

2010 Pasco County Fair Hog Committee Rules

All required forms, rule books, record books, and guidelines are available online at: www.pascocountyfair.com

The Pasco County Fair Hog 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 person who violates any of these rules will forfeit all privileges and can/will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.

MAJOR RULE CHANGES - READ THOROUGHLY

MANDATORY ONLINE REGISTRATION BY SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 11:59PM

www.pascocountyfair.com

BY SUBMITTING THE ENTRY FORM YOU ARE ACCEPTING THE RULES HEREIN, AS WELL AS IAFE CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

**MANDATORY SEMINAR
DAN CANNON AUDITORIUM
OCTOBER 12, 2009
7pm**

****THERE WILL BE A MANDATORY SEMINAR FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AND THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN IN THE DAN CANNON AUDITORIUM AT THE PASCO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2009. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW. PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE MEETING. IF YOU DID NOT SUBMIT AN ENTRY FORM ONLINE, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.**

The grade of the exhibitor will determine the division of their competition. The divisions/categories of exhibitors are as follows:

**Junior Exhibitors (grades 2-5)*
Intermediate Exhibitors (grades 6-8)
Senior Exhibitors (grade 9-12)**

*Minimum age, as of September 1, 2009, is 8 years old.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Exhibitors must own their hogs by December 5, 2009.
2. Exhibitors must bring their hogs to one of the following tagging dates:
 - a. November 21, 2009 from 8am -11am
 - b. December 5, 2009 from 8am – 11am
3. Record Book turn in is Sunday, **February 7, 2010**, from **2:00pm to 4:00pm** at Clayton Hall.
4. Hog weigh-in for the Show will be conducted on Thursday, **February 18, 2010**, from **8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.**

5. The exhibitor meeting following weigh-in will begin at approximately **1:00 p.m.**
6. Hog Show will begin at **8:00 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2010.**
7. Hog Sale will begin at **6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 20, 2010.**
8. All exhibitors must come to the barn on **Sunday, February 21, 2010, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.** to clean their pen area and turn in thank you letters. All shavings will be removed from the pen.
9. Exhibitor check pick-up will be **Thursday, April 22, 2010** in Clayton Hall from **6pm-7pm.**

RULES

1. **There will be a \$20.00 (non-refundable) registration fee, per exhibitor, to be submitted online. www.pascocountyfair.com**
2. All exhibitors shall belong to a Youth Agricultural Organization. This organization may be a Pasco County 4-H Club, Pasco County FFA Chapter or other youth agricultural organization. All exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private or home school. Minimum age, as of September 1, 2009, is 8 years old. All entries must be a productive project owned by the exhibitor and supervised by the 4H leader or Agricultural Teacher/Leader. Each exhibitor must maintain an official record book on their project animal(s).
3. Junior Exhibitors – Proof of satisfactory school work for junior exhibitors must be verified on the Academic Satisfaction Form (available online at www.pascocountyfair.com) and submitted with the record book. Junior exhibitors who want to compete for the GPA award may submit a report card as a substitute for the grade satisfaction form, only if grades A-F are used.
4. Intermediate Exhibitors – Proof of a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or better is required to show your animal. A report card showing a minimum 2.0 GPA for the most **recent semester** grading period must be submitted with the record book.
5. Senior Exhibitors – Proof of a minimum **cumulative** un-weighted grade point average of 2.0 or better is required to show your animal. A report card showing a minimum **cumulative** 2.0 GPA must be submitted with the record book. The grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale.
6. Home School – Proof of a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or better is required to show your animal. You may substitute a report card with the Academic Satisfaction form (available online at www.pascocountyfair.com). If the Home Schooled child wishes to compete for the GPA award, a report card from a state recognized home education program which reflects a full course load using the grading system A-F may be submitted.
7. Each exhibitor may exhibit only one sale animal (including chapter animals). If an exhibitor shows a steer, they may not show a hog; if an exhibitor shows a hog, they may not show a steer.
8. Entries may be either barrows or open gilts (no stags or boars).
9. All animals must be owned and in the hands of the exhibitor by December 5, 2009. **ENTRY FORMS INCLUDING \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE, MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2009. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY OTHER TIME.**
10. Completed record book must be presented at the time stated below for an animal to be eligible to compete in the show or participate in the sale. Completed record books **must** be presented to the committee no later than Sunday, February 7, 2010, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the barn.

