



2026 Southern Invitational Steer & Heifer Show Rules



Nov. 6th – 7th | Jefferson, GA

Official Rules & Regulations

1. General Eligibility & Entry Requirements

- 1.1 Age & Membership – Exhibitors must be active members of 4-H, FFA, or an equivalent agricultural youth program and must meet all applicable age requirements. Exhibitors must not be older than 21 years of age.
- 1.2 Entry Deadlines – All entries must be submitted by the published deadline and include all required fees. Late or incomplete entries may result in disqualification.
- 1.3 Animal Identification – All animals must be properly identified by ear tag, tattoo, or registration number and must have the required health documentation in compliance with applicable state requirements.

2. Animal Health & Welfare

- 2.1 Exhibitor Responsibility – Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, watering, and maintaining clean, safe, and appropriate conditions for their livestock.
- 2.2 Health Inspection – Animals showing signs of contagious disease, parasites, or other health concerns may be disqualified and removed from the grounds.
- 2.3 Ethical Care – Inhumane treatment, neglect, or abuse of any animal is strictly prohibited.

3. Code of Ethics & Conduct

- 3.1 Integrity – All exhibitors are expected to demonstrate honesty, fairness, integrity, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- 3.2 Responsibility – The exhibitor is fully responsible for the condition and presentation of their animal, regardless of who prepares or cares for the animal.
- 3.3 Accountability – By entering the Southern Invitational Livestock Show, exhibitors agree to comply with and accept enforcement of all official rules and regulations.

4. Fitting Rules (Preparation & Grooming)

- 4.1 Permitted Fitting – Animals may be fitted and prepared for show. Products such as adhesives, paints, and powders are permitted.

5. Pumping, Drenching & Feeding

- 5.1 Permitted Practices – Hand-watering, traditional feeding practices, and the use of drenching guns or pumps with water are permitted, provided all practices are conducted responsibly and with the animal's welfare in mind.



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6. Showmanship & Ring Protocol

- 6.1 Exhibitor Presence – Each exhibitor must show the animal they entered unless prior approval is granted by show officials, such as in the case of an exhibitor having multiple animals in the same class. Registration papers will not be required to verify ownership.
- 6.2 Ring Access – Only exhibitors and authorized show officials are permitted inside the show ring.

7. Arrival, Release, & Barn Rules

- 7.1 Arrival & Check-In – All animals must arrive and check in during the designated check-in times.
- 7.2 Stall Assignments – Stalls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If no stall space is available, exhibitors will be expected to show off their trailers and provide their own bedding. Bedding will be provided inside the barn; however, exhibitors may bring additional bedding if desired.
- 7.3 Facility Rules – All exhibitors and attendees must comply with the rules and regulations of the Jackson County Agricultural Facility, including designated barn opening and closing times.
- 7.4 RV Hookups & Outside Power – RV hookups and outside power are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 1. Availability is limited and not guaranteed.
 - 2. All purchases or rentals for RV hookups and outside power must be made directly through the Jackson County Agricultural Facility.
 - 3. Questions regarding availability, facility rules, or rentals must be directed to the Jackson County Agricultural Facility.
 - 4. A \$40 rental fee is associated with RV hookups and/or outside power.