

# MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 24-Sept. 4, 2017

## Stock Dogs

Superintendent..... JoAnna Yund, Minneapolis, MN

Board Member..... Wally Wichmann, Balaton, MN

### Judge List:

Novice Ranch: Tanya Wheeler-Smith, Slate River, ON\*

Pro Ranch: Tanya Wheeler-Smith, Slate River, ON\*

Rookie: Tanya Wheeler-Smith, Slate River, ON\*

### Tentative Schedule

#### Monday, August 28

7-9 a.m. Warner Coliseum  
Arrival on grounds

8:45 a.m. Warner Coliseum  
Handler's meeting

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Warner Coliseum  
Stock Dog Trials

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

#### 1. Minnesota State Fair Livestock Show ethics.

- A. The Minnesota State Fair has a responsibility for maintaining a first-class image of fairness and ethics in the show ring. We seek to promote good animal husbandry, attractive barn exhibits and a high quality show for exhibitors and spectators.
- B. Each exhibitor must consent and agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as printed. All animals will be subject to examination by the judge and/or superintendent for any violations of the code of ethics.
- C. Exhibitors are expected to obey the official promptly in producing their stock when instructed to do so. Stock must be in the ring promptly after the class is called, and it will be taken for granted that any person failing to comply with this rule is not a competitor for the premiums offered.
  1. Exhibitors must show their animals at such times and places as directed, and furnish such information concerning their stock as may be required by the superintendent. In cases of refusal to obey this rule any or all premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor barred from showing.
- D. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall and exhibited, with catalog number attached, in the show ring.
  1. Animals not exhibited when called out by the ring steward or superintendent, unless specially excused, will be charged \$50 per head for the use of stalls or be removed from the grounds, as the management may decide.
- E. Exhibitors must keep their stalls and pens open and stock uncovered from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. during each day of exhibition. Exhibitors using tie outs must have their stock back in the barns by 8 a.m. each morning.
  1. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls and pens clear and clean; all litter and manure must be placed where indicated by the department superintendent.

#### 2. IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below.

- A. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.
1. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.
- B. **The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**
1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
  2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
  3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
  4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
    - a. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
    - b. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. \*The Minnesota State Fair allows exceptions in breeding classes for sound management practices such as mastitis or pneumonia control.
  5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
  7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
  8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
  9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
  10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary actions taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
  11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
3. **NALS&RMA Rule Infraction Database.** Barred or Disqualified Exhibitors: The Minnesota State Fair, in cooperation with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALS&RMA), Rule Infraction Database (RID), reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred or disqualified from any other show on the basis of unethical practices referred to in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
  4. **ALL SPECIES. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.** All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.
    - A. Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.
    - B. **Identification.** The USDA instituted its Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule which improves its ability to trace livestock in the event of a disease outbreak. According to the ADT rule, livestock moving interstate must be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). The USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule went into effect March 11, 2013. For more information regarding the USDA ADT rule please visit: [aphis.usda.gov/traceability](http://aphis.usda.gov/traceability). Official ID may NOT be removed from an animal once it is applied.

