

SCIOTO COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

LIVESTOCK

SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Scioto County Agricultural Society, OSU Extension, Scioto County Market and Breeding Animal Committee, Horse Committee and 4-H Committees reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Scioto County Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand it.

Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, awards or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld.

To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock shows, the aforementioned committees reserve the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid or liquid under the skin or into the animal's body to alter its normal conformation. It shall include also any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide, and/or the removal or addition of tissue or other substances in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, as well as, the dyeing or coloring of the animal which alters their natural coloration (hair, skin, hooves, etc.), (**neutral coloring only may be used**); also artificial tail heads, switches, polls, body hair and heels shall be considered as unethical fitting. Only horses may use artificial hair.

The use of any electrical device to produce shock to any animal is prohibited. Severe slapping or striking of any animal shall be prohibited. The use of inhumane bits, and other means of restraint, is prohibited. The use of ice or any other substances (internal or external) in an attempt to change the degree of firmness of any animal shall also be considered unethical and illegal. Any practice that involves administering fluids to change the conformation of an animal is prohibited. The use of Clenbuterol, "Ace" or **any other drugs not approved by the FDA for market animal or specific specie animal use is prohibited**. The slick clipping or body shaving of hair on market hogs (except ears and tails) is highly discouraged and if not policed by advisors and parents, will be prohibited.

The use of unapproved drugs, additives, techniques, grooming aids and/or shaving techniques may lead to the condemnation of a carcass or legal action against the exhibitor and/or their family. If animals are refused or a carcass condemned, or the exhibitor is found in violation of the se rules, the exhibitor will bear any financial and/or legal burden associated with the animal. All animals, and the exhibitors involved, giving evidence of unlawful and/or unethical treatment and/or behavior will be barred from competition at the Scioto County Fair and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Please refer to ODA guidelines for a complete listing of exhibition rules.

Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Scioto County Agricultural Society, ODA and aforementioned committees, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. If applicable, the animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.

Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal or carcass shall be returned to the exhibitor. All places in show will stand. No animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money, and awards won in any junior fair and/or open class divisions.

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Revised Code for
DRUG RESTRICTIONS

959.05 Drugging animal prior to competition restricted. (In Part)

No person shall administer to any animal within forty-eight hours prior to the time that the animal competes at a fair or exhibition conducted by a county or independent agricultural society authorized under Chapter 1771. of the Revised Code or by the Ohio Expositions Commission any drug or medicament not specifically permitted under rules of the state racing commission promulgated pursuant to Chapter 3769. of the Revised Code or under rules of the society, or of the Ohio Expositions Commission, in respect to the Ohio State Fair.

TESTING FOR DRUGS

The Scioto County Agricultural Society, OSU Extension, Ohio Department Of Agriculture, 4-H Committee and the Scioto County Market and Breeding Animal Committee shall have the right to require any suspected animal to be subject to examinations or tests as prescribed by the Board, ODA or Committee to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal. **Positive test results of any substance administered to the animal to alter the conformation or temperament of the animal will be considered fraud and deception.**

RULE VIOLATIONS

In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Fair officials in that particular department. If it is felt a violation has occurred, the department official will make recommendations to the Agricultural Society, 4-H and Market and Breeding Animal Committee.

After the committee hears the case and recommendations are presented by the Fair officials, they will decide if the case should be brought before the Fairboard and Committees, Ohio Department of Agriculture and/or local law enforcement.

In the decision of a case being brought before the Board and Committee, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case.

Upon hearing the case, the Scioto County Senior Fair Board, Market and Breeding Animal Committee, or 4-H Committee will make a ruling.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by Board and Committees that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future agriculture fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3) years before the right to review. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Fair Board will require the Exhibitor to refund ALL premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and sale money under such violation. Unless fraud or deception are involved, all champion places shall stand.

Cases brought to the attention of the Ohio Department Of Agriculture and/or local law enforcement will be treated as a criminal investigation.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. Protests must be made, in writing, signed by at least two people, and filed with the fair official by noon of the day following award, or violation, accompanied by protest fee of \$100.00, which will be retained by the Scioto County Senior Fair Board or 4-H Committee if protest is not sustained. The fair officials shall hear protests with the superintendent of the department involved and, if necessary, other people will be involved as designated by the fair official.
2. All protests will be considered at a time set by the fair officials of the Scioto County Junior and Senior Fair and all parties will be notified.
3. Protests brought forth in a untimely or inappropriate manner will not be considered. All decisions by a judge or committee are final.
4. In all livestock (including horses, goats, poultry, and rabbit) classes, these regulations will be in full force and effect.

“Note to self”

Add The Following:

Ohio Farm Animal Care Commission

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Important Factors to Remember