

2016 NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAM – THE BIG E

4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY SIGNATURE FORM

entry is made in accordance with the Agreement of Responsibility and Acknowledgement of Liability and the Rules and Regulations referred to therein governing this program (collectively, the "Rules and Regulations").

Telephone: Please call (800)639-2908 or (413)205-5011 and request the specific department or person you intend to contact.

PRINT ALL INFORMATION – DETACH THIS APPLICATION. COMPLETE EVERY LINE, AND SUBMIT IT, ALONG WITH YOUR SHEEP ENTRY FORM, TO YOUR COUNTY OR STATE 4-H REPRESENTATIVE.

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ GENDER _____ E-MAIL _____

AGE AS OF JANUARY 1, _____ BIRTHDATE: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (S-XXL) _____

Do you use: _____ shavings _____ straw AND _____ 1st or _____ 2nd hay

The signatures below signify that I and my parent/guardian have read, understand and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations identified above. These signatures also certify the facts contained in the above to be true and the applicant meets the eligibility qualifications of the Rules and regulations. The applicant also agrees to participate in all activities and to be present at assemblies of this 4-H Activity. Entrants will be responsible for their animal including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds.

Signature of 4-H Member

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of County or State 4-H Representative

All signatures must be completed before entry will be accepted. Additional entry forms are available at www.thebige.com/agriculture.

ENTRIES ARE DUE AUGUST 20 AT THE STATE OFFICE. EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION ONLINE ENTRY MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 25 AT MIDNIGHT.

The Cooperative Extension System 4-H Youth Development program prohibits discrimination in education, employment, and in the provision of services on account of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, disabled veteran status, physical or mental disability, mental retardation, [and] other specifically covered mental disabilities, [and criminal records that are not job related].

OBJECTIVES FOR THE NEW ENGLAND 4-H PROGRAMS

The 4-H program at The Big E is a cooperative effort with the Eastern States Exposition and the Cooperative Extension Systems of the New England States working together toward common objectives. These objectives are:

1. To motivate and recognize the achievements of 4-H members and their volunteer leaders.
2. To give the general public attending The Big E a better understanding of 4-H educational efforts including the organization, program, and accomplishments.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members that are not available in the individual states.
4. To make 4-H programs and activities visible to the general public across the grounds of The Big E.
5. To expand the image of 4-H as a total diverse youth development program.
6. To ensure quality educational activities both for the 4-H participant and the general public.
7. To identify 4-H as an integral part of the Cooperative Extension System and the land grant universities of New England.
8. To involve youth as equal partners in full decision-making roles at all levels of program decision-making.

2016 NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY VOLUNTEERS

Chairperson: Mike Chase, NH

Superintendent: Sylvia Murray, CT

Co-Secretaries: Jolee Chase, NH and Donna Flint, ME

Skillathon: Donna Flint, ME and Sally Farrell, ME

Exam Correctors: Mike Chase, NH and Chaperones

Individual Shepherd's Award: Jolee Chase, NH

Educational Exhibits: Carrie Sears, MA

Lead Line Competition:

Jamie Towne, NH, Tina Shippee, RI and Elaine H. Meyers, VT

Ring Clerks: Jolee Chase, NH and Sylvia Murray, CT

Ring Steward: Tina Shippee, RI

Blocking & Trimming Contest: Mike Chase, NH and Sylvia Murray, CT

Quiz Bowl Competition: Alyssa Weld, MA and Carrie Sears, MA

4-H Sheep State Shepherd: Jaime Towne, NH and Tina Shippee, RI

Ex-Officio: Donna Woolam, Director of Agriculture and Education

Honorary: G. Joseph Gribouski, MA

Gerald Smith, NH

Barbara Thompson, RI

Kerby Thompson, RI

OTHER COMMITTEES

Ice Cream Social Coordinators: Toppings Maine Delegation,
Ice Cream & Supplies (bowls, spoons, scoops, etc.) -New Hampshire State Building

Mixer Coordinators: Jamie Towne, NH and Tina Shippee, RI

Photography Coordinator: Fred Shippee, RI

Take Out Meal Coordinator: Joseph Meyers, VT

RULES FOR THE 2016 NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP SHOW

GENERAL

1. Housing and Meals The Big E will provide housing and meals for all 4-H sheep delegates and chaperones. Delegates and chaperones will eat and sleep at the 4-H Headquarters in the Horace Moses Building. The first meal will be served 11:15am Friday and the final meal will be served on Sunday. The Mallary Complex is open 6 am - 10 p.m. daily. All 4-H sheep must be off the grounds by 7 pm, Sunday.
2. Camper Policy Please refer to 4-H and Youth Working Steer Camping Policy page
3. Passes Additional passes are available for family members at a reduced price. Please call (413)205-5011 and ask for Cindi Jaques within the Agriculture Department. Turn in unused tickets and hang tags to Sylvia or Jolee when you come and get your release form (At Mallary Ring 3.) Unused meal tickets do not need to be turned in.
4. Conditions The 4-H Sheep Show Committee and The Big E reserve the right to amend or change the rules for the 4-H Sheep Show. Interpretation of the rules and regulations of the 4-H Sheep Show rests in the hands of the Show Committee and their decision shall be final. An Executive Committee for the purpose of handling problems concerning the rules which may arise during the show shall be comprised of the Committee members, with the Chairperson, Superintendent and an Exposition Representative constituting a minimum quorum. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent and Chairperson to consult with the judges to ascertain that they understand the rules by which the 4-H members are instructed to compete.
5. The New England 4-H Sheep Committee is not responsible for errors in this catalog.
6. Emergency Protocol and Contact Numbers . **Please see Emergency Instruction page.**

