

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOW & AUCTION

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General Rules 2016 – 2017 Project Year

STEER * SWINE * BEEF BREEDING * RABBIT/CAVY
HORTICULTURE * POULTRY * GOAT

1. MEMBERS: Only registered members of the Indian River County 4-H Program shall be permitted to participate in the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show and Auction. Show & Auction participants must be members in "good standing" as determined by the 4-H Club Leader and/or 4-H Agent. Members age 8–18 (as of 9/1/2016) will pay a \$25 IRC 4-H enrollment fee directly to the Florida State 4-H office.

Cloverbuds (ages 5 - 7 years as of 9/1/2016) are considered members, will pay a \$15 IRC 4-H Enrollment Fee directly to the IRC 4-H office via their Club Leaders and any IRC 4-H Show and Auction Entry Fees as directed, but they are not to be judged in any competitions, or participate in any type of live or silent auctions and do not receive any premium monies. They can only receive participation ribbons at the discretion of the 4-H Agent.

All youth participating in the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show & Auction must currently be enrolled in **an accredited educational institution within Indian River County**. This may be an online virtual school, a homeschool or cooperative learning environment, a public or private school, high school and/ or an institution of higher learning, if sanctioned by the IRC School Board and an official letter of participation can be produced. Youth that have officially graduated from high school are no longer considered 4-H members.

Out of County (New) Members: Youth from Neighboring Counties may join Indian River County 4-H if one or more of the following apply:

- Family lives near Indian River County lines and parents work in IRC.
- Family lives near Indian River County lines and youth goes to School in IRC. This may be an online virtual school, a homeschool or cooperative learning environment, a public or private school, high school and/ or an institution of higher learning, if sanctioned by the IRC School Board and an official letter of participation can be produced.
- If for some reason it is more convenient and feasible to travel to IRC for meetings.
- **All has to be preapproved by the Neighboring County Agents.**

If your Address is not in Indian River County, you may join IRC 4-H with the permission of your local County 4-H Agent and the approval of Indian River County Extension 4-H Agent or Staff and **Show a project at the IRC Fair Show & Auction with the following conditions:**

- **Approval from by the Neighboring County Agents and the IRC 4-H Agent must be obtained prior to Fair Show Entry form due dates.**
- Permitted projects for Fair Show & Auction include small animals & horticulture (Ex. Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Citrus Tree, Breedstock)
- **No Large Market Animals will be allowed (Ex. Steers, Swine, Etc.)**

2. EXHIBITOR ENTRY FEES: A \$10.00 entry fee for each project will be paid when entry forms are turned in for that project. This helps to provide start-up money for the Show & Auction and to ensure that all participants contribute to help off-set some of the costs of putting on the 4-H Show & Auction.
3. CONTRACTS: Extension and 4-H do not become involved in any contractual disputes related to the purchase, housing or feeding of any project animal by a 4-H member, parent or legal guardian.

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4. RULE INFRACTIONS: All infractions must be reported first to the Club Leader and/or Project Coordinator within 48 hours of infractions, then the Leader and/or Project Coordinator will report the incident to the 4-H Agent, and he/she will inform the Rules Sub-Committee and/or designee.
Ignorance of these rules is not an excuse for any violation. It is the individual responsibility of each member and parent/legal guardian to understand and follow all 4-H and Indian River County Fair 4-H Show and Auction Rules.
5. VIOLATIONS: In the event of a violation, the following disciplinary actions can occur, order notwithstanding, and/or a combination of all listed depending upon the severity of the infraction and to be determined by the Rules subcommittee, 4-H agent and or Extension:
 - I. **Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty-agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)**
 - II. **Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price**
 - III. **Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn**
 - IV. **Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof**
 - V. **Subsequent 4-H year as a 'member NOT in good standing' and loss of privilege to show in the following year**
 - VI. **Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program**
6. MANDATORY EXHIBITORS MEETING: All 4-H'ers participating in the Fair Show & Auction must attend the annual mandatory exhibitor's meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016**. 4-H Members who fail to attend this meeting without prior approval of the Rules Committee Chair or the 4-H Agent will not be permitted to exhibit or auction their animal/horticulture project at the Show & Auction. Forms that are not signed properly and turned in on time may prevent the member from exhibiting their animal/horticulture project at the Show & Auction.
7. EXCUSES: Excuses for missing a mandatory event must be completed at least 72 work week hours before the event (weekends and holidays do not count in the 72 hours). All requests for approved absences must be sent, in writing, to the 4-H agent or designee (i.e., Rules Sub-committee Chair or Extension Director). Only pre-approved absences will be excused, unless in cases of extreme emergency. Requests will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and should be started early enough for all information to arrive in time for the 4-H agent and/or designee to review and make a determination 72 work week hours before the event.
8. CODE OF CONDUCT: All 4-H members and parents must sign the 4-H Code of Conduct, which is attached to the 4-H Enrollment Forms. Parents must sign and return the Compliance Agreement and the Receipt of Rule Book, located in the back of this rule book at the conclusion of the Mandatory Exhibitors Meeting. Any parent or 4-H members deemed to be in violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct or these Show and Auction Rules will be asked to remove their project(s) immediately (if not market animal) and the 4-H member will not be able to show during the current year unless otherwise stated.
9. RECORD BOOKS: Record books are EXTREMELY important to the 4-H program; they are a written and documented record of the life skills that the member has learned throughout the 4-H year (September 1st – August 31st). Every 4-H member participating in the 4-H Show and Auction must complete at least one project record book every year. Club Leaders will determine by what time on Friday they will collect the up-to-date record book from their club members. Club Leaders will then submit their club's record books to the 4-H Record Book Sub-Committee Chairperson and/or designee, **by 6:00pm on Friday, March 10, 2017**. Record Books will be returned to the Club Leaders by the 4-H

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Record Book Sub-Committee Chairperson or designee before the live auction. Clubs Leaders will be fined \$25.00 per hour that record books are turned in late.

Record books will be checked for verification that they are up to date with all information, pictures, stories and in the most current format (i.e. the only lines left blank are the totals for the auction and class placing's, etc.). If the record book is not complete as described in the previous sentence, then the youth and their project(s) will be **sent home immediately and will not be able to show during the current year.** According to law, terminal (market) animals are not allowed to leave the premises once they have been checked in. In the case that an exhibitor is requested to leave under any circumstances, **their project will be run through at the end of the auction and the exhibitor will be charged 35% of the auction price and any other fees to cover expenditures.**

The Final Record Book Due Date will be Monday, April 24, 2017 by 4:30 PM. All final record books will be turned into the Club Leaders only. Club Leaders reserve the right to collect record books prior to the pre-determined date set by the 4-H Agent. All 4-H members are expected to complete their record book even if their horticulture or animal project does not show or auction for any reason. If the record books are deemed incomplete (i.e. being a rough draft or missing figures, information, placing's, auction price, pictures or etc.) the Exhibitor **will forfeit 10% of their auction check, all premiums, will not be allowed to show, auction or participate in the Fair for one year, and will be deemed "not in good standing" with the IRC 4-H Program.**

10. LIMIT OF AUCTION: Each exhibitor will be only allowed to show and auction **ONE** (1) steer, swine, meat pen, poultry set or horticulture project. Steer and swine exhibitors will be allowed to weigh-in multiple steers or swine at the first weigh-in. A declaration of which steer/swine will be entered in the show & auction must be made at that time. No substitution will be allowed after this declaration. All steers, swine, goats, rabbits, cavies, poultry and horticulture projects will be marked for identification per the 4-H Agent's instructions.

