



Michigan Livestock Expo

General Rules for Michigan Livestock Expo



1. The Michigan Livestock Expo is open to all Michigan youth between the ages of 8 and 21. Age will be considered as of January 1 of the current show year.
2. The Michigan Livestock Exhibition Board of Directors reserves to its Show Manager and Sales Manager (the “Managers”) the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations, and settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Expo. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of these rules are subject to cancellations of all premiums as well as suspension from current and future Michigan Livestock Expo events, at the sole discretion of the Managers.
3. Code of Conduct: The Michigan Livestock Expo Board of Directors and Managers are committed to a safe and respectful show environment and experience that respects the rights of each and every attendee. All exhibitors’ parents, and others spectators are expected to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship as well as abide by the standards of the Code of Conduct.

The MLE Code of Conduct requires attendees to refrain from the following:

- Behavior that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature.
- Any possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the barns or adjacent areas where animals are being penned or handled.
- Intoxication or other signs of alcohol or substance impairment resulting in poor behavior.
- Foul, obscene, threatening, offensive or abusive language, gestures or actions.
- Interfering with the progress of the show.
- Failing to follow the instructions of show personnel.
- Fighting or physical violence of any type.
- Conduct that endangers any other person.

Violators of the MLE Code of Conduct, as well as their immediate family members, are subject to disciplinary action included but not limited to cancellations of all premiums as well as suspension from current and future Michigan Livestock Expo events, at the sole discretion of the Managers.

4. Breed-specific rules and regulations are outlined in their respective section of the Rule Book. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and procedures which pertain to the division they are entering. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern. Exhibitors are required to read these rules and regulations and be prepared to comply with them. Please review health requirements and rules listed on the Michigan Livestock Expo website at www.milivestock.com/rules.html.
5. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor. Ownership dates are set forth by individual species and outlined in their respective rules. Ownership means in possession of, cared for, the responsibility of. Animal registration/pedigree papers for eligible animals must be in exhibitor(s) name by the date outlined in the individual species rules. Farm names will not be allowed (i.e. John Doe and Family is not allowed, the animal must be in the youth’s name). Ownership will be considered lost if the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction, even if the exhibitor buys back his/her animal or any other transaction after the final pre-entry identification date set forth by each species. Ownership will be considered lost if the animal is exhibited by another

family at any other show. All animals identified, DNA submitted on, entered and shown in the Michigan Livestock Expo must be housed in the state of Michigan for the duration of the project.

6. In the event that animals are not housed at the same location as the exhibitor's home address, the name, address and relationship of the person whose facilities the animals are housed at must be listed on the MLE registration form. Exhibitors must also clearly indicate the reason for alternative housing.
7. Show management reserves the right, at any time, to verify ownership of animals. By submitting online entry to the MLE event, you agree to allow MLE management and approved parties to come onto your property to verify ownership. Animals not perceived by management to be in the ownership and care of the exhibitor will be disqualified. Management reserves the right to refuse future entries from any exhibitor or their family for rule violation.
8. Official entry identification deadlines and procedures will be established by each species. Those not meeting or adhering to the deadlines will not be eligible to show. Verification of identification will occur at the show. All identification must exactly match what was submitted on entry form. Show management reserves the right to disqualify any animal that they believe to be a different animal than originally identified for the show.
9. All DNA submission must be by individual species. Exhibitors are not allowed to send DNA from multiple species in the same mailing or envelope.
10. Beef DNA submissions and entries are due on April 15. Please see beef rules and entry form for further information and details on entry.
11. Swine, Sheep and Goat DNA submissions and entries are due on May 15. Please see respective species rules and entry forms for further information and details on entry.
12. All proper identification must be in place at the time of check-in. All identification must exactly match what was submitted on entry form. All livestock that fail to meet this requirement forfeit the opportunity to be exhibited at the current year's event.
13. Exhibitors must submit an online entry and DNA by the deadlines spelled out in respective species rules. No late entries and/or DNA submissions will be accepted.
14. Entry and DNA Submission by family is allowed. Family means immediate family member; brother or sister living at the same residence.
15. Michigan Bred Affidavit for all species must be turned in and presented according to the rules spelled out in each particular species section.
16. Health requirements for exhibition will be set forth by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Visit the official Michigan Department of Agriculture website or click on Health Requirements link on the Michigan Livestock Expo website.
17. Show management reserves the right to examine, DNA and/or drug test any animal (deceased or living) entered and/or exhibited at the Michigan Livestock Expo and/or any animal chosen for the sale. Show management reserves the right to examine and/or test any feed, liquids, or equipment at any time. DNA testing and drug testing may be performed by show management and/or an approved party by show management.
 - a. Any samples taken for testing become the property of the Michigan Livestock Expo
 - i. Samples may be collected, stored and tested in any manner the Michigan Livestock Expo deems appropriate.

