

**GENERAL RULES GOVERNING SHOW**  
**ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 P.M., AUGUST 15**

**KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW**

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**ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and/or its Rules Committee have the final and absolute right to interpret or amend the following rules and regulations. Any exhibitor who violates these rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to penalties ordered by the KJLS Executive Committee.

When necessary, special rules are published for each department. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any department and the general rules and regulations, the rules set by each species will govern.

**BREED CLASSIFICATION:** The Classification Committee has the authority to screen and classify animals. The decisions of the Classification Committee are final.

**CONSEQUENCES:** In the event any animal is declared by the veterinarian or testing agency to be unethically fitted, the animal will immediately be disqualified and the exhibitor of that animal will be barred from participation in future KJLS shows. The exhibitor will forfeit all titles, awards, premiums and prizes. The KJLS Board of Directors, through its management, makes all the rules and regulations, and reserves the final and absolute right to interpret them.

**DISQUALIFICATION:**

1. Should an entry that has been awarded a prize be disqualified, the lower placing will not move into the higher position.
2. Our primary audience consists of family and youth. KJLS reserves the right to reject any entry that may be considered objectionable by the audience.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Current Kansas 4-H and FFA members meeting the following membership criteria are eligible to exhibit at KJLS.

**4-H MEMBERSHIP:** Enrolled in a local 4-H program. Members must be 7 years of age before January 1 of the current year and must not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the current year.

**FFA MEMBERSHIP:** Enrolled in agricultural education. Students must have paid current annual membership dues and must not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1 of the current year.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted by August 15. Late entries will be accepted through August 31, but will be subject to an entry fee of double the stated entry fee amount.

**EXHIBITOR CONDUCT:** When animals are unloaded, control of animals passes to KJLS and exhibitors will abide by show rules. Exhibitors who do not follow the rules and policies will forfeit all awards and premiums. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the Executive Committee may bar the exhibitor and members of his or her immediate family from future KJLS events. An exhibitor shall not remove his or her animal from the show ring prior to completion of the class without consent of the superintendent.

**LABORATORY ANALYSIS:** It is the right of the KJLS Board of Directors, at its discretion, to conduct laboratory analysis on any animal entered in KJLS competition. All initial quality assurance testing required by KJLS will be paid for by KJLS. Payment for other tests, (i.e., blood typing, etc.) required in the youth livestock shows will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.

**LIVESTOCK QUALITY:** To maintain and improve the quality of livestock in the show, all animals will be inspected at the time of weigh-in. Those not meeting minimum health quality standards will be sifted.

**NON-TERMINAL SHOW:** The show is non-terminal for all market steers, market goats, market hogs and market lambs. Show animals are not the property of KJLS, they are privately owned by the exhibitor and their families, and their termination is the decision of the exhibitor following the conclusion of the show. Sifted lambs and goats may, at the discretion of the exhibitor, be sold at base bid price or taken home.

**PROTEST:** Official protests must be submitted to the KJLS director of livestock shows and events in writing, signed and accompanied by \$250 cash or a certified check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and be delivered immediately upon the occasion for such protest. The director will provide the protest to the KJLS Board of Directors or its designee(s). The KJLS Board or its designee(s) will not consider protests made upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an entry. The KJLS Board of Directors or its designee(s) shall only consider a protest filed by a participant entered in the same division as the participant that is subject to the protest. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigations; and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done. The KJLS Board of Directors or its designee(s) will consider protests as speedily as possible and their decision on the matter shall be final. If deemed necessary, the KJLS Board of Directors or its designee(s) may conduct interviews and/or an informational hearing to gather official statements from the individual who filed the protest, the individual against whom the protest was filed, the show superintendent and any other individuals who may provide pertinent factual information.

**PREMIUM AMOUNTS:** Premiums will be paid to at least half the class, but will not be paid past 10<sup>th</sup> place. Amounts will be based on a percentage of the entries per class. Kansas breed associations may offer additional premiums.

**UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK:** Defined as the showing of unethically fitted livestock or the showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered. Unethical fitting is deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of an animal's body; or using drugs, including over-the-counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant or other substance to alter conformation.
2. Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants, or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.
3. Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail.
4. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.
5. Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of an animal's body, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts or horns, and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
6. Insertion of foreign material under the skin; tissue manipulation.
7. Changing of the color of hair at any point, spot or area on an animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.
8. The act of artificially filling animals internally.
9. The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
10. The use of diuretics.
11. Ethical use of wholesome and reasonable animal husbandry practices, such as an electrolyte drench in hot weather, may be exercised provided permission is granted in advance by show management. Even if the source of the unethical fitting is unknown, KJLS shall be entitled to disqualify the entry.

