanship
- After Market - Feeder Steer Showmanship

Sunday, March 28:

- 1:30p - SRF Alumni Show Registration
- 2:00p - Alumni Steer Show
- 3:00p - Alumni Swine Show

Monday, March 29

- 8:30a - Swine Showmanship
- 9:00a - 3:00p - Home Ec. Open For Review
- 5:00 p - Swine Show

Tuesday, March 30:

- 8:30a - Feeder Steer Show
- 9:00a - 3:00p - Home Ec. Open For Review
- 1:30p - Market Steer Show
- 3:00p - 5:00p - Release of Home Economics
- 6:00p - Fashion Review

Wednesday, March 31:

- 9:30a - Sale
- 12:00p - Buyers Luncheon
- 1:30p - Sale

AWARDS PROGRAM WILL BE APRIL 8 AT 6:30 P.M. – Chiefland Elementary Cafetorium

Fair grounds will be opened by 6:00 a.m. and closed by 10:00 p.m. every day. No one is to sleep in the Livestock area, in tents, or in any area not designated for such. All children must be under adult supervision at all times.

2010 RULE AND REGULATION CHANGES

GENERAL RULES

- ✓ 3. Dress Code
- ✓ 7. Record Book Registration Fee
- ✓ 11. Registration Deadlines
- ✓ 12. Alternates

RECORD BOOK CONTESTS

- ✓ 3. \$5.00 Record Book Charge

BEEF DIVISION

- ✓ 21. Ethical Treatment Of Animals

DAIRY DIVISION: Dairy Goats

- ✓ 8. Animal Ownership
- ✓ 14. Animal Base Date Age Change

HORSE DIVISION

- ✓ Tie Breaking Procedures
- ✓ Championship/High Point Awards
- ✓ General Rules and Regulations
- 18. Showmanship is Mandatory
- 19. Leasing of Horse is Permissible

General Event Procedure

- ✓ 7. Tuning-up
- ✓ Gymkhana (Speed) Contest
- Change Flag Race to Keyhole
- Plaques eliminated
- Showmanship Mandatory

SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION

- ✓ 11. Attach Containers to Cages

GENERAL FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The fair will take place at the discretion of the Suwannee River Fair Board of Directors.
2. Participants of the Suwannee River Fair must be bonafide members in good standing of 4-H, FFA or FCCLA clubs or chapters of Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties. Verification of membership qualifications is the sole responsibility of the advisors and agents and implies member compliance with national, state and local membership rules and policy. Such membership is certified by the signature of the appropriate FFA or FCCLA Advisor, 4-H Agent and/or 4-H Leader on the appropriate entry form.
3. **Suwannee River Fair Dress Code:** All exhibitors participating in Shows, Sale, Contests and at Awards Program will be required to be clean, neat and dressed in **gender appropriate** dark black jeans, slacks or skirts, a solid white shirt with a white collar and dark or green tie. FFA or 4-H Jacket or 4-H Accessories are required. Closed-toed shoes or boots are required. No hats or caps allowed. Exception: Horse Show Participants are required to wear attire, boots and helmet appropriate for their riding style. **Dairy Cow and Goat participants are required to wear white pants and shirt. 4-H Cloverbuds may wear 4-H Accessories.**
4. Exhibitors will be required to maintain their exhibits in a clean and attractive manner, properly care for (feed and water) animal exhibits, for the duration of the Fair. Inspections will be performed by the Board.
5. **Proper Care:** If your animal is reported for lack of care and the grievance is found to be valid, the pen will be tagged with a date and time. Once your pen is tagged you must **immediately** report to the office/show superintendent. If the problem or concern is not corrected you **will** be withdrawn from the show.
6. Exhibitors must own in full any animal exhibit offered for sale.
7. **Entry Fees are based on the Exhibitor per Division**

\$25 Sale Animals	Feeders, Fats, Swine
\$20 Large Animal	Dairy Cow, Dairy Goat, Heifer, Horse
\$10 Small Animal	Poultry, Rabbit
\$0 Home Economics	NO CHARGE
\$5 Cloverbud	Poultry, Rabbit
\$5 Record Book	Each Record Book
8. No individual may show and/or sell more than one **SALE** animal (swine or steer) per year.
9. **Age Divisions:** (by Sept. 1 of Current Year) The Cloverbud, Primary, Junior and Senior divisions for all shows and categories are defined as follows:

Cloverbud Division	5-8 Years of Age
Primary Division	8-10 Years of Age
Junior Division	11-13 Years of Age
Senior Division	14 & up Years of Age
10. **Entry Forms:** Exhibitors must enter their animals on a completed official entry form that has been signed by the exhibitor, exhibitor's parent or guardian, and the FFA Advisor, 4-H Agent or 4-H Leader. Entry forms are due according to Registration Deadlines and with the correct fees. No refunds will be made after entry deadline.
11. **Registration Deadlines:** All entry forms are due into the show superintendents no later than:

Sale Animals and Heifers: On Day of Weight-in/Tag-in.
Non-Sale Projects: Must be post marked by the date listed on the entry form. Dropped off forms will not be accepted.
12. Exhibitors must weigh/tag in (at both the initial and final weigh in), as well as show and sell, his/her own animal unless the show committee approves an alternate. Alternates are approved only on the basis of emergency or health problems or **for team members in 4H or FFA sanctioned events ONLY.** Request for substitution by alternates must be made in writing, 2 weeks before the event, except in an emergency.
13. Liability in case of death or injury to any exhibited animal remains with the exhibitor until sold.
14. All animals must remain in the possession of exhibitor and in the area during the feeding period. Animals will be checked periodically by FFA advisors, county agents, 4-H leaders and/or board members.
15. Show officials may refuse participation in any show or sale, any exhibit or exhibitor who they feel is not a credit to the fair and/or does not adhere to all rules and regulations.
16. Any disagreement or protest regarding any fair activities must be made in writing to the Fair Board President. The executive board will consider such protests and a decision rendered as soon as possible.
17. All exhibits must be picked up no later than the time and date listed in the schedule of events for each show and division.
18. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents are expected to adhere to the following rules of conduct at all fair sanctioned events. Failure to do so could result in elimination from participation in the current or future fair events.
 - a. All animal projects entering the fair will have a completed project summary sheet that will be presented to the record book committee check-in table.
 - b. Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages on fair property or being under the influence of such beverages is strictly forbidden.
 - c. The use of profanity on fair property is strictly forbidden.
 - d. The possession of firearms by anyone under the age of 18 on fair property is forbidden. Adults must secure firearms in locked vehicles when left unattended.
 - e. No open fires are permitted on fair property.
 - f. Fighting on fair property is forbidden.
 - g. The decisions of Judges, Graders, DFACS Inspectors and other officials of the fair are final. There will be no arguments, verbal or written, or protest to the fair Judges or Graders. Protests are allowed under the provisions of rule #16 above.
 - h. Any intentional destruction or abuse of Fair property will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the fair grounds and/or activities.
 - i. No improper comments or conduct toward buyers, fair officials or volunteers will be tolerated.
19. Gate at SE corner of Horse arena will stay shut all the time. **NO VEHICLES, NO TRAILERS.**
20. No animals, concessions or goods may be advertised for sale on the fair grounds unless officially sanctioned by the Board of Directors.
21. **Sales checks will be given to FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents following the fair. The check will be given to the exhibitor upon receipt of a thank you letter from exhibitors to their buyers. The original letter and an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope must be given to the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor for mailing. In case of multiple buyers, all buyers must receive a letter.**
22. **Mandatory Project Summary Sheets**
 - a. All livestock exhibits are required to turn in a completed Project Summary Sheet in March.
 - b. Signature of 4-H Agent, 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor is required.
 - c. One project summary sheet will be completed for each animal project.
 - d. The project summary sheet will be evaluated by a committee representative for completeness.
 - e. Division show committees reserve the right to judge, score and/or award ribbons.
23. **Showmanship Contests – General Rules**
 - a. There will be 3 divisions. Primary, Junior, and Senior.
 - b. The following will include a showmanship contest: Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Feeder Steer, Heifer, Horse, Market Steer, Poultry, Rabbit and Swine. Refer to show division for specific rules and regulations.
 - c. The exhibitor must show his own animal. No one will be allowed to participate unless they have an official entry in the show. Exhibitors of chapter or club animals may compete in the showmanship contest, 1 per club by designated club advisor or leader.
 - d. A plaque will be given to the top three (3) showmen in each show category. Except Horse.

