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## DIRECTIONS

#### **Complex Address:**

American Royal Association 1701 American Royal Court Kansas City, MO 64102

### DIRECTIONS TO THE AMERICAN ROYAL COMPLEX

**From the Northwest:** (St. Joseph): Take I-29 South to I-635 South, take I-635 South to I -70 East, take I-70 East to I-670 East, take Genessee Street/Wyoming Street/Hy-Vee Arena exit (Exit 1B) and turn right onto Genessee Street.

**From the Northeast:** (Iowa, Liberty, MO) Take I-35 South for one half mile to I-70 East, take I-70 East for one mile to I-670 West, take Wyoming Street exit (Exit 1B), take the off ramp to Genessee Street – turn left onto Genessee Street.

**From the West:** Take I-70 East & use Exit 421B to merge onto I-670 East, use Genessee Street exit (Exit 1B) and turn right onto Genessee Street. From the East: Take I-70 West to I-670 West, exit at Wyoming/Genessee/Hy-Vee Arena exit (Exit 1B). Turn left onto Genessee Street.

**From the South:** Take I-35 North to I-670 West, exit at Wyoming/Genessee/Hy-Vee Arena exit (Exit 1B). Turn left onto Genessee Street.

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE LIVESTOCK GATE**

As you approach the Hy-Vee Arena (formerly Kemper Arena), follow signage on Genessee Street. Turn West onto State Line Road from Genessee Street. State Line Road immediately curves to the South.

## **HOTELS & ACCOMMODATIONS**

## HOTELS

Exhibitors & competitors are personally responsible for all aspects of their hotel & transportation needs during their visit. However, we encourage exhibitors & competitors to utilize the discounted rates offered through the provided links/promo codes by the American Royal's Preferred Hotel Partners listed below & on our website (www.americanroyal.com).

HOTEL	ADDRESS & Phone	DISCOUNTED Rates	LINKS/PROMO CODES
Hampton Inn & Suites – Country Club Plaza	4600 Summit Street Kansas City, MO 64112 816-448-4600	\$140 per night for a Standard Room \$180 per night for a suite	USE THIS LINK FOR DISCOUNTED RATES
Hilton Garden Inn – Kansas City	520 Minnesota Ave Kansas City, KS 64101 913-342-7900	18% off of best available rate	USE THIS CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: American Royal
Kansas City Marriot Downtown	200 W. 12th Street Kansas City, MO 64105 816-421-6800	\$169 per night for Standard King or Queen/Queen Room	USE PROMO CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: 0A9

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# **2024 AMERICAN ROYAL ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

**Health Requirements for All Exhibitors**: The American Royal Animal Health Requirements may be stricter than those required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. In order to exhibit at the American Royal, you must adhere to the following requirements. Please note: Health Requirements are subject to change; the following requirements are posted as of July 1, 2023.

All animals exhibited must have a current health certificate/certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days before the show. The certificate must be issued from the state of origin by a licensed accredited veterinarian. The animals must have individual identification stating that each animal has been examined and/or are free of infectious, contagious, & communicable disease.

The following must be used as the official identification number:

Swine: Federal 840 tag number (Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of identification).

Steers: Federal 840 tag number

Lambs: USDA Scrapie ID

Goats: USDA Scrapie ID

Heifers: Registration tattoo with papers or official ID tag (Federal 840 Tag preferred).

Official veterinarians will maintain an office in the American Royal building. All livestock entering the show will be subject to examination by a show and/or State Veterinarian upon arrival to and/or during the show. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds, and/or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds. Failure to cooperate with any precautions seen fit by the American Royal staff and/or show/State veterinarians may result in disqualification. There will be no refunds of any entry fees for animals withdrawn from the show.

**Health Inspections for All Exhibitors:** Upon arrival, animals will be briefly examined in their trailers. Please have health papers available for this inspection. Designated inspection locations for each type of livestock are listed below:

- Swine:
  - The designated location for complete swine health checks will be under the viaduct South of Governor's Exposition Building. Upon approval of State Veterinarians, swine will be allowed to unload and stall.
- Lambs & Goats:
  - After unloading on the East side of Lower Exhibition Hall, a complete health check will be conducted at the top of the ramp in Upper Exhibition Hall. Upon the approval from the State Veterinarians, lambs & goats should proceed to stalling.
- Cattle:
  - All cattle will be inspected at the vehicle entry gate and then will be allowed to unload. Cattle ultimately must be individually viewed by State Veterinarians in their stalls. It is the responsibility of all livestock exhibitors to have their health papers checked by the State Veterinarians. Papers must be checked before animals will be allowed to show.

The American Royal Management reserves the right to change and/or modify vet check procedures as necessary.

**Health Requirements for Out of State Exhibitors:** If a permit is necessary for your animals to enter the State of Missouri, an accredited veterinarian needs to request the permit from the Missouri Department of Agriculture (573)751- 3377, not more than **15 days prior to arrival** at the American Royal Complex. Consult your veterinarian for interpretation of the requirements outlined on the next page. **All animals moving interstate for exhibition must have official individual identification on a health certificate**.

### CATTLE

#### Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding cattle from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- b) All breeding cattle, 18 months of age and over, from Brucellosis Class A states must be tested and negative within 30 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate. Steers: All steers must be individually identified on a current health certificate which states they are free from warts and ringworm as well as infectious, contagious, and communicable disease. No Brucellosis test needed.

