## Rules and Regulations

1. LIVESTOCK-RELATED DEADLINES FOR 2007-2008

- Deadline to order ear tags (State Fair Hogs and all market animals – Friday, August 17, 2007). Animals must have ear tags in ear before classification/retinal imaging!

- Ownership of animal – September 1, 2007 (Saturday)
    - Ownership for both MS State Fair/Dixie National
        - Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Beef Commercial Heifers
    - Ownership for MS State Fair
        - Beef Breeding Animals, Commercial and Dairy Breeding Females, Market Hogs, Dairy Goats

- Nomination/Entry Form submitted online – September 1 – 12, 2007 (Wednesday, 9/12). Nomination form(s) and printouts of online entries MUST BE signed by 4-H agent to verify that entries are complete and accurate and mailed to ADS Extension Office, postmarked no later than September 12, 2007.

- Classification & retinal imaging of market animals (steers, lambs & goats) and beef commercial heifers – September 17 – 21, 2007 (Monday to Friday). Locations TBA.

- Mississippi State Fair, Jackson – October 3 – 14, 2007

- Deadline to order ear tags (Dixie National Hogs – Friday, November 16, 2007).

- Ownership of animal – December 1, 2007 (Saturday)
    - Ownership for Dixie National Junior Round-Up
        - Beef Breeding Animals, Commercial and Dairy Breeding Females, Market Hogs, Dairy Goats

- Nomination/Entry Form submitted online – December 1 – 12, 2007 (Wednesday, 12/12). Nomination form(s) and printouts of online entries MUST BE signed by 4-H agent to verify that entries are complete and accurate and mailed to ADS Extension Office, postmarked no later than December 12, 2007.

- NE District Show, Verona – January 24-26, 2008
- NE District Show, Batesville – January 24-26, 2008
- SE District Show, Hattiesburg – January 25-27, 2008
- Delta District Show, Greenwood – January 28-30, 2008
- SW District Show, Jackson – January 28-31, 2008

Dixie National Junior Round-Up, Jackson – January 30 – February 7, 2008

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The following items are new rules or modifications to existing rules that the Livestock Directors voted in favor of at their meeting.

3. Put a cap on the number of animals that can be nominated/entered for the Mississippi State Fair and Dixie National Junior Round-Up. Existing rules regarding the number of animals that can be shown will still apply. The rule will read as follows:

   Junior exhibitors will only be allowed to nominate/enter three (3) steers, six (6) market lambs, six (6) market hogs, six (6) market goats, six (6) dairy goats and six (6) breeding animals for the Mississippi State Fair, District Livestock Shows, and Dixie National Junior Round-Up.

19. Recommend that all steers should be slick sheared to qualify to show in the Mississippi State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up.

    Since money was allocated for the Traditional Groomed Steer Show, it was decided to keep the shearing rule as last year. The rule will read as follows:

    All steers should be slick sheared to qualify to show in the Mississippi State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up. The hair shall be clipped to no more than ¼ inch in length on any location of the body, excluding the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Steers will be combed for ¼ inch hair length at weigh-in. If hair length is over ¼ inch, the exhibitor will have one opportunity to shear the steer to the correct length and will have two hours to report back to the weigh-in committee for a re-comb and for compliance with the clipping requirement. After one re-comb, steers that do not meet the clipping requirement of ¼ inch will be disqualified from showing in the Slick Sheared Steer Show, but may be shown in the appropriate Traditional Groomed Steer Show. The decision of the Show Management will be final. Only steers that have been shown in the Slick Sheared Steer division will be eligible for the Dixie National Junior Sale of Champions.

26. Recommend leaving steer shows as is for the 2007-2008 year.

    The Livestock Directors stated that there was $12,000 allocated for the Traditional Groomed Market Steer Show in the current budget for the 2008 Dixie National Junior Round-Up and that this would be the last year that this money would be awarded in scholarships to the top three placing steers. Scholarship money will be awarded as follows: 1st place - $5,000 scholarship; 2nd place - $4,000 scholarship; 3rd place - $3,000.

