**Albemarle Area Circuit Show**

**2016 Rules**

**The following rules apply to all exhibitors:**

1. Exhibitors must be less than 19 years old as of January 1, 2016. Animals are not required to be owned by exhibitor, but must be cared for by exhibitor. Heifer exhibitors need to be 9 years old as of January1, 2016 to compete (Exception in PeeWee show)
2. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PRE-REGISTER.** Entry forms must be returned no later than **August 21st, 2016.** Exhibitor entry fees are $10 per animal and must be paid with registration.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animals for the entire time the animals are on the grounds. Exhibitors must provide all necessary equipment for their animals. **If an exhibitor chooses to bring shavings, said exhibitor will be responsible for the cleanup of those shavings before leaving**. Water hookup and wash areas are available to all exhibitors.
4. All animals must meet North Carolina health requirements. **No fungus or other contagious diseases allowed. All decisions of any animal in question will be made final by the Show Committee.**
5. Animals exhibited in showmanship classes must be registered in the name of the exhibitor and shown by the exhibitor only. (no group names & no help from others) **Heifers only.**
6. Each exhibitor may register a maximum of three (3) animals per species.
7. **The Albemarle Area Circuit Show reserves the right to disqualify any participant, parent, adult or legal guardian for poor sportsmanship or behavior not conforming to the rules and regulations of the show and show committee and having said person(s) removed from premises.**
8. The Albemarle Area Circuit Show and Committee will not be held liable or responsible for any damages, death, injury or loss of property incurred by an exhibitor or their animals.
9. **Showmanship divisions will be divided based on age of exhibitor as of Jan 1, 2016.**

**Lambs, Market Hogs, & Meat Goats Cattle**

Novice 8 & under Pee Wee 8 & Under

Junior 9-13 Junior 9-11

Senior 14-18 Intermediate 12-14 & Senior 15-18

**Additional rules apply to lamb & meat goat exhibitors:**

1. All lambs & meat goats must be dry and without covers at weigh-in and must have all temporary teeth in place to be eligible to show. Lambs/Goats must have a scrapie tag in place.
2. Lambs may be ewes or wethers. Goats may be does or wethers. (No Rams in either species) Entries will be divided into classes by weight at the discretion of the show committee.
3. Meat Goats will be weighed in between 4:30 and 5:30 pm on Friday, September 2, 2016. Lambs will be weighed in between 8:00 and 9:00 am on Saturday, September 3, 2016.
4. All horn tips on goats must be dulled and/or blunt.
5. All animals are released after completion of the entire show.
6. **Animals used in showmanship competition must be entered in the AACS in the name of the exhibitor.**

**Additional rules apply to heifer exhibitors:**

1. **Heifer classes will be divided by age of heifer. Heifer dates need to be specific.**
2. Heifers must be born on or after September 1, 2014 and before April 30, 2016 to be eligible to show. (THIS COMPLIES W/STATE FAIR RULES)
3. Heifer exhibitors must be at least 9 yrs of age as of Jan 1 2016 to compete in the Eastern Carolina Showmanship circuit. Heifer exhibitors 8 & under can compete in the special “PeeWee” competition but will not earn points.
4. **Heifers should be checked in at the show office by 1:00 pm Saturday.**

**Additional rules apply to Market Hogs exhibitors:**

1. Hogs cannot weigh more than280 pounds
2. Market Hog will be weighed in between 6:30 and 7:30 am on Saturday, September 3, 2016.

**AWARDS**

* Ribbons will be awarded 1st-5th in Showmanship for all age divisions.
* All Novice not in top 5 will receive a participation ribbon
* Cash premiums will be awarded for lamb, heifer & goat showmanship

1st - $60, 2nd - $50, 3rd -$40, 4th - $30, 5th - $20

* **Grand Champions Goat, Lamb & Heifer Showman** will receive a prize in addition to cash premiums
* **Reserve Champion Goat, Lamb & Heifer Showman** will receive a prize in addition to cash premiums
* **“Pee Wee” classes for Heifers** will have same cash premiums as lamb, heifer & goat showmanship above as well as an additional prize
* There will be an **Overall Showman** class for each species. The top 2 showman in each age division will be brought back into the ring to compete for the **Overall Grand & Reserve Showman** in each species. Winners will receive a plaque.
* **Grand Champion Heifer** will receive a plaque & $150
* **Reserve Champion Heifer** will receive a plaque & $75
* **Division Winners –** Lamb/Goat divisions will have a Light, Medium and Heavyweight
* **Overall Grand Champion & Reserve** will be selected from the division winners and will receive Plaques and $150 for Grand and $75 for Reserve.
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* **CONCESSIONS**

Concessions will be provided. Restrooms and dressing rooms available. Bleachers to sit on. Indoor arena with four newly installed fans. Plenty of parking area.

**DIRECTIONS**

Location: 864 Sun Grow Dr, Elizabeth City NC 27909.

Take 17 North to Elizabeth City. When you enter Pasquotank County take the Elizabeth City exit, far lane to the right. Go through 1 stoplight continue towards town. There will be a sign that says livestock arena, turn left between a Hess gas station and Eastern Pet Company. There are two driveways on your right you can enter. If you need more directions or have any questions, contact David Owens (828) 230-5048 or Robert Fletcher (252) 312-7201.