EMMET & CHARLEVOIX COUNTY 4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION RULES

A: MEMBERSHIP & CARE:

1. Members must be between the ages of nine (9) and nineteen (19) as of January 1, 2018.
   * Each animal is to be represented by one individual, registered 4-H market livestock member.
   * Participation for members ends at age 19 or as determined by the county the member is registered in - age determined as of January 1 of the program year. The exception will be for members with a handicap or disability. Their date of membership termination will age 26. (Determined as of December 31st of the year in which they turn 26)
   * Beef exhibitors must be 12 years of age by January 1, 2018.

2. Members must meet the meeting requirements, participate in a fundraiser, and complete a fair related work bee in order to be eligible to show and sell their animals at the 2018 county fair:

REQUIRED:
* Five (5) scheduled meetings;
* The October or November fall membership meetings - attendance at one of these meetings is required as one of the 5 meeting commitment;
* The July or August pre-fair meetings - attendance at one of these meetings is required as one of the 5 meeting commitment; This rule is to ensure that members are informed of association activities.
* Attendance will be taken at each meeting. It is the member's responsibility to check in with the recording secretary before 7:15 pm to receive credit for attending the meeting.
* Each member is required to participate in one fair related work bee each year.
* College age members who are registered at a college may attend meetings via Skype, only 2 will count toward the 5 meeting requirement.
* Must participate in a Market Livestock fundraiser. If a member misses the approved fundraisers, they will be charged $25.00. This fee is due no later than the close of the August meeting.

RECOMMENDED:
* It is recommended that adults sign in for market livestock meetings.
* It is recommended that members attend the barn meeting on Sunday of fair week following animal arrival. The meeting is held at after weigh-in is complete (12:30-1:00 pm) in the T-Barn.

3. Members must complete and submit the "Market Livestock Enrollment Form" by the November livestock meeting to participate in the market livestock program.

4. Large animals are to be ear tagged BEFORE contracts are turned in. Members are to have their completed contracts to their appropriate barn superintendent to review for completeness and then forward to the Association Secretary by the following deadlines: November meeting for beef, and the May meeting for lambs hogs, dairy feeder & Jr. beef, June meeting for small animals. The Secretary will then make & distribute copies for the Chairman, Co-Chairman, Barn Superintendents and 4-H staff.

5. Completed contracts must be submitted with color pictures and identifiable ear tags (include management tags and state ID - RFID). These contracts will not be accepted without colored photos, ear notching is not acceptable animal identification. Completed contracts will contain the following information:

* Completed member information
Any change in tags/tag #'s after contracts are turned in must be communicated to the Association Secretary and all tag information on livestock presented for fair exhibition must be consistent with the information listed on their market livestock contracts. Exhibitors planning on attending Winter Beef Expo may hold their management tags up in the photo next to their beef and tag the animal after the event.

6. All market beef, dairy feeder and Jr. beef animals must be double tied in their stalls. When taken from their stalls, beef, dairy feeder and Jr. beef must be attended to at all times and be accompanied by the member's parent guardian or any registered adult 4-H leader. In addition, a "nose-notch" halter is needed for control & safety.

7. Closed toe, leather boots are required footwear for all 4-H exhibitors and adults when they are in the show ring, the sale ring, the practice ring. Muck/rubber boots are acceptable for washing, feeding, mucking pens and barn duty. Small animal exhibitors are exempt from leather shoes while showing but must wear long sleeved shirts. No dangling jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces) is to be worn when showing small animals. It is recommended that watches and rings be removed by exhibitors before showing small animals. Violation of these rules will result in dismissal from the show ring.

8. **MEMBER BARN DUTY:** All members need to sign up for their respective barn duties by the August livestock meeting. Any member shifts needing to be filled after that time will be made on an assignment basis the appropriate Barn Superintendents. **Parents with children aged 10 and under MUST sign up and serve the barn duty assignment with their child.**

9. **ADULT REQUIREMENTS:** All adult work bee and barn duty assignments must be filled by the August livestock meeting or random assignments will be made by the Association Chairmen. Each registered youth members families are required to have one adult sign up for at least one committee.

10. For any member who is absent from their barn duty assignment, a minimum $ 50.00 per hour deduction will be made from the members auction check and paid to the member who fills in on that assignment. Members who make arrangements for other individuals to cover their barn duty shifts must get prior approval from their appropriate barn superintendent. The member fulfilling the barn duty will be compensated at the rate of $50.00 per hour. This compensation will be on the members auction check and the deduction from the absent member will also be reflected on their fair check.

