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2026 American Royal Livestock Show

The American Royal Association exists to champion food and agriculture.

Our mission is to be the leader for food and agriculture education, events, and engagement.

Our vision is a world where food & agriculture are celebrated, and all generations are committed to its future.

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Hotels & Accommodations

Hotels

Exhibitors & competitors are personally responsible for all aspects of their hotel & transportation needs during their visit. However, we encourage exhibitors & competitors to utilize the discounted rates offered through the provided links/promo codes by the American Royal's **Preferred Hotel Partners** listed below & on our website (www.americanroyal.com).

Hotel	Address & Phone	Discounted Rates	Links/Promo Codes
Hampton Inn & Suites – Country Club Plaza	4600 Summit Street Kansas City, MO 64112 816-448-4600	\$145 per night for a Standard Room \$185 per night for a Suite	USE THIS LINK FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?cityhocrn=MKCHSHX&arrivalDate=2026-04-26&departureDate=2026-04-27&room1NumAdults=1
Hilton Garden Inn Kansas City/KS	520 Minnesota Ave Kansas City, KS 64101 913-342-7900	18% off best available rate	USE THIS CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: American Royal
Kansas City Marriott Downtown	200 W. 12 th Street Kansas City, MO 64105 816-421-6800		USE PROMO CODE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES: OA9
Margaritaville Hotel Kansas City	1491 North 98 th Terrace Kansas City, KS 66111 913-340-1800	Special Royal Rate: \$179 Code = ROYAL	Book here.

To Help You Plan Your Stay

Visit Kansas City, KS is the 'Official Destination Partner' of the American Royal. For more information on area hotels within close proximity of the American Royal, visit www.visitkansascityks.com/hotels/.

2026 American Royal Animal Health Requirements

Health Requirements for All Exhibitors: The American Royal Animal Health Requirements may be stricter than those required by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health. In order to exhibit at the American Royal, you must adhere to the following requirements. **Please note:** Health Requirements are subject to change; the following requirements are posted as of June 1, 2026.

All animals exhibited must have a current health certificate/certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) issued within thirty (30) days before the show. The certificate must be issued from the state of origin by a licensed accredited veterinarian. The animals must have individual identification stating that each animal has been examined and/or are free of infectious, contagious, & communicable disease.

The following must be used as the official identification number:

Swine: Federal 840 tag number (Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of identification).

Steers: Federal 840 tag number

Lambs: USDA Scrapie ID

Goats: USDA Scrapie ID

Breeding Cattle: Federal 840 tag number

Official veterinarians will maintain an office in the American Royal building. All livestock entering the show will be subject to examination by a show and/or State Veterinarian upon arrival to and/or during the show. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds, and/or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds. Failure to cooperate with any precautions seen fit by the American Royal staff and/or show/State veterinarians may result in disqualification. There will be no refunds of any entry fees for animals withdrawn from the show.

Health Inspections for All Exhibitors: Upon arrival, animals will be briefly examined in their trailers. Please have health papers available for this inspection. Designated inspection locations for each type of livestock are listed below:

- All Livestock will be inspected at the trailer staging area and will not be allowed on property until viewed by official veterinarians.

The American Royal Management reserves the right to change and/or modify vet check procedures as necessary.

Health Requirements for Out of State Exhibitors: If a permit is necessary for your animals to enter the State of Kansas, an accredited veterinarian needs to request the permit from the Kansas Department of Agriculture (785)564-6601, not more than **15 days prior to arrival** at the American Royal Complex. Consult your veterinarian for interpretation of the requirements outlined on the next page. **All animals moving interstate for exhibition must have official individual identification on a health certificate.**

Cattle

Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding cattle from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- b) All breeding cattle, 18 months of age and over, from Brucellosis Class A states must be tested and negative within 30 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Steers: All steers must be individually identified on a current health certificate which states they are free from warts and ringworm as well as infectious, contagious, and communicable disease. No Brucellosis test needed.

Tuberculosis:

All breeding cattle, 6 months of age or over must meet one of the following requirements:

- a) Originate from a Tuberculosis-free state
 - All Michigan origin animals must be tuberculosis tested prior to entry into Missouri. Animals originating from Michigan require an entry permit.
- b) Originate from a Tuberculosis-accredited free herd. The herd number and current test date must be recorded on the health certificate
- c) Test negative within 60 days

Lambs & Goats

All lambs and goats must be individually identified and must have an official Scrapie ID that lists their flock of origin and individual number. If lambs or goats have had ringworm or fungus, lesions must have dried and healed. Any animal found to have open, draining wounds or active infectious diseases will be disqualified.

Swine

All swine must have an official Federal 840 tag. Ear notches will be used as a secondary form of verification. All Out of State swine are required to have an entry permit.