LIVESTOCK

1. Entries All entries must be certified by a 4-H extension representative, volunteer 4-H Leader and approved (signed) by the State Representative. **Online entry must be completed by August 25 at midnight.** All columns on the entry form must be filled in for each entry, including eartag numbers of the entry's sire and dam with the exception that Class 23-Lead Line only needs to show the class number and breed of sheep.
2. Classes 4-H delegates may show Yearling Rams and Ewes, Fall, Intermediate and Spring Ram and Ewe Lambs and Market Lambs. **Aged Ewes may only be shown if they are the only animal owned or leased by the exhibitor.** Delegates are limited to entering one sheep in any one class, but are not restricted on total number of sheep shown. Fit & Show and Lead Line animals must be shown in either breed or market classes; a separate animal may not be brought solely for Fit & Show and/or Lead Line. Members showing both wool and meat breeds will choose one Fit and Show class. Market lambs may only be ewes or wethers; no rams are allowed.
3. Ownership All sheep except Market Lambs must have registration papers. ***Read carefully. Delegate's name must appear as the sole owner or lessee of the sheep (no joint ownership or registration with only farm name).*** Date of sale on registration papers must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show, with one exception: Delegates may bring one animal purchased between July 1 and July 31, IN ADDITION TO 4-H project animal(s), provided that: 1) proof of purchase and ownership is shown, 2) the sheep is qualified within your state approval guidelines and 3) the delegate's entries do not exceed one animal per class. Delegates may NOT show just one sheep if it was purchased between July 1 and July 31; they MUST have other project sheep entered and shown. Delegates owning their sheep must have the actual registration papers, copies are allowed **ONLY** in the case of leased sheep. **Name on registration papers and entry forms (ownership and exhibitor) must be the same – not just farm name.**
4. Leases: Leased animals will also be accepted. The delegate is to have lease agreements on a uniform state lease form issued by Cooperative Extension in that state. Date of lease of State Lease Forms must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show. **Delegates must bring their Lease Agreement form and either the actual registration or a clearly legible copy of the animal registration paper to The Big E.**
5. Substitutions A 4-H delegate is allowed to show a substitute sheep approved by their extension representative in writing, provided that the ownership of the animal complies with the rules in "Ownership" paragraph. Sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 may be substituted, provided they are 1) not the only sheep the delegate is showing and 2) qualified within your state approval guidelines.
6. State Representation If 4-H club membership is held in more than one state, and the same project is taken in both states, the 4-H member must compete and represent the state in which they reside. If the project is only taken in one state, the 4-H member should represent that state.
7. Registration and Substitution Check-in Sheep must be penned, and registration or lease papers and health papers must be checked by the Registration Officials, by 1 p.m., Friday. Substitutions with proper written approval from state extension representatives must be checked in at this time. **Registration or lease papers must be available at all times for examination by the superintendent.**

8. Eartags ALL sheep must be identified at the time of arrival by at least one official USDA identification eartag or tattoo or they will not be allowed in the barn. In addition, they may have an association registry eartag, farm tag or tattoo. One of the tags must match the registration papers for each breeding animal entered. No fresh tattoos will be accepted. Exhibitors in the USDA VSFC Program are responsible for supplies needed to remain in compliance. All animals need to be in accordance with Massachusetts animal identification and RFID requirements for federal transport. **For more information, please check the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/>In addition; please refer to MA Dept of Animal Health Regulations regarding Scrapie tags.**
9. Breeds This show will be open to registered sheep of all breeds shown in the Open Show Division of The Big E Sheep Show. There will be separate classes for the following breeds: Border Leicester, Cheviot, Corriedale, Cotswold, Dorper, Polled Dorset, Horned Dorset, Hampshire, Lincoln, Natural Colored, Oxford, Rambouillet, Romney, Shetland, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Tunis. Any other breeds will show in an All Other Breeds class determined at the discretion of the Committee.
10. Illness or Death of Animal In the event that the delegate has ENTERED only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, but the delegate owns or leases other STATE APPROVED sheep, the delegate may bring one of those animals in place of the originally entered sheep, regardless of age or sex. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness and a signed note of proof of approval from the State Extension office must be presented. This rule does not apply to animals purchased between July 1 and July 31. If the delegate only owns or leases the one sheep entered and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, the delegate may participate on a limited basis (see STATE DELEGATES Rule 4). A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) indicating why the animal is unable to come and permission from the State Extension office is still required.
11. Animal Health Regulations Please refer to the Massachusetts Animal Health Regulations included in this packet.

STATE DELEGATES

1. Arrival and Departure Delegates and their sheep must arrive on the grounds Friday, September 30 between the hours of 8 am and 12 noon. Vehicles enter the fairgrounds at Gate 1, using a vehicle pass or paying parking fee; proceed to Gate 10 at which point the personal passes are used. Vehicles then proceed to the Mallary Complex where sheep and equipment are unloaded. Vehicles towing trailers must get their hang tag signed at the gate if they intend to re-enter and then leave the grounds via Gate 10 and be dropped or parked in the Satellite lot or exit at Gate 1. Release time begins at 4 p.m., Sunday, October 2, starting with those who live the farthest away. Again, vehicles enter Gate 1, using vehicle pass. The driver should then proceed to Gate 10 and park the vehicle outside the gate. **Upon obtaining an official release slip from the sheep superintendent, the 4-H delegate delivers such release slip to the driver who may then bring the vehicle onto the grounds.** As soon as loaded, the vehicle must immediately leave the grounds. Turn in unused tickets and hang tags to Sylvia or Jolee when you come and get your release form (At Mallary Ring 3.) Unused meal tickets do not need to be turned in.
2. Exhibitor Health Condition Delegates must obtain from their state or county leader a health form to be filled out and signed by their parents or guardian. This procedure gives permission to administer medical treatment if and when it is necessary to do so. Delegates with special needs should let the committee know either on their entry form or when checking in. Special needs may be, but are not limited to, food allergies (lactose intolerance, gluten, nuts, etc.), therapeutic gum chewing, learning disabilities, etc.
3. Age Divisions Delegates will be divided into the following age groups (divisions) for all classes where age breakdowns are used:

