

FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
STEER SHOW AND SALE MARCH 6-10, 2012
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

SPONSORED BY:

THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL INC., IN COOPERATION WITH THE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOLS AGRIBUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE PAGES ARE LEGIBLE AND COMPLETE

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

Check and/or complete one:

_____ I have exhibited in the Festival Steer Show. The last year I participated _____
_____ 2012 will be the first year I exhibit a steer in the Festival Steer Show

PLEASE READ RULES CAREFULLY

FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF ENTRY. REMINDER: THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD – DUE 7/29/11. CHECK ITEMS 1-5 UPON APPLICATION SUBMISSION

1. SUBMIT PAGES 1-5 OF ENTRY FORM
_____ PAGE TWO ATTACHED
_____ PAGE THREE ATTACHED
_____ PAGE FOUR ATTACHED
_____ PAGE FIVE ATTACHED
2. SUBMIT A BILL OF SALE WITH ENTRY
_____ BILL OF SALE
3. ATTACH RECENT PHOTO OF EXHIBITOR
_____ PHOTO ATTACHED
4. ATTACH REPORT CARD (2ND SEMESTER 10-11 SCHOOL YEAR)
_____ REPORT CARD ATTACHED
5. ATTACH ENTRY FEE CHECK
_____ (\$50 PAYABLE TO FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL)

NOTE:

- 1) READ GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS VERY CAREFULLY. A COPY OF THE EXHIBITOR'S REPORT CARD MUST BE ATTACHED. GPA REQUIREMENT IS 2.5 WEIGHTED BASED UPON THE 2ND SEMESTER OF 10-11 SCHOOL YEAR. REPORT CARD TO BE USED IS THE ONE RECEIVED VIA MAIL THAT SHOWS STATE AND DISTRICT (WEIGHTED) GPA (PUBLIC SCHOOLS).
- 2) PLEASE READ AND ADHERE TO THE ATTACHED CODE OF ETHICS.
- 3) AN EXHIBITOR WHO ENTERS A STEER THAT WAS NOT BORN, BRED & HOUSED IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, OR WHO PAYS MORE THAN THE ALLOWED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE STEER, SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM EXHIBITING THE ANIMAL AND SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT AT FUTURE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER SHOWS AND SALES.
- 4) REVIEW RULE 5E CONCERNING CONDUCT.
- 5) REVIEW RULE 5G, REGARDING TAMPERING, VERY CAREFULLY.
- 6) PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE BEEN A 4-H OR FFA MEMBER IN 2010-11.

ENTRIES CLOSE: MIDNIGHT, JULY 29TH, 2011
ATTACH Pages 1-5, "BILL OF SALE" & CHECK. MAIL OR DELIVER ENTRIES TO:
STEER SHOW, FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
P.O. DRAWER 1869, PLANT CITY, FL 33564-1869

Office hours are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PROMPT), Mon. - Thurs., Friday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Please accept entry of the animal listed below for exhibition and sale at the Steer Show & Sale subject to these Rules and Classifications as printed and maintained by the Florida Strawberry Festival, **which I have read and understand, and by which I hereby agree to be governed.** I am keeping a complete record book on the animal. I understand that this book must be submitted when the animal is accepted in the Show. I further affirm that I am a bona-fide youth agricultural organization or FFA member in Hillsborough County, and that **I meet grade level requirements. I am currently active in the 4-H youth organization, or FFA, WILL BE IN 2011-2012, and was an ACTIVE 4-H or FFA member during the 2010-2011 school year.**

OWNER'S NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____

FIRST NAME AS YOU WISH LISTED _____

AGE AT TIME OF SHOW (MARCH 7, 2012) _____ (Showmanship classes based on age or grade level)

MAILING ADDRESS _____
(STREET) (CITY) (ZIP)

STREET ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING _____
(STREET) (CITY)

PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' NAME(S) _____

YOUTH AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION/FFA ADVISOR'S NAME _____ (11-12)

(11-12) SCHOOL OF EXHIBITOR _____ GRADE LEVEL (2011-2012) _____

STUDENT NUMBER _____

NAME OF CLUB/CHAPTER (2011-2012) _____

(10-11) CLUB _____ LEADER'S NAME (10-11) _____

BREED OF ANIMAL _____ TAG# if tagged _____ DATE (Mo, Yr) CALVED _____

NAME OF PRODUCER _____ PRODUCER'S PHONE _____

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I HAVE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ENTRY & THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS ANIMAL IN THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER SHOW & SALE. I HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. I WILL ALLOW REASONABLE VISITATION BY STEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Signature of leader/FFA Advisor)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I WAS OWNER OF THIS ANIMAL ON OR BEFORE JULY 29, 2011. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH THEM.

(SIGNATURE OF ANIMAL OWNER)

PHYSICAL LOCATION (ADDRESS) OF THE ANIMAL IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE:

ADDRESS CITY AND ZIP CODE

CAREFULLY READ, SIGN AND RETURN WITH ENTRY FORM AND BILL OF SALE.

DECLARATION OF PURCHASE: I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE ABOVE LISTED ANIMAL **HAS NEVER BEEN SOLD FOR A PRICE EXCEEDING \$800.00**, INCLUDING ALL ACCESSORY FEES, AND THAT I AUTHORIZE MY CHILD TO ENTER THIS ANIMAL IN THE 2012 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER SHOW AND SALE.