- b. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that:
 - i. They are absolutely and completely the responsible persons of their animals;
 - ii. The Michigan Livestock Expo shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor if prohibited substances are found in the blood, urine, tissue, hair, hide or carcasses of animals at the time of testing or following slaughter, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrong doing and did not administer the drug;
 - iii. The Michigan Livestock Expo may impound any animal for testing. Refusing such tests shall be cause for disqualification. Any animal tested at the Michigan Livestock Expo is subject to being detained at the expense of the exhibitor until the Michigan Livestock Expo receives final test results.
 - iv. The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parent and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown.
 - v. Positive test results may be made public.
- c. Prohibited Substances may include but not be limited to:
 - i. Any substance which is not approved by the (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for use in slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption;
 - ii. Any substance which, regardless of approval by the FDA or USDA, has a required withdrawal period;
 - iii. Any substance not administered in accordance with drug label directions;
 - iv. Any substance which has the potential to enhance an animal's performance including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatory, tranquilizers and pain killers.
- d. Evidence of unethical fitting, sabotage and/or tampering is subject to the sanctions outlined in 17. b.
- e. Upon testing, DNA must match sample submitted at the time of entry.

18. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion from each species will be chosen for a sale along with additional entries from each species. The number of animals and how they are chosen are outlined in the respective species rules. All animals chosen for the sale must sell. All sale animals are terminal. There will be caps placed on the maximum amount that the owner can receive from the sale. The remainder will be placed in to a fund to be utilized for scholarships, educational awards and show expenses. Commissions will be deducted from the sale price of the entries in the sale. The amount will be determined based upon whether or not the sales cap is reached. The amount will not exceed 10%.

19. When a Great Lakes Grand Breed animal (Michigan Bred Breed animal) is shown, the exhibitor must present show management with the proper paperwork (registration paper or MI Bred Certification) at the required time outlined in the individual species rules. (See individual species

rules for further requirements). Lamb classes will be classified by an official classifier to determine breed eligibility. Great Lakes Grand Breed animal (Michigan Bred Breed animal) means that the dam was owned by a Michigan breeder at the time of conception and that the animal was born and raised in the state of Michigan. Additional rules may apply on a per species basis.

20. When a Great Lakes Grand Crossbred animal (Michigan Bred Crossbred Animal) is shown, MI Bred Certification form signed by both the exhibitor AND the Michigan breeder must be presented to show management at the required time. Great Lakes Grand Crossbred animal (Michigan Bred Crossbred animal) means that the dam was owned by a Michigan breeder at the time of conception and that the animal was born and raised in the state of Michigan. Additional rules may apply on a per species basis. Show management reserves the right to validate all signatures.
21. This is not a terminal show. Any animals that are not chosen for the sale are released from the show to the exhibitor at the conclusion of competition.
22. Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions may be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired or other extenuating circumstances. A request for assistance in the ring must be submitted in writing to show management at least 24 hours before show day. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal showing at the exact same time a request may be made to show management for a substitute show person. Substitute show person must be another registered exhibitor and participating in the current year Michigan Livestock Expo.
23. Exhibitors chosen for the sale must sell their own animals. If there is a conflict, the exhibitor may seek a waiver from show management. If a waiver is not sought and the animal is sold by someone else, the proceeds will be forfeited to the scholarship fund.
24. An exhibitor can only be chosen for the sale once per species. The sale is terminal and all sale animals will be harvested and transported under the supervision of show/sale management or an approved party by show/sale management.
25. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate) per division.
26. Only wood by-products may be used for bedding, (i.e. shavings or bark). NO STRAW.
27. All animals must be stalled in the facilities provided. NO SHOWING OUT OF TRAILERS.
28. For security reasons all species barns as well as cattle tie-outs will be locked/secured at 11:00 P.M every night and remain locked/secured until 5:00 A.M the following morning and no exhibitors or others will be allowed in the buildings during those hours. Show management reserves the right to adjust these times as they see fit. *(This includes but is not limited to all exhibitors, parents, animal care takers, and friends and family of exhibitors. During the times set forth by management the barns and tie-out area is to remain closed and only authorized personnel will be allowed to remain in these designated areas.) As an exhibitor, you understand that you will not have access to your animals during these locked hours, and agree that you will not hold MLE responsible for any death or injury or other impact to your animal that result during these locked hours or as a result of these locked hours.*
29. Exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own animals. A time will be designated by each species as to when declared weights/weigh cards must be turned in.
30. Exhibitors will adhere to the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.

