

# 2019 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES - STEERS

## YOUTH STEER SHOW AND SALE RULES (180 DAY PROJECT)

This is a terminal project. All animals will be sold as market steers and are to be sent directly to slaughter immediately following the sale on vehicles approved by Columbia County Resources.

### INTERPRETATION OF RULES

All questions related to the rules of these shows are to be directed to the Livestock Committee. The Florida Gateway Livestock Committee reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to, the Fair. Any violation of the rules will be addressed by Florida Gateway Fair on an individual basis.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age and must either be (i) a resident of Columbia County, (ii) currently enrolled in the Columbia County School System, or (iii) enrolled in a valid home school program within Columbia County. Age is determined as of October 24, 2019. Anyone having graduated from, or currently dropped out of school, shall not be eligible to enter the show or sale. No one under school suspension on final entry or show day will be allowed to participate in any 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 any show or sale (this includes any female entrant who may be pregnant at any time during the course of the project)

***Each exhibitor will be required to provide proof of Columbia County Residency or provide proof of enrollment in the Columbia County School District or valid home school program. (Valid Driver's License, Utility Bill or Report Card)***

***There will be a mandatory meeting for all exhibitors and at least one parent. Dates and Times are pending, and you will be notified of the date. There will be several meeting dates and you are only required to attend one.***

2. FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs may enter in any show but cannot have an entry in more than one market

show (Steers, Wethers or Swine) Chapters and Clubs will be treated as a single individual for the purposes of complying with the rules of any show. No school shall be able to have an entry in any show. Additionally, FFA or 4-H "teams" shall not be eligible for participation in any show.

### ENTRIES AND START OF PROJECT

3. Entry forms are available at the Fair Office located at the Florida Gateway Fair Fairgrounds or may be downloaded from the Columbia County Resources website at [www.columbiacountyfair.org](http://www.columbiacountyfair.org).
4. All entries must be made on originals or copies of the official entry forms. Completed entry forms must be received in the Florida Gateway Fair Office by the date and time set forth in the rules for each specific show. A separate entry form must be completed for each exhibitor. By signing the entry form, the exhibitor certifies he/she is the sole owner of the animal being exhibited. The only exception will be for Club or Chapter project animals.

You can enter online at

<https://columbialive.fairmanager.com>.

5. An entry fee of \$10.00 per animal must be included with an official entry form and must be received by Florida Gateway Fair office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 19, 2019. Late entries will be accepted up to Friday April 26, 2019 with a late fee of \$25.00 per animal and must be paid at time of registration. All late entries must go through the fair office. No entries will be accepted after April 26, 2019.
6. The maximum beginning weight at the initial weigh in will not exceed 950 pounds. It is highly recommended that no animal weigh less than 600 pounds at initial weigh in.
7. All steers must be weighed in and properly identified by Florida Gateway Fair. Means of identification will be at the discretion of Florida Gateway Fair Board of Directors. Should an ear tag become infected or fall out, the exhibitor must notify Florida Gateway Fair within 48 hours so that arrangements may be made to replace the tag. NO animal will be admitted at the final weigh-in without the tag issued by Florida Gateway Fair. Steers will be given one (1) opportunity for weighing. The only exception will be at the request of the weigh master. Any animal not meeting weight requirements as set forth in paragraph 6 will be disqualified.
8. All steers must be castrated and dehorned or naturally polled PRIOR to the initial weigh in.
9. Florida Gateway Fair reserves the right to reject or accept conditionally any entry of application at any

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time. Florida Gateway Fair may revoke premiums earned or terminate any exhibitor for just cause, and such decision shall be final.

## CLASSES

10. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee after the ending weigh-in. Every attempt will be made to post classes at least 24 hours prior to the show.
11. Any show failing to have six (6) qualified entries by the required entry deadline will be cancelled.

## ENTRANCE TO FAIR AND PARKING

12. All exhibitors must enter the Fairgrounds through the West Gate for both the beginning and ending weigh-in for livestock. During fair week, all vehicles must enter via the Livestock Gate and park in the designated parking area.
13. Each exhibitor will be issued one parking pass which will admit the driver and vehicle. However, only one parking pass will be given per family. In addition, each exhibitor will receive two walk-in passes for the exhibitor's parents.
14. Tickets will be issued at the conclusion of the ending weigh-in.

## HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

15. All animals must meet health regulations as specified by the Department of Agriculture and are subject to the health requirements as set forth by the State of Florida. State inspectors will be on the grounds to check in all animals and accompanying papers. No animals are to be unloaded without approval from the inspector on duty.
16. Steers are subject to being tested for illegal drugs as they are weighed at ending weigh-in. Additionally, the Grand and Reserve Champions and each class winner may be tested immediately following the show. Any animal testing positive will be disqualified from the show and must be removed from the premises. Exhibitors of any animal testing positive will also forfeit any premiums already awarded. The method of testing will be at the discretion of the Livestock Committee and Fair Board.
17. All animals must be healthy and sound, free of lice and warts.

## DISCLAIMERS

18. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any mistakes in the fair bulletin.
19. Florida Gateway Fair or any of its personnel will not be responsible for accidents or errors that may

occur. However, every effort will be made to provide for the safety and comfort of the participants, livestock, and guests.

20. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Fairgrounds; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.

## GENERAL

21. The Barn Superintendent will be allowed to make rules and regulations regarding the barn area for the protection, comfort and safety of all exhibitors, exhibitor family members and visitors. This may include limiting access of the public to the barns during shows and the sale.
22. No exhibitor will be allowed to SELL more than one (1) market animal (steer, wether or hog). Each exhibitor, however, has the option of weighing in two (2) steers, two (2) hogs or one (1) steer and one (1) hog. No substitutions of animals may be made after the initial weigh-in has closed.
23. Exhibitors or their designated person must unload the animals for weigh-in. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any injuries that may occur to an animal during this process.
24. Classes will be established at the discretion of the Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee after the ending weigh-in. Every attempt will be made to post classes at least 24 hours prior to the show.
25. Misconduct or failure to cooperate with the show management by the exhibitor, parents or other persons, at any time during this project, may automatically disqualify the exhibitor and the animal(s) from this or future shows.
26. Exhibitors will be required to show their own animal(s) in the show and sale. Exceptions will be addressed by Florida Gateway Fair on an individual basis. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing to Florida Gateway Fair 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056. No parents will be allowed in the show ring to assist their child without prior consent of Florida Gateway Fair.
27. The Fair Association will supply sufficient bedding for ALL animals. Feed and water pails must be supplied by the exhibitor. All exhibitors are required to feed and care for their animal(s) through Thursday after the sale. Florida Gateway Fair will not be responsible for any items including, but not limited to, items remaining after the sale. A \$25.00 per day charge will be assessed for non-compliance and will be deducted from sale proceeds. Feed and

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water pans are not to be left in beds between feeding. Exhibitors are encouraged to affix their name to any personal belongings brought to the fair.

28. **TIE PROCEDURE:** All steers must be double-tied with both halter lead and neck rope. The proper procedure for this is: Each steer is tied with a rope attached to the halter in addition to a neck rope.
29. **Social Media guidelines for the Florida Gateway Fair Board, Volunteers, Leaders, Parents and Exhibitors. Ultimately you are responsible for what you post online. Before creating online content, consider some of the risks, and rewards that are involved. Keep in mind that any of your conduct that adversely affects the Florida Gateway Fair & Livestock Show, its clients, exhibitors, volunteers, parents, leaders and its ability to secure the resources needed to fulfill its mission promises, may result in being disqualified from participating as a board member, volunteer, leader, exhibitor, or committee member for the Florida Gateway Fair.**

**The impact of negative online content and negative comments shall mean loss of premium money, any awards received, and disqualification from this year's Livestock Show. At the committees discretion this could include loss of sale money and disqualification from future shows. The Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee reserves the right to take down and/or report any content that may be negative to the Florida Gateway Fair image, member, volunteer, leader, exhibitor, or committee. All actions will be determined by the Livestock Committee and the Florida Gateway Board of Directors. All decisions of the committee will be final.**

## GROOMING, TACK, SHOW BOXES AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS

30. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own tack and show boxes sufficient to secure their personal belongings for the duration of the fair. Tack boxes, feed or water pails, and other personal belongings used during fair week may be removed Thursday before noon or you must wait until after the sale is over. No items shall be removed during the sale.

**All animals should be clipped before arriving at fair. There is to be no full body clipping of animals on the Florida Gateway Fair property. You can use clippers to do final touch up if needed.**

## OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

31. An official photographer will be designated by Columbia County Resources. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him through the Florida Gateway Fair Office. The designated photographer is the **only person allowed to take photos during scheduled events** including, but not limited to, livestock show, awards ceremony, and sale. All exhibitors and parents are required to cooperate with the photographer and refrain from violating this rule. Please respect this rule!

