

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Aug. 22-Sept. 2, 2024

Stock Dogs

Superintendent..... JoAnna Yund, Minneapolis, MN

Board Member, 7th District..... Steve Storck, Morris, MN

Judge List:

Exhibition Only: Kim Torson-Schneider, Pine City, MN
Novice Ranch: Kim Torson-Schneider, Pine City, MN
Pro Ranch: Kim Torson-Schneider, Pine City, MN
Rookie: Kim Torson-Schneider, Pine City, MN

Tentative Schedule

Monday, August 26

7-9 a.m. Warner Coliseum
Arrival on grounds

8:45 a.m. Warner Coliseum
Handler's meeting

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Warner Coliseum
Stock Dog Trials

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION.

1. Minnesota State Fair Livestock Show ethics.

- A. The Minnesota State Fair has a responsibility for maintaining a first-class image of fairness and ethics in the show ring. We seek to promote good animal husbandry, attractive barn exhibits and a high quality show for exhibitors and spectators.
- B. Each exhibitor must consent and agree to abide by the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, as printed. All animals will be subject to examination by the judge and/or superintendent for any violations of the code of ethics.
- C. Exhibitors are expected to obey the official promptly in producing their stock when instructed to do so. Stock must be in the ring promptly after the class is called, and it will be taken for granted that any person failing to comply with this rule is not a competitor for the premiums offered.
 1. Exhibitors must show their animals at such times and places as directed, and furnish such information concerning their stock as may be required by the superintendent. In cases of refusal to obey this rule any or all premiums will be forfeited and the exhibitor barred from showing.
- D. No animal will be awarded a prize unless removed from its stall and exhibited, with catalog number attached, in the show ring.
 1. Animals not exhibited when called out by the ring steward or superintendent, unless specially excused, will be charged \$50 per head for the use of stalls or be removed from the grounds, as the management may decide.
- E. Exhibitors must keep their stalls and pens open and stock uncovered from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. during each day of exhibition. Exhibitors using tie outs must have their stock back in the barns by 8 a.m. each morning.
 1. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls and pens clear and clean; all litter and manure must be placed where indicated by the department superintendent.

2. IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below.

- A. Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

1. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.
- B. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:**
1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
 2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
 3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
 4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
 - a. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
 - b. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. *The Minnesota State Fair allows exceptions in breeding classes for sound management practices such as mastitis or pneumonia control.
 5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
 6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
 7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
 8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
 9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in, or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary actions taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
 11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
3. **NALS&RMA Rule Infraction Database.** Barred or Disqualified Exhibitors: The Minnesota State Fair, in cooperation with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALS&RMA), Rule Infraction Database (RID), reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred or disqualified from any other show on the basis of unethical practices referred to in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
 4. **ALL SPECIES. Livestock Health Regulations and Identification.** All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility, or from the exhibition premises, any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.
 - A. Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show, and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.
 - B. **Identification.** The goal of these ID requirements is to uniquely identify animals so they can be traced to their source in a disease outbreak.
 1. All cattle, swine, sheep and goats exhibited at the fair must have official identification (ID) that meets the requirements of both state and federal animal identification rules. The type of ID used in each species may vary, but each official ID is unique to that animal within the United States. For pictures of official ear tags and more information about official ID in livestock, visit the Board of Animal Health Official ID page at bah.state.mn.us/official-id/.
 2. There are no state or federal requirements at this time to officially identify camelid species or rabbits. Some members of the poultry group will need to be individually banded so they may be identified to their owner at the fair.
 5. **Taxpayer identification.** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require the Minnesota State Fair to collect a TIN (Taxpayer Identification Number) from exhibitors. The Minnesota State Fair files information returns with the IRS; this information is used by the IRS for identification purposes, and for verification of the accuracy of tax returns. Exhibitors receiving premiums totaling \$600 or more will receive tax form 1099-MISC the following January.
 - A. **For most, the TIN will be a social security number or EIN individual tax identification number.** Failure to furnish a TIN upon request may result in penalties. You will not be permitted to show if you do not supply this number.
 1. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return.
 2. Each exhibitor must provide his/her own TIN.
 3. Premium checks will be made out to the name and address listed on the W-9 (W-8BEN or W-8ECI for foreign exhibitors).
 - B. **Foreign exhibitors.** The Minnesota State Fair is required to withhold 30% of the gross payment to all foreign payees, including livestock and horse exhibitor premium payments. If a foreign person is the beneficial owner of the income they should complete a W-8BEN form. This form:
 1. Establishes foreign status.
 2. Claims that the person is the beneficial owner of the income for which the form is being furnished or is a partner in a partnership subject to withholding and;