Tuberculosis: All breeding cattle, 6 months of age or over must meet one of the following requirements:

- a) Originate from a Tuberculosis-free state All Michigan origin animals must be tuberculosis tested prior to entry into Missouri. Animals originating from Michigan require an entry permit.
- b) Originate from a Tuberculosis-accredited free herd. The herd number and current test date must be recorded on the health certificate
- c) Test negative within 60 days

### LAMBS & GOATS

All lambs and goats must be individually identified and must have an official Scrapie ID that lists their flock of origin and individual number. If lambs or goats have had ringworm or fungus, lesions must have dried and healed. Any animal found to have open, draining wounds or active infectious diseases will be disqualified.

#### SWINE

All swine must have an official Federal 840 tag. Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of verification. All swine are required to have an <u>entry permit.</u>

#### Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding Swine from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- **b)** Breeding Swine originating from Brucellosis stage 2 states must be negative within 60 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

#### Pseudorabies:

a) Swine originating from a state classified as Stage V in the National Pseudorabies (PRV) Eradication Plan may exhibit without a Pseudorabies test. **b)** All other swine must be tested negative within 60 days prior to show except swine from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. The qualified herd number and date of last qualifying test must be recorded on the health certificate.

## 2024 AMERICAN ROYAL SPRING SHOW *TENTATIVE* SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Move-In, All Species 10:00 p.m. Gates Close

## Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.	Gates Open, Continue Move-In
12:00 p.m.	Check-in starts for NSR The Crown Showpig Sale
1:00 p.m.	Sheep & Goats In Place, Weight Cards Due, Showmanship Sign-Up Due
4:00 p.m.	Sheep Showmanship – Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Peewee
5:00 p.m.	Goat Showmanship – Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Peewee
6:00 p.m.	Steers In Place, Weight Cards Due, Showmanship Sign-Up Due
7:00 p.m.	NSR The Crown Showpig Sale Pigs must be Checked In and On Grounds

### Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.	Move-in, Hogs (all hogs must be on the grounds by 1:00 p.m.)	
9:00 a.m.	Sheep Show – Wether Dams, Prospect, Market – Hale Arena	
10:00 a.m.	Goat Show – Wether Dams, Prospect, Market – Hale Arena	
10:00 a.m.	NSR The Crown Showpig Sale Sift – Governors/Wagstaff	
12:00 p.m.	Steer/Steer Momma Show – Prospect, Market, Steer Momma – Hale Arena	
2:00 p.m.	Heifers In Place, Check In, Showmanship Sign Up Due	
2:00 p.m.	Hogs In Place, Weight Cards Due, Showmanship Sign Up Due	
6:00 p.m.	NSR The Crown Showpig Sale – Wagstaff	

### Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.	Swine Show – Governors/Scott Pavilion		
	Ring A – Showmanship, followed by Breeding Gilt Show		
	Ring B – Prospect followed by Market Hog Show		
8:00 a.m.	Cattle Showmanship (Steer/Heifer) – Hale Arena		
	Followed by: Purebred Heifer Show, Commercial Heifer Show		

## JUDGES

Prospect & Market Steers	Kyndal Reitzenstein - CO
Breeding Heifers	.Terri Barber- TX
Prospect & Market Hogs	Ben Cooley - CO
Breeding Gilts	Clay Zwilling - MO
Prospect & Market Lambs	Payton Dahmer - MO
Wether Dam Ewes	Andrew Sloan - OH.
Prospect & Market Goats	Lane Halfmann - TX
Wether Dam Does	Jess Yeaman - TX

## **SHOW & ENTRY FEES**

INCOMPLETE OR ERRONEOUS ENTRIES, OR ENTRIES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT ENTRY FEES, WILL NOT BE PROCESSED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EXHIBITOR.

#### THERE WILL BE A \$10 REPROCESSING FEE ON RETURNED ENTRIES.

Cattle entry fees DO NOT include bedding for barns.		
Steers/Heifers	\$45 per head pre entry. If entering after 3/15/24 \$90 per head.	
Lambs/Wether Dam Ewes	\$30 per head pre entry. If entering after 3/15/24 \$60 per head.	
Goats/Wether Dam Does	\$30 per head pre entry. If entering after 3/15/24 \$60 per head.	
Swine/Breeding Gilts	\$30 per head pre entry. If entering after 3/15/24 \$60 per head.	

# FORCE MAJEURE

In view of the fact that the American Royal is a non-profit association depending to a great degree upon the contribution and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefit provided by the American Royal to the general public through education and related services, the American Royal deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability as set forth below in this paragraph. In the event of any cancellation of its events, operations, and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental action. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the American Royal Association:

**Force Majeure:** The American Royal Association is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the American Royal Association that delays or prevents performance by the American Royal Association otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to:

- 1. any breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities;
- 2. any strikes, lock-outs, or other labor difficulties;
- 3. statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities;
- 4. judicial decrees or orders;
- 5. acts of God;
- 6. animal diseases and/or quarantines;
- 7. wars, riots, or insurrections;
- 8. civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage;
- 9. fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather;
- 10. inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation;
- 11. depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns;
- 12. embargoes or energy shortages;
- **13.** or other causes beyond the American Royal Association's reasonable control.

**Governmental Action:** The American Royal Association 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 the American Royal Association's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statues, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules, or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

**Homeland Security Systems Warning Statement:** Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state, or federal authorities, the American Royal Association and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the American Royal Complex under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperating with local, state, and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestant will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the American Royal Association. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors/contestant will be allowed to reenter the American Royal Complex and claim their livestock or equine.

By making entry into the American Royal, you authorize the American Royal Association and its officials to detain your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the American Royal Association, its officials, directors, officers, staff, and volunteers for those animals under the reasonable care of the show.

**Fire Department Regulations:** The following requirements are by order of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department. Livestock and Horse exhibitors must comply with requirements applicable to them.

