

# **Bylaws of The Cache County Junior Livestock Committee**

## **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

**SECTION 1:** The name of the organization shall be: The Cache County Junior Livestock Committee.

## **ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES**

**SECTION 1:** The objectives of the Cache County Junior Livestock Committee are:

- A. To promote a livestock program with emphasis on keeping youth involved in the 4-H or FFA program and the livestock industry.
- B. To serve as a decision-making body on behalf of 4-H and FFA Livestock groups in Cache County.
- C. To organize and promote countywide livestock activities. To aid in improving abilities of 4-H members and leaders.

Such activities shall include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Livestock Shows
  - 2. The Cache County Fair Junior Livestock Shows
  - 3. Associated workshops and clinics
  - 4. Livestock weigh-ins
- D. To set policies and arbitrate disputes on Junior Livestock matters.

## **ARTICLE 3: POLICIES**

**SECTION 1:** The basic policies of the Cache County Junior Livestock Committee are:

- A. To provide services to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, or handicap.
- B. To conduct shows, clinics, and other activities according to the State 4-H and FFA rules and regulations but reserve the right to make changes deemed beneficial to the Cache County Junior Livestock program.
- C. To cooperate with other organizations to support the 4-H and FFA programs, but persons representing this organization in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the Livestock Committee without first bringing the commitment to the Committee for approval.
- D. To present and vote on policies and/or policy changes. Decisions must be voted on and approved by the Livestock Committee before they can be implemented.

#### **ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership of the Cache County Junior Livestock Committee shall consist of the President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, appointed committee members, FFA Advisors and Cache County Extension Agent.
- B. Any individual, 18 years of age or older, willing to assist in the achievement of the above listed objectives will be eligible for membership in the Cache County Junior Livestock Committee.
- C. To retain membership on the committee, each member must be actively involved in committee activities or attend at least one meeting each year. The membership list shall be reviewed at the fall meeting to eliminate non active members from the committee.
- D. Officers of the committee: Chair, Chair Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer, will be elected by a majority vote from the existing membership. Terms for officers will last two years and a vote may be held on alternate years if a vacancy needs to be filled. When filling a vacancy, the newly elected officer will fill the remaining time of the original 2 year term.
- E. After serving the 2 year term, the chair elect will assume the position of chair and will serve a 2 year term
- F. Elections will be held at the fall meeting for either the chair elect, secretary, or treasurer which will be done on a 2 year rotation.
- G. New committee members may be recommended at the fall meeting. Committee members must be approved by a majority approval vote upon recommendation by a current committee member.

#### **ARTICLE 5: DISMISSAL**

- A. Grounds for dismissal include behaviors such as: not attending meetings, failing to fulfill duties, and conduct unbecoming the best interests of the youth involved in the Junior Livestock program.
- B. Officers may be removed, with cause, by a two-thirds majority vote. Committee members may be dismissed in like manner. Any individual removed from the Committee will have the right to appeal said decision at the next committee meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 6: DUTIES**

- A. The chair will act as chief executive officer of the association and will oversee the work of the committee as a whole. The chair will conduct all meetings.

- B. The chair elect will assist the chair as needed. The chair elect will perform the duties of the president in the event of the chair's absence or inability to fulfill duties.
- C. The secretary will take minutes and keep a record of attendance for committee meetings. The secretary will work with the Extension Coordinator in notifying committee members of meetings and general information. The secretary will assist the treasurer with non-finance items as determined by the officers and committee members.
- D. Committee members will assist at weigh-ins, make decisions pertaining to the livestock program, assist at the livestock show, and help promote the auction.
- E. All individuals comprising the membership of the Junior Livestock Committee are expected to provide leadership and guidance to junior livestock members and work together as a committee. They are responsible for making livestock shows beneficial to the participating members.

#### **ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS**

- A. A minimum number of three meetings will be held each year. Additional meetings will be held if deemed necessary.
- B. Any interested individuals from the community may attend committee meetings, but will not be allowed to participate in voting.
- C. The minutes kept for each meeting shall include: a list of those in attendance, a summary of the business conducted, motions, votes, financial reports, and discussion pertaining to the business of the committee.

#### **ARTICLE 8: VOTING**

- A. A simple majority will suffice for all votes unless otherwise specified. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.
- B. In the event of a tie, the committee officers and county extension agent will make the final executive decision.
- C. Voters: Chair, chair elect, species chairmen, sale committee member, 4H coordinator, FFA advisors, county representative, and junior livestock secretary.

#### **ARTICLE 9: AMMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

- A. Bylaws may be altered, repealed, or amended and new and additional bylaws adopted as needed by a two thirds vote of committee members in attendance.