**RESIDUE AVOIDANCE - MEDICATION:** The use of drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is a violation of federal law. The exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible for the care and custody of their animals; (2) KJLS shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug; (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or legal guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, KJLS shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

Animals selected for drug testing will be tested under the terms of the KJLS Market Animal Testing Policies and Procedures. During the collection procedure, the exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the superintendent. Following the collection, the exhibitor AND parent/guardian/responsible adult MUST sign the KJLS Drug Use Notification and Test Sample Collection form. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule may be subject to disqualification. If an exhibitor is disqualified due to a positive test result for an unapproved drug, the KJLS Board reserves the right to ban future entry.

**UNAPPROVED DRUG USE:** The showing of any animal that has been administered or shows any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication, whether upon harvest or testing, is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by FDA and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for animals to be harvested, including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

**APPROVED DRUG USE:** If any animal has been administered any FDA drug approved for its species and class, sufficient time must have passed for the drug to clear the animal's system so the animal does not test positive for that drug. The showing of any animal that upon harvest or testing shows any quantity of any approved drug is strictly prohibited.

**VETERINARY:** All medication administered during all livestock shows must be administered with the approval of the KJLS veterinarian. If drugs are used by an official show veterinarian to treat a recognized disease in market animals, the withdrawal times listed by the drug manufacturer will be strictly followed. The exhibitor specifically represents that no animal entered by him/her is unethically fitted, and the breeding, age and milking status is correctly stated. All livestock exhibitors will be required to have signatures on each entry form stating that the animal was not unethically fitted. All junior market and breeding animal forms must be signed by the exhibitor and parent, and validated by the 4-H or FFA advisor. If entry is done online, the exhibitor and parent agree with an electronic signature.

The grand and reserve grand champion of the market show for each species will be tested. All other entries are subject to testing at the discretion of the KJLS Board of Directors and management. All exhibitors agree to submit any animal, breeding and/or market, entered by him/her to inspection by the show's veterinarian or their agent, and agree to have the animal submitted for tests as they may be requested at any time. KJLS also reserves the right to have ultrasound, DNA, blood and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The exhibitor, including his or her parent or guardian or FFA advisor or county extension agent, must be present during the collection for testing and must witness, seal and sign the sample, thus verifying the sample has been properly collected and prepared for analysis.

The analysis of the testing laboratory shall be final and conclusive without recourse against KJLS or any officer or employee thereof, or any laboratory as approved by the Executive Committee. The exhibitor waives any right of action he/she might have for any action taken under this rule and releases KJLS and the laboratory from any and all claims or demands whatsoever in connection with the inspection or testing of any such animal or ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion of such testing laboratory. As breeding animals are not entering the food chain, the USDA Wholesome Meat Act does not apply; however, breeding animals will be closely screened for any performance-enhancing compounds. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and painkillers.

**APPROVED IDENTIFICATION AND NOMINATION DATES:** Steers must have been tagged on or before May 1 of the current show year. A completed online nomination form and exhibitor information must be submitted through the online portal (ShoWorks) by May 1 of the current show year. A completed and signed DNA envelope for each nominated market beef animal must be postmarked by May 1 of the current show year.

All registered heifers must be registered in the exhibitor's name no later than June 15 of the current show year. Registration will be determined according to each breed association's guidelines. Date of ownership is not necessarily the same as the date of registration.

Registered breeding heifers must be identified with a permanent tattoo corresponding with registration papers. Original registration papers must accompany all breeding heifers at check-in on Friday of the show.

All commercial breeding heifers must have been tagged on or before June 15 of the current show year and have been identified with an official 4-H/FFA beef ear tag. A completed online nomination form and exhibitor information must be submitted through ShoWorks by June 15 of the current show year. A completed and signed DNA envelope for each commercial breeding heifer must be postmarked by June 15 of the current show year, to be eligible to show.

