

OKANAGAN 4-H STOCK SHOW

BEEF DIVISION RULES

(Adopted November 17, 2019)

1. ENTRIES

- (a) Entry forms for Market Steers-must be completed, signed and have the appropriate entry fee paid prior to Mar 15th of each year. Late entries will be accepted with an additional fee set by the committee each year. Each club entering must send a copy of 1) their members' and 2) their projects' enrolment forms 4-H Form #395 (*copies as submitted to the BC Provincial 4-H Council*) with their entry forms to be validated as a Stock Show participant.
- (b) A clear, color, 4" x 6" side profile photograph of each project animal entered in Market Steer, must be submitted with their completed entry forms.
- (c) Entry fees will be set by the committee each year. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the directors of the Beef Division, in exceptional circumstances, approve the refund of entry fees.
- (d) In accordance with 4-H regulations, the 4-H member must have cared for and trained his/her market steer for a minimum of 180 days prior to the show and sale.
- (e) All 4-H members (that are in a 4-H club exhibiting Market Steers in the Stock Show), must achieve at club level with their Market Steer project, prior to bringing them to the Stock Show.
- (f) All projects entered as Market Steers shall be sold through the sale at the conclusion of the show portion of Stock Show. All entries must be tagged with a registered RFID tag.
- (g) All means of identifying the project animal must be filled in on the entry form. Leaders are responsible for checking and recording tattoos of purebred/registered females on the entry form. Tattoos must be clearly

legible at the time of entry. All female projects must be tagged with a RFID tag and recorded on project enrolment form and the Stock Show entry form.

- (h) **Animal Substitution** (Project for project)– Substitution of an animal can only take place a minimum *60 days prior* to the opening date of the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show, and must meet all Provincial 4-H Regulations. The Show Secretary must be notified in writing, within 10 days of the action causing the need for the member to substitute the animal. Also, a copy of the written approval given by the District 4-H Council must be forwarded to the Show Secretary immediately. **A project can only be substituted Unit for the same Unit.**

If a tag is lost it must be reported immediately to the 4-H leader, a new tag number assigned, and the 4-H leader must give immediate written notification to the Stock Show Secretary.

2. HEALTH & SAFETY

- (a) All steers must be dehorned, in accordance with B.C. Provincial 4-H Regulations.
- (b) All Market and Open Steers must be correctly castrated; no stags or bulls will be permitted to be shown in the Market Steer Classes
- (c) Any necessary health inspections during Stock Show, will be performed by a veterinarian selected by the Stock Show Committee and paid for by the exhibitor.
- (d) All animals must be halter broken and controllable by the member. Animals will be shown with a halter only. No forms of aids, such as humbugs, nose rings, etc. may be used at any time during the show. Any 4-H project that cannot be controlled by the member without the use of such aids will be disqualified from the Show. The use of tranquilizers or any such substance used to make the 4-H animals more controllable, is strictly prohibited. The owner of the project shall pay any costs or damages resulting from the project getting out of control or not being properly haltered or halter broken.

3. RULES FOR CLUB MEMBERS

- (a) Members will be classified as follows:
- i. Juniors - 9 to 11 years;
 - ii. Intermediates - 12 to 14 years;
 - iii. Seniors - 15 to 19 years.

For the purpose of classifying members as set out above, their age shall be calculated as of December 31st previous to the show.

4. SHOW CLASSES

- (a) **Market Steers** - All groups and all individuals in this class will be shown according to weight. Only the first and second placed animals in each weight class will be allowed to compete for the championships.
- (b) **Yearling Heifers** - Will be shown in appropriate class, according to age of the heifer. Yearling heifers must be born after January 1st of the previous year and must comply with the age requirements of the 4-H Regulations for achievement. Animals will enter the show ring - youngest to oldest.
- (c) **Two year old Cows with own natural calf at foot**. Calf to be born in the current year of show. Pairs enter the show ring - youngest to oldest cow.
- (d) **Three year old Cows and older Cows with own natural calf at foot**. Calf to be born in the current year of show. Pairs enter the show ring - youngest to oldest cow.
- (e) **Best Pair of Market Steers** - These are to be owned and exhibited by members from one participating 4-H club in the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show. Scoring 50% on quality of calves and 50% on presentation of calves and exhibitors. These pairs are to be displayed with two participating 4-H members of that club and one heeler. The calves shown as a pair may not be shown in the group of three, but may be shown in the group of five.
- (f) **Best Group of Three Market Steers** - These are to be owned and exhibited by members from a 4-H club participating in the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show. Scoring 50% on quality of calves and 50% on presentation of

calves and exhibitors. These groups of three are to be displayed with three participating 4-H members and one heeler. The calves in the group of three may be shown in the group of five.