SALE RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. The sale order will provide for a mixed animal sale. A certain number of swine, then a number of fat calves, then a number of feeder calves will sell. The numbers in each "cycle" will be determined by calculations based on total numbers in each category.
2. Grand Champions in each category will sell first, then Reserve Champions in each group. After champions are sold, class winners in each category will be sold, then 2nd place class winners in each category. After these class winners have been sold, all Blue ribbon animals in each category will be sold, randomly selected, followed by Red ribbon entries, randomly selected, and finally White ribbon entries, randomly selected. Entries in each category (swine, feeders and fats) will sell based on this order while maintaining the mixed animal "cycle" described in #1 above.
3. Each animal will be sold separately to the highest bidder.
4. Auctioneer will determine the highest bidder and settle all disputes.
5. Terms are cash or personal check made payable to the **Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Association, P O Box 252, Trenton, FL 32693**.
6. Sale weight on steers will be the official weigh-in weight less 3% shrinkage. Market swine sale weight will be the official weigh-in weight.
7. A resale price will be established and announced at the beginning of the sale. Any buyers reselling an animal will be billed for the purchase price less the announced resale value.
8. Any person buying animals for another party must sign their name to the purchase contract and is legally responsible for the payment of the bill.
9. Payment is due no later than 30 days after the date of the sale. Payment is overdue after 30 days and interest on the unpaid balance will be charged after 60 days. After 90 days, appropriate legal action will be taken to collect unpaid bills. Such bills will be charged attorney and legal fees plus interest on the unpaid balance.
10. No add-ons or individual resale is allowed.
11. No custom kill or retained ownership purchases are allowed. All animals must be resold and delivered to the resale buyer.
12. **EXHIBITOR THANK YOU LETTERS:** Sales checks will be given to FFA Advisors and 4-H Agents following the fair. The check will be given to the exhibitor upon receipt of a thank you letter from exhibitors to their buyers. The original letter and an unsealed, stamped, addressed envelope must be given to the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor for mailing. In case of multiple buyers, all buyers must receive a letter.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Superintendents	Division	Superintendents	Division	Superintendents	Division
Loran Brookins	Buyer's Luncheon	Marti Smith	Fair Secretary Fiscal Agent	Jean Jones Tracy VanLandingham	Record books
Holly Houghton	Cloverbud Division	Marvin Weaver	Grounds and Buildings	Loran Brookins	Sales
Holly Houghton Muriel Turner	Consumer Choices Judging	Jean Jones	Heifers	Board of Directors	Scholarship
Chris DeCubellis	Dairy Cow	Brooke Ward	Home Economics	Earl Jones Brad Etheridge	Steer
Susan Owens	Dairy Goat	Donna Sharp	Horse	Tim Alexander Troy Johnson Loran Brookins	Swine
Chris DeCubellis	Dairy Judging	Brad Etheridge	Livestock Judging	Holly Houghton	Web Site
Michelle Walker Cindy Jo Ayers Heather Rucker	Fair Book	Thelma Thompson	Poultry Rabbits		

FACILITY USAGE

The Fair grounds of the Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show and Sale Association are available for rental by outside users. All activities must be agricultural related and approved by the Board of Directors. A non-profit organization will be defined by 501C3 status. Proof of Insurance must be provided and must meet current Fair Association Guidelines as defined by our insurance company.

1. A \$500.00 facility clean-up fee is required and may be refund upon inspection of facility after usage.
2. Users are responsible for all damages to the fair grounds.
3. A \$250.00 rental fee is required for non-profit 501C3 organizations.
4. A \$500.00 rental fee is required for all other users.
5. Fees are waived for all Suwannee River Youth Fair Activities.

SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

1. Applicants must be active FFA, FCCLA or 4-H member in good standing in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties.
2. Applicants must be an exhibitor at the Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Show the current year.
3. Applicants must be a senior in high school.
4. Two - \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.
5. These awards are for attendance at a University, Community/Junior College or Trade School.
6. Application must be made on an approved form and submitted to the Suwannee River Fair business office, **P. O. Box 252, Trenton, FL 32693** by 4:30 p.m. of the date indicated on the cover letter each current fair year.
7. Applications will be reviewed anonymously and recipients selected by a committee appointed by the President of the Board of Directors.
8. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of information supplied on approved application form including: Financial Need, Scholarship (Grade Point Average), Project Record, Fair Participation, Leadership Experience, Personal Information.
9. Volunteer work at the Suwannee River Fair is required. Accumulative Hours are required per year are as follows:
 1. 10 hours
 2. 20 hours
 3. 30 hours
 4. 40 hours
10. Hours must be accumulated by Feb. 15.

BEEF DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

BEEF HEALTH REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS STATE OF FLORIDA, CHAPTER 5C-4

1. All Beef must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the fair. Vet Certifications must be in hand and completed when you enter the fairgrounds in March.
2. The OCVI (Vet Certificate) must be complete including the breed, name and registration number.
3. All vehicles transporting animals for exhibition in Florida shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading of the animal.
4. Prior to the acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida, or by a Department representative for: (a) The required identification of the animal. (b) Clinical signs of disease.
5. Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection (this includes warts, inspect your animal early on, contact your veterinarian if there is evidence of warts), or any animal known to be exposed must be: (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or (b) examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.
6. **Suwannee River Fair Rule:** All steers will be given a wart vaccination at the initial weigh-in: The serum supply company is not liable for infection unless a booster is given according to the manufactures directions. Fair participants are responsible for administering the booster, however the fair association does not required a booster.

HEIFER SHOW RULES

1. Entry Fees: \$20.00
2. **You may enter 3 Heifers in the show.** Heifers must be **6 months to 30 months** of age. All heifers will be tagged with a Suwannee River Fair tag.
3. **Participants can only show 3 heifers or 2 heifers and a cow/calf pair. Cow/Calf pairs will not be considered for Grand and Reserve Grand Trophies.**
4. All heifers must have an official health certificate to enter the show. All heifers must be dehorned or polled at the time of the show.
5. All trailers will enter the North gate in Dec. and March. When trailers are unloaded they are to be parked in an area marked off for heifers only.
6. All heifers must be halter broken in March. All heifers that become unruly and dangerous will be sifted out of the show.
7. Any evidence of tampering with a heifer (such as the use of unapproved drugs) will automatically be disqualified.
8. All heifers that are tagged in December will be weighed in March. Heifers will be classed by weight. No more than 8 heifers to a class.
9. All heifers must be clipped prior to arrival at the fairgrounds in March, according to good show ring practices.
10. Heifers must be shown with show halters only.
11. **ALL HEIFERS MUST STAY IN THE AREA DESIGNATED FOR HEIFERS. IF A HEIFER LEAVES THEIR DESIGNED AREA IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE SHOW.**
12. All heifers will be released following showmanship. Please clean up your area before you leave.
13. **All heifers will be blow and go (shampoo and blow-dry) for the show. If you have grooming products on your animal you will not show.**

FEEDER & MARKET STEER SHOW RULES

STEER RULES-GENERAL

1. Entry Fees: \$25.00
2. All steers must have an official fair identification tag applied in the steer's ear at the time of the initial (1st) weigh-in.
3. All steers must be polled or dehorned at the time of the initial weigh-in,

limited at the discretion of the board.