Brucellosis:

- a) Breeding Swine from Brucellosis-free states may enter without a Brucellosis test.
- b) Breeding Swine originating from Brucellosis stage 2 states must be negative within 60 days of the show.
- c) Herds that are certified for Brucellosis may enter on their herd number. The herd number and test date must be recorded on the health certificate.

Pseudorabies:

- a) Swine originating from a state classified as Stage V in the National Pseudorabies (PRV) Eradication Plan may exhibit without a Pseudorabies test.
- b) All other swine must be tested negative within 60 days prior to show except swine from a qualified pseudorabies free herd. The qualified herd number and date of last qualifying test must be recorded on the health certificate.

Special Requirements for Consignment Sale Cattle

Regardless of origin, consigned sale cattle must meet Missouri Health Requirements. Individual health certificates are required for each animal or lot consigned to a sale held in conjunction with the American Royal. All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 24 months must be tested negative for Trichomoniasis with an official Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test by an approved diagnostic laboratory within 30 days of the sale. Sale managers shall arrange for veterinary services.

2026 Market Animal Arrival, Deadline & Show

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events and/or make changes to the scheduling of the events.

Breed	Begin Arriving	Arrival Deadline	Check In	Show
Market Barrows	Wednesday, Oct 14 7:00 a.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 10:00 p.m.	Thursday, Oct 15 8:00 a.m.	Friday, Oct 16 9:00 a.m.
Breeding Gilts	Wednesday, Oct 14 7:00 a.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 10:00 p.m.	Thursday, Oct 15 Following Barrow Check-In	Saturday Oct 17 8:00 a.m. <i>(Pedigree followed by Crossbred.)</i>
Market Steers	Wednesday, Oct 14 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, Oct 15 10:00 a.m.	Thursday, Oct 16 10:00 a.m.	Friday, Oct 16 11:00 a.m.
Steer Momma	Wednesday, Oct 14 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, Oct 15 10:00 a.m.	Thursday, Oct 16 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, Oct 17 9:00 a.m.
Market Goats	Tuesday, Oct 13 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday Oct 13 2 p.m. Thru Wednesday Oct 14 4 p.m.	Friday, Oct 16 10:00 a.m.
Wether Dam Does	Tuesday, Oct 13 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday Oct 13 2 p.m. Thru Wednesday Oct 14 4 p.m.	Saturday, Oct 17 8:30 a.m.
Market Lambs	Tuesday, Oct 13 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday Oct 13 2 p.m. Thru Wednesday Oct 14 4 p.m.	Friday, Oct 16 9:00 a.m.
Wether Dams Ewes	Tuesday, Oct 13 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct 14 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday Oct 13 4 p.m. Thru Wednesday Oct 14 6 p.m.	Saturday, Oct 17 8:00 a.m.

2026 American Royal Livestock Show

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, October 8

8:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi ONLY

Friday, October 9

12:00 p.m. Move-In: Watusi, American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Hereford, Salers, & ABGA

4:00 p.m. ABGA check in

Saturday, October 10

8:00 a.m. Move-In: American Aberdeen, Belted Galloway, Black Hereford, Braunvieh, Gelbvieh, Miniature Herefords, & Salers

9:00 a.m. Watusi Open Show –

1:00 p.m. Black Hereford Sale – Wagstaff

1:00 p.m. ABGA Open Show –

3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship – West Side

Sunday, October 11

8:00 a.m. Belted Galloway Junior/Open Show–East Side

8:00 a.m. American Aberdeen Junior/Open Show–West Side

11:00 a.m. Miniature Hereford Junior Show/Open Show –

1:00 p.m. Black Hereford Junior Show/Open Show – West Side

2:00 p.m. ABGA Junior Show –

Monday October 12

8:00 a.m. Salers Junior/Open Show–East Side

1:00 p.m. Gelbvieh Junior/Open Show – West Side

1:00 p.m. Braunvieh Junior/Open Show –

Tuesday October 13

12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)

2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)

5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)

4:00 p.m. Market Steer, Steer Momma (VIP Trailer Arrival)

6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)

6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Steer Momma Move-In

7:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest Hale

8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission **(Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.)**

Thursday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Job Interview & Ag Sales Contest – Blue Ribbon Room

- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Check-In followed by Breeding Gilt Check-In **(All submissions due by 1:00 p.m.)** –
- 10:00 a.m. **(All Market Steers, and Steer Mommas must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m.)**
- 10:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In **(Weight submission due by noon)** Steer Momma check in after Market Steers – Lower Ex
- 10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –
- 12:00 p.m. Sullivan’s Supply Cattle Clinic
- 1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –
- 3:00 p.m. Steer Showmanship –
- 4:00 p.m. Sheep White Face Cross Check In – Upper Ex
- 5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
- 9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –
- 10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –
- 11:00 a.m. Market Steer Show –
- 4:00 p.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
- ***Team Purebred Breeds – Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot***
- ***Show will start 30 min following the conclusion of the barrow show but not before 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