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. **UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I AM AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE.**

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT I WAS OWNER OF THE ABOVE LISTED ANIMAL ON OR BEFORE JULY 29th, 2011 AND THAT THE ABOVE LISTED ANIMAL HAS NEVER SOLD FOR A PRICE EXCEEDING \$800.00 INCLUDING ALL ACCESSORY FEES.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I AM AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE.

(Signature of Animal Owner)

BREEDER'S CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM THE PRODUCER OF THIS _____
(BREED OF ANIMAL)

OR THAT I AM THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRODUCER, AND THAT THIS ANIMAL WAS BRED, BORN AND HOUSED IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ON _____ (DATE: MONTH, YEAR)

AT _____ IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.
(LOCATION, NAME OF RANCH & TOWN)

BREEDER'S PRINTED NAME _____

BREEDER'S SIGNATURE _____ BREEDER'S PHONE: _____

BREEDER'S ADDRESS _____
(ADDRESS) (CITY & ZIP CODE)

ANIMAL COLOR _____

DISTINGUISHING MARKS _____

BREED (S) OF ANIMAL:

TAG AND/OR TATTOO # IF AVAILABLE: TAG _____ TATTOO _____

STEER COMMITTEE MEMBER'S SIGNATURE _____

I have viewed the steer and the dam of the steer described in this application or I have commented below on reasons dam may have not been present.

TO BE INCLUDED ON 2012 STEER ENTRY FORM EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

1. **I understand that no food may be consumed by exhibitors or family members, or those associated with me during the Steer Show, in the livestock arena or tents and understand that disqualification is the penalty for not complying with this rule. Food or drink products are not permitted in the livestock tents or work areas.**
2. I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS. (A separate copy is attached to the list of rules.)
3. I have also read and understand Rule 5F, which refers to possible quarantine.
4. I agree and consent to the use of pictures, including but not limited to photographs and video, of me and/or steer in any or all publications, TV, publicity brochure, internet site, or other publicity associated with the Florida Strawberry Festival. Examples of possible use are, but not limited to, pictures of Grand and Reserve Champion exhibitors for a buyer and sponsor thank you advertisement, pictures and/or video of exhibitors used by the Florida Strawberry Festival for publicity, and pictures by the news media used to recognize the steer show and/or sale.
5. I agree that the exhibitor is capable of performing the tasks of care and grooming and will adhere to the remainder of this paragraph. The Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Show & Sale exists for youth as described in this application. Assistance from parents and/or legal guardians is encouraged. Though assistance is encouraged, care and grooming of the animal, especially in the hours just prior to the Show and Sale, is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Assistance of parents, or others, must consist only of aiding in restraining the animal while it is being prepared for show. **Only one person will be allowed to assist on the nights of the show and sale and that person will be a parent, legal guardian, sibling if a parent or legal guardian is physically unable to assist.** If a parent, legal guardian, or sibling is physically unable to assist, the chairman of the steer committee may provide needed assistance. Requests for consideration must be made prior to final entry.
6. **I understand that the use of profanity at any event related to the Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Show by me may result in disqualification and forfeiture or all premiums.**

7. **CHECK ONE:**

_____ I HAVE ATTENDED A STATE FAIR ETHICS WORKSHOP. ATTENDANCE IS VALID FOR 3 YEARS. THE
(Reminder: Ethics Workshop Held at the Strawberry Festival on January 8, 2011 was a State Fair Workshop)

MONTH AND DATE I ATTENDED WAS: _____

ETHICS CERTIFICATE NUMBER: _____

_____ I HAVE NOT ATTENDED A STATE FAIR ETHICS WORKSHOP BUT PLAN TO ATTEND AN ETHICS
WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DURING DECEMBER, 2011, OR JANUARY,
2012.

EXHIBITOR SIGNATURE _____ Date: _____
(EXHIBITOR AS DEFINED AS: OWNER, FITTER, TRAINER, AND EXHIBITOR)

PARENT (GUARDIAN) SIGNATURE _____ Date: _____
(PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE EXHIBITOR)

SAFETY RULES CONCERNING LIVESTOCK AND PLANT AREAS

The following rules govern all livestock shows including the plant show. It includes all areas in the Festival deemed as agricultural and all locations on the Festival grounds where animals are housed.

The rules concern all participants, their families and any visitors to these areas.

These rules are based on The Center for Disease Control Guidelines for the safe operation of livestock shows.

These rules have been made policy by the Board of Directors of the Florida Strawberry Festival® and as such will be strictly enforced to ensure the festival's continued ability to provide livestock exhibitions at the Florida Strawberry Festival® in future years.

1. Know that animals carry germs that can make people sick and have actually done so.
2. Any contact with animals should always be followed by washing of your hands.
3. **There can be absolutely NO FOOD or DRINK in any form in the livestock or youth plant show areas.** This includes visitors, family and exhibitors.
4. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to educate visitors and report food and drink violations to appropriate parties.
5. No animal can be fed anything but livestock feed in appropriate containers. If an exhibitor is feeding an animal food other than livestock feed, the exhibitor has already violated Rule #3 above.
6. No one but the exhibitor or his/her duly appointed designee can have direct contact with the animals.
7. All animal areas will be set up so that the general public cannot directly touch the livestock.
8. These rules may change from time to time. It is the exhibitor's and guardian's responsibility to verify the rules prior to entering the show.