Only the Grand & Reserve Grand Champion meat pen, poultry set, or horticulture projects are eligible for live auction, if no market animals are also being sold by the winning exhibitor. The larger market project will take precedent over the horticulture project. *Cloverbuds are not eligible to sell any type of project at any type of auction.*

11. SHOW TO AUCTION: All projects that are being sold at auction must be shown by the exhibitor in its assigned class. Exceptions may be made in certain extenuating circumstances as determined by the Rules Committee and 4-H Agent. A decision by the Rules Committee and 4-H Agent will be made within 24 hours of written exception request. **In order to show and auction, all projects must be in approved condition determined by a Veterinarian, Barn Chairperson, Project Coordinators, 4-H Agent and/or designee.**

A **sick animal** (in distress, showing disease symptoms and declared un-showable by a Veterinarian, Barn Chairperson or the 4-H Agent) cannot be shown during the show and or auction. A sick animal (in distress, showing disease symptoms, dead and declared un- showable by a Veterinarian, Barn Chairperson or the 4-H Agent) cannot be sold at the live or silent auction. No substitution of live animal will be allowed for sale night or sale purposes, and a sick animal must be removed immediately for harvest by a reputable agent of the 4-H Agent's or Barn Chairperson's choice.

A **sick exhibitor** needs to have a doctor's note or an extenuating circumstance deemed valid by the 4-H Agent for not being able to show their animal at the Livestock Show & Auction. When an exhibitor is ill, in an accident, hospitalized or is medically unable to show their animal in the assigned market class, another exhibitor – deemed to be in good 4-H standing – may be chosen by the 4-H Agent and agreed

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upon by the 4-H Club Leader(s), Fair Advisory Committee and Parent(s) to show the “medically excused” exhibitor’s animal in the market class since that class is judged only on the conditioning of the animal. No substitutions will be allowed for the showmanship class as it is judged on how the exhibitor performs with their animal in front of the judge.

12. ETHICS CERTIFICATION: All 4-H youth livestock participating with a livestock project MUST have attended a certified Florida Federation of Fairs Youth Livestock Ethics & Animal Care Training Program within the past three (3) years. For more information about upcoming trainings, or whether you are certified, visit the Florida State Fair’s website at: <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/ethics>. This is a requirement of the Florida Federation of Fairs and NOT the responsibility of the IRC 4-H Program. Each 4-H member is required to arrange their own training by registering at the above website.
13. DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATERIAL: No exhibitor, parent or family member will be permitted to distribute fliers, handbills, business cards, etc., during the night of the auction or at any affiliated 4-H Event(s) unless prior approval by the 4-H Agent has been obtained. Requests must be made in writing (email) to the 4-H Agent at least 7 days prior to the event. Anyone caught doing so without prior Agent approval will result in the exhibitor’s disqualification from the show and auction.
14. GROW YOUR OWN: Exhibitors’ project(s) and project animal(s) must be under the direct care and feeding of the 4-H member. Participation in the 4-H Fair Show & Auction Program grants consent to inspection of a projects’ facilities (living quarters and location) by the Extension Staff. **All market projects in the program must be housed within Indian River County.**

BUYERS

15. BUYERS SOLICITATION LETTERS: All exhibitors of animal/horticulture projects to be auctioned are required to contact three (3) potential buyers, two (2) of which did not buy a steer/swine/meat pen/horticulture/poultry project in the previous year’s auction. The original signed letter will be turned into their Club Leader in a stamped, addressed and unsealed envelope for verification no less than 30 days prior to the final weigh-in. **The letters must be handwritten by the exhibitor.** Club Leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. **Copies of the three (3) letters must be shown to the Rule Committee or designee at the Mandatory Progress Check, Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.** Copies of the three (3) letter must also be included in the 4-H project record book. Omission of these letters will result in an automatic deduction of 10 points when the record books are judged.
16. BUYERS THANK YOU LETTERS: Each exhibitor of an animal/horticulture project that is shown and auctioned at the fair are required to write thank you letters to the buyer(s) of his or her animal/horticulture project and others as required by 4-H Club Leaders or 4-H Agent. The Club Leaders will provide the participants with a sample letter. The letter(s) will be turned in unsealed, and in stamped, addressed envelopes. 4-H’ers should submit their original signed letter(s) to their 4-H Club Leader no later than fourteen (14) days following the receipt of buyer/sponsors list from their Club Leader. If an exhibitor fails to provide the letters by the 14th day, **they will forfeit the right to exhibit the following year and will be assessed 25% of their auction proceeds.** Following the verification of the letters by Club Leaders, they will be collected and mailed to the buyers/sponsors. A copy of the Buyer Thank You Letter(s) should be included in the final version of the record book.

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17. CLUB REPRESENTATIVE DURING AUCTION: Each club is required to have a representative (parent, legal guardian, family member, volunteer, etc.) to keep track of what buyer or cartel bought each club member's animal during the live or silent auctions. 4-H will not maintain an official list in the extension office so members will need to contact their club's representative for sponsor information.
18. BUYER MEAT DISTRIBUTION: The date of the meat distribution is to be determined by the harvesting facility. Your club leader will notify you of the date and time of the Meat Distribution so you can notify your buyers. 4-H Seniors are strongly encouraged to help out during the Meat Distribution in order for it to be accomplished in a timely fashion.
19. AUCTION CHECKS: An exhibitor's auction check will not be released until his or her thank you letters have been received by the Club Leader, his or her record book has been received by the Club Leader or 4-H Agent, **all payment checks for all projects have been received from the auction**, and his or her buyer thank you letters have been delivered and a signed plaque delivery receipt is turned in. **Copies of the thank you letters must be shown to the 4-H Agent before picking-up checks**. The time frame for this entire process can range between 60 – 90 days. Plaques that need to be redone due to printing error will still need to be delivered by exhibitor.
20. ASSESSMENTS: All exhibitors of auction items, either sold through the live or silent auctions, will be assessed a percentage of their auction proceeds to cover the cost of the show & auction and other expenses deemed necessary by the 4-H Fair Show & Auction Advisory Committee and 4-H Agent. All add-ons are subject to the assessment fee if deemed necessary by the 4-H Fair Show and Auction Advisory Committee.
21. IF A PROJECT RECEIVES NO BID AT AUCTION (LIVE OR SILENT): If an exhibitor does not receive a bid during the auction (live or silent) the animal project will be sent for termination and the wrapped meat or project given to the parent/legal guardian of the exhibitor at the exhibitor's cost. Payment of processing is due at the time of the meat delivery.

WEIGH-IN

22. **All Weigh-Ins Are First Come First Serve, No Exceptions.**
23. ANIMALS: The only animals allowed at weigh-ins are animals being weighed. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED at weigh-ins.
24. DRIVERS AT WEIGH-IN: Children under the age of 16 or individuals without a license CAN NOT DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES on Fair grounds. It is against the law and a huge liability to 4-H.
25. ONE TIME ONLY ACROSS THE SCALES: You may be allowed to re-walk your animal across the scales only if there is a scale malfunction. This will be determined by the 4-H County Extension Agent and the Weigh Master. The animal in this case must stay in view of the 4-H County Extension Agent and Weigh Master running the scales.