- 1. All exhibitors providing a lounge in their stall area and using wood chips on the floor shall post "No Smoking by order of the Fire Marshall" signs.
- 2. All wood chips used in stall areas shall be kept back at least five (5) feet from main aisles and kept wet at all times.
- 3. All material used for decorations of stall and lounge shall be fire retardant.
- 4. Any extension cord wiring must be the heavy duty type installed in a neat manner.
- 5. Fire hoses are not to be used for watering livestock.
- 6. Fire lanes around and within the buildings are not to be infringed upon.
- 7. Exit doors are to be left clear and accessible for emergency use.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

ENTRIES CLOSE: MARCH 15<sup>™</sup> LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT: (816) 569- 4054 LIVESTOCK@AMERICANROYAL.COM

Amending Rules: The management reserves the right to interpret and amend all rules.

**Camper Parking:** There will be no camper or mobile home parking on the grounds of the American Royal. Camping space is reserved for vendors only.

**Event Cancellation:** In case of cancellation of the event or unavailability of the event due to war, governmental action or order, act of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the exhibitor shall be entitled to the return of the fees for the event, less the prorated share allocated to the American Royal of the expenses incurred by the Royal in connection with the event. Refund of the Fees as provided in this section shall be the exclusive remedy of the exhibitor against the American Royal in case the event is canceled or rescheduled through war, governmental action or order, acts of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal of and from all claims for damage and agrees that the American Royal shall have no obligation except the above stated refund. Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal and are subject to the discretion of the American Royal. Refunds will not be issued for events that are less than 7 days away. A roll over of funds for future events is not allowed.

**Feed and Bedding:** Feed may be purchased from the Feed Room. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. daily. Terms are cash or credit card. All feed bills MUST be paid in full before orders will be delivered.

#### **CATTLE BEDDING**

All tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal. All cattle ties in the barn will not be bedded. Bedding can be purchased through the Feed Room or brought by exhibitor.

#### Additional bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room and/or exhibitors may bring their own.

Swine, lamb, and goat exhibitors may purchase bedding from the Feed Room or may bring their own. Hogs must use shavings. Lamb and goats may use shavings or carpeting.

#### Feed Room Hours\*

#### Times subject to change.

**Liability:** The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or persons. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

**Health and Safety:** Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

**Registry of Breeding Animals:** All animals in breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce a Certificate of Registry at the request of the management any time during the show. Only books of record recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture will be accepted.

Video Surveillance: Premises used by the American Royal are subject to video surveillance.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Please note that rules in specific departments may conflict with the Rules and Regulations section. If a conflict arises, the Show Management reserves the right to determine which rule will supersede.

**Rule 1 Competition:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable rules and regulations. An exhibitor who violates any part of the rules may be subject to forfeiture of privileges and premiums and to such other penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

All entries and/or exhibitors disqualified may forfeit all premium monies, awards, and proceeds. Disqualified exhibitors as well as the owners and partial owners of disqualified entries ("disqualified individuals") may be subject to subsequent actions by the Executive Committee. These actions may include barring the disqualified individuals, their families, representatives, and/or agents from any further participation in the Livestock Show or entry to American Royal facilities.

**Rule 2 Interpretation:** The American Royal reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations used to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. The American Royal maintains the final and absolute discretion regarding the use or allocation of forfeited premiums or sale proceeds.

**Rule 3 Entry Information:** The entry form will be available on the American Royal website www.americanroyal.com. Be sure to download all information applicable to the show(s) you plan to enter. Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. All fees sent with the entries will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to re-process a returned entry.

All applications for entry must be made on the current American Royal entry form and in accordance with the accompanying instructions. These forms, with all necessary signatures must be submitted online at <u>www.americanroyal.com</u> (Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup>)

Paper Entries by Request ONLY! All paper entries are subject to a \$50.00 processing fee per exhibitor. It is suggested paper entries be sent certified mail with return receipt.

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In all cases, the American Royal reserves the right to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.

NOTE: Registered animals must be entered in the name of the owner of record on the registration certificate. Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will not be processed and will be returned. All entries should be printed or typewritten. Illegible entries will be returned. All fees sent with an entry will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. Corrected entries may be resubmitted. However, there will be no extensions given. Entries which are resubmitted must pay a \$10.00 fee to re-process.

**Rule 4 Entry Deadlines:** Entries not received or postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup> will be considered incomplete without a late processing fee. It is suggested entries be sent certified mail with return receipt.

Late Processing Fees:

Entries received by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ...... No late processing fee per exhibitor

Entries received after March 15<sup>th</sup> ...... Double the entry fee

Entries must be submitted online, mailed, or dropped off at the American Royal office. No faxed entries will be accepted.

**Rule 5 Stop Payment:** Stop payments issued by exhibitors on their checks after entry deadline (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024) will be due and payable. A fee of \$50.00 will be charged for all returned checks. Anyone with a balance due will not be eligible to enter future shows. No refunds will be given in the event of disqualification of exhibitors and/or animals.

**Rule 6 Refunds:** Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal via email to <u>Livestock@americanroyal.com</u> and are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee. Entry fees including bedding, vehicle pass, grooming chute, fitting stand, will not be refunded after deadline date (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024). There will be no refunds made on transactions under \$10. The amount to be refunded may not be used as a credit toward a future event.

**Rule 7 Breeding Animal Ownership:** For junior show breeding animals, registry certificates of ownership or transfer must be produced, if required, showing the exhibitors to be the owner at the time of the show. In addition, individual breed association ownership requirements must be met.

For junior show breeding animals, animals registered in more than one breed registry may only be entered in one breed show. Animals showing in junior shows must show in only one breed. In the junior show, heifers must have been owned and recorded in the name of the exhibitor. Pedigreed gilts must be owned by the junior exhibitor.