31. No animals will be permitted in the building or tie-out area of the Michigan Livestock Expo that are not entered in the show.
32. Any damage, loss or injury caused to the grounds, another exhibitor or their exhibits will be the liability of the person(s) causing the damage. The Michigan Livestock Expo and associated show management shall in no way be held responsible for the damage or injury caused.
33. All signed entry forms verify exhibitor's consent of use of photos or videos taken by official Michigan Livestock Expo photographers for use in advertisement and promotion of the event.
34. Specific rules regarding pulling are outlined in each species rules section.
35. Showmanship sign up will be verified at the show. Those wishing to withdrawal entry from the showmanship competition will have the opportunity to do so at the show. Specific times will be posted at the event. Every attempt will be made to accommodate those wishing to participate.
36. All animals not selected for the sale and tack must be removed no later than 9:00 A.M on Sunday.
- 37. Violation or falsification of any of these rules may result in disqualification of the exhibitor and/or all family members from current and future Michigan Livestock Expos and/or disciplinary actions as determined by Michigan Livestock Expo management and leadership.**

PROCEDURE TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Protests

Any and all participants in any and all events described in the Michigan Livestock Exhibition, Inc. ("MLE" or "Michigan Livestock Expo") General and Species Specific rules as well as the Premium Book and this Rule Book hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event, that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in these events, that the participant shall abide by and is subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this Rule Book, and acknowledge the following as an express condition of their voluntary decision to participate in any and all events covered by this Rule Book:

Protests - Disciplinary Action.

1. The protest procedures and remedies set out in this section of the Rule Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any protest, discipline or complaint regarding any action of the Expo arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Rule Book.
2. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book hereby acknowledge and expressly agree that the procedures and remedies set out in this Rule Book shall be the exclusive procedures and remedies available to any and all participants concerning any decision or action taken by the Expo on any protest, discipline or complaint in any and all events covered by this Rule Book.
3. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of pursuit and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any protest, discipline or complaint brought under the provisions of this Rule Book.
 - a. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book shall have 24 hours from the conclusion of the individual species show involving the class in question to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Rule Book which involve any issue other than the results of drug testing.
 - b. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rules Book that wish to file a formal protest against an exhibition of either animals or exhibitor shall be filed at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the individual species show.
 - c. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book shall have 10 days following the receipt of testing results to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Rule Book involving the results of drug testing.
 - d. The Michigan Livestock Expo will not consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.
 - e. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing and shall be filed with Michigan Livestock Expo Show Manager within the above-referenced time period(s).
 - f. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$150 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Deposit must be submitted to Michigan Livestock Expo Show Manager contemporaneously with any and all protests challenges of disciplinary action or complaints.

- g. The Michigan Livestock Expo Show Manager and Protest Committee shall consider any protests challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph as soon as possible and his/her decision may be appealed exclusively using the appeal procedure set out in this Rule Book. The Protest Committee shall consist of the Show Manager and the four species superintendents.
 - h. Any participant who is the subject of a protest has the right to read the written protest that has been filed against them as well as appear in front of the Protest Committee and defend themselves against the protest.
4. The Michigan Livestock Expo Show Manager and Protest Committee shall only consider protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed by a Participant (or parent/legal guardian of participant) entered in the same species as the Participant that is the subject of the protest, challenge of disciplinary action or complaint.

APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. Appeals of Disciplinary Action
 - a. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book hereby acknowledge and expressly agree that the procedures and remedies outlined in this Rule Book shall be the exclusive appellate procedures and remedies available to any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book.
 - b. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any appeal brought under the provisions of this Rule Book.
2. The appeal procedures are as follows:
 - a. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Rule Book shall have 10 days from the entrance of a decision of the Protest Committee and/or Show Management to file an appeal of said decision concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book.
 - b. Any and all appeals of any decision of the Protest Committee and/or Show Management concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Rule Book shall be in writing and shall be filed with the MLE Appeals Committee within the above-referenced time period(s)
 - c. Any and all appeals of any decision of the Protest Committee and/or Show Management concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Rule Book shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$150 which will be forfeited if the appeal is not sustained. Deposit must be filed with Appeals Committee contemporaneously with any and all appeals.
 - d. The Michigan Livestock Expo Appeals Committee shall consider any and all appeals of any decision of the Protest Committee and/or Show Management concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Rule Book filed pursuant to this paragraph as soon as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final. The Appeals Committee shall consist of a minimum of three board members and two Species Committee members.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship competitions will be offered in each species. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship. Animals must be eligible for competition in a market class. Any rule violation will be grounds for disqualification from showmanship.

Showmanship classes will be divided into four divisions by age (Age will be considered as of January 1 of the current show year) Divisions are as follows:

Novice: 8 - 11 years old **Junior:** 12 - 14 years old **Intermediate:** 15 - 17 years old **Senior:** 18 - 21 years old

The top ten in each age group will be placed and recognized. A champion overall showman will be chosen in each species.

