

Charlotte County Fair Association, Inc.

The Premiere Showcase of Charlotte County

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2024 - SMALL ANIMAL SHOW & SALE RULES AND INFORMATION

FAIR DATES ARE JANUARY 26TH - FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

The Charlotte County Fair Youth Livestock Program is an educational event for 4-H and FFA members. The fair is simply the venue for receiving the rewards for all the hard work and effort that has been put into their projects. The Charlotte County Fair Board is proud to be a part of the Youth Livestock Program. We feel that this program develops responsibility, self reliance, sportsmanship, and mostly importantly prepares our youth to be future leaders.

The Charlotte County Fair Livestock Shows are youth only shows and are open to Charlotte County 4-H Members, and Charlotte Sr FFA Members. Exhibitors must choose which organization they will show under at initial weigh-in and must remain in that organization throughout the entire project. They must be enrolled in school/home school. Age categories as of September 1, 2023: Juniors 8 - 10 yrs., Intermediates 11 - 13yrs., & Seniors 14 - 18 yrs. Or still in High School.

THERE WILL BE NO SMALL ANIMAL CHECK IN THIS YEAR. ALL ENTRY FORMS DUE BY NOVEMBER 2, 2023 CONTACT JENNIFER MULINIX 941-979-0414. POULTRY MUST HAVE EITHER HOME BAND OR BAND PROVIDED BY FAIR AT FINAL CHECK IN. RABBIT AND CAVY TO BE TATTOOED/ TAGGED PRIOR TO FAIR FINAL CHECK IN.

- ENTRIES: All entries must be made on the 2024 Charlotte County Fair Small Animal Entry Form, and an **entry fee of \$10.00 PER ANIMAL**. Number of entries shall be limited to a maximum combination of 5 small animals. These include: poultry/waterfowl or rabbit/cavy for ages Junior-Senior. Cloverbud exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries per category, Pee Wee exhibitors are limited to one (1) entry per category. Must be at least 3 exhibits per class category/classes to be eligible for championship prizes. You are required to sell one ad of choice per category (Poultry/Waterfowl) and/or (Rabbit/Cavy) See Ad Forms. If more than 200 exhibits total, limits will have to change.
- **All entries must be owned by or property of the exhibitor by entry deadline on November 2, 2023.** In the event of the animals death or other circumstances, once entry form is complete, exhibitor will be allowed to replace an animal with one of the SAME class/breed entered up to January 1, 2024.(contact Dawn Shipman 941-815-7710 with changes)
- Showmanship Awards shall be based on the exhibitor's age as of September 1, 2023 prior to the fair. AGES will be classed as: Pee Wee member – ages 3-5; Cloverbud member - ages 5-7; junior – ages 8-10; Intermediate - ages 11-13; Senior – ages 14-18 or still in high school. To compete in showmanship the exhibitor must have an exhibit at the fair in their category. Pee Wee & Cloverbuds will be participation only, their animals will not be judged with other exhibitors. Exhibitor's must show their own animal for showmanship.
- Exhibitors must wear appropriate 4-H/FFA Club Attire during all shows. (Black/dark blue Pants, White Shirts, Club Jackets may be worn) Pee-wee exhibitors must wear a dress shirt and black/dark blue pants.
- Exhibitors must attend post fair workday, February 4th Premiums will be withheld for unexcused absences.**(PEE-WEE AND CLOVERBUDS ARE EXEMPT BUT PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED)**
- Animals will be fed, watered & cage cleaned (In and also Underneath) daily by **EXHIBITOR** between 5-8pm. There will be a sign in sheet. Exhibitors must make prior arrangements with Sm. Animal Barn Chairman for exceptions. You are not required to stay the whole time once done, remember to sign out.
- **Animals are only permitted to be removed from pens by either the exhibitor/parent or approved personnel.**
- All Animals will be received at the fairgrounds on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 between 5:00pm and 7:00pm**. Rabbits and Guinea Pigs will be individually inspected for any signs of sickness or disease before they are allowed into a cage. The State Agriculture Inspectors will be on hand at that time to test fowl for disease. The Ag Committee and/or Leaders reserve the right to refuse entry to any animal, which appears to be sick, diseased or infected with lice or mites. All animals will be checked for mites or lice. The Ag Committee will have final say of any issues.
- The Charlotte County Fair assumes no responsibility for the safety, loss, or well being of the exhibits, however, every reasonable precaution will be observed.
- The modified Danish System will be used. Judges will not award premiums to any animal or exhibit because of its mere presence. It must be individually worth, even if there is only one exhibit and no competition in the class. Must be at least 3 exhibitors per class category or classes will be combined.