Junior:	12-13 as of January 1 of the current year
Intermediate:	14-15 as of January 1 of the current year
Senior:	16 and has not turned 19 on or before January of the current year
4. Participation Each delegate must show at least one sheep (not purchased between July 1 and July 31) in the breed or market classes, take the Skillathon and show in Fitting and Showing. In the event that a delegate has entered and their animal is unable to come (see LIVESTOCK Rule 9) the delegate may still come and participate in the Skillathon, Blocking and Fitting Contest, Quiz Bowl, and Shepherds Award. They may assist other delegates with the show. All delegates agree to participate in all activities and to be present at all assemblies of the 4 H Sheep Program. All delegates are eligible for their state shepherd's award. Each State may bring one teen leader (age eligible) to help their state delegation where needed. Teen leaders participate in skillathon, shepherds award and blocking/trimming contest and follow same rule as it pertains to a delegate whose animal is unable to come.
5. Illness or Death of Animal In the event that the delegate owns (or has leased) and has entered, only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, the delegate may participate in the Skillathon, Quiz Bowl, Blocking and Fitting Contest, and may assist fellow delegates with the show. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness. In the event

that the delegate has ENTERED only one sheep, and that sheep is stricken with death or illness such that it can not be shown, but the delegate owns (or has leased) other STATE APPROVED sheep, the delegate may bring one of those animals in place of the originally entered sheep, regardless of age or sex. A signed note from a licensed veterinarian (on the veterinarian's letterhead) must be presented as proof of illness and a signed note from the State Extension office must be presented as proof of approval. This rule does not apply to animals purchased between July 1 and July 31.

6. Exhibit Areas Sheep will be penned in an assigned area. Bedding will be furnished by The Big E. **Feed hay will be provided if requested on entry form.** Straw is for bedding use only and is not to be used for displays or any other purpose. Display straw is available for sale at the ESE Feed Store. Delegates are expected to care for their animals, tack & trimming areas, aisles and show ring bleacher areas keeping them neat and presentable at all times. Only 4-H delegates will be permitted to work on their animals after they arrive at The Big E. Parents, chaperones and others who render assistance to the 4-H member do so at the risk of having the entry disqualified. The Big E assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to equipment, livestock or persons.
7. Uniform Delegates must be clean and neatly attired at all times. Attire for all delegates in the show ring shall consist of full length, full waist **KHAKI PANTS AND A WHITE SHIRT WITH A COLLAR. A solid white turtle neck or long sleeve shirt can be worn underneath. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.** Belts should be worn as needed. **NO T-SHIRTS ALLOWED** unless they are special ones given out by the Committee. **NO TIGHT OR REVEALING CLOTHING OR HATS.** It is recommended, that all delegates bring two sets of show clothes for the weekend, 2 khaki pants and 2 white collar shirts. Chewing gum is not allowed in the show ring. **Delegates not adhering to the dress code will be excused from the ring.** Pants and shirts must be plain with no advertising or lettering. During inclement weather, approved 4-H delegate jackets (i.e. state or 4-H club clothing) or other outer wear is at the discretion of the committee. It is the responsibility of the state chaperones and delegation to uphold this rule. Shoes must be closed toe and closed back. Delegates may not appear in the barns or grounds barefoot. No gum chewing in the show ring.
8. Decorations Please see Fire Prevention Regulations included in packet. Decorations **MUST** follow all regulations. No farm advertising is allowed. A state sign, 24" high by 32" wide will be provided. Each state will prepare a sign listing all the exhibitors from that state, but each pen need not be marked with the name of the individual whose animals are in the pen.
9. Grievance Committee If a problem arises during the show, a Grievance Committee shall resolve it. This committee will be comprised of the Chairperson, Superintendent, and one representative (unrelated to subject involved) from each state. States are to indicate to the Superintendent upon arrival who has been designated to serve. Any other issues need to follow the protocol as outlined in the memorandum of Understanding.
10. Smoking in all buildings on the fairgrounds is prohibited **as are cooking appliances in the barn.**

CLASS ENTRY INFORMATION FOR 4-H SHEEP SHOW

All animals must be presented in fit and show quality and to breed regulations. **Halters are optional in Showmanship and breed classes.** All sheep must be correctly identified by USDA, registration or farm tags, or tattoos. Incorrect identification will result in disqualification. Please use the following class numbers when entering. All below numbered classes **including Lead Line** must be entered on Entry Form. Please note: In individual classes, the owner must be at the head of the animal. Foot setters are optional.

Bred-and-Owned Champions In each breed class, special ribbons will be given to the highest placing bred-and-owned animal. Following the champion classes in each breed, a "Bred-and-Owned" champion will be selected, giving special recognition to project animals bred and owned by the exhibitors. Also, preceding the Supreme Champion classes, a Supreme Champion Bred-and-Owned class will be held.

