

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WELCOME:** Welcome to Fonner Park and home of the Nebraska State Fair. We encourage your participation. We are pleased to host you and your exhibits while you enjoy your stay in Grand Island.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Our mission is to offer you an opportunity to exhibit and market your cattle in a strictly cattle environment.

**AGREEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:** At no time will Fonner Park or Grand Island Livestock Complex Authority (referred to as GILCA) assume care, custody or control of any animals and/or personal property of any exhibitor. Exhibitors will have full custody and control, and will care for, feed and keep safe their animals, livestock and personal property, all in accordance with the rules and regulations of GILCA Show Management.

**COURTESY STATEMENT:** In any barn, the GILCA Management Group expects that all exhibitors will extend courtesy to the public, other exhibitors and their animal exhibits. This includes respect for designated areas, informational signage and division barriers. Any questions regarding this should be referred to the Superintendent of your show or the GILCA Management Group.

**PARKING:** Parking in the hard-surfaced Fonner Park parking lots is free. Fonner Park and GILCA assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur to a vehicle or its contents. No vehicles will be allowed to park for the sole purpose of advertising. All trucks, ½ ton or larger and livestock trailers will be required, immediately after unloading, to park in designated areas. No parking permit is required for trailers.

**MOTORIZED AUXILIARY VEHICLES:** See the motorized utility vehicle policy specific to your event for guidelines, restrictions and requirements.

**FIRE REGULATIONS:** No smoking/vaping allowed in any buildings or barns. No flammable liquids are allowed in any buildings.

**ALCOHOL ABUSE:** To safeguard exhibitors, livestock and the public, the State of Nebraska Rules on Alcohol Use and Abuse will be enforced. Excessive use of alcohol will not be tolerated. No one under the age of 21 is permitted to drink alcoholic beverages. Security and the State Patrol may be called if necessary.

**SMOKING/VAPING:** To safeguard exhibitors and livestock, smoking and vaping are prohibited in all barns. Smoking/vaping are only allowed outside the buildings and barns. All exhibitors and guests are asked to cooperate with us in enforcing this rule.

**FEED AND BEDDING:** All feed and bedding needs will be handled on an event-by-event basis. The GILCA Livestock Manager will provide details specific to your event.

**CHECK-IN HOURS:** Check-In hours will be handled on an event-by-event basis. The GILCA Livestock Manager will provide details specific to your event. Please check your event website prior to your arrival for any time changes. If you will be late or delayed for some reason, please call ahead.

**LOTTERY:** No lottery or raffle shall be conducted at your breed show without the written authority of the GILCA Management Group.

## **DOGS/PETS:**

With the exception of service animals and animals that are a part of an exhibit or show, animals or pets are not permitted in the Fonner Park facilities.

There shall be no loose or unattended dogs/pets on the Fonner Park grounds. All dogs must be on a leash or in a cage.

Do not leave animals unattended in or tied to your vehicle. For their safety, animals may be removed from the premises by animal control officers and impounded.

**SOLICITATION:** All advertising and/or distribution of advertising materials, contracts, pamphlets, etc. must be confined to a leased location. No roving solicitation is allowed on the Fonner Park grounds.

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Parties wishing to have mail/packages sent to them while in attendance at your show may have it addressed to them in care of the Department in which they are participating:

For mail:

Name of Person and Show Breed  
c/o Fonner Park / GILCA  
P.O. Box 490  
Grand Island, NE 68802-0490

For FedEx, UPS, etc. deliveries:

Name of Person and Company or Show Breed  
c/o Fonner Park/GILCA  
700 E. Stolley Park Road  
Grand Island, NE 68801

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION:** The General Information is considered a part of Fonner Park and GILCA's General Rules and Regulations. The following General Rules & Regulations apply to all show breeds and attendees. Exhibitors are required to read ALL rules and regulations. In the event of conflict of general and specific rules, the latter will govern. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to be familiar with all applicable Rules & Regulations.

**2. INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND DISPUTES:** The GILCA Livestock Show Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret, amend or add to these Rules & Regulations as its judgment may determine, and to settle all disputes and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to each Breed's Livestock Show.

