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2020 State Fair of VA Youth Dairy Shows (Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle) COVID Guidelines, Safety Precautions, Logistics

Stalling:

- All animals will be stalled and have pen space in one of the two permanent/semi-permanent facilities.
- At this time, animals will not be allowed to be housed on trailers.
- Pens and stalls will be assigned by family with attention paid to groups and areas of the State. There will
 not be a stall request process this year.
- Parking spaces will not be assigned, but parking areas will be.
- Due to COVID restrictions and guidelines, everyone must be able to enter and exit the barn in multiple locations without passing through gathering areas or areas that do not allow for social distancing.

Schedule:

- Schedule has been modified to help provide families with the opportunity to decrease their time at the Fair and away from home.
- All exhibitors are encouraged and requested to leave after they have shown in their final class.
- Show management reserves the right to adjust the schedule as necessary based on entry numbers or other variables that may not be known at this time.

Attendance:

- Forward Virginia, Phase 3 Guidelines for Fairs and Outdoor Amusement limit the number of people on the grounds. To comply with these guidelines, the following plans are currently in place:
 - This will be a No Spectator Event.
 - Each exhibitor will receive one wristband and each family will receive an additional two wristbands.
 - We are reviewing options to make more wristbands available once entries have closed and we receive additional information from the Health Department.
 - Wristbands will be checked upon entering and will be required by everyone on the grounds.



COVID 19 Restrictions and Guidelines:

- Per the Governor's Guidelines for Horse and Other Livestock Shows, and in compliance with guidelines from the CDC, VDH, Virginia Tech, and Virginia Cooperative Extension, the following guidelines will be implemented and enforced:
 - Social Distancing of at least 6-feet between exhibitors in line-up, the show ring, and when utilizing auxiliary areas such as wash racks.
 - Social Distancing of at least 6-feet between non-family members/groups around the show ring and the barns.
 - Masks are to be worn by the show staff and the judge when in the ring and whenever social distancing cannot be accomplished – this includes interaction in the show ring, the line-up area, weigh-in, checkin, or any other situation where social distancing is not feasible.
 - Masks are to be worn ringside by everyone watching the classes and should also be worn anywhere
 on the Fairgrounds including wash areas and in the stalls/barns, when social distancing outside of
 your family pod is not feasible.
 - Masks are not required by youth while in the showring or in line-up, but are recommended at all times and required when social distancing cannot be accomplished.
 - One parent/family member will be allowed in the line-up area with the exhibitor, but must move to ringside viewing areas once the class begins.
- There will be a Mounted Shooting Event in Ring 1 and the SSC Legends Stable during the Dairy Shows, but you are asked not to visit these areas.