

## **RULES**

### **74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRISTOL JUNIOR STEER SHOW AND SALE**

**DATE:** Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (**Dates tentative and subject to change.**)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to bona-fide 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members from Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky or North Carolina.

**COMMITTEE:**

Only the counties in the Virginia Cooperative Extension Southwest District and Tennessee Eastern Region of UT Extension shall have representatives on the Bristol Junior Steer and Heifer Show Planning Committee. State Extension Staff may serve as advisors and will be contacted by the committee as needed.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. All entries must be exhibited by a FFA or 4-H member, age 9-19, enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Age requirements are as follows: Novice: 4-H members or FFA member under the age of 12 who have never shown in the Bristol Junior Show. Junior: 4-H members or FFA members, 9-11 years old. Intermediate: 4-H members or FFA members, 12-14 years old. Senior: 4-H members or FFA members, 15-19 years old. **For each of the above categories youth must turn the entry age by May 1.** Meaning, youth who turn 9, 12, and 15, on or by May 1, participate in the above categories, respectively.
2. Entries are limited to two (2) steers per exhibitor.
3. All steers must be dehorned or polled to be eligible to show.
4. All steers must be weighed, tagged, and entered by an Extension Agent or Ag Instructor/FFA Advisor from November 15, 2017 – January 1, 2018, with the weight and ear tag number listed on the entry form. Each county should provide a uniform procedure of weighing all calves. (Use approved scales if possible.) *The Bristol Junior Steer/Heifer Show & Sale committee reserves the right to come to the participant's farm and tag the animal to be exhibited.*
5. Use of growth promoting substances must be in agreement with current FDA approved recommendations. No illegal substances may be administered.
6. A \$25.00 registration fee must accompany each steer entry form. Make checks payable to: *Southwest Virginia Ag Assoc. Memo: Steer Show*
7. Exhibitors should submit name, address, phone, price per pound and amount of animal (ex: 1/2, whole) for all steer buyers by show day. Champion and Reserve animals may add additional buyers/supporters on day of show.
8. All entries *must* participate in the carcass show at Washington County Meat Packing, Bristol, VA the following week. Steers that do not participate in the carcass show at Washington County Meats will forfeit any and all championships (ex: Division or Grand Champions) as well as any and all prize money. Steers who do not participate in the show due to unruliness will still be eligible for the carcass show.
9. Official show weight will be recorded/provided for steer billing purposes.
10. Steers will be live graded by representatives of the Virginia or Tennessee Division of Markets for sale purposes.
11. Feeding and fitting of steers cannot be done by a for hire individual; and should be done by the owner/exhibitor. *The Bristol Steer and Heifer Show does not allow the use of paint.*
12. Steers must be weighed in on Tuesday prior to show day. All animals need to be in the cattle barn by 9:00 a.m. on the day of show. Fitting must be done in the barn or adjacent to the barn in blocking chutes. Cattle are not permitted to remain on trailers on the day of the show.
13. Judge or Show Manager has authority to send any unmanageable steers out of the ring/class. The Rules Committee has the right to review any questionable management practices.
14. Failure to comply with the above rules will forfeit eligibility the following year.
15. For safety reasons, all dogs and other animals will be left in a trailer or truck while on the premises. They are not permitted in the barn nor on the show grounds
16. **ABSOLUTELY** No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed on the grounds of the Bristol Junior Steer and

Heifer Show.

17. ***The show site gates will be locked by 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Exhibitors must have completed work with animals and all vehicles not desired to be left on premises must be removed by 10:00 p.m. Gates will re-open early Wednesday morning. No Exceptions.***
18. ***All decisions made by the The Bristol Junior Steer/Heifer Show & Sale committee are final.***

**SHOW CLASSES:** All steers will be shown in uniform weight classes without regard to beef breed. The Show Manager will determine show classes after steers are weighed. A Champion and Reserve Champion steer will be selected in each of three divisions. Each division will be composed of two or more classes.

**SHOWMANSHIP:** Showmanship classes will be judged at the end of the Steer Show. Exhibitors must choose to exhibit **either a steer or a heifer**. Showmanship competition will be in four Divisions. Senior: Ages 15 and over; Intermediate: Ages 12-14; Junior: Ages 9-11; and Novice: Ages 9 - 12, first time exhibitor. A champion showman in each Division will receive a trophy. Recognition ribbons will be presented to superior showmen in each Division. Animal must be owned by the exhibitor.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact the Sullivan County Extension Office at 423-574-1919 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

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