1. **Yearling Ram:** Born after August 31, 2014 and before September 1, 2015. Yearlings can not have more than four permanent teeth.
2. **Senior Ram Lamb:** Born after September 1, 2015 and before December 31, 2015.
3. **Intermediate Ram Lamb:** Born after January 1, 2016 and before February 15, 2016.
4. **Junior Ram Lamb:** Born after February 16, 2016
9. **Aged Ewe:** Born before September 1, 2014 – Can only be shown if it is the only animal that the delegate has to bring to the 4-H Sheep Activity.
10. **Yearling Ewe:** Born after August 31, 2014 and before September 1, 2015. Yearlings can not have more than four permanent teeth.
11. **Senior Ewe Lamb:** Born after September 1, 2015 and before December 31, 2015.
12. **Intermediate Ewe Lamb:** Born after January 1, 2016 and before February 15, 2016.
13. **Junior Ewe Lamb:** Born after February 16, 2016
18. **Pair of Lambs:** Consists of one ram and one ewe lamb of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (*Note: Pair of Lambs does not need to be Bred and Owned*)
19. **Exhibitor's Flock:** Consists of one ram and two ewes of the same breed, shown in previous classes. (*Note: Exhibitor's Flock does not need to be Bred and Owned*)
21. **Best Fleeced Animal:** Each exhibitor showing Wool Breeds may enter ONE animal in the Best Fleeced Class, shown in previous classes. Best Fleeced Animal classes may be entered on the day of the show.
22. **Market Lamb:** Class may be divided. Wether and ewe lambs entered in this class may not be shown in any breed class. No ram lambs are accepted. All market lambs must have eartag or tattoo.
23. **Lead Line:** See Lead Line page for Rules and Regulations. This class must be pre-entered on entry forms.

4-H SHEEP INDIVIDUAL SHEPHERDS AWARD PROGRAM **CHAIRPERSON – JOLEE CHASE**

THE PURPOSE of this award is to honor one individual from each state who shows outstanding teamwork and dedication to their 4-H project.

1. ONLY delegates vote for the recipient of this award. No chaperones, leaders, parents or committee members may vote.
2. All delegates will vote, picking one individual from EACH STATE amongst the delegates who are participating at The New England 4-H Show this year, to be that state's Shepherd.
3. A secret ballot will be taken after the fitting and show classes on Sunday and collected by the Chairperson. The winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony that afternoon.
4. A delegate may not win this award two consecutive years in a row. Last year's winners will not be eligible to win the award this year.

4-H SHEEP BLOCKING AND TRIMMING CONTEST **CO-CHAIRPERSONS – MIKE CHASE AND SYLVIA MURRAY**

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to allow contestants the opportunity to show their ability and skill at preparing a sheep for show. Judging will be based on teamwork, blocking and trimming ability, **technique (i.e. patience and gentleness) in handling a sheep which has not been handled before**, technique in using various pieces of trimming equipment, and the ability to find and accentuate the good qualities of a sheep.

1. Each state may have up to six delegates in the contest. They may team up with whomever they wish, from the same or another state. Depending on the number of entries and the number of sheep available, additional delegates may be invited to participate. Within an age group, all are judged equally. The oldest team member determines the age group in which the team will participate.
2. Sheep will be assigned at the start of the event.
3. The committee will provide untrimmed sheep whose bellies have been shorn. The trimming of feet is not part of this contest; participants are to leave the hooves as they are. Washing of sheep is not allowed. The contest sheep may be a wool breed.
4. The contest: each team is given one hour to prepare and fit the animal for show. Each team must provide their own stand and equipment. Two sets of electric shears are allowed per team but only one can be used at a time; – **however, NO SLICK SHEARING of the animals is allowed.** Chaperone and other adult assistance is allowed to help clear the equipment from the ring following the contest or in the event of an emergency (i.e. a sheep falls off a stand and is in danger of hurting itself or others - safety and logic is key!); at no other time is an adult to handle a sheep. Final judging will directly follow the hour trimming time.
5. No opened toed or open backed shoes are allowed during this contest!

4-H SHEEP FITTING AND SHOWING CONTESTS

THE PURPOSE of this event is to have delegates judged on their fitting ability of their own animal and showing knowledge in presenting this animal to a judge. There will be three fitting and showing classes per age division: Meat Breeds, Wool Breeds and Slick Shorn. If the number of entries is high, classes may be divided within each division. Delegates are placed in the proper class by designation of the breed standard. A Supreme Fitting & Showing class will be held at the conclusion of each age division, with the first place individuals in each class competing. An overall supreme champion will be selected from the supremes of each age division.

Please note: What follows is a GUIDELINE for delegates to use in preparing for Fitting and Showing. These guidelines have been given to the judge as a standard form. Delegates should note that individual judges will have their own preferences.

Appearance of Sheep - Total of 60 points

Blocking and Trimming - (20) Animals should be fitted according to the standards of their breed association and exceptions allowed by the Big E Open Sheep Show. They should be free of dirt and stains. Wool breeds need to have sufficient fleece to allow the wool to be judged.

Cleanliness - (20) Ears, eartags, eyes and muzzle should be clean. Fore and rear flanks and neck should be clean. All parts of the sheep should be thoroughly dry. Fleeces of wool breeds should be firm, bright and showing yolk, all of which indicated bloom. Excessively long, harsh, dry and colorless fleeces will be criticized. Artificial coloring of ears, legs and fleeces will not be allowed. Sheep showing evidence of external parasites will be heavily discounted.

Condition - (10) Animal should show normal growth and size for age. It should be well covered (well fleshed) over back loin and ribs. It should not be over- or under- conditioned. Skin and fleece should show health and bloom rather than being dry and lacking color. Skin lacking in color and lack of red coloring under eyelids may be an indication of internal parasites.

Feet - (10) Hoofs should be trimmed and shaped so as to enable the animal to stand and walk naturally. Hoofs should be clean and may be prepared for showing by oiling or polishing. It is best not to trim feet too close to show day. A tender foot may mean a lame sheep. Hoofs must be free from foot rot.

