MANATEE COUNTY FAIR 2016
Poultry

FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR: Jim Parks
AREA SUPERINTENDENT: Sue McGonegal

SCHEDULE

Registration Packets for this area can be obtained on the fair web-site at Manateecountyfair.com. All registrations must be completed at your 4-H or FFA Meetings with your leader. All registrations must be thoroughly completed and brought to the Super Check-In on October 10, 2015 at the Manatee County Fairgrounds. The Super Check-In will begin at 9 AM and close at 3 PM. Please remember to have every item on the registration complete. Failure to complete the registration will result in disqualification.

*Each bird must be present at Registration*, to ascertain whether the bird is a purebred, or commercial variety.

Registration: Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9AM-3 PM –Fairgrounds
Poultry Check-In: Monday, January 18, 2016 @ 2-7 pm - Powell Bldg.
Poultry Judging: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 6 PM – Cook Arena
Poultry Showmanship, Friday, January 22, 2016 @ 5 PM - Cook Arena
Poultry Auction, Saturday, January 23, 2016 in Cook Arena
Awards Presentation: Saturday, January 23, 2016 @ 7pm –Mosaic Arena
Poultry Out: Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 6 PM – Powell Bldg.
POULTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All general livestock rules apply to this specific area.

2. The Poultry Show is open to bona fide 4-H and FFA members as outlined in the general livestock rules. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

3. **Application Registration: All applications must be complete.** No chicks under 3 months of age at time of application. Exception: Meat Pen entry - Poultry

4. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor, or have been in foster care of the exhibitor for at least 90 days prior to day of showing, proven by certificate showing Proof of Ownership, or Proof of Foster Care by Exhibitor affidavit, with appropriate signatures releasing the care of the animal and continuing supervision for the duration of project by both owner of animal and 4-H/FFA Club leader.

5. Each exhibitor will be limited to a maximum of eight (8) poultry entries per person, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. One entry is one cock, one cockerel, one hen, one pullet or one meat pen (3 fowl of same breed and variety) of any breed. However, if after registration, it is determined that there is not enough space, the maximum number of birds that each exhibitor can show may be reduced.

5A. Manatee County Fair 2016 will introduce the sale of Meat Pens in conjunction with exhibitors who also raise and sell steer or swine projects. If any exhibitor wishes to sell a steer or swine, they may also sell ONE meat pen of EITHER poultry or rabbits. If any exhibitor does not have a steer or swine to raise and sell, they may sell ONE meat pen of BOTH poultry and rabbits. Each exhibitor must write a minimum of three (3) letters to prospective buyers for each meat pen intended for sale. Copies of these must be turned in with your record book at the final check-in.

6. All poultry (including Meat Pens) will be accepted at the Fair on Monday, January 18, 2016 between 2 – 7 PM and must not be removed before 6 pm on January 24, 2016. Hens with chicks will NOT be accepted.
7. Any individual poultry or meat pen that is obviously a cross-breed which does not conform to a breed standard will not be accepted.

8. AT CHECK-IN, AND DURING FAIR, ANY ANIMAL FOUND TO BE ILL, DISEASED OR INSECT INFESTED WILL BE REMOVED AND SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY.

9. Judging will be done by the Danish System. Trophies will be presented for each of the following: Best in Show - Standard, Best Opposite Sex - Standard, Best of Show – Bantam and Best Opposite Sex – Bantam. Trophies will be presented for 1st Place in Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitor – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. Rosettes will be presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for Showmanship for each age division of the Exhibitors – for Senior, Intermediate and Juniors. A trophy will be presented for the Best Meat Pen.

10. The following classes will apply to the Poultry Show:
    CLASS 1 - Cock (Single)
    CLASS 2 - Cockerel (Single)
    CLASS 3 - Hen (Single)
    CLASS 4 - Pullet (Single)

11. The following description will apply for all classes:
    Cock - a male bird over 12 months of age.
    Cockerel - a male bird less than 12 months of age.
    Hen - a female bird over 12 months of age.
    Pullet - a female bird less than 12 months of age.

12. Poultry Showmanship is not mandatory. At Poultry Check-In, a sign-up sheet will be available to reserve your approximate time to make your Showmanship presentation.

13. Poultry Showmanship will be shown in the following classes: (Age of Exhibitor on September 1, 2015) Senior – 14 yrs +, Intermediate – 11-13 yrs and Junior – 8-10 yrs. Trophies will be presented for the 1st Place winner of each class, with rosettes being presented to 2nd and 3rd place winners for each age division of Exhibitors (Seniors, Intermediates & Juniors)

14. All 4-H and FFA member's Project Books must be up-to-date and presented at the time entries are checked-in at the Fair in order to qualify and any time upon request. Each exhibitor must attend the mandatory Registration with their
completed registration forms on Saturday, October 10, 2015 to be eligible to show at the Fair. **It is necessary to bring Poultry to Registration.**

15. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to refuse entry for health or appearance reasons if the entry does not comply with the rules and regulations of the Poultry Show. All birds must be free from disease and parasites. No game birds or water fowl may be exhibited. **All poultry will be judged on soundness, evidence of care, freedom from dirt, disease and parasites.**

16. Exhibitors shall provide daily care each day of Poultry Show, including all feed, hay, bowls, sanitation, etc... The Fair will provide housing and shavings under cages. All due care of Fair Committee shall be given to ensure proper housing will be given to animals. Exhibitors shall be liable for feed, water and sanitation of their own animals. Evidence of negligence will result in the Exhibitor being contacted and made to remove poultry immediately.

17. The Manatee County Fair will not be responsible for loss by accidents, fire, theft, escape or providential destruction. All possible care will be taken in receiving, cooping, feeding, caring for and returning animals. The show committee reserves the right to reject any entry. A signed release of liability form, prepared by the Fair Association, must be presented before animals are accepted at the Fair.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have a question about your entry into the Manatee County Fair, please follow the chain-of-command as listed below:

1st – contact your **CLUB LEADER**; if they are unable to answer your question,

2nd – contact your **AREA SUPERINTENDENT** – Poultry, Sue McGonegal at (941) 812-5425; and if she is unable to answer your question,

3rd – contact the **FAIR LIVESTOCK DIRECTOR** – Poultry, Jim Parks at (941) 722-1639