## EXHIBITOR SHOW AND SALE ATTIRE

32. Exhibitors are required to wear the following attire during the shows and sale:
- Blue or black jeans (without holes) worn outside of boots
  - Long sleeved, button up shirt tucked inside jeans
  - No hats or baseball caps
  - Belt
  - Boots or leather shoes – no tennis shoes, open toed shoes or flip flops.
- Please note that Chapter or Club Advisors may require exhibitors to wear the club official dress that complies with this dress code.*

## ENDING WEIGH-IN

33. All steers will be weighed at a mandatory end weigh-in at the fairgrounds on October 24, 2019. At this time, each steer must weigh no less than 950 pounds, be a maximum of 24 months of age, have no horns and be manageable in order to be eligible for competition. In addition, each steer must have gained at least 1.25 pounds per day in order to be eligible for show (225 pounds over the term of the project).
34. Steers will be sifted by disposition. Sifted steers will not be allowed to enter the fairgrounds and must be transported home or to another facility as soon as reasonably possible after disqualification. No steer may be exhibited that cannot be properly managed and led by the exhibitor to the satisfaction of the screening committee. A reasonable length of time will be given to an exhibitor of any animal deemed unruly to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed

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and safely exhibited. If, at any time, an animal is deemed as unmanageable, it may be disqualified and must immediately be removed from the Fairgrounds.

35. No nose rings or tongs will be used to assist the exhibitor in leading their animal.
36. An animal will only be weighed once. The only exception will be at the request of the weigh master. Any animal not meeting weight requirements as set forth in paragraph 33 will be disqualified.

## RECORD BOOK

37. A complete record book will be required and must be turned in no later than one hour following the conclusion of the ending weigh-in on Thursday. Books will be screened on Thursday, for completeness. Any book that is not complete will result in the loss of premium. If the exhibitor does not submit a record book, the exhibitor and animal will be disqualified. The animal must then be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

## JUDGES AND JUDGING

38. The decision of the judges shall be final.
39. Any exhibitor or parent who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if incident occurs after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
40. Animals will be judged with a Grand and Reserve Champion being selected. The first-place animal from each class will compete for Grand Champion. The second-place animal of the class from which the Grand Champion was selected will then compete with the first-place animals of the other classes for Reserve Champion.

## SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

41. Showmanship will be judged on the exhibitor's ability to display their animals and themselves. Classes will be:
  - Junior, ages 8-12 years;
  - Intermediate, ages 13-15 years;
  - Senior, ages 16-18.Exhibitor's age to be determined as of October 24, 2019. The showmanship judge will be present during the judging for Grand and Reserve Champion. He/she will call back the exhibitors from the show that he/she feels are the best showmen from each class. The showmanship contest will be held immediately following the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion.

## PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

42. All exhibitors MUST attend awards program on Wednesday. All ribbons will be presented as part of the awards program at this time.
43. Premiums will be paid based on the modified Danish Judging System.
  - Blue Ribbon = \$30.00
  - Red Ribbon = \$25.00
  - White Ribbon = \$20.00
44. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible after the close of the fair and mailed to the exhibitor at the address provided on the entry form. Any change in an exhibitor's address should be promptly reported to the Florida Gateway Fair Livestock Committee at 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, Lake City, Florida 32056.
45. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion steer will be selected. Both the Grand Champion exhibitor and Reserve Champion exhibitor will be awarded a belt buckle.
46. A rate of gain award will be awarded to the exhibitor with the highest average daily gaining steer.
47. Awards will be given to the top three placing livestock exhibitors for record books in each age category (Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels).
48. The Showmanship Champion in each age group will be awarded a belt buckle.

## SALE

49. The resale price will be set through open auction held at the beginning of the livestock sale on Thursday.
50. Add on's will be accepted and must be paid for night of sale.
51. **All steers will be auctioned by the pound and sold for slaughter. The maximum sale "pay" weight will be 1350 pounds. Sale weight of all steers will be receiving weight (up to 1350 pounds)**
52. A 4% (four percent) sales commission on gross sales price will be collected by Florida Gateway Fair on each steer.
53. There will be a mandatory deduction of no more than \$50.00 from the final purchase for one plaque. If you need extra plaques for multiple buyers it will be your responsibility to make arrangements to order more directly from Action Signs. Exhibitors will be notified when plaques are ready to be picked up from the fair office. Plaques MUST be picked up and delivered before the exhibitors check will be released. A deduction of \$25.00 per week will be made from the exhibitor's sale proceeds until the plaques have been picked up and delivered to

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respective buyers. The buyer's receipt must be returned to the Florida Gateway Fair Office for this deduction to cease.

