

# 2024 LIVESTOCK SHOWS OF THE BARN OFFICIAL GUIDEBOOK



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# **GENERAL RULES**

**(applicable to all livestock)**

1. Entries must be submitted on entry forms available upon request from the **Greater Gulf State Fair, 1035 Cody Rd. N., Mobile, AL 36608**. **ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL APPLICATIONS**. Early entries are advised due to limited space.
2. Entry Fees are as follows:

<b>Show</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
Department 83- Mobile 4-H Chicken Show	-\$0-
Department 85- FFA / 4-H Market Hog Show	-\$0-
Showmanship- 4-H & FFA Feeder	-\$0-

3. Barns will be ready for livestock at 6:00 P.M. Thursday prior to opening day of the Fair. All livestock will remain at the Fair until specifically released by The Barn Supervisor.
4. To be eligible to compete for premiums, all animals must be halter broken and well groomed. Livestock that are wild and that are not in creditable condition will be ruled out. Eligibility to compete will be determined by the Agriculture Committee. Their ruling will be final.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals.
6. All animals exhibited except participants must have a current official certificate of inspection (health certificate) and comply with Alabama State Health Laws. **OUT-OF-STATE EXHIBITORS** are advised to familiarize themselves with Alabama and Federal Laws on the movement of animals into the state so they will have no difficulty in meeting State and Federal Health requirements for interstate movement. This information may be obtained by writing State Veterinarian, State Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 3336, Montgomery AL 36109, (334) 240-7255.
7. No more than two entries may be made in any one lot by the same exhibitor.
8. Premiums may not be called for during the Fair. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitor. Please give complete addresses and phone numbers when registering exhibits.
9. All animals competing for prizes in purebred shows must be eligible for registration in recognized record books for the breed. A **COPY** of registration papers **MUST** accompany the entry form. This **WILL** be checked prior to the show.
10. All exhibitors are required to clean their pens. Failure to do so may result in a loss of premiums and/or a cleaning fee.
11. The space for these shows is limited, and when the capacity of the barns is achieved, no other entries will be accepted. Early mailing of entry forms is essential to reserve space in shows.

12. THE LIVESTOCK GATE WILL BE CLOSED BY 12:00 NOON EACH DAY AND WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL 10:00 PM EACH EVENING.

13. Halters are required on all animals. All animals must be secured by a tie rope and halter until loaded Sunday morning. No chain halters or leads are permitted.

14. TIE-OUT TIME IS 10:00 P.M. NO LIVESTOCK MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE BARN FOR THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THIS TIME.

15. All animals will be exhibited at the owner's risk. All livestock exhibitors shall comply with the following IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics at all times:

"Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open-class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial, and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibitions in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada."

16. Each respective Show Steward of a show and The Barn Agricultural Superintendent may amend the rules if necessary. Decisions of Show Stewards, The Barn Agricultural Superintendent, and Judges will be FINAL.

# IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

## (Applicable to ALL LIVESTOCK)

The following is a list of general guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fair or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimen of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event that culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample is taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counter-irritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceeds or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Exposition, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## **BARN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Barn will be accessible by vehicle via the Cody Road gate. Access through the gate will be limited to vehicles with proper vehicle credentials. Violation could result in loss of credentials for the 2024 Greater Gulf State Fair and future Greater Gulf State Fairs.
2. Trailers are to be parked **ONLY** in the designated parking location. Signage will be posted. A map will be provided to show stewards by October 1, 2024. Trailers not in the designated parking area will be towed to the general parking area outside The Barn perimeter.
3. Absolutely **NO** vehicle traffic is allowed on the midway or within The Barn perimeter beginning an hour before opening to an hour after closing (or unless otherwise notified by The Barn Supervisor or Agricultural Committee Chairman) each day of the fair. All vehicles within the barn and midway perimeter after an hour before opening will have to remain parked where they are until an hour after closing. Vehicle gates accessing the perimeter will be closed and locked an hour before opening will remain locked until an hour after closing. Violation could result in loss of credentials for the 2024 Greater Gulf State Fair and future Greater Gulf State Fairs.
4. Usage of personal and/or vehicle credentials provided by GGSF to designated individuals are limited to the individual issued to. Violation could result in loss of credentials for the 2024 Greater Gulf State Fair and future Greater Gulf State Fairs.
5. All patrons with general admission passes must use the main gate.
6. No dogs are allowed on Fair premises.
7. No smoking on Fair premises.

## **HOW TO ENTER**

### **Entry:**

- See Department Specific Rules for how to register and applicable dates.

### **Entry Fees:**

- See General Rules above and Department/Show Specific Rules.

### **Entry Limit:**

- See General Rules above and Department/Show Specific Rules.

## **WHAT IF I GET AN AWARD?**

### **Award Ribbons:**

- Award ribbons will be awarded at the respective show.