**Rule 8 Assignment of Pens and Stalls:** The assignment of stalls and pens for livestock and tack will be made by the Superintendents of each department.

**Rule 9 Stall Area:** Any exhibitor defacing stall areas or any property within the American Royal Complex with nails, screws, paint, or any other substance will be charged an amount sufficient to repair damage. Exhibitors are not allowed to sell merchandise in their stall area. Please contact Sammy Basler at (816)231-9800 or email <u>marketplace@americanroyal.com</u> if you are interested in vendor space.

Rule 10 Electric Plug-In Adapters: If an exhibitor needs electricity, electric plug- in adapters will be provided.

Only one pigtail can be utilized for every two head of livestock. If this rule is not adhered to, show management has the right to reassign electric plug-in adapters.

**Rule 11 Care of Animals:** After having properly entered their animals, exhibitors must check-in with the superintendent of the appropriate departments. All owners of property or livestock, or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The American Royal does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners thereof. The exhibitor is responsible for the complete security of their own animal until they depart the grounds to their next destination.

**Rule 12 Entry Numbers:** Each entry will be assigned a number that will correspond with a back number. All group entries are to be confirmed at the show when entries are checked.

Entry numbers/back numbers must be displayed by the showman when the animal is in the show ring.

**Rule 13 Compliance:** The American Royal, in cooperation with member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of anyone who has been banned from any other show.

**Rule 14 Acceptance of Entries:** In all cases the management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally or to dismiss any entry that would be a discredit to the show. The management may choose to inspect animals or choose to have someone inspect them on their behalf. Upon the recommendation after the review, any animal deemed unworthy or objectionable may be dismissed from the exhibition. *Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.* 

**Rule 15 Exhibitor Age Requirements:** <u>All junior exhibitors showing in the American Royal Spring Youth</u> <u>Livestock Show must be no older than 21 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.</u> . All junior market, junior breeding heifers, wether dam ewe, wether dam doe, and breeding gilt exhibitors must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form regardless of age.

**Rule 16 Phone Calls:** All phone conversations with American Royal staff or volunteers are informative only and are not to be considered binding in any litigation or entry acceptance.

**Rule 17 Animals on Grounds:** All animals on the grounds must be entered and are expected to show in their respective division. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the show grounds.

**Rule 18 Substitute Showman:** Junior exhibitors, in all divisions, must be at the American Royal to show their own animals. A substitute showman will only be allowed for one of the following reasons:

One exhibitor has two animals in the same class

The owner/exhibitor's exhibition of one animal conflicts with another animal being exhibited in other species

Death or other family crisis as approved by American Royal management

Sickness or physical injury documented by a physician

A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify

Written approval for a substitute showman must be obtained from the Livestock Event Manager. When an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, one animal may be exhibited by another youth member without obtaining special permission.

**Rule 19 Erroneous Entry:** Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in filling out entry forms. Animals that have been entered in a wrong class will be transferred to their proper class upon application to management who will determine the matter upon its merit. If such classes have been judged, they will not be reopened.

**Rule 20 Fraudulent Ownership:** Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premiums.

**Rule 21 Appearance of Exhibits:** Exhibitors of livestock are required to keep the area occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. The stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day of the show and all refuse disposed of as the Superintendent of the section may direct.

**Rule 22 Grooming Chutes (Cattle):** Exhibitors may use grooming chutes. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes. A grooming chute permit is required and available for \$20.00 per chute. Any exhibitor failing to have a grooming chute permit clearly visible will be subject to having chute removed from grounds. Chutes must be kept with exhibitors' cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, cleanout alleys, or fire lanes. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove the grooming chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

**Rule 23 Fitting Stands (Sheep/Goats):** Exhibitors may use fitting stands. Space will not be guaranteed for fitting stands and stands must be kept in Upper Exhibition Hall. If space is available, only one fitting stand per exhibitor will be allowed. A fitting stand permit is required and available for \$20.00 per stand. Any exhibitor failing to have a fitting stand permit clearly visible will be subject to having the fitting stand removed from grounds. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Rule 24 Dogs: Dogs must be always on leashes and are restricted in certain areas.

**Rule 25 Signage and Decorations:** There is no signage allowed outside your assigned exhibitor space. Decorations, signs, posters, etc., may not be taped, nailed, tacked, or otherwise fastened to ceilings, painted surfaces, columns, glass doors, marble, fabric, walls, etc. Approved tape 3M 9589 (double side adhesive), 3M 471 (single side adhesive) and Gaffers tapes are the only approved products for booth markings and carpet applications within the facility. Applied tapes and any residue must be removed from all surfaces prior to move-out. Paint, shoe polish and unapproved tapes are not allowed to be used in the facility. No drilling of the structure is allowed. Any means of attachment must be non-destructive to the structure. Helium balloons are not allowed inside the facility. Glitter and adhesive-backed decals are not permitted in the facility or on the premises. The American Royal reserves the right to assess competitors for reasonable repair costs resulting from the use of unauthorized signage or decorations.

**Rule 26 Refusal to Parade:** Shows and parades of livestock are an important educational feature of the American Royal. Notice of time and place of parades will be announced by superintendents. Exhibitors refusing to exhibit their animal when called by the superintendent may forfeit all prizes previously won and may be barred from further participation in the Show and required to remove their stock from the Show grounds immediately. Additional penalties may be imposed. Refusal to parade for reasons that meet the approval of the management are excused.