    As a result of this money being available, the following statement will be added to the Traditional Groomed Steer Show section.

    For the 2008 Dixie National Junior Round-Up, only the individual breed champions in the Traditional Groomed Steer Show will compete for scholarships. Up to three scholarships may be awarded; however, there must be at least five (5) Traditional Groomed Steers in a breed division for that division champion to be eligible to compete for a scholarship. The Light-weight European champion and the Heavy-weight European champion will compete against each other to determine which steer will represent that breed in the scholarship

competition. If each breed division of Traditional Groomed Steers had at least five (5) steers shown, then a total of three scholarships will be awarded. The first place scholarship will be for $5,000; the second place scholarship will be for $4,000; and the third place scholarship will be for $3,000. If only two breed divisions have enough Traditional Groomed Steers shown, then only two scholarships will be awarded. The first place scholarship will be for $5,000; and the second place scholarship will be for $4,000. If only one breed division has enough Traditional Groomed Steers entered, there will be only one awarded and it shall be in the amount of $5,000. The scholarships will only be offered for the 2008 Dixie National Junior Round-Up Traditional Groomed Steers. These scholarships may be used at any accredited college or university.

45. The Livestock Directors supported adopting the same age breaks for Market Goat Showmanship as exists for the Market Lamb Showmanship at State Fair and Dixie National.

46. The Livestock Directors supported the following rule change for market goats to read as follows:

    All market goat exhibitors are to use halters, lead chains or collars with or without a lead that is no longer than 12 inches in the show ring. No dog-spike or spike collar of any kind allowed in the show ring.

54. The Livestock Directors supported the following rule change for dairy goats to read as follows:

    "No mandatory milk out" rather than "No milk out".

59. The Livestock Directors supported the following rule change for market hogs to read as follows:

    The Dixie National Junior Round-Up Market Hog Show will be a terminal show and no hogs will be allowed to go back home after the show.

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The Livestock Directors voted to not accept the proposed change in classification of commercial heifers (item 23). This means that commercial heifers will be classified and retinal imaged as the other market animals outlined in item 1.

23. Do away with early classification of commercial heifers. Go back to classification at each show as in the past. Ownership deadline will be August 1 for State Fair and heifers are classified at State Fair. Ownership deadline will be December 1 for Roundup and heifers are classified at Roundup.

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The Livestock Directors referred all other items to Show/Facility Management (items 2, 9-14, 17-18, 20-21, 27-36, 42-43, 52-53, 55-58), Sale of Champions (items 15-16, 51, 61-62), Pork Producers (items 61-62) or no action was taken (items 4-8, 22, 24-25, 37-41, 44, 47-50, 60).

**GENERAL ITEMS**

2. For the bid sale animals only, include a statement in the premium book that states that in addition to the $0.50/hd taken from the check for commission, money for the Pork and Lamb Checkoff Programs will be withheld to pay those expenses. Note: Using this year as an example, the money taken from the exhibitor's check would have come to $0.70/lamb and $0.43/hog. This money was not taken out of the exhibitor's check this year and would serve as another way to teach youth in these programs to pay the money for sale of their animals.

4. Rule 21, pg. 11 – Protests – Special Rules and Regulations – We request the fees to be lowered to $50.00 cash and have appointed committee personnel and procedures in place to better handle the issues that come up. We feel that the protest fees are unreasonable. Compared to the District and State Horse Show Rules the fee is only $50.00 cash. We feel that we are sending a message telling young people and their parents that unless you are rich walking around with $100.00 to $500.00 cash in your pocket you do not have a right to voice your concerns. This is not a good reflection of an organization that prides itself on teaching children leadership skills, fairness and good character building skills. We feel that this should be remedied with better management practices verses fees that take away the voices of the people we are trying to serve.