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26. PROGRESS CHECK, REPORT CARD CHECK, ETHICS CERTIFICATION CHECK & ANIMAL HANDLING CLINIC: A mandatory clinic for all animals will be held prior to 30 days to the Fair for all exhibitors to: **(Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017)**
- I. Show that the exhibitor can handle and control the animal
 - II. Have blood drawn to verify pregnancy on Breedstock cows 2 years or older without calf by side (calf by side means calf is not to be older than 7 months), according to Class designation in Breedstock Rules Class 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. All cattle except Brahma must be bred or have a calf by its side. Brahman Cattle must be bred.
 - III. Allow for the Rules Committee /4-H Agent/ Designee to check school progress and ethics certification of all exhibitors
 - IV. Goat and Breedstock exhibitors are responsible for obtaining their own health certificates for their projects (goat and/or breedstock)
- Any exceptions must have prior approval by the Rules Committee Chair or 4-H Agent at least 72 hours before the date of the event (for further explanation see #6).** 4-H has the right to remove any animal (poultry, rabbit/cavy, swine, goat, steer, breedstock) that is deemed uncontrollable at this check or at any time during the Show & Auction. The progress check will be **Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.** **Please bring the latest report card and a copy of the Ethics Certification.** If homeschooled, please provide a letter stating detailed progress.
27. ANIMAL CONTROL AT FAIR: In the event an animal makes it to the Show and Auction that an exhibitor cannot control; 1.) Steers and goats will be pulled out of the line and tied to the side of the show ring; 2.) swine will be put in a walker in the ring. This is done to protect the other animals and/or exhibitors and give the other 4-H'ers a fair chance to show their animals.
28. DRIVERS: All individuals operating farm equipment on fair grounds must be AT LEAST 18 YEARS OR OLDER. Farm equipment includes, but not limited to tractors, back hoes, etc. If you are a 4-H Member you are not allowed to drive. You must have registered as a Volunteer to drive any vehicles or equipment in the premises.

For the protection and safety of humans and livestock animals, non-livestock animals (i.e., dogs, cats, birds, snakes, lizards, etc.) will not be permitted in the barn or the surrounding area during the fair, weigh-ins or any other 4-H functions. Anyone that brings any non-livestock animal to the barn will be asked to remove that animal immediately. If the non-livestock animal is not removed, then the owner/caretaker will be asked to leave the barn/scale area.

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29. HEALTH: All livestock must be free of evidence of any disease, healthy and in marketable condition at the time of the show and auction. Veterinarian services for emergencies at the fair shall be performed at the owner's expense.
30. TAMPERING: Tampering at any time during the Fair with any animal or horticulture project entered (such as filling with a foreign substance, **addition of cosmetic improvements**, etc. is prohibited. Use of, or possession of, tranquilizers on show animals at the fair will be construed as a form of tampering. The Barn Committee and authorized personnel shall have the right to handle and examine animals at any time during the fair. If evidence of tampering is found, the animal shall be removed from the fairgrounds, except in the case of market animals. If after the auction, all proceeds will be forfeited and exhibitor is prohibited from showing the following year.
31. STALL ASSIGNMENTS: Immediately following the weigh-in, all market animals will be assigned a tie/pen and placed in the barn according to weight – no exceptions. All other projects will be assigned a tie/pen per the project coordinator, 4-H Agent or designee. **Any disagreements with regard to tie/pen assignments will not be tolerated. In the event of a disagreement, the project (unless a terminal market animal) and exhibitor will be sent home immediately.** If an animal is moved to a different location without permission from the project coordinator, the exhibitor will be sent home immediately and not allowed to show or auction their project. Market animals will be auctioned by the Show & Auction at the end of the auction and the exhibitor will be charged 35% of the auction price and any other fees to cover expenditures.

Due to the increase in the number of exhibited animal projects, not all will be displayed in the front row of each barn section.

32. MANDATORY FAIR MEETING: There will be a MANDATORY MEETING on the evening of **Friday, March 10, 2017**, the first night of the fair. All the exhibitors must be present to go over rules for the fair. The leaders will turn in the record books to the 4-H Agent or ASSIGNED REPRESENTATIVE by 6:00 PM on **Friday, March 10, 2017**.
33. MANDATORY FAIR SET-UP AND BREAK DOWN: There will be two (2) mandatory days for all exhibitors and one (1) parent/legal guardian to help set-up and break down anything under the Agriculture Barn used during the length of the Fair. The Mandatory Barn Set-Up Day will be **Saturday, March 4, 2017** and the Mandatory Barn Break Down will be **Sunday, March 19, 2017**. Each child will need to help with the corresponding area of their project or wherever the Barn Chair Committee or Club Leader specifies until released by their 4-H Club Leader or Barn Chair Committee. Any youth who does not participate in the Mandatory Set-Up or Break Down will not be allowed to participate in the show and auction the following year.

Rules Committee Representative or designee will keep an attendance record for all mandatory events and turn them into the 4-H Agent. If exhibitors are not present at the Mandatory Fair Set-Up without prior approval then they will be ineligible to participate in the show and auction. If the youth is not present at the Mandatory Fair Break Down without prior approval they forfeit the right to show or auction the following year and be assessed 10% of their auction check.

34. ANIMAL CARE: Animals while at the fair must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor, parent, legal guardian or club leader, ONLY. Each exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury to his/her animal until the end of the fair and must feed and water in agriculturally approved containers and maintain a clean area for the duration of the fair. An exhibitor may be found in violation of this rule.

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With the first offense, the member will be given a “verbal warning” along with a written warning that will be delivered to the parents/guardians). A second violation will result in the project and exhibitor being removed from the fairgrounds, except in the cases involving market animals. Market animals will stay on the premises and be run through at the end of the auction and the exhibitor will be charged 35% of the auction price and any other fees to cover expenditures.

The show animal shall have the same careful grooming at the auction as at the show with no adornments at any time from final weigh-in through load out. Project animals will be treated as market animals while at the fair, failure to comply will also result in a fine as deemed by the 4-H Agent or Rules Committee. No animals shall leave the fairgrounds before times scheduled by 4-H or the exhibitor will forfeit all premiums, fees paid and the right to further participation.

35. GROOMING: Only current Indian River County exhibitors, 4-H Club Leaders, parents/legal guardians of exhibitors or their immediate family will be allowed to help groom and work on the project while at the fair; exhibitor must be present, unless prior exceptions are made by 4-H Agent or Rules Committee.
36. OFFICIAL DRESS: Official 4-H dress shall be worn for all the shows and auction, which shall be set forth by the 4-H Agent. Failure to adhere to dress codes determined by the 4-H Agent will result in ineligibility to compete in the show or auction of your project.

Official 4-H dress:

- Black Pants.
- Plain White Long Sleeved Shirt
(no patterns, embroidery or shiny things)
- Green 4-H Vest.
- Black or Brown Belt
- Black or Brown Shoes (Boots, Show Boots, etc)
- Green Apron for Citrus, Poultry, Cavy and Rabbit

**** No Crowns or Sashes are allowed to be worn in the ring at show or sale time****

Clothing with provocative, racial and or sexual content (including, but not limited to, short shorts, bra straps showing, strapless shirts, spaghetti straps, or belly shirts) are not allowed to be worn by 4-H members while under the livestock barn or at 4-H meetings. Shorts must be at least fingertip length. Pants are to be worn above or at hip level. 4-H members wearing droopy pants that expose underwear will be sent home to change. Closed toed shoes are mandatory for anyone who is working with their animals. The official dress code will apply to all leaders, families, siblings and parents/legal guardians. *Ethical and moral standards are to be maintained at all times while representing the 4-H Program.*

37. AWARDS: The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champions Livestock may receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder will be done on the DANISH SYSTEM. All entrants will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their project, except Cloverbuds who are only eligible for participation ribbons at the 4-H Agents discretion.