**Rule 27 Photographs**: Exhibitors of all Champion or Reserve Champion winners must make their animals available for taking of official photographs. Upon request of the American Royal Livestock Show, exhibitors shall make any other animals exhibited available for photographs. Photographs of any animals or exhibitors taken at the show may be used for promotion of the American Royal without compensation to the exhibitor. All such photographs are to become the property of the American Royal Livestock Show, but exhibitors and other interested parties may order prints from the Official Photographer at their expense.

Only photographers displaying the badge of "Official Photographer" are authorized to take livestock photographs for sale on the show grounds.

Official Photographer: Next Level Images

**Rule 27a Media Purposes:** By participating in an American Royal event, you consent to your voice, name, and/or likeness being used, without compensation, in any and all media or any other purposes by the American Royal Association, its affiliates and representatives. You hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the American Royal Association from all claims and demands related to the use of these images. If you do not wish to appear in images, please speak with the American Royal communications department prior to the event.

**Rule 28 Tie-Outs:** <u>NO TYING OUT OF CATTLE IS PERMITTED UNTIL 5:30 PM EACH DAY.</u> Temporary tie-outs are available at no charge on first-come basis. Since most cattle will be on the grounds at the same time, please be considerate of fellow exhibitors and only use the tie-out space needed. The American Royal does not guarantee tie-out space and is not liable for security, accidents, or loss of animals or articles in the tie-out area. Cattle tie-outs are temporary panels and, as such, may not be substantial enough to contain some animals. Exhibitors who elect to tie-out at night do so at their own risk and are responsible for the security of their own animals. No tents are allowed in tie-outs.

**Rule 29 Arrival and Release of Livestock:** Arrival and release times are determined by the management in an effort to make the best use of available space and to provide the best possible show for all in attendance. Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until the designated time for release unless permission for early release is granted by the Livestock Event Manager. Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiture of premiums. The stated release time should be considered when a decision to enter is made. If necessary, to allow time for cleanup, exhibitors are expected to remove animals and tack from tie and pen space promptly after release time if asked by management to do so.

**Rule 29a Reception of Livestock:** An earliest arrival time will be stated for all departments. Livestock coming from other shows with overlapping dates must be granted a late arrival when arranged in advance by emailing the Livestock Event Manager: Livestock@americanroyal.com.

**Rule 29b Removal of Exhibits:** Release times – All animals are released as soon as done showing. All animals and tack must be removed from the grounds no later than 11:59pm on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Rule 30 Judges:** Judges are requested to be familiar with the rules and regulations of this show, and to especially note those rules bearing on the classes they will judge. Due to unforeseen circumstances substitute judges may be made without notification.

**Rule 31 Time of Judging:** Judging times can be found in the tentative schedule of events. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.

Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical devices, the PA system and class calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have his/her animal in the ring at the time of judging.

**Rule 32 Conduct of Exhibitors:** If an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, employee, or independent contractor, interferes with a judge during the exposition or demonstrates disrespect to the judge or the show, the management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold from such exhibitor any premiums.

While in the show ring, exhibitors are required to be neatly and appropriately dressed when exhibiting livestock.

All exhibitors, parents, agents, employees, and independent contractors are expected to conduct themselves in proper fashion. Any disorderly conduct, theft, loud, profane language, or disturbances of any nature may be cause for disqualification from all American Royal events and shows and banishment from the premises. *Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.* 

**Rule 33 Alcohol:** Outside alcohol is prohibited at all times within the American Royal Complex per City lease agreement.

**Rule 34 Legal Drinking Age:** In Missouri, the legal drinking age is 21. In accordance with this law anyone under 21, in possession of or consuming alcoholic beverages on the American Royal grounds may be reported to the authorities and may be disqualified from all American Royal events, shows, and sales.

**Rule 35 Decision of the Judge is Final:** The decision of the judge is final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such case, the management or such referee as may be appointed may make the decision; or at its discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there can be no appeal.

**Rule 36 Code of Ethics:** To maintain a high degree of integrity, the American Royal Livestock Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any animals they believe have been fitted in an unethical fashion.

Every exhibitor in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the American Royal, specifically represents that the exhibitor's animal's natural conformation and structure has not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting".

Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.).

Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration, or docking may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method *per os* (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species.

No injections sites (including sites from acupuncture treatments) may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

The administration of any drug prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any drug used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law is prohibited. Any entry or substitution made, or attempted, in any breeding or market class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to subsequent actions by the American Royal. In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud, or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted, the American Royal may appoint veterinarian, official, or committee members to inspect the entry. The American Royal will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian, official, or committee. *Any exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and proceeds. Exhibitors in violation can also be added to the RID (Rules Infraction Database) list.* 

Every exhibitor releases the American Royal Association and/or its officers and show officials from all claims or demands arising from subsequent action taken by the American Royal.

**Rule 37 Quality Assurance:** All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete. The American Royal reserves the right to verify if programming fits the requirements of the show and is acceptable.

**Rule 38 Drug and Chemical Residue Testing:** The American Royal reserves the right to conduct fluid tests, which may include blood and/or urine, and/or tissue tests and/or hair on any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing a positive test result for any unapproved medication or chemical residue may be disqualified and barred from future competition at the American Royal. Any exhibitor whose market animal tests positive for any type of performance enhancing medications, drug, chemical, or substance, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, pain killers, or chemical residues may NOT receive payment for that animal and agrees to accept any and all consequences without recourse against the American Royal. *Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.* 

**Rule 38a Ractopamine:** According to the Food and Drug Administration, Ractopamine remains an approved feed additive for hogs that are harvested under the USDA. At this time, the American Royal will not test for Ractopamine in market barrows. However, all exhibitors that choose to use Ractopamine will be expected to follow all label instructions.

**Rule 39 Animals Disqualified:** If an animal awarded a prize is disqualified, lower placing animals will NOT move into higher placing positions.