3. If applicable, claims a reduced rate of or exemption from withholding under an income tax treaty.
 4. A completely filled out W-8BEN must include either line 6 or line 7. For an exemption under tax treaty benefits, they must fully complete lines 9 and 10 stating article of the treaty and an explanation of the reason the article applies. More information on tax treaties is available at www.irs.gov. Instructions and form W8-BEN. The form and instructions may be found at: taxmap.ntis.gov/taxmap/ts0/formsw8_o_1a444eca.html.
6. **Refunds.** Request for refunds may be made through Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.
- A. **No refunds for entries canceled after Aug. 8, 2024, except in the event of contagious disease or injury.** Request for refund must be in writing, and must include a written doctor's or veterinarian's note.
 - B. **No refunds \$10 and under will be issued.**
 - C. Refunds are issued after all Minnesota State Fair department premium checks have been distributed.
7. **Fire safety and Electrical requirements.** The State Fair is working with the State Fire Marshal and the fair's own life safety staff to ensure an incident free exposition. Your expected cooperation in complying with these requirements is appreciated. They will be enforced on a 24-hour basis; please plan accordingly. The following rules are in place to help keep safe power supplies operable in the barns. The Minnesota State Fair reserves the right to order excess electrical equipment removed if necessary to protect power supplies, stock and exhibitors.
- A. **Smoking.**
 1. Smoking is NOT permitted in the barn at any time.
 - a. For the comfort and safety of all, designated smoking areas have been established at specified locations throughout the fairgrounds. Smoking (including use of electronic cigarettes) is now permitted only in these areas.
 - B. **Prohibited.**
 1. **Open flames are strictly prohibited.**
 2. Ignition sources such as frying pans, coffee pots, hot plates, toasters, toaster ovens and warming trays are prohibited.
 3. Fuel powered generators and fuel containers are prohibited in the barn and in the livestock parking areas.
 4. Extra lighting in exhibit areas will not be allowed.
 - C. Decorative material must be rendered and maintained flame retardant in accordance with the state fire code; documentation is required.
 - D. **Electrical equipment.** All electrical equipment (fans, blowers, extension cords, etc.) is subject to electrical inspection and subject to removal if unsafe and/or does not meet electrical codes.
 - E. **Fans.** Any fans used must be suspended at the front of cattle. For purposes of electric conservation and safety, it is asked that fans be kept to a minimum and used only for heat stress prevention.
 - F. **Extension cords.** All extension cords must be at least 12 gauge or larger Type G, PPE, S, SE, SEO, SEOO, SC, SCE, SCT, SO, SOO, ST, STO, STOO, W or other types identified for extra-hard usage and must be of the grounding type.
 1. Extension cords must also be three-wire flexible.
 2. No lightweight (2 wire) extension cords or "zip" cords (18 gauge or smaller) may be used anywhere on the State Fairgrounds.
 - a. Octopus plugs and two-wire extension cords often create a fire hazard and will be removed if found in use during an event.
 - b. Cables with a "J" in the type designation (Such as Type SJT) are not permitted.
 - G. **Doors to the Cattle Barn electrical box rooms must be kept clear at all times.**
 - H. **Blocking exits, walkways, extinguishers, electrical panels, or other required safety devices is prohibited.**
8. **Dormitories.** In compliance with Minnesota Department of Health licensing regulations, the number of beds available for open class exhibitors in the dorms is limited. Exhibitors may purchase space to camp in the livestock lots (see Livestock exhibitors overnight parking below).
9. **Vehicles and parking.**
- A. **Livestock exhibitor parking, overnight.**
 1. **Limited space; filled by computer generated lottery.**
 2. Complete information available online mnstatefair.org.
 - B. **Livestock exhibitor parking, daily.** Ordered with livestock entries.
 1. Allocated on a first come, first served basis. Valid only for dates showing (based on entries).