Barrows must have been tagged on or before June 15 of the current show year and have been identified with an official 4-H/FFA ear tag number and breed. Purebred barrow ear notches must match those listed on the registration certificate. Improperly or freshly notched pigs will not be allowed to show. Pigs must be notched using the universal notching system recognized by the Purebred Swine Association. A completed online nomination form and exhibitor information must be submitted through ShoWorks by June 15 of the current show year. A completed and signed DNA envelope for each nominated hog must be postmarked by June 15 of the current show year on all barrows and commercial breeding gilts. Barrow exhibitors are allowed to declare their barrow's weight at check-in.

Pedigreed gilts and barrows must be in the name of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor or approved family nomination name on their registration certificate by June 15 of the current show year. Purebred gilts also must be tagged with an official 4-H/FFA ear tag by June 15 of the current show year. The farrowing date on breeding gilts will be Feb. 1 and later. All commercial gilts and market barrows will be shown by weight. All barrows and gilts will go through check-in Saturday morning to verify tags and check pedigrees.

All market lambs and commercial ewes must have been tagged on or before June 15 of the current show year. Market lambs and commercial ewes must be identified by an official 4-H/FFA ear tag number. For market lambs and commercial ewes to be eligible for the show, a completed online nomination form and exhibitor information must be submitted through ShoWorks by June 15 of the current show year. A completed and signed DNA envelope for each nominated lamb must be postmarked by June 15 of the current show year.

All goats must be tagged on or before June 15 of the current show year, with an official 4-H/FFA ear tag. A completed online nomination form and exhibitor information must be submitted through ShoWorks by June 15 of the current show year. A completed and signed DNA envelope must be postmarked by June 15 of the current show year.

In all market species, each animal must be identified in a single exhibitor's name and KSU nomination number except if being nominated under a family/household (refer to household nomination/declaration section below). Each nomination will cost \$12.00, which is paid for by purchasing official DNA envelopes in advance and makes an animal eligible for both the Kansas State Fair and KJLS. **Remember, nomination is not an entry for the show. Both a complete nomination and subsequent paid KJLS entry must be present for market animals and commercial breeding females to be eligible to show.**

**HOUSEHOLD NOMINATION/DECLARATION FORM:** The family/household nomination program is optional and intended for market animals and commercial breeding females. It is designed for exhibitors who legally reside in the same household and share the same legal address, while providing care for the project the majority of the time of ownership. Households may nominate all animals under each child within the household and can declare who will show which animal at the time of entry. Youth may substitute one family-nominated animal for another until the completion of show check-in.

The housing and care portion of the form is designed to certify that an exhibitor is providing primary care for their project the majority of the time and where that care is taking place. It is required for all nominated livestock. The form features separate sections for youth who reside at the same address as their animal and those who do not. KJLS reserves the right to inspect the premise to ensure animals are housed as indicated.

**LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENT:** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) continues for ALL exhibitors at KJLS, including market and breeding animal exhibitors. Exhibitors are required to complete the YQCA program to be eligible for the show. This national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program focuses on food safety, animal well-being and character development. Youth 7 and older (as of January 1 of the current year) will need to participate in YQCA training annually, either through an instructor-led training or the online course. Members who are 7 years old may only attend an instructor-led course with a parent/guardian. Those who need a web-based option should contact their local extension office for an alternative option. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> or contact your local extension office to obtain certification or learn about options in your area.

**EAR TAG IDENTIFICATION:** All market animals, commercial gilts, commercial heifers, commercial ewes and commercial does must properly be identified with the Kansas 4-H/FFA ear tag with numbers identical to those submitted in the system through the online nomination form. Lost ear tags must be reported in writing through the official tag change form by the agent or ag instructor to the nomination coordinator prior to the animal being brought to the show. Electronic ear tags are required for all nominated animals.

**QUALIFYING WEIGHTS:** To qualify for financial premiums, a market animal's weight must fall within the following ranges:

- Steers must weigh at least 1,100 lbs.
- Barrows must weigh between 230 - 305 lbs.
- Commercial gilts must not weigh more than 375 lbs.
- Lambs must weigh 90 lbs. or more, excluding hair sheep which must weigh 80 lbs. or more
- Market goats must weigh 60 lbs. or more
- Commercial does must weigh 50 lbs. or more.

**SCALES:** A set of "unofficial" scales will be made available to exhibitors of swine, sheep and goats. No private scales will be allowed on the premises.