Showing - Total of 40 Points

Holding and moving in the ring - (20) Bring the animal into the ring promptly and properly. Halters are optional, and delegates will be judged on their ability to show their animal to their best advantage in the style chosen (i.e. points may be deducted if a halter is used but ignored.) Line up as directed by the ring steward. Stand your sheep squarely, using the left hand under the jaw and right hand to move feet, straighten back, etc. Standing and kneeling on one knee may be interchanged. One may stand in front of sheep grasping side of face with both hands when the judge is in back of the sheep. The exhibitor should push down and back to strengthen the top and cause the leg muscle to bulge. Placing a knee against the brisket is allowable as well as placing a hand under the sheep in order to make the animal show to best advantage. The exhibitor may be penalized if the judge decides that the back is humped, or arched because of excess jaw pressure. When the judge is in front of the sheep, the showman should set up the front end of the sheep so as to show the head and front to best advantage. This is usually best accomplished by grasping the sheep under the jaw with the showman at side of sheep, or by the use of the lead rope, whichever the sheep responds to best. Remember to keep sheep alert with head set and ears forward.

In moving the sheep, walk on the left side of the sheep. If a halter is on the sheep, it must be used to walk the sheep. Move slowly and only as necessary for the judge to view you and your sheep. Exhibitor remains on left side of sheep at all times. Do not step over the back or go behind your sheep.

If a halter is used, the sheep should be trained to lead and stand squarely when properly set up. Keep sheep in good showing position. An animal well handled and trained will not usually move when handled by judge. Sheep should not be set up too wide or too narrow, but to best advantage.

Alertness and attitude - (10) The delegate should be alert at all times and courteous to the judge and fellow delegates. Delegates should watch their animals closely and know where the judge is at all times. Inattention will cost points. Gum chewing and talking in the show ring will not be allowed.

Keep showing even when the ribbons are being awarded. Do not relax until you leave the ring. You can never be sure when the judging is officially over!

Appearance of Exhibitor and Knowledge of Project - (10) The delegate must be neatly presented **in Khaki pants and a white collared shirt that is tucked in and may not wear any tight or revealing clothing or hat. Chewing gum is not allowed while in the show ring Delegates not adhering to the dress code will be dismissed from the class.**

Delegates must be prepared to answer any questions the judge may ask during the class. The judge reserves the right to ask any variety of questions dealing with knowledge of a 4-H project such as breeds of sheep, care and maintenance of a sheep project, and showing ability, amongst others. In many cases, questions are asked to determine a tie-breaker.

4-H SHEEP EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT **CHAIRPERSON – CARRIE SEARS**

THE PURPOSE of this exhibit is for each state to design (during the year before the 4-H Sheep Show at The Big E) an exhibit to inform and educate the public of the responsibilities and teachings of a 4-H Sheep Project.

1. Each state will be given a table to display their exhibit. Exhibits must not hang over the edge of the tables and must not be wider than 4 feet or taller than 3 ft from tabletop.
2. Displays are to be designed, worked on and erected by delegates. Leaders and adults may not help with the design of the display. Adults are not allowed to help in the setting up of the display at the fair. The number of delegates who work on the display is not limited. The 4-H Clover must be included in the display. No references that inadvertently identify the state may be present.
3. It is at the consensus and discretion of the Event Chairperson, Show Superintendent and the Director of Agriculture & Education as to where the tables will be displayed after they are judged. Since this is the case, delegates should NOT plan on having a wall on one side of the display. The tables will be easily movable, and may be placed along the livestock pens, or elsewhere. Freestanding backdrops of some kind are encouraged, but by no means necessary and must be attached securely.
4. The state's name and/or delegate's names may not be placed in the display until after the judging has been completed. The display is to be in place by **6p.m.** Friday evening. There will be no changes made to the display after this point (with the exception of adding the state's name and delegates names, if desired, after the judging is completed).
5. Judging will take place after the 6p.m. deadline. Displays will be judged and rosettes will be awarded for the six placings.

6. The displays will be judged on the following criteria and Rosettes will be awarded:

<i>Educational Value</i>	30 points
<i>Originality</i>	20 points
<i>Neatness</i>	20 points
<i>Has a 4-H clover</i>	10 points
<i>State ID not included</i>	10 points
<i>Display within stated size guidelines</i>	5 points
<i>Readability of Material</i> <i>(Can letters be clearly seen and understood)</i>	5 points
TOTAL	100 points

Caution: Exhibits are not constantly monitored so please keep this in mind when preparing your display.

4-H SHEEP SKILLATHON **CO-CHAIRPERSONS – DONNA FLINT, MIKE CHASE & SALLY** **FARRELL**

All delegates MUST participate in the skillathon. Indicate on the entry form if you need help to participate. The skillathon will cover various topics from these sources as well as sections on herding & guarding dogs and diseases of sheep. Sheep supply catalogs, breed information and the Ohio State University Extension Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects, Publication #4-H 194R which can be ordered through Ohio State University Extension,

An award will be given to the top scoring delegate in each age group

4-H SHEEP LEAD LINE COMPETITION
CO-CHAIRPERSONS –JAMIE TOWNE, TINA SHIPPEE &
ELAINE H. MEYERS

THE PURPOSE of this competition is as a sheep and wool promotional class. Each delegate is judged on how well they exemplify the sewing and wearing of wool, along with interest and support of a 4-H sheep project.

1. **Delegates who chose to enter Lead Line MUST write it on their entry form (Class 23).**
2. Each 4-H delegate must wear a garment, self-made or purchased, with the composition of the fiber being at least 70% wool.
3. The delegate's garment may be knit, crocheted, sewn, woven or felted. Jeans may not be part of the outfit.
4. The delegate must show their owned or leased animal, and the animal must have been shown in the breed or market classes at The New England 4-H show the same year. Rams will be allowed in Lead Line classes.
5. The delegate must clean, block and trim their own animal. Halters must be used as the animal is not to be touched while in the ring.
6. NO decorating of the sheep is allowed.
7. Exhibitor armbands with delegate's printed number **must** be worn in the competition.
8. **Commentaries must be typed** (14 point font, double spaced) and be 2 to 3 minutes long when read. The commentary should include: 4-H exhibitor's name, town, state, school info – name of school and grade of exhibitor, sheep breed and info about that animal, years in project, description of outfit, where it can be worn, fabric content, made by etc., other hobbies, future plans and other points of interest The form needs to be turn in on Friday when checking in registration papers.