### **Award Payouts:**

- Awards will be paid out immediately following the shows.

# **THE BARN - 2024 SCHEDULE**

<b>Friday, October 25th</b>	
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	The Barn Closes to Public
12:00 AM	Fair Closes to Public

<b>Saturday, October 26th</b>	
11:00 AM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	The Barn Closes to Public
12:00 AM	Fair Closes to Public

<b>Sunday, October 27th</b>	
12:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public

<b>Monday, October 28th</b>	
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public FFA and 4-H Judging
10:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public

<b>Tuesday, October 28th</b>	
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	School Barn Tours
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public
4:00 PM	FFA and 4-H Hog Showmanship Competition
6:00 PM	FFA & 4-H Market Hog Sale
10:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public

# **THE BARN - 2024 SCHEDULE**

<b>Wednesday, October 30th</b>	
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public

<b>Thursday, October 31st</b>	
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public

<b>Friday, November 1st</b>	
4:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/Competitions Scheduled
10:00 PM	The Barn Closes to Public
12:00 AM	Fair Closes to Public

<b>Saturday, November 2nd</b>	
9:30 AM	The Barn Opens for 4-H Poultry Check- In
11:00 AM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public
12:00 PM	4-H Poultry Show
10:00 PM	The Barn Closes to Public
11:00 PM	Fair Closes to Public

<b>Sunday, November 3rd</b>	
12:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Opens to Public No Shows/ Competitions Scheduled
9:00 PM	Fair & The Barn Closes to Public



# **DEPARTMENT 83**

## **MOBILE 4-H POULTRY SHOW**

**Saturday, November 2nd - 12:00 PM**

**Mobile County Extension System - (251) 574-8445**

### **SHOW RULES**

1. GENERAL RULES, GENERAL GUIDELINES, and THE BARN RULES shall apply
2. Entries are open only to bona fide Mobile County 4-H members, Ages 9-18 as of January 1, 2024.
3. All exhibits must be in place by 10:30 AM.
4. 4-H members must have been responsible for the physical care and training of the animals to the fullest extent possible.
5. A 4-H'er may exhibit only 1 pen. A pen consists of 2 pullets, no cockerels are allowed.
6. This is a 1-day show. Birds will be judged in cages provided by the show.
7. All exhibitors and their animals will be entered at their own risk. The Greater Gulf State Fair, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, 4-H program, assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury of animals or exhibitors.
8. All birds being shown must be the original birds handed out by the ACES Office in May 2024. No substitutions are allowed.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible for check-in and correct information before judging begins.
10. Parents will not be allowed in the judging area during the actual judging unless authorized by the show steward.
11. These rules will be enforced. Failure to follow rules may result in immediate disqualification.

<b>SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (GRADES 11 - 12)</b>	
<b>1ST PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$20</b>
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$15</b>
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$10</b>
<b>4TH THROUGH 20TH</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$5</b>

<b>INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP (GRADES 9 -10)</b>	
<b>1ST PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$20</b>
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$15</b>
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$10</b>
<b>4TH THROUGH 20TH</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$5</b>

<b>JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (AGES 9 - 8TH GRADE)</b>	
<b>1ST PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$20</b>
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$15</b>
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$10</b>
<b>4TH THROUGH 20TH</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$5</b>

### **BREED CLASSES:**

Whiting True Blue, Sliver Spangled Hamburgs, Barred Plymouth Rocks,  
and other Standard breeds

<b>1ST PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$15</b>
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$10</b>
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$5</b>
<b>GRAND CHAMPION BIRD</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$40</b>
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION BIRD</b>	<b>Rosette &amp; \$30</b>

# DEPARTMENT 85

## **MOBILE 4-H MARKET HOG SHOW & SALE**

**Showmanship Contest: Tuesday, October 29th - 4:00PM**

Judging Contest: Monday, October 28 at 4:00 PM

Market Hog Sale: Tuesday, October 29 - 6:00 PM

**Ryan Crews - (251) 422-8340 - rcrews@mcpss.com**

## SHOW RULES

1. GENERAL RULES, GENERAL GUIDELINES, and THE BARN RULES shall apply
2. Exhibitors must be a bona fide Mobile County FFA or 4-H member and be in elementary or secondary school. Exhibitors must not have previously graduated from secondary school.
3. All animals will be exhibited at owner's risk; care must be furnished by exhibitor.
4. To be eligible to show, pigs must be owned, tagged and cared for by exhibitor by September 13, 2024.
5. A joint list of FFA and 4-H exhibitors must be compiled by the County Agribusiness teachers and Extension Agent. Pigs must be tagged by September 12, 2024 . Mail one copy of the joint list to Ryan Crews at 18195 Wilson Rd. Citronelle, AL 36522 no later than September 20, 2024.
6. Purebred and crossbred pigs, as well as barrows and gilts will be shown in the same classes.
7. All pigs qualified for the show must be sold. Pigs screened out by the committee may be sold or loaded back on a truck at the time they are screened out. If an animal is owned by the chapter, the chapter will receive market price with the student receiving the difference of the sale price (limit 2 pigs per chapter).
8. Each exhibitor may enter and show a maximum of two (2) pigs. Entries will be taken on a first come, first served basis.
9. All hogs will be weighed individually upon arrival, paint branded, screened by the inspection committee and assigned to a class. (There will be no reweighs).
10. Pigs will be divided into five (5) show classes according to weight. (Weight range will be 200-300 lbs.)
11. The decision of the judge and the inspection committee will be final.