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38. Other awards given will be as follows:

- I. HERDSMAN AWARD: There shall be an All-Around Herdsman Award
- II. STEER/SWINE: Showmanship, Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18). Highest Daily Weigh Gain. Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Books. All-Around Youth Exhibitor Overall, Best Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine. A carcass contest will be conducted following the fair and an award. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Steer/Swine.
- III. BEEF BREEDING: Showmanship, Class awards; Best Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13), Senior (14-18) Beef Breeding Record Books, and Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Bull/Heifer.
- IV. RABBITS/CAVIES: Showmanship, Best of Show & Reserve, Best of Breed & Reserve, Grand Champion Meat Pen & Reserve, Best of Opposite Sex (per breed shown) and the Best Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Book.
- V. HORTICULTURE: Danish System of Blue, Red, & White place Citrus Tree for each Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-14) & Senior (14-18) category. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion. Best Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Book. Judging for the remainder will be done on the DANISH SYSTEM.
- VI. GOATS: Showmanship; Junior (8- 10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Junior, Intermediate & Senior Record Book. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buck/Doe.
- VII. POULTRY: Showmanship; Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) & Senior (14-18). Record Book for Junior, Intermediate & Senior. Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion.

39. Procedure for selection of Showmanship and IRC Bred Steer/Swine is as follows:

- I. Showmanship competition shall be open to all junior, intermediate & senior participants.
- II. If neither the grand nor reserve grand champion steer/swine are Indian River County Bred, the highest placing Indian River County Bred steer/swine with a blue ribbon in each class will return to the ring for judging.

40. ORDER OF AUCTION: Order of auction for livestock will be as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Highest Placing Indian River County Bred Steer/Swine, 1st Place (Blue Ribbon) steer or swine from the next class following the Grand Champion's class, etc. with all blue ribbon animals auctioning first, then red and white. All animals consigned to auction will be considered sold if they receive a bid.

41. TERMINAL ANIMALS: All market animals are terminal and must leave the fairgrounds by transportation provided by 4-H and the animal processor. No market animal may leave by individual transportation since they are considered terminal and must be removed by the hauler designated by the 4-H Agent and/or Show & Auction Committee.

42. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in the Farm Bureau Ag Pavilion or parking lot at any time during the fair by ANYONE. This will be enforced by the Firefighters' Association, 4-H Agent, IRC Fire Fighters' Fair 4-H Show & Auction Advisory Committee and the Fair Security Team. **The usage or possession of any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will result in the loss of privilege to participate in the show and auction, loss of proceeds from the auction and suspension from 4-H for a specified time.** There will be absolutely no tolerance for any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs of any kind. Violations will be reported to the proper authorities. Indian River County and its properties are "No Smoking" zones.

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43. **JUDGES:** The judges have been contracted by UF/IFAS IRC 4-H to do their job to the best of their ability. The youth of the Indian River County 4-H have the opportunity for their project and record book to be judged by a professional in the industry. The judges' opinion will be respected and their decisions are final. No disagreements will be tolerated.
44. **CHAIN OF COMMAND:** For reporting rules infraction to the Rules Sub-Committee, there will be a chain of command as follows:
- I. Immediately following the incident, the reporting person will need to alert the Project Coordinator and Club Leader with verifiable details and possible witnesses.
 - II. The Club Leader will then contact the 4-H Agent and/or designee and the Rules Sub-Committee Representative on duty.
 - III. 4-H Agent and/or designee and the Rules Sub-Committee Representative on duty will determine the next set to be taken.
 - IV. If the infraction is serious enough, then a Review Board will be convened with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the Rules Sub-Committee, the 4-H agent and Extension Director.
45. **GRIEVANCES:** Any un-sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior, or disrespect (such as unethical or immoral activities, rudeness) resulting from any grievances involving an exhibitor or other person(s) will not be tolerated, and may result in being dismissed from the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair.
- Any alleged complaint involving infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct and the Show and Auction Rules, or the mistreatment of people, animals or horticulture shall be filed in writing. These infractions will be grounds for removal of exhibitors and their projects (unless project is a terminal market animal) if prior to auction. If the infraction is after the auction, the exhibitor may be removed, assessed 10%-35% of auction proceeds, and not allowed to exhibit the following year.
46. **INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR:** Any club leader, parent, legal guardian, family member and exhibitor who choose to participate in the 4-H Program will not personally violate the integrity of this program. This includes, but not limited to cussing, arguing, fighting, disagreeing with the judge, poor sportsmanship conduct and/or saying derogatory things about other parents, leaders, volunteers, or exhibitors. Any person who knowingly violates any of these rules and provisions may forfeits all rights, privileges, premiums and auction money offered to the exhibitor and will be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately.
47. **OWNERSHIP:** The exhibitor must own the steer, swine, poultry, and horticulture projects. Exhibitors may lease goat, rabbit, cavy, or breedstock projects; no one other than the exhibitor can profit from his or her project. No individual who helps an exhibitor financially with their project shall receive reimbursement (payment) more than the actual expenses incurred.
48. **RULES COMMITTEE:** The Rules Committee has the authority to enforce the rules and assess penalties and fines. A Rules Committee Member or Representative will be present at all mandatory events (1st Rules meeting, progress check, and fair set-up and break down days, 2nd Rules meeting first day of the fair), the first and final weigh-ins, and the duration of the fair. All violations must be reported to the club leader and/or project coordinator first and then to the Rules Committee Representative for a ruling on how to proceed.

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49. APPEALS: Appeals to the Rules Committee's decision on a given infraction must be filed with the 4-H Agent in writing, along with \$50.00 cash processing fee, within 36 hours of notification of Rules Committee's decision; appeals will be heard within 24 hours after receipt of written grievance on business days only. The defendant involved in the infraction may have one (1) representative with them at the Appeal Hearing to assist with the appeal. All protests must be in writing, stating clearly the complaint, and be accompanied by a processing fee of \$50.00 (cash), which shall be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
50. **At any mandatory 4-H event the exhibitor will need to check-in with the Rules Committee Representative or designee before the event starts.**
51. GRIEVANCES: At times, grievances from 4-H exhibitors can be brought to the Rules Sub-Committee in regard to a specific violation. All grievances must be in writing, stating clearly the complaint, and be accompanied by a processing fee of \$50.00 (cash), which shall be forfeited if it is not sustained.
52. The IRC 4-H Program is the sole responsibility of UF/IFAS IRC Extension. **The Extension Director, 4-H Agent and/or representatives have the final decision with regard to the 4-H Program and its affiliated activities. Failure to abide by these rules can result in the loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof.**

Have a safe and super 4-H year!!

Christine Kelly-Begazo
Extension Director/Agriculture Agent

Darren Cole
4-H & Youth Development Agent

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MARKET STEER RULES 2016 - 2017

WEIGH-IN

1. **RULES:** General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show and auction. 4-H Show Attire is required for Grooming Competition.
2. **STEER OWNERSHIP:** All exhibitors will have their steers no later than ten (10) days prior to the first weigh-in, which is on **Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016**. A bill of sale to prove ownership, completed and signed entry form, IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and a color photo of the steer must be delivered at the time of the first weigh-in on: **Tuesday, September 13, 2016**.
3. **CASTRATION & DE-HORNING:** All steers must be castrated prior to arriving at the first weigh-in. De-horned steers must be healed by final weigh-in. Insurance regulations prohibit any de-horning, castration, worming, implanting and etc., at 4-H functions related to the show and auction. Horns that are two (2) inches or longer will be rejected.
4. **MANDATORY WEIGH-INS:** All steers must be weighed at the official weigh-in on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016, between 5:30 – 6:30 PM** and that is the weight at which they will start. Steers must weigh at least 550 pounds first and only time across the scales, with no allowance for shrinkage. No exceptions.
5. **AVERAGE DAILY WEIGHT GAIN:** Steers must average gaining at least two (2) pounds per day between the first weigh-in and the final weigh-in date, **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**. There will be no allowances for shrinkage. At the final weigh-in, steers will be allowed on the scales one time only. No exceptions. Steers weighing more than 1,275 pounds will be sold as 1,275. All steers final auction weight will have a 3% shrinkage calculated into the weight to allow for weight loss during the fair and transportation for slaughter.
6. Exhibitors are required to contact three (3) potential buyers; copies of letters to buyers are due to the 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters will not be eligible for the steer show. All Buyers Letters need to follow the guidelines under the General Rules.