**ENTRIES:** Entries must be made through the official online entry form at [www.kjls.net](http://www.kjls.net). All entries from ONE exhibitor are to be made in one entry and only one exhibitor per entry. You must fill out the online entry form in its entirety and pay the fees when entering. The drug withdrawal certificate must be completed and signed for all market livestock. Entry of market animals requires families to select a nominated tag number to enter for each exhibitor by 11:59 p.m., August 15 (11:59 p.m., August 31, for late entries). Youth may substitute one nominated animal for another through show check-in. All market animals and commercial breeding females shown must have been nominated. No additional entries will be allowed after the late-entry due date.

**ENTRY FEES:** The entry fee for steers and heifers is \$40 per animal. The entry fee for market lambs, breeding ewes, commercial ewes, market goats, commercial doe kids, barrows and gilts is \$20 per animal. Showmanship entry fees are \$5 per division. Entry fees for entries submitted August 16 through August 31 will be \$80 for steers and heifers; \$40 for market lambs, breeding ewes, commercial ewes, market goats, commercial does, barrows and gilts; and \$10 for showmanship. An exhibitor who fails to register for showmanship after the late entry deadline may enter showmanship for \$25 at check in. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship.

**ENTRY PAYMENTS:** All entries and payments must be made online at the time of entry.

**NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT CAN BE SHOWN BY AN EXHIBITOR:** An exhibitor may show a maximum of two (2) animals per project per species. Example: Two steers, two heifers, two market lambs, two breeding/commercial ewes, two market goats, two commercial doe kids, two market barrows and two gilts. This is a maximum of four beef, four sheep, four goats and four swine per exhibitor. Market animals brought to the show must have been nominated and pre-entered. By paying a \$12 per animal nomination fee, completing the appropriate online form and submitting DNA samples, exhibitors are allowed to nominate as many animals as they would like per species, but there will be no refunds for any reason. The nominations and signed DNA forms must be postmarked by May 1 for steers, and by June 15 for barrows, wether lambs, wether market goats, commercial does, commercial heifers, commercial gilts and commercial ewes. At the time of entry, the exhibitor must confirm which two animals will be shown by selecting the specific tag number from the list of eligible animals with complete nominations on file. Youth may substitute one nominated animal for another through show check in. Breeding animals brought to the show must have been pre-entered and paid for.

**BEDDING:** KJLS will **NOT** provide bedding in sheep, swine, or goat pens. There will be bedding provided in the beef barn.

**ARRIVAL TIME AND DEADLINE FOR THE SHOW:** No animals will be received on the grounds prior to 7 a.m. on Friday of the show. All species, except swine, must be on the grounds by the end of their designated check-in time, Friday of the show. Swine must be on the grounds by 6:30 p.m. Friday of the show. All animals must remain in their respective species' barns or tie-outs after the conclusion of each species' designated check-in time. No animals may return to trailers until after the conclusion of their respective shows.

**No entries will be accepted after check-in deadlines. In the event of an emergency which could make entries late, the exhibitor (or parent, teacher, leader, agent) must call the Director of Livestock Shows & Events Ryan Higbie at (785) 817-1350 and get clearance for a late check-in.**

**BREED SIZE:** Ten (10) head of any breed shall constitute a division. However, the superintendent has the discretion to allow a division of less than 10 head of a breed. Any breed with less than the number to constitute a breed division as determined by the superintendent will be shown in the all other breeds (AOB) division. If there are less than ten (10) head in the AOB division, the superintendent will decide whether to show the animals as an AOB division or enter them in the crossbred division.

**OWNERSHIP OF BREEDING LIVESTOCK:** Breeding livestock may have registration papers in the name of two or more 4-H or FFA members in the same family, depending on the association rules for that specific breed. However, such livestock CANNOT be CO-registered in the name of an exhibitor and an adult, or in the name of an exhibitor and any flock, herd, farm or ranch. Please list only one name per animal on the show entry.

**GROOMING:** Each exhibitor must groom his or her own animal and may use only the assistance of an immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, brother or sister) or 4-H or FFA member who is an exhibitor at the current year's show. This rule will be strictly enforced and any exhibitor violating it will have their animal in question eliminated from competition.

Anyone wishing to report unauthorized people grooming animals must sign a complaint form at the show office located in the Sheep and Swine Barn that includes name of the owner, animal tag number, time and date of the observation. A committee appointed by the Board will take action.