Delegates are to be ringside and lined up when their class is announced. Participants will remain in line while waiting to enter the ring. Participants are judged the entire time they are in the ring. Classes will be held for Gentlemen and Senior, Intermediate and Junior Ladies.

9. In the event that a delegate has entered Lead Line, but the sheep is sick and unable to attend the show, the delegate has the option to wear the prepared outfit and be ring steward to help in the ring holding sheep as the other contestants model their outfits. Their commentaries may be read if desired. However, since the sheep is 25% of the score, they will not be eligible for judging.

***Two awards will be given, one to the high scoring gentleman
and one to the highest scoring of all ladies.***

SHEEP LEAD LINE COMPETITION SCORECARD

BREED _____

EXHIBITOR # _____

Items 1-5 scored on a scale of 1 - 15 (15 being highest)

DELEGATE SCORE SHEET

1. Garment is stylish and fits well. Composition of garment fiber is at least 70% wool. No jeans allowed.
2. Outfit is suited to the delegate's age.
3. Delegate maintains good posture, presents themselves appropriately, and appears composed and comfortable in their outfit.
4. Garment and accessories are clean, pressed and well coordinated
5. Percentage of total outfit made of wool.

TOTAL GARMENT POINTS AWARDED (Maximum 75) _____

Bonus for percentage of outfit constructed by delegate (up to 5 points)

Bonus: Does any part of the garment or accessory(ies) contain fiber from your flock? (up to 5 points)

BREED _____

EXHIBITOR # _____

All items scored on a scale of 1 - 5 (highest)

SHEEP SCORE SHEET

1. Sheep leads easily and is well controlled without the delegate touching it.
2. Sheep is alert.
3. Sheep is fitted properly for its breed.
4. Sheep is clean.
5. Sheep shows normal growth for age and breed.

TOTAL SHEEP POINTS AWARDED (Maximum 25) _____

4-H SHEEP QUIZ BOWL

CO-CHAIRPERSONS – ALYSSA WELD AND CARRIE SEARS

THE PURPOSE of this contest is to test the knowledge of the delegates in various areas of owning and raising sheep.

1. Teams Each State will select four delegates to be their state's Quiz Bowl team. Should a state have fewer delegates than required for a team, those delegates may solicit delegates from other states to fill out a team. Team members must be participating fully in The New England 4-H Sheep Show as stated in the General Rules. Each team must designate a challenger who may be either a delegate or chaperone from their state.
2. Rounds of Play Each state will participate in two rounds of play. Teams will draw for numbers just prior to the start of the game. The Rounds will be broken down as follows:

Round 1	Round 2
Team 1 plays Team 2	Team 1 plays Team 3
Team 3 plays Team 4	Team 2 plays Team 5
Team 5 plays Team 6	Team 4 plays Team 6

In Round One, all teams will answer the same questions making it necessary for the teams not competing to wait outside the game area until their match is called. After the match, they may remain in the area until the start of Round Two. The first answer given by a team member will be their official answer. If any part of an answer is incorrect, the whole answer is considered incorrect. A round will be made up of no more than 4 one-on-one questions for each contestant, plus no more than 6 toss-ups. Round One question will be worth 1 point and Round Two questions will be worth 3 points.

3. One-on-One Questions each round will start with the moderator asking one-on-one questions. The first question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #1 may buzz and answer. The second question will be read and only opposing delegates sitting in seat #2 may buzz and answer, etc. Each correctly answered question will be worth one point; ***incorrect answers will NOT result in any loss of points.*** If a question is answered incorrectly, the opposing delegate in the corresponding seat will have the opportunity to answer the question correctly, with the option to gain a point.
4. Toss-Up Questions Toss-up questions are open to all contestants. The delegate having buzzed first must answer the question.
5. Early Buzz-In The Moderator will stop reading the question immediately when a buzzer is rung and the individual or team must answer the question at that time. If the individual or team answering the incomplete question is wrong, the question will be read in it's entirety for the opposing individual or team.
6. Final Scoring The team's final score is the cumulative total of the points they earned in Rounds One and Two. In the case of a tie, the teams will answer ONE additional toss-up question. If the teams are still tied at this point, questions will continue to be asked until the tie is broken.
7. Challenges if a team member or a team coach wishes to challenge a question or an answer, they must do so immediately at the time of the question being asked and the answer given. If the moderator has moved on to the next question, no challenge may be made. Only team members playing the round in question and their officially designated person may challenge a question or an answer. The contest judge will be asked to rule on the challenge. The judge will make his/her final ruling based on information given in the sources listed in Item 9 below. The ruling of the judge is final.
8. NO technological devices (cell phones, pagers, etc.) will be permitted. All devices found will be removed.
9. Sources of question will be the Ohio State Extension Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects, Publication #4-H 194R which can be ordered through Ohio State University Extension, "Storey's Guide to Raising Sheep" Breeding – Care – Facilities by Paula Simmons & Carol Ekarius and the current year's state educational exhibits.

4-H SHEEP STATE SHEPHERD **CO-CHAIRPERSONS – JAMIE TOWNE, AND TINA SHIPPEE**

This award is given to the highest scoring state delegation that works as a group to best promote the following qualities of herdspersonship.

States will be judged individually on:

1. Cleanliness of pens and animals
2. Neatness of exhibit area (including aisles, tack area(s) and lounge area(s))
3. Personal appearance of delegates
4. Interaction with the public
5. Adherence of delegates to schedules and overall cooperation

All states:

- Neatness of appearance of fitting area
- Cleaning up under, around and on the bleacher area

A Banner will be available for last year's state winner to display.

