

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE YOUTH SOCIETY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

19 May 2025



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 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 showman has a birthday in the year of the show and turns 10 years old, they will be classified as a Junior-Junior, 10 years old. A showman who is 19 years old must be enrolled in a school.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Junior:	7 to 11 years old
Juniors:	12 to 15 years old
Seniors:	16 to 19 years
Junior Groups:	15 years and younger
Senior Groups:	19 years and younger

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. During the washing of Large and Small stock, the participant does not wear a cap. **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 rags in the trouser pocket anymore during the show, except in the Dairy Cattle and Horse sections. These rags must not be visible and must be neatly folded in the participant's trouser pocket. These rags must be used correctly, otherwise the participant will lose points. The Dairy Cattle participants use the cloth to wipe the cow after she defecates. The Horse participants may use the cloth if the horse sneezes, purrs etc. and the participant's face is full of dirt, the participant may clean his/her face.

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 participant names may appear on the showbox, but a Province's name may appear on the side of the showbox, e.g. Namaqua 1 etc. (A lot of showboxes go missing and this will help with identifying showboxes).

TYING UP THE ANIMAL

Quick-release knots are used to tie up animals -Large and small livestock. Points are given for the correct knot in Senior and Junior 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 is responsible for determining the first five placements in the ring for showmanship, and the showman will receive a rosette at this stage. The final placement is based on the total points achieved. In the event of a tie with totals out of 100, the competitor with the highest showmanship placement will take precedence. For the awarding of trophies in the cattle, small stock, and static animals' sections, as well as for the Entrepreneur and Kitchen trophies, only Junior and Senior participants will be considered. *It is important to note that all rosettes and medals are subject to appeal.*

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 – 11 year olds: NO Examination

12 - 19 year olds Written Examination

20% of the paper consists of general knowledge of the section in which the participant is showing.

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

The Equine Section (Horses) is divided into two divisions: Horses and Miniature Horses. This structure will be trialed in 2025, with a final decision made afterwards. It is imperative to note that regular horses and miniature horses will be judged together during washing, preparation, and showmanship, but points will be awarded separately for each category.

No helpers are permitted in the ring. Horses must be shown by hand and will be judged strictly according to the prevailing breed standards. Grooming must adhere to these standards; the use of scissors in preparing the horse is strictly prohibited. Horses are required to perform the triangle tests to the left and right. The judge will issue commands to participants for execution in the ring.

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.

DAIRY GOATS

Dairy goats are clipped in advance. They are handled and moved using a chain around their neck. When in the ring, dairy goats walk in lines as directed by the judge. The participant should enter the ring from the left side and walk in a clockwise direction. Afterwards, the participant may walk left or right based on the judge's instructions. Unlike other small stock, dairy goats' front, back, and sides are not turned and displayed. During the process of walking in lines, the judge can observe everything. It is important to note that the manual provides clear guidelines on what to do when the judge requests the participant to stop.

MEAT GOATS

Mutton goats are combed before the show. 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 a cane and paddles during showman. These canes and paddles must be used in such a way that the pig is visible to the judge at all times. 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 (12-15 years of age) and Seniors (16-19 years of age) may participate in this division. **NO Junior-Junior PARTICIPANTS**. Wear neat denim, a button-down shirt, a belt, and neat shoes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Participants are allowed to use cell phones OR cameras to take photos during the show. The photos will be judged on-site. Each photography participant is responsible for their own equipment, such as tripods. Additionally, participants must carry identification provided by the NAYS or as requested by the host province. There are now two divisions for photography: the Mobile Phone Section and the Camera Section. Each province can enter three senior showmen in the Camera Section and

three senior showmen in the Mobile Phone Section. The same applies to junior showmen. However, junior-junior showmen can only compete in the Mobile Phone Section.

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 aprons (without any logos) and a hair net 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.** The list of items that appear in the manual is **only a guideline**.

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.

PARENTS/SUPPORTERS

Parents, supporters, and coaches are strictly prohibited from assisting participants at any time during the event. No outside help is allowed regarding signs, words, or any other form of support from outside the ring. Furthermore, parents and supporters must not assist with washing the animals before the show begins.

Every Provincial Chairperson is required to ensure that parents thoroughly understand the Rules and Regulations of the National Youth Show before the event. Participants will face immediate disqualification, and parents or supporters found in violation may be removed from the grounds without exception.

COACHES

A maximum of one coach is permitted for every eight participants. Coaches must strictly follow the established Coach Policy and conduct themselves accordingly at all times. In specific cases, judges may require coaches to assist in the rings, and they will clearly communicate this requirement to the spectators.

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**

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.

H. 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

Penalisation involves imposing penalties on showmen for various offences to ensure adherence to established conduct standards. It is essential to follow specific procedures outlined in the manuals to prevent any misconduct. If these procedures are not followed, showmen may face penalties.

The system assigns a penalty of -5 points for each violation committed by a participant. In cases where a province violates the established rules, a more severe penalty of -10 points is enforced on the transgressing province.

DISQUALIFICATION

Disqualification is the definitive action taken to declare an individual ineligible or to exclude them from participation in a competition, event, or activity due to violations of the established Rules and Regulations document. The purpose of disqualification is to enforce fairness, uphold integrity, and preserve the spirit of competition by holding individuals accountable for their actions. Any violation of the rules and regulations will result in immediate disqualification, with no exceptions.