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General Livestock Contract for Salinas Valley Fair 2017 Tentative Contract for MCF and SCCF 2017*

- Students who are signing for MCF and/or SCCF will need to replace this contract with the updated department version in May 2016.

Student Behavior: As both a member of the National FFA Organization and the Salinas Union High School District, the students are required to conform to the rules, policies and expectations that are detailed in the FFA Code of Conduct and the SHS Student Handbook at all times. Students in violation of the rules and policies will be subject to the disciplinary process outlined in the SHS Handbook in addition to possibly losing their eligibility to show as an exhibitor of Salinas FFA. There will be three strike policy in place in relation to program specific rules.

Academic Eligibility: Every student must be eligible to participate in a school activity per the district and schools requirements, including but not limited to:

- i. Acceptable conduct and grades are required in order to purchase animals and must be maintained in order to show animals at the fair. (no unsatisfactory, attendance eligibility, and a 2.0 grade point average)

- ii. Student's academic eligibility will be checked THREE times prior to each fair.
 2. Prior to the initial purchase of the livestock project.
 1. Students that fail to meet the academic eligibility at this check will not be allowed to purchase an animal for showing with the Salinas FFA
 3. With Fair entry Forms (Schools Weekly Progress report)
 1. Students that do not meet academic eligibility at checks 2 will be put on a probationary contract in which the student must have the GPA raised to 2.0 by the next check or the student will not be allowed to exhibit as an Salinas FFA member at the nearest in time fair.
 4. 1 week prior to the start of each fair
 1. Students who do not meet the academic eligibility are not allowed to be exhibitors with the Salinas FFA for the current fair and will have to find alternate way of selling project.

Class Enrollment:

Students must be enrolled in the MTROP Animal Care Course and be present at 80% of the class meetings in order to maintain eligibility as a Salinas FFA Exhibitor. Students must attend the class meeting with their market animal FFA Advisor.

Students must also be enrolled in at least one core Agriculture class at Salinas High School, (unless they are a graduate of the program).

Livestock Insurance: (for market animals) must be purchased within 1 week of purchasing your animal(s) and proof provided to FFA Advisors. Note: this is a SUHSD wide rule.

FFA Leadership: Students have participated in 90% of the FFA meetings and met their FFA Leadership activity participation requirements for the semester. Student has also been at least 90% of showmanship practices and the mandatory show prior to the fair.

General Communications

These livestock projects are student owned projects. It is the program's goal to have students completely manage their own project. All communication of a project must be started by a student e-mailing or speaking to an advisor in person. Advisor's cell phones are not distinct provided, and therefore should only be used in case of an emergency. In an extreme emergency and the advisor cannot be reached, a vet should be called.

Scales and Weighing

Purchase of Livestock Project: Prior to the purchase of a student's livestock project the following conditions must be met.

1. Livestock Exhibitor Contract must be completed and submitted to Salinas Agriculture Department by _____.
5. Students wanting to house their livestock projects at the school farm must have their Buena Vista School Farm Livestock Contract and rental Fees submitted to Salinas Agriculture Department by _____.
6. First Grade Check must be submitted to Salinas Agriculture Department by _____.
7. All livestock projects must have the approval of the FFA Advisor. Animals purchased without the approval of the FFA Advisor will not be exhibited as a member of the FFA.
8. Students wanting the FFA Advisor to purchase the animal must be paid in full by _____ to the ASB Bookkeeper and submit the receipt to your advisor.
 1. Lambs minimum \$300
 2. Hogs minimum \$300
 3. Goats minimum \$250
 4. Steers minimum \$1200
 5. Replacement Heifers minimum \$1200
 6. Chicken minimum \$25
 7. Rabbits minimum \$30

Livestock Entries: Entries must be properly filled out with proper payment attached in the form of Check or Money order and given to the advisor to sign and take to the fair at least one week prior the fair deadline. This date is: _____.

