

## “Proposed” 2016-2017 Loudoun County Beef Club Rules

In order to show at the Loudoun County Fair, the following rules must be adhered to by all Beef Club member.

1. Beef market animals must have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor by **January 1 of the current year with assistance in daily care by immediate family members only(mom,dad,grandparents)** . There shall be no changes in ownership or management after January 1. (See amendment 1996). Project animals must be kept in Loudoun County.
2. If any projects are housed on property other than where the exhibitor resides, guidelines will be set by extension and club leaders in regards to daily care,with consideration to the land owners. **The exhibitor is expected to be the primary caretaker of the animal or animals.**
3. Beef market animals may not be born before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year in order to show at the Loudoun County Fair.
4. All beef market animals must come to the tattoo location on the specified date to be tattooed with the county seal: **NO EXCEPTIONS! Market animals will be entered for fair at Weigh-In.** Weighing-in is optional but must be done to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest. Registration Tattoos and Registration Papers will be checked for pure bred animals at initial weigh-in. The exhibitor must be the sole owner on the Registration Papers. **Beef Market animals not tattooed with the county seal on the specified date will not be eligible to show at the Loudoun County Fair. Breed of animal(s) MUST be declared at the time of weigh-in. This will be the breed class that the animal will show in at the fair. Registration papers for any purebred market animals must be turned in to a club leader by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
5. Ownership dates and classes for heifers are:

	<u>Class</u>	<u>Date Calved</u>	<u>Ownership Deadline</u>
	Senior Yearling Heifer	9/1/15-12/31/15	January 1, 2017
2017	Early Junior Yearling Heifer	1/1/16-2/28/16	January 1,
2017	Late Junior Yearling Heifer	3/1/16-4/30/16	January 1,
2017	Summer Yearling Heifer	5/1/16-8/31/16	May 1,
	Senior Heifer Calf	9/1/16-12/31/16	May 1, 2017
	Junior Heifer Calf	1/1/17-4/30/17	May 1, 2017

6. All owned heifers must be taken care for by, and registered in the sole name of the exhibitor by the given ownership deadline dates according to age and show

classifications. Registration Tattoos for pure bred females will be checked upon arrival at the fair. Copies of registration papers for pure bred females will be due with heifer entry forms July 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. “Definition” Owned heifers are defined as having been financially and physically cared for by the 4Her with reasonable assistance by immediate family. Examples being feed, healthcare, supplies all paid for by 4her and or immediate family (mom, dad, grandparents). The heifer will be added to the 4her or family herd or improved and sold for a profit.
8. “Definition” Non Ownership or Leased heifers are defined as the 4her “borrowing” a heifer for the purpose of caring for and showing the heifer. The financial responsibility remains with the original “owner” of the heifer. Heifer returns to care of original owner after project ends (after fair).
9. **(Non-Ownership)** All non-ownership members are required to abide by current Beef Club Rules as well as current Loudoun Fair Rules, with the exception of any specific rules adjusted for non-ownership.

Declaration of “non-ownership” is required by **December 21st** and shall remain as such throughout the year.

Non-Ownership members will work with the host farm on a visitation schedule that is compliant with the farm owners.

Non-ownership members are only eligible to show one heifer that will compete in a **commercial** class with other non-ownership members.

All non-ownership members will compete in regular showmanship classes with all other beef club members.

All non-ownership members are expected to conduct themselves respectfully on the host farm as reflected in the signed Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the program.

All non-ownership members are eligible for any award/premiums awarded.

10. All purebred animals showing in purebred classes must have registration papers present at check-in. If the tattoo in the animals ear does not correspond with the registration paper tattoo number, that animal will be shown in a crossbred class.
11. Cow/Calf eligibility: The cow must be owned and in the possession of the exhibitor at the time of breeding. **Calf cannot be over 240 days old.**
12. One bred and owned class will be held for each of the following classifications: Market steers, Bulls, and Breeding Heifers (registered and non-registered). All breeds will be shown together.
13. To be eligible for the “Bred and Owned” class, an animal must be out of the dam owned by the exhibitor at the time of breeding.

