

2018 Santa Rosa County Fair and Youth Livestock Show

General Rules

There is an entry fee schedule for the 2018 Santa Rosa County Fair. Each fee is posted on each prospective set of rules.

The maximum amount paid, per exhibitor, is broken down by animal. Payments made at weigh-in must be in the form of cash or check, payable to the Santa Rosa County Fair. If registering online, payment must be made via Eventbrite.com. **No person will be allowed to participate or enter any part of the Santa Rosa County Fair if they have any outstanding monetary obligations from previous Santa Rosa County Fairs or have not paid their registration fees.**

It is understood that all exhibitors entering any of the Santa Rosa County Fair (SRCF) shows and/or contests agree to comply with all SRCF General Rules and Regulations, Animal Inspections Rules & Regulations, and the rules governing each individual show and/or contest.

Let it be known that all those directly associated with the Santa Rosa County Fair Youth Livestock Show (including but not limited to: Board Members, Staff, Show Committees, Sponsors, and Volunteers) reserve the right to be held harmless and not responsible, in any way, in case of any damage, fire or accident to a person, lost articles, livestock, etc. entered and/or exhibited; or any accidents that might occur to the exhibitor or their family, and/or the general public, while visiting the grounds at any time during the Fair.

All animals must be owned by the exhibitor or their immediate family (parents, grandparents, or siblings), or leased. The completed lease agreement must accompany the entry form.

All animals must be in the care of the exhibitor by the entry deadline of February 24, 2018, and remain in their care until end of the show.

Each animal shall be shown in their natural state. **No dying or adhesives allowed.**

The Executive Board and/or Show Committee reserve the right to visit exhibitor's locations to inspect animals that have been entered into the Fair.

No parents or family members will be allowed in the show ring during the shows and sales. **This area is for exhibitors and show committee members only.**

Exhibitors and parents are not permitted to harass, intimidate, or act in a rude or angry manner towards any Buyer, Judge, Board member, Committee member, or Staff. The show superintendent will have final say with any and all disputes.

Any protest or complaint must be made, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours of the event. It must be addressed to the Chairman and Executive Board of the SRCF, plainly state the complaint, and be delivered to the Fair Office. **NO COMPLAINTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE JUDGE, SUPERINTENDENT, OR STAFF.**

Violation of any rules, misconduct, misrepresentation, or failure to cooperate with the Show Committees or their designees by either the exhibitor or members of their family, as determined by the SRCF Executive Board, may be cause for disqualification. The exhibitor will also forfeit all premiums and awards, and any future participation by the exhibitor at the SRCF will be prohibited.

The Santa Rosa County Fair Livestock Committee reserves all rights to make changes to individual shows, events, and/or rules and regulations throughout the year as the Executive Board and/or Show Coordinators deem necessary for the betterment, improvement and safety of exhibitors, volunteers, and guests.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: By signing and submitting an entry to the 2018 Santa Rosa County Fair, the exhibitor, parents, leaders, and advisors agree that they have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations as posted by the Santa Rosa County Fair; and that all information on the entry form is true. By signing the entry form you release the Santa Rosa County Fair and those directly associated with it from any liability to your person or property. This also consents to the use, by the Fair, of any pictures taken during the events for promotion or advertising of the Santa Rosa County Fair Association, Inc.

For updates and changes to any rules, please visit the website at srcfair.com.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY & RESPONSIBILITY

All exhibitors must be a registered member of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter from south Alabama or northwest Florida. Their membership must be in good standing, and they must meet all their club or chapter requirements. The exhibitor must declare, on each entry, whether they are entering as a 4-H or FFA member. Once that designation is made, it will not be changed.

The division between Junior, Intermediate, and Senior classes shall be uniform throughout the Fair. The age for all shows is as of September 1, 2017. Juniors: 8–10 years, Intermediate: 11–13 years, Seniors: 14-18 years and older and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of September 1, 2017 OR graduated from public, private or homeschool High School. Exceptions MAY be granted to those past their 19th birthday and still in school with a documented IEP with School Board. **PLEASE NOTE: 4-H members under the age of 8 (as of September 1, 2017) may not compete for any awards and/or prizes. They may enter only those events (rabbits and poultry) specific to their age group (5 to 7 years old).**

It is required that market show exhibitors wear clothing that reflect the official 4-H or FFA uniform when exhibiting animals in the show, showmanship or sale. 4-H: Black pants, collared white shirt with 4-H insignia, 4-H jacket or vest is optional. FFA: Black pants, collared white shirt, FFA jacket, FFA scarf or tie. No hats are allowed. Belt and boots are required with pants on the outside of boots.