- SHOWS: All animals will be judged according to the Standards of Perfection for each breed and category. The Modified Danish System will be used in making awards. The animals are placed according to their merit into three groups: Blue, Red, and White. All animals in the Blue Group are then placed numerically with the first place in each class competing for the appropriate championship. Only animals in the Blue group will be considered for championship awards.
- Exhibitors must be present for judging and are responsible for getting their own animal on & off the show table. All rabbit's exhibits must be tattooed in their ear.
- Small Animal Auction will be on Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 2:00PM.
- **You must have your animals registered to be in the sale by Thursday February 1, 2024.**
- **REMOVAL: On Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 8pm** all animals can be moved (by Owner) into their carrying case. If your animals were sold in Sale, you still have to attend workday in order to receive premiums. No exhibitors will be released from the fairgrounds until the entire area and all cages are cleaned.
- Exhibitors shall abide by the 2024 Barn Rules. (Signed copy must be turned in with Entry form)
 - The Charlotte County Fair Ag Committee reserves the right to modify any rules as necessary in order to provide a fair and equitable application of said rules. Exhibitors are asked in advance to cooperate as may be necessary with the respect to any modification made of these rules.
- No animals can be removed early from the fairgrounds unless illness and that must be approved by the Ag Committee.
- Exhibitors/Parents are to contact **Dawn Shipman @ 941-815-7710** with any and all questions.

Failure to follow any of the above rules will forfeit premium money, and the ability to show in next year's fair. Failure to follow rules, as well as any problems which may arise will be considered by the Fair Ag Rules Committee. Any issues or concerns should be brought to their attention immediately. If fair rules, including animal and pen cleanliness or proper exhibitor's conduct are not met, the exhibitor and his/her parents will be asked to appear before the Rules Committee and the committee will take the necessary action to correct the problem. That decision will be final. The punishment could be in dollar amounts. Exhibitor may be disqualified from the show and sale, sent home, and/or banned from participation in future shows and/or sales. The Charlotte County Fair Ag Committee reserves the right to cancel any show based on any reason they deem necessary.

CANCELLATION BY THE FAIR: The Fair reserves the unilateral right to cancel this License for economic reasons, or for the public good, or for events including, but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood, natural disaster, a threat of a tropical storm, a threat of hurricane, inclement weather, war or threat of war, acts of threats of terrorism, civil disorder, unauthorized strikes, governmental regulation or advisory, recognized health threats as determined by the World Health Organization, the Centers of disease control, or local government authority or health agencies (including but not limited to the health threats of COVID-19, H1N1 or similar infectious diseases) a pandemic, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other similar occurrence beyond the control of the parties in which case any funds paid for by the licensee for unused days, less actual expenses necessarily incurred by the fair in connection with the event so cancelled, will be refunded without penalty. In addition, the fair reserves the unilateral right to cancel this license in the event of any request by any federal, state or county agency for use on the fairgrounds under such circumstances, it being understood and agreed by license that it's rights hereunder are subordinate and inferior to the right of use by any federal, state, or county agency or department, in which case any funds paid by the license for unused days, less actual expenses necessarily incurred by the fair connection with the event so cancelled, will be refunded without penalty, Should the fair exercise its rights to cancel this license for any reason, including but not limited to those stated above. Licensed agrees to forego any and all claims for damages against. The fair and further agrees to waive any and all rights which might arise by reason of the terms of this license shall have no recourse of any kind against fair.