**3. LIABILITY:** Fonner Park and GILCA Show Management under no circumstances, will be responsible for personal injury, and assumes no liability for loss or damage of any nature to any property of the concessionaire(s), exhibitor or patron while on the grounds or at any time or place due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions, or other causes, nor be liable for or make any payment for the value thereof.

**4. VIOLATION:** All exhibitors are bound by the most current editions of Rules and Regulations and will subject exhibitor to any penalties as GILCA Livestock Show may order and/or penalties prescribed by law.

**5. EXHIBITOR COMPLIANCE:** Exhibitors and their associates must cooperate with all GILCA officials including office clerks, grounds, admission, security and parking personnel and volunteers in all matters of policy. The GILCA Livestock Show's General Livestock Information, Rules and Regulations and Health Requirements will govern. By submitting an application for entry, exhibitors agree to comply with all Rules and Regulations governing the GILCA Livestock Shows held at Fonner Park as referenced in these Rules and available on the breed specific website.

**6. VOLUNTARY WAIVER:** The exhibitor agrees that the interpretation and enforcement of the Rules and Regulations by the GILCA Livestock Show shall be final, without further complaint appeal, claim, lawsuit or other recourse against the GILCA Livestock Show. By submitting application for entry, all exhibitors waive any right to challenge the GILCA Livestock Shows determinations in that regard.

**7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** The GILCA Livestock Show Management Group reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling if deemed necessary.

**8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** The GILCA Livestock Show management provides to all persons the opportunity to exhibit at the Event without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or other non-merit factors. Any discrimination will be prohibited.

**9. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY:** By submitting application for entry, Participant acknowledges they have read the General Livestock Rules and Regulations; specific and/or special division rules and regulations, and the National Show Ring Code of Ethics, and agrees to observe and abide by these rules and regulations.

**10. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All applications for entry must be made consistent with the show requirements (see show website) in compliance with all entry deadlines and must be accompanied by all fees and other sums due.

Placement: No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made. The GILCA livestock Show shall reserve the right to vacate or order the removal of any entry which has been found to be entered in violation of the entry requirements.

Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any award, and the owner shall be barred from this show until reinstated. Unless otherwise stipulated, entries and competition are open to the public. No animal will be considered unless provided for in the Entry Premium Book. All pertinent information including animal's name and date of birth must be recorded on the entry form. All animals shown shall have been the property of the exhibitor at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Event and must show on the records of the breed association in which they are recorded.

Original registration papers or a certificate of ownership must be available for inspection at check-in time. In case of inability to get animals recorded before the time limit, a certified copy of the animal's pedigree on a regular breed application blank must also be available for inspection at check-in time. This

certificate of application is to be signed by both parties of the transaction and must agree with breed association records. No papers need to be faxed in. In case of dispute as to age of an animal exhibited, its certificate of registry shall be required for evidence of its age, and its owner shall be required to file an affidavit that it is the identical animal therein described.

**11. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS:** Breeding animals in the junior show must be the property of the owner and transferred on or before (enter deadline here). Animals cannot change ownership or be transferred from one program to the other.

**12. GROUP CLASSES:** Individual animals that are shown in any group classes must first have been entered and shown in one (1) of the classes of single animals.

**13. ERRONEOUS ENTRY:** Participants are responsible for their own entries, and those of their representatives, in preparation of entries. Animals that have been erroneously entered may be transferred, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, to their proper class, prior to judging, upon application to GILCA, who will determine the matter upon its merits. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be reopened.

**14. RETURNED CHECKS:** Any exhibitor issuing a check for payment, which is returned as non-sufficient funds or for any other reason not clearing their account, will be charged a \$40.00 service charge. No exhibitor will be permitted to show until the non-sufficient check has been paid. The exhibitor will have five (5) working days within which to make payment, by cash, cashier's check or money order, in the amount of the outstanding check plus the service charge. If any check is returned after exhibitor has shown, all premiums will be held until the amount of the check plus the service charge is paid.

**15. CHECK IN PROCEDURES:** All livestock will be checked and health certificates examined by a representative of the State Veterinary Office at the Check-In Trailer prior to any animals entering the Fonner Park grounds. All necessary paperwork must be in order to complete the check-in process.

Prior to showing, all animals must be checked in by an authorized GILCA or breed representative. Tattoos or ear tags will be read and registration papers checked.

