

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE YOUTH SOCIETY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1 APRIL 2024



A. RULES REGARDING CUT-OFF DATES

1 August, at 12H00, is the cut-off date for the registration of participation, and payments for the National Championships. July 1st the provisional numbers for the shirt sizes should be in. No changes and late entries will be made after September 1st.

All fees may only be made by the province. No payments from parents will be accepted.

B. RULES REGARDING ANIMALS

All cattle that are entered must have a valid (12 months) BM (Infectious Miscarriage) and TB (Tuberculosis) certificate. Pigs that are entered must be leptospirosis-free. Sheep and Goats must be free from internal as well as external parasites, as well as all other diseases. Horses must have a valid passport and all vaccinations, which are required for movement between provinces, must already be inoculated. **A signed certificate from a veterinarian certifying the above requirements, for ALL animals, must be submitted at registration.** Biosecurity must be implemented at every youth show. All animals that are shown must be always on the show grounds and stand at the province's stables. No animals may be allowed on the site after 9:00 on Sunday morning. All animals must be examined by a veterinarian or veterinary technician/expert on site. The vet will mark the animals as correct for show purposes.

Provinces must ensure that their animals' biosecurity documents are submitted to the National Chairman 1 week before the National.

Guest Province must make sure of all vet requirements that exist in the province and that they are passed on to the participating Provinces by July 1st.

BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity must be in place at **every Youth Show site**. This involves the following:

Animals' health certificates must be in place.

Transport permits must be correct.

Each animal's identification must be in place - branding, tattoo, or ear tags.

Each animal must be marked with a unique identification number. This means that each animal must wear a tag in the ear so that the animal can be identified separately from the rest of the animals. The animal's unique identification number is then also entered into the Biosecurity documentation.

Before the National Championships, a Vet must fill in and sign the necessary documentation that accompanies the animals. A week before the championships, all the necessary documentation must be submitted to the National Chairperson. Each province must also have documentation available during the Championships.

Biosecurity is a national law and breach of the Biosecurity rules will be punishable. **NO ANIMALS** may be dropped off at the site of the National Youth Show Championships without the correct documentation and identification.

AGE OF ANIMALS

Beef cattle (dual purpose breeds)	Over 6 months – Females and Bulls
Dairy cattle (pure dairy breed)	Heifers 6 to 26 months
Wool sheep and dual purpose	6 months and older
Meat sheep	6 months and older
Pigs	3 - 6 months
Goats	6 months and older
Horses	6 months and older
Chickens	9 months and older
Rabbits	6 Months and older

The age of the animal must be correct as indicated in the manual. The age of the animal will be as on the first day of the month in which the relevant show will be held.

CONTROL OF ANIMALS

All Bulls (Beef cattle) must have a nose ring. All horses must be provided with proper halters. All heifers and cows at Cattle must be certified pregnant. If they are not pregnant, they must be treated to prevent them from coming into heat (Estrus). Proof of treatment must be submitted at registration.

ANIMALS THAT MAY NOT BE VIEWED

No dairy bulls, heifers in heat, boars or bridge, stallions, rams, or wether. No cattle or milk goats with horns may be shown. Mares that are in heat must be marked with a red ribbon on the tail. No sick animals may be shown.

SICK ANIMALS

No sick animals may be shown. If an animal dies at the show, it must be removed from the site immediately. A post-mortem examination must be carried out by a vet to determine what the cause was, and the Show Management must be informed of the result. The province whose animal it is pays the cost. Where animals are sick in the ring or where animals are going to lie down in the ring, the judges must use their discretion. The judges' decision must be explained very clearly to the spectators and National management.

UNMANAGEABLE ANIMALS

If an animal runs/jumps out of the ring, the animal is not allowed back. When animals are performing and the judges ask that the animals should be let lose, and the animal then jumps out, the judges will use their discretion. All animals must be halter tamed. Participants must be able to always control their animal. If a participant's animal provokes other animals and this causes animals to jump out, the participant and animal that provoked the animals will be removed from the ring and the participant will be disqualified. If an animal gets out of the participant's hand and the participant gets the animal under control again, the participant can still show.

C. RULES REGARDING SHOWMEN AGE

If the participant turns **ten** in the year of the show, he/she is under **ten**. If the child turns **nineteen** in the year of the show, he/she cannot participate.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Junior: 7 to 10 years
Juniors: 11 to 14 years
Seniors: 15 to 18 years
Junior Group: 14 years and under
Senior Group: 18 years and under

Copy of birth certificate with an ID photo of the participant or ID document, as well as a letter of indemnity must be attached to the entry form, which is provided by the Guest Provinces.