5. It is recommended that any classifiers hired to classify market animals and commercial heifers should have specific knowledge of the species they are classifying. Too many animals, especially in the market lamb division were in-correctly classified.

6. Recommend that classifiers are knowledgeable of guidelines for breeds of species that are being classified.

7. With discussions recently of re-writing the rulebook for the Mississippi State Fair and the Dixie National Junior Round-Up, it is recommended that the rulebook continue to be revised through the Livestock Council process and does not support re-writing our existing rulebook.

8. To do away with multiple ownership of animals and only have single-owner animals. This was recommended at the Steering Council meeting.

9. Allow District Livestock Shows to charge a stalling fee to help cover the cost of shavings, pens, and other costs associated with bedding materials. The concern is that these are state-sponsored shows. Does charging for bedding compromise state-sponsored shows?

10. Ask show management to place a set of scales in a location that is easily accessible for weigh back during the show in order to save time on animal movement for the weigh back. This scale could also be used in the same location to weigh in the animals as well.

11. That the fair grounds buy a set of portable scales for steers and heifers to be weighed on. To be removed from rodeo barn to coliseum to save time during steer show on weigh back.

12. To add a Saturday, in a central location, for those that can't come during the week for classification/nomination.

13. In the Premier Exhibitor contest, allow the participants to declare at weigh-in the animal that he/she will show in the showmanship portion of the contest.

14. Security of lamps needs to be addressed. Maybe no heating devices should be allowed in pens and assigned animal stalling areas on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

15. That Champion and Reserve Champion of each weight group of that show are added to the Sale of Champions.

16. Recommend to the Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions Committee that the Sale of Junior Champions be converted from a "*money*" sale to an *"academic scholarship"* sale as outlined in the attached proposal as outlined.

    - 20% withheld for sale expenses and current scholarships.
    - A percent of the sale will be given back to the exhibitor(s). The Sale Committee will determine this percent.
    - The remainder of the sale is placed in an interest bearing savings account for the exhibitor(s). This money will be used for scholarships for the exhibitor(s). If the exhibitor(s) choose not to attend college, this money will be available for exhibitor(s) on his/her twenty-first birthday.

17. Ask show management to enforce the dog and bike/skate rules in the rulebook.

18. Concerning Junior Judging Contest: The District would like to recommend that the first, second and third place livestock judging teams from all districts be allowed to compete at state level junior Livestock Judging contest.

**BEEF CATTLE ITEMS**

20. We recommend that there be a check-in time deadline for the Beef Grooming Contest during the Junior Round-Up Livestock Show. Teams and individuals would check-in and verify participation by a certain time prior to the start of the Beef Grooming Contest. This would be similar to the showmanship check-in deadline. A check-in Deadline/verification process should be helpful to the Beef Grooming Contest manager(s) as they plan for the contest, including the layout of grooming chutes.

21. Because no substitutions are allowed in the Beef Grooming Contest, we recommend that the following statement be added to Junior Round-Up Livestock Show Beef Grooming Contest Rules - In the event that a pre-registered county team of three does not make by the check-in deadline, the team member(s) who are present will be allowed to compete in the individual contest must be made with and approved by the Beef Grooming Contest manager(s) by the check-in deadline.

22. We recommend removing the slick sheared steer show and replacing it with the traditional steer show.

24. Move the ownership of commercial beef heifers back to December 1. Classification should be done at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up.

25. Minimum weight for commercial heifers should be 400 pounds at State Fair.

27. In the commercial heifer shows there should be a minimum of four weight divisions with no class size to exceed ten head total.

28. We recommend class size for the commercial heifer show is based on the following:
    - If a breed division has more than 15 heifers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided in two classes as near equal as possible. When 2 or more animals of the same weight occur at a break point, both will be placed in the lighter weight group.
    - When uneven numbers occur the odd number will go in the lightweight group.
    - If a breed division has thirty-one or more heifers classifying for the show, then that breed will be divided into as many classes of a multiple of fifteen as necessary.