11. Unsafe and/or unhealthy conditions will be monitored and acted upon by at least 2 adult members of the Executive Board and the respective Barn Superintendent, who have the authority to approve or deny any animals' participation in the show ring or sale ring as it pertains to the safety of the exhibitors, spectators and other animals. Safety will be stressed at all times.

12. **Barn superintendents, 4-H staff and the show day judge all have the authority and responsibility to dismiss a 4-H member from the show or sale ring for behavior not in accordance with the 4-H and Fair Code of Conduct, and Market Livestock Association**
 Rules.

13. Farm visits may be made by barn superintendents and may include other members of the Executive Board. Farm visits are made for providing educational resources to the exhibitor and to determine the compliance of the following issues and regulations:
   1. Animal Health / Animal Growth
   2. Housing Conditions
   3. Feed & Grain Rations
   4. Controllability and Training - member must be able to control their beef on a lead
   5. Ear Tag Condition/ Presence
   6. EID / Scrapes tag identification
   7. Address any Dehorning or Castration issues

Additional farm visits may be made by the appropriate superintendents to follow up on any of the above listed issues.

It is highly encouraged that the member exhibiting the animal(s) and a parent/guardian be present during these farm visits, which will be coordinated at the convenience of the visiting team. If the exhibitors are unable to participate in the farm visit, a signed waiver will be provided by the exhibitor and their parents to the barn superintendents.

Any concerns regarding the above conditions or observances of any rule violations will be communicated in writing to the exhibitor, their leader, the barn superintendent and the appropriate county 4-H staff.

No decisions will be made by the visiting superintendents regarding the animal's exhibition at the county fair. However, any concerns and violations will be noted and taken into consideration if further problems/violations arise upon the animal's arrival to and exhibition at the county fair. Safety, Biosecurity (MSU/MDA), and animal welfare will be stressed at all times.

**B: ANIMAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

1. Members may exhibit no more than 3 projects.

    Combinations may include:
    • 1 large animal and 1 medium animal
    • 1 large animal, 1 medium animal and 1 small animal pen
    • 1 large animal and up to 2 small animal’s pens
    • 2 medium animals
    • 2 medium animals and 1 small animal pen
    • 1 medium animal and 2 small animal’s pens
    • 3 small animal pens

*Large animals are beef projects.
*Medium animals are swine, lambs, junior beef, or dairy feeders.
*Small animals are pens of turkeys, ducks, chickens, geese, and rabbits.

Alternate animals can only be registered at the ratio of one (1) alternate animal for each project animal registered.

If an exhibitor brings all animals registered on their contract to the fair, the alternates are to be
returned to the home farm. These "extra" animals cannot be last minute entries in animal husbandry classes, as the Animal Husbandry registration date is in May. The animals can only be exhibited in open class if there is a class for that animal, housing is available and pre-approved by barn superintendents.

2. SPECIE SPECIFICATIONS:

   • REMEMBER all USDA rules take precedence over all Market Livestock rules.
   • REMEMBER that an animal may be sent home at the veterinarian's discretion
   • REMEMBER signs of contagious, infectious, or toxicological disease may result in the animal being sent home.

   **BEEF (Large):** May be a steer or heifer; Male cattle must be castrated; All must be dehorned; Scurs and horns under ½” in length are acceptable; Disclose on contract & fair poster if heifer is a free-martin.

   **DAIRY FEEDER:** May be heifer or bull and must be a full dairy breed; need not be dehorned or castrated. All Dairy Feeder calves must be dehorned. Scurs and horns under 1/2’ in length are acceptable. Approved dairy breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, and Ayrshire. Exhibitors must disclose on their contracts and stall posters if their project is a bull or free martin.

   **JR. BEEF:** May be a steer or heifer and must be a beef breed; must be dehorned and castrated. Scurs and horns under 1/2” in length are acceptable. Exhibitors must disclose on their contracts and stall posters if their projects are free martins.

   **LAMBS:** May be either whether or ewe. All lambs must be shorn prior to arrival at fair. Lamb tail dock must not be scooped. Any animal that prolapses may be required to leave the fairgrounds immediately.

   **SWINE:** May be either barrow or gilt

   **SMALL ANIMALS:** May be any of the following pens: Meat chickens (3 per caged pen) Geese (3 per caged pen), Turkeys (3 per caged pen), Meat rabbits (3 per caged pen), Ducks (3 per caged/pen) *Pens must be same sex, variety (color), and breed.