Each exhibitor and their legal guardian must sign a copy of these rules agreeing to be bound by them. These rules will be enforced uniformly and without exception. **Any exhibitor not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the livestock or plant show and no one will be permitted to exhibit or sell the disqualified individual's plant(s) or animal(s) at the Florida Strawberry Festival. If a disqualified individual is exhibiting in more than one event referenced above, the individual will be disqualified from all from the point the infraction occurs and will forfeit premiums and awards.**

We have read and understand these rules and we agree to the following as stated above.

_____	_____	_____
Exhibitor's Signature	Please Print Name	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Legal Guardian	Please Print Name	Date

Applications to exhibit plants or animals in the 2012 Florida Strawberry Festival® will not be accepted if this statement is not signed and attached to the application to exhibit.

**FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2012 STEER SHOW AND SALE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(NOTE THAT THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER DATES)

CHAIRMAN: JON POPPELL, TELEPHONE: 813 716-5290 SUPERINTENDENT: KENNETH PARKER

Entry due: July 29, 2011

Initial weigh-in: 9/10/11 (Durant H.S.)

Final Weigh-in: 3/6/12

Show date: 3/7/12 6:00PM

Showmanship Finals 3/8/12 7:00PM

Sale date: 3/10/12 7:00PM

BE ADVISED THAT THE FINAL WEIGH-IN DATE and OTHER DATES MAY NECESSARILY BE CHANGED DUE TO FCAT TESTING OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1A. GRADE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS ARE GRADES 9-12. No high school senior that has not previously entered the Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Show & Sale may enter** Only bona-fide Hillsborough County youth agricultural organization or FFA members will be eligible to enter. Non-residents of Hillsborough County may not exhibit. Entrants must meet grade level requirements and be active in a 2011-2012 youth organization (4-H or FFA) and must have previously been a member of an agricultural youth organization prior to and on entry due date of 7/29/11. The youth organization must be affiliated with a National Organization. "BREED" Associations DO NOT meet requirement of the Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Show & Sale. The Steer committee reserves the right to alter age, grade level, or entry date deadline requirements for the 2012 Steer Show.
- 1B. EXHIBITORS MAY NOT ENTER THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER SHOW & SALE AND THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SWINE SHOW AND SALE THE SAME YEAR.**
- 1C.** Anyone having graduated from or currently dropped out of school shall be ineligible to enter Show or Sale. Physical condition of entrants which may result in physical danger to the exhibitor or others may result in the rejection of an entry or disqualification from the Steer Show and Sale.
- 1D.** Exhibitor must be single, never having been married, and never having borne or fathered a child.
- 1E.** Entrant shall conform to the following standards in academics (cumulative grades are not considered):
INITIAL ENTRY: At the time of initial entry, July 29, 2011 the exhibitor must have received a 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (WEIGHTED) FOR THE PRECEDING SEMESTER. FAILURE OF TWO (2) OR MORE SUBJECTS DURING THE PRECEDING SEMESTER WILL DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR. SEMESTER EXAMS ARE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING SEMESTER GRADES. The preceding semester includes both 3rd & 4th nine weeks grades and semester exam if administered. An "Official" report card that exhibits weighted grade for the preceding semester is acceptable evidence. If a change is made after the official report card is issued, a transcript denoting that such change has been officially recorded must be presented with the entry form. Enrollment in a "make-up" or "forgiveness" class that has not been completed prior to the initial entry does not constitute an official grade change. Summer School Grades may not be used in calculating grades.
- 1F.** If an exhibitor has shown a Grand Champion **twice** at the Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Show and Sale, he/she will be ineligible to participate as an exhibitor in the Steer Show and Sale again.
- 1G.** Each exhibitor may enter no more than one (1) steer. Steers may not be entered in another terminal sale. A non refundable \$50.00 entry fee, payable to the Florida Strawberry Festival will be due at the time entry is submitted.
- 1H.** Exhibitors housing animals away from their physical-legal address must request, in writing and addressed to the committee chair, permission to do so. Should the distance be greater than 6 miles the exhibitor must personally meet with the Festival Steer Committee **APPROVAL MUST BE GRANTED PRIOR TO ENTRY.** All distances are by public road and will be checked by the committee chair or his designee. Please do not purchase a steer until you have secured the above approval. Movement of animals, other than routine procedures or exhibits commonly called "jack pot shows" must be approved by the committee chair.
- 1L. THE MAXIMUM THAT CAN BE PAID FOR A STEER AT ANY TIME BY ANYONE IS \$800.00 TO INCLUDE ANY AND ALL ACCESSORY EXPENSES.** Proof of purchase price by canceled check, Bill of Sale, receipt or otherwise **MUST BE ATTACHED TO OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK ALONG WITH DECLARATION OF PURCHASE PRICE.**