Sheep/goat divisions: All market lambs, commercial ewes and goats must be "slick shorn" above the knee and hock joints, including the head, before arrival on the show grounds. A maximum of 0.2 (two tenths) inch of wool is permitted on market lambs and commercial ewes. A maximum of 0.4 (four tenths) inch of hair is permitted on market goats. Hair on the tail switch may be left on goats. Touch-up clipping with scissors, hand shears and battery-operated clippers will be allowed. No artificial coloring or use of adhesives is allowed on market lambs and commercial ewes.

No blocking tables are permitted on the grounds in the sheep/goat division.

**EXHIBITOR T-SHIRTS:** Each exhibitor will be provided an official KJLS T-shirt, which is required to be worn by the exhibitor when in the show ring.

**SHOWING OF ANIMALS:** Exhibitors must accompany their animals, care for them and be present to exhibit their entries. If an exhibitor has two animals in the same class or is involved in another KJLS function at the same time, he or she, WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, may have another exhibitor assist by showing that animal. A substitution form will be required and must be completed before the exhibitor enters the show ring.

Exhibitors are responsible for controlling their own animal(s) from the time they arrive on the grounds until the animal is loaded on a truck for the packer or taken home. No assistance may be given to any exhibitor in the show ring except by authorized ringmen.

**HERDSMANSHIP:** Exhibitors are expected to keep their exhibit area neat, clean and dry. This includes individual stalls as well as the aisles. Tie-out bedding must be provided by the exhibitor.

**PAYMENT FOR ANIMALS SOLD:** Payment for animals sold will be mailed to the exhibitor approximately six weeks after the show. Payment for animals on which drug tests are conducted may not be made for eight to 10 weeks after the show.

**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE SHOW:** Sometimes it is necessary to make adjustments during the show that involve a rule change. In such cases, official announcements will be made. These announcements take precedence over written policy or procedures.



**HANDLING OF ANIMALS:** All animals will be handled humanely in accordance with accepted animal husbandry practices.

- Drenching only is permitted in your pen.
- Soft muzzles only are permitted in sheep and goat pens. Muzzles must be removed from sheep and goats any time they are taken from their pen.
- Goats must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Exhibitors may use a collar, a collar with a short lead or a halter when showing. Medium (3mm) or smaller pinch collars will be allowed.

**USE OF ANIMALS IN JUDGING CONTEST:** Any livestock entered in the show may be used in the Mid America Classic Livestock Judging Contest. If the exhibitor refuses, all premiums will be forfeited.

**TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING:** All trailers will be parked in Lot C directly across from the fairgrounds. Vehicles may be parked in the lot behind the grandstand. Some vehicle parking will be allowed in designated areas south of Gottschalk Park, west and south of the Dairy Tie Barn and south of Prairie Pavilion. A map of truck and trailer parking is available at *kjls.net*. KJLS parking is designated by the green and orange areas on the map.

**FANS:** No fans will be permitted in the aisles and alleys. No floor standing fans or Port-A-Cools will be permitted in the barns. Fans must be hung on either a fan cage (rear of animal) or on a fan bar (on side of animal). Fans on wheeled carts are not allowed in the alley way. Exhibitor must provide frames. This rule does not apply to the cattle barn and cattle exhibitors.

**FUTURITY ANIMALS:** Futurity calves purchased by out-of-state buyers during KJLS may not return to the Show and compete for futurity money.

**SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS** are not permitted on the grounds or in the pavilions during KJLS.

**DOGS IN SHOW BARNs – NO DOGS,** except ADA service dogs, are allowed in the barns during the show. If you have a service animal, it must be registered with the show office.

#### **SALE POLICIES**

1. There will NOT be a swine buyer this year.
2. **SIFTED ANIMALS:** Sifted lambs and goats may, at the option of the exhibitor, be sold at the base bid or taken home.
3. **GRAND CHAMPION ANIMALS:** The top five steers, heifers, barrows, gilts, market lambs, ewes, market goats and does will be rewarded with cash prizes detailed in each set of specie rules.
4. **SELLING WEIGHTS:** The selling weights shall be the official set of “weigh-in” weights.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** No animals are required to have a health certificate if they are housed within the state of Kansas. Any animals housed outside the state must meet Kansas import requirements and have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Sheep and goats will be inspected for club lamb fungus and sore mouth at check-in. Animals with active lesions, ringworm or multiple warts will not be permitted to show.