1. **All species.** Individuals must be officially identified (see [bah.state.mn.us/official-id/](http://bah.state.mn.us/official-id/) for list of official identification).
5. **CATTLE. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.**
  - A. **National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES).** Begin with an official state number followed by three letters and then four numbers. (The official state number for Minnesota is '41'.) Must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after.
    1. Metal NUES tags may be ordered at no cost from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health by calling (651) 201-6836 or using the online tag order form.
    2. Plastic NUES tags may be purchased from Leedstone by calling (877) 608-3877 or from the Minnesota Dairy Herd Improvement Association by calling (800) 827-3442.
    3. Orange brucellosis vaccination tags may only be used by accredited veterinarians in cattle and bison.
  - B. **Animal Identification Number (AIN) or "840" tags.** Begin with an official country code followed by an additional 12 digits; 15 digits in total. (The official U.S. country code is '840'.) Must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after. May be purchased from most ear tag distributors. 4-H tags available by contacting your county extension office.
    1. 15-character tags beginning with the letters 'USA' or manufacturer-coded tags beginning with any number between 900–998. Official only if applied to the animal prior to March 11, 2015.
  - C. **American Identification Number (AIN).** Combines 'USA' with 8 or 9 digits. Official only if applied to the animal prior to March 11, 2015. May be purchased from most ear tag distributors.
    1. Includes the National Farm Animal Identification and Records (FAIR). Administered by Holstein Association USA, Inc.
  - D. **Cattle from Minnesota.**
    1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
    2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
  - E. **Cattle from outside Minnesota.**
    1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
    2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
    3. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See [bah.state.mn.us/imports/](http://bah.state.mn.us/imports/), or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
    4. Must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning.
6. **SWINE. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.** In order to minimize risk to swine and humans for influenza virus transmission, no hogs will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds, where swine are penned for competition (Swine Barn and adjacent Holdover Barn) beyond the scheduled time in which the hogs are to be shown, eliminating all holdover swine. Display animals penned in adjacent barns and not co-mingled with exhibition swine (including Miracle of Birth, 4-H champions, largest boar and display sow and litter) are exempt.
  - A. **National Uniform Ear-tagging System (NUES).** Begin with an official state number followed by three letters and then four numbers. (The official state number for Minnesota is '41'.) Must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after.
    1. Metal NUES tags may be ordered at no cost from the Board by calling (651) 201-6836 or using the online tag order form.
    2. Plastic NUES tags may be purchased from Leedstone by calling (877) 608-3877.
  - B. **Animal Identification Number (AIN) or "840" tags.** Begin with an official country code followed by an additional 12 digits; 15 digits in total. (The official U.S. country code is '840'.) Must display the U.S. shield if applied to an animal March 11, 2015 or after. May be purchased from most ear tag distributors.
    1. Includes "840" tags bearing the 4-H logo.
  - C. **Premises ID Number (PIN) tags.** Premises ID Number (PIN) Tags must indicate farm of origin for hogs going to market.

- D. **Ear Notching, with Breed Registration.** Accepted if accompanied by documentation listing the breed registration number; pending registrations are not acceptable.
  - E. **Swine from Minnesota.**
    - 1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
    - 2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
  - F. **Swine from outside Minnesota.**
    - 1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
    - 2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
    - 3. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See [bah.state.mn.us/imports/](http://bah.state.mn.us/imports/), or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
7. **SHEEP and GOATS. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.** Must be officially identified and have an official Scrapie ID or have a registered tattoo along with a breed registry number (information available at [bah.state.mn.us/official-id/](http://bah.state.mn.us/official-id/)). Available by calling (866) USDA-TAG.
- A. Sheep and goats with warts, ringworm, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, foot rot, or club lamb fungus may not be shown. Sheep and goats within 30 days of giving birth (before or after) cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.
  - B. **Flock Identification (ID) tags.** Includes flock ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six-character maximum). Metal or plastic.
  - C. **Animal Identification Number (AIN) or "840" tags.** USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840], must display U.S. shield.
  - D. **Sheep and Goats from Minnesota.**
    - 1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
    - 2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
  - E. **Sheep and Goats from outside Minnesota.**
    - 1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
    - 2. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
    - 3. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See [bah.state.mn.us/imports/](http://bah.state.mn.us/imports/), or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
8. **CAMELIDS. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.**
- A. **Camelids from Minnesota.**
    - 1. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
  - B. **Camelids from outside Minnesota.**
    - 1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
    - 2. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See [bah.state.mn.us/imports/](http://bah.state.mn.us/imports/), or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
9. **POULTRY. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.** Must be identified with a leg or wing band. Diseased birds unfit to be shown may be barred from competition by the department superintendent.
- A. **Chickens, turkeys, and game birds.** Must be accompanied by a certificate or test card approved by the board to show compliance with the following:
    - 1. **Pullorum-typhoid.** Must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); or be negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition.