- 1L. (CONT.) ALL STEERS MUST BE BRED AND BORN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND A BREEDER'S CERTIFICATE MUST ACCOMPANY EXHIBITOR'S APPLICATION.
- 1J. ALL STEERS MUST BE, OR HAVE BEEN, VIEWED BY A STEER COMMITTEE MEMBER AT, OR BEFORE, THE TIME OF PURCHASE, TO CERTIFY THAT THE STEER WAS BRED, BORN AND HOUSED ENTIRELY IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY. IN THE EVENT A DISCREPANCY ARISES, THE SELLER MUST PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE PROOF THAT ACCURATE INFORMATION IS BEING PRESENTED. CERTIFYING PARENTAGE VIA BLOOD TESTS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. THE STEER COMMITTEE MAY DETERMINE BY VOTE IF THERE ARE OTHER METHODS OF DETERMINING ACCEPTABLE PROOF. An exhibitor that enters a steer that was not born and bred in Hillsborough County, or who pays more than the allowed maximum price for the steer, shall be prohibited from exhibiting the animal and shall not be permitted to exhibit at future Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Shows and Sales.
- 1K. All exhibitors will be required to attend, or have attended, ethics training. No date for such training has been set at this time. Completion of State Fair sponsored ethics training will suffice. The Florida Strawberry Festival will provide a training session in December, 2011, or January 2012. Training is good for 3 years.
- 1L. ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT BY U.S. MAIL TO: STEER SHOW, FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, P.O. DRAWER 1869, PLANT CITY, FL 33564-1869

ENTRIES MAY BE HAND DELIVERED TO THE FESTIVAL OFFICE LOCATED ON THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS. RECEIPTS ARE NOT GIVEN NOR WILL COPIES BE MADE FOR YOU WHEN HAND DELIVERED. DELIVERY IS THE RESPONSIBILITY IS THE EXHIBITOR'S. MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DUE DATE OF JULY 29, 2011. DATES PRINTED BY METER ARE NOT OFFICIAL POSTMARKS. THE STAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ENTRY FORMS LOST BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD.

2. INITIAL WEIGH-IN

- 2A. TAGS & TATTOOS: Steers are required to be checked in, tattooed, ear tagged and weighed SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 11 A.M. A SCHEDULE OF WEIGH-IN TIMES WILL BE SENT TO EXHIBITORS. WEIGH-IN: DURANT HIGH SCHOOL. At that time steers must weigh minimum of 550 lbs. and a maximum of 850 lbs. The Festival reserves the right to change date, times, and location and will notify exhibitors by mail or other means if changes occur.
- 2B. All steers must be de-horned. Steers with horns more than one and one-half inches in length or considered dangerous will be disqualified. If horns grow after the initial weigh-in, they can be no longer than 1½ inches long at the final weigh-in.
- 2C. ANIMAL HAIR SAMPLES MAY BE TAKEN SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2011 AT THE INITIAL WEIGH-IN TO HELP VERIFY LINEAGE.
- 2D. Animals must be steers and healing of castrated animals must be complete. Evidence of testicles remaining on animals castrated by bloodless techniques may result in disqualification. Failure to detect that an animal has not been steered does not qualify the animal for entry at the final weigh-in.
- 2E. Exhibitors will be issued an official record book which must be completed and submitted at final entry.

3. POST INITIAL WEIGH-IN TO FINAL ENTRY

- 3A. The steer must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor. IF THE EXHIBITOR'S PHYSICAL or LEGAL ADDRESS, OR THE LOCATION OF THE STEER, CHANGES, THE COMMITTEE CHAIR MUST BE NOTIFIED WITHIN ONE WEEK.
- 3B. In order to be accepted for Show and Sale, steers must have a 2.0 LB MINIMUM DAILY GAIN from initial weigh-in held in September to check-in for Show in March.

4. FINAL WEIGH-IN (March 6, 2012) Students will be notified of entry time by U.S Mail

- 4A.** Entrant shall conform to the following standards in academics (cumulative grades are not considered):
FINAL ENTRY: At the time of final entry, March 6, 2012, the exhibitor must have received a 2.5 GRADE POINT AVERAGE (WEIGHTED) FOR THE PRECEDING SEMESTER. FAILURE OF TWO (2) OR MORE SUBJECTS DURING THE PRECEDING SEMESTER WILL DISQUALIFY THE EXHIBITOR. SEMESTER EXAMS ARE CONSIDERED IN CALCULATING SEMESTER GRADES. The preceding semester includes both 1st & 2nd nine weeks grades and semester exam if required, for the school year 2011-2012. An "Official" report card that exhibits weighted grade for the preceding semester is acceptable evidence. If a change is made after the official report card is issued, a transcript signed by a school administrator denoting that such change has been officially recorded must be presented on the day of final entry. Enrollment in a "make-up" or "forgiveness" class that has not been completed prior to the final entry does not constitute an official grade change. **Note: Rules concerning home-schooled students (as set by the State) will be considered (must present most recent report card and evidence that the student has been undergone evaluation as required by the Hillsborough County School District for the preceding year).**
- 4B. RECORD BOOKS:** Each exhibitor must complete a record book on his/her steer. The record book must be submitted at final entry on March 6, 2012. All exhibitors must use the official Strawberry Festival Livestock Record Book. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification. **ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED. Record books on steers entered, brought to the Festival, and rejected because of daily weight requirement, are eligible for awards.**
- 4C.** Steers must conform to established show standards in the sense that extremes in conformation, staginess, and other visible **undesirable characteristics will be unacceptable. Animals must be steers.**
- 4D.** No steer may be exhibited in competition that cannot be properly managed and led by the exhibitor from the scale to the tie area. Consideration will be given for exhibitors involved in state sponsored testing. A reasonable length of time (approx. 1 hr.) will be given to exhibitor of an unruly animal to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed and safely exhibited. If at any time the animal is disqualified as unmanageable, it may not be sold in the Steer Sale. No nose tag, nose rings, other mechanical devices or drugs are allowed.
- 4E. HEALTH REGULATIONS: ALL STEERS must comply with Florida Department of Agriculture health requirements at the time of the show entry. Health certificates will be required at final weigh-in.**
- 4F.** Tie spaces will be assigned by the Steer Committee.
- 4G. REJECTED STEERS:** Exhibitors whose steers are rejected will be advised by Show Management at the time of rejection that the steer did not meet Show standards in. At that time, the steer should be removed immediately or upon completion of check-in. **Buyer solicitation for rejected steers is not permitted at the Festival. An exhibitor whose steer is rejected shall not be entitled to receive entry tickets normally distributed to exhibitors.**
- 4F.** Exhibitors, nor anyone associated with an exhibitor, shall make abusive comments in any manner to the committee, weigh officials, or judges. To do so may jeopardize exhibitor's future eligibility to show. Questions may be directed to the Committee Chairman or designee.
- 4G.** A sonogram will be conducted on all steers to determine quality and yield grade. This will take place during the weigh-in or as quickly afterwards as possible. All steers must participate. The Festival reserves the right to cancel the Carcass Contest if a sonogram cannot be conducted.