2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEW ENGLAND 4-H SHEEP ACTIVITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 am - 12:00 noon	Delegates and sheep arrive. Registration and Health Papers checked Registration at dorm	Mallary Complex Mallary Complex Moses Building
11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch served.	Moses Dining Hall
1:00 pm	Orientation for Chaperones	Mallary - Ring #3
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Orientation & Skill-a-Thon	Mallary - Ring #3
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Trimming of personal animals Set up of Educational Exhibits	Mallary Complex Mallary Complex
6:00 pm	Educational Exhibits in place	Mallary Complex
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Supper served.	Moses Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Ice Cream Social & Mixer Take out order for Saturday Lunch due	Mallary - Ring #3
10:00 pm	Mallary Complex closes	
10:30 pm	Deadline to be in dorm	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 am - TBA	Market Lamb Class followed by Breed Classes	Mallary - Ring #2
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Next to Mallary Ring 2
12:00 noon	Take-out Meals Delivered	Mallary Complex
12:45 pm - TBA	Continuation of Breed Classes & the selection Of Supreme Champions followed by a 30 minute break then Lead Line.	Mallary - Ring #2
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Supper served.	Moses Dining Hall
7:00 pm	Blocking and Trimming Contest Set-up	Mallary - Ring #2
7:30 pm	Blocking and Trimming Contest	Mallary - Ring #2
10:00 pm	Mallary Complex closes	
10:30 pm	Deadline to be in dorm	

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 am - 11:00 am	Fitting and Showing	Mallary - Ring #3
11:15 am - 1:15 pm	Pizza Party	Mallary - Ring #3
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Quiz Bowl	Mallary - Ring #3
3:00 pm	Awards Ceremony / Exhibitors Meeting	Mallary - Ring #3
4:00 pm	Release Time <i>(Begins with furthest States dismissed first)</i>	Mallary Complex
7:00 pm	4-H Sheep Show closed; all sheep must be removed from the grounds	

4-H CAMPER POLICY:

1. **Camper spaces are reserved for those serving in an official capacity with their state 4-H program at The Big E. Each state will provide to ESE no more than 3 names for each activity. The list needs to include the responsibilities of each person they are requesting receive a camper space reservation. This one list from each state will be provided to the Agriculture office by August 15 of each year.** If not postmarked or received by August 15, ESE reserves the right to use these spaces for other purposes. The following methods of communication are acceptable:

- a. US Mail ESE Ag Office 1305 Memorial Ave W. Spfld, MA 01089
- b. Email aginfo@thebige.com

Please Note: Lists will not be accepted via the telephone!

2. Camper spaces in the Mallery Agriculture Complex area and the area designated for the 4H Horse Committee in the Horse Show camping area are assessed a \$10 per camper per night fee. Depending on state policy, these fees must be paid by the individual or state prior to the issuing of a sticker.

3. No cars, trucks or other non-camper vehicles are allowed to be used as overnight accommodations on the grounds of The Big E. Any vehicles used in this manner will be towed.

- a. Eastern States Exposition does not encourage the use of tents due to their possible placement near moving vehicles in our public parking lot. Persons wishing to use canvas-sided/pop-up/tent campers must tell the Parking Attendant upon entering the parking area so they may be directed to the designated areas. For specific information, please contact the Admissions Department of The Big E at (800)639-2908.
- b. No tents are allowed in the Mallery Agriculture Complex parking area.
- c. Any persons using canvas-sided/pop-up/tent-type campers will be required to sign a waiver accepting all responsibility for any theft, safety and/or personal liability.
- d. Management reserves the right to refuse access, and is not responsible for accidents or personal loss, injury or damages to any property.
- e. Space is reserved upon receipt of payment and signed Camper Reservation Form. (your check must accompany the registration form) By signing the Camper Reservation Form the individual agrees to assume all risks. (SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED)

4. More information is available regarding the availability of camper parking spaces for parents and non-official personnel in our public parking lot. For specific information regarding public parking camping and pricing, please email us at aginfo@thebige.com.

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL (SEE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS)

Fairgrounds in general

In the case of a major emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones are to report to the front lawn of their respective state buildings along the Avenue of States and remain there until released by the 4-H Dormitory Supervisor.

Mallery Complex and New England Center

In case of emergency on the fairgrounds, all 4-H members, leaders and chaperones participating in activities in the Mallery Complex or New England Center should follow the instruction of Eastern States Exposition personnel or staff given through announcements and stay in a group with their volunteer leaders.

► **Emergency contact telephone numbers**

800-639-2908 or 413-737-2443 and ask for Agriculture Office
413-205-5011 Agriculture Department
413-205-5185 Moses Dormitory Office
413-205-5250 First Aid
413-205-5152 Lost People
413-205-5253 Big E Security—24 Hour

Evacuation Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition

If an event should occur on the Exposition Grounds that would require the evacuation or removal of animals being exhibited or shown under the control of the Agricultural Department of the Eastern States Exposition, the following guidelines should be implemented to assist in the timely and orderly evacuation of these animals.