PROVINCIAL TEAMS.

The child's address where he/she lives OR goes to school is the province in which he/she qualifies to participate in a National Championship.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Each participant must sign a code of conduct which is available during any Youth Show event that takes place. During the National Championships the codes of conduct must be in the possession of the Team Manager of each Province.

PARTICIPATION

Each individual showman may only participate in **one division**. Participants can only show in the section in which he/she is entered as a showman. **Each showman MAY only participate in one group class**. Group classes - A junior individual may be moved up to the senior group if the senior group does not have enough participants in the specific division. A Junior-Junior individual may be drawn up to the Junior group if the junior group does not have enough participants in the specific division. Group classes - If there are not enough participants in the specific section to be able to do a group class, showmen from any of the other sections may be used. **This can only happen if there are not enough showmen in the specific section**. Entrants may not participate in static and non-static divisions.

GROOMS

No stable hands are allowed. If the owner of the animals wants to have representatives there, this is allowed, but the person may not help at all to care for animals, prepare them, or clean stables. If there are representatives, stable hands, or workers on the site, they must be identifiable. Such a person must carry an identification card with his/her photo, name, the owner's info, cell number, and from which province.

DRESS CODE (Showman and Group Classes)

All participants are obliged to wear the official cap, and shirt with blue (unbleached) denim trousers and a belt (brown or black), in the wash, preparation and show arena. **NO PARTICIPANTS WITH CELL PHONES, WATCHES, EARPHONES, GUM, VAPES, or JEWELRY ARE ALLOWED INTO THE RINGS OR THE SHOW AREA. NO PARTICIPANTS WEARING MAKE-UP WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE RINGS OR SHOW ARENA.** White rubber boots are worn during washing, preparation, and show. The Culinary and Dairy Preparation participants wear white sneakers (eg something like Tommies). All the other static sections wear neat brown shoes. The Auctioneers wear a neat blue denim, belt, button-down shirt, and neat shoes (no sneakers or rubber boots) The horse participants wear shoes. In group classes, the clothes must be uniform. **NO** black rubber shoes and **NO** overalls are allowed. **GLOVES** are only allowed in the horse classes. **NO** more rags in the trouser pocket during the show, as the participants do not use them correctly, and it looks very untidy.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Before the start of each class in the specific section, the participants must report to the correct arena or ring 15 minutes before the time. The ring stuart will check the number of the animal against the number of the participant.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANT

During the **EXAM and SHOWMEN**, the participant wears his/her number on the **CHEST**. During the **WASH AND PREPARATION**, the participant wears his/her number on the **BACK**.

KITS

No names of participants or provinces may appear on the kits of participants.

D. RULES REGARDING JUDGING OF GROUP CLASSES

The group classes are not compulsory. A group must consist of 3 showmen. Only one Junior and one Senior group per province in large stock and small stock divisions except for pigs. **Each showman MAY only participate in one group class.** A participant may only be enrolled in a group class if he/she does participate individually. Group classes - A younger individual participant may participate in an older age group class in which he/she is enrolled. Group classes - If there are not enough participants in the specific section to be able to do a group class, showmen from any of the other sections may be used. **This can only happen if there are not enough showmen in the specific section.** No group classes are shown in pigs.

JUDGING

Judges must award a point for each participant as well as for each group. At the showman, each participant must get an **INDIVIDUAL POINT**. **No 2 showmen can receive the same point in the ring.**

HOOF ANIMALS

Judging is based on:

	Knowledge	Wash	Preparation	Showman
Junior Junior		30%		70%
Junior	20%	15%	15%	50%
Senior	20%	15%	15%	50%

Poultry & Rabbits

Judging is based on:

	Knowledge	Wash and Preparation	Showman
Junior Junior		30%	70%
Junior	20%	30%	50%
Senior	20%	30%	50%

Pigeons

Judging is based on:

	Knowledge	Preparation before show	Showman
Junior Junior		30%	70%
Junior	20%	30%	50%
Senior	20%	30%	50%

Culinary Art

Judging is based on:

	Knowledge	Preparation	Making of product	Final product
Junior Junior		10%	40%	50%
Junior	20%	10%	30%	40%
Senior	20%	10%	30%	40%

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Judging is based on:

	Knowledge	Preparation	Making of product	Final product
Junior Junior		10%	20%	70%
Junior	20%	10%	20%	50%
Senior	20%	10%	20%	50%

PLACEMENT

The judge does the first 5 placements in the ring for **SHOWMAN**. The showmen then receive a rosette. The final placement is determined by the total points. If participants finish tied with totals out of 100, the one with the highest showman point is placed first. Participants must achieve a certain percentage to qualify for a medal. For the big stock, small stock, static, and Kitchen trophy, only the Jnr and Snr participants are considered. All rosettes and medals are subject to appeal. Medals are only awarded when the participant's points are above the below percentages.

