These rules and guidelines are aimed at standardizing junior livestock shows in Utah. Standardization will help provide the best possible educational experience for the young people in the state of Utah who have 4-H or FFA livestock projects. The Utah Junior Livestock Show Association is given this responsibility by the Utah Administrative Rule R65-8 and Utah Code Section 4-2-103(1)(i), 103(1)(m) through the Utah Department of Agriculture and the Utah Legislature. These rules are to be in effect at any show receiving funds through the Association. Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of this information as it is distributed or published by member shows. However, exhibitors are cautioned that the current rules and regulations of the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association, as interpreted by the officers of the Association, will take precedence over such listings due to the possibility of typographical error or inadvertent omission.

- **A Total Experience:**
  Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the complete educational opportunity that junior livestock shows provide, such as the rate of gain, carcass, fitting and showing, record book, and livestock judging contests along with the judging of market and breeding animals. It is the purpose of these projects to develop life skills, animal husbandry and marketing skills among the participants.

- **Tagging:**
  Standardized tags must be used by all junior livestock exhibitors planning on attending a Utah Junior Livestock Association supported show. These tags can be purchased by the exhibitors through some county offices or at your local IFA. The tagging/ownership is NOT considered valid until the Junior Livestock Association Tagging Form has been completed and submitted online. This form must be completed for each exhibitor and each animal tagged and includes 3 photos to be uploaded. You can find the form by going to this link [https://forms.gle/SRgjX8vZEV6Dyfxc6](https://forms.gle/SRgjX8vZEV6Dyfxc6). Exhibitors will be verified as 4-H and FFA members in good standing by their county office or FFA advisor before they will be allowed to weigh-in animals at any given show. Visit the website [https://utahjuniorlivestock.com](https://utahjuniorlivestock.com) or contact your county extension staff or FFA advisor for specifics on tagging animals and being verified within your county.

### A. GENERAL RULES

1. **Age:** -- The Utah 4-H year will begin on September 1, 2019 and end on August 31, 2020. Utah 4-H membership will be based on a child’s age as of September 1, 2019. Youth are eligible to participate in 4-H between the ages of 8 and 18.

   - 4-H Classifications:
     - Junior 4-H Members—Age 8 through 10
     - Intermediate 4-H Members—Age 11 through 13
     - Senior 4-H Members—Age 14 through 18

   Youth who have graduated from High School may participate in all activities the summer following graduation and compete in all events, as long as they are under 19 on September 1, 2019. For example, youth competing in the Utah State Fair with junior livestock projects or youth competing at the Utah State Horse Show are eligible to compete. However, the State 4-H Leader may grant a special authorization to compete, for youth with developmental disabilities who exceed the upper age limit. (CSREES/USDA and National 4-H Leadership Trust, April 2002)

2. **Group Affiliation** -- An exhibitor may enter a given show only as a 4-H or FFA member, but not both. Exhibitors must declare one or the other at time of entry.

3. **Ownership of animals** - The exhibitor will own, possess, feed, and care for his/her project animal(s) for not less than 100 consecutive days for market beef and 60 consecutive days for market swine, market sheep and market goats immediately prior to the opening day of the show in which they intend to participate. No interruption of ownership or possession can occur. Every Grand and Reserve Champion will be tattooed in the left ear with a CH for champion. Animals with this tattoo are not eligible to enter and show in any association member shows.

4. **Fitting on show grounds** -- Parents, guardians, siblings, club leaders, extension/4-H agents and FFA advisors may assist, and are encouraged to assist the younger exhibitors. However, each exhibitor must be working with the project animal and be in attendance with that animal during the entire fitting process.

5. **Code of Ethics** (rules 5a through 5i) -- The following practices or procedures are unacceptable in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. Any violation of association rules or specific rules as designated by individual fairs
6. Dress Code

- 4-H - A long or short sleeve shirt, which fastens down the front with a collar, is mandatory. Shirts must be solid white in color and need not be Western style. Black or blue pants are to be worn. There is to be a 4-H emblem or patch on all 4-H member shirts.
- FFA - Either a white shirt, tie and FFA jacket, or a white shirt with the FFA emblem and tie (t-shirts are not allowed.)

The following will not be allowed: T-shirts, tank tops, tube tops, sleeveless shirts and vests. Exhibitors who fail to abide by dress standards will forfeit prize money.
7. **Sales Fee** - A sales fee not to exceed 5% will be withheld from sales checks by all state-assisted shows. Any purchaser(s) of animals from a Junior Livestock Show Auction must pay the Show the full purchase price of sale regardless of buy-back.