**Rule 40 Paying Awards:** Premium money will be mailed to exhibitors and can be expected by June 30, 2024. The American Royal is not responsible for payment of special awards offered by breed associations or individuals. Judges' Books will be used as the only evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons are not accepted.

The management reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded in any case in which it appears that the rules have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.

Premium monies and/or sale proceeds in any division may be held by the American Royal indefinitely pending drug and other testing or any ongoing investigation or legal action. Funds may be released when all matters are closed.

**Rule 41 Scholarships:** All scholarships are paid directly to the exhibitor upon proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning, which may include technical school, community or junior college, university, and graduate or professional school. If the exhibitor chooses not to attend or is unable to attend an institution of higher learning, they must submit a letter to explain the extenuating circumstances.

Scholarships will be paid out to recipients once they have graduated high school. If scholarship funds are not claimed by 25, they will be forfeited to the American Royal Association.

**Rule 42 Personal Golf Carts/Scooters:** No personal golf carts, gators, or scooters are allowed on the American Royal grounds.

**Rule 43 Vendors:** If you wish to sell goods or services at the American Royal, you must register as a vendor. Anyone found selling items without the permission of the American Royal or outside of their designated vendor space may be fined an amount two times the cost of a standard booth space and asked to leave the property. For more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Sammy Basler at 816-231-9800 or <u>marketplace@americanroyal.com</u>.

**Rule 44 Protests**: Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigations. A decision regarding the results of a protest may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed.

The management will not consider any protests relating to the competence of any judge or the allegation that a judge overlooked an animal. All protests must be in writing, signed, and accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the protesting party. These expenses will not be refunded, regardless of the outcome of the protest. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Manager within one hour of the occurrence of the incident from which the protest arises. The American Royal will consider protests as speedily as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final.

**Rule 45 Liability:** The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or person. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

**Rule 46 Health and Safety:** Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

Rule 47 Weapons: All weapons, concealed or otherwise, are prohibited on the American Royal Complex.

## **PROSPECT & MARKET STEER SHOW**

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Noon Showmanship Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Judge: Kyndal Reitzenstein - CO

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate steers (steers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. Steer exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.
- 4. Steers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:00 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.
- 5. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.
- 6. All steers must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 7. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
- 8. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior market and prospect steer exhibitors must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All market and prospect steers will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. All market and prospect steers will be weighed before entering the show ring. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5% tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5% tolerance will be disqualified.
- 9. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 10. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided only in Tie-outs, any additional bedding will be available for purchase in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed & bedding on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **PROSPECT STEERS**

Steers will be divided into breeds (must have 5 head to make a breed). Weight range will be 1000 pounds and under. Steers will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager.

### **MARKET STEERS**

Steers will be divided in divisions (English/British, Colored Cross, Black Cross, and Slick Shorn). Must have at least 5 head per division. Weight range is 1001 pounds and up. Steers will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Cattle Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior market steer exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and Under (Peewee), 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **STEER MOMMA**

#### Showmanship Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Judge: Kyndal Reitzenstein - CO

The Steer Momma class is a breeding heifer class, specifically for heifers that, based on their genetics, muscling, and phenotype, are designed to produce show steers. Steer Momma's may be registered or commercial, however, registration papers are not required.

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.

2. Absolutely no extra or alternate heifers (heifers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.

3. Females may be bred, but not have calved by date of the show.

4. Heifers must be two years of age or younger, mouthing of the females will be subject to show management decisions.

5. No cow/calf pairs.

6. Steer momma exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.

7. Heifers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:30 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.

8. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.

9. All females must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.

10. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.

11. Steer Momma heifers will be shown by weight and divided into a reasonable number of classes and divisions.

12. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior steer momma exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All steer momma heifers will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. All steer momma heifers will be weighed before entering the show ring. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5% tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5% tolerance will be disqualified. There is no minimum or maximum weight for steer momma heifers.

13. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping stalls clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided, and additional bedding will be available for purchase in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

Heifers will be divided by breed and age. Minimum 5 head. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event manager.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Cattle Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior market steer exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and Under (Peewee), 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **PUREBRED HEIFER SHOW**

Showmanship March 30th 8:00 am Followed by Heifer Show

Judge: Terri Barber – TX

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- Breeds will be offered as follows: American Aberdeen and percentage, Angus, Black Hereford and percentages, Braunvieh and percentages, Charolais and percentage, Chianina and percentages, Gelbvieh and percentage, Hereford, Limousin and percentage, Maine-Anjou and percentages, Miniature Hereford, Red Angus and percentage, Salers and percentage, Shorthorn and percentage, Simmental and percentage, AOB, and Commercial. Must have 5 head to make a breed.
- 3. Absolutely no extra or alternate heifers (heifers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 4. Heifer exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.
- 5. Heifers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:00 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.
- 6. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.
- 7. All Heifers must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 8. Heifers must have been owned and registration certificate must show date of sale to the exhibitor.
- 9. Heifers may be jointly owned by siblings provided both are individual members of their respective breed association. No heifer is eligible to compete if recorded in joint ownership (other than the sibling rule) or ownership of farm or family name.
- 10. Heifers will show by age. Heifers must be born between March 1, 2022 and December 1, 2023.
- 11. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary.
- 12. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.