29. See the every child is treated the same by ring men and women at the Junior Round-Up Beef Show. Some were aided more closely with their problem cattle while some 4-H'ers was not given the same assistance.

30. In the beef breeding show no class should exceed 10 head. Add a rule to address class size in the registered beef cattle shows as such: "No class will exceed a maximum of ten head. If there are 11 or more, the class will be divided into two or more subclasses as near equal in number as possible, not to exceed ten head per subclass."

31. That top two (2) steers for each weight division (6) to compete for scholarship.

32. We recognize that the job of working the paddock area/make-up area is difficult. We recognize that many exhibitors and parents get angry, run late, blame paddock people for missed classes, etc. We understand that a class should be ready to enter the ring as soon as the previous class exits. However, beef exhibitors were given a "last call" for classes and then waited outside the coliseum in the paddock area for over an hour. Usually, two classes were held outside the coliseum and one class per ring was allowed inside the coliseum in the make-up area. We would suggest that show management look at ways to improve the system of calling exhibitors to the paddock area/make-up area.

33. Beef Stall Assignments – We ask that show management consider barn layout when assigning beef stall space. Some aisles allow for a "sitting area" for exhibitors and some do not. It is important to exhibitors and families to have a space near their cattle stalling area to sit, gather, eat, etc. This should be considered when assigning space. Also, be sure to allow enough room for all cattle from a county. There is no reason to be crowded. If a county is sharing a bay with another county, the number of head per county should be indicated on the stall chart. This would help counties to fairly allow space for cattle. Since

we are not currently overflowing the barns with cattle, we ask that show management look for ways to improve the stalling assignment and allow ample room for cattle from all counties.

34. Ask show management to look at allowing space for tack and equipment in the beef barns tie stalls.

35. Enforcing tie-out rule! Cattle were being worked in tent, outside barn.

36. Recommend that a bred and owned registered cattle show be added to the Mississippi State Fair and Dixie National Junior Round-Up junior beef shows. The system we have currently is owned cattle. Bred and owned classes would offer youth an opportunity to compete on a more level playing field.

**DAIRY CATTLE ITEMS**

37. That dairy cattle entered in the show be allowed to receive approved FDA drugs at the shows when administered by the licensed veterinarians as provided by show management.

38. If showmanship classes are large enough to require that each age group be broken into heats, it is recommended that the heats should be posted the day before the show.

39. Concerning the Open Dairy Show at the Mississippi State Fair: Revise the rule to allow one person per family to participate in the Governor's Cup competition.

**LAMB ITEMS**

40. We recommend that the number of lambs for Junior Round-Up be increased from 2 lambs per exhibitor to 3. Due to the decrease in the number of lambs shown.

41. Allow exhibitors to show 4 head of market lambs at the Dixie National Junior Roundup.

42. Sheep Pen Assignments – During the 2007 Junior Round-Up, some counties were assigned sheep pens that were across from each other (for the same county) in the middle of an aisle. We ask that show management assign sheep pens by county in a consecutive row unless barn layout prohibits.

43. Recommend having the sheep show and sheep showmanship all on the same day at Dixie National.

**MARKET GOAT ITEMS**

44. Remove the upper weight limit on market goats for Dixie National and State Fair.

47. Remove item C. on page 8. of the Dixie National book dealing with unethical fitting.

    Use of any product, such as but not limited to, ice, ice water, alcohol, aerosol coolants, ether, ice packed towels, wet towels, etc.; and any other abnormal/artificial procedure

or practice to change the degree of firmness, muscle tone or mass, and/or weight of the animal.

48. Change the rules to read that any exhibitor that wins Grand Champion Market Goat twice will be ineligible to show market goats again.

