

UPPER PENINSULA STATE FAIR
230 LUDINGTON STREET ESCANABA, MI 49829

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JUNIOR STEER SHOW RULES:

1. **Preliminary entries must be received/postmarked with the U.P. State Fair, 230 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 on or before February 15, 2017.** Entries must be made on the attached preliminary Entry Form for the Junior Steer Show and Sale. (Entries should be made by club or group, if belonging to a group/club) The preliminary entry form must be completed in its entirety. **Entries received after February 15, 2017 will not be accepted.**
2. **Please note that complete breeder information must be included. (First and Last Name, address and phone number)**
3. Final entries to show at the fair must be made individually on the proper Fair Entry Form available in the 2017 Upper Peninsula State Fair Premium Book by **July 15, 2017.** Entry must show proper animal identification. **USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DEPARTMENT.**
4. The Upper Peninsula State Fair reserves the right to deny, accept conditionally, and to cancel any entries and awards of prizes without cause and without claims for damages.
5. Competition is open to any Michigan resident between 9 years of age through the person's 19th birthday. An exhibitor's official fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair.
6. Entry weights must be taped or scaled at start of feeding program from a 4-H leader. If exhibitor is not a 4-H member, the entry weight must be verified by a responsible party. (Parent, guardian or self if over 18 years of age).
7. **In order to participate in the Jr. Market Livestock competition, and sale, youth will be required to submit a completed set of records for their animals.** The U.P. State Fair Junior Market Livestock Record Books will follow the new Michigan 4-H Market Animal Record Book format. Itemized records should begin on the day the exhibitor takes possession of the animal. All steers must have been owned by junior exhibitor, housed in Michigan for the duration of the project, and must have been in his/her care prior to February 15, 2017.
8. State of Michigan regulations require all cattle to be tagged with electronic ear tags(RFID tags.) **Steers arriving at the Upper Peninsula without electronic ear tags in place will be refused entry.**
9. **All steers will be identified by a RFID tag and a UPSF ear tag. The Upper Peninsula State Fair will assign and furnish an ear tag after February 15, 2017 for each steer entered. If an exhibitor's animal loses a tag, (either UPSF tag or RFID tag) they will be required to contact the Upper Peninsula State Fair office (Summer; 906-212-5419) (Winter; 906-786-2192) immediately.**
10. **In the event a UPSF ear tag/RFID Tag is lost, the exhibitor must call the fair office immediately. There will be a \$20.00 fee for a lost UPSF/RFID ear tag, which must be paid prior to unloading the steer at the UPSF. Please have the previously assigned UPSF/RFID ear tag number available. The steer will be automatically selected for DNA testing.**
 - **The exhibitor will be mailed a "request for change from original registration" form. The procedures to follow will be clearly outlined. The completed form must be in the exhibitor's possession before they will be allowed to unload the steer on the UPSF fairgrounds. If an animal arrives at the fair without both of the correct identifying tags, it will not be allowed to enter the fair.**
11. Exhibitors are limited to exhibit one steer only in the show and sale. Exhibitors/families may enter an alternate steer. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Steers are required to be sold at the Jr. Market Livestock Auction.
12. The superintendent may exclude an animal from competition if there is an unnecessary or embarrassing delay by the exhibitor in bringing the animal into the show ring. If an animal is not shown in its respective class, it will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale and premiums will be forfeited.
13. Animals that have been given tranquilizers other than which are normally fed shall not be shown. No drugs shall be administered to market livestock that are prohibited by state or federal regulations.

Livestock receiving such drugs will not be sold. Animals that have been administered an approved drug must be past the withdrawal period (to be determined by the UPSF veterinarian) to exhibit at the fair.