2. **Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae.** All turkeys and turkey hatching eggs must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Mycoplasma Gallisepticum (MG) Clean and U.S. Mycoplasma Synoviae (MS) Clean under the NPIP; or be negative to a Mycoplasma gallisepticum and a Mycoplasma synoviae test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition.
  - B. For questions related to poultry exhibition requirements, contact the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory at (320) 231-5170.
  - C. **Poultry from outside Minnesota.** Interstate health certificate required.
    1. Must meet the requirements listed, plus the Minnesota Importation requirements. See [bah.state.mn.us/imports/](http://bah.state.mn.us/imports/), or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
    2. Poultry as defined above, greater than five months, must be tested and found negative within 30 days of import and have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI).
    3. Poultry as defined above, less than five months, must have an import permit and a disease classification for the poultry as listed above, supported by a CVI, NPIP Form VS 9-3 or equivalent.
10. **RABBITS. Livestock Health and Identification.** Diseased rabbits unfit to be shown may be barred from competition by the department superintendent. Rabbits showing symptoms of disease at time of arrival or during exhibition will be disqualified and returned to the owner immediately.
- A. All rabbits must be plainly marked with permanent marking (tattoo). No rabbit accepted unless permanently marked.
11. **Taxpayer identification.** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require the Minnesota State Fair to collect a TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) from exhibitors. The Minnesota State Fair files information returns with the IRS; this information is used by the IRS for identification purposes, and for verification of the accuracy of tax returns. Exhibitors receiving premiums totaling \$600 or more will receive tax form 1099-MISC the following January.
- A. **For most, the TIN will be a social security number or EIN individual tax identification number.** Failure to furnish a TIN upon request may result in penalties. You will not be permitted to show if you do not supply this number.
    1. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return.
    2. Each exhibitor must provide his/her own TIN.
    3. Premium checks will be made out to the name and address listed on the W-9 (W-8BEN or W-8ECI for foreign exhibitors).
  - B. **Foreign exhibitors.** The Minnesota State Fair is required to withhold 30% of the gross payment to all foreign payees, including livestock and horse exhibitor premium payments. If a foreign person is the beneficial owner of the income they should complete a W-8BEN form. This form:
    1. Establishes foreign status.
    2. Claims that the person is the beneficial owner of the income for which the form is being furnished or is a partner in a partnership subject to withholding and;
    3. If applicable, claims a reduced rate of or exemption from withholding under an income tax treaty.
    4. A completely filled out W-8BEN must include either line 6 or line 7. For an exemption under tax treaty benefits, they must fully complete lines 9 and 10 stating article of the treaty and an explanation of the reason the article applies. More information on tax treaties is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Instructions and form W8-BEN. The form and instructions may be found at: [taxmap.ntis.gov/taxmap/ts0/formsw8\\_o\\_1a444eca.html](http://taxmap.ntis.gov/taxmap/ts0/formsw8_o_1a444eca.html).
12. **Refunds.** No refunds of entry fees will be made for cancellation after Aug. 10, except in the event of contagious disease or injury, for which a doctor's or veterinarian's certificate of same will be required.
- A. No refunds of \$5 and under will be issued.
  - B. Refunds are issued after all Minnesota State Fair department premium checks have been distributed.