3. RECOMMENDED Birthdates or HATCH DATES

   Beef- born on or after January 1, 2017
   Lambs- born on or after January 1, 2018
   Hogs- born on or after January 1, 2018
   Jr. Beef- born on or after February 1, 2018
   Dairy Feeder- born on or after February 1, 2018
   Chickens-June 15, 2018
   Turkeys- April 1, 2018
   Geese- April 1, 2018
   Ducks- April 1, 2018
   Rabbits- May 1, 2018

4. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, all T-Bam animals are to remain on the truck/trailer until they are vet checked. Only healthy, tagged animals will be allowed to be exhibited at the fair. In addition, the member or parent/guardian must accompany the animal from the weigh-in location to the assigned stall/pen. Small animals must go to the small animal barn for health check.

   *If a member or parent/guardian is not present at weigh-in and unloading, the un-accompanied
animal(s) will be placed in a holding area until the member, parent/guardian arrives. If the owner/exhibitor has not arrived by 12 noon, the member will be considered in violation of the rules. Their animal(s) will not be allowed to be placed on exhibit and will be required to leave the fairgrounds.

5. **TESTING & PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS:**
   * All market beef, dairy feeder and beef may be required to be tested for TB and receive a negative test result within 60 days prior to fair exhibition. These negative test results must be presented at weigh-in upon arrival to the fair or meet MDA/MSU/Wildlife Risk Mitigation Requirements. Members exhibiting bovine should contact the MDA at 1-866-870-5136 for premise ID number.

   * Beef, dairy feeder and jr. beef must have RFID tags. Producers can call Michigan Department of Agriculture at 1-866-870-5136 to receive their National Premises Registration Number and place orders for RFID tags.

   * In addition, transportation to the fair may require a movement permit from the MDA and must accompany the animal to the fair. It is recommended that you call the MDA at least a week prior to the fair.

   * All sheep must have scrapies ID tags;

   * All swine must have State ID tags;

   * All poultry must meet MDA testing requirements to be eligible for exhibition and sale. All birds must be pullorum tested at the fair.

6. **RECOMMENDED STARTING WEIGHTS:**
   A. Beef 500 lbs. by November 1, 2017
   B. Dairy Feeder 90 lbs. by April 1, 2018
   C. Hogs 60 lbs. by May 1, 2018
   D. Lambs 60 lbs. by May 1, 2018
   E. Jr. Beef 150 lbs. by May 1, 2018

7. **RECOMMENDED FINISHING WEIGHTS:**
   A. Beef 1,150 - 1,350 lbs.
   B. Dairy Feeder 300 - 400 lbs.
   C. Hogs 250 - 280 lbs.
   D. Lambs 130-145 lbs.
   E. Jr. Beef 300 - 400 lbs.
8. **REQUIRED MINIMUM FINISHING WEIGHTS:**
   A. Beef 1,000 lbs.
   B. Dairy Feeder 275 lbs.
   C. Hogs 230 lbs.
   D. Lambs 120 lbs.
   E. Jr. Beef 275 lbs.
   F. Meat Chickens 4 lbs. each
   G. Geese 8 lbs. each
   H. Turkey 16 lbs. each
   I. Ducks 4 lbs. each
   J. Rabbits 4 lbs. each

10. **REQUIRED MAXIMUM FINISHING WEIGHTS:**
    A. Beef 1500 lbs.
    B. Dairy Feeder 550 lbs.
    C. Hogs 325 lbs.
    D. Lambs 160 lbs.
    E. Jr. Beef 550 lbs.
    F. There are no maximum weights for small animals as they are sold by pens and not by weight.
C. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECT:

1. Members must exhibit a record book for each animal exhibit to be eligible to participate in the fair. Market small animal exhibitors must complete a market record book for each pen they exhibit, not each animal. Books are to be complete and turned into the club leader no later than 3:00 pm on Sunday of fair week. The leader will then review the books, make comments and sign the books. Members are responsible to turn in their books to the Community Center check-in table by 6:00 pm.

2. All barn posters must be completed and hung by 7:00 pm on Sunday. Must include emergency contact information. Members who don't have their posters up will be required to complete an age appropriate community service task as determined by the barn superintendent.

3. All animals must be fed and watered and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 am daily. If the livestock member does not comply with this rule, a $50 per day fine will be deducted from their auction checks.

4. Final cleaning and tear down is on the last Sunday of the fair.

5. Members are responsible for the removal of their personal equipment and ribbons. Posters must remain hanging for livestock identification/hauling purposes and can't be removed until haul out is completed.

6. Members must compete in the showmanship and market classes to participate in the livestock auction.

7. Members must show their own animals in the showmanship and market classes; the exception being a member having two animals in the same weight class, the member may find a co-showman. Co-showman must be a registered 4-H member.