Non Livestock Entries: *QUALITY* Non Livestock Exhibits are required by the fair. Each exhibitor must Enter **TWO** still exhibit within the agriculture area of the premium book. Entries must be properly and completely filled out with proper payment attached and submitted at the same time as the Livestock Entry. Your livestock advisor reserves the right to determine weather the project is of quality or not. Non-quality projects will not be submitted. *All projects need to be given to the advisor at least 1 week prior to the fair. Your Livestock Advisor MUST be the one to drop off the projects.*

Animal Care: As exhibitors of the Salinas FFA students are expected to provide the up most care to their animal. This includes;

1. Animal being fed properly
 - a. Correct amount of quality feed
 - b. Twice daily (if not automatic)
 - c. Consistent timing
2. A clean and constant supply of water
3. Regular exercise
4. Appropriate shelter
5. Clean bedding
6. Clean stalls/pens
7. **Student MUST check on their livestock projects at least once per day other wise this will result in a strike.**
8. Appropriate treatment for disease, infections, & fungus
 - a. Seek advisor consultations and then Vet assistance if needed.

The advisor must be notified of any sick animals. Advisors will do their best to help the student with the sick animals and will give advice to the best of their knowledgeable. If further medical attention is needed it is the student/parents responsibility for any medical or veterinary fees that accrued from the treatment of the students animal.

Prior to the fair all animals must be in good health and properly fitted in order for the student to be allowed to take the animal to the fair. Animals that are not in good health or properly fitted will not be allowed to be exhibited at the fair. This includes external wounds, such as fight marks.

Beef Projects

To raise a beef project with Salinas FFA the exhibitor must follow the below rules

1. Have their own FFA jacket for showing

2. Have funds to purchase for the following feed and products to have on hand at all times
 - a. Feeding the cattle for the entirety of the project (about \$1500)
 - b. Livestock insurance (about \$300)
 - c. Show supplies including; halter with a chain, rope halter, neck tie, curry comb, show stick, show halter, feed pan and access / container for water.
3. First year beef students may only purchase animals from an advisor approved ranch/sale.
4. First year beef students must also keep the beef project at the school farm, unless discussed and approved by advisor.
5. Attend monthly showmanship practices at the farm. Off site projects must attend with their animals. Dates will be given at least two weeks prior. If you can not make practices because of transportation of your steer, you will need to keep it at the school farm.
6. Recordbooks must be up to date every month for Advisor approval.
7. Beef projects must be de-wormed monthly
8. Projects must also be rinsed/ washed every two weeks.
9. Pens must be cleaned daily
10. Beef projects will feed a TMR with Hay/roughage and COB or a like beef feed.
11. Beef projects will be fed twice daily at the same time each day.

Pre- Fair Items:

1. All Record Books and Thank you letter drafts must be up to date as of April 30 and *submitted VIA E-MAIL* to your advisor 1 week prior to the fair. Failure to meet this deadline will result in your entry being pulled from the fair. **This will be strictly enforced.**
2. Must submit at least 5 addresses professional buyer's letters.
3. Students must participate in one of the following committees
 - a. Decoration Creation at the school farm
 - b. Tack loading at the school farm
 - c. Tack unloading at the school farm.

Fair Policies: During the fair students will meet the following expectations. If the student fails to meet the following expectations students will be given a "strike" for each violation.

1. All students will participate in the creation, installation and deconstruction at the fair decorations.
2. All students will participate in the cleaning loading and unloading of tack and equipment at the fair.
3. Students are not allowed to have personal tack at the fair which includes tables, tack boxes, feed bags and waters, any tack stored without the approval of the advisor must be removed from the area immediately.
4. Students will participate in barn duty as outlined by the individual advisers. Students are expected to supervise the appropriate area for the entirety of the assigned shift.
5. Each student will have their animal fed and watered, pen cleaned, and aisle swept by **7:00 am and 5:00 pm daily.**
6. Each student must attend and be on time to the daily Salinas FFA exhibitor meeting at **5:30 pm.**
7. Student will participate in one of the CDE contest at the fair. Livestock or Vegetable Judging
8. Student will conform to the requests of the Salinas FFA advisors, Other FFA advisors, and Fair management without confrontation and/ or disagreement.
9. Students will follow the dress code of Salinas High School and the National FFA Organization at all times during the fair. Student in violation must change their attire immediately.
10. Student must have a buyer's gift and all thank you cards turned in during the times outlined by the fair or FFA Advisor.
11. Students will be excused from school for the entirety of Salinas Valley Fair, Monterey and Santa Cruz county fairs'; however it is encouraged that students attend as much school as possible during the MCF and the SCCF.
12. Students that are involved in other SHS programs (ex: sports, band) may only miss their fair responsibilities TWO times during the week of fair for their absence to be excused and a strike to be avoided. Additional the students must make arrangements with their advisor 1 week prior to the start of fair if they are going to miss a meeting or feeding in order to be excused. No excused accommodations will be made after the 1 week deadline

