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# LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MANUAL

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TUESDAY 26TH  
NOVEMBER 2019



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## SHOW HERD NUMBER:

Cattle: M06P  
Lambs: M06PS

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## PROGRAMME

8.00am - 10.00am	Weighing of Cattle
10.30am – 12.00pm	Weighing of Lambs
11.00am	Calf Classes followed by Young Handlers
1.00pm	Ulster Housewife's Champion Heats followed by Beef Cattle Classes
2.00pm	Lamb Classes followed by Young Handlers
6.00pm	Sale of Lambs
6.30pm	Judging of Ulster Housewife's Champion followed by Supreme Champion
7.30pm	Sale of Calves followed by Sale of Beef Cattle and Champions

## ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS

The Showground will **only** be open for the arrival of cattle & sheep between 6am and 9am on Tuesday 26 November 2019

Livestock **must** not arrive before the stated times. Arrival outside of the above times will result in refusal of admission to the Showgrounds.

All livestock must enter the Showground via Gate 1 (Halftown Road).

Sheep will load in via door 14, Logan Hall and Cattle via doors 21 & 22. Please follow the directions of Stewards on arrival.

## DEPARTURE OF ANIMALS

All livestock **must** leave Balmoral Park on Tuesday 26 November 2019. **No livestock is permitted to stay overnight.**

## ADMISSION TO THE SHOWGROUNDS

Admission to Balmoral Park will be by valid RUAS member's identification card or exhibitor's wrist band. If members identification or exhibitors wrist band are not shown at the pay boxes, the full admission fee will be charged. Wrist bands must be attached to your wrist and are not transferable.

## PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Exhibitors are requested to follow the directions of the stewards on arrival.

## SETTING UP OF LIVESTOCK STALLS

Exhibitors will be permitted to set up their stalls on Monday 25 November between 8am and 5pm sharp. This is for preparation only **LIVESTOCK WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.**

## BIO-SECURITY PROTOCOLS

Gathering animals together from many farms in different areas of the country has the potential to spread animal disease. It is the responsibility of every exhibitor to reduce this risk to a minimum and thus to protect his/her own livestock and that of other farmers. No animal under DAERA restriction, or showing signs or symptoms of any disease, must be brought to a Show.

Vehicles used to transport any animals to the Show must be cleansed and disinfected before leaving your farm, with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches. Any equipment brought to the Show should also be cleansed and disinfected with a DAERA approved disinfectant.

Clean protective clothing and footwear should be worn when handling animals.

If bedding is to be used at the Show, it should be fresh and clean. Contaminated bedding should not be removed from the transport vehicle at the Show grounds.

Contact between animals while at the Show should be kept to a minimum.

Prior to leaving the Showgrounds, or immediately on return home, protective clothing and footwear should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected. Vehicles used to transport animals should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected with special attention being paid to the underside and wheel arches.

Any clinical signs of disease occurring in animals that have been at the Show, during the following two to three weeks, must be reported to the Show operators. In the case of notifiable diseases, your local DAERA office should also be notified

## SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

Be careful with your possessions, unattended tack boxes should be kept locked.

If you notice anything unusual in and around your stalls or preparation area, report this to a member of the staff or RUAS steward.

In an emergency situation information and instructions will be issued to stewards, security supervisors and key staff. Simply follow the instructions given to you by the stewards or security staff.

If in the extreme circumstances you are instructed to evacuate **do not** attempt to take your animals with you. Ensure they are secured and leave as requested.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

### **THE SOCIETY'S GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT ON HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The policy of the RUAS Council of the Society is to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions, equipment and systems of work for all its employees and to provide such information, training and supervision as they need for this purpose. The RUAS Council also accepts its responsibility for the health and safety of other persons who have reason to be on the Society's premises. Whilst the council delegates the implementation of this policy to the Chief Executive it has also established a show safety committee to consider all matters relating to health and safety at agricultural events organised by the Society and to make recommendations to Council for optimising, as far as is reasonably practical, safe conditions at these events.

Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and other relevant Health and Safety legislation.

### **REGULATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXHIBITORS AND THEIR STOCK ATTENDANTS**

- Exhibitors and their stock attendants must be competent and take total responsibility of their stock at all times whilst on the Showground. All persons in charge of exhibits will be required to parade or exhibit the animals in their charge at times as directed by the Stewards of the Show. Stock attendants must be in attendance at least a quarter of an hour before the time appointed for exhibiting the animals under their charge in the Judging Ring. No stock attendants shall be allowed to lead more than one animal at a time in the Judging Ring.
- It is compulsory that all animals are snaffled and haltered.
- Exhibitors will be held responsible for the behaviour of their stock attendants and for the consequences of any misconduct.
- All exhibits and persons in charge of them will be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Show. The RUAS Council delegates full power to the Stewards to enforce all the Show conditions and regulations.
- Except in the case of death or personal injury caused by negligence of the Show, its servants or agents, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground.
- The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against, and take full responsibility for all claims, damages and expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the exhibitor, his servants, agents, exhibits, vehicles or equipment on the Showground.