**16. CANCELLATIONS/ REFUNDS:** All cancellations must be submitted in writing (email, fax, or mail) no later than (enter deadline here). Entry fee refunds may be allowed in the case of a personal emergency for which a statement on an official letterhead from the licensed practitioner must be submitted. All letters must be submitted to the GILCA and Breed Management. No other Entry Fees will be refunded. No refunds will be given on tickets, badges or vehicle permits (if applicable). Any refunds are at the discretion of the GILCA Livestock Show Management and will be processed after the Event. No refunds will be made on accounts of less than (TBD). Requests for refunds of any kind will not be considered if received after (enter deadline date here).

**17. LATE ENTRIES:** Anyone wishing to make an entry after the closing date, (enter date here), may do so with an added late fee of \$35.00 per Pen and per head entered and/or head entered. No late entries will be taken after (enter deadline here).

**18. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Substitutions within the same class and the same owner only will be accepted. There will be no substitution of animals in different classes. Only one (1) substitution for the original animal will be allowed. Substitutions must be made in writing and received by GILCA Management no

later than (enter date here). Any and all substitutions after (enter date here) will not be accepted, no exceptions.

**19. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors must comply with the respective livestock Health Requirements (see Livestock Health Requirements Section).

All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. They will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense or sent home. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon recommendation of attending veterinarian and release signed by the Department Superintendent and the GILCA livestock Show Management.

**20. PREMIUMS:** Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in each individual division. Some premiums may be paid according to a sliding scale. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in a show or in any one class; however, no more than two (2) premiums will be awarded per class. Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit merits. Unworthy exhibit: judges shall not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of GILCA Show Management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any exhibit that is not deserving. Where there is but one exhibitor in a class, there will be only one premium awarded. Provided there are competing exhibitors (two or more) in a class, all placings and premiums may be awarded, except as noted in special department policies.

Payment of awards will be made as soon as possible after the last day of the specific breed livestock Show and within sixty (60) days. Any discrepancies in the amounts of premium checks must be brought to our attention prior to (enter date here).

Special premiums or prizes may be listed in the Premium Book. GILCA or the specific livestock Show will not be held liable for any award or premium offered by an individual or company, separate from the specific breed livestock Show, should that individual or company fail to provide the offered award or premium.

It is the intention of Show Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge, or any exhibitor who has conducted herself or himself in a manner inconsistent with the goals and values of the livestock Show. Such conduct may include, but not be limited to, theft of property, crude or crass behavior toward show personnel, exhibitors or spectators, or other actions amounting to moral turpitude on the part of the exhibitor or otherwise inconsistent with the spirit of fair competition.

The (specific breed) livestock Show is required to report payments of \$600 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Any exhibitor receiving \$600 or more will be required to provide the (enter name) livestock Show with a completed IRS form W-9 providing a taxpayer identification number. NO CHECK WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL A COMPLETED W-9 FORM IS IN THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE.

**21. JUDGES/ JUDGING:** All judges' decisions are final. No person shall be permitted to judge a class in which he/she may be competing for an award or have an ownership of any animal or article entered in such class. Judges are earnestly requested to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations of each show. If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or

otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Show. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging arena. When there are three (3) judges making a placing, the decision of two (2) shall be conclusive.

**22. BREED REGISTRATION AND PRACTICES:** An animal is eligible to enter or compete in the (enter show name) Livestock Show in only one (1) breed classification regardless if the animal is registered in one (1) or more breed associations or registries. Furthermore, the animal must be registered in the recognized U.S. registry for their breed classification or, if registered in the country of origin outside the U.S., the animal must be eligible for registry in the recognized U.S. registry. Each breed association shall have the sole responsibility to assure that its breed registration rules, regulations, procedures, and/or other communications including by way of illustration but not limitation, those relating to percentages of permitted cross breeding, are providing reasonable information to all parties relying upon its breed registration programs and to avoid any deceptive practices and/or unlawful conduct whatsoever. Each Association shall further indemnify, save and hold GILCA and the city of Grand Island and Hall County harmless against any and all losses, claims, costs and/ or expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and court costs, resulting from any loss of claims or legal action of any nature whatsoever, whether or not reduced to judgment, nor any liability of any nature whatsoever that may arise against GILCA relating in any way to the development and/or implementation of the breed association's breed registration rules, regulations and/or procedures.