54. Buyers are an integral part of these projects. Each exhibitor is expected to solicit buyers for their animal (marketing). Parents should assist their children with this aspect of the project in order to achieve the most success.
55. All buyers are encouraged to pay for their purchases through Florida Gateway Fair the night of the sale with the exception of buyers receiving prior approval from Florida Gateway Fair. The minimum amount any person may pay toward the purchase of a steer is .50 per pound. Anything less will be treated as an ad on.
56. The buyer agrees to pay the price called out by the auctioneer unless objection is made at the time of sale.
57. The seller agrees with the decisions of the auctioneer as to which bid, the size bid, and when the final bid shall be taken.
58. The seller agrees to rely on the decision of Florida Gateway Fair as to the selection of an auctioneer.

## RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK

59. Animals will be released at the conclusion of the sale.
60. Florida Gateway Fair will supply all steer exhibitors with a nylon halter to tie animals in the barn after the sale. all market animals will load out on Friday morning.

## AFTER THE FAIR

61. Each exhibitor is required to write a thank you letter to those who purchased his/her animal. These letters should be turned into the Florida Gateway Fair Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Thank you letters must be received by the Florida Gateway Fair Office no later than three weeks after the conclusion of the sale. Each letter must be accompanied with an unsealed stamped envelope for each buyer. Letters may be typed or handwritten in ink by the exhibitor.
62. No money will be distributed to the exhibitor until all buyer monies have been received by Florida Gateway Fair, proper thank you letters have been received and approved by Florida Gateway Fair, plaques have been delivered to the buyers, and buyer receipts for plaques have been returned to the Florida Gateway Fair Office.

63. A penalty of \$25.00 per week will be deducted directly from the sale proceeds from those who have not complied with the thank you letter or plaque requirement.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Entry Deadline</i>	<i>Fri. April 19</i>
<i>Late Entries Accepted with penalty</i>	<i>April 20-26</i>
<i>Mandatory Beginning Weigh-In Florida Gateway Fair</i>	<i>Sat. April 27 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Scales Open (Optional)</i>	<i>Saturday, July 6 Saturday August 3 Saturday September 7 Saturday October 5 8:00-9:00 am</i>
<i>Mandatory End Weigh-In Florida Gateway Fairgrounds</i>	<i>Thur., Oct. 24 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Record Book Deadline</i>	<i>Thur., Oct. 24</i>
<i>One hour following the close of scales</i>	
<i>Show</i>	<i>Mon., Oct. 28 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Awards</i>	<i>Wed., Oct. 30 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sale</i>	<i>Thurs., Oct. 31 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Animal Release</i>	<i>Thurs., Oct. 31 Conclusion of sale</i>
<i>Buyer Thank you deadline</i>	<i>Nov. 22, 2019</i>
<b><i>Exhibitor Meeting</i></b>	
<b><i>(Must attend one class)</i></b>	
<i>April 27</i>	<i>10:00 am Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>April 30</i>	<i>6:30 pm Ft. White High School Ag Room</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>6:00 pm Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>August 8</i>	<i>6:00 pm Fairgrounds Banquet Hall</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>6:00 pm Fair Grounds Banquet Hall</i>

Mail entries to:  
**LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT**  
**FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR**  
**164 SW Mary Ethel Lane**  
**Lake City, Florida 32025**

**FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR**  
**LIVESTOCK SHOW**  
**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Completed entry form must be received by April 19, 2019.

Late entries accepted with late fee to April 26, 2019 \$25.00 Per animal.

**Market Steer**

Exhibitor/Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

Exhibitor Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of 10/24/19) \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(16-18)

Showmanship Division: Junior(8-12) Intermediate (13-15) Senior

T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Child

Florida Gateway Fair Office Use  
Proof of Eligibility (ie: Drivers License, utility bill, report card )  
See: 2019 Youth Livestock Show Rule #1  
Document \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed	Tag Number	Date of Birth/Age	Beginning Weight	Ending Weight

ENTRY FEES INCLUDED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 EACH ANIMAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

By signing this entry form I (we) agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC., it's agents and employees against any and all liability for injuries to persons or damage to property, whether such damage or injury is from the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC.'s negligence or not, which may arise by reason of use by signing exhibitor(s) of the FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIR & COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC.'s property.

I have read and understand, consent to, and agree to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the rules and regulations of the market animal competition as stated in the premium book of the Florida Gateway Fair.

The undersigned specifically releases and forever discharges the Fair, its officers, directors, trustees, employees and all person connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Fair from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, breach of contract, negligence or other tort, harm damage to property, injury or death suffered by me which may occur during or as a result of participation by me in the Fair.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitors Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

***Entry form must be filled out completely  
and accurately or your animal will not be  
allowed to show.***