8. Exhibitors must accompany their animal (s) into the show and sale rings. If an exhibitor is not present or is unable to participate in the auction, a written request to be excused must be presented to the appropriate superintendent prior to sale day. The request must specify why the exhibitor will be absent and specify who the alternate auction day exhibitor will be.

9. Members are to become involved in the promotion of the auction prior to and including fair week by contacting at least two (2) buyers for each project.

10. A commission will be deducted from the sale price of each project to cover the advertising and operational expenses of the livestock program. All sales are final.

The commission funds will be divided as follows: 2.5% will go the livestock association and 1% will go to the Emmet County livestock fund, managed by the Emmet County Controller's office, for maintenance of and improvements to the T-barn. If the 1% commission is no longer required by the county, the commission monies will be used by the livestock association for equipment and supplies specific to the livestock program.

11. Underweight animals may be shown in their respective showmanship classes, but are ineligible for participation in market classes or for sale through the live auction. The sale of underweight
animals must go through the barn superintendents then reported to the treasurer, be bought and paid for by Friday at 10 am and a commission will be deducted as it is with market animals. All paperwork on the sale of these animals must be turned in to the hauling committee chairman.

In addition, overweight animals can be shown in showmanship and market classes. For the auction program, however, the weight of the animal will be listed as the maximum allowed by the association rules and buyers will only be responsible for paying the price per pound of that maximum allowed weight.

12. Animal husbandry and open class animals are not to be sold on the fairgrounds. The market livestock association is not responsible for the trucking of any animal husbandry animals that exhibitors want sent to processors. As these are breeding stock animals, they should return home and any off-site trucking arrangements are between the animal's owners and any private, non-association contracted truckers. Any Animal Husbandry, open class, or unsold underweight animal that is being sent from the fair to a processor must have association paperwork and will be charged $10.00 per head to cover transportation paperwork. The animal owner must contact the processor and association treasurer by Friday at 10 am.

13. Members and adult volunteers must wear proper attire as detailed in the 4-H Code of Conduct while in the show and sale ring. Those articles of clothing that will not be allowed in the show or sale ring include: personalized clothing and/or equipment and tennis shoes. Any items advertising alcohol or tobacco products are not ever allowed. Closed toe leather boots/ work boots or cowboy boots must be worn in the barn areas (while handling livestock), as well as in the show and sale ring, muck boots and rubber boots are acceptable when washing livestock. Long sleeved shirts must be worn by small animal showman.

14. Barn Superintendents have the responsibility and the authority to require any ring practice or animal evaluation for determining any handling, controllability, and safety issues pertaining to the exhibition of that animal. And failure to participate with their animal in ring practice will result in their forfeit opportunity to participate in the livestock shows as deemed by the species superintendent. In addition, barn superintendents have the authority to remove any 4-H members who do not adhere to the fair week Code of Conduct.

15. It is highly encouraged that parents attend all membership meetings. These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month and begin at 7:00 pm.

Exception: August meeting is held on the 1st Monday.

It is especially important that parents attend these meetings:

- **October & November** - Discussion and voting on by-laws takes place.
- **November** - Parents and members need to sign enrollment forms and market beef contracts Committee sign ups begin
  - Budget is approved.
- **January** - Board meeting
  - Year-long planning calendar handed out.
April        Board meeting
May         Parents and members need to sign medium animal contracts.
June        Parents and members need to sign small animal contracts.
July & August Fair week participation and fair week rules are discussed.
             Code of Conduct statements is signed.
             Member and adult barn duty sign up.
             Nominations for new Executive Board Members.
             Adult Executive Board work bee sign-up.

Members under 12 should be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all meetings

16. Members who have special needs (developmental, ADD/ADHD, etc.) may need to have an assistant with them during show and sale days to ensure they are ready and informed of the order in which they participate. In the instance that a member requires a parent/guardian to accompany them in the show ring, the adult is only to attend to that member.

17. All exhibitors and parents are responsible for knowing and abiding by the following:
   * All health requirements listed in the fair book;
   * All rules pertaining to their exhibition, conduct and disciplinary actions as found in the fair book, Livestock Association rules, the 4-H Code of Conduct, and their County Code of Conduct.
   * And that failure to comply with any of these rules may result in termination of contract and dismissal from the livestock program.

Amendments to these rules may be made biannually by the established Executive Board and adopted by the general membership. These changes or amendments must be made no later than the 3rd Monday in November that begins the project year, with changes to be made every other year if there are no major concerns.

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