5. EXHIBIT PERIOD

- 5A.** Steers must be cared for from the time of arrival until steers are removed. The red tag system will be used. Upon checking stalls, if the Barn Supervisor determines housekeeping is below standards a red tag will be issued. Upon receipt of the third red tag, a \$25 deduction from the sale price will be made. Exhibitors, or those caring for the steer, **MUST** sign in each morning signifying the animal has been cared for BY 9:00 AM daily.

- 5B. FEED AND BEDDING:** Bedding will be provided by Management. Feed and water pails must be provided by the exhibitor. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STIPULATE THE PAIL TYPE. Materials that may be dangerous, such as fences, METAL PITCHFORKS, METAL RAKES, will not be allowed in the Show area. No flowers or plants will be allowed in the exhibit area, EXCEPT THOSE PROVIDED BY MANAGEMENT. **WHEELBARROWS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE FESTIVAL. EXHIBITORS ARE LIMITED TO ONE SHOW BOX PER FAMILY. THE SHOW BOX will not exceed 62" long, 30" high, and 26" wide. Show boxes will be measured upon arrival. SHARING OF SHOW BOXES IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. SHOWBOXES, OR OTHER TACK, MAY NOT BE PLACED IN THE ANIMAL TIE AREA AISLES UNTIL ALL STEERS ARE ENTERED. PLACEMENT OF SHOWBOXES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE STEER COMMITTEE. Bring only a one day supply of feed and hay each day. SHOWBOX SIZES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. The number of chairs brought by exhibitors may be limited if cluttering occurs.**
- 5C.** Servicing of animals in the livestock area must be done between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**
- 5D.** Each steer must be secured with a neck rope not more than three feet (3') from the tie area to the head stall during A \$25 deduction may be made from the sale price of any steer found loose or red tagged for not being tied correctly.
- 5E.** Unbecoming conduct on the part of an exhibitor, or anyone associated with the exhibitor, will, at the discretion of the Management, result in disqualification of the exhibitor and require immediate removal of the steer and the exhibitor from the Fairgrounds - with the loss of awards, premiums, show and/or sale privilege. **Presence of an exhibitor in the steer exhibit area during hours when the steer exhibit is closed will be considered unbecoming conduct (except for animal medical emergency). Exhibitors will not be allowed to stay overnight on the Fairgrounds. Profanity in the show ring by the exhibitor will result in a \$250 fine or disqualification. Profanity at any event associated with the Steer Show could result in disqualification.**
- 5F** In the event of government or Florida Strawberry Festival imposed quarantine of animal(s) entered for exhibit or sale at the Florida Strawberry Festival, the Festival accepts no responsibility for financial, or other loss by the exhibitor that occurs as a result of the inability to exhibit and/or market the animal(s). Government refers to any City, County, State, or Federal agency with the legal power to impose such quarantine. The preceding statement pertains to the entire time period (prior to, during, or after the exhibit days) of the show and/or sale. Financial, or other, loss refers to financial loss due to the inability to market the animal at the Festival and to loss of premiums and awards due to the inability to exhibit the animal.
- 5G. TAMPERING:** Tampering with any animal entered, such as filling with water and/or a foreign substance, etc, is prohibited. The use of tranquilizers on Show animals, or possession of the tranquilizers at the Fair, will be construed as a form of tampering. RULE 5G ALSO REFERS TO ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE FESTIVAL THAT MAY EFFECT THE ANIMALS DURING THE FESTIVAL SHOW PERIOD. Tampering will result in disqualification and immediate removal of the steer from the Festival grounds.
- 5H. MEDICATIONS:** The administration of medication for bloat, scours, or other conditions shall be done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or steer committee member. The steer committee chairman must be notified that such medication is being administered. Unauthorized dispensing of medications is considered tampering.
- 6. SHOW & SALE**
- 6A.** Judging will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. The sale of steers will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2012. **No tack may be removed from the tent on sale day until directed to do so by the Steer Committee Chairman.**
- 6B.** Final classes will be determined by weight as necessary to assure manageable numbers in Show Classes. Premiums will be paid in all weight classes. All class winners will compete for Division or Grand Champion. The steer standing second in the Grand Champion's class, or other Division winner, will be eligible to compete for Reserve Grand Champion.
- 6C.** Due to limited space in the tent and grooming area, the FESTIVAL WILL PROVIDE A LIMITED NUMBER OF GROOMING CHUTES. IF CONDITIONS WARRANT, THE FESTIVAL MAY PROHIBIT THE USE OF CHUTES.