Gold - 75% Silver - 65% Bronze - 55%

TIME

The times of classes, as indicated in the program, may not be changed without the permission of the Host Province or Show Management. Make sure you are always on time for your specific classes. Be at the ring 15 minutes before the start of a class, so that the ring guide can check that all the participants are ready for the class. If the ring gate is closed, it is not opened again. **Judging begins as soon as the showman enters the ring and ends with placing by the judge.**

SHARING OF ANIMALS

Junior Junior, Junior, and Senior may share an animal. Share animals must be marked. Shared animals can be made dirty again.

WASHING OF ANIMALS

NO JUDGES MAY CHANGE THE ORDER OF WASHING THE ANIMALS. Animals are washed as determined in the manual of each section. Animals brought abnormally clean to the wash area for judging can be penalised. Animals may be cleaned up to and including 14H00 the day before the start of the tournament (Sunday). Only a halter and rope may be used to tie animals for washing and preparation. The same animal must be used for washing, preparation, and showmanship by the same competitor. For livestock and small livestock, the whole animal is washed, even if the animal is shared. All animals can be soiled before they enter the ring.

Dry washing: This is a verbal, step-by-step description of the full washing process of the animal. A participant may be asked to do a dry wash if circumstances require it. The judge together with the Show Committee will decide whether it will be used.

Time for washing: Large stock and Small stock.

Junior-Juniors 35 minutes

Juniors 30 minutes

Seniors 25 minutes

PREPARATION OF ANIMALS

Only Juniors and Seniors do preparation. Animals can arrive at the show show-ready (shaven and hooves clipped). Animals should not be prepared 1 month before the National Championships - especially small livestock. Small livestock animals are pre-shorn except for the parts that need to be done during preparation. Other preparation is assessed. Advance preparation may result in disqualification. With small livestock, the Junior prepares the **LEFT SIDE** of the animal and the Senior the **RIGHT SIDE**, whether the animal is shared or not. Judging for Juniors is on the left and Seniors is on the right. **NO JUDGES MAY CHANGE THE PREPARATION ORDER.** Large livestock, preparation is done on the whole animal.

Time for preparation:

LARGE STOCK (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, and Horses) – Juniors 20 minutes and Seniors 15 minutes

SMALL STOCK (Sheep and Goats) – Juniors 25 minutes and Seniors 20 minutes

PIGS – Juniors 10 minutes and Seniors 10 minutes

EXCHANGE OF ANIMALS DURING SHOWMAN

NO animals may be exchanged. If the judge finds it necessary to exchange animals, then this must be motivated during the announcement. **NO Junior-Junior PARTICIPANTS MAY EXCHANGE ANIMALS.**

ORDER

The showman must enter the ring according to catalog numbers. The ring guide will let the contestants enter the ring in order once the judges are ready.

KNOWLEDGE

Classes must be distinguished between the age classes of participants. **NO PARTICIPANT** will be allowed to enter the examination hall without the correct dress code (sponsored shirt from National, Denim, and shoes) and **show number. NO CELL PHONES, WATCHES, JACKETS, BAGS, EARPHONES, GUM, VAPES, JEWELRY, or PARTICIPANTS WEARING MAKE-UP** are allowed in the Examination Room. The participant can only take a pen into the examination room.

6 – 10 years No Knowledge Test

11 - 18 years Written Exam

20% of the Knowledge Test consists of General Knowledge of the Division in which the participant is competing.

E. GENERAL SHOW RULES

ALL ANIMALS THAT DIE

If an animal should die during the show, the animal must be removed from the show grounds as soon as possible and taken to a veterinary surgeon for a postmortem. The postmortem report must be handed in and submitted to the show committee.