49. We request that we initiate the tooth rule for the market goat show to read as follows.
    - Age of market goat will be determined by milk teeth. Mouthing of market goats will be done at the District Shows and goats eligible for District will be eligible for Dixie National Junior Round-Up. Market goats that have lost their center pair of temporary incisor teeth (baby teeth) is classified as yearling and will not be eligible to show at Dixie National Junior Round-Up.

50. Rule 2, pg. 41 – Market Goat Division – Market Goat Show – that states: For the Dixie National Junior Round-Up the minimum weight is 60 pounds and the maximum weight is 110 pounds. We request it to be changed to read: For the Dixie National Junior Round-Up the minimum weight is 40 pounds with no maximum weight.

    Recommend moving the minimum weight of market goats back to 40 pounds. Currently the minimum weight is 60 pounds.

51. Request the Sale of Champions committee allow the Champion and Reserve of each division of the Market Goat Show be placed in the sale.

    Concerning Market Goats: The Mississippi Market Goat Association request of the Mississippi Livestock Council to encourage the Dixie National Sale of Champions to include division champions and reserve champions in the Junior sale of Champions.

    The Mississippi Goat Association request that separate premier exhibitor contest be set up for Market Goats and Dairy Goats.

52. Ask show management to wait until after the market goat show is over before tearing down or cleaning out the pens in the goat barns.

53. Rule 15, pg. 42 – Market Goat Division – Market Goat Show – that states: Goats showing at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up may be sold on bid basis. These goats will be checked into the sale pen immediately after the goat show. Agents are responsible for seeing that their goats are processed for selling. Declaration to sell forms must be completed and submitted to the Extension Animal & Dairy Science office by December 11, 2006. There will be a $.50/head deducted from each goat, plus trucking costs. Goats that are sick, weak, crippled, etc. will not be accepted in the sale.

    We do not know where this came from, as it is not listed from the Steering Committee minutes or from the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Livestock Council. We request that this wording go back to the original wording from the 2006 Premium Book, which states:

Goats showing at the Dixie National Junior Round-Up may be sold on bid basis. These goats will be checked into the sale pen immediately after the goat show. Agents are responsible for seeing that their goats are processed for selling. Special form for checking in sale goats must be completed and will be available at the show. There will be a $.50/head deducted from each goat, plus trucking costs. Goats that are sick, weak, crippled, etc. will not be accepted in the sale.

This concern to improve the system is unfair to the children and parents requiring them to commit to a market bid that is blanketed. I was informed that if I said yes on the form in December and did not put my goats on the truck that my children would not be able to show the next year. This is not in the Premium Book. We need to have all trucking fees and bid prices available before committing. We could do a Declaration of Intent to Sale, but we need to decide this as a group to not have it in the book with no discussion. We don't know where this came from.

**DAIRY GOAT ITEMS**

55. Utilize rule 19. on page 11. of the Dixie National book in regard to the Dairy Goat breeds. This would add a breed division for the Alpine and Oberhasli in the show. / Please break out the breeds of Oberhasli and Alpine into their own separate lots. The numbers have been sufficient form the past two years to accomplish this.

56. Please include the picture of the Best Senior Doe in Show and Best Junior Doe in Show in the 2007 Mississippi State Fair Book and in the 2008 Dixie National Premium Book. This would be the picture of the 2006 State Fair winner and the 2007 Junior Round-up winner.

57. Please make sure the corrected class breakdowns by age make it to print in the 2007 MS State Fair Book and the 2008 Dixie National Round-up Book.

58. Please make sure the order of the show is changed as well to reflect:
    1st showmanship
    2nd Senior Doe Show
    3rd Junior Doe Show

**MARKET HOG ITEMS**

60. Allow exhibitors to show 1 hog in the Miss. Bred Barrow show and 2 hogs in the Market Hog show at Dixie National.

61. Recommend adding MS bred barrow to the grand championship drive so all breeds are represented.

62. To do away with weight limit on Barrows.