13. **Fire safety and Electrical requirements.** The State Fair is working with the State Fire Marshal and the fair's own life safety staff to ensure an incident free exposition. Your expected cooperation in complying with these requirements is appreciated. They will be enforced on a 24-hour basis; please plan accordingly. The following rules are in place to help keep safe power supplies operable in the barns. The Minnesota State Fair reserves the right to order excess electrical equipment removed if necessary to protect power supplies, stock and exhibitors.
- A. **Smoking.**
1. Smoking is NOT permitted in the barn at any time.
    - a. For the comfort and safety of all, designated smoking areas have been established at specified locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including use of electronic cigarettes) is now permitted only in these areas.
- B. **Prohibited.**
1. **Open flames are strictly prohibited.**
  2. Ignition sources such as frying pans, coffee pots, hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens and warming trays are prohibited.
  3. Fuel powered generators and fuel containers are prohibited in the barn and in the livestock parking areas.
  4. Extra lighting in exhibit areas will not be allowed.
- C. Decorative material must be rendered and maintained flame retardant in accordance with the state fire code; documentation is required.
- D. **Electrical equipment.** All electrical equipment (fans, blowers, extension cords, etc.) is subject to electrical inspection and subject to removal if unsafe and/or does not meet electrical codes.
- E. **Fans.** Any fans used must be suspended at the front of cattle. For purposes of electric conservation and safety, it is asked that fans be kept to a minimum and used only for heat stress prevention.
- F. **Extension cords.** All extension cords must be at least 12 gauge or larger Type G, PPE, S, SE, SEO, SEOO, SC, SCE, SCT, SO, SOO, ST, STO, STOO, W or other types identified for extra-hard usage and must be of the grounding type.
1. Extension cords must also be three-wire flexible.
  2. No lightweight (2 wire) extension cords or "zip" cords (18 gauge or smaller) may be used anywhere on the State Fairgrounds.
    - a. Octopus plugs and two-wire extension cords often create a fire hazard and will be removed if found in use during an event.
    - b. Cables with a "J" in the type designation (Such as Type SJT) are not permitted.
14. **Dormitories.** In compliance with Minnesota Department of Health licensing regulations, the number of beds available for open class exhibitors in the dorms is limited. Exhibitors may purchase space to camp in the livestock lots (see Livestock exhibitors overnight parking below), or go to [mnstatefair.org/general\\_info/lodging.html](http://mnstatefair.org/general_info/lodging.html) for useful links for hotel/motel lodging.
15. **Livestock exhibitors overnight parking.** Limited space; filled by computer generated lottery.
- A. Opens Tuesday, May 30, 2017, closes July 31, 2017.
  - B. Complete information available online [mnstatefair.org/competition/overnight\\_parking](http://mnstatefair.org/competition/overnight_parking).
16. **Livestock exhibitors daily parking.** Ordered with livestock entries.
- A. Entry system opens online the first Monday following Father's Day (June 19, 2017) at [mnstatefair.org](http://mnstatefair.org), Competition & Contests.
  - B. Allocated on a first come, first served basis; valid only for dates for when exhibitors will be showing, based on entries.
  - C. **Limit of two daily auto per exhibitor.**
  - D. **License number must be included with order.**

17. **Admission fees.** Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be solely contingent upon presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the schedule of gate admission prices at [mnstatefair.org/tickets\\_discounts/admission.html](http://mnstatefair.org/tickets_discounts/admission.html).
  - A. **Pre-fair discount admission tickets.** Information on purchasing is available at above link.
  - B. When leaving the fairgrounds, exhibitors and fair visitors may ask for a re-admittance privilege; which allows reentry onto the fairgrounds at Gate 14 between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. on the same day without paying another admission.
18. **Vehicle inspection.** For security and safety concerns, vehicles entering the Minnesota State Fairgrounds beginning Aug. 7, 2017 and through the run of the fair, will be subject to inspection.
  - A. Vehicle entry restricted to either Gate 1 (north Underwood St.) or Gate 14 (Canfield St.).