- 7:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show Resumes - (NSR Breeds followed by Crossbred) –
- *If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive*
- 8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –
- 8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –
- 9:00 a.m. Steer Momma Show -
- 5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –
- 7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –
- *Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

Sunday, October 18

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest –
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Awards – Wagstaff

Monday, October 19

- 8:00 a.m. Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest –
- 7:00 p.m. Collegiate Livestock Judging Banquet –

Tuesday, October 20

- 2:00 p.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Shorthorn, & Simmental

Wednesday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Move-In: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Red Angus & Simmental
- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Meats Judging Banquet – /Ambassadors
- 1:00 p.m. Cattle Demonstration Sponsored by Weaver Livestock –
- 3:00 p.m. Junior Heifer Showmanship –

Thursday, October 22

- 9:00 a.m. Shorthorn Junior Show –
- 9:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Junior Show – West Side
- 2:00 p.m. Red Angus Junior/Open Show –

2:00 p.m. Chianina Junior/Open Show – West Side

Friday, October 23

8:00 a.m. Charolais Royal Breeders Bull Classic –
8:00 a.m. Maine-Anjou Open Show – West Side
9:30 a.m. Shorthorn Open Show –
1:00 p.m. Angus Junior Heifer Show –
1:30 p.m. Royal Collection Charolais Sale – Wagstaff Sale Center
2:00 p.m. Simmental Junior Heifer Show – West Side
6:00 p.m. Ladies of the Royal – Wagstaff Sale Center

Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Angus ROV Show – West Side
8:00 a.m. Charolais Junior Heifer Show followed by National Roll of Excellence Charolais Show –
2:00 p.m. Hereford Junior Heifer Show – West Side
3:00 p.m. Limousin Junior/Open Show – West Side

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. National Hereford Show – West Side
8:00 a.m. National SimGenetics Show –
***30 minutes following completion of Hereford and Simmental Shows**
Supreme Champion Jr. Heifer Drive
Supreme Champion Open Female Drive
Supreme Champion Bull Drive

2026 American Royal Junior Week Judges

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change judges

Junior Market Animals:

Goat Judge	Barrett Carlisle
Associate Goat Judge	TBD
Lamb Judge	Logan McClennan
Associate Lamb Judge	TBD
Steer Judge	Jack Ward
Associate Steer Judge	TBD
Barrow Judge	Shane Brinning
Associate Barrow Judge	TBD

Junior Week Breeding Judges:

Steer Momma Classic	TBD
Breeding Gilt	TBD
Wether Dam Ewe	TBD
Wether Dam Doe	TBD

Showmanship Contests:

Junior Heifer (1 st Week)	TBD
Goat	TBD
Lamb	TBD
Steer (2 nd Week)	TBD
Swine	TBD
Junior Heifer (3 rd Week)	TBD

Show & Entry Fees

Entry Deadline: September 10, 2026

INCOMPLETE OR ERRONEOUS ENTRIES, OR ENTRIES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT ENTRY FEES, WILL NOT BE PROCESSED, AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EXHIBITOR.

THERE WILL BE A \$10 FEE TO RE-PROCESS A RETURNED ENTRY.

Cattle

All cattle fees include a bedding cost for barns and tie-outs		
Junior Heifers	\$95 per head	Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs
Open Shows	*Listed under each department	
Market Steers/Steer Momma	\$95 per head	Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs

Market Animals

Market Barrows	\$50 per head
Market Lambs (Wethers Only)	\$50 per head
Market Goats (Wethers Only)	\$50 per head

Breeding Gilts, Breeding Does, Wether Dam Ewes

Breeding Gilts	\$50 per head
Breeding Does	\$50 per head
Wether Dams	\$50 per head

Grooming Chute Permit... \$35.00

(Permit required for **EACH** cattle grooming chute. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes.)

Fitting Stand Permit... \$35.00

(Permit required for **EACH** lamb/goat fitting stand. Limit 1 per exhibitor. Space will not be guaranteed for fitting stands.)

Vehicle Pass... \$30.00

Authorizes exhibitor to park in parking lot B. **Entry gates will be monitored at all times and there will be a \$20.00 per entry charge without a pass.** Exhibitors will pick up credentials at time of arrival.

VIP Vehicle Pass... \$150.00

Authorizes exhibitors to park 1 vehicle in parking lot A, located on the South side of the Livestock barns. VIP Parking will allow exhibitors to park closer to their livestock. No campers or trailers are allowed with this pass. **Entry gates will be monitored at all times.** There will be a limited quantity of VIP passes available for purchase.