- 6D. NO CLIPPERS or GROOMING PRODUCTS**, other than soap, brushes and/or combs, will be allowed at the Festival AT ANYTIME. Animals should be clipped, show ready, prior to entry. **The Festival reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the use of blowers (hair dryers) during severe weather conditions.**
- 6E. On the nights of the Show and Sale, each exhibitor will be issued 2 arm band passes - one for the exhibitor and one for a parent or guardian. Prior to initial entry, the exhibitor must provide the name of the parent, guardian, or approved sibling, selected to help. No one, other than those approved and issued an arm band, uniformed law enforcement officers, or Florida Strawberry Festival Officials, will be allowed in the barn immediately prior to and during the Show and Sale. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE SHOW THAT NO ONE OTHER THAN PARENTS, APPROVED SIBLINGS, OR THOSE APPOINTED BY THE FESTIVAL, HELP EXHIBITORS RESTRAIN AND MANAGE ANIMALS. THE USE OF BLOWER, COMBS, OR BRUSHES MUST BE BY THE EXHIBITORS OR HELPER (PARENT OR DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIRMAN).** The steer committee will provide help for exhibitors whose parents, or approved sibling, are unable to assist physically.
- 6F. OFFICIAL DRESS DURING THE SHOW AND THE SALE IS REQUIRED. OFFICIAL DRESS FOR FFA IS AS DEFINED IN THE OFFICIAL MANUAL (Note comments below regarding shoes & pants). OTHER AGRICULTURAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION MEMBERS MUST WEAR EITHER BLACK, WHITE, OR GREEN PANTS (NO JEANS); A WHITE SHIRT WHICH MUST HAVE LONG SLEEVES- UNLESS A GREEN SWEATER OR JACKET OF 4-H COLORS IS WORN; AND A BLACK OR GREEN TIE OR SCARF. SKIRTS FOR LADIES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. ATHLETIC SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. BOOTS ARE ACCEPTABLE, THOUGH NOT REQUIRED. A 4-H GREEN JACKET, SWEATER, OR VEST IS PREFERRED FOR 4-H MEMBERS.**
- 6G. NO CAPS, HATS, GLITTER, OR OTHER PARAPHERNALIA (OTHER THAN OFFICIAL PLACING RIBBONS) WILL BE ALLOWED TO DECORATE STEERS OR BE WORN BY EXHIBITORS IN THE SHOW RING DURING THE SHOW OR SALE.**
- 6H. EXHIBITORS MUST EXHIBIT AND SELL HIS/HER ANIMAL. IT IS THE MANAGEMENT'S INTENT TO CONSIDER WAIVING THIS REQUIREMENT ONLY IN THE EVENT A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ARISES.**
- 6I. The Grand Champion holds the esteem of the Show. Therefore, bids on other steers in the Show (Sale) will be limited to within 10 cents a pound less than the price bid for the Grand Champion Steer.**
- 6J. ALL WHO BID AND PURCHASE MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND MUST HAVE A BUYER NUMBER.**
- 6K. THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE HAIR SAMPLES BE TAKEN, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE STEER SHOW, FROM THE GRAND CHAMPION, RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION, AND RANDOMLY SELECETED CLASS WINNERS, AND THE DAMS OF SUCH ANIMALS TO SUBMIT FOR VERIFICATION OF LINEAGE - NEGATIVE TESTS MAY RESULT IN WITHHOLDING PREMIUMS AND THE RETURN OF THE DIFFERENCE IN MARKET PRICE AND THE SALE PRICE TO THE BUYER BLOOD SAMPLES ALSO MAY BE TAKEN AT RANDOM OR OF THE CHAMPIONS AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS TO ASSURE THAT NO UNAPPROVED CHEMICALS HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED TO THE ANIMAL.**

7. POST SALE

- 7A. Steers may be disposed of immediately after the Steer Sale using of the following:** Ship to local holding facilities and process by local meat markets, such as Jim Hicks or Hoof N' Horns, and market re-sales to a processor (packer or contract buyer). The buyer will designate, on the Sale Buyer's Card, the disposal method preferred. Prior to final entry on March 8, 2012, the Steer Committee Chair will notify exhibitors, 2011 steer buyers, and potential 2012 buyers of the selected disposal procedure.
- 7B. Loading of animals after the sale will be done by the Committee members and approved volunteers after show boxes, tack, etc. are removed. All trash must be removed from tack storage area.**
- 7C. The Florida Strawberry Festival is not responsible for, nor assures the buyers, of carcass quality grade, meat color or palatability.** The Florida Strawberry Festival is not responsible for spoilage after slaughter. Any carcass that is condemned due to disease damage, drug residue, or injury incurred prior to the loading after the Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Each exhibitor must assume liability for his/her steer in case of death, injury during the Festival, or condemnation at slaughter.