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7. **STEER AGE:** All steers will be no more than 24 months of age at the time of the show and auction. Steers may be mouthed for age by a certified veterinarian.
8. **STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Steers will be given a stall assignment after weigh-in and cannot be moved to other areas unless approved by the project coordinator. Any deviation of such will be consider a violation of the Rules.
9. **NECK ROPES:** All steers will have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the fair. The neck and lead rope shall no longer than 18” inches from knot to animal at any time while they are tied. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine for first time violators; second time will be asked to remove the project from grounds. This is to keep animals from injuring animals next to them or getting tangled in their ropes and

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their neighbor's ropes due to not being tied properly. No one will touch or move another person's animal without the prior permission of the owner or the project coordinators' approval.

10. BEDDING: All animals will be bedded on material provided by 4-H. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the duration of the Fair.
11. GROOMING SHOW: Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) exhibitors are to groom their steer for the show. Parents, legal guardians, 4-H Club Leaders, or immediate family members CANNOT help intermediate or senior exhibitors. **Junior exhibitors (8-10) may have one parent help groom their animal for the show;** however, the exhibitor must be present at all times. On show night, the steer project area will be closed at 5:30 PM to everyone **except exhibitors and one (1) junior exhibitor parent.**
12. SHOW YOUR OWN: The exhibitor has to use his or her own project animal for all competitions.
13. AUCTION: If your animal receives a bid during the auction, it will be considered sold. NO EXCEPTIONS.
14. All members must have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM in order to show an animal at the Indian River County Fire Fighters' Fair 4-H Show and Auction.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member NOT in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
- VII. Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program.

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MARKET SWINE RULES 2016 - 2017

WEIGH-IN

1. RULES: General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. SWINE OWNERSHIP: All exhibitors will have their own swine by **Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016**. A bill of sale to prove ownership, completed and signed entry form, IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and two color photos (of the standing pig's left and right side profile with exhibitor pictured) must be delivered by the conclusion of the first weigh-in on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016**.
3. CASTRATION: Entries may show either a gilt or barrow. Male pigs must be castrated before the first weigh-in.
4. MANDATORY WEIGH-INS: All pigs must be weighed and ear tagged at the official weigh-in on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016** between 8:00 – 11:00 AM, with all pigs being on the fairgrounds property by 11:00 AM. It is recommended that the pigs weigh at least 50 pounds but it is not mandatory. They will have one time across the scales and that is the weight at which they will start. A bill of sale with name, address and telephone number of seller, (subject to verification to prove ownership) and a completed and signed entry form, IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and two color photos (of the standing pig's left and right side profile with exhibitors pictured) must be turned at the official weigh-in. Only one (1) animal per entry form. Incorrect forms will be disqualified.
5. FINAL WEIGH-IN: At the final weigh-in, all hogs must weigh at least 220 pounds and maximum of 300 pounds on the first day of the fair, **Friday, March 10, 2017**. **Any hog weighing less than 220 pounds or more than 300 pounds will be disqualified.** The animal will only have one opportunity to cross the scales – **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
6. Exhibitors are required to contact three (3) potential buyers; copies of letters to buyers are due to the 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters will not be eligible for the market show or auction. All Buyers Letters need to follow the guidelines under the General Rules.

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7. BEDDING: All animals shall be bedded on whatever 4-H provides. Each exhibitor must furnish feed in an agriculturally approved container throughout the fair.
8. SHOW YOUR OWN: The exhibitor has to use his or her own project animal for all competitions.
9. FEED TIMES: Feeding time is between 4:00pm and 6:00pm and there is no feeding during show times.

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AUCTION

10. AUCTION: If your animal receives a bid during the auction, it will be considered sold.
NO EXCEPTIONS.
11. No Feeding on Sale Night. Feed in the morning, Feed Bowls must be out by 12:00pm Noon on Sale Night. No feeding during shows.
12. All members must have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM in order to show an animal at the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show & Auction.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member NOT in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
- VII. Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program.

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BEEF BREEDING RULES 2016 - 2017

1. **RULES:** General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show. 4-H Show attire is required.
2. **ENTRY FORMS & FEES:** A completed and signed entry form IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and color photo must be submitted to the 4-H Office by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time. **The entry fee for beef breeding is \$25.00 per animal.**
3. **OWNERSHIP:** Each exhibitor will own, or have a signed lease agreement for their animal by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**, and have full responsibility of feeding, breaking and the general all-around care and exercise of their animal(s).
4. **AGE AND ID:** Registered and unregistered stocks are eligible to compete. All animals must have I.D. as follows: Registered animals per association requirements, unregistered animals by brand or tattoo, or metal Premises tag (the state does not accept plastic ear tags). Bulls over 9 months of age must have a nose ring.
5. **AGE (cont.):** Registered and unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age. All cows from classes 11, 12 & 13 must be bred or with calf to be eligible to show. Cows 2 years and older will have blood drawn at Progress Check on Saturday, February 18, 2017, to verify pregnancy. If the cow has calf by side, calf must be 7 months or younger. Cows have to be bred by January 15th, 2017. Bulls over 2 years of age cannot be shown. Bulls 9 months or older **MUST** have Nose Ring.
6. **LIMITATIONS:** No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in same class.
7. **SHOWING:** Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he or she has two or more in the same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow 4-H member – in good standing - to exhibit his or her additional animals approved by the Rules Committee Chair and the 4-H Agent. To participate in the show, each exhibitor must turn in a 4-H project record book prior to show date.
8. **DIVISION CHAMPION:** Only blue ribbon animals will be called in for division champions. Each exhibitor will show only his or her animal for showmanship competition.
9. **NECK ROPES:** All beef breed stock will have a neck rope on at all times while tied at the fair. The neck and lead rope shall no longer than 18" inches from knot to animal at any time while they are tied. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine for first time violators; second time will be asked to remove the project from grounds and will forfeit the right to premium monies. This is to keep animals from injuring animals next to them or getting tangled in their ropes and their neighbor's ropes due to not being tied properly. No one will touch or move another person's animal without the prior permission of the owner or the species superintendent's approval.

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10. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on sand or material provided by 4-H. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay and feed in agriculturally approved containers throughout the fair.
11. **HEALTH:** All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State regulations.
TUBERCULOSIS: Beef breeding animals do not fall under these guidelines.
12. **PREMIUMS:** Premiums will be paid. Amount to be determined after show and auction when all expenditures for this activity have been paid. Each exhibitor will write thank you letters to sponsors and turn them into their club leader for check off per the same rules as the General Rules before he or she receives their check.
13. **PERFORMANCE RECORDS:** Any exhibitor having performance records available at the time of show on cattle he or she owns, from a recognized testing program will receive an additional \$5.00 premium money.
14. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for breedstock will be on Tuesday, March 14th or upon the arrival of the market steer projects. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission from the 4-H Agent, Barn Chair or appropriate representative will forfeit premium money.
15. **CLASSES:** See current class rules in the appendix.
16. All members must have attended the **MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS & ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM** in order to show an animal at the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show and Auction.
17. **STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Once you have been assigned to a stall, **ONLY** the Species Coordinator can move the stall assignment.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member **NOT** in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
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Beef Breeding Classes