The committee reserves the right to determine "completeness" of the record book.

A copy of the exhibitor's report card must be submitted at the same time and day the record book is due.

Copies of completed business letters addressed to four (4) different buyers must be presented with the record book. The committee strongly encourages exhibitors to contact NEW prospective buyers. Examples of these letters can be found along with further guidelines to the record book on www.pascocountyfair.com.

The recordbooks will be returned to the exhibitor at check pick up April 22, 2010.

11. All hogs are required to be tagged and tattooed in order to be eligible for entry into the Show/Sale. Exhibitors will be required to bring the hog(s) to any of the following sites, on the dates indicated, for tagging and tattooing:

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Pasco County Fairgrounds

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*No hogs will be tagged/tattooed after December 5, 2009. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All tagging/tattooing will be done by the Pasco County Fair Hog Committee

12. The Hog Committee suggests hogs should weigh approximately 100 pounds by the ownership deadline date of December 5, 2009.

***ALL EAR TAGS ARE TO BE CLEANED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR* If an ear tag falls out of the hogs ear, the tag must be brought with the hog to weigh in.**

All hogs will be evaluated prior to weighing by a state certified inspector.

All entries must weigh at least **230 pounds**. All entries must meet the quality grade specifications of a USDA No. 1 or No. 2 market hog and have at least average muscling.

"Thick" muscling moves a hog up one grade. "Thin" muscling will automatically disqualify a hog from the show. **Any inferior hogs will be sifted at weigh-in. Sifted hogs cannot be shown and must be sent directly to slaughter by the committee.**

SIFTING: IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN PEN SPACE, THE HOG COMMITTEE WILL SIFT THE HOGS ACCORDING TO CURRENT MARKET TRENDS.

13. The Executive Committee and Sifting Committee reserve the sole right to remove any animal from the barn due to physical capabilities or illness. Any such animal that exhibits inferior characteristics will be placed in a holding pen and removed from the barn at the convenience of the committee.
14. Each exhibitor will be allowed to weigh their hog only once. If the animal does not meet the minimum weight requirement, it must be sent directly to a slaughter facility by the committee.
15. The Hog Committee will divide entries into workable classes by weight after arrival at the Fair.
16. An exhibitor meeting will be held after the weigh-in at 1:00 p.m., to announce classes and distribute materials. Exhibitors and parents are strongly urged to attend. **No** exhibitors are allowed in the barn on Thursday until after exhibitors' meeting or Sunday until after 1:00 p.m. No decorating of pens will be allowed on Thursday until after the meeting.

17. **Pen placement of hogs will be determined by the barn committee as the hogs are unloaded; placement is final when the barn committee opens the barn to the exhibitors. If a hog location is changed by someone other than a committee member, that pig will be removed from the barn and the exhibitor disqualified from participating. There will be no special groupings.**
18. All exhibitors must feed and care for their animal during the Fair and are responsible for their hog until loaded out. No feed pans/buckets and containers of any kind can be left in the pens. No hay or straw is allowed for pen bedding; the committee suggests the use of wood shavings.
19. Any exhibitor who neglects their animal will be subject to disciplinary action.
20. Each and every exhibitor must be present at the show and sale to exhibit their animals. If an exhibitor is not present at the time their class is called or at the time the animal is sold the exhibitor will be disqualified and their animal will be sold to the packer at the packer price announced at the beginning of the sale. If there is a physical condition which prohibits the exhibitor from participating, the Executive Committee will make a decision on an individual case by case basis as to whether or not the exhibitor will be allowed to participate or if a substitute exhibitor will be chosen.
21. **Only exhibitors will be allowed in the hog barn during the show and sale (NO PARENTS, PROFESSIONAL FITTERS OR HANDLERS). The barn will close to visitors 20 minutes prior to the start of the show and start of the sale, and remain closed until the end of the show and the sale. If a child needs assistance during these times, please see a committee member immediately. This rule will be strictly enforced!**
22. The committee suggests that no total body clipping be done. Clipped hogs may be discounted by the Packer/Slaughter facility. If the committee is fined by the Packer/Slaughter facility for excessively clipped hogs, the exhibitor must pay the committee double the assessed penalty. The committee will not permit clipping of any kind in the barn after weigh-in. Suggested clip length is no less than ½"

It is suggested NO cornstarch, baby powder or olive oil be used to groom your animals. Only professional grooming products should be used. **NO GLITTER IS ALLOWED!!**

The Pasco County Fair Hog Committee, FFA Agriculture Departments, Florida Cooperative Extension Service or the Pasco County Fair Association will not be responsible in any way for sickness or accident of any nature which might occur to exhibitor or animals during the Pasco County Fair nor are they responsible for damage to or loss of personal property.