4. All steers must be weighed and entered at the Suwannee River Fair pavilion at the time of the initial (1st) weigh-in.
5. All vehicles will enter the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Board and Show superintendent.
6. All steers must be halter broken to be entered in the show in March. A screening committee appointed by the board of directors may sift any steer that becomes unruly and dangerous out at any time during the show and sale. **Any calf determined by the committee to be structurally unsound and therefore unmarketable may be rejected from the show and sale.**
7. Sifted steers will not be sold by the Association and must be removed from the grounds.
8. Any suspicion of tampering with a steer, unethical or altering, will be subject to the fair requiring an inspection by a certified vet at the owner's expense.
9. Steer will be weighed only once. The exhibitor, at this time, may request the animal be removed from the scales, the scales rebalanced and the animal re-weighed. Any request for re-weighing must be at the time of the initial weighing. Animal must not leave scale area. No animal will be weighed more than twice.
10. Any chapter or club steer must be shown and sold by someone that does not have a steer in the show.
11. All steers must be head clipped prior to arrival at the show grounds in March, according to good show ring practices.
12. Steers must be shown with show halters only. No nose rings allowed.
13. Exhibitors must deliver steers to the holding pen and sign delivery list after the conclusion of the sale.
14. All steers must stay in the area designated for steers. If steers leave their designated area it may result in disqualification from the show.
15. The fair reserves the right to retain ownership of any animal for any reason. If any rules are found to be violated, exhibitors will only receive resale value. Immediate family (one generation) of violator will be banned from future exhibits of the Suwannee River Fair.
16. Homegrown calf champions, a Grand and Reserve, grown on the family farm, will receive a plaque. Homegrown means the mother of the show animal was on your family's farm.
17. No altering steers, including, but not limited to, pumping, false switches, or improper injections are allowed. The Board reserves the right to retain ownership in any animal deemed suspicious. If determined that unlawful practices are found, that exhibitor and their immediate family will be barred from participation from the Suwannee River Fair for one generation and exhibitor will forfeit all proceeds on the sale of this animal.
18. Steers entered in the show must exhibit a predominance of beef breeding.
19. The top steer from each class will compete for Grand Champion. In the class from which the champion comes from, the 2nd place animal can compete for Reserve Grand Champion.
20. Feeder Steer and Market Steer Shows will be blow and go only. This means no hair care products. **Wash, Blow, Comb, Show.**
21. **Ethical Treatment of Animals:** Immediately following each class in both Market and Feeder Steer shows, the top 2 winners will report to the scale house with their animal. Steers will be weighed and must not weigh more than 5% of their beginning March weight. Violators of this rule will be disqualified from placing in that class. Subsequently placed animals will advance to the vacated positions and be weighed. The disqualified animal will still be eligible for sale.

FEEDER STEER RULES

1. **Maximum weight at the initial weigh-in is 500 pounds.**
2. Calves must gain a minimum of 1 pound per day during the feeding period.
3. Weigh in March will be a minimum of 550 and maximum of 750. **The**

objective is to grow the calf, not to fatten the calf, producing a healthy growing steer.

- After all steers are entered, they will be classed by ending weight.
- A 7% sales commission, as well as a \$1.00 Beef Check-off Fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrunk weight (97% of the ending weight).

MARKET STEER RULES

- Maximum weight of the steer at the initial weigh-in is 850 pounds.**

DAIRY DIVISION

GENERAL HEALTH REGULATIONS

- All cattle & goats must be accompanied by an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection dated no earlier than 90 days prior to the date of the fair. Vet Certificates must be in hand and completed when you enter the fair grounds in March.
- All vehicles transporting animals for exhibition in Florida shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading of the animal.
- Prior to the acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida, or by a Department representative for: (a) The required identification of the animal. (b) Clinical signs of disease
- Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection or any animal known to be exposed must be withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or examined at the owners expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.

DAIRY CATTLE HEALTH REQUIREMENT

- The OCVI (Vet Certificate) must be complete including the breed, name, registration number and test or certification information listed in #2 below.
- Brucellosis:
 - Vaccination Required: All female dairy cattle four months of age or older born after January 1, 1984 must be officially calf hood vaccinated.
 - Test Required: Cattle from herds not under quarantine must have evidence of a negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to the date of exhibition.
 - Exemption from required test: (i) Cattle identified on the OCVI as originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free herd. (ii) Cattle from non-quarantined herds that are official calf hood vaccinates under 20 months of age and are not parturient or post parturient.

DAIRY CATTLE SHOW RULES

- Entry Fees: \$20.00
- All dairy cattle must be checked in at the north gate of the fairgrounds.
- All animals must be halter broken, clipped and washed prior to arrival at the show, and groomed ethically and according to good show ring practices. Animals must be groomed by the exhibitor, no professional groomers allowed.
- All animals must show a predominance of dairy breeding.
- Only females of recognized breeds may be shown.
- All dairy cattle must be dehorned for entry; animals with horns may be disqualified.
- Exhibitors are limited to two total entries, these not being in the same class.
- All dairy animals must be owned or leased. Leasing of dairy cattle will be allowed with proof of a one year lease and minimum date of possession will be 90 days prior to the show.
- All exhibits must remain on display for the duration of the fair, until the release date and time.
- Classes will be as follows:

Class 1: Junior Heifer Calf	Class 6: Summer Yearling
Class 2: Intermediate Heifer Calf	Class 7: Senior Yearling
Class 3: Senior Heifer Class	Class 8: Junior Two-Year Old
Class 4: Winter Yearling	Class 9: Senior Two-Year Old
Class 5: Junior Yearling	Class 10: Senior Milk Cows

- Steers entered in the show and sale must have gained a minimum of 2 pounds per day during the feeding period and weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds at the final weigh-in, in March.
- After all the steers are entered, they will be classed by weight starting at 1000 pounds with no more than 8 animals in a class.
- A 5% sales commission, as well as a \$1.00 Beef Check off fee as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds. The exhibitor is paid on a 3% shrunk weight. (97% of the ending weight).

DAIRY GOAT HEALTH REGULATIONS

- The OCVI (Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) must be complete including the tattoo, name, age, sex, breed and your Scrapies Flock/Herd ID number on it. Please **DO NOT USE EAR TAGS**.
- Tuberculin or Brucellosis test are no longer required. **NO OTHER TESTS ARE REQUIRED.**

DAIRY GOAT SHOW RULES

- Entry Fees: \$20.00
- All dairy goats must be checked in at the dairy goat barn. A state Veterinary Inspector will check tattoos and health certificate. **All health certificates and registration papers will be in hand when checking in.**
- Current fair events schedule will list check-in times. All animals not checked in during this time, will be considered "No Shows" and will be deleted from the show. Entry fees are non refundable. Unclipped goats will not be permitted to check in.
- All goats must be broken to lead, clipped and washed prior to arrival at the fair grounds. There will be **NO BODY CLIPPING OF GOATS ALLOWED AT THE SHOW.** However, you may do minor trimming, washing, grooming and fitting as necessary for show appearance.
- Dairy goats with horns will not be allowed in the show. Scurs must be clipped to within an inch.
- All registered females of ADGA or AGS may be shown.
- Exhibitors will be limited to a total of 6 entries which can not be in the same class.
- All animals must be owned by the exhibitor or their parents 90 days prior to registration deadline, as certified on ADGA or AGS paperwork.
- All exhibits must remain on display for the duration of the goat show. The exhibitors release date and time will be posted in the barn.
- Each exhibitor must provide their own equipment to maintain the health of their animal and the cleanliness of their pens. Such as feed, water and milking buckets, rakes, wheelbarrows and large clips or snapping device for the latching of their pens gate. Bedding will be provided by the fair.
- Failure to follow rules will result in disqualification from the show. If goats are deemed by the superintendent to be uncared for the exhibitor may lose all prizes or premiums.
- Showmanship:** The contest will have primary, Junior and Senior classes. The exhibitor must indicate on the entry form which goat is being used for showmanship. The exhibitor must show their own animal. No one will be allowed to participate in Goat showmanship unless they have an official entry in the goat division. Dress code is official 4H or FFA attire. Shoes must be closed toe and have backs.
- All paperwork is the responsibility of the exhibitor.
- Base Date:** The base date is the day of the show of the current fair year. **Date of birth must be included on entry form.**

Junior doe division are under 24 months that have never kidded & are not in milk.

Class 1:	Jr. Kids birth & under 6 months
Class 2:	Sr. Kids 6 months & under 12 months
Class 3:	Jr. Yearlings 12 months & under 18 months
Class 4:	Sr. Yearlings 18 months & under 24 months
Jr. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions	

Senior doe division are any that have ever freshened or is in milk, including dry milkers.

Class 5:	Milkers Under 2 years
Class 6:	Milkers 2 years & under 3 years
Class 7:	Milkers 3 years & under 4 years
Class 8:	Milkers 4 years & over
Sr. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions	

***Goats over 24 months must have freshened (had kids) or can not be shown.**

HOME ECONOMICS DIVISION

The Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Association reserves to its Board of Directors, the final and absolute right to interpret all show rules and regulations. All home economics exhibitors will be under control of the Home Economics Superintendent. The Association will in no case be responsible for any loss or damages that may occur to entries.