MARKET CLASSES

Market classes and their associated rules will be determined by the livestock committee. Market classes may be shown by breed, weight or a combination thereof.

GOAT RULES

1. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may show.
2. Open to wethers and market does.
3. All goats must be identified with official USDA Identification. A USDA scrapie tag meets this requirement.
4. Goats must be owned, in possession, and online entry and DNA submitted by May 15. The animals must remain in the exhibitor's possession from set date forward. To enter you must complete the following:
 - a. Complete online entry form with official USDA tag number.
 - b. Upload the following to your online entry:
 - i. MI-Bred certification form for eligible animals.
 - c. Submit a DNA sample for each separate entry; pull a minimum of 25-30 hairs with root follicles attached. We recommend from the tail, and place in a plastic zip lock bag labeled with the following:
 - i. Exhibitor(s) Name(s)
 - ii. Species
 - iii. Complete USDA tag number
 - d. **Mail DNA samples to: MLE Goats • PO Box 189 • Union City, MI 49094**
5. No late entries, DNA samples or substitutions are allowed.
6. All goats must proceed through check-in activities that will include health check, USDA ear tag check and registration paper verification.
 - a. Goats must be slick shorn prior to check in.
 - b. Upon request by a veterinarian or show official at health check, goats may be required to be re-shorn.

- c. All Fullblood goats must present registration papers in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) as the owner. Farm names will not be allowed. i.e., John Doe and Family is not allowed, the animal must be in the youth's name.
 - d. All goat identification (including but not limited to USDA ID, color, and tattoos for fullbloods) must exactly match what was submitted on entry. Any variances will result in disqualification and all monies forfeited.
7. Goats with visible signs of prolapse, fungus, sore mouth or a contagious/infectious disease, as diagnosed by the Michigan Livestock Expo licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the facility immediately.
8. Goats with testicles, portions of testicles or yearling teeth will be disqualified.
9. Horns are optional.
10. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
11. The following grooming practices are PROHIBITED:
 - a. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the goat, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.
 - b. Any attempt to disrupt or change the normal dental development of an animal
 - c. Any substances administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal are prohibited.
 - d. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.
12. Only approved drench equipment is allowed to be used to drench your animal. Equipment must fit within the following guidelines:
 - a. manual operation;
 - b. total volume of 150mL or under;
 - c. nozzle/probe of equipment must be no longer than 8in in length.

**absolutely no stomach pumps or tubes are allowed.*

**drenching will NOT be allowed in the show ring and make up areas*
13. We strongly encourage all fans to be hung. No fans are allowed in the show arena or make-ready area.
14. Generators are allowed in designated area.
15. No personal scales are allowed.
16. No disassembly of pens
17. A minimum of two goats per pen excluding tack pens.
18. One tack pen per family if space allows.
19. Unethical handling practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring and their animal will be disqualified. This includes but is not limited to: not keeping the animals' feet on the ground while being braced, punching, slapping. Etc.

20. Weighing procedure will be as follows:

- a. There will be no official weigh in
- b. Market animals will be shown by breed, declared weight or a combination thereof
- c. Declared weight must be turned in to show management by designated time.
- d. Once declared weight is turned in there will be no changing of weight.
- e. There is a minimum 50-pound weight limit to be eligible.
- f. There is no maximum weight.
- g. The top 5 animals along with the 1st and 2nd place MI Bred animals in each class will be weighed immediately following the class.
- h. A 5-pound variance from the declared weight will be allowed.
- i. Animals over or under the 5-pound variance will be disqualified from show.

Note: Should an animal weigh outside the guidelines set forth, the animal will be removed from scale, scale will be balanced and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. There is a maximum allowance of two times across the scale immediately following the class. This weight will be the official and final weight. Once out of class animals will not be required to weigh again.

21. Goats will be shown by division as follows: There will be 1 Fullblood division (Does 93.75% and higher/Wethers 96.875% and higher), and a minimum of 3 Crossbred divisions. Each division will select a Champion, Reserve and Third Overall. All three crossbred divisions will be represented in the final drive and eligible for sale. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate) per division.

22. Each division will select a Champion, Reserve, and Third Overall. Only those animals holding one of the aforementioned spots/titles will be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate(s)) per division. Within each goat division (Fullblood/crossbred) there will be two MI Bred representatives selected. In the event that there are not two MI Bred goats represented in the top three of each division, there will be a MI Bred alternate(s) selected. The alternate(s) will only be eligible for their respective MI bred title.

23. There will be two Great Lakes Grand Market Goat selections. (Champion Michigan Bred Fullblood and/or Champion Michigan Bred Crossbred) In order to be eligible for the Great Lakes Grand Fullblood, registration papers will be required. In order to be eligible for the Great Lakes Grand Crossbred, MI Bred certification will be required. For further eligibility rules please see General Rules 19 & 20.