AWARDS

All judging will be on the Modified Danish System with Blue, Red and White ribbons.

Grand Champion	Rosette & Trophy
Reserve Champion	Rosette & Trophy
Class Winners	Rosette & Trophy

A Showmanship contest will be held. Exhibitors of Chapter hogs will be eligible for Showmanship honors. There will be three divisions; Junior, Intermediate and Senior. It is required that official 4-H or FFA dress be worn. No hats or caps are to be worn in the show ring.

Showmanship (Jr., Int., Sr.)

1 st Place	Rosette & Trophy
2 nd Place	Rosette & Trophy
3 rd Place	Rosette & Trophy

4-H Grade Point Avg. (Jr, Int, Sr)

FFA Grade Point Avg. (Int, Sr)

4-H and FFA exhibitors will be eligible for a cash award for the highest GPA. Weighted cumulative grade point average will be used for senior exhibitors. Junior and intermediate exhibitors will be eligible based on the unweighted grade point average for the most current semester.

1 st Place	\$75
2 nd Place	\$50
3 rd Place	\$25

Overall Exhibitor (Jr, Int, Sr)

1st place only Belt Buckles

To be **eligible for overall exhibitor** the following requirements must be met:

***Exhibitors must** turn in a completed record book

***Exhibitors must** take the Swine Skills test.

A swine skills test will be given for each of the following divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. The swine skills test will be based on knowledge acquired from Ohio State University Swine Resource Handbook (provided by Hog Committee). The subject will change each year and will be disclosed at the October Mandatory meeting.

Each hog will be sold in the auction. No private treaty sales are allowed. All Sale monies will go through the Sale Committee. A 5% commission will be taken from the sale price of each hog to cover show expenses. Hog weights will not be shrunk. **The committee encourages that add-ons be given directly to the exhibitor.** If add-ons are processed through the Sale Committee, a 5% commission will be deducted.

Maximum selling weight for hogs is 280 lbs.

The Grand Champion will sell first; Reserve Champion second. Remaining placed hogs will be sold starting with class winners, second place and all other places following. Unplaced hogs will be sold in an order determined by random drawing.

The Reserve Champion cannot bring an equal to or higher price than the Grand Champion. No other hog can bring an equal or higher price than the Reserve Champion.

An ORIGINAL THANK YOU LETTER to be sent to the buyer of the exhibitor's hog **MUST** be given to a member of the Hog Committee between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Generic form letters are discouraged. The letters must be in a 5x7 Manila or equivalent envelope ready for mailing (postage will be provide by the hog committee). The committee will mail the Thank you note along with the sale picture to the buyer. If the letters are not received that day, there will be a \$25 fine plus \$25 for each week thereafter, until the letters are received. Buyer's addresses will be available at the barn on Sunday.

Exhibitors will be required to pick up checks on Thursday, April 22, 2010 in Clayton Hall at the Pasco County Fairgrounds between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. A copy of the buyer/exhibitor picture will be handed out at that time and record books will be returned. It is required that an ID be brought with you. NO checks will be given to anyone other than the exhibitor or their legal guardian at the time of pickup. The Hog Committee strongly recommends that exhibitors write thank you letters to all people who added on to their animal. This would include across-the-board add-ons.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

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 violative 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 chemical 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, conformation, or appearance, except external applications 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.

**PASCO COUNTY FAIR HOG COMMITTEE
2009-2010 OFFICERS**

Chairman - Ms. Mary Reffit	813-714-4139
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Ms. Mary Reffit

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Ms. Mary Reffit

**Ex-Officio:
Mr. Dicky Brown**

Other parents, 4-H Leaders, agriculture teachers and hog producers are invited and encouraged to get involved with the hog project efforts. Suggestions and assistance are appreciated. Please call the chairperson of the sub-committee you wish to serve on.

HAVE FUN!