**23. INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** GILCA and (enter show name) Livestock Show is committed to the humane treatment of all animals exhibited at the Show. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure the animals' safety and well-being. The production practices in the livestock industry are based on good principles of animal husbandry. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to provide proper care and treatment to animals. Abuse of animals in any form will not be tolerated. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. GILCA Livestock Show Management reserves the right to disqualify and remove any exhibitor deemed in violation of the basic principles of animal husbandry, with no recourse. Animal care procedures are outlined in our "Animal Welfare Policy".

**24. TREATMENT OF SICK MARKET ANIMALS:** If an animal requires emergency treatment while on the Fonner Park grounds, only the Official GILCA Livestock Show Veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical or feed additive to that sick animal. The Official GILCA Show Veterinarian, in agreement with GILCA Show Management, reserves the right to treat any animal if, in the opinion of the Official GILCA Livestock Show Veterinarian it is in the best interest of the animal's health and well-being to be treated.

**25. ANIMAL RULES/STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the following will be prohibited: the showing of unethically fitted animals, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals in violation of rules on prohibited substances.

**26. UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE, UNAPPROVED DRUG USE, APPROVED DRUG USE, DRUG TESTING:** GILCA and (enter show name) Livestock Show reserves the right to question the alteration of any animals physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the (enter

show name) Livestock Show, exhibitors agree to submit to Show Management, at its discretion and request, any animal so entered for examination and/or immediate drug testing.

**UNETHICAL FITTING/PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE;** Unethical fitting and/or prohibited substances shall be defined as: the injection, use or administration of any drug or substance that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law, or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law; the injection (or internal or external administration) of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear; cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change, or modify the shape or appearance; any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e. doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin); any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal; the administration, use or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; any unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process; any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health and marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception.

Artificial color (paint) will be allowed on cattle, but any attempt to change the original color and/or markings of the animal will be prohibited. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tail heads, switches, polls and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness; external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.

**27. STALLS, TACK STALLS AND TIE OUTS:** All "stall with" requests must be submitted on line with the entry. There is no guarantee the request can or will be honored. The GILCA livestock Show Superintendent(s) will assign stall space within the barns at the time entry fees are paid in full. Tie spaces will be assigned by Show Superintendents, or in some cases breed representatives. Any tampering with other exhibitors' stalls or tie-out stalls will not be tolerated.

**28. AEROSOLS, PRESSURIZED CANS:** No aerosol cans, paint cans, or pressurized cans of any sort will be allowed inside the Five Points Bank Arena under any circumstances. Anyone using them will be excused from the Arena and sent back to the barn.

**29. GENERATORS, BLOCKING CHUTES, PORTABLE SCALES:** No generators will be allowed in the barns at any time. Generators will be allowed only outside the barns and in the tie out area. All Open Class blocking chutes will require a Blocking Chute permit, which can be purchased for (price TBD) on the Entry Form and must be affixed to the Chute. No outside portable scales will be allowed in any of the livestock barns. All portable scales in the Beef or Sheep Barns will be provided by the GILCA Livestock Show.

**30. FANS, EXTENSION CORDS AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES:** All fans, extension cords and electrical appliances used in the livestock barns must have a ground, must have safe wiring and must be in safe working condition. All fans used in the barns must have a protective screen (front and back). Free standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. No fans attached to a cart or dolly. Only 1 fan per animal! All fans must be hung to the left of the beef animals and above the stalling area to help with air circulation. Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledge the following:

A. The superintendent has the express authority to determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device complies with this rule.

B. Should the superintendent determine that a fan, extension cord or other electrical device does not comply with this provision; the superintendent has the authority to require that the use of the fan, extension cord or other electrical device be immediately discontinued.

C. Failure to comply with this provision in a timely manner shall be grounds for immediate dismissal from continued participation in the Show and the forfeiture of all entry fees, charges, ribbons, championships and premiums awarded.

D. Any and all persons participating in any and all events covered by these Rules & Regulations are responsible for performing all steps necessary to assure that any fans, extension cords and other electrical devices are in good repair and free of dangerous conditions or defects. Pursuant to the provision of these Rules the Show may, but has no duty to do so, determine if any fan, extension cord or other electrical device meets these requirements established in this portion of these Rules & Regulations.

