

# GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read these rules and discuss them with your project leader and your parents. The rules will be enforced.

1. These rules govern all events and participants of the Howard County Livestock Show. In the absence of a specific rule, state fair rules will apply.
2. **IN ORDER TO SHOW AND PARTICIPATE: ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS AND HAM EXHIBITORS MUST BE SMQA CERTIFIED, SHOW EXPECTATION LETTER MUST HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND RETURNED AT ONE OF THE MANDATORY EXHIBITOR/PARENT MEETINGS AND REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE HOWARD COUNTY EXTENSION CENTER BY JUNE 1ST 2008.**
3. All entries are made with the distinct understanding that in no event will fair officials or any individual or groups of individuals connected with the fair be responsible for loss from any causes which might occur as a result of the fair. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS.
4. No exhibitor, regardless of age, or sex will be permitted to stay overnight in the barn unless accompanied by a parent.
5. Exhibitors must be a member, in good standing, of a Howard County 4-H or FFA club in order to participate in the Howard County Fair Show and Sale. The show is limited to animals covered in the project record. 4-H members must attend a minimum of 6 club meetings.
6. Invite buyers to attend the fair.
7. **SAWDUST WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BEDDING.** Wood chips, provided by the exhibitor, may also be used. NO STRAW. All stalls and pens must be kept clean at all times.
8. Exhibitor must accompany their animals to the show, care for, and exhibit them before the judge unassisted. In case of illness of the exhibitor, or when more than one animal is exhibited in a class, he/she may have the assistance of other 4-H or FFA members. All animals should be well-groomed and show evidence of being groomed well ahead of the show date. No one will be allowed in the show ring except exhibitors and ring officials.
9. A minimum of three exhibitors will be required to show in beef, swine, sheep or goat before a showmanship class will be offered.
10. Any exhibit going through the sale must be shown by the exhibitor.
11. Members may sell one of each species up to a total of 3 including 1 ham. Maximum of 2/3 of the top scoring ham exhibitors will sell.
12. Committee reserves the right to clarify the application of any of the above rules.
13. After sale, check with your buyer for instructions on where exhibit is to be delivered. Notify sale clerk if animal is not to be shipped. If animal is to be shipped, stay with you animal until it is loaded on the trailer. Buyers determine final destination of purchased exhibit.
14. There will be a photographer available to take pictures if you want. There is a fee for this.
15. Be sure and keep the barn clean at all times.