1. The Director of Agriculture and Education of the Exposition will notify the Security Department that a situation exists that would require the evacuation of some or all of the animals on the Exposition grounds.
2. Upon notification from the Exposition Director of Agriculture and Education, a Seasonal Police supervisor will be dispatched to the Agricultural Department office located in the Mallary Complex, or other location as directed, to act as a liaison between the Seasonal Police and the Agriculture Department Director.
3. This supervisor at the direction of the Agricultural Department will establish a central location where the Agricultural Department exhibitors will standby to be transported or escorted off grounds to off grounds parking so vehicles to be used to transport the animals off grounds may be rapidly returned to the Exposition grounds to be loaded out.
4. If the animals need to be removed immediately from the buildings they are to be housed in the Coliseum. The Security Department will provide officers to secure the route to this location and assist in isolating the Coliseum once the animals are moved. Removal of animals from the building will proceed under the Direction of the West Springfield Fire Department.
5. The Security Department shall provide all available vehicles to transport drivers or escort vehicles to retrieve trailers from off ground locations.
6. A Seasonal Police supervisor shall accompany the vehicles to the off grounds location to assist in assembling a convoy of vehicles to be escorted back to the Exposition grounds for loading.
7. Should the disposal of animal remains be necessary the Director of Agriculture, will work with R G Webster Enterprises and the MDAR(Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) to assure that this is done in a timely manner.
8. All operations shall continue until directed by the Director of Agriculture to suspend the operation.

Quarantine Plan for Animals on Exhibition at the Eastern States Exposition.

Should the MDAR (Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources) determine that a mass quarantine needs to take place at the Exposition?

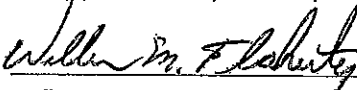
The Director of Agriculture will follow all directives issued by MDAR, and acting with the assistance of the Seasonal Security secures the quarantine area and proceed to set up care of all quarantined animals.

West Springfield Fire Department
44 Van Deene Avenue – West Springfield, MA. 01089
(413) 263-3384

FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS AGRICULTURAL SHOWS

1. No smoking allowed in Coliseum, Mallary Complex or barns.
2. BURLAP material is not allowed as backdrops or table coverings. All fabric used as backdrops and/or table coverings must be flame retardant. Use of spray flame retardants is acceptable.
3. All decorations must be non-flammable as certified by a National Testing Laboratory or, when permitted, rendered non-flammable by a topical flame retardant finish.
4. EZ-Up tents, if used must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor shall set up more than 2 (two) 10 (ten) foot by 10 (ten) foot tents next to each other. *** ATTENTION PROMOTERS: No show layout should have more than 20 feet of tent without a 10 foot non-tent space.***
5. Devices utilizing open flames are not permitted.
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms must have a UL label. Extension cords shall be UL listed, and must be of proper gauge and not overloaded with electrical devices. No home type extension cords may be used.
7. Electrical devices shall not be permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay bales, and decorations.
8. Electrical devices shall not be left unattended, i. e., displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms shall be shut off or unplugged at the end of the show.
9. Flammable liquids and gases (propane, butane etc.) are not allowed in the buildings. Non flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured with a proper size chain.
10. Corn stalks, hay bales and fine bark mulch are not allowed for display purposes. Large wood chips, coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but shall be kept damp at all times.
11. Live trees and vegetation shall be balled and watered daily. ***PRIOR TO SET – UP, approval must be granted by the West Springfield Fire Department – Fire Prevention Office.***
12. No motorized gasoline or diesel vehicles allowed in buildings. (Golf carts and scooters).
13. No large round or square bales of hay or straw and or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed and bedding material must be bagged or baled in small square or round bales (less than 400 lbs.).
14. Feed and bedding material is not allowed on the floor of any aisle for display purposes. Including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss and loose straw.
15. Coverings are not allowed over aisles, such as banners, farm signs, EZ-UP tents.
16. All aisles shall be a minimum of 10 feet in width and shall remain free and clear at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30" from each side in main aisle and 24" from each side in side aisles.
18. No excessive accumulation or rubbish or litter allowed.
19. All exits shall remain free and clear at all times.
20. All fire lanes shall remain free and clear at all times.
21. All fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers and any other fire protection devices or equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible.
22. No signs, decorations, or products shall be attached to any part of the sprinkler system.

Daniel E. Culver – Deputy Fire Chief
Fire Prevention Officer
dculver@west-springfield.ma.us


William M. Flaherty – Fire Chief

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 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 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 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.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES/FAIRS

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues (M.G.L. C. 129 §§14D, 14E, 44 and 330 CMR 4.03, 4.07, 16.03), all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

2016 Fairs – Animal Health Rules

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

A. General Rules for All Animals

1. **All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.**
2. **Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. **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.**
4. **All livestock must have proper ID, official metal eartag, tattoo, scrapie tag for goats and sheep, registration or microchip. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors.**
5. **Health Certificates - All animals, entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of state must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. All animals on the certificate must be individually identified. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. All Health Certificates must be dated January 1, 2016 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors.**
6. ***ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES ARE LISTED BELOW.***

B. Cattle

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795). All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, cow-pox and open or draining wounds.**
2. **While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.**

C. Poultry

1. **No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.**
2. **All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.**
3. **Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood-tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.**
4. **Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.**
5. **All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2016 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.**
6. **No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.**

D. Goats

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States and in-state animals.**
2. **All goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate. All goats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds. All goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure.**
3. **Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats and sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from**

either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA-APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.

E. Camelids (Llamas, Alpacas, etc.)

1. **TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States** and in-state animals. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795).
2. All Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth are required to be tested for Blue Tongue. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. Note: New England and New York are low incident states.
3. All animals must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, pox and open or draining wounds.

F. Swine

1. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129 §14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds, or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies free States only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

G. Sheep

1. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP) and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06, sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within the state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with requirements of the FSEP. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.
2. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty (60) days.
3. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

H. Equine

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases and conditions: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles, and open or draining wounds.
3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., Coggins test or ELISA test) dated within twelve months of entry.
4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus and EEE and WNV within one year of the fair.

I. Rabbits

1. Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

J. Dogs and Cats

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm and mange.
2. **All Massachusetts dogs and cats and those originating from out of this State must have a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.**

All petting zoos are required to have a USDA Exhibitor's License and valid health certificates.