

# Gulf Coast Agricultural & Natural Resources Youth Organization

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## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CATEGORIES

**SHOW:** Friday & Saturday, March 22-23, 2024

**WHERE:** Escambia Co. 4-H Property  
5701 Hwy 99  
Molino, Fl 32577

1. All 4-H and FFA youth from West Florida and South Alabama are eligible to show.

**\*\*\* Accommodations (if needed) in accordance with school guidelines must be requested in advance to the appropriate superintendent.**

2. All youth participants must be bonafide 4-H or FFA members and be in "good standing" with their respective organizations. Each member will have an official membership card from the respective organization and show in the appropriate dress. Any exhibitor not in proper dress will not be allowed in Showmanship.
3. **GCA-NRYO DRESS: 4-H:** Black pants, White shirt w/ collar and sleeves, 4-H emblem on left chest, closed toe and heel dark (black or brown) shoes or boots, Belt, 4-H jacket or vest accepted.  
**FFA:** Black pants, White shirt w/ collar, FFA tie or scarf, FFA jacket- zipped up, closed toe and heel dark shoes or boots, Belt. **NO HATS for 4-H or FFA!!!**
4. All Animal entry fees (except Rabbit and Chickens) are \$25.00 for every entry and \$10 for alternate. Rabbit and Chicken entry fees are \$10 for each entry.
5. Exhibitors can register as many entries as they choose, per species, but we will only pay for up to 4 animals.
6. In order for a **club or chapter animal** to be shown in **showmanship, an individual name MUST BE ATTACHED to the REGISTRATION at TIME OF ENTRY!!!**
7. Youth are eligible to show from age eight (by September 1, 2023) through the senior year of high school. (See specific category for additional information- rabbit, lamb and goats)
8. FFA and 4-H youth will compete against each other in all aspects of the show and sale.
9. **Entry Forms:** Exhibitors who knowingly state false information on entry forms will be subject to disqualification from the Show. **Exhibitor's signature, parent/guardian's signature and teacher/leader's signature on the entry form** that is submitted for a project signifies the rules and regulations have been read by the exhibitor, parent/guardian, teacher/leader and that all understand and agree to abide by rules and regulations.
10. Showmanship classes after weight or age classes.
11. Youth may only have assistance in the grooming process by parents, agents, advisors or other youth. No professionals allowed.

12. Protest Rule: If rule #9 is not being followed a formal protest can take place by following the next steps listed:
- File a formal written complaint prior to the animal in question competing.
  - Pay a \$50.00 protest fee to the appropriate superintendent.
  - The board will address and make a decision as soon as possible, always before animal in question enters the ring for competition.
  - If the complaint is found to be legitimate the fee will be returned to the one filing the complaint.
13. Premiums will be based on monies donated and dues paid by the membership of the Gulf Coast Agricultural and Natural Resources Youth Organization.
14. Premiums will be distributed at an award dinner approximately 30 days following the show.
15. **Everyone must adhere to State Regulations regarding premise # and EID tags. Premise ID from breeder is required at weigh-in and must be in animals ear at weigh-in.**
16. Health certificates are required for ALL Animals (excluding rabbits & poultry).
17. **All checks will be NULL and VOID six months after the banquet. If the checks are not received at the banquet they will be mailed to the registration form supplied address.**

18. **All record books must start at weigh in/registration day and end on show date. Premiums will be deducted by 1/3 if record book is unscorable (incomplete or lack of information) or if record book is not turned in.**

\*\*\*\* Sponsored animals (Club or Chapter) will need a completed record book turned in by exhibitor.

19. **RECORD BOOKS:**

Record books can be downloaded from the website and filled in on a computer and then printed out to be turned in. Or Record Book can be downloaded, printed, filled out by hand and then turned in.

**STORY: MUST BE HANDWRITTEN!!!!!!!**

\*\*\*\*. **Market animals** (Steer, Hog, Lamb, Goat) **MUST TURN** in a record book for EACH animal shown.

\*\*\*\* **Breeding animals** (Beef Breeding, Breeding Goat and Lamb, Rabbit, Poultry) **MUST TURN** in at least ONE breeding record book even if showing a market animal.

20. **ALL Market animals will be SOLD at Auction and 3% commission off the sale price only.**

\*\*\*\*Sponsored (Club or Chapter) animals—Sale proceeds will go to sponsor. Premiums will go to exhibitor.

**21. These rules will be enforced. Failure to follow them may result in immediate disqualification.**

**22.** Checks made out to GCA & NRYO and All entry forms MUST be mailed to:

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