**31. SHOW BACK NUMBERS:** Each animal entered in the (enter show name) livestock Show will be assigned a number. Those numbers will be given to each exhibitor as a back number at the time of check-in. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to the waist before entering the show ring. If the back number does not correspond with the original entry on the official judge's sheet, the result may be disqualification of that animal.

**32. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS:** 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 exhibition 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.

The following is a list of 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 fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. 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 specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which 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 analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample 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 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 time after an animal arrives on the Fonner Park or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation 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, GILCA 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, GILCA 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 individual 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 GILCA or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of GILCA or livestock show without recourse against GILCA or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by GILCA or the livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of fairs and Expositions, including fairs and Expos and any special notices to members 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.

**33. PROTESTS:** GILCA livestock Show will handle ALL protests. Verbal protests will be directed to the proper specie superintendent and if necessary, brought to the livestock Show Management. All formal protests must be submitted in writing to the GILCA Livestock Show Management Group. All forms must be signed by three individuals, and be accompanied by a monetary fee of (TBD), cash or certified check. Such written protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Livestock Show Management immediately upon the occasion of the protest. No complaint or appeal based solely upon the statement that a judge is incompetent will be considered by Management. This complaint along with supporting documents will be submitted to the GILCA Livestock Show Management Director. The report of wrongdoing will then be presented to a neutral panel appointed by the Director for review. The panel shall review the form, the allegations, and the supporting documents or evidence and report its findings and proposed decision to the GILCA Livestock Show Director. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or any other ongoing event be delayed, stopped or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrongdoing. Where a formal protest is to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of same must be filed with the Department Superintendent before the class is judged or prior to any Division or Grand Champion Drive. Once an animal/exhibit reaches championship judging, NO protests will be accepted. Any decision rendered by GILCA Livestock Show Management based upon the review and proposed decision of the neutral panel shall be deemed a final decision.

**34. STATE FIRE MARSHAL:** By order of the State Fire Marshal, the use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly prohibited. These types of materials must be used outside of the buildings only. Any and all lighting used by exhibitors must be securely fastened.

The electrical boxes in the barns MUST be kept clear at all times. Also, the aisles must be maintained at all times in the Tom Dinsdale Automotive Cattle Barn. Yellow lines are painted on the floor designating these boundaries. ALL show equipment, blocking chutes, chairs, etc., MUST be kept within these boundaries at all times.

In addition, any use of refrigerators, freezers, microwaves, ovens and electric cookers is strictly prohibited. This will be enforced!

**35. CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES:** All exhibits, concessions and/or commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Show Management. Under no circumstances will any advertising material be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees or other places on the grounds or otherwise distributed without Management permission.

**36. EXHIBITOR LIABILITY:** Exhibitors of livestock must exercise due discretion in regard to the animals they are exhibiting, whether in the ring, stall or pen and exhibitor must assume responsibility for any damages caused by or to their animals. The exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him/her and /or its description as given in the Rules & Regulations. Exhibitor shall indemnify the GILCA Livestock Show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the exhibitor or any of the animals exhibited with the Show.

**37. PHOTOGRAPHS:** The (enter show name) Livestock Show will hire (enter photographer name) as the official photographer who will take the official photographs for the Show. Exhibitor must agree to present themselves and their animal(s) at the request of show Officials for official photographs. Official photographs are those that will be used for promotional purposes or used in any official publications. Unofficial (i.e. personal) photographs MAY NOT be published without written approval of management. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the Official Photographer.

As a (enter show name)Livestock Show exhibitor, you acknowledge that your photograph may be taken by the official (enter show name) livestock Show Photographer for use by GILCA and/or (enter show name)Livestock Show and agree to release and hold harmless GILCA and/or (enter show name)Livestock Show Management Group, their employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph will be taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and you agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

**38. FORCE MAJEURE:** GILCA and/or (enter show name) shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from cases beyond the reasonable control of GILCA and which delays or prevents performance by GILCA otherwise required by this Agreement, including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident of equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lockouts or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of

God; (vi) animal diseases and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots or insurrections; (viii) civil disturbances, public demonstrations or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions or other economic downturns; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) other causes beyond GILCA's reasonable control.

**39. GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION:** GILCA shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows and events to the extent such delay or failure results from GILCA's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detections and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.