- 13. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided only in Tie-outs, any additional bedding will be available for purchase in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed & bedding on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

#### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

Heifers will be divided by breed and age. Minimum 5 head to make a breed. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event manager.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Cattle Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior market steer exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and Under (Peewee), 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW**

Showmanship March 30th 8:00 am Followed by Heifer Show

#### Judge: Terri Barber – TX

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate heifers (heifers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. Heifer exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.
- 4. Heifers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:00 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.
- 5. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.
- 6. All Heifers must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 7. Heifers must have been owned by the exhibitor.
- 8. Heifers will show by weight. Heifers must be born between March 1, 2022 and December 1, 2023.
- 9. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary.
- 10. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
- 11. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 12. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided only in Tie-outs, any additional bedding will be available for purchase

in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed & bedding on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

Heifers will be divided by weight. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event manager.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Cattle Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior market steer exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and Under (Peewee), 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **PROSPECT & MARKET HOG SHOW**

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am Judge: Ben Cooley – CO

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Market Hogs may consist of barrows or gilts.
- 3. Purebred prospect & market hogs must be pedigreed and registration papers must be in the exhibitors name.
- 4. Absolutely no extra or alternate market hogs (market hogs not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 5. Market hogs will be penned by arrival. Mandatory 2 pigs per pen. Dividers are encouraged. No tack pens. Pens are strictly on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens except special circumstances with permission from show management
- 6. Once moved-in market hogs may not leave the barn. Swine will be released following the Market Hog Show. Market hogs may be exercised in the barn or show arena if available.
- 7. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 8. All market hogs must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 9. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior market hog exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All junior market hogs will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 15lb tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 15lb tolerance will be disqualified. Two (2) or more in each class for market hogs will be weighed. The minimum weight for exhibition of a market hog at the American Royal is 230 pounds and maximum weight is 300 pounds. Prospect hogs weight range will be 215lbs and under, and will have a 10lb tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 10lb tolerance will be disqualified.
- 10. Prospect & Market hogs will be released following the show. It is a non-terminal market hog show.
- 11. Shakers, downers, and any other unfit hogs will not be allowed to show.
- 12. Breed and crossbred divisions will be broken into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager.
- 13. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, suckle bottles, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.

- 14. All clipping and/or shearing of hogs is prohibited on the grounds of the American Royal. No hogs may be restrained on the grounds of the American Royal by snare, wire, rope, or other means unless under the supervision and/or direction of the show office or the official veterinarian.
- 15. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

### PROSPECT

All purebred and crossbred prospect hogs will be divided by breed and weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. **Weight range for prospect hogs is 215 pounds and under with a 10 pound weigh back**. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Friday afternoon, March 29th, 2024.

#### MARKET

All purebred and crossbred market hogs will be divided by breed and weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Market hogs weigh range will **be 230-300 pounds with a 15 pound weigh back**. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Friday afternoon, March 29th, 2024.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Swine Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior prospect or market hog exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and under (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **PUREBRED & CROSSBRED BREEDING GILT SHOW**

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> Judge: Clay Zwilling – MO

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate breeding gilts (breeding gilts not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. All purebred breeding gilts must be farrowed on or after July 1st, 2023, and registration papers must be in the exhibitors name.
- 4. Breeding Gilts will be penned by arrival. Mandatory 2 pigs per pen. Dividers are encouraged. No tack pens. Pens are strictly on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens except special circumstances with permission from show management.
- 5. All breeding gilt exhibitors must be a member of NJSA or Team Purebred unless they have only crossbred gilts.
- 6. All breeding gilt exhibitors must follow NJSA age requirements if they are showing a Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, and Crossbred. The exhibitor must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1 of the current year, but the member must be able to exhibit their pig on their own with no assistance from ANYONE, including parents, siblings, NJSA Junior Board, NSR Staff, American Royal Staff, etc. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that need it.
- 7. All breeding gilt exhibitors must follow Team Purebred age requirements if they are showing a Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot, or Crossbred gilt. The exhibitor must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1 of the current year, but the member must be able to exhibit their pig on their own with no assistance from ANYONE, including parents, siblings, Team Purebred Junior Board, Team Purebred Staff, American Royal Staff, etc. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that need it.
- 8. Once moved-in breeding gilts may not leave the barn until released. Breeding gilts may be exercised in the barn or show arena if available.
- 9. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, suckle bottles, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
- 10. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 11. All breeding gilts must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 12. Shakers, downers, and any other unfit hogs will not be allowed to show.

- 13. Purebred/Crossbred divisions will be broken into classes based on weight at the discretion of the superintendent.
- 14. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system for Purebred/Crossbred Gilts. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor obtains their exhibitor packet. The purebred/crossbred gilt exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. The judge will determine the number of weigh backs. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 15-pound tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 15-pound tolerance will be disqualified. The maximum weight for Crossbred gilts is 375 pounds. No maximum weight for Purebred gilts.
- 15. All clipping and/or shearing of hogs is prohibited on the grounds of the American Royal. No hogs may be restrained on the grounds of the American Royal by snare, wire, rope, or other means unless under the supervision and/or direction of the show office or the official veterinarian.
- 16. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.
- 17. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Feed may be purchased from the feed department. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed pans, buckets, and other equipment necessary to care for their animals. Breeding Gilt exhibitors may purchase bedding from the Feed Room or bring their own.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

All purebred and crossbred gilts will be divided by breed and weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes and the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Friday afternoon, March 29th, 2024.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Swine Showmanship Contest will be held at 8:00 AM Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Any junior breeding gilt exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with the entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 and under (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **PROSPECT & MARKET LAMB SHOW**