24. Any exhibitor who wishes to pull their animal prior to sale selection must do so before the breed and /or division champion drive. Once an animal enters the ring for selection of breed or division champion, they are eligible for sale selection and may not leave the show until all sale animals have been selected.

25. Eight goats will be chosen for the sale: Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion, two Great Lakes Grand and 4 additional Showcase spots. Animals are allowed to hold dual titles. In the event an animal holds more than one of the above-mentioned titles, additional animals will be selected until a total of eight is reached. (Showcase Animals)

MARKET BEEF RULES

1. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may show.
2. Open to steers and market heifers.
3. All cattle must be identified with official USDA Identification. A RFID tag meets this requirement.
4. Cattle must be owned, in possession, and online entry and DNA submitted by April 15. Animals registered in a breed class must have registration papers in the exhibitor(s) name by the time of entry. The animals must remain in the exhibitor's possession from set date forward. To enter you must complete the following:
 - a. Complete online entry form with official USDA RFID tag number.
 - b. Upload the following to your online entry:
 - i. A copy of registration paper for all breed cattle.
 1. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name(s) at the time of DNA submission. Farm names are NOT allowed.
 - ii. MI-Bred certification form for eligible crossbreds.
 - c. Submit a DNA sample for each separate entry; pull a minimum of 25-30 hairs with root follicles attached. We recommend from the tail, and place in a plastic zip lock bag labeled with the following:
 - i. Exhibitor(s) Name(s)
 - ii. Species
 - iii. Complete USDA tag number
 - d. Mail DNA samples to: MLE Beef • PO Box 189 • Union City, MI 49094**
5. No late entries, DNA samples or substitutions are allowed.
6. All cattle must proceed through check-in activities that will include health check, USDA ear tag check and registration paper verification.
 - a. All breed cattle must present registration papers in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) as the owner. Farm names will not be allowed. i.e., John Doe and Family is not allowed, the animal must be in the youth's name.
 - b. All cattle identification (including but not limited to RFID tag, animal color, and tattoos for breed animals) must exactly match what was submitted on entry form. Any variances will result in disqualification and all monies forfeited.
7. Cattle with visible signs of contagious/infectious disease, as diagnosed by the Michigan Livestock Expo licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the facility immediately.
8. Cattle with testicles, or portions of testicles will be disqualified.
9. The following grooming practices are PROHIBITED:
 - a. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the cattle, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.
 - b. Any attempt to disrupt or change the normal dental development of an animal
 - c. Any substances administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal are prohibited.

- d. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.
10. Only approved drench equipment is allowed to be used to drench your animal. Equipment must fit within the following guidelines:
- a. manual operation;
 - b. total volume of 150mL or under;
 - c. nozzle/probe of equipment must be no longer than 8in in length.
- *Absolutely no stomach pumps or tubes are allowed.*
- *Drenching will NOT be allowed in the show ring and make up areas.*
11. We strongly encourage all fans to be hung, preferably blowing from left to right in your stalls. No fans are allowed in the show arena or make-ready area.
12. Generators are allowed in designated area.
13. No personal scales are allowed.
14. No disassembly of pens.
15. Unethical handling practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring and their animal will be disqualified.
16. Weighing procedure will be as follows:
- a. There will be no official weigh in
 - b. Market animals will be shown by breed, declared weight or a combination thereof
 - c. Declared weight must be turned in to show management by designated time
 - d. Once declared weight is turned in there will be no changing of weight
 - e. There is a minimum 1000-pound weight limit to be eligible.
 - f. There is no maximum weight.
 - g. ALL cattle will be weighed PRIOR to entering class and proceed immediately to the designated make-ready area. There will be NO feeding or watering the animal in the make-ready area prior to class. Allowed in the make-ready area will be the animal, exhibitor, and ONE other helper. Allow for enough time prior to your class to be weighed. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be through the scales on time; the show will not delay for tardiness.
 - h. A 5% variance from the declared weight will be allowed
 - i. Animals over or under the 5% variance will be disqualified from show.

Note: Should an animal weigh outside the guidelines set forth, the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be rebalanced, and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. There is a maximum allowance of two times across the scale. This will be the official and final weight.

17. Cattle are allowed to be in the designated tie-outs from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. At all other times cattle must remain inside the south barn or pavilion with the exception of walking to or from the pavilion to use the scales or exercise arena, or while on the wash rack located outside

the south barn. On show day, fitting is ONLY allowed in the south barn, designated areas in the main Pavilion barn, and in other designated areas. These other designated areas will be announced at the show prior to show day. No trailering of cattle between barns is allowed.

