

Preston County Livestock Association
P.O. Box 236, Kingwood, WV 26537

**Rules and Regulations Governing the 2024 Preston County Livestock Association
Youth Market Steer Show and Sale**

Junior Members of the Preston County Livestock Association (“PCLA”) may participate in PCLA sponsored shows and sales, including the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale (collectively “PCLA Events”), if the Junior Member meets the following eligibility requirements, which are to be listed in the Preston County Livestock Association Bylaws:

1. The steer presented for entry by each Junior Member shall:
 - a. be weighed-in, inspected, photographed and consigned on November 18, 2023, at the Cow Palace/designated location between 10:00 am and 12 pm weather permitting;
 - b. be completely castrated and properly dehorned;
 - c. be electronically tagged at weigh-in;
 - d. be halter-broke and manageable at weigh-in and at all PCLA shows and sales; and
 - e. be free of illness, disease, and injury.
2. The Junior Member exhibiting the steer shall be present and shall be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian at the weigh-in. If the Junior Member cannot be present with the steer at weigh-in, he/she may submit a written request to the Board of Directors for an exception to this rule prior to weigh-in. If permission is granted to miss weigh-in, the Board of Directors shall schedule an alternate weigh-in date for the Junior Member to weigh-in his/her steer. If a Junior Member requests and is granted a rescheduled weigh-in date, he/she is not eligible for rate of gain.
3. PCLA shall schedule an alternate date for the weigh-in if the scheduled weigh-in is cancelled due to poor weather conditions.
4. It is suggested that steers presented for entry at weigh-in weigh no less than 300 pounds and no more than 650 pounds.
5. Each Junior Member and his or her parents/guardians have the option of tagging, loading, unloading, and moving his/her own animal. If the Junior Member and his or her parents/guardians choose not to do so and the animal is injured, PCLA accepts no liability. By participating in PCLA Events, the participants and/or the parents or guardians of the participants release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue PCLA, its directors, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims resulting in personal injuries, death, accidents, illnesses, and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in PCLA Events. The participants and/or the parents or guardians of the participants assume all of the risks associated with PCLA Events.
6. Exhibitors shall complete the Youth Quality Assurance training, per age and species guidelines, as required by the state of WV.
7. Junior Members may not replace a steer after the completion of the weigh-in on November 18, 2023, for any reason, including death of the animal.

8. Any Junior Member showing a steer at the State Fair of West Virginia and using the same steer at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale, shall have his/her animal tagged with the PCLA Youth Market Steer tag. It is the Junior Member's responsibility to tag the animal prior to the show and sale. PCLA shall issue tags at the official weigh-in.
9. Each Junior Member and the Member's parent/guardian must sign the consignment form which contains the COVID Waiver, photo releases, the liability statement, and code of conduct, as required by Article 26 of the PCLA By-laws, acknowledging that they have read and understand the Market Steer Rules and Regulations for the 2023-2024 year and PCLA By-laws, and return the signed copy to the Board of Directors at the November weigh-in.
10. In addition to the consignment form, all steer exhibitors shall submit a bill of sale from the producer that includes the farm name, address, and phone number, at the time of weigh-in.
11. Junior Members seeking "County Bred" status for any steer shall turn in a County Bred form at entry weigh-in, signed by the Preston County Breeder. PCLA shall not accept County Bred forms after the entry weigh-in.
12. Each Junior Member shall meet the following eligibility requirements before offering a steer for sale at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale:
 - a. The Junior Member shall have previously met and must continue to meet the eligibility requirements above.
 - b. The Junior Member shall have attended five (5) meetings or events held by PCLA between March 7, 2024, and barn setup in September of 2024 and shall have signed a sign-in sheet at each meeting or event as proof of attendance.
 - c. The Junior Member shall have previously shown the PCLA consigned steer at the 2024 PCLA Sponsored Preview or Jackpot show.
 - d. The steer shall have previously met and shall continue to meet the eligibility requirements herein;
 - e. The steer shall weigh at least 1,000 pounds during the published weigh-in time established for the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale
 - f. Any steer not timely meeting the above requirements shall be removed from the PCLA Event by the exhibitor upon the request of PCLA.
 - g. The steer shall be tagged for the show and sale.
 - h. The steer shall be kept in a clean and presentable condition throughout the PCLA Market Steer Show and Sale.
 - i. The Junior Member shall be present to be photographed with the steer during the PCLA Market Steer Show and Sale.
 - j. The Junior Member shall not show or sell the steer wearing t-shirts, faded/dirty jeans, baseball caps, or torn/dirty clothing.
 - k. The steer shall be left haltered after the sale, with a good quality rope halter, or one will be provided by the PCLA for a fee of \$5.00, to be deducted from the sale price of the steer.
13. Steers will be sold per head at the Preston County Livestock Association Youth Market Steer Sale.

- a. PCLA shall be paid 5% of the sale price of each steer sold at any PCLA sponsored sale to help cover PCLA's operating expenses.
 - b. All Market Steer exhibitors that sell their animal at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale shall pay their portion of the Beef Check Off Board out of their exhibitor check to meet statutory requirements. This amount will be calculated according to the payment formula set forth by the Beef Check Off Board.
14. The Junior Member shall be the person to exhibit the steer entered. If the Junior Member is unable to exhibit the steer at any PCLA sponsored show or sale for any reason, no other person shall exhibit the steer. However, the Junior Member may submit a written request for an exception to this rule to the Board of Directors thirty days, if possible, in advance of the show or sale stating the reason for the request and the name of the other junior member who has offered to exhibit the steer entered on behalf of the Junior Member.
15. The grooming of the steers for beginning showmanship may be completed by the Junior Member with assistance by the Member's parent/guardian or 4-H or FFA leader. The grooming of steers for advanced/champion showmanship shall be completed by the Junior Member only.
16. Any steer rejected by the West Virginia State Veterinarian representative will be sent home. In addition, the Barn Superintendent at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale has the authority to send home any animal that an animal health authority suggests be sent home for health reasons.
17. If the Junior Member's steer is sold at the Preston County Livestock Association Youth Market Steer Sale and it does not meet the slaughterhouse's requirements, the Junior Member shall refund the full purchase price of the steer to the buyer.
18. Any Junior Member who sells their PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale tagged steer at any non-PCLA sponsored youth sale shall not be eligible to participate in the PCLA Youth Market Steer Show and Sale.
19. Any Junior Member who decides not to exhibit a steer after entry shall notify PCLA immediately.
20. Any Junior Member who drops out of FFA or 4-H shall notify the PCLA President or Secretary immediately.
21. The PCLA Secretary shall send written notice by July 21, 2024, to all Junior Members who have not attended at least five (5) of the required meetings/events.
22. The PCLA Board of Directors reserves the right to make appropriate changes to the Calendar of Events regarding date, location, or events. The general membership will be notified as soon as possible of any such changes.
23. All "donated-to-owner" animals will not be released to leave until all buyers have checked out after the sale and at the time established by the PCLA.

24. Steers not eligible to be offered for sale in the Preston County Livestock Association Youth Market Steer Sale shall not be advertised “For Sale” in the barn or on the premises where eligible steers are kept.
25. Steers sold at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Sale shall not be resold at the PCLA Youth Market Steer Sale.

All questions concerning the Bylaws of The Preston County Livestock Association, or the Rules and Regulations Governing the 2023-2024 Preston County Livestock Association Youth Market Steer Show and Sale must be directed to the Preston County Livestock Association President, and he/she will present such to the Board of Directors.

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