8. **Show Eligibility** - Animals are eligible for any show for which they meet ownership and show requirements.

9. **Change of Ownership** - Once an animal has gone through any stockshow sale, regardless of buyback or no-sale, it is no longer eligible to enter a state assisted show.

10. **Lamb Docking Rule** – Scientific research indicates that the incidence of rectal prolapsed is reduced when the tail is docked in a non-extreme manner. The recommended method is to dock at the distal end on the caudal fold (3rd caudal vertebra). Complete tail removal (extreme docking) is not an accepted sheep production practice and is discouraged for all Utah Junior Livestock sheep projects. *Market lambs or breeding sheep showing any signs of contagious disease or current or recent signs of prolapse, or with an open sore on the dock (rosebud), will be sifted from Utah Junior Livestock Shows at the discretion of the state show vet at the time of weigh in and their determination is final.*

**B. MARKET ANIMAL RULES:**

1. **Drug Withdrawal** – It is unethical and in most cases even unlawful to administer drugs to livestock within 20 to 30 days of slaughter. Animals too unmanageable to show should be withdrawn from their class rather than be tranquilized. The local show committee and the show veterinarian will monitor this situation. By federal regulations, random testing will occur at slaughter, and animals will be condemned which have been given any injection or oral dosages of tranquilizers, pain killers, antibiotics, diuretics, steroids, or other foreign substances during withdrawal periods before slaughter. All sales money will be withheld in such cases. Bloat medicine and other medications with no withdrawal requirements may be permissible. Exhibitors need to be aware of potential health hazards to consumers who eat animals that have received any above-mentioned substances. Please do not put someone's life in jeopardy.

2. **Tagging** – Tagging policy and deadlines found at [https://utahjuniorlivestock.com/junior-livestock-tags](https://utahjuniorlivestock.com/junior-livestock-tags). Should a tag be lost or pulled out of the animal’s ear, the exhibitor will advise the show committee supervisor immediately so that the tag can be replaced and the appropriate paperwork be processed.

3. **Entry Forms & Deadlines** – Exhibitors must check with each livestock show for entry deadline for that specific show. Exhibitors are responsible for mailing their own entry form. Entries postmarked by that date will be accepted. Exhibitor must declare which animals are to be shown, and submit an entry form and entry fees to the appropriate shows, including State Association ear tag numbers. The tag number and alternate tag number must be specified on the exhibitor entry form to be eligible. Entries may not exceed the limits for each show (see form 4) including one alternate animal per species entered. Forms must be signed by proper Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor to verify exhibitor and animals are a legitimate entry for the show they are entering. Extension/4-H agents or FFA advisors should only sign forms for those youth enrolled in their programs. The Extension/4-H agent or FFA advisor and parents will verify eligibility for group and family feeding programs. Entry forms for fitting and showmanship classes must also be submitted by the entry deadline of the show and need to indicate class to be entered (species) and age of exhibitor. Entry fees will not be withheld from sales checks. Entry fees are to be sent along with all entry forms.

4. **Poultry** - In keeping with the desire to help eliminate disease problems, certain counties will not be eligible to receive turkey poultry from the Moroni hatchery. Exhibitors may, however, have turkey projects along with family commercial operations. An exhibitor will own, feed and care for his/her project turkeys for not less than 20 weeks prior to the turkey show. Birds must not be more than 24 weeks of age at the time of the show.

**C. BREEDING ANIMALS:**

Exhibitors are encouraged to expand their scope of livestock project experience to include breeding livestock projects.

**D. RULE ENFORCEMENT:**

The local show has the responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations at their show. Any further action needs to be submitted in writing to the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association Board. Shows that do not comply and enforce the rules adopted may lose Association funding. If immediate action is needed, the board of the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association is empowered to make the ruling decision. The State Veterinarian has the final ruling on lamb tail docking and any health issues.
RULES:
All member shows must print or publish the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association Official Rules in effect for that year and any conflicting local show rules must be eliminated. All shows must be represented at the annual meeting or a $100.00 penalty is to be paid by the show to the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association. Any show that has not turned in their annual show report form by the annual meeting is required to pay a $100.00 penalty to the Utah Junior Livestock Show Association.

NEW SHOW ELIGIBILITY:
Any established show that makes application for funding from the Utah State Junior Livestock Shows Association must provide the required numbers from their previous year's show. New shows must exist one year before receiving funding in order to establish base line numbers.