18. Cattle will be shown by the breeds listed in the class list of the premium book. In the event there is not a class offered for the given breed, the animal(s) will be shown in an AORB class. If 2 head of a particular breed not listed in the premium book have been exhibited for 2 consecutive years, that respective breed may be added to premium book in order to offer that breed class in the premium book on the 3rd year.
19. Each breed will select a Champion, Reserve and Third Overall. Additionally, the top five Crossbreds overall will be chosen. Only those animals holding one of the aforementioned spots/titles will be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate) per breed/division. In the event that there is no MI Bred animal represented in the top three of each breed/division, or within the top 4 crossbreds, there will be a MI Bred alternate selected. The alternate will only be eligible for its respective MI bred title.
20. There will be a Great Lakes Grand Breed Steer (Champion Michigan Bred Registered Market Beef Animal) and a Great Lakes Grand Crossbred Steer (Champion Michigan Bred Crossbred Market Beef Animal) selected. (Market Heifers that are Michigan bred will be eligible for the Champion Michigan Bred Crossbred title) See General Rules 19 & 20 for eligibility to these classes.
21. Any exhibitor who wishes to pull their animal prior to sale selection must do so before the breed and /or division champion drive. Once an animal enters the ring for selection of breed or division champion, they are eligible for sale selection and may not leave the show until all sale animals have been selected.
22. Eight beef will be chosen for the sale: Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion, Great Lakes Grand Breed, Great Lakes Grand Crossbred and 4 additional sale animals. Animals are allowed to hold dual titles. In the event an animal holds more than one of the above-mentioned titles, additional animals will be selected until a total of eight is reached. (Showcase Animals)

SHEEP RULES

1. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may show
2. Open to wether and market ewes.
3. All sheep must be identified with official USDA Identification. A USDA scrapie tag meets this requirement.
4. Lambs must be owned, in possession, online entry and DNA must be submitted by May 15. The animals must remain in the exhibitor's possession from set date forward. To enter you must complete the following:
 - a. Complete online entry form with official USDA tag number.
 - b. Upload the following to your online entry:
 - i. MI-Bred certification form for eligible animals.
 - c. Submit a DNA sample for each separate entry; pull a minimum of 25-30 hairs with root follicles attached. We recommend from between the toes, and place in a plastic zip lock bag labeled with the following:
 - i. Exhibitor(s) Name(s)
 - ii. Species
 - iii. Complete USDA tag number
 - d. Mail DNA samples to: MLE Sheep • PO Box 189 • Union City, MI 49094**
5. No late entries, DNA samples or substitutions are allowed.
6. All lambs must proceed through check-in activities that will include health check, USDA ear tag check and breed classification
 - a. Lambs must be slick shorn prior to check in.
 - b. Upon request by a veterinarian or show official at health check, lambs may be required to be re-shorn.
 - c. Lambs will be reviewed for breed classification by an official at check-in. The decision of the breed classifier will be final. If the exhibitor does not agree with the classification, he/she can withdraw entry from the show, but fees paid will not be returned.
 - d. All sheep identification (including but not limited to UDSA ID, color, other ID's) must exactly match what was submitted on entry form. Any variances will result in disqualification and all monies forfeited.
7. Lambs with visible signs of prolapse, fungus, sore mouth or a contagious/infectious disease, as diagnosed by the Michigan Livestock Expo licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the facility immediately.
8. Lambs with testicles, portions of testicles or yearling teeth will be disqualified.
9. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
10. The following grooming practices are PROHIBITED:
 - a. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the sheep, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.
 - b. Any attempt to disrupt or change the normal dental development of an animal.

- c. Any substances administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal are prohibited.
 - d. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.
11. Only approved drench equipment is allowed to be used to drench your animal. Equipment must fit within the following guidelines:
- a. manual operation;
 - b. total volume of 150mL or under;
 - c. nozzle/probe of equipment must be no longer than 8in in length.
- *Absolutely no stomach pumps or tubes are allowed.*
- *Drenching will NOT be allowed in the show ring and make up areas.*
12. We strongly encourage all fans to be hung. No fans are allowed in the show arena or make-ready area.
13. Generators are allowed in designated area.
14. No personal scales are allowed.
15. No disassembly of pens.
16. A minimum of two sheep per pen excluding tack pens.
17. One tack pen per family if space allows.
18. Unethical handling practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring and their animal will be disqualified. This includes but is not limited to: not keeping the animals' feet on the ground while being braced, punching, slapping. Etc.
19. Weighing procedure will be as follows:
- a. There will be no official weigh in
 - b. Market animals will be shown by breed, declared weight or a combination thereof.
 - c. Declared weight must be turned in to show management by designated time
 - d. Once declared weight is turned in there will be no changing of weight
 - e. There is a minimum 95-pound weight limit to be eligible.
 - f. There is no maximum weight.
 - g. The top five animals along with the first place MI Bred animal in each class will be weighed immediately following the class.
 - h. A 7-pound variance from the declared weight will be allowed
 - i. Animals over or under the 7-pound variance will be disqualified from show.

