 **CATAWBA VALLEY PROSPECT LAMB & GOAT SHOW**

 **FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021**

 **HICKORY AMERICAN LEGION FAIRGROUNDS**

 **6:00 PM**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Open to youth who are residents of the state of North Carolina or the surrounding states.
2. Due to Covid, plan to work out of your trailer to show animals. Small permanent pens along the back of the barn may be used for folks without trailers. Also, cattle panels will be available for participants to make pens and tear down afterwards if necessary. A wash rack is available.
3. Due to government regulations regarding covid, mask will be required in the show ring and when less than 6 feet from others. This barn has no walls therefore an open air area. Please plan to wear mask when observing the show ring, or stand in family groups 6 feet apart. It is easy to forget how close we are to others when watching children participate. Hopefully, these rules will be relaxed by the time of the show when the committee will announce final rules regarding covid regulations.
4. Participants must be 19 years of age or under as of show date. Younger exhibitors are allowed help from an older exhibitor as long as they are not setting up or bracing the animal for that individual. Special needs may have exceptions but must be discussed ahead of time with the committee.
5. Class size will be determined upon number of entries received.
6. Exhibitors may exhibit no more than 4 lambs and 4 goats. Entry fee is $10 per head (late entry fee is an additional $10 per head). Catawba County 4-H/FFA members are exempt from paying an entry fee. Special needs are exempt from paying an entry fee.
7. Gates will open at 11 a.m. for unloading. Lambs must be in place by 4 p.m. on day of the show for weigh-in. Animals must be inspected before being unloaded. Health papers are not required for in-state exhibitors but will be required for out-of-state livestock. Exhibitors will be asked to remove sick animals from the premises. A livestock state inspector will decide if animals are healthy enough to show.
8. Feeder or prospect lamb classes will have a weight limit of 40-110 pounds. Classes will be broken up by weight and will be posted after weigh-in. Goats will have a weight limit of 30-80 pounds. There will be no exceptions on this weight limit, and no reweights will be allowed.
9. Lambs/goats will be released on Friday evening at the conclusion of the show. Any exhibitor who removes their lambs early will forfeit all awards and premiums. Each exhibitor is expected to clean up all wool/hair and trash from their area(be that around your trailer or your inside pens) before leaving the show, or premiums will be withheld. Premium checks will be void after 60 days.
10. Premiums will be assigned based on amount of funds raised.
11. There will be 5 showmanship classes for lambs and goats: Non-Competitive Special Needs (all ages), Cloverbuds (under 9 years of age), Junior (9-11 years), Intermediate (12-14 years), and Senior (15-19 years). These ages are as of show date.
12. Awards will be given for Grand and Reserve Champion Prospect Lamb, Champion Born and Bred Lamb, Grand and Reserve Champion Prospect Goat, and Champion Born and Bred Goat.
13. Wethers or ewe lambs may be shown. All lambs must have all baby teeth in place on show day. Wethers must be fully healed from castration before show date.
14. Wethers or doe kids may be shown. All goats must have all baby teeth in place on show day. Wethers must be fully healed from castration before show date.
15. Animals are expected to be humanely treated at all times. All acts of mistreatment, including but not limited to icing, drugging, force feeding, slapping, and probing will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the show and forfeiture of premiums.
16. Any decisions and actions by the rules committee will be final.
17. A special class for Born and Bred Lambs/goats will be held after the Grand and Reserve Champions have been selected. The animals in this class must have a “Got to be NC” livestock tag. Any animal with this tag has met the various requirements needed to compete in this class.
18. Scrapie tags are required on all lambs and goats - **NO** exceptions.

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