



2024 Open Beef Tailgate Show and Showmanship Rules & Regulations Hernando County Fair

The Open Beef Tailgate Show will be held at the Hernando County Fair on Saturday, April 6, 2024 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Hernando County Fairgrounds is located at 6436 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601. The Open Beef Tailgate Show is open to anyone living in the state of Florida. Farms or families may register multiple animals and have multiple exhibitors.

1. **CHECK-IN:** Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Show:** Starts at 12:00 p.m.
2. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** All animals and exhibitors are encouraged to pre-register by April 1, 2024. Exhibitors who pre-register by April 1st will receive an exhibitor t-shirt.
3. **SHOW ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00, *non-refundable*, entry fee for each animal entered into the show.
 - **SHOW AGE REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors must be 8 years of age by September 1, 2023.
4. **SHOWMANSHIP ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00, *non-refundable*, per exhibitor.

OPEN SHOWMANSHIP AGES, AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023
Pee Wee (7 and Under) Jr. (8 to 12) Int. (13 to 16) and Sr. (17 and Up)
5. **SHOWMANSHIP** is open to anyone registering and paying the separate fee. Prize money will be based on the total number of class entries. **BULLS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR SHOWMANSHIP.**
6. **DRESS CODE:** Open Beef Exhibitors Dress Code during Show and Showmanship will be as follows:
 1. Dark Slacks or Dark Jeans Without Holes.
 2. Shirt with Collar (NO t-shirts), Tucked into Pants.
 3. Dark Boots.
7. **ENTRIES AFTER April 1, 2024:** Show Entry Fee is \$35.00, *non-refundable*, per animal entered, and Showmanship Entry Fee is \$15.00, *non-refundable*, per exhibitor. **Show day entries will be cash only.**
8. **PASSES:** Each exhibitor will be issued one (1) exhibitor and two (2) parent stamps for the fairgrounds. All other persons in the vehicle wishing to enter the fair at check-in must pay the fair admission.
9. No shots or medication may be given to animals while at the Fairgrounds, except with the permission of the Co-Chairs and under Supervision of a veterinarian.
10. All animals shown must be positively, individually identified as follows: Registered animals per Association requirements; unregistered animals by brand or tattoo.
11. This show is open to any beef animal except those containing more than fifty percent dairy breeding. Farms or Family may enter any number of animals in any class.
12. Only registered bulls may be shown - no grade or commercial bull classes are offered. Bulls one year of age or older, **MUST** have a nose ring and lead.
13. All animals must conform to all State of Florida Health Regulations. Health Certificates must be presented prior to animals being removed from trailer, until approved by veterinarian.
14. All animals must be polled or dehorned before entering barn.
15. Each exhibitor must care for his/her animals while at the show. Exhibitors are required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. All exhibitors that show neglect of their animals shall forfeit all prize money.
16. Judging will be done on the Modified Danish System; animals will be placed blue, red or white. Only blue ribbon animals will be eligible to compete for Championship. **NO MONIES PAID FOR RIBBONS**

Classes may be combined by the HCFAYLC based on number of individual class entries and overall number of entries per division. Prize money will be based on the number of entries in each division. Registered/Grade female and registered bull will constitute the two divisions and monies will be distributed as follows:

Grand Champion 30% Reserve Grand Champion 20%

Showmanship entry fees will be divided as follows:

Grand Champion 25% Reserve Grand Champion 15% Third in Class 10%

17. Female classes are based on weights. We will have up to 6 classes of weights with a Class 7 for a cow and calf pair (calf must be under 6 months of age). Bull classes there will be up to four different weight classes.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) 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 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 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.
5. 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 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.
6. 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, confirmation, 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 Expos* and any special notices to members.

12. The act of entering of 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 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.



2024 Open Beef Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ T-shirt Size (Youth or Adult) _____ Age: _____

Bull, Heifer, or Pair	Breed	Description: Ear Tag, Tattoo, Etc.

Registered Animals MUST have registration papers brought to the show.

If multiple exhibitors are showing the above animals, please complete the following information. Showmanship is open to all exhibitors. Showmanship is not limited to the animal show in divisional classes.

Exhibitor Name: _____ Line # of animal being shown _____ Showmanship: Yes or No

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**By signing this, we agree that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by ALL the Rules & Regulations
Of the 2024 Hernando County Fair Youth Livestock Show and Sale.**

Exhibitors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Required, if the exhibitor is under 18 years of age at Showtime)

Entry Fees: \$25.00 per Animal Total # of Animals Entered _____	Showmanship Entry Fees: \$10.00 per Exhibitor Total # of Exhibitors Entered: _____
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REMINDER: Entry Fee after April 1, 2024 is \$35.00 per animal, and Showmanship Entry Fee is \$15.00 per exhibitor.

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Return this Entry Form and your Entry Fees to:

Hernando County Fair P.O. Box 10456 Brooksville, FL 34603

Early Registration is strongly Encouraged - If Entry Received by April 1st, 2024, you receive an Exhibitor T-Shirt.