12. All hogs must be entered at the show barn by 12:00 PM on Monday, October 28th. Hogs will not be permitted in the barn before Sunday. If hogs are brought to the barn on Sunday, the hogs must be unloaded by 11:00 AM that day. If hogs are not unloaded by 11:00 AM on Sunday, the hogs must wait until Monday to load in. Call Ryan Crews to coordinate.

13. Each pig in the ring must have a driver. (Driver must be a FFA or 4-H member).

14. All exhibitors are required to clean their pens. Failure to do so may result in loss of premiums and/or a cleaning fee.

## PREMIUMS FOR CLASSES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10

10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$5	\$5	\$5

Grand Champion \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

Reserve Champion \_\_\_\_\_ \$75

### SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Tuesday, October 29th @ 4:00 PM

LOT 1 - SENIOR (GRADES 11 - 12)

1ST	Rosette & \$75
2ND	Rosette & \$65
3RD	Rosette & \$55
4TH	\$50
5TH	\$45
6TH	\$35
7TH	\$30
8TH	\$25
9TH	\$20
10TH	\$15
11TH through 20TH	\$10

## LOT 2 - INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 9 - 10)

1ST	Rosette & \$75
2ND	Rosette & \$65
3RD	Rosette & \$55
4TH	\$50
5TH	\$45
6TH	\$35
7TH	\$30
8TH	\$25
9TH	\$20
10TH	\$15
11TH through 20TH	\$10

## LOT 3 - JUNIOR (AGES 9 - 8TH GRADE)

1ST	Rosette & \$75
2ND	Rosette & \$65
3RD	Rosette & \$55
4TH	\$50
5TH	\$45
6TH	\$35
7TH	\$30
8TH	\$25
9TH	\$20
10TH	\$15
11TH through 20TH	\$10

## HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION

LOT 5	
1st Place	\$50
2nd Place	\$45
3rd Place	\$40
4th Place	\$35
5th Place	\$30
6th Place	\$25

GRAND CHAMPION	ROSETTE, BANNER, & \$100
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION	ROSETTE, BANNER, & \$75
HIGHEST AVERAGE DAILY WEIGHT GAIN	BANNER

## DEPARTMENT 93 JUDGING CONTESTS

Monday, October 28th - 4:00pm

**Tommy Odom - (251) 866-7687 - [tommy.odom@mchsi.com](mailto:tommy.odom@mchsi.com)**

### GENERAL JUDGING CONTEST RULES

1. GENERAL RULES, GENERAL GUIDELINES, and THE BARN RULES shall apply
2. Contestants must be a bona fide member of a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or FHA Chapter.
3. Each Chapter or Club shall be eligible to enter one (1) team in the Livestock Judging Contest. There is no limit to the number of Chapters or Clubs entering.
4. Each team will be composed of three (3) or four (4) members selected by the Teams Advisor.
5. The Chairman of the Contest, with his committee, shall see that all rules and regulations governing events are duly carried out. He shall decide all questions which may arise in connection with the rules governing the event.
6. Judges shall be selected for each class of animals (Swine) and shall make official placing of same. It shall be the duty of the Committee to grade placing and determine the ratings of the contestants (the "Hormel Computing Slide" shall be used for scoring contestants).
7. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their animals.

## **JUDGING CONTEST**

1. Each group will consist of four (4) animals. The animals will be selected by the chairman of the contest and both Market and Breeding stock may be included. Exact classification of each group will be given at the time of the contest.
2. The contestant will judge Swine. The animals will be designated by number 1-2-3-4 in each group.
3. In each of the groups, 8 minutes shall be allowed for the contestant to make observations and record his placing.
4. The Official Judge will determine the official placing of each group of animals and the Winning Team will be selected by their ability to place the groups of four (4) animals in the proper numerical order.

### **TEAM PRIZES**

1st Place Team	\$100 & Banner
2nd Place Team	\$75
3rd Place Team	\$60
4th Place Team	\$50
5th Place Team	\$40
6th Place Team	\$30
7th Place Team	\$25
8th Place Team	\$20
9th Place Team	\$15
10th Place Team	\$10

### **INDIVIDUAL PRIZES**

Highest Scoring Individual in Contest	\$25
Highest Scoring Individual in Swine	\$20
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