

Antelope Valley Fair Livestock Safety Committee Rules

The Safety Committee will be comprised of 2 beef chairs, council president or vice president, communications chair and the livestock superintendent. It is the intent of the committee to ensure the safety of our youth, the livestock, as well as the general public.

At no time while on the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds will the use of any training apparatuses be used on the Beef, specifically nose rings. Any alternative from a approved show halter needs to be pre-approved 30 days prior to haul in day to the fair and may be subjected to an additional safety walk.

Procedures

Beef will be DNA tested at the AV Fairgrounds prior to the 120-day entry deadline.

- The DNA for Beef will be collected on pre-scheduled dates, times TBD
- During the DNA process, the animals will be led at least 2 times around the practice arena solely by the exhibitor with no assistance.
- They will be video taped at this time and submitted to the livestock office for future reference.
- During this time the animal will be watched to determine any possible safety concerns which might arise.
- For the exhibitors and animals who may need assistance in the handling process, we expect the necessary precautions to be taken to ensure safety for all the parties involved.
- This pre-screening process is to heighten the awareness of the AV Livestock Council and alert them to the animals that might have safety issues at the Fair.
- If you do not pass your safety walk. It is not an automatic disqualification from the fair. It means you have time to work your animal and must pass a safety walk prior to April 1st.
- At the time of entry, all beef exhibitors, parents, and leaders will sign all the necessary entry and DNA paperwork.

During the Antelope Valley Fair, it is imperative that the exhibitors be able to handle and control their animals. Therefore, a safety screening will take place with the safety committee on all beef exhibitors and their animals. During this process we are asking that the exhibitors, parents, and leaders be present.

Safety Screening:

- During weigh-in the exhibitor will walk their animal two laps in the practice arena where they will show their ability to control the animal.
- If the safety committee determines that a potential safety issue has arisen, the exhibitor, parent, leader, and Fair management will be notified of these issues.
- The exhibitor will be given a second chance to correct the safety concerns.
- The second chance will take place on Friday morning in the practice arena.

- The exhibitor will take the animal from the pen area to the practice arena where they will once again attempt to show their ability to control the animal.
- During the second attempt the Safety Committee, along with Fair Management personnel will be in attendance. We request that the parents and leaders also be in attendance.
- It is not the intent of the Safety Committee to disqualify anyone; however, it is to protect the exhibitor and animal from the risk of injury.

Disqualification Process:

- The Safety Committee will meet and discuss the safety concerns which have arisen.
- The Committee will conduct a vote to determine the potential disqualification of the animal.
- A simple majority vote will determine the outcome.
- The Safety Committee will advise Fair Management of their recommendation.
- Fair Management will then make the final decision whether to disqualify the animal.
- Fair Management will advise the exhibitor, parent, and leader of their decision.
- If disqualified, the animal must be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the opening of the Fair.

If a safety concern arises during the Fair, Fair personnel reserve the right to re-convene with the Safety Committee to address the issues. All proper notifications and procedures will be adhered to.

Beef Barn recommendations to assist in a successful Beef Show

- Due to the change in environment at the Fair, animals need to be watched and worked with.
- Animals need to be exercised daily.
- Prior to beef moving to show arena, make sure all the necessary panels are in place between the barns.
- Stay calm. Animals sense when you're nervous and will react accordingly.
- Feed your animal prior to them showing. This will help them remain calm.
- On show day, let your animal rest as much as possible.
- Keep your animals and stalls clean.
- Beef are not allowed out of the beef barn during Fair hours unless they are involved in the showing process.