- 7D. Up to six percent (6%) of the actual price will be deducted by the Show to help defray expenses. An additional \$1.00 will be deducted from the exhibitor for the Beef Check-Off as required by law. **THE FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE BUYERS WHO DO NOT "RESALE" STEERS TO PAY UP TO \$50.00 DISPOSITION COSTS OF STEERS.**
- 7E. Responsibility for loss of animal or carcass either prior to or after slaughter, in the event the Festival accepts responsibility for such loss, shall be the wholesale value of the animal or carcass only. Such value is determined prior to the sale and is referred to as the resale value.
- 7F. **A LETTER OF THANKS** must be sent to the Buyer, and a copy should be delivered to Show Management prior to April 1st. **No payment** will be made to exhibitor until after receipt of a thank-you copy. Mail or deliver a copy of the letter to Steer Show Management at:

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER SHOW
P. O. BOX 1869
PLANT CITY, FL 33564-1869**

- 7G. Six percent of the actual price will be deducted by the Show to help defray expenses. An additional \$1.00 may be deducted from the exhibitor for the Beef Check-Off as required by law. **THE FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE BUYERS WHO DO NOT "RESALE" STEERS TO PAY UP TO \$50.00 DISPOSITION COSTS OF STEERS.**
- 7G. **CHECKS** will be sent to exhibitors **AFTER** payments for steers and add-ons have been made. Any single add-on of less than \$25.00 per donor must be paid directly to the exhibitor. The Strawberry Festival will not bill for any add-ons of less than \$25.00. **Dispersal of money to the exhibitor will be made no later than May 20th if possible.** Any add-ons not received by that date shall be deducted and the responsibility of collection shall be with the exhibitor. **Add-ons for rejected steers will not be collected by the Festival.**

8. General Statements

- 8A. Final interpretation and administration of these rules will be vested in Show Management and their decision will be final. Any evidence of fraud coming to the attention of Show Management will be prosecuted to the limit of the law.
- 8B. Any questions or protest concerning compliance with the rules and regulations or the eligibility of an exhibitor or his/her animal must be submitted in writing to the steer Show Chairman within 24 hours after the discovery of the infraction. The Florida Strawberry Festival Steer Committee and/or Management may investigate possible infractions of rules at any time.
- 8C. Scholarship notice to steer exhibitors who are high school seniors: Senior exhibitors are eligible to apply for the 2012 Florida Strawberry Festival Livestock (Steer, Swine) Scholarship. Several are awarded each year. An attempt will be made to mail a copy to senior exhibitors. If a senior exhibitor inadvertently does not receive one, the scholarship applications will be available during the Festival. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the application, fully complete it, and return it to the Festival on or prior to the deadline.

OFFICIAL PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

THE FESTIVAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER PREMIUM AND AWARDS, DELETE CATEGORIES, OR ADD ADDITIONAL AWARDS. THE EXHIBITOR OF THE CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE ONE PREMIUM CHECK ONLY AND THAT WILL BE FOR THE HIGHEST AWARD WON.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

Sponsored by: CF Industries

Grand Champion of Show.....\$300, trophy, rosette	Reserve Grand Champion.....\$225, trophy, rosette
Division Champion..... \$50, trophy	Division Reserve Champion.....\$30, trophy
Class Champion\$25, plaque	Second in each class.....\$20, ribbon
Third through remaining classes....\$15, ribbon	

**A belt buckle will be awarded to the Grand Champion Exhibitor by Westcoast Enterprises (Tim Lopez)
The William R. McClelland family will present plaques to the buyers of the Grand and Reserve Champions.
Westcoast Enterprises (Tim Lopez) will present a belt buckle to the buyer of the Grand Champion.**

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Sponsored by: Farm Credit of Central Florida, ACA

SENIOR DIVISION	INTERMEDIATE DIVISION	JUNIOR DIVISION
1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque
2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque
3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque

SHOWMANSHIP AWARDS

Sponsored by: Hillsboro Bank

SENIOR DIVISION	INTERMEDIATE DIVISION	JUNIOR DIVISION
1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque
2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque
3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque

GAIN-IN-WEIGHT AWARDS

1st Place..\$125, trophy, 2nd Place..\$100, trophy, 3rd Place..\$70, trophy 4th Place..\$50, trophy, 5th Place..\$25, trophy

HERDSMAN AWARDS

Sponsored by: Dr. Michael Salvato

Show management reserves the right to withhold any or all of the Herdsman Awards if they are not merited by virtue of superior housekeeping. The exhibits and exhibitors will be judged daily by a committee selected by Show Management. Judging will be based on the following criteria: 1) Orderliness and cleanliness of service areas, stalls, pens, steers, and public walkways. 2) Personal appearance of exhibitors. 3) Cooperation with Show Officials in presenting attractive exhibits and show area.

SENIOR DIVISION	INTERMEDIATE DIVISION	JUNIOR DIVISION
1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque	1st...\$30, plaque
2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque	2nd...\$20, plaque
3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque	3rd...\$15, plaque

PREMIER EXHIBITOR AWARD

Sponsored by: Poppell Insurance, Inc.