14. Steers must be born after January 1, 2016 to be eligible. The grand and reserve champions may be mouthed by a qualified veterinarian.
15. Steers must be dehorned. Steers with horns will be disqualified.
16. * **NEW**: Jr. Market Steers with scurs, are not to exceed two (2) inches in length. Length to be measured and determined by Beef Superintendent.
17. * **NEW**: Due to the high transmissibility of fungal infections and for the protection of all species, including the public, no animals with ringworm lesions (healed or active) will be admitted into the Upper Peninsula State Fair. Determination and dismissal to be determined by the contracted UPSF Veterinarian.
18. ***NEW**: Because of the contagious nature of the papilloma virus, to protect herds without them, cattle with “warts” will not be allowed to exhibit at the UPSF.
19. ***NEW**: No cattle with ectoparasites (lice, mites, etc.) will be allowed to enter the UPSF. Plan ahead when treating to ensure withdrawal times are met.
20. ***NEW**: Any animal which appears to be unsafe for exhibitors, other animals, or general public, under the observation and recommendation from the department superintendent, Exhibitor’s Manager and a UPSF Authority Member said animal shall be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
21. Steers must have a minimum weight of 1,000lbs. to be eligible for show and sale. Steers that do not meet minimum weight requirements may be allowed to compete in the age appropriate Fitting and Showmanship class. This determination will be made by the Superintendent pending space availability. If appropriate space is not available, the underweight steer must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor.
22. Steers must be weighed for weight classification upon arrival at the fairgrounds. Steers must be weighed and stalled between **8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Sunday August 13, 2017.**
23. **SHOULD THE STEER NOT WEIGH THE MINIMUM OF 1,000 lbs. THE STEER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE SCALE, SCALE WILL BE BALANCED AND THE ANIMAL WILL BE IMMEDIATELY RE-WEIGHED. THIS WILL BE THE OFFICIAL AND FINAL WEIGHT. STEERS MUST BE CLEAN AND DRY BEFORE GOING ON THE SCALE.**
24. To reduce the risk of spreading BVD (bovine virus diarrhea disease), all dairy and beef cattle exhibitors at the 2017 Upper Peninsula State Fair (both market and breeding stock) must provide evidence that their animals are not persistently infected (PI) with BVD virus. The evidence must be a negative BVD PI test for each animal to be exhibited. Exhibitors will have to get their animals tested at their own expense. The animal on the test form is to be identified by the RFID number.

In an effort to minimize human error with the BVD testing, if you choose to use the Mid County Vet Clinic for the BVD Snap test, instead of the MSU Lab, please include the enclosed form when you submit your ear notch. You will need to contact the Mid County Vet Clinic or MSU lab about the cost of the test.
25. The 2017 Junior Steer Show is deemed “Free Choice”; however the following rules and procedures will be followed;
 - Fitting: Clipping and grooming of exhibit while on the fairgrounds shall be done by the exhibitor. The exhibitor may receive assistance from immediate family, which includes, father, mother, sister, brother, step-sister, step-brother, step-parent, legal guardian, leader or other Jr. Livestock Exhibitor.
 - **Any individual who is not directly involved in the Upper Peninsula State Fair Jr. Market Steer Program is prohibited from helping clip, groom or otherwise prepare the exhibitor’s livestock project for show during fair week. Leaders, of groups, or clubs recognized by the Upper Peninsula State Fair, Fair advisors and/or immediate family members are permitted to ASSIST the youth as necessary. However, the exhibitor must be actively participating in the grooming of the animal as well. At no time may the assistant (s) groom the animal without the Exhibitor present and participating. Any violation or infraction may cause**

disqualification of the exhibit. Anyone who is a trainer or professional groomer acting in the capacity of a trainer or professional groomer, is prohibited from assisting an exhibitor at the Upper Peninsula State Fair.

(As an example, if at any time the exhibitor stops grooming the animal for any reason, the assistant (s) must also stop grooming the animal)

- a. A maximum of two (2) people will be allowed to assist the Jr. Exhibitor in the designated fitting areas.
 - b. The exhibitor will be allowed one (1) person to assist in the "on deck area", prior to entering the show ring.
 - c. Generators are not allowed in the barn(s).
 - d. Designated "Fitting Area (s)" will be established to ensure the safety of fairgoers.
26. **DNA Hair Sample will be required.** Detailed instructions and official DNA Sample ID card will be mailed to each registered exhibitor after the February 15, 2017 deadline. The cost will be \$10.00 for each market steer entered, and \$0.00 for each alternate market steer entered. The DNA hair sample is required for the alternate steer, however, there is no charge for the alternate DNA sample. The deadline for returning the DNA sample along with the DNA processing fee will be March 15, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact;

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