Note: Should an animal weigh outside the guidelines set forth, the animal will be removed from scale, scale will be balanced and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. There is a maximum allowance of two times across the scale immediately following the class. This weight will be the official and final weight.

20. Lambs will be shown by breed as classified by the official at check in. Breeds offered are listed in the class list of the premium book. In the event there is not a class offered for the given breed, the animal(s) will be shown in an AOB class. If 2 head of a particular breed not listed in the premium book have been exhibited for 2 consecutive years, that respective breed may be added to premium book in order to offer that breed class in the premium book on the 3rd year.
21. Each breed will select a Champion, Reserve, and Third Overall and will be eligible for sale. The crossbreds will be broken down into three divisions. Each crossbred division will select a Champion, Reserve and Third Overall. All three crossbred divisions will be represented in the final drive and eligible for sale. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate) per division. Only those animals holding one of the aforementioned titles will be eligible for the sale. In the event that a Michigan bred animal is not represented in the top three animals of each breed or crossbred division, there will be a MI Bred alternate selected. The alternate will only be eligible for its respective MI bred title.
22. There will be a Great Lakes Grand Breed Market Lamb (Michigan Bred Breed Champion) and a Great Lakes Grand Crossbred Market Lamb (Michigan Bred Crossbred Lamb) selected. In order to be eligible for the Great Lakes Grand, MI Bred certification will be required. For further eligibility rules please see General Rules 19 & 20.
23. Any exhibitor who wishes to pull their animal prior to sale selection must do so before the breed and /or division champion drive. Once an animal enters the ring for selection of breed or division champion, they are eligible for sale selection and may not leave the show until all sale animals have been selected.
24. Eight lambs will be chosen for the sale: Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion, Great Lakes Grand Breed, Great Lakes Grand Crossbred, and 4 sale animals. Animals are allowed to hold more dual titles. In the event an animal holds more than one of the above-mentioned titles, additional animals will be selected until a total of eight is reached. (Showcase Animals)

SWINE RULES

1. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may show.
2. Open to barrows and market gilts.
3. All swine must be identified with official USDA Identification.
4. Swine must be owned, in possession, online entry and DNA must be submitted by May 15. The animals must remain in the exhibitor's possession from set date forward. To enter you must complete the following:
 - a. Complete online entry form with official USDA tag number.
 - b. Upload the following to your online entry:
 - i. MI-Bred certification form for eligible animals.
 - c. Submit a DNA sample for each separate entry; pull a minimum of 25-30 hairs with root follicles attached. We recommend from the tail, and place in a plastic zip lock bag labeled with the following:
 - i. Exhibitor(s) Name(s)
 - ii. Species
 - iii. Complete USDA tag number
 - d. Mail DNA samples to: MLE Swine • PO Box 189 • Union City, MI 49094**
5. No late entries, DNA samples or substitutions are allowed.
6. All swine must proceed through check-in activities that will include health check, USDA ear tag check and registration paper verification.
 - a. Purebred swine must present pedigrees in the name(s) of the exhibitor(s) as the owner at the time of check in. Farm names will not be allowed. i.e., John Doe and Family is not allowed, the animal must be in the youth's name.
 - b. All swine identification (including but not limited to ear notch, USDA ID, and animal color) must exactly match what was submitted on entry form. Any variances will result in disqualification and all monies forfeited.
7. Swine with visible signs of contagious/infectious disease, as diagnosed by the Michigan Livestock Expo licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed to exhibit and must be removed from the facility immediately.
8. Swine with testicles, or portions of testicles will be disqualified.
9. At no time while on the grounds should swine be restrained for clipping. This includes but is not limited to snaring, rope, string, etc.
10. The following grooming practices are PROHIBITED:
 - a. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the pig, including by way of example, but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, and hemp.
 - b. Any substances administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal are prohibited.
 - c. No aerosol cans or other pressurized containers will be allowed in designated line up areas.

11. Only approved drench equipment is allowed to be used to drench your animal. Equipment must fit within the following guidelines:
 - a. manual operation;
 - b. total volume of 150mL or under
 - c. nozzle/probe of equipment must be no longer than 8in in length.