- Owners of stock are reminded that any act or disobedience or discourtesy to the officials of the Show on the part of the owner, or attendant will disqualify the owner's exhibit or exhibits from adjudication or from taking a prize. The RUAS Council reserves the power to remove from the Show, any owner or attendant, together with the exhibit or exhibits concerned.
- Grooming is not permitted in the show ring.
- All exhibitors and young handlers must have the physical ability, relevant experience and be competent to handle the animal in their charge at all times. Handlers must be in good health and properly trained in safe work methods. Exhibitors are reminded that RUAS Stewards have full authority to take appropriate action should it be felt that any animal is not properly trained or that any handler is not competent to be in control of his or her animal.
- Livestock exhibitors are reminded that the show environment can be upsetting for livestock, even those of normally placid temperament. Livestock with unstable or aggressive temperament should not be brought to the Showground. Any animal considered to be in a dangerous or infuriated state will not be admitted and should any animal, in the opinion of the stewards, become dangerous in the Showgrounds, must be removed immediately, or if removal be impracticable or attended with risk, it shall be destroyed.
- Smoking is prohibited in the Stock lines and all buildings.
- No oil, gas or electric cooking equipment of any description to be used in the Dr E F Logan Hall.
- All electrical equipment being used on site must have a current PAT Test Certificate.
- All Gas appliances coming onto site must be covered by a gas safety cert carried out by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.

- Use of petrol generators is strictly



prohibited.

- Any infringement of any of these regulations or conditions will subject the exhibitor to a fine of £50, and to the forfeiture, by order of the Show, of any prize to which he may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement).
- Please note that CCTV is in operation.

## **Procedure for Movement of Northern Ireland (NI) Cattle into and out of Local Agricultural Shows**

### **Identification**

All cattle must be properly identified and comply with the Cattle Identification Regulations.

### **Disease Control**

Only animals free from disease restrictions, including Tuberculosis, Brucellosis, Bluetongue and Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (herd or individual animal restrictions) may be permitted to move to a Show.

To minimise the risk to other livestock, exhibitors are encouraged to have Show animals tested for Tuberculosis by their Private Veterinary Practitioner in the 30 days beforehand.

### **The Compulsory Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme (BVD).**

Cattle going to a Show(s) must be accompanied by a fully completed MC2 document identifying the Show premises as the destination.

For cattle born on/after 01/03/2016, the show operator must have evidence that these animals have all been tested negative. It will be an offence for show operators to have in their possession, under their control (i.e. in Show herd number) or sold any animal that has moved to the show without a negative result. Results are held by AWHNI (Animal Health & Welfare Northern Ireland).

In respect of imported animals born on or after 1/3/2016, if a result from an approved laboratory has not already been provided by the vendor, the Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 requires a valid BVD test to be completed within 20 days of the date of importation.

All queries relating to details of the compulsory BVD scheme should be directed to AHWNI:

Programme manager: Mrs Sharon Verner  
Box 10 1st Floor, Dungannon Business Cube  
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BT71 6JT  
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Web Site: <http://www.animalhealthni.com/>

## **WEIGHING OF ANIMALS**

Weighing of Cattle **will** commence at **8.00am** and finish at **10.00am sharp**.

Weighing of Sheep **will** commence at **9.00am** and finish at **10.00am sharp**.

All animals **must** be weighed before judging starts. **Animals will only be weighed once.**

Bullock calves must not weigh less than 200kgs and not more than **380kgs**.

Heifer calves must not weigh less than 200kgs and not more than **340kgs**.

Maximum weight of animals for the Housewife Championship is **560kgs**.

## **DRESS CODE**

White coats, shirt and tie to be worn by exhibitors during judging and auction.

## **STALLING**

Exhibitors must ensure that cattle and sheep are placed in the stalls/pens allocated to them. The movement of stall or pen positions without the chief cattle or sheep steward's consent can lead to disqualification.

## **WATER**

Due to bio-security arrangements water will be supplied through hoses exhibitors should provide their own buckets.

## **BEDDING**

All stalls will be bedded with sawdust. Soiled bedding should be removed to the central collection area and stalls should be kept tidy.

## **PREPERATION AREA**

Cattle preparation areas with power supply will be provided. The use of mains electrical appliances and/or trailing leads is prohibited in the stalls as these constitute a safety hazard.

## **CATERING**

Fast Food/tea & coffee and bar facilities will be open during the event.

## **VET**

Jim Wilson is the Vet on call. His contact number details are 028 92 662661 or 07739 189524