(g) **Best Group of Five Market Steers**- These are to be owned and exhibited by members of a 4-H club participating in the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show. Scoring 70% on uniformity and quality of calves as market animals and 30% on presentation of calves and exhibitors. These groups of five are to be displayed by five participating 4-H members and two heelers.

(h) **Best Pair of Heifers**- These are to be owned and exhibited by members from a 4-H club participating in the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show. Scoring 50% on quality of calves and 50% on presentation of calves and exhibitors. These pairs are to be displayed with two participating 4-H members of that club and one heeler. The heifers shown as a pair may not be shown in the group of three.

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(j) **In all group competitions, the animals must be the registered project of the 4-H member showing the animal in the group.** Clubs may enter as many groups as they wish, space permitting. A club may borrow a 4-H member and project from another club if they do not have enough in their own club. Groups, excluding pairs, must be formed within a club before borrowing.

(k) **Showmanship Classes**- Members must exhibit their own project animal. There must be a minimum of three contestants of each age division before the class will be held. The top two winners from each age class will compete for the champion showman of the show.

(l) **Fitting Competition**- Entered competitors may borrow a 4-H

member from another club to be their handler only if they do not have enough in their own club. All members must be entered in the current Okanagan 4-H Stock Show. Members will be allowed to leave a neck rope on the animals in this class, during the fitting time; but at no time allowed to tie the animal to the ring. Fitting , individual or team is mandatory.

(m) Market Steer Champion and Reserve Champion will not be permitted to enter the Open Steer Class and if entered will have their entry fee refunded.

(n) **Homegrown Classes** - To qualify to participate in the homegrown female and Market Steer classes, all animals must be from the immediate family's (own or born and raised on the property you live on) herd. **The Homegrown Champion Market Steer will sell third in the sale after the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steer**

(o) **Educational Display** - no entry fee. Prize money 1st \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00 and 3rd \$5.00. Prize money sponsored annually by the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show Society. All Ed displays must be entered on the official entry form, prior to the deadline, to be accepted for judging at Stock Show. **Entries will be accepted from any club entered in Stock Show as well as clubs within the Kamloops/Okanagan Region. Maximum two entries per club.**

(q) **10 Year Awards** – This is presented to a 4-H beef club member, who has completed 10 years of participation in the Beef Division of the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) All animals must be in the barn two hours prior to weighin of the Stock Show: *ALL FEED AND WATER MUST BE REMOVED FROM IN FRONT OF THE ANIMALS 1-hour prior to weighin. NO EXCEPTIONS!* Animals must not be wet when weighed. Weighing is to commence at designated time with the order and time of weighing to be announced.

(b) Any 4-H member absent from the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show due to

sickness, health, legitimate 4-H function or educational reason, may have another 4-H member from their club,(who is already entered in the Stock Show) show their project in the classes in which it is entered.

(c) In an effort to keep the show barns, show ring area, fitting areas and outside grounds clean and presentable to the public. All clubs are asked to cooperate by using the areas designated for their club usage only, and to clean up after themselves on a constant basis. Intentional disregard for this rule may result in forfeiture of prize money.

(d) **Only 4-H members entered in the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show are permitted to participate in activities and classes of the Show. CARE, CLIPPING AND FITTING OF 4-H PROJECTS SHALL BE DONE BY 4-H MEMBERS ENTERED IN THE STOCK SHOW ONLY!**

(e) 4-H families attending the Okanagan 4-H Stock Show are not allowed to bring dogs on the grounds at any time during Stock Show, unless they are needed as a service dog.