1. **NO ENTRY FEE**
2. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors will be grouped as follows: Cloverbuds, Primary, Junior, Senior, and Participants. **Participants** in any grade who have a diagnosed mental or physical condition that prevents them from competing at their grade level. With **WRITTEN PARENTAL** consent, participants may enter their items into the Home Economics Show for display only and will be awarded a ribbon for their participation.
3. **Divisions:** Clothing, Textiles, Foods, Handicrafts or Photography.
4. **Number of Entries:** Exhibitors are limited to 3 entries in the Home Economics Department. An exhibitor cannot enter more than one article in a division. Only one entry per division will be accepted at registration.
5. **Registration:** Entry forms, which will also serve as registration forms, will be sent to leaders and advisors before the fair and must be signed by both the exhibitor and the leader or advisor. Division and class information may be completed on the form when the exhibit is entered into the show. No entry will be accepted without a signed entry form.
6. **Exhibits:** All exhibits must have been completed in the last 12 months and must be individual work of the exhibitor. All exhibits must be clean and attractively displayed.
7. **Entry and Release Times:** Non-food exhibits can be entered between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday. All exhibits, including food exhibits, can be entered between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Exhibits and ribbons must be picked up between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday. **Perishables not picked up at this time will be disposed of by show superintendent.**
8. **Judging:** All sessions of judging will be closed except to judges and designated volunteers. The Home Economics Superintendent and Division chairs are responsible for orienting judges and encouraging them to write comments for each exhibit.
9. **Awards:** The decision of the judges will be final in all cases except where misrepresentations or mistakes are discovered. Those cases will be referred to the Home Economics Superintendent.
10. Judges will first award blue, red and white ribbons for all exhibits. Only blue ribbon exhibits will be considered for Best of Division Rosettes in the respective age categories. Only exhibits awarded rosettes will be considered for Best of Show plaques, which are awarded annually to the top entry in clothing, textiles, foods, handicrafts and photography.
11. **Protest** – All protest must be made in writing within 3 days of judging by the exhibitor's leader or advisor, given to the Home Economics Superintendent and addressed to the Home Economics Grievance Committee.
12. **Names** – The only place that an exhibitor's name can appear is on the entry form. This is to insure anonymity for judging. Items marked with an exhibitors name will not be accepted.

CLOTHING DIVISION RULES

1. Participation in the evening Fashion Revue is **optional, but recommended** for all clothing entries.
2. To insure garments are correctly identified by the judges, print the number of your entry form onto a 1" by 3" piece of white fabric. Also print the number of pieces of clothing being entered (for example: 1 of 2, or 3 of 3). Pin fabric inside the garment and hang your garment on a hanger.
3. The entry form number must also be written on the pattern envelope and guide sheet. Put the envelope and guide sheet into a plastic bag and hang it on the same hanger as the garment. Exhibitors who draft their own pattern should write that information and their entry form number on an index card as well as a brief description of how they assembled their garment and put the card in the plastic bag in place of the guide sheet and pattern envelope.
4. A personal data form is due at the time the clothing exhibit is entered into the fair.

5. Belts may be professionally made and finished garments professionally pressed, but must be so labeled.
6. Accessories constructed to complement clothing entry (shoes, hat, purse, jewelry, etc...) will be entered into appropriate division for judging and will not be judged as an ensemble. However accessories entered in other divisions may be used to complement garment during the Fashion Revue.

FOOD DIVISION RULES

NO FOOD ITEMS THAT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION

1. Food containing **UN-BAKED** ingredients such as custard, cream cheese, or raw eggs will not be accepted. **For example:** When cream cheese is included as an ingredient to be baked into a cake, the cake would not require refrigeration after baking and would be accepted. However, if cream cheese is used as a filling or icing **after** baking, the cake requires refrigeration and will not be accepted.
2. For each entry, write the exhibitor's entry form number on a small piece of white paper and attach to the underside of the exhibit.
3. With the exception of pies and canned goods, **foods must be set on cardboard covered aluminum foil. No cake plates or glass pie dishes will be accepted.**
 - a. For smaller items such as cookies, muffins, candies, rolls or biscuits, place six (6) of them on a 6" by 6" foil-covered cardboard and put in a plastic bag.
 - b. Larger items such as cakes and bread should be entered on a 12" by 12" or smaller foil covered cardboard. Place unfrosted cakes right side up and cover with plastic wrap.
 - c. Canned Good entries will include two jars of the same product canned within the last 12 months in identical, clear, standard jars in good condition with new, two-piece canning lids (flat lid and band). Each jar must be labeled with the name of the food and the date it was preserved. Entries without required labeling will not be judged. Unsealed exhibits or products showing signs of spoilage will not be judged. Any foods that are considered hazardous to consume will be disposed of by the judges or volunteers. Jar one will be opened for judging then disposed of by volunteers. Jar two will be kept for display and must be picked up on Tuesday at exhibit release time. Fancy padded lids, fabric overlaps or cozies interfere with the judging process and should not be used.
4. Recipes are mandatory and must be stapled to the entry form with the exhibitor's entry form number clearly written across the top. **Do not write exhibitors name on recipe cards.** The use of box mixes and bread machines are prohibited.

HANDICRAFT DIVISION RULES

THIS SHOW IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKAGE!

1. In general, handicrafts are items that are inedible and have not been hand or machine stitched. Kits are not permitted with the exception of paint-by-number kits for Cloverbuds and Primaries.
2. Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the form must be attached to the exhibit.
3. Items must be ready for their intended use. This means that pictures and other works of art intended for hanging must be ready to hang or will be disqualified.
4. Pot hangers should have unbreakable pots rather than clay or pottery pots.
5. All hemming and finishing must be the work of the exhibitor.

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION RULES

1. A photo entry may be either black/white or color, processed from a negative or a digital camera and must be taken by the exhibitor.
2. The exhibit must have a short explanation of why the picture was taken

and chosen for entry. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit.

- The photo must be framed and may be matted. **NO GLASS OR PLEXIGLAS WILL BE ALLOWED!**
- Exhibitors may submit one entry as either: (a) A series of photos: picture sequence or story showing a logical progression of images, or (b) An individual photo.
- Pictures should depict activities typical of those in which a 4-H or FFA member and their friends would likely participate.
- Maximum size for a single photo is 8"x 10", not including mounting; 12"x14"with mounting.

TEXTILE DIVISION RULES

- Textiles are made with fabric or yarn that has been hand or machine stitched or both.
- Kits may be used, but that information must be plainly noted.
- Each exhibit must come with an explanation of how it was made and whether a kit was used. The explanation should be printed or typed on an index card. Both the card and the entry form must be attached to the exhibit and have the exhibitor's name on them.
- Entries must be complete and ready to use. For example: a counted cross-stitch sampler should be framed and ready to hang. However, **NO GLASS!!** Label any items that have been professionally framed.
- Liquid embroidery is acceptable if at least 25% of the item is stitched, crocheted or otherwise needle worked.

HORSE DIVISION

The SRF Horse Division has been divided into 3 separate events (Horse Show, Gymkhana Contest, and Horse Skill-a-Thon) for contestant participation. **Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in all 3 events.** Event Age Division, Classes and Awards are listed below:

	Age	Beginner/Primary	Junior	Senior
HORSE SHOW	Classes	Showmanship Horsemanship Pleasure Command	Showmanship Horsemanship Pleasure Command Trail	Showmanship Horsemanship Pleasure Command Trail
	Awards	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons Showmanship Buckles High Point Plaque Reserve High Point Plaque	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons Showmanship Buckles Grand & Reserve Trophies Grand & Reserve Buckles	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons Showmanship Buckles Grand & Reserve Trophies Grand & Reserve Buckles
GYMKHANA (Speed) CONTEST	Classes		Cloverleaf Barrels Pole Bending Texas Barrels Keyhole Showmanship	Cloverleaf Barrels Pole Bending Texas Barrels Keyhole Showmanship
	Awards		1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons
			Overall High & Reserve High Buckles	
SKILL-A-THON	Awards	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons	1 st - 6 th Place Ribbons
		1 st - 3 rd Place Plaques	1 st - 3 rd Place Plaques	1 st - 3 rd Place Plaques

Florida 4-H Area and State Horse Show **Contest Rules, Regulations and Procedures** are the official rules for this show and will apply to all classes. **The Horse Show Committee and Suwannee River Fair Board of Directors have the option of applying any additional rules and classes to meet SRF regulations.** The complete Florida 4-H Area and State Horse Show Official Rules are available at <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showRules.shtml>. The following are Suwannee River Fair Horse Show specific rules and excerpts from the Florida 4-H Horse Show Official Rules:

HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- All horses presented for exhibition must be accompanied by evidence of a negative official test for equine infectious anemia conducted within 12 months prior to exhibition.
- The EIA test must be reported on VS Form 10-11 and must be: (a) An original copy of the official test record or (b) A copy of the original test record, certified by the laboratory which conducted the test or (c) A notarized copy of the original test record.
- A horse not accompanied by an EIA test record as required or which does not correspond to the description on VS Form 10-11 will be prohibited and exhibition.
- Prior to the acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida, or by a Department representative for (a) The required identification of the animal and (b) Clinical signs of disease.
- Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal known to be exposed must by: (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or (b) Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.
- Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal known to be exposed must by: (a) Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or (b) Examined

at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS AND HORSES

- Entry Fees: \$20.00
- All SRF horse projects will begin on December 1 of the year prior to the actual horse show date. (SRF) All other requirements and standards concerning ownership and replacement will follow the Florida 4-H Area and State Horse Show Official.
- Junior and Senior Divisions:** Juniors are 13 or under as of September 1 of the current 4-H year. Seniors must be 14 years old on or before September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Beginner Division** - Walk/Trot Only, Showmanship is Mandatory, Does not have an age division, Can not compete for Championship Trophies.
- All exhibitors are REQUIRED to wear an SEI or SEI/ASTM approved safety equestrian helmet with fastened chin harness in all classes and all warm-up and make-up areas. Additionally, appropriate footwear and approved helmets must be worn, with harness fastened, at all times when mounted. This pertains to the entire show grounds from the time of arrival until departure. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. (SEI - Safety Equipment Institute, ASTM - American Society of Testing and Measures).**

6. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel any class(es).
7. The SRF and Livestock Association, County 4-H Clubs, County Extension Services, and Horse Show Committee members and volunteers will not be held responsible for any accident, incident or loss that may occur to any animal, person or property, nor damage to any vehicle. (SRF)

POINT SYSTEM: Each of the first 6 horses in a class will be given 1 point for each horse placing below it, plus 1 point. Points not to exceed 6 for first place. Horses not placing in the top 6 in a class will not receive points for that class. The number of horses in a class will be determined by the number actually shown. Under no circumstances shall a disqualified contestant receive points; however, all horses brought into the ring will constitute an entry and will be counted. (SRF)

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES:

CLASS TIES: Ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in judged events will be worked off. Ties for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in timed events will be run off. Ties below 3rd place in any class will be broken at discretion of judge and show committee. For ties not broken by judge or run off, any points involved will be evenly split between contestants.

CHAMPIONSHIP/HIGH POINT AWARDS: (SRF)

In a case of ties, the following priority order apply:

1. Most points earned in Showmanship.
2. Most points earned on Conditioning and Grooming Score Card.
3. The horse with the highest placings.
4. Highest knowledge test score based on project summary.

GENERAL EVENTS PROCEDURES

1. All SRF General Events Rules & Regulations.
2. The SRF Horse Division has 3 separate events Horse Show, Gymkhana Contest, and Horse Skill-a-Thon. **Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in all 3 events.**
3. An exhibitor may show only one horse. More than 1 rider may exhibit a horse. When 2 people ride the same horse, the maximum number of classes **per event or contest** for that HORSE is 6 and under no circumstance will a horse be allowed to compete in any class twice or run any timed pattern twice.
4. The show will be held on the date scheduled barring a natural catastrophe. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor's parent or guardian to determine if he/she is able to compete safely. In case of inclement weather, all contestants must realize that the conditions and facilities are the best available as determined by the show management and show accordingly. Management reserves the right to stop or cancel a class in progress due to storm, accident, or other emergency. In the event of a class being stopped while in progress due to any of the above, the Florida 4-H Area and State Horse Show Official Rules apply.
5. Show management reserves the right to alter or modify any class procedures, obstacles, patterns, or rules for safety concerns, show facility restrictions, or other mitigating circumstances.
6. Show management reserves the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event if they deem that entry unsafe for the exhibitor and/or other exhibitors or animals. With the exhibitor's safety in mind, any activity or situation deemed unsafe can and will be stopped by show management and may result in disqualification from that class.
7. In support of the SRF horse philosophy and to insure maximum acceptance of responsibilities through learning experiences, only the exhibitor is allowed to be riding the horse while on the show grounds. "Tuning-up" by persons other than the exhibitor is prohibited. Lunging by someone other than the exhibitor is permitted. **Failure to comply may result in disqualification of the contestant.**
8. **Assistance or coaching of contestants while competing in a class may warrant penalties or disqualification.** No electronic communication devices will be allowed by exhibitors while in the class.
9. An official of the show may check the appointments of any horse/rider combination throughout the duration of the show. It is the responsibility of the contestant to comply with all rules and regulations. The judge, at his discretion, may disqualify an exhibitor for inappropriate appointments or equipment.

10. In concern for humane treatment of the horse, the judge, at his discretion, has the authority to excuse any horse from a class which is obviously lame. Obvious lameness is: consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances; marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride; minimal weight-bearing in motion and/or at rest and inability to move.
11. Striking a horse in front of cinch with anything other than the open hand is a disqualification. Striking the horse with anything, including hand, in front of the throatlatch is a disqualification.
12. The judge or designated show officials have the authority to require the removal or alteration of any piece of equipment which, in their opinion is unsafe, tends to give unfair advantage or is deemed inhumane. Any horse receiving inhumane treatment while exhibiting may be dismissed upon the discretion of the judge or show official appointed by the show management committee. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which the show management committee rules a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive, or inhumane.
13. While performing in a class, if a horse steps one or more feet out of bounds or out of the arena, that entry is disqualified.
14. The management of the show reserves the right to determine the number of horses that will be brought back to any semifinals, finals, or workout unless that number has been previously determined.
15. No string, rubber bands, or other material to tie feet or legs in stirrups is allowed.
16. Bandages (leg wraps) are not permitted in any class.
17. Random bit checks may be conducted by the judge or show management. Examples of Legal and Illegal Bits can be found at <http://www.animal.ufl.edu/youth/horse/showRules.shtml>.
18. Showmanship is Mandatory.
19. Leasing of Horse is Permissible. Complete Lease Agreement.

GYMKHANA (SPEED) CONTEST

1. These contests are strictly timed events. The contestant is allowed a running start. Timing shall begin as soon as the horse's nose crosses the starting line and will be stopped when the horse's nose passes over the finish line. Horses must be started and stopped in the arena. **Horse must be under the control of the rider upon entrance and exit of arena. No horse or rider will be assisted inside the arena. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.**
2. An electric timer is preferred for timed events and will be used when available. In the absence of an electric timer, the average time from at least two stop watches will constitute the official time. In the event of a malfunction by the electric timer the contestant will be given a rerun.
3. A clearly visible starting line shall be provided. Times will be announced at the completion of each contestant's run.
4. No rerun will be given to any contestant if handicapped by failure of personal equipment or accident to horse or rider.
5. Loss of helmet from head while in arena will result in disqualification.
6. Failure to follow or complete course is disqualification.
7. Touching barrels or poles with hand(s) is disqualification. Contestant should leave no doubt as to whether or not they touched barrel or pole with hands. This may be accomplished by keeping hands completely away from these objects. Hands should be on the reins, some part of the saddle or holding a bat and completely away from the barrels and poles.
8. **CLASSES:**

Cloverleaf Barrels is a timed pattern to be run around three barrels. Size of course will be determined by available space. First and second barrel should be at least 20 feet from fence. Each barrel knocked equals 5 second penalty.

Pole Bending is a timed pattern run around 6 poles. Each Pole knocked equals 5 second penalty.

Texas Barrels is a timed pattern run around 3 barrels. Each barrel knocked equals 5 second penalty.

Keyhole: is a timed event in which the contestant races from starting line to entrance way of key. Passes through entrance way, turns right or left in the circle, then return through the entrance and cross the start-finish line between

markers. The contestant is disqualified if a horse steps on or outside the markings of the circle or the opening or fails to cross start-finish line between markers.