| HEIFER CLASS # | DESCRIPTION | AGE | BULL CLASS # |
|----------------|--|---------------------|--------------|
| 1 | JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL CALF | 11/1/16 TO 2/28/117 | 24 |
| 2 | EARLY JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL | 9/1/16 TO 10/31/16 | 25 |
| 3 | LATE JUNIOR HEIFER/BULL | 7/1/16 TO 8/31/16 | 26 |
| 4 | DIVISION I CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 27 |
| 5 | DIVISION RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 28 |
| 6 | SENIOR HEIFER/BULL | 5/1/16 TP 6/30/16 | 29 |
| 7 | APRIL JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 4/1/16 TP 4/30/16 | 30 |
| 8 | MARCH JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 3/1/16 TO 3/31/16 | 31 |
| 9 | DIVISION II CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 32 |
| 10 | DIVISION II RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 33 |
| 11 | JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 1/1/16 TO 2/29/16 | 34 |
| 12 | LATE YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 11/1/15 TO 12/31/15 | 35 |
| 13 | DIVISION III CHAMPION HEIFER/BLL | | 36 |
| 14 | DIVISION III RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 37 |
| 15 | FALL YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 9/1/15 TO 10/31/15 | 38 |
| 16 | SUMMER SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 7/1/15 TO 8/31/15 | 39 |
| 17 | DIVISION IV CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 40 |
| 18 | DIVISION IV RESERVE CHAMPION HEIFER/BULL | | 41 |
| 19 | SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER/BULL | 5/1/15 TO 6/30/15 | 42 |
| 20 * | SPRING YEARLING HEIFER FEMALE/BULL | 3/1/15 TO 4/30/15 | 43 |
| 21 * | EARLY SENIOR YEARLING FEMALE | 1/1/15 TO 2/28/15 | |
| 22 ** | LATE SENIOR FEMALE | 12/1/14 TO 1/31/14 | |
| 23 ** | EARLY SENIOR FEMALE | 12/1/13 TO 1/31/13 | |
| 24 ** | AGED COWS | 12/1/12 TO 1/31/12 | |
| 25 | DIVISION V CHAMPION | | 44 |
| 26 | DIVISION V RESERVE CHAMPION | | 45 |
| 27 | GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE/BULL | | 46 |
| 28 | RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE/BULL | | 47 |

***CLASSES 20 THRU 24 HAVE TO BE BRED OR HAVE CALF AT SIDE**

**** BRAHMAN CATTLE MUST BE BREED**

***** Bulls 9 months or older MUST have Nose Ring.**

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RABBIT & CAVY RULES

2016 - 2017

1. **RULES:** General Rules apply and must be followed to qualify for show.
2. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All rabbits and cavies must be a purebred recognized breed and variety as found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. All rabbits and cavies must be 8 weeks or older and have permanent identification in their left ear. Decisions of qualification will be made by the Rabbit & Cavy Project Coordinator, 4-H Agent or assigned representative.
3. **DEADLINES:** Each exhibitor must be registered to show a rabbit or cavy project by the Mandatory Exhibitors' Meeting on **Wednesday, October 12th, 2016**. Individual completed and signed rabbit/cavy entry forms, IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and a color photo of the project animal must be turned in by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**. Additional rabbit/cavy entries may not be added or substituted after this date.
4. **ENTRIES:** All entries must be made on an official entry form that will be provided prior to the entry deadline. Incorrect forms will be disqualified. Entry deadline is by end of Swine Weigh-in on **Saturday, December 3, 2016**.
5. **HEALTH:** There will be NO medicating of rabbits or cavies during the fair. All animals must be in good health; decisions of health will be determined by a veterinarian, if available, the 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Project Coordinator, 4-H Agent or assigned representative. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the animal(s) must be removed from the barn.
6. **SHOW RULES:** Show judging and the rules of the show will be as per ARBA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per 4-H Code of Conduct and Livestock Show & Auction Rules. ARBA Rules are available at the Extension Office, or on-line at: https://www.arba.net/PDFs/show_rules.pdf.
7. **AWARDS:** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion, Showmanship, Best of Breed & Best Opposite Sex (per breed shown) and best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record Book for rabbits and cavies will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be done on the Danish System. All entrants (*except Cloverbuds, see #8 below*) will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their projects.
8. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 by Sep. 1, 2016. They are not judged, but may be given participation ribbons at the 4-H Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their animal.
9. Early removal of animals before assigned time is not permitted.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member NOT in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
- VII. Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program.

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MARKET RABBITS MEAT PEN & SINGLE FRYER

1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All Meat pens consist of three ARBA recognized “commercial type” breed and variety rabbits as close to identical in appearance as possible. They must be the same breed and variety, 70 days old or younger and weigh no less than 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds each.

A Single Fryer is an individual ARBA recognized “commercial type” breed and variety. They must be 70 days old or younger and weigh no less than 3 ½ pounds and no more than 5 ½ pounds.

2. **OWNERSHIP DEADLINES:** All exhibitors must possess, in Indian River County, their “commercial-type” doe(s) for meat pen/single fryer breeding no later than **Friday, Nov. 10, 2016**. A pedigree showing at least two generations lineage or a bill of sale with name, address and telephone number of seller, (subject to verification to prove ownership) and a completed and signed entry form, IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee and color photo of the doe(s) must be turned into the 4-H Extension Office by **Thursday, November 10, 2016, before 4:30 PM**. *Exhibitor can list up to three (3) breeding does per entry form for meat pen or single fryer.* Exhibitors are allowed only one (1) meat pen and one (1) single fryer project. Incorrect forms will be disqualified.
3. **BREEDING:** The doe(s) shall be bred no more than 100 days before the show. **Saturday, December 3, 2016** is the earliest possible breed date. **The meat pen doe(s) must be bred and the resulting kits raised by the youth exhibitor. Youth exhibitors may not purchase their meat pen kits nor purchase their breeding doe already bred.** The Rabbit & Cavy Project Coordinator and 4-H Agent shall be notified of breeding date. The Rabbit & Cavy Project Coordinator and 4-H Agent shall also be notified of kindling date of the litter.
4. **BUYERS LETTERS:** Exhibitors are required to contact three (3) potential buyers; copies of letters to buyers are due to the 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters will not be eligible for the meat pen/single fryer show. All Buyers Letters need to follow the guidelines under the General Rules.
5. **MANDATORY WEIGH-IN:** All meat pen and single fryer rabbits must be weighed and final selections made at the final weigh-in. Each rabbit will be weighed on this day and given an ear tattoo number by the Rabbit & Cavy Project Coordinator. Final weigh-in for all market rabbits will be **Friday, March 10, 2017**. If any animal in the meat pen is unhealthy, dies, is under-weight, over-weight or over-age, then the entire pen will be disqualified.
6. **SHOW RULES:** Show judging and the rules of the show will be as per ARBA Rules. All rules of conduct will be as per 4-H Code of Conduct and Fair Show & Auction Rules
7. **AWARDS:** Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen, Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer and best Junior, Intermediate and Senior Record Book will receive ribbons and awards. Judging for the remainder projects will be done on the Danish System. All entrants will receive blue, red or white ribbons for their projects.
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pens and Single Fryers will be eligible for live auction, **unless** you also have other large livestock projects; other large livestock will take precedent over a meat pen, single fryer, horticulture or poultry and **ONLY** one project can be entered into the live auction. Meat Pen will take precedent over Single Fryer. All other market rabbits will be sold by silent auction.

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9. Market rabbit projects are open **only** to Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) members.
10. NOTICE: **Only** wire cages or approved pet carriers shall be used to transport rabbits and cavies. Animals transported in cardboard boxes, plastic bins or similar will not be accepted.
11. All members must have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM in order to show an animal at the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show and Auction.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member NOT in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
- VII. Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program.