Post Fair Responsibilities: Student will not be given their checks until the following conditions have been met:

1. QUALITY Thank You letters submitted to your ADVISOR, *not directly the fair nor buyer.*
2. Student participated in the unloading cleaning, and storing of show tack and equipment.
3. Students with projects kept at the school farm has cleaned and sanitized their pen and tack area.
4. FFA Record Book is updated with the most recent and accurate animal accounting, and submitted to the advisors via e-mail.
5. All borrowed FFA Jackets/uniforms are cleaned and returned to the Agriculture Department.
6. Farm bills and FFA bills are paid to Salinas FFA Account

3 Strike Policy:

If an exhibitor does not follow and abide by the rules and policies detailed in the contract, they will receive either an “infection warning” or a “strike” that will be documented a kept on file. If an exhibitor is to get 3 infraction warning they will be given and official “strike.” The following is a list of reasons for receiving an infraction warning.

1. Late to any of the meeting that is in regards to the student's livestock project and fair.
2. Late 15 minutes or less to the prescribed feeding time outlined in the contract
3. Late to farm work days
4. Late to ROP Animal Class
5. Grade check is not submitted by due date and time
6. Dress code violations
7. Use of profanity and inappropriate remarks
8. Violation of tack / personal belonging policy
9. Failure to participate in a CDE event at fair
10. Animal is not properly fitted
11. Horse playing in barns

Within our program there will be a progressive discipline style of management utilizing a warning system with the concept of “three strikes you’re out”. If an exhibitor is not holding up to his/her responsibilities(see below), they will receive a ‘strike’ *that will be documented and kept on file in the Ag. Department*. If an exhibitor is to get 3 strikes, they will not be allowed to show at the current and next two consecutive fairs after.

A ‘strike’ can be given for the following reasons:

1. Missing a scheduled weigh day or livestock meeting without prior arrangements
2. More than 15 minutes late to the designated time to feed and clean livestock pens
3. Livestock animal not being fed/watered/cleaned
4. Pen not being clean
5. Missing a farm workday
6. Inhumane treatment of the livestock as outlined in the “animal care policy”
7. Not completing any necessary paperwork by a deadline/due date
8. Anything the advisor constitutes as unfit livestock management practices.

A ‘livestock project strike notification’ will be filled out when a strike is earned.

1. First violation: student signs strike notification, which is a warning
2. Second violation: Student and parent signs strike notification and placed on probationary contract.
3. Third strike: Student and parent sign strike notification and exhibitor loses the opportunity to show as a member of the Salinas FFA chapter for the next two consecutive fairs.
 - a. On the third strike the student assumes all financial responsibility left by the non-sale of the animal and must have the animal removed from the fair or the school farm within one week or it will become property of the Salinas FFA.

In addition to Strikes: The advisors along with the school administration reserve the right to determine if immediate removal from the program is fitting. For example, not respecting well known school and district policies.

This contract must be returned to your livestock Advisor by **May 5, 2012**

I, _____, agree to follow and abide by all of the policies, rules, and conditions that are addressed in this contract. I am fully aware of the “3 Strike” policy and realize that on my third strike I will not be allowed to exhibit and sell my animal at the county fairs and will not be able to show for at the next two consecutive fairs. I understand that if I cannot sell my animal at the fair I am responsible for all debts associated with my animal which includes my project loans.

Student Signature

Date

I, the parent, have read and reviewed the policies, rules, and conditions that are addressed in this contract, and agree and grant my son or daughter permission to participate in raising a livestock project. I am fully aware that if my son or daughter is not allowed to sell his or her animal, that my child assumes all financial responsibility for the project and must find alternative means to sell the animal independently.

Parent Signature

Date

FFA Advisor Signature

Date

Administrator Signature

Date