
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Thursday March 19th, 2009 - Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

SHOW SCHEDULE

Entry Due Date..... Friday, January 30, 2009
 1st Late Entry-PeriodFriday, February 20, 2009
 ArrivalThursday, March 19, 10AM to 2PM
 Breeder Orientation.....Thursday, March 19, 7PM
 Networking Social..... Saturday, March 21, 7PM
 ReleaseSunday, March 22, 2009 4PM

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

The management of the Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show reserves the right to amend, add to and interpret the following Rules and Regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Show.

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Beef Cattle Breeds on the U.S.D.A. Recognized Beef Breeds list as of September 1, 2007 will be eligible to compete.
2. All animals must have valid registration papers from their breed association.
3. **Original registration papers must be presented at check-in.** In the case of papers pending, it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show with a letter from the breed association stating that the papers have been applied for but have not yet been processed. **No papers pending will be accepted without this letter from the association.**

ENTRIES

1. **There is a \$10 entry fee per head.** All entries must be made on an Official Entry form, which is available on the website at www.miamicattleshows.com. Overpayments will not be refunded.
2. Entry Due Date - All entries must be hand delivered or postmarked on or before Friday, January 30, 2009. It is the policy of the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show to abide by all Rules and Regulations as posted on the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show website at www.miamicattleshows.com.
3. Entry fee will be determined by date entries are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Agriculture

Office. Hand delivered entries will be accepted in the Agriculture Office up to office closing at 5:00 pm on the day of deadline. (See Address below)

4. Certified mail or a Certificate of Mailing validated by the Post Office is recommended. A metered postmark will not be considered as a valid postmark for entry deadline purposes.
5. The 1st Late Entry Period for entries postmarked between Friday, January 30 & Friday, February 20 is subject to space availability and will be charged double (\$20.00) entry fees.
6. **TO EXPEDITE THE CHECK-IN PROCESS AT THE SHOW, IT IS MANDATORY THAT COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS BE MAILED IN WITH THE ENTRY (PENDING PAPERS CAN BE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN).**
7. The Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show reserves the right to limit entries based on stall/pen availability. Entries will be accepted in chronological order based on the postmark.
8. Mail all entries to:
 Miami International Agriculture & Cattle Show
 Miami-Dade Park and Recreation Department
 275 N.W. 2nd Street, Suite 547
 Miami, Florida 33128
9. Use separate entry blanks for each exhibitor.
10. All information and signatures must be completed.
11. **If you want your animals tied in with a larger group, be sure to send a note with your entry form designating specifics. The Show Management will try their best to meet your request; however, there are no guarantees in the tent layout.**
12. All substitutions must be received by February 20, 2009. Substitutions can be made by phone at 305-755-7905. No substitutions will be allowed upon arrival. Additional animals will be treated as a late entry and will not be allowed.
13. **Cancellations** - Notice of cancellations must be received for the Beef Cattle Show by February 20, 2009 in order to qualify for refund of fees. Cancellations may be made by telephone, fax or e-mail. Confirmation must be made by letter and received by the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show no later than March 1, 2009.
14. For Entry Verification purposes, the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show suggest

sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your entry.

ASSISTANCE

1. Exhibitors are expected to care for, prepare and show their own animals while on the grounds of the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show.
2. All preparation will be done in a designated area.
3. The Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show **HIGHLY** recommends that all clippings be done prior to arrival at the Show.
4. Exceptions to the above rule must be approved by the Show Manager and be in writing before the Show.
5. Violations can result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and all premiums, etc will be forfeited.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

1. All animals must meet health regulations as specified in the Rules for Exhibition as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Please refer to the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Chapter 5C-4 Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition posted on our website www.miamicattleshows.com.
2. To expedite entry into the Show, ear tags that correspond to health papers are strongly recommended.

GENERAL

1. Please Note: Due to health and safety issues, no cooking will be allowed in the barns; food and drink should not be consumed in animal areas; and exhibitors should wash hands after handling animals.
2. Feed, care and management of animals will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Wood chips will be provided for bedding. Failure to maintain animals and exhibit to acceptable standards and/or failure to cooperate with Show Officials may result in premium forfeiture and immediate dismissal from the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show grounds.
3. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get in the show ring on time.
4. The Show Management will provide a grooming chute area.
5. At the discretion of the Show Manager, exhibitors may be instructed to double tie their animals. It is recommended that all cattle be double tied with a neck rope.

6. Animals are restricted to designated areas of the grounds and must not be taken from designated area. Violators are liable for any damage incurred by owner or animals.
7. Any person who violates any of the general rules or special rules as posted in this Premium List will forfeit all privileges and premiums won.
8. The physical condition of an entrant, which the Show Management considers to be a problem for that entrant to participate in the show, may result in the Show Management not accepting an entry or not allowing that entrant to participate in the show.
9. **NO DOGS ALLOWED INSIDE THE BARN.**
10. Smoking is not permitted in the barns.
11. The use of alcohol is prohibited in the barns and livestock area.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT

1. The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show; either for exhibit or for other purposes, assumes as a condition of its admission to the grounds, all risk and/or responsibility for its loss, damage or theft.
2. The Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show, its officers and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents or other conditions or causes; whether to exhibits, property of exhibitor, vehicles on the grounds and articles left therein or any other property of any nature whatsoever.