14. There must be 2 animals of the same breed to make a class. Single registered entries will be placed in "All Other Breeds" class.
15. All beef cattle must be shown in their appropriate classes; market animals will be shown by weight. Classes will be set after cattle are checked in.
16. All beef market animals must weigh at least 1,000 pounds **AND** grade "select" or better to show and sell at the Loudoun County Fair. Any animal not meeting these requirements are eligible to show in a special class as determined by the club leader. This class is not eligible to receive premiums/awards. The steer show is a Market show not a feeder show.
17. All animals used in Showmanship classes are to be shown clean/dry, not fitted. The exhibitor must use one of his/her own animals which are already entered in the fair. Showmanship classes are divided according to the age of the exhibitor. The judge will determine how many will return for final placing.
18. In all cases, the decision of the judge is final.
19. Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted.
20. During the week of the Fair only Loudoun County 4H members and immediate family (mom, dad, sister, brother) will be allowed to clip and or fit the animals in preparation for the show. Any 4H member not complying with this rule may have his/her animals disqualified from the competition.
21. To participate in the carcass contest, it is the exhibitors responsibility to make sure their animal is present for ultra sounding.
22. All entries (except market) to the Loudoun County Fair must be postmarked or delivered to the club leaders by July 1 of the current fair year. A copy of the registration papers for all purebred animals **MUST** be included with the entry forms. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!**
23. In order to participate in the Loudoun Fair, a completed project book must be turned in to the Extension Office from the previous 4H year. The Extension Office will determine the date. **Record books must score a minimum of 75 points.**
24. Project books will be checked for 70% completion at the July meeting by a club leader.
25. All members must attend 50% of the club meetings from October through July of the current year. If a club member is more than 15 minutes late for a meeting, the member will **not** be counted as present.
26. All members must participate in at least 1 community service activity by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Club leaders will outline requirements.
27. All club members must participate in at least 1 fundraising activity by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Club leaders will outline the requirements. In lieu of the required fundraiser, a club member may acquire a club sponsor for the fair.
28. **DURING FAIR WEEK, ANIMALS SHALL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EXHIBITOR AT ALL TIMES WITHOUT THE AID OF TRANQUILIZERS OR OTHER DRUGS. UNMANAGEABLE, DANGEROUS OR DRUGGED ANIMALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND**

**REMOVED FROM THE FAIR GROUNDS. THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE CLUB LEADERS.**

29. During fair week, animals exhibited must be in good physical health. Any animal found with a disease that could be passed onto other animals will be removed immediately from the fair grounds. The club leader/leaders and the Agriculture superintendent will check the health of the animal in question. A veterinarian will make the final decision if necessary.
30. Stall assignments will be made by the club leader based on seniority by active years. Once stall assignments are made, they may not be changed without leader approval.
31. All animals must be fed, watered, and in the barns by 8:00 a.m. each morning during fair week. All cattle must be secured with neck ropes and halters in both the barn and tie-out areas. (exceptions being cow/calves in secured pens). All animals **MUST** be tied outside overnight by 9pm.(exceptions being lightning/storms) Animals and stall areas must be kept clean at all times. One warning will be given by the beef club leaders before it is turned over to the Agricultural Superintendent for further action. Stall areas will have mulch; no straw shall be used in the barns. Only enough feed and hay for 2 days shall be kept in the areas.
32. During fair week, all members are required to work a beef club trash duty, ice cream shift, and assist with the beef club dinner. Failure to do so may result in forfeit of premiums.
33. Parents of club members are **STRONGLY** encouraged to assist with clean-up after the beef club dinner.
34. During fair week, all beef club members are expected/required to wear protective foot wear i.e.: no open-toed open-heeled shoes. (No flip flops, sandals or crocks)
35. All beef exhibitors selling market animals are expected to assist with preparation and clean-up of the show pavilion and beef barn before and after the Livestock auction.
36. After the Livestock Auction, it is the club member's responsibility to feed and water the animal(s) they sold until the animal(s) leave the fair grounds. Failure to do so may result in inability to show at the fair for the coming year.
37. At the conclusion of the fair, all exhibitors must participate in the fair clean-up in order to receive their premiums.