HORSE SHOW EVENT

1. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CLASSES A CONTESTANT MAY ENTER IS 5. If entering 5 classes 1 MUST BE SHOWMANSHIP; otherwise the maximum number of classes is 4.
2. The Horse Show will be an open horse show or a show without riding style divisions. Western, and English (Saddle and Hunt Seat) classes will be offered and a contestant may choose any combination of classes that fit their riding abilities. The show will be divided by age into Junior and the Senior Divisions with a Grand and Reserve Championship awarded in each age division. (SRF)
3. CLASSES:

Command/Obedience Class: An elimination contest where any rider not executing the judge's exact commands promptly and correctly will be eliminated. Individuals may be stationed at various points in the ring to aid in observing and eliminating contestants. Awarding of ribbons is to be based on the order of elimination of final contestants. The judge may ask contestants to walk, jog or trot, canter or lope, reverse, halt, back, to go from any gait to any other gait and to canter or lope in a counter lead.

Equitation/Horsemanship Class: This may be a combined class consisting of both English Equitation and Western Horsemanship, but contestants will still be evaluated on the criteria for their respective class. Riders will be asked to perform individual patterns. The patterns will consist of a combination of maneuvers that will test the equitation/ horsemanship skills of the rider. All individuals, or finalists from the individual workouts, may be asked to enter the ring and work on the rail.

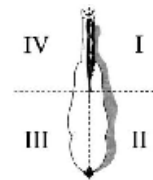
Pleasure Class: This may be a combined class consisting of Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and Saddle Seat. Judged on the horse's ease on going. Horses will be shown at three gaits walk, trot/jog/natural gait and lope/canter/ third gait in each direction of the arena. Extreme highly animated action is not desired. Horses must back easily and stand quietly. Judge has option to ask exhibitor to extend any gait or request any additional work.

Trail Class: Riders will be attired appropriately for the type of horse and tack shown. Tack (bridle/saddle) must be acceptable for use in Pleasure classes. No tie downs, martingales or mechanical hackamores. The trail course will be closed until the start of the class (no practice on the obstacles). The period in which the obstacle course will be open and **contestant order of go** will be posted and announced. Riders must take obstacles in order. Missing an obstacle or taking an obstacle out of order constitutes a disqualification. Failure to complete an obstacle once attempted does not constitute a disqualification but should be scored accordingly. **A maximum of 3 refusals or 1 minute after first refusal will be allowed on any 1 obstacle.**

Showmanship Class: Walk, trot, turn, stop, back, and pose your horse as directed by the judge or ring steward. Lead from the left side of your horse with your right hand on the lead shank or bridle reins.

When showing your horse at a walk, walk by his side - never directly in front of him. His head should be about even with your shoulder. When moving, keep your horse's neck, head, and body in a straight line and maintain precise control. Move him directly toward or away from the judge, unless the judge indicates that he wishes to see him from the side. Show the horse with a shank short enough to assure maximum control and responsiveness from the horse. The basic position of the exhibitor should allow constant observation of the horse's feet and also permit observation of the judge and ring officials. Never obstruct the view of the judge and do not stand directly in front of the horse.

The following suggested guidelines of movement are meant to serve as an illustration of proper movement around the horse while showing in Showmanship, and are for exhibitor information. Imaginary lines divide the horse into four equal parts as seen in the figure below. One line runs across the horse just behind the withers. The other imaginary line runs from head to tail. When the judge is in I, the exhibitor should be in IV. As the judge moves to II, the exhibitor should move to I. When the judge moves to III, the exhibitor moves to IV. As the judges move up to IV, the exhibitor returns once more to I. This method is based on safety, as the exhibitor can keep the horse's hindquarters from swinging toward the judge should the horse become fractious.



Conditioning and Grooming Score: During the showmanship class the judge will look at the horse's appearance and overall condition of horse is considered, although conformation is not judged. The judge will score each animal based on a predetermined criteria and will make an overall comment concerning the condition and grooming of the class before placing the showmanship class. See Project Summary Sheet. (SRF)

Blue (14-10) 3 Points; Red (9-5) 2 Points; White (4-0) 1 Point
Conditioning and Grooming Score Card (Mandatory in Showmanship)
Coat Condition: A clean properly brushed and fed horse will always have <u>BLOOM</u> to his hair coat.
Mane/Tail Condition: Properly maintained manes and tails should be neat, clean, tangle-free and in good condition.
General Health: Overall appearance of the horse should indicate a healthy parasite free horse.
Body Condition: A horse that is fed a ration to meet his activity level will not be too thin or fat.
Muscle Structure: A horse that is regularly exercised will have adequate muscle tone, definition, and structure.
Unsoundness: Is the horse sound and free of blemishes that will hinder his performance.
Hoof Care: Is the horse properly trimmed or shod. Lack of proper hoof care can cause incorrect action or conformation.

4-H CLOVERBUD DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. First time or young fair participants can be overwhelmed by the noise, animals, and crowd. So we want to make the experiences of you and your child enjoyable and memorable. The following information can help you prepare for the fair and understand what to expect when you arrive, enter exhibits and participate in the various shows.
2. In preparation for the 4H Cloverbud Division you are encouraged to visit the Home Economic, Poultry and Rabbit web pages <http://swanneeriveryouthfair.org>. Here you will find the rules and regulations for each division as well as information to help you and your child prepare for the various shows.
3. To be eligible to enter exhibits in the Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show and Sale, students must be members in good standing of a 4-H Club in Dixie, Levy or Gilchrist Counties.
4. Cloverbuds are 4-H members who are 5 years old as of September 1 of the CURRENT 4-H program year but not 8 years old. 4-H members who are NOT 8 years old by September 1 of the current 4-H program year CAN NOT participate in Large Animal Projects.
5. 4-H Cloverbuds are eligible for participation in the Home Economics Division and the Small Animal Division. 4-H Cloverbud entries will be judged and will be awarded green ribbons of participation. 4-H Cloverbuds may participate for a green ribbon in Rabbit and Poultry Showmanship for experience.
6. See Specific Show Division for Rules and Regulations.
7. **Small Animal Division:** Entry Fee- \$5.00 The Cloverbud registration form is different from the 4-H/FFA registration form. Please fill out the correct form for your child.
8. **Home Economics Division:** No entry fee or preregistration required.
9. Complete a 4-H Cloverbud project summary sheet on each Small Animal Division project. Home Economics – No Summary Sheet Required. Poultry & Rabbit Division – Summary Sheet Required
10. We understand that most children in this age group are not capable of completing a detailed summary of their project. Through the assistance of early childhood educators we have devised a method for each child to explain and/or describe some aspect of their project. Each child will draw or take pictures of their animal and if they are capable of writing or just want to try they have been provided a space to scribe. The first, then, next, finally format we use is very similar to the methods used by school teachers in developing writing skills. Also, we have provided a space for you to help them answer 2 questions about their project experience.

SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION

1. Entry Fees: \$10.00 4-H/FFA Members
\$5.00 4-H Cloverbud Members
2. **CLOVERBUDS:** Refer to 4-H Cloverbud rules and regulations.
3. All small animals must be owned by the exhibitor 60 days prior to fair entry. Leased or borrowed animals will not be permitted.
4. At check-in **EACH EXHIBITOR MUST BE PRESENT WITH THEIR ANIMAL, COMPLETED PROJECT SUMMARY AND CAGE OR COOP THEIR OWN ANIMAL PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHECK IN FOR EXHIBITORS.** See Fair schedule for check-in time.
5. All poultry and rabbits will be checked in the arena at entry time by the committee or they will not be allowed to enter and show.
6. Early removal of exhibits shall result in loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.
7. No exhibitor animals may be offered for sale on the Fairgrounds.
8. The Fair Association will not be responsible for any loss.
9. There will be NO medicating of animals. If illness appears during the course of the Fair, the animal will be quarantined and must be removed from the barn that day.
10. The Fair Association will furnish exhibition pens or coops.
11. Exhibitors must provide feed and water containers (for each cage) and feed and water animal(s) daily. **Containers must be attached to cage. DO NOT FEED ANIMALS THAT DO NOT BELONG TO YOU.** Contact Superintendent or committee member for assistance.
12. Animals may only be removed from cages with permission of the Superintendent, with the exception of pre-judging grooming.
13. Failure to abide by the show and health rules and regulations will result in the loss of ribbons and future showing privileges.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS: Rabbit & Poultry

1. Both contests will have Primary, Junior and Senior classes with first, second and third place plaques awarded in each class. Scores: 90-100 Blue, 80-89 Red, 70-79 White and 69 or below Green.
2. 4-H Cloverbuds may participate in these contests for experience and will be awarded a green ribbon.
3. Illustrated steps for showmanship can be found at <http://suwanneeriveryouthfair.org>
4. Score Cards can be found in the project summary sheet and at <http://suwanneeriveryouthfair.org>

