

**SUMMARY OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SHOW REQUIREMENTS**

1. The following policies and procedures apply to all livestock and equine shows at the Missouri State Fair, including but not limited to: Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Llamas, 4-H/FFA Horse, Society Horse, Draft Horse and Draft Pony, Harness Horse Racing, Draft Mule, Jacks and Jennets, and Miniature Mules. A copy of Missouri State Fair Policies and Procedures for Show Requirements may be requested from the Fair's Entry Department or Director's Office.

A. **PURPOSE:** To explain the established policy for introducing new breeds for a qualified show and for placing established breeds on probation.

B. **REPLACES:** Tradition, oral understandings, unwritten agreements, and prior written statements.

C. **GENERAL POLICY:** To introduce a new breed of livestock to show at the Missouri State Fair the following shall apply:

The new breed shall make a written request to the Livestock Superintendent of the Missouri State Fair by November 1 of the year prior to the show in which they wish to participate. After approval from the Missouri State Fair Commission, the breed will be placed on a three-year exhibition period.

During the exhibition period, the breed must have each year, at a minimum, three (3) separate Missouri breeders/farms and thirty (30) head of livestock at the Fair. Should the minimum requirements be met for three consecutive years, the breed shall be a recognized breed of the Missouri State Fair. Should the minimum requirements not be met during the exhibition period, the breed shall, if desired, repeat the above process.

The exhibition breed shall show before a judge provided by the Missouri State Fair. Ribbons shall be presented by the Fair for first through third in each class. However, premiums and/or plaques shall not be supplied by the Missouri State Fair during the exhibition period.

After the successful completion of the exhibition period, the Missouri State Fair shall provide ribbons and plaques for the new show. In some cases, the Missouri State Fair may also provide base premiums for the new breed as outlined in Missouri State Fair Policies and Procedures. Should the new breed association choose to match or exceed the base premium offered by the Fair, the Superintendent and breed association shall set the premium rate and the number of placings to be paid to the winners and submit it to the Director of the Fair for approval.

To place an established breed of livestock on probation the following shall apply:

Any breed of livestock on the show schedule for the Missouri State Fair shall maintain a three-year rolling average of at least three (3) separate Missouri breeders/farms and thirty (30) head shown during the Fair. Should the breed fall below this average, a letter of probation shall be sent by the Director of the Fair to both the state president of the breed association and the national headquarters of the breed.

Two weeks after the conclusion of the show, the superintendent of the event shall notify the Entry Department in writing that the show shall be placed on probation. The superintendent shall submit a detailed account of the event's three-year rolling average and the name and address of the contact person(s) to receive the probation letter. The Director of the Fair shall send official notices of probation no later than October 15 of the current year.

During the first probation year the Fair shall deduct 25% of the offered premiums by the Fair. If during this probation year the breed does not show a minimum of three (3) separate Missouri breeders/farms and thirty (30) head, the breed shall be disqualified from showing at the Missouri State Fair beginning the following year. Should the breed during this probation year show at least the minimum head/breeders required, the three-year rolling average shall be computed. If that average is still below the minimum requirement, the breed shall be placed on a second year of probation with an additional 25% of the offered premiums by the Fair from the previous year deducted. At the end of the second consecutive year of probation, the breed must meet the three-year rolling average or be eliminated from being a recognized Missouri State Fair breed.

Should a breed that has been placed on the first year of probation raise its three-year rolling average to the minimum head/breeder requirement, the breed shall be reinstated to full premiums and removed from probation for the following year.

After elimination from the show schedule, the breed shall have the opportunity to re-introduce the breed through the exhibition process.

The Missouri State Fair shall provide a judge(s) for any livestock show held during the annual Missouri State Fair to ensure a neutral show ring.

The same entry fees shall be paid by all livestock exhibitors regardless of show status.