BEEF CATTLE

Beef Cattle showmen walk facing the front. Beef cattle walk faster than dairy animals in the ring. Beef cattle walks clockwise in a ring. Participants must walk on the left side of cattle, not in front or on the right side. The halter must have a chain lead and a lead rope. A show stick is not compulsory. If beef cattle are shown with a show stick, the stick must be used "sparingly". Beef cattle's feet are placed with the show stick or if no stick is used the halter may be used to move forward or backward. Beef cattle's feet are spaced in block format.

DAIRY CATTLE

Dairy cattle showmen walk backward. Dairy cattle's hind legs are parted for the udder to be observed when standing still. Dairy cattle showmen use the halter to move the animal forward or backward. The showman may use his/her feet to move the animal's front feet. The heifer's tail is braided in the washing arena and untied during Preparation.

HORSES

No helpers are allowed in the ring. Horses will be shown in hand classes only and will be judged according to current breed standards. Horses are shorn according to breed standards. No scissors may be used in the preparation of a horse. Horses must be able to test left and right around the triangle. The judge gives the orders to the participants.

WOOL SHEEP

The wool length must be between 45 to 150 mm during the National Championships. Dual purpose sheep used in the class must comply with wool rules. Hoofs must be clipped. **NO SOAP** is allowed at **WOOL SHEEP**. The participant must be able to present the wool to the judge. The participant must be able to show the teeth of the sheep to the judge. Participants must know wool. The contestant must know how to catch the wool sheep during showmanship.

MUTTON SHEEP

Mutton sheep must be shorn. Hoofs must be clipped. **NO DUAL-PURPOSE SHEEP ALLOWED.** Mutton sheep are placed in position by lifting the animal in front and the hind legs are properly stepped on. Participants must be able to catch the mutton sheep during showmanship. The participant must be able to show the teeth of the sheep to the judge. **NO PRUNING SCISSORS/WOOL SCISSORS/HOOF SCISSORS** are allowed.

FIBER GOATS

Fiber goats may not be shorn. A minimum fiber length of 45 to 150 mm must be on the goat during the National Championships. Fiber goats must not be pulled by both horns, they can break. Participants must be able to catch the fiber goat during showmanship.

MILK GOATS

Milk goats are pre-shorn. Handle the milk goat with its chain around the neck. Milk goats walk in formation as determined by the judge. The participant walks on the left side of the animal and walks clockwise. After that, the contestant can walk left or right depending on the judge's instructions. A dairy goat is not turned like other small livestock but with the chain.

MEAT GOATS

Meat goats are pre-shorn. Hoofs are clipped. Meat goats must not be pulled by the horns, they may break. The meat goat is released during showmanship and the contestant must know how to catch the goat again. If meat goats jump out of the ring (1.2M) he is uncontrollable.

PIGS

Pens must not be in the sun. Participants display their animals with the help of canes. No paddles during showman – the judge can't see the animal. Pigs should preferably be washed, prepared, and shown on a solid surface. No oil and spirits are used on pigs.

STATIC SECTION – RABBITS, PIGEONS, POULTRY AND WATERFOWL

Participants do everything in a closed complex. They wear denim and neat brown shoes. The judge determines the order in which the washing, preparation, and showman take place. In these divisions, each participant must show his/her own animal and no animals may be shared. The guest province determines the time schedule.

AUCTIONEERS

Spectators are allowed. Only designated persons may make an offer during the auction. Participants in the section are assessed in 4 sections. Knowledge exam, the auction of a static animal, small stock, and large stock.

If the participant does not attend the training, such a participant may not compete further in the division. Juniors (11-14 years) and Seniors (15-18 years) may participate in this division. **NO Junior-Junior PARTICIPANTS.** Wear neat denim, a button-down shirt, a belt, and neat shoes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

You can use mobile phones or cameras to take pictures. The photos are judged on-site during the show. Photography participants take care of the equipment that will be used such as a tripod etc. Photography participants must wear identification so that they are easily identifiable.

CULINARY ARTS & DAIRY PREPARATION

No parents will be allowed in preparation rooms. No mobile phones are allowed in the venue. No products may be removed from the venue until the judge has given permission. White Chef jackets must be worn. Everything - products, decoration, etc must be submitted on SUNDAY at the correct venue as designated by the Host Province.

Participants in the classes must make the products themselves at the show and will be judged on that, as well as on the final product. Participants must bring their own equipment for making and packaging the products, as well as decorating tables. **Only white cutlery etc. large plates, small plates, cups, and saucers provided by the guest province may be used.**

POINTS

Complete score sheets must be sent to each Province as soon as possible after the Championships. The judge places the first 5 contestants and awards points as outlined for each contestant.