RABBIT SHOW HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. Rabbits may not be placed in cages until approved by the show superintendent or show committee. The Rabbit Show Superintendent may decline any entry that is not in the best interest of the fair, other exhibitors and/or rabbits to be shown.
2. Rabbits will NOT be accepted if they are unhealthy or infested with internal or external parasites; such as lice, mites, and fleas. Ears and fur must be clean and free of mites
3. No doe may be shown pregnant

RABBIT SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Entries will be limited to three (3) rabbits plus one (1) meat pen.
2. Rabbits will be judged on a Modified Danish System. 4-H Cloverbuds will receive a green ribbon of participation. All rabbits will be judged individually, with the exception of meat pens, they are judged as a group.
3. Meat pens shall consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Maximum age limit is 10 weeks. Minimum weight will be 3 pounds each and Maximum weight 5 pounds each.
4. Exhibitor must physically show his/her exhibit during the show, using accepted handling techniques and abiding by SRF Dress Code.
5. All rabbits must be purebred to enter the show. Refer to American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection and the ARBA website <http://www.arba.net> for a list of recognized breeds and their standards. A purebred rabbit will be defined as an animal whose parents are of the same recognized breed and meet the requirements for the stan-

dards of their breed as defined in the ARBA Standard of Perfection.

6. AWARDS:

- a. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to recognized purebred breeds and/or varieties, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon. Red or White ribbons will be awarded to unrecognized breeds and/or varieties, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon. White ribbons will be awarded to all mixed breed entries, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon.
 - b. Rosettes will be awarded to the class winners.
 - c. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected, based on overall qualities determined by the judge according to ARBA Standards of Perfection.
 - d. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place meat pens will be given monetary awards.
 - e. Herdsman Award – 1st and 2nd Place in each age division will receive an award.
7. Rabbit breeds that will be show in the Suwannee River Youth Show are:

*American	*Californian	Harlequin	Polish
American Fuzzy Lop	*Champagne D'Argent	Havana	Rex
American Sable	*Checked Giant	Himalayan	Mini Rex
English Angora	*American Chinchilla	Jersey Woolly	Rhineland
French Angora	*Giant Chinchilla	Lilac	*Satin
*Giant Angora	Standard Chinchilla	*English Lop	Mini Satin
Satin Angora	*Cinnamon	*French Lop	Silver
*Beveren	*Crème D'Argent	Holland Lop	*Silver Fox
Belgian Hare	Dutch	Mini Lop	Silver Marten
*Blanc de Hotot	English Spot	Netherland Dwarf	Tan
Dwarf Hotot	*Flemish Giant	*New Zealand	Thrianta
Britannia Petite	Florida White	*Palomino	*6 class rabbits

POULTRY SHOW HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All chickens going to public exhibition shall originate from pullorum-typhoid clean flocks or hatcheries or have necessary pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to exhibition. On the day of entry, a State Veterinarian or USDA representative will examine the general health of the birds. All birds not on the NPIP program will be bled to check for pullorum-typhoid and throats swabbed for Avian Influenza and Exotic Newcastle.
2. If you participate in the NPIP (National Poultry Improvement Plan) write your card number on your entry form in the space provided. Upon arrival at the fair notify USDA representatives prior to bleeding and show them your card.
3. Poultry may not be placed in cages until approved by the State Veterinarian and/or USDA representative and Show Superintendent and/or Show Committee. The Poultry Show Superintendent may decline any entry that is not in the best interest of the fair, other exhibitors and/or poultry to be shown. Birds will not be accepted if they appear unhealthy or infested with internal or external parasites.
4. There will be NO medicating of animals. If illness appears during the course of the Fair, the animals must be removed from the barn that day.

POULTRY SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Each exhibitor may enter a total of 8 divided into the following classes:
 - 4 Fancy Exhibition Chickens (Large Fowl/Bantam)
 - 2 Commercial Egg Production Hens
 - 2 Exhibition Ducks
2. The Judge has the right to, NOT handle any bird to determine placement for judging or due to aggressive.
3. Enter only fancy or best producing poultry by the division listed and age, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen. No guineas, quail, turkeys, peafowl, swans, geese, pigeons, pheasants, ostrich, emus, rheas or other exotic poultry or waterfowl may be entered.

FANCY EXHIBITION CHICKEN DIVISION: Four (4) Pure Bred Large Fowl and/or Bantam Chickens recognized in the Standard of Perfection may be shown. Refer to Poultry breeds and classes. Commercial Egg Production hens entered in Fancy Exhibition will not receive a blue ribbon or be considered for Best of Breed or Best of Class.

EXHIBITION DUCK DIVISION: Two (2) Pure Bred Ducks recognized in the Standard of Perfection may be shown. Refer to RULE 6 for a list of breeds and classes.

COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCTION HEN DIVISION: Two (2) Production Large Fowl hens of the following breeds may be entered, White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, Red Sex Links, Black Sex Links and all Plymouth Rock Breeds.

5. AWARDS

- a. Birds will be judged on the Modified Danish System. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded to recognized purebred breeds and/or varieties, except for Cloverbuds which will receive a green ribbon. Red or White ribbons will be awarded to unrecognized breeds and/or varieties, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon. Ribbons for mixed breed entries are at the discretion of the official judge, except for Cloverbuds, which will receive a green ribbon.

- b. An Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Poultry will be selected, based on overall qualities determined by the judge according to American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association Standards of Perfection. Poultry entries included in the Commercial Class will not be considered for these awards.
- c. Herdsman Award – 1st and 2nd place in each age division will receive an award.
- d. Awards will be given to all Champion and Reserve Champion Class winners listed below:

1	Standard	American Asiatic Continental English Mediterranean AOSB (All Other Standard Breeds)	3	Duck	Heavy Class Medium Class Light Class Bantam Class
2	Bantam	Feather Legged Game Bantams RCCL (Rose Comb Clean Legged) SCCL (Single Comb Clean Legged) AOCCL (All Other Combs Clean Legged)	4		Commercial Class

6. Poultry Classes and Breeds that can be shown are listed below:

DUCK CLASSES

Heavy		Medium		Light		Bantam		
Aylesbury	Pekin	Blue Swedish	Cayuga	Khaki Campbell	Call	East India	Maggie	
Muscovy	Rouen	Buff	Crested	Magpie	Carolina Wood	Mandarin	Mallard	

LARGE FOWL CLASSES

American Class				Asiatic Class		English Class		Mediterranean Class	
Buckeyes	Hollands	New Hampshire	Wyandotte	Cochin	Australorps	Anconcas	Andalusians		
Chanteclers	Javas	Plymouth Rock		Brahama	Dorkings	Catalanas	Leghorns		
Delawares	Jersey Giants	Rhode Island Red		Langshan	Orpingtons	Minorcas	Spanish		
Dominiques	Lamonas	Rhode Island White			Sussex	Sicilian Buttercup			
Continental Class				AOSB (All Other Standard Breeds)					
Barnvelders	Faverolles	LaFleche	Welsummers	Ameraucanas	Cubalayas	Modern Game	Phoenix	Sultans	
Campines	Hamburgs	Lakenvelders		Araucanas	Frizzle	Naked Neck	Shamos	Yokohamas	
Crevecoeurs	Houdans	Polish		Aseels	Malays	Old English Game			

BANTAM CLASSES

AOCCL (All other combs clean legged)						Feather Legged			
Ameraucana	Buckeyes	Cornish	Cubalayas	LeFleche	Polish	Brahamas	Cochins	Faverolles	Langshans
Araucanas	Chanteclers	Crevecoeurs	Houdans	Malays	Shamos	Belgian Bearded d'Uccle	Frizzles	Langshans	Silkie
RCCL (Rose Comb Clean Legged)								Game Bantam	
Anconcas	Dominiques	Dorkings	Leghorns	Redcaps	Rosecombs	Wyandottes	Modern Game		
Belgian Bearded d'Anvers		Hamburgs	Minorcas	Rhode Island White & Red		Sebrights	Old English Game		
SCCL (Single Comb Clean Legged)									
Andalusians	Campines	Dorkings	Hollands	Jersey Giants	Leghorns	New Hampshire	Phoenix	Sussex	
Anconcas	Catalanas	Dutch	Japanese	Lamonas	Minorcas	Orpingtons	Rhode Island Red		
Australorps	Delawares	Frizzles	Javas	Lakenvelders	Naked Necks	Plymouth Rock	Spanish	Welsummers	