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HORTICULTURE RULES 2016 - 2017

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1. RULES: General Rules apply, must be followed to qualify for show.
 2. ENTRY: Entries may be exhibited in the horticulture division, provided a record book of that project is turned in as per the General Rules regarding Record Books. A completed and signed entry form and IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee will be turned in by end of project pickup on **Sunday, September 11, 2016**.
 3. PLANT CHECK/SCREENING: Plants may be grown at home or personally cared for in the school nursery. Entries will be subject to a spot check by the Horticulture Committee. This committee has the right to reject entries of inferior qualities or diseased plants. If any doubt exists as to whether an exhibitor has cared for his or her plant, the committee has the right to question the exhibitor about his or her knowledge of growing the plants entered.
 4. PLANT TAGS, LABELS & POTS: The original tags that are provided for, or on the plant at the time of purchase by the exhibitor, both Green IRC 4-H and White Tags need to remain on the plant at all times. Any removal will result in disqualifications from the show and lose all rights to auction the plant during the live or silent auction. Plants must be shown and kept in the 7-gallon pot that was received at the time of ownership from the Extension Office.
 5. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 by Sept. 1, 2016. They are not judged, but maybe given participation ribbons at the 4-H Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

CITRUS TREE (containerized)

6. RULES: General Rules apply, must be followed to be allowed to show.
7. SHOW: This show is organized solely for the purpose of recognizing the participant's skills in growing horticulture and rewarding youth by providing a horticulture silent auction. Any tree deemed to have inferior qualities, diseased, or seemed to not have been cared for properly will be refused by the Horticulture Superintendent, Representative or Rules Committee Member and will not be allowed to be shown. The 4-H member, or their representative, will be asked to remove the project immediately.
8. GRADING: Entries in the competition will be judged according to Florida Department of Agriculture Grades and Standards. All trees must be judged Florida #3 or better to be exhibited. **Trees will be judged and sold as landscape plants at silent auction.** The trees will be judged by a professional in the citrus industry during the show and all awards are based on the Danish System of blue, red or white ribbons (*except Cloverbuds, see #5 above*).
9. LETTERS: Exhibitors are required to contact three (3) potential buyers. Copies of letters to buyers are due to the Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters WILL NOT be included in the Citrus Tree Silent Auction. All Buyers Letters need to follow the guidelines under the General Rules.
10. PICK-UP: After the conclusion of the silent auction, winners will be notified by the project coordinators or designee. Winners will pay for their citrus tree at the auction table then they can pick up their citrus tree and should be taken home that night. An assessment fee to help offset the costs of putting on the show and auction, to be determined by the Show and Auction Committee, will be assessed to every participant.

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No exhibitors, parents or leaders will be able to accept payment in any form (for the auction of the project). All payments need to be turned in and processed through the Show and Auction Committee Treasurer. Thank you letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules.

11. All members must have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH CITRUS TREE WORKSHOP in order to show at the Indian River County 4-H Fair Show and Auction.

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
- V. Loss of privileges, ribbons, premiums, auction price, and/or a percentage thereof
- VI. Subsequent 4-H year as a 4-H member NOT in good standing and loss of privilege to show in the following year
- VII. Complete dismissal from the IRC 4-H program.

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POULTRY RULES 2016 - 2017

1. GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
2. All entries must be made on official entry forms provided. A completed and signed entry form and IRC Fair Show & Auction entry fee is due by end of chick pickup on **Sunday, September 11, 2016.**
 - i. On Registration Forms, each animal (unless a meat pen, or set of laying hens) must be listed individually. Incorrect forms may be disqualified. There should only be one animal listed on each entry form.
 - ii. Entry Forms will be turned in at the date of chick purchase. For identification purposes, a color photo of the poultry project must be turned in at Vet Check, **February 18, 2017.**
3. All poultry exhibitors are subject to the GENERAL RULES of the Indian River County 4-H Fair Show and Auction. No exceptions.
4. Poultry are sold via a silent auction. Only Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H'ers are allowed to auction their poultry project during a silent auction. Participants will be expected to attend the fair to help promote and auction their project via the Silent Auction.
5. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 by Sept. 1, 2016. They are not judged, but may be given participation ribbons at the 4-H Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project. These chickens will go home with the Cloverbuds.
6. LETTERS: Exhibitors are required to contact three (3) potential buyers; copies of letters to buyers are due to the 4-H Club Leader. Exhibitors not submitting their letters will not be included in the Poultry Silent Auction. Letters will follow the Buyers Letter Division in General Rules Section. A thank you letter to the buyer must be written to the buyer of the project.
7. The show will include exhibitors' ages 5 – 18 years of age. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for their birds at all times.
8. All entries must be properly leg-banded and numbers correctly recorded before cage assignments are made (leg bands will be distributed on **Friday, March 10th** when chickens are brought to the fair).
9. All projects must check-in and coop their own birds with assistance of 4-H club leader, poultry superintendent or assigned representative. No drop offs will be allowed.
10. ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR: Health regulations will be enforced according to Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled Admission of Animals for Exhibition. **All birds must be transported in a cage or pet carrier. Cardboard boxes are not allowed.** The exhibitor – not the parent – must cage all of his or her birds. No sick or diseased birds or any bird showing evidence of parasites will be allowed in the show. The state inspector from FDACS will test all birds upon arrival before placing in exhibit show pens for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean. Poultry presented at any other time will not be accepted. The poultry check-in time will be announced closer to Fair.

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11. FLOCK CERTIFICATION: The state inspector from FDACS will test all of your birds upon arrival for Avian Flu and Pullorum Antibody Clean (NPIP). To have your flock certified before entry to the entry deadline, call Jennifer Jennings-Glover at (850) 878-0344 for further information.
 - I. Judging will be scheduled. Exhibitors are permitted and encouraged (but not required) to be present during judging.
 - II. Check-In will be during Friday, **March 10, 2016**, the exact check-in time will be announced prior to Fair. We suggest you dust your birds for mites with 5% Sevin Dust labeled specifically for poultry prior to check-in day.
12. Show only best producing birds. The Poultry Superintendent may decline any entries he or she feels should not be shown. Birds will not be accepted unless they are in healthy condition.
13. There will be NO medicating of birds. If illness appears during the course of the fair, the birds must be removed from the barn.
14. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the loss of ribbons or premiums.
15. All birds removed from the grounds must be accompanied by a release from the Poultry Coordinator.
16. Early removal of animals before assigned time will result in loss of ribbons, premiums and future show privileges.
17. No instances of un-sportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. It will result in the loss of premiums and awards.
18. All members must have attended the MANDATORY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS AND ANIMAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM in order to show at the Indian River County Fair 4-H Show and Auction.
19. AUCTION: Any poultry is to be sold will be done via silent auction. Only Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors are allowed to sell. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to participate in the silent auction
20. DELIVERY: After the conclusion of the silent auction, the winners will be notified by the project coordinator or designee. Winners will pay for their chickens at the auction table. The winners can pick up their chickens and should take them home that night. An assessment to help offset the cost of the show and auction, determined by the Show and Auction Committee, will be imposed. Thank you letters to the buyers must be completed and mailed in accordance with the General Rules. No exhibitors, parents or leaders are allowed to accept any payments in any form (for the auction of the project). All payments need to be turned into and processed through the Show and Auction Committee's Treasure.
21. NOTICE: You will not be able to use cardboard boxes for transporting poultry to and from the fair. Use only wire cages or approved pet carriers.
22. During the fair the exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering their birds daily in secured agriculturally appropriate hanging containers.