Senior Division: \$100, trophy; Intermediate Division: \$100, trophy Junior Division: \$100, trophy
The recipient of this award is to be selected on the basis of cumulative scores from the Record Book, Herdsman, and Showmanship. This award will be an over-all exhibitor's award. Ties will be determined by placings, points in Record Book, then Showmanship, then Herdsman. The Premier Exhibitor will be calculated on the following basis: Record Book: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point Showmanship: 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1point Herdsman: 1st = 3 points, 2nd =2 points, 3rd = 1point

PRODUCER AWARDS

Sponsored by: Peacock's Liquid Feeds

- Producer of Grand Champion of Show.....plaque
- Producer of Reserve Grand Champion of Show..... plaque
- Producer of Grand Champion Carcass of Show.....plaque
- Producer of Reserve Grand Champion Carcass of Show.....plaque

BANQUET

Steer and Swine Show premiums and awards will be given at the Livestock Banquet on **Thursday, April 12, 2012, 7:00 PM** in the Festival Expo Center on the Festival grounds. Tickets are provided for exhibitors and exhibitors' parents. Committee, sponsors, and buyers are invited and will not need tickets to enter. Additional tickets will be \$10.00 each. **No awards will be given other than those listed in the official premium book or deemed appropriate by the Steer & Swine Committee Chairmen. No flyers advertising awards (other than the official banquet program or official banquet sponsors), events, or any business will be allowed on tables. Official Club Dress will be required. No hats will be worn during the Banquet. Parents and guests should dress appropriately.**

2012 CARCASS CONTEST AWARDS

Sponsored by: Sunshine State Federal Savings and Loan Association

Grand Champion Carcass.....\$100, rosette, trophy
Reserve Champion Carcass.....\$ 50, rosette, trophy
Third through Twelfth Best Carcass..... \$ 15

2012 CARCASS CONTEST RULES

Judging will be by officials the University of Florida Animal Science Department, the operator of the sonogram devices, or representatives of the Strawberry Festival Steer Committee. The contest emphasizes the end product of the beef industry and provides a valuable educational complement to the Steer Show and Sale. The Strawberry Festival reserves the right to evaluate carcass by sonogram if necessary and/or feasible.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** CARCASS QUALITY WILL LIKELY BE DETERMINED BY SONOGRAM, ALL STEERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE. THE FESTIVAL WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ERRORS IN GATHERING DATA.
2. **JUDGING: MAY BE BY SONOGRAM (Some factors below may not be possible).**
Quality Factors:
 - a. Must grade USDA Choice (At least Choice-)
 - b. Shaded and dark-cutter cattle are less acceptable.
 - c. A fine, smooth textured lean; carcasses with excessive amounts of connective tissue in the rib eye are less acceptable.
 - d. A rib eye less than 11 sq. in, or unmarketable size, is not desirable
 - e. Bullock carcasses are not eligible.**Yield Factors:**
 - a. Adjusted external fat covering between .2 and .6 inches preferred.
 - b. At least average muscling, i.e. a 600 pound carcass needs at least an 11.0 square inch rib eye to be average. A 700 pound carcass should have a 12.2 square inch rib eye.
 - c. Yield grade less than 3.2 and greater than 2.0 is desirable.
 - d. Estimated hot carcass weight between 600 and 800 pounds.
3. **EVALUATION DATA:** All carcass data compiled will be organized into a comprehensive report that will be available to all exhibitors. Among the major topic heading are: Degree of Marbling, USDA Quality Grade, Estimated Carcass Weight, Rib Eye Area, Fat Over Rib Eye, Percentage of Kidney Fat. SONOGRAM DATA, IF USED, WILL PRIMARILY BE RIB EYE AREA, FAT OVER THE EYE, MARBLING AND QUALITY GRADE, AND YIELD GRADE ESTIMATION.
4. **DECISION OF JUDGES SHALL BE FINAL.**
5. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS WILL BE AT THE LIVESTOCK BANQUET.**

2011-2012 FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL STEER COMMITTEE:

JON POPPELL (STEER COMMITTEE CHAIR), KENNETH PARKER (STEER SHOW SUPERINTENDENT), JEREMY BURRIS, RAY CLARK, JOHN DAVIDSON, JOHN DICKINS, KEN GRIMMER, DANE HAMILTON, JIM JEFFRIES, TIM LOPEZ, TERESA LOTT-DEBOBAN, REESE MCCLELLAND, KENNETH PARKER, MICHAEL PAUL, BRIAN SHEPHERD, WOODY SUMMERLIN, LARRY SWINDLE, SCOTT VARNUM, PAM WALDEN, KELLEY WARE, KIMBALL WETHERINGTON, AND GREG WOODARD. NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT THIS LIST CHANGES, THE CHANGES WILL BE MADE ON THE OFFICIAL APPLICATION WHICH WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE FLORIDA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

2011 STEER BUYERS

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MOSAIC FERTILIZER
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PHILLIPS DEVELOPMENT & REALTY
PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC.
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SIMMONS, WOODY
STAGGS NURSERY
TRUCK PARTS OF TAMPA
WELCOME RANCH & GROVES
WEATHERINGTON TRACTOR SERVICE

. IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external application of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.