**Absolutely no stomach pumps or tubes are allowed*

**Drenching will NOT be allowed in the show ring and make up areas.*
12. We strongly encourage all fans to be hung. No fans are allowed in the show arena or make-ready area.
13. Generators are allowed in designated area.
14. No personal scales are allowed.
15. No disassembly of pens.
16. A minimum of two pigs per pen. (Example: John and Jane Doe bring 3 pigs each (totaling 6 pigs as a family), they are allowed 3 pens as a family. 2 pigs per pen. If John and Jane Doe bring a total of 5 pigs (3 for John and 2 for Jane) they are allowed 3 pens as a family. 2 pigs in 2 of the pens and 1 in the other.)
17. As space permits management will assign community tack areas.
 - a. Any pens not used after the final check in has closed will be open for community tack only. No swine will be allowed in these pens.
18. Unethical handling practices will not be tolerated. Exhibitors may be asked to leave the ring and their animal will be disqualified.
19. Weighing procedure will be as follows:
 - a. There will be no official weigh in
 - b. Market animals will be shown by breed, declared weight or a combination thereof
 - c. Declared weight must be turned in to show management by designated time.
 - d. Once declared weight is turned in there will be no changing of weight.
 - e. There is a minimum 230-pound weight limit to be eligible.
 - f. There is a maximum 290-pound weight limit to be eligible.
 - g. Animals will be weighed during their individual class. A minimum of the top 3 in each class will be weighed as well as the 1st place MI Bred animal in each class.
 - h. Animals will be allowed a 15-pound variance from declared weight.
 - i. Animals over or under the 15-pound variance will be disqualified from show.

Note: Should an animal weigh outside the guidelines set forth, the animal will be removed from scale, scale will be balanced and the animal will be immediately re-weighed. There is a maximum allowance of two times across the scale during or immediately following class. This weight will be the official and final weight.

20. Swine will be shown by the breeds listed in the class list of the premium book. Barrows and gilts will show by gender for crossbreds only. Purebred barrows and gilts will be shown together. In the event there is not a class offered for the given breed, the animal(s) will be shown in an AORB class. If 2 head of a particular breed not listed in the premium book have been exhibited for 2 consecutive years, that respective breed may be added to premium book in order to offer that breed class in the premium book on the 3rd year.
21. Each breed will select a Champion, Reserve and Third Overall. There will be a Champion, Reserve and Third Overall selected in the Crossbred gilt and barrow divisions. Only those animals holding one of the aforementioned titles will be eligible for the sale. Exhibitors may only hold one award spot (Champion/Reserve/Third/MI Bred Alternate) per division. In the event that there is no MI Bred animal represented in the top three of each breed/division, there will be a MI Bred alternate selected. The alternate will only be eligible for its respective MI bred title.
22. A Great Lakes Grand Purebred/Registered Swine (Champion Michigan Bred Registered Market Swine Animal) and a Great Lakes Grand Crossbred Swine (Champion Michigan Bred Crossbred Market Swine Animal) will be selected. See General Rules 19 & 20 for eligibility to these classes.
23. Sale eligible animals are not allowed to leave the show until sale selection is complete. The swine show is a “no pull” show.
24. Eight swine will be chosen for the sale: Overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Grand Champion, Great Lakes Grand Purebred, Great Lakes Grand Crossbred and 4 additional sale animals. Animals are allowed to hold dual titles. In the event an animal holds more than one of the above-mentioned titles, additional animals will be selected until a total of eight is reached. (Showcase Animals)

FEES

DNA submission fees, on a per head basis, will be charged at the time of entry.

DNA Submission/Registration Fee:	Due
Cattle: \$70/hd	April 15
Goats: \$35/hd	May 15
Sheep: \$35/hd	May 15
Swine: \$35/hd	May 15

SALES CAPS

The Michigan Livestock Expo will conduct a sale for the animals that are chosen for each of the respective species sale spots. All animals chosen for the sale must be sold. All sale animals are terminal. A cap will be placed on all sale animals. Any sale amount over the cap will be placed in the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund and will be utilized for educational awards, scholarships and show expenses.

The caps are as follows:

- Overall Champion market beef: \$20,000
- Overall Reserve Champion market beef: \$10,000
- Overall Champion market hog: \$10,000
- Overall Reserve Champion market hog: \$5,000
- Overall Champion market lamb: \$10,000
- Overall Reserve Champion market lamb: \$5,000
- Overall Champion market goat: \$10,000
- Overall Reserve Champion market goat: \$5,000
- Great Lakes Grand cattle: \$6,500
- Great Lakes Grand hogs: \$3,000
- Great Lakes Grand sheep: \$3,000
- Great Lakes Grand goat: \$3,000
- Showcase beef: \$6,500
- Showcase hogs: \$3,000
- Showcase sheep: \$3,000
- Showcase goats: \$3,000
- Item Representing the Supreme Champion Dairy Showman: \$1000
- Item Representing the Supreme Champion Dairy Cow: \$1000
- Item Representing the Supreme Champion Heifer: \$1000