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23. Judging will be on a modified Danish System. Cloverbuds (5 – 7 years of age) will not be judged, but will receive participation ribbons at the 4-H Agent's discretion.
24. RECORD BOOKS: All exhibitors are required to enter a poultry record book for competition. Record books must be submitted to the club leader before 6:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 2017. Club Leaders will determine by what time on Friday they will collect the up-to-date record book from their club members. Record books fall under the guidelines in the General Rules.
25. YOUTH POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP: Poultry must be entered in the Indian River County 4-H Youth Fair Show and Auction and be owned by the exhibitor. Exhibitor will be judged on a point scale based on handling, knowledge and appearance.
 - I. AGES: 8 – 10 (Junior), 11 – 13 (Intermediate), 14 – 18 (Senior) (4-H age on Sept. 1, 2016)
 - II. Premiums will be awarded in each age group, except Cloverbuds.
26. LOCKS: All exhibitors are required to provide their own locks as well as an extra key, which should be given to the project coordinator the first day of fair. **Exhibitors that do not provide a lock and/or an extra key, will be required to rent a lock for \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the duration of the fair.**

Failure to abide by these rules can result in:

- I. Verbal warning from Show & Auction authorized representative (4-H Leaders, Project Coordinators, Extension faculty (agents and staff, Rules Sub-Committee Members, Show and Auction volunteers, etc.)
- II. Verbal and written warning from Show & Auction authorized representative
- III. Assessed fines varying from \$25 and/or 10-35% of auction price
- IV. Removal of exhibitor and project (if not market animal) from the barn
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BOER GOAT RULES 2016 - 2017

1. All goats must be Boer Goat, or be 75 percent with Boer Goat characteristics according to the American Boer Goat Association.
2. GENERAL RULES APPLY, MUST BE FOLLOWED TO QUALIFY FOR SHOW.
3. ENTRY FORM: A completed and signed entry form IRC Fair Show & Auction, proof of ownership, entry fee and color photo must be submitted to the 4-H Office by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**. If the exhibitor does not own their animal, a copy of their signed lease agreement must also be turned in at this time (**Dec. 3, 2016**). All Entry Forms and Lease Agreements must be turned in with a color photo of the entire animal.
4. All entries must be made on official entry forms that are furnished by the 4-H Office. Entry deadline is by end of Swine Weigh-in on Saturday, **December 3, 2016**.
 - I. On Entry Forms, each animal must be listed individually. Incorrect forms will be disqualified. There should only be one animal listed on each entry form.
 - II. If your goat is pregnant or has a chance of becoming pregnant you will need to fill out an additional form for the kid(s).
5. GOAT OWNERSHIP: A bill of sale to prove ownership or a lease agreement accompanied with a signed entry form and color photo (see above) must be turned into the 4-H Office by **Saturday, December 3, 2016**.
6. AGE OF ANIMAL: Registered and Unregistered animals will be shown together in their respective classes according to age.
7. HEALTH: All entries must be accompanied by an official veterinarian health certificate listing permanent identifications and any test required for each individual animal per State Regulations.
8. LIMITATIONS: No exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit more than five (5) animals in the show, with no more than two (2) head in the same class.
9. No billy goats (uncastrated males) are allowed to be shown, unless 12 months or younger.
10. SHOWING: Each exhibitor will show his or her own animal except when he or she has two or more in the same age class, or has more than one animal showing for division champions. An exhibitor may select a fellow 4-H member – in good standing - to exhibit his or her additional animals approved by the Rules Committee Chair and the 4-H Agent. To participate in the show, a 4-H project record book must be submitted to the club leader before 6:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 2017. Club Leaders will determine by what time on Friday they will collect the up-to-date record book from their club members. Record books fall under the guidelines in the General Rules Ages: 8 – 10 (Junior), 11 – 13 (Intermediate) and 14 – 18 (Senior). Cloverbuds (5 – 7 years of age) will not be judged, but will receive participation ribbons at the 4-H Agents discretion with a right to disallow if the youth's goat seems unmanageable.

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11. **BEDDING:** All animals will be bedded on material provided by 4-H, **no exceptions**. Each exhibitor must furnish his or her own hay, feed and water throughout the fair in a secured agriculturally approved container. If you would like to keep your animal(s) isolated, you will need to provide your own items to do so without compromising the structure of the pen that 4-H provided. These isolation units may not go above the heights of the fence or extend into the alleyway between pens.
12. **PREMIUMS:** Premiums will be paid. Amount to be determined after show and auction when all expenditures for this activity have been paid. Each exhibitor will write thank you letters to sponsors and turn them into their club leader for check off per the same rules as the General Rules before he or she receives their check.
13. **RELEASE TIME:** Release time for goats will be at 12 AM on Sunday, March 19th. Any animal or animals removed before this time without permission will forfeit premium money and not be able to show the following year.
14. Cloverbuds are youth between the ages of 5 – 7 by Sept. 1, 2016. They are not judged, but may be given participation ribbons at the 4-H Agent's discretion and are not eligible to auction their project.

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Goat Classes

| Class Number | Class Name | Age of Goat |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Junior Doe | 0 to under 3 months |
| 2 | Junior Doe | 3 to under 6 months |
| 3 | Junior Doe | 6 to under 9 months |
| 4 | Junior Doe | 9 to under 12 months |
| 5 | Junior Champion Doe | |
| 6 | Junior Reserve Champion Doe | |
| 7 | Yearling Doe | 12 to under 16 months |
| 8 | Yearling Doe | 16 to under 20 months |
| 9 | Yearling Doe | 20 to under 24 months |
| 10 | Yearling Doe Champion | |
| 11 | Yearling Doe Reserve Champion | |
| 12 | Senior Doe | 24 to under 36 months |
| 13 | Senior Doe | 36 months and over |
| 14 | Senior Doe Champion | |
| 15 | Senior Doe Reserve Champion | |
| 16 | Grand Champion Doe | |
| 17 | Reserve Grand Champion Doe | |
| 18 | Junior Buck | 0 to under 3 months |
| 19 | Junior Buck | 3 to under 6 months |
| 20 | Junior Champion Buck | |
| 21 | Reserve Champion Buck | |
| 22 | Yearling Buck | 6 to under 9 months |
| 23 | Yearling Buck | 9 to under 12 months |
| 24 | Yearling Buck Champion | |
| 25 | Reserve Buck Champion | |
| 26 | Grand Champion Buck | |
| 27 | Reserve Grand Champion Buck | |

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RECEIPT OF RULE BOOK & COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

I _____ believe that my participation in the 4-H Program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and the life skills I have gained as a caretaker of agriculture. I will do my own work and accept only advice and support from others.

I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and/or showing of my animal(s) or horticulture projects. **I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices.** I also will not allow my parents, my supervisor or any other person to employ such practices either.

I agree that I own my project, and no other person will receive monetary gain from the auction of my animal or horticultural project. With the penalty being my suspension from further participation in 4-H; and the individual or business receiving said money could be subject to punitive measures.

I have read and understand the rules of the Fire Fighters' Fair 4-H Show and Auction Program, in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and family not break the rules or ask for exceptions on my behalf, knowing the full consequences as stated in the rules. I wish for my project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer (good and bad), lessons learned and how to live with the outcome. **I understand that this is a learning experience and not a way for me to financially profit by.**

I realize that I am responsible for following the rules set before me by the 4-H Fair Show and Auction Program and agree that I and my family will follow and abide by them understanding that violations will be a detriment to my success.

LEADER NAME

CLUB

EXHIBITOR NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

EXHIBITOR PARENT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

This form must be turned into the 4-H agent or designee on the night of the 1st Mandatory meeting of **October 12, 2016.**