In addition to official 4-H or FFA attire, open show exhibitors have the option to wear western attire to include jeans, belt, boots, and button-down shirts. No hats are allowed. The SRCF Livestock Committee will have the final decision regarding the appropriateness of dress.

Feed, care and management of animals shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Each exhibitor is required to maintain a clean and attractive area (stall or cage) at all times. The SRCF will provide the initial shavings required for bedding in the stalls. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing any extra shavings that he or she wants in their stall. Straw bedding is not allowed.

At the conclusion of each show and sale, each exhibitor must remove all shavings from the stall and place them in the designated area upon departure. If your stall is red-tagged for any items left behind (equipment, tools, stall tags, trash, etc.) you will be fined \$25.00. The FFA/4-H advisors are accountable for this determination.

Grooming Clinics are required for Market Steer, Market Swine and Goat shows. Youth shall contact show superintendent to confirm date of show clinics. Show superintendent is listed on each prospective show rules. If unable to attend clinic, youth must contact 4-H Extension Agent or FFA Advisor to request approval to attend a make-up clinic at a later date.

Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.

Sound amplification equipment will not be permitted unless written permission is granted by the Fair. Such equipment could be subject to removal if improper use is cited. If electrical power is needed for an exhibit, this need must be clearly stated on the entry form and approval granted by the Fair management. All electrical cords must meet safety standards and be placed out of the way of passersby.

Security will be provided; however, the Fair is not responsible for theft or damage to/or from any exhibitor, or injury to any person while at, in or around any exhibit.

ENTRIES

All entries are to be processed through Eventbrite.com and must be received by: February 24, 2018 at 3:00 pm. **ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM through the Eventbrite program. Late entry forms and fees will be accepted until February 26, 2018. Entry fees for late entries will be doubled. There will be no entries accepted after February 26, 2018. Market Swine and Market steer will be registered at the weigh in. No exceptions will be made to this rule.**

NO FAXED OR MAILED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

All entries must be filled out completely and accurately. Entries are verified for eligibility and accuracy. Any incomplete or inaccurate entries will not be accepted and will be returned to either the 4-H Leader or the FFA Advisor of the exhibitor.

SANTA ROSA COUNTY FAIR RECORD BOOKS

Students are responsible for completing an animal record book.

Record book templates can be found on srcfair.com. If utilizing a record book for a different show, this must be approved prior to the show. Official 4-H Record books and GCA/NRYO Record Books are acceptable.

Students exhibiting in Market Classes must deliver completed record books to their prospective advisors or club leaders by the next Friday following the show/sale. At this point, checks will be issued for those youth who submit a record book. **No checks will be issued without a completed record book.** No exceptions will be made.

ALL record books in market and open shows must be checked by the record book representative upon check-in of animals. No animal will be permitted onto property without a completed record book.

Students exhibiting in Open shows may use existing record book.

ANIMAL INSPECTIONS

All cattle must obtain a current veterinary certified health certificate prior to arrival at fairgrounds.

Swine health certificates shall be obtained from veterinarian within 30 days prior to arrival at fairgrounds.

Refer to individual show rules for specific health requirements.

For more information concerning health requirements contact Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection Inspector, Division of Animal Industry, James Blum at 850-509-4565.

JUDGING CRITERIA

No Superintendent will judge any aspect of the Fair, with the exception of poultry.

No judge can be repeated, for the same show, more than two (2) times in a four (4) year period.

Sellers of animals in a show are not allowed to judge that show.

JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Judge selection is determined by the Santa Rosa County Fair Board Association.

MARKET ANIMALS

In addition to all other rules, the following also apply to the Market Steer and Swine shows:

Before the Fair:

All exhibitors entering the Market Steer and Swine shows must write letters to prospective buyers. One copy of this information will be included in the "Market Animal" record book. While you are encouraged to write more, you are required to write a minimum of five (5) prospective buyers.

Use the following guideline: 1) Introduce yourself. 2) Invite them to the Fair to support the youth of Santa Rosa County. 3) Tell about your project and ask them to consider bidding on or purchasing your animal. **REMEMBER:** The more buyers, the better the prices.

At the Fair:

All exhibitors are required to pick up a copy of the buyer's agreement on the night of the sale. It will contain the name and address of your buyer.

After the Fair:

An original "Thank You" letter to your buyer must be approved by your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor as deemed appropriate by your 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.

Exhibitors will not be paid until your "Thank You" letter is received and approved and payment from the buyer is received.

It may take 2 to 3 months before youth will receive their check. Please do not call the fair office about your check.

All Market animals will be shrunk 3% and sold as same.