2. Limit of two per exhibitor.
 3. License number(s) MUST be included with order
 - C. **Trucks and trailers.** Parked across Como Ave. in Stella lot and Block 55.
 - D. **Vehicle inspection.** For security and safety concerns, vehicles entering the Minnesota State Fairgrounds beginning Monday Aug. 5, 2024 and through the run of the fair, will be subject to inspection.
 1. Vehicle entry restricted to either Gate 1 (north Underwood St.) or Gate 14 (Canfield St.).
10. **Admission fees.** Entry into the Minnesota State Fair shall be solely contingent upon presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the schedule of gate admission prices at mnstatefair.org.
- A. **Pre-fair livestock and horse exhibitor discount admission tickets.** Livestock exhibitors may purchase gate admission tickets at a discounted rate. Information on purchasing is included as a link in the confirmation email received after registering online. Limit 12 tickets per order. Available delivery methods include Print-At-Home or Regular Mail. From Aug. 8-21, 2024, sales are for Print-At-Home or mobile ticket delivery only.
 - B. When leaving the fairgrounds, exhibitors and fair visitors may ask for a re-admittance privilege, which allows reentry onto the fairgrounds at Gate 14 on the same day without paying another admission.

STOCK DOG TRIALS RULES.

1. **Entries.** When entry limits are reached, an alternate list will be prepared for each division. If at closing date, the entry limit for each division has not been reached, the number of dogs in other divisions will be expanded, starting with the lowest division.
 - A. **Mail-in.** Closes Monday, July 29, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. (received)
 - B. **Online.** Closes Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
 - C. **Divisions and limits.** This year will be a TIME and POINTS trial.
 1. **Rookie.** Six dog limit.
 2. **Novice Ranch.** 12 dog limit.
 3. **Pro Ranch.** 12 dog limit.
 4. **Exhibition Only.** 10 dog limit.
2. **Fees.** Must accompany entry.
 - A. **\$25 per dog entry fee.** Limit two dogs per owner.
 - B. **Returned check fee.** Any check returned for nonsufficient funds (NSF), closed account, or stopped payment, will be assessed a \$30 service fee.
3. **Arrival and Departure.** Enter Gate 14, identifying yourself as a contestant in the Stock Dog Trials Competition. Inform the Livestock Parking staff if you are parking, or dropping off at Warner Coliseum.
 - A. **Parking.** Vehicles are parked in Lot D; get direction from the Livestock Parking staff on where to park.
 1. After parking, leash your dog(s) and lead them to Warner Coliseum.
 - B. **Dropping off at Warner Coliseum.** If you are dropping off dogs or materials at Warner Coliseum, you should do so immediately upon entering the grounds.
 1. After unloading, exit Gate 10; re-enter Gate 14 and park vehicle in Lot D. Get direction from the Livestock Parking staff on where to park.
 2. **Do not park in the lot directly south of Warner Coliseum.** Those spots are reserved. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to tagging and towing.
4. **All dogs must have valid rabies certificates.**
5. **Dogs on the grounds.** Dogs must either be leashed, or in crates, except while in competition.
 - A. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs while on the fairgrounds.
 - B. Dogs may not be tied up and left unattended.
 - C. Secure locker room facilities will be available for dogs following competition, enabling exhibitors to enjoy the fair.
6. **Dog Trials.** This will be a Time and Points trial.
 - A. **Information.** Rules of the division, number of obstacles, course sequence and course diagram will be sent out with entry confirmations.
 - B. **Handler's meeting.** Announcements made at this meeting will supersede any prior written instructions.
 1. Combined Rookie, Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch contestants.
 2. Time line announced at Handler's meeting.