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Name: _____ Age: _____ as of 09/01/2023 Driver _____ Yes or No
Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____ T-Shirt size _____

Grade _____, School _____

Maximum combination of 5 small animals

Poultry/Fowl Category

Breed Stand	Bant Variety	Color	Sex	Age Now	Tattoo/Band
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Rabbit/Cavy Category

Breed Rabbit/Cavy Variety	Color	Sex	Age Now	Tattoo/Band
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO CROSS/MIXED BREED CLASS, SO PLACE ACCORDINGLY!

Parent Contact Information:

Email _____@_____

or text message by phone _____.

Deadline for entries is November 2, 2023 Keep a copy for your Records.

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CLOVERBUDS 5-7YRS 2 PER CATEGORY

PEE WEE 4YRS OLD AND UNDER BEFORE 9/1/23 1 PER CATEGORY

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____ T-Shirt size _____

Grade _____ School _____

Poultry/Fowl Category

Breed Stand	Bant Variety	Color	Sex	Age Now	Tattoo/Band
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LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

As an animal exhibitor in the Charlotte County Fair Youth Show (s)

I believe my participation should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skills as a feeder, fitter & caretaker of my animals (s).

I understand the need to be responsible for developing the skills necessary to take my animal (s) from the farm to the show ring.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations found in the Charlotte County Fair Exhibitor's Guide to all exhibits.

I will follow the competition rules and will not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, and showing of my animal (s).

I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices when preparing my animals for the show ring.

I will not allow my parents, leader or any other adult or minor to not break the rules on my behalf.

I want my animal project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, good and bad, and how to live with the outcome.

I realize that I am responsible for:

The proper care and humane treatment of my animal (s).

The production of wholesome food if my animal project is designated for market.

The care and grooming of my animal while at the Charlotte County Fair.

Conducting myself with honesty and good sportsmanship.

Conducting myself to reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of Agricultural education.

THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR NEGATIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS OR COMMENTS!! I understand and agree that when I, my parents, leader of any other adult or minor connected with my project or animal (s) break the rules, I agree to live by the final decision of the Charlotte County Fair Ag Committees Authority regarding disqualification of myself and/or my animal (s), loss of premium awards, auction proceeds and my loss of future eligibility.

Exhibitor Signature Date

Fathers Signature Date

Mothers Signature Date

Stepfathers Signature Date

Stepmothers Signature Date

Leader Signature Date

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PARENTAL/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

Inappropriate conduct by a participant, parent, leader, spectator or volunteer during the fair will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or immediate ejection by Fair Ag Committee Authority. This includes, but is not limited to, disruptive behavior, poor sportsmanship, inappropriate language, inappropriate conduct, bullying and confrontations with any fair staff, other exhibitors or spectators.

As a parent or legal guardian, of an Exhibitor, exhibiting at the Charlotte County Fair I AGREE TO ABIDE by the following:

- Maintain and promote a positive attitude towards the atmosphere of the Charlotte County Fair Youth Program and follow all barn rules.
- I agree to encourage and guide my child, my club member, and myself to conduct ourselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. I will ask questions concerning rules and policy in an appropriate adult manner.
- Instead of participating in a retaliatory manner, I will follow the Formal Protest guidelines in the Charlotte County Fair Rules.
- I will keep the intent and spirit of the Charlotte County Fair, and remember that my child/club member is the one exhibiting, not me. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my child/club member ahead of my personal desire to win.
- No adult or exhibitor will conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of conduct and Charlotte County Fair Show Rules or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of conduct or show rules. • By signing this code of conduct I am accepting the responsibility of informing my immediate family members of the Parental Code of Conduct.
- Violation of the parental code of conduct will subject the individual(s) to disciplinary actions, up to and including, but not limited to; dismissal or disqualification, expulsion of the exhibitor.
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Fathers Signature Date

Mothers Signature Date

Step-Fathers Signature Date

Step-Mothers Signature Date

Exhibitor Name: _____

Club/Group: _____, Date _____ Please note, preliminary entries of exhibitors will not be accepted without the parental code of conduct being signed. Exhibitors will be required to sign the Livestock Code of Conduct. Preliminary entry will not be accepted without the code of conduct being signed.