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Judge: Payton Dahmer – MO

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Prospect & Market Lambs can be wethers or ewes.
- Classification Guidelines 2024 American Royal Prospect & Market Lamb Show will be classified into the following breeds: must have 5 head to make a breed Natural, Hampshire, Southdown, Whiteface Influenced Cross, Blackface Influenced Cross
- 4. Absolutely no extra or alternate lambs (lambs not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 5. Stalling will be assigned at check-in. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent. Pens are strictly on a first come, first serve basis, due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens.
- 6. Once moved-in, lambs may not leave the barn until released. Lambs may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
- 7. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on lambs.
- 8. Electric clippers will be allowed in the lamb barn. Hand shears may be used. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for inspection purposes. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks.
- 9. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 10. All market lambs must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 11. Any exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 12. Wethers having one (1) or both testicles contained in body cavity are ineligible to show.
- 13. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior prospect & market lamb exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All junior prospect & market lambs will be divided into classes according

to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 7lb tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 7lb tolerance will be disqualified. Two (2) or more in each class for prospect & market lambs will be weighed. The weight range for the Prospect Division is 125lbs and under. The weight range for the Market Division is 126 and up.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

#### PROSPECT

Prospect lambs will be divided by breed and weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Weight range for prospect lambs is 125 pounds and under with a 7 pound weigh back. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

#### MARKET

Market lambs will be divided by breed and weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Market lambs weigh range is 126 pounds and over with a 7 pound weigh back. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Lamb Showmanship Contest will be held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Any junior market lamb exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 years old and younger (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## WETHER DAM EWE SHOW

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Judge: Andrew Sloan - OH

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate lambs (lambs not entered in the wether dam ewe show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. Classification Guidelines 2024 American Royal Wether Dam Ewe Show will be classified into 2 Divisions: White Face-Influenced Ewes (i.e. Dorset, Southdown, Dorper, etc., and crosses using white face breeds i.e. speckle face) and Black Face Ewes. The decision of the classifier is final.
- 4. The wether dam ewe show is open to youth who are no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2024
- 5. Stalling will be assigned upon request. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent.
- 6. Once moved-in lambs may not leave the barn until released. Lambs may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
- 7. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on lambs.
- 8. Electric clippers will be allowed in the lamb barn. Hand shears may be used. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for inspection purposes. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks. The only exception will be those animals competing in the fitting contest.
- 9. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 10. All lambs must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 11. Any exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e., baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 12. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The wether dam ewe exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All wether dam ewes will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 7lb. tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 7lb. tolerance will be disqualified. Two (2) or more in each class for wether dam ewes will be weighed. a. There is no minimum weight

for exhibition of a junior wether dam ewe at the American Royal, and there is no maximum weight.

13. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

All wether dam ewes will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

#### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Lamb Showmanship Contest will be held at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Any junior market lamb exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 years old and younger (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## **PROSPECT & MARKET GOAT SHOW**

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Judge: Lane Halfmann – TX

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate goats (goats not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. Stalling will be assigned at check-in. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent. Pens are strictly on a first come, first serve basis, due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens.
- 4. Once moved-in goats may not leave the barn until released. Goats may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
- 5. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on goats.
- 6. Electric clippers will be allowed in the goat barn. Hand shears may be used. All Market Goats must have all hair above the knees and hocks slick shorn within 1/4 inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for veterinary inspection purposes.
- 7. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 8. All goats must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 9. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances under the skin; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 10. Wethers having one (1) or both testicles contained in body cavity are ineligible to show.
- 11. Prospect & Market goat classes are open to wethers or does.
- 12. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior market goat exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All junior market goats will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5lb tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5lb tolerance will be disqualified. Two (2) or more in each class for market goats will be weighed. There is no minimum weight for exhibition of a prospect goat at the American Royal, the maximum weight for prospect goats is 65 pounds. Market goats weight range is 66 pound and up, with no maximum.

- 13. If horned, market goats must have horns tipped blunt. Tipping or removal of horns is not allowed on the grounds and will result in disqualification.
- 14. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars, or a collar with a short lead when showing.
- 15. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding are available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis. Health Requirements Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.
- 16. Fitting Stands A Fitting Stand Permit is available for \$20.00/stand. Limit one stand per exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to have a Fitting Stand Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

## **DIVISION & CLASSES**

### PROSPECT

**Prospect goat weight range is 65 pounds and under.** All prospect goats will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

### MARKET

**Market goat weight range is 66 pounds and above.** All market goats will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

### SHOWMANSHIP

Goat Showmanship Contest will be held at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Any junior market goat exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 years old and younger (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.

## WETHER DAM DOE SHOW

## Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Judge: Jess Yeaman – TX

- 1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
- 2. Absolutely no extra or alternate goats (goats not entered in the wether dam doe show) will be allowed on the grounds.
- 3. The wether dam doe show is open to youth who are no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2024.
- 4. Stalling will be assigned. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent.
- 5. Once moved-in goats may not leave the barn until released. Goats may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
- 6. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on goats.
- 7. Electric clippers will be allowed in the goat barn. Hand shears may be used.
- 8. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
- 9. All goats must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
- 10. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances under the skin; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
- 11. Wether dam does will not require registration papers in order to compete.
- 12. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The wether dam doe exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All wether dam does will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5lb. tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5lb. tolerance will be disqualified. Two (2) or more in each class for wether dam does will be weighed. a. There is no minimum weight for exhibition of a wether dam doe at the American Royal and there is no maximum weight.
- 13. If horned, goats must have horns tipped blunt. Tipping or removal of horns is not allowed on the grounds and will result in disqualification.

- 14. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars, or a collar with a short lead when showing.
- 15. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

### **DIVISION & CLASSES**

All wether dam does will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, March 28th, 2024.

#### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Goat Showmanship Contest will be held at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Any junior market goat exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2024 show. There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2024): 6 years old and younger (Peewee) 7-12 years old (Junior) 13-16 years old (Intermediate) 17 years & older (Senior) Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.