SWINE DIVISION

SWINE HEALTH REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. All vehicles transporting animals for exhibition in Florida shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to the loading of the animal.
2. Prior to the acceptance at an exhibition, all animals presented for exhibition must be visually inspected by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida, or by a Department representative for:
 - a. The required identification of the animal.
 - b. Clinical signs of disease.
3. Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection, or any animal known to be exposed must be:
 - a. Withdrawn from exhibition and returned to the place of origin, or
 - b. Examined at the owner's expense within 24 hours by a veterinarian licensed in the State of Florida who certifies by a signed written statement that the animal is free of contagious or infectious disease.
4. **Swine with evidence of "crooked nose" disease will not be allowed in the fair.**

SWINE RULES

1. All swine must be barrows or gilts. Male hogs must have been cut at the time of the initial tag in.
2. Entry Fees: **\$25.00.**
3. **Swine will not be weighed at the initial tag in. All animals and exhibitors must be present at the initial tag in.**
4. Swine must be clean and parasite free at the March entry.
5. **Maximum weight at the March weigh-in will be 290 pounds, minimum weight will be 230 pounds.**
6. No swine may change their assigned pens without authorization of a fair official.
7. No hay is allowed in the swine pens.
8. Swine will be weighed only once. The exhibitor, at this time, may request the animal be removed from the scales, the scales re-balanced and the animal immediately re-weighed.
9. A 10% sales commission and a pork check-off fee of .0045% of market (resale) value, as required by law, will be deducted from the exhibitor's proceeds.

JUDGING & SKILL-A-THON & OTHER CONTESTS

1. Open to ALL participants in the Suwannee River Youth Livestock Show and Sale. Contestants must be at least 8 years old as of September 1 of current 4-H year and a bonafide 4-H or FFA member in Dixie, Gilchrist or Levy Counties.
2. Age Division: Primary, Junior and Senior.
3. Contestants and or Teams must be registered 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest. No one is allowed in the judging area except judging teams (No Adults). NO CELL PHONES.
4. Judging Contests: Each club or chapter may enter up to 3 teams; 1 Primary, 1 Junior and 1 Senior team or a mixed team. A mixed team would be entered at the level of the oldest participant. A team will consist of three or four members. The team score will be the total of the three highest individual scores of members of the team. When a club or chapter does not have enough members for a team, they may enter 1 or 2 individuals.
5. Skill-a-Thon Contests are individual contests with No 4-H/FFA Divisions.
6. Score Card: Circle the string of numbers on your judging card that matches the sequence you decided on. Example, if you like animal #3 for your best animal, #2 for second best, #4 for third best and #1 for last place, you would find and circle the number string 3241 on you judging card. The first place number is always on the left and the fourth place number is always on the right.
7. Awards will be given to the first three (3) places in Primary, Junior and Senior Divisions and high individuals for each age group. Contests may or may not have separate 4-H and FFA Divisions.
8. Contact <http://suwanneeriverfair.org> for study materials.
9. Classes for the judging and skill-a-thon contest will be selected and set up by the contest committee prior to the start of the contest.

JUDGING CONTESTS

CONSUMER CHOICE JUDGING: 4 judging situations. NO Divisions.

DAIRY JUDGING: 12 min. will be allowed to judge a class. Divisions.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING: 10 min. will be allowed to judge a class. Divisions.

SKILL-A-THONS: A Skill-a-Thon encourages youth to continue expanding their understanding, knowledge, and participation in all areas of animal science. These contests have been designed to provide youth with the opportunity to blend the knowledge and skills acquired into one activity. Example areas include: Safety and You, Parts of the Animal, Breeds, Face & Leg Markings, Parasites, Grains and Feeds Stuffs. Skill-a-Thons Offered: **Horse Science and Horsemanship, Poultry Science and Judging, Rabbit Science and Judging.**

RECORD BOOK CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. All bonafide 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members in Dixie, Gilchrist and Levy Counties are eligible to participate in the record book contest. There will be three age divisions for the record book contest The Age Divisions will be divided into both 4-H and FFA Divisions. 4-H members must be 8 years old by Sept. 1 of the current year to participate in this contest.
2. Participants will not be limited as to the number of record books he/she can enter into the contest. 4-H and FFA members who do not own a livestock project animal, may enter this contest by collecting data and information from a club or chapter animal.
3. Participants will be charged \$5.00 for each record book. This fee is non-refundable. All/Part of the proceeds will be split among contest winners.
4. Participants must pre-register for this contest according to show division procedures.
5. The fair association will sponsor the record book contest.
6. Completed record books are to be placed in the drop box in front of the fair office by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday of Swine Weigh-in. When possible, individuals from outside the tri-county area will be sought to judge and score the record book competition.
7. A hand written thank you letter in an addressed envelope (not sealed) with a stamp must be paper clipped to the inside cover of your record book. Your record book will not be judged without this letter.
8. Current guidelines for completing record books can be found on the back of every record book.

9. **AWARDS**: First, second and third place plaques will be awarded to 4-H Primary, Jr., & Sr. and FFA Jr. & Sr. participants. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Rosette (Top 5%) 95-100 points, Blue 90-94 points, Red 80-89 points, White 70-79 points, Green Participation 69 points and below.

MARKET STEER GROUP STEER CONTEST

1. Steer groups will be entered from any 4-H club or FFA chapter participating in the fair.
2. A steer group will consist of three (3) animals. These animals are to be selected from all steers accepted for entry from each individual club or chapter.
3. Any club or chapter may enter only one group of steers.
4. Groups selected should be uniform by size, conformation and desirable carcass traits. Judging will be based on 50% uniformity and 50% carcass traits.
5. Group entries selected for competition by chapter or club shall be submitted to the Superintendent of the show by 12 noon prior to the start of the market steer show.
6. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) groups in this contest

MARKET STEER GAIN IN WEIGHT CONTEST

1. The purpose of the contest is to test the exhibitor's ability as a feeder and his ability in selection of an animal to make an economical gain.
2. Steer committee will be responsible for weighing and certifying these weights to the sponsor.
3. Any bonafide steer entry in the Suwannee River Fair and Livestock Show, which meets contest rules, will be eligible to compete.
4. Each steer must be identified at the time of weigh-in with an ear tag and EID provided by the association.
5. The show classification weight will be used at the end of the feeding period weight.
6. Plaques will be given for top three places.

DAIRY GOAT CONTESTS

Costume Contest: The goat is in costume and the exhibitor is encouraged to dress up as well, but is not required. Costumes must be comfortable and allow for movement of both the exhibitor and the goat. The sky is the limit, use your imagination and have fun! All ages compete together.

Milking Contest: This is a timed event in which the exhibitor will milk as much milk as fast as they can within the time limit. The milk will be measured to determine the winners. All ages will compete together.

Poster Contest: Posters will be on 16x22 (or large size) foam board and must be of educational value. Posters will be on display during the fair. Art work must be that of the exhibitor, but parents are encouraged to help guide their child. There will be three divisions. **Poster deadline is February 25 at 4pm. Turn in your posters to the Gilchrist County Extension Office.** There will be 3 individual divisions.

Adult Milking Contest Milk Off: Parents, this is your chance to challenge a friend or your child to a milking contest! The competition is between two people. The winner gets bragging rights and the losers pay \$20 fee to be used for exhibitor premiums/prizes. This event is timed and the milk is weighed.

Open Mock Dairy Goat Showmanship Show for Non Goat Exhibitors: This show is open to any child, any age that would like to see what showing a goat is all about. Children under the age of 8 must have parental supervision. Perspective exhibitors must arrange ahead of time with an exhibitor to use their goat for the mock goat show. This is on a volunteer basis. Hopefully this will foster the desire to be in next years goat show. A demonstration will be given on how to show a goat before the show starts.

SMALL ANIMAL POSTER CONTESTS

Topic may change each year. Refer to Project Summary Sheet for current year topic. Posters should made on a **large** poster or foam board (16 x 22 or larger size) and must be of education value. The purpose of the posters is to teach exhibitors and public about different aspects of the rabbit or poultry project. Art work must be that of an exhibitor, but parents are encouraged to help guide their child especially the Primary and Cloverbud divisions. Posters may be turned in at entry. Write your name and age as of Sept 1st on the back of the posters. Posters will be divided into 4 divisions Cloverbud, Primary, Junior and Senior. Posters will be displayed after they are judged.