### Open Class Stock Dog Rules

1. **Entries.** When entry limits are reached, an alternate list will be prepared for each division. If at closing date, the entry limit for each division has not been reached, the number of dogs in other divisions will be expanded, starting with the lowest division.
  - A. **By mail.** Closes Monday, Aug. 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
  - B. **Online.** Closes Monday, Aug. 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
  - C. **Divisions and limits.**
    1. **Rookie.** Six dog limit.
    2. **Novice Ranch.** 12 dog limit.
    3. **Pro Ranch.** 12 dog limit.
2. **Fees.** Must accompany entry.
  - A. **\$20 per dog entry fee.** Limit two dogs per handler.
  - B. **Returned check fee.** Any check returned for nonsufficient funds (NSF), closed account, or stopped payment, will be assessed a \$30 service fee.
3. **Arrival and Departure.** Enter Gate 14, identifying yourself as a contestant in the Stock Dog Trials Competition. Inform the Livestock Parking staff if you are parking, or dropping off at Warner Coliseum.
  - A. **Parking.** Vehicles are parked in Lot D; get direction from the Livestock Parking staff on where to park.
    1. After parking, leash your dog(s) and lead them to Warner Coliseum.
  - B. **Dropping off at Warner Coliseum.** If you are dropping off dogs or materials at Warner Coliseum, you should do so immediately upon entering the grounds.
    1. After unloading, exit Gate 10; re-enter Gate 14 and park vehicle in Lot D. Get direction from the Livestock Parking staff on where to park.
    2. **Do not park in the lot directly south of Warner Coliseum.** Those spots are reserved. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to tagging and towing.
4. **All dogs must have valid rabies certificates.**
5. **Dogs on the grounds.** Dogs must either be leashed, or in crates, except while in competition.
  - A. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs while on the fairgrounds.
  - B. Dogs may not be tied up and left unattended.
  - C. Secure locker room facilities will be available for dogs following competition, enabling exhibitors to enjoy the fair.
6. **Dog Trials.**
  - A. **Information.** Rules of the division, number of obstacles, course sequence and course diagram will be sent out with entry confirmations.
  - B. **Handler's meeting.** Announcements made at this meeting will supersede any prior written instructions.
    1. Combined Rookie, Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch contestants.



2. Time line announced at Handler's meeting.
  - C. **Object.** Handle sheep quietly, easily and confidently, having control and directing movement without injury of any sort.
  - D. **Reruns.** Permitted at the judge's decision; judge's decision is final.
  - E. **Gripping or biting.** If a dog bites a sheep in a severe manner, the dog will be disqualified and removed.
  - F. **Unfinished work.** A dog that fails to complete the work in the allotted time shall be allowed to retain the points earned up to the expiration of the time limit. Order of work must follow designated pattern of work.
  - G. **Scoring.** Judged "point plus time" with time lines being used to break ties.
7. **Awards.** Champions in the Rookie, Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch divisions will receive a trophy.

## Division 1: Rookie

### Rookie Division Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Eligibility.**
  - A. Handler may not have shown any dog at an advanced level in any herding venue.
  - B. Dogs may not have been shown at an intermediate level in any herding venue.
  - C. Dogs may not have previously won the Rookie Division.
3. **Dog limit.** Six dogs.
4. **Time.** Four minutes.
5. **Instructions.** Handler may accompany the dog.
  - A. Sheep are released in the arena.
  - B. Handler may not walk through any obstacle.
  - C. Course is performed as a fetch, drive or combination.
  - D. Run ends when the pen gate closes.

### Premiums for Rookie

Rookie

\$85 \$75 \$65 \$55 \$0

### Class Listing for Rookie

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#### Rookie

- 1 Stock Dogs Rookie
- 2 Stock Dogs Rookie Alternate

## Division 2: Novice Ranch

### Novice Ranch Division Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Eligibility.** Dogs may not have previously won the Novice Ranch Division.
3. **Dog limit.** 12 dogs.
4. **Time.** Five minutes.
5. **Instructions.**
  - A. Three head of sheep are released into the arena.
  - B. Dog gathers the sheep.
  - C. Fetches or drives the sheep around handler's post #1.
  - D. Run ends when the pen gate closes.

### Premiums for Novice Ranch

Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch

*\$100 \$85 \$75 \$65 \$50 \$40 \$0*

### Class Listing for Novice Ranch

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#### Novice-Ranch

- 1 Stock Dogs Novice Ranch
- 2 Stock Dogs Novice Ranch Alternate

## Division 3: Pro Ranch

### Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Dog limit.** 12 dogs.
3. **Time.** Five minutes.
4. **Instructions.**
  - A. Three head of sheep are released into the arena.
  - B. Handler must remain in penning circle during the pen to earn full pen points.
  - C. Run ends when the pen gate closes.

### Premiums for Pro Ranch

Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch

*\$100 \$85 \$75 \$65 \$50 \$40 \$0*

### Class Listing for Pro Ranch

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#### Pro-Ranch

- 1 Stock Dogs Pro Ranch
- 2 Stock Dogs Pro Ranch Alternate