ADVERTISING

The displaying of herd names and other advertising material is permitted at the stall area only.

SUPPORT AND COACHES

Parents' and advisors' assistance is not allowed at any stage during participation in an item. This is only allowed if the judge discusses it with the National Management in advance. If anyone is guilty of this, he will be immediately removed from the show grounds and prohibited from coming there again. One coach per eight participants is allowed.

F. GENERAL RULES

1. No mobile phones, earphones, watches, jewelry, chewing gum, or vapes may be used by participants during the exam, wash, preparation, or showman. No participants with makeup will be allowed. The same also applies in the Static, Culinary, and Dairy Preparation sections.
2. **NO USE/ABUSE OF ALCOHOL** in public. No alcohol use/abuse will be allowed on site. Many National Championships take place on school grounds and then the school and the Department of Education's rules are followed. If any person is guilty of abusing alcohol, you will be removed from the site.
3. Codes of conduct must be signed by every Participant, Coach, Parent, and Supporter. This is to ensure that everyone knows what is in the Rules and Regulations and will abide by them.
4. Dances can be held for the provinces, but this must take place in a closed complex, such as a hall or class.
5. National photographers and Plaas Media photographers are allowed to enter the rings and complexes. However, they may not bother the participants. These photographers will carry identification. **NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS ALLOWED**

PARENTS:

No parents may help with the washing of the animals before the show starts. Parents may not help their children inside the ring from outside the ring. Each province must ensure that each parent familiarizes themselves with the **RULES AND REGULATIONS** of the National Agriculture Youth Society. If parents violate the Rules of National, their child will be immediately disqualified, and the participant and parents must leave the site immediately.

G. PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL

1. The complaint is submitted to the Executive Board of the National Youth Show. Any person can appeal with the necessary evidence.
2. The complainant fills in a form that contains all the details of the offense.
3. The matter is then investigated, and the help and assistance of the Provincial Representatives, Team Managers, or Coaches of the provinces can be obtained.
4. Appeal must be submitted to the Executive Board before 9 o'clock the day after the violation. Wednesday's Appeal must be reported before 12 noon.
5. If there are problems after the prize distribution, the following procedure is followed:
The provincial chairman is informed of the problem. The chairman informs the executive board. The day management investigates the case and gives feedback to the provincial chairman who will then pass it on to the complainant. **NO** parent contacts the host province or the show committee directly. 48 hours after the marks have been made available, appeals must be reported by the Province. The points must be made available to the provinces as soon as possible after the end of the show.

F. CLASSES

CATTLE	
Categories	
DAIRY	BEEF AND DUAL PURPOSE
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Washing of animal	Washing of animal
Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Showman	Showman
Group classes	Group classes

SHEEP	
Categories	
MUTTON BREEDS	WOOL BREEDS
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Washing of animal	Washing of animal
Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Showman	Showman
Group classes	Group classes

GOATS		
Categories		
MUTTON BREEDS	FIRER BREEDS	MILK BREEDS
Classes		
Knowledge test	Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Washing of animal	Washing of animal	Washing of animal
Preparation before show	Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Showman	Showman	Showman
Group classes	Group classes	Group classes

Categories	
PIGS	HORSES
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Washing of animal	Washing of animal
Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Showman	Showman
<u>NO Group classes</u>	Group classes

Categories	
POULTRY	RABBITS
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Own entry - using own animal	Own entry - using own animal
Showman	Showman

Categories	
RACING PIGEONS	FANCY PIGEONS
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test

Preparation before show	Preparation before show
Showman	Showman
Categories	
CULINARY ART	DAIRY PRODUCE
Classes	
Knowledge test	Knowledge test
Preparation and Making of the product	Preparation and making of product
Present the product	Present the Product
Product	Blind Tasting
Products	
As Prescribed	As Prescribed

AUCTIONEERS

Knowledge

Training - mandatory

Auction of Static Animal – Rabbits, Poultry or Pigeons

Auction of Small Livestock - Sheep, goats or Pigs

Auction of Large Livestock - Cattle or Horses

Auction of a stud animal

PHOTOGRAPHY

Knowledge

Training – mandatory

Take 3 different photos for judging, as determined by the judge.

PENALIZATION – Everything that is violated in the Manuals.

The participant is penalized with -5 points per violation.

Where provinces infringe, they are penalized with -10 points.

DISQUALIFICATION – Everything that is in the Rules and Regulations and is violated.

Any violation resulting from the Rules and Regulations will be treated as an immediate disqualification.