- C. **Object.** Handle sheep quietly, easily and confidently, having control and directing movement without injury of any sort.
 - D. **Reruns.** Permitted at the judge's decision; judge's decision is final.
 - E. **Gripping or biting.** If a dog bites a sheep in a severe manner, the dog will be disqualified and removed.
 - F. **Unfinished work.** A dog that fails to complete the work in the allotted time shall be allowed to retain the points earned up to the expiration of the time limit. Order of work must follow designated pattern of work.
 - G. **Scoring.** Judged "point plus time" with time lines being used to break ties.
7. **Awards.** Champions in the Rookie, Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch divisions will receive a trophy.

Division 1: Rookie

Rookie Division Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Eligibility.**
 - A. Handler may not have shown any dog at an advanced level in any herding venue.
 - B. Dogs may not have been shown at an intermediate level in any herding venue.
 - C. Dogs may not have previously won the Rookie Division.
3. **Dog limit.** Six dogs.
4. **Time.** Five minutes.
5. **Instructions.** Handler may accompany the dog.
 - A. Sheep are released in the arena.
 - B. Handler may not walk through any obstacle.
 - C. Course is performed as a fetch, drive or combination.
 - D. Run ends when time expires.

Premiums for Rookie

Rookie
\$85 \$75 \$65 \$55 \$0

Class Listing for Rookie

Rookie

- 1 Stock Dogs Rookie
First place, plaque; second through sixth place, rosette.
- 2 Stock Dogs Rookie Alternate

Division 2: Novice Ranch

Novice Ranch Division Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Eligibility.** Dogs may not have previously won the Novice Ranch Division.
3. **Dog limit.** 12 dogs.
4. **Time.** Seven minutes.
5. **Instructions.**
 - A. Three head of sheep are released into the arena.
 - B. Dog gathers the sheep. Handler and dog start behind line #2.
 - C. Handler must maintain a distance of 6 feet from stock/obstacle, except when working bridge, pen or shed.
 - D. Run ends when time is called.

Premiums for Novice Ranch

Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch
\$100 \$85 \$75 \$65 \$50 \$40 \$0

Class Listing for Novice Ranch

Novice-Ranch

- 1 Stock Dogs Novice Ranch
First place, plaque; second through sixth place, rosette.
- 2 Stock Dogs Novice Ranch Alternate

Division 3: Pro Ranch

Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors and exhibits are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department Rules.
2. **Dog limit.** 12 dogs.
3. **Time.** Seven minutes.
4. **Instructions.**
 - A. Three head of sheep are released into the arena.
 - B. Handler remains in center area except when working bridge, pen or shed.
 - C. Handler must remain in penning circle during the pen to earn full pen points.
 - D. Run ends when time is called.

Premiums for Pro Ranch

Novice Ranch and Pro Ranch
\$100 \$85 \$75 \$65 \$50 \$40 \$0

Class Listing for Pro Ranch

Pro-Ranch

- 1 Stock Dogs Pro Ranch
First place, plaque; second through sixth place, rosette.
- 2 Stock Dogs Pro Ranch Alternate

Division 4: Exhibition Only

Rules

1. In addition to division rules, exhibitors are bound by the overall Stock Dog Trials Department rules.
2. **Eligibility.** This is for dogs or handlers who are not eligible for the other classes, but want to experience the Minnesota State Fair.
3. **Dog Limit.** 10 dogs.
4. **Time.** Five minutes.
5. Handlers are encouraged to move about the course as necessary to make their dog successful.

Class Listing for Exhibition Only

Exhibition Only

- 1 Exhibition Only