PREMIUMS

1. Premiums will be paid on the basis of the judging reports, which must be signed by the judge and by the Show Manager or Show Clerk.
2. Premiums will be paid as soon as possible.
3. If a Social Security Number or Federal Tax Id Number is not provided, the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show will NOT issue a premium check.
4. All exhibitors must send in a completed W-9 form along with their entry forms in order for the entries to be accepted.

ARRIVAL

1. Beef animals will arrive per the schedule on page 2.
2. **EARLY ARRIVALS HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE SHOW MANAGER IN WRITING:** In such situations, a written request must be submitted to the Agriculture Office by February 20, 2009. Exhibitor will be notified by mail if the request has been approved.

3. Any cattle arriving late due to conflict with other show MUST have pre-approval.
4. All exhibitors must check-in with the Agriculture Office personnel by time indicated on arrival day or they will be considered as a "NO SHOW" and will be deleted from the show. Any Pending Registration Papers will be verified at this time.
5. All animals will be received through the Equestrian Center Entrance Booth (see map).
6. All trailers will be assigned a trailer parking space.
7. Any animals arriving late due to an emergency must call the Agriculture Office at 305-755-7905 or Mr. Kelvin Moreno, Show Manager, 305-218-1238.

TICKETS

1. Tickets can be picked up during check-in at the Agriculture Office.
2. Each Beef Exhibitor will be issued tickets accordingly.
3. Reserved parking is provided and exhibitors must park in the exhibitor parking area.

JUDGING

1. Judging will be per the schedule on first page.
2. Judges will not award premiums to any article, product, or animal that does not deserve award. It must be judged individually worthy.
3. The decision of the judge shall be final and no appeal will be considered except in cases of written protest (see Protests).
4. Any exhibitor who interferes with the judging will be promptly excluded from competition; if after judging, the premiums awarded will be withheld.
5. All animals must enter the show ring and be evaluated by the judge in order to receive premiums.

GENERAL DISPUTES POLICY

1. When a dispute occurs an exhibitor must submit a written protest, within 24 hours after the cause of dispute, to the Agriculture Office. The written protest must include the exact cause and description of dispute and be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00, which shall be forfeited to the Show in case protest is not sustained.
2. All disputes will then be reviewed by management of the Agriculture Office.
3. The decision of the Show Management will be final.

RELEASE

1. Beef cattle will be released on Sunday, March 22, starting at 4:00 p.m. **NOT ANY EARLIER.**

2. Consideration will be given to Open Out-of-State exhibitors & the different Zone levels for Early Release starting at 4:00 p.m. All arrangements must be coordinated with Show Manager and exhibitors must have a Release Form.
3. No portion of the exhibit may be removed more than 1 hour before release time.
4. Any exhibitor removing animals prior to release time forfeits rights to premium monies won.
5. **TRAILERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED OUT OF THE TRAILER PARKING UNTIL DESIGNATED RELEASE TIMES.**

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

An official photographer will be designated by the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show. Any exhibitor wishing to engage the service of this photographer may get in touch with him/her through the Agriculture Office. Photographs of winners and participants will be taken by the Official Photographer for official use in Public Relations. All owners, exhibitors, and herdsman handling such animals are required to cooperate with the photographer.

CAMPGROUND

All campers/RVS must have a camping permit in order to be allowed on the park grounds whether or not they are used for camping. Campground Rules and Reservation Forms are also available at www.miamicattleshows.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

For hotel accommodation information, see our website www.miamicattleshows.com or the premium book for the Preferred Hotel List.

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

The Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show believes that every animal participating in activities of the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show shall at all time be provided proper care and management in the best interest of the animal's welfare.

1. Quality assurance testing or a survey may be done at the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show.
2. All animals are subject to testing at anytime:
 - a. To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification.
 - b. To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any way.

- c. To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry.
3. Exhibitor's signature on Entry Form acknowledges that they have read and agree to IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics, (Please note: Rule #4 deals specifically with drugs).
4. Use of drugs, in animals, not in compliance with manufacturer's label as to dosage, time of withdrawal limitations, or other manufacturer's limitations and show regulations are PROHIBITED. The use of tranquilizers or possession of same after arrival at the Show will be construed as tampering.
5. Violators will be disqualified and will forfeit all premiums and awards, including sale price of animals, if applicable, and future entry of exhibitor and/or family at the Miami International Agriculture and Cattle Show.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices that are not recognized as acceptable training, restraint, or animal movement techniques are prohibited.