Exhibitor Badge... \$20.00

Authorizes admittance to the grounds of the American Royal Complex. Each exhibitor is required to purchase at least one badge on their entry form. Please wear your exhibitor badge at all times and/or have it readily available. **A \$5.00 grounds admission will be charged upon arrival for each person, each time, each day without a badge.** Badges and vehicle passes may be ordered on entry forms and picked up upon arrival. Badges and passes will **NOT** be mailed. Badges and Parking passes may also be purchased at the American Royal Livestock Office.

All fees must be paid in U.S. funds.

2026 Changes & Reminders

Breeding Gilt Exhibitors

- All Purebred gilts will need to submit DNA by August 15th.
- Purebred Gilts must be born January 1st 2026 or younger.
- Purebred Gilts will be divided into classes by weight, with a weight limit of 350 lbs.
- Crossbred Breeding Gilts will be divided into Light and Dark divisions.
- Please see more detailed information in the breeding gilt section

Supreme Champion Bull Show

- Sunday October 25th, at the completion of the Simmental and Hereford Shows
- Each Breed Champion Bull is eligible to participate in the 2nd ever Supreme Champion Bull of the American Royal
- Coveted Bronze Crown perpetual Trophy will be awarded
- More info in supreme bull section of premium book

Supreme Champion Open Female Show

- Sunday October 25th, at the completion of the Simmental and Hereford Shows
- Each Breed Champion Female is eligible to participate in the 2nd ever Supreme Champion Open Female of the American Royal
- Coveted Bronze Crown perpetual Trophy will be awarded
- More info in supreme Open Female section of premium book

Market Exhibitors (Steers, Lambs, Goats, Barrows)

- All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, or other programs approved by the American Royal. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete and will be charged the \$10 re-processing fee.

Exhibitor Age Requirements

- All junior exhibitors showing a market animal, steer momma, wether dam ewe, or wether dam doe must be no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026.
- Junior breeding heifer and purebred and crossbred breeding gilt exhibitors will follow their respective junior breed association age requirements.

Market Animal Weigh back

- Market goats will receive a 5 lb. tolerance from declared weight.
- Market lambs will receive a 7 lb. tolerance from declared weight.
- Market barrows and breeding gilts will receive a 15 lb. tolerance from declared weight.

Steers

- Federal 840 ID tags are the official identification for steers. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Steer Divisions

- Steers will not be shown by breeds. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit for market steers. All steers will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Manager. There will be no reweighs. All weights will be submitted online. There will be three weight divisions and 5 classes in each division. The three division's champion and reserve champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
- The Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steer, divisions champions, reserve division champions as well as all first place steers **MUST** sell in the auction. Final sale order will be determined by the steer superintendent and Livestock Manager.

Swine

- Federal 840 ID tags will be used as the official identification for swine. Ear notches will **only** be utilized as a secondary form of identification.
- Market barrows weight range will be from minimum 230 lb. to 300 lb. maximum
- Purebred/Crossbred divisions will be broken into classes based on weight at the discretion of the superintendent.
- Breeding Gilt Show will kick off with TeamPurebred breeds (Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot) on Friday October 17th. It will take place 30 min following the conclusion of the Barrow Show but no earlier than 4:00 p.m.

Market Lambs – Wether Dam Ewes

- Whiteface Influenced Division – please see more detailed information in the specie section.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

- Market Lambs- Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions **must sell** in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. Please see more detailed information under each species.
- Market Goats – All Division and Reserve Division Champions must **sell** in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. Please see more detailed information under each species.
- All market animal exhibitors that qualify for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to complete an Animal Husbandry Form, which can be found at www.americanroyal.com. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (August 15, 2026) through Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded.** The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form from time of ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping.
- The Junior Premium Livestock Auction is a **terminal auction**.

Showmanship (Based on age of exhibitor as of January 1, 2026)

- The age divisions for Lamb, Goat, Barrow, Steer Momma, & Steer exhibitors are:
 - Junior – 7-12 years old
 - Intermediate – 13-16 years old
 - Senior – 17 years & older
- The following species/breeds will be allowed to show in a **Peewee division** (6 years & younger):

Purebred Breeding Gilt Exhibitors	Crossbred Breeding Gilt Exhibitors
Mini Hereford Junior Exhibitors	Limousin Junior Heifer Exhibitors
Red Angus Junior Heifer Exhibitors	Maine-Anjou Junior Heifer Exhibitors
Salers Junior Heifer Exhibitors	

See Rules and Regulations for more detailed information on these changes/reminders.

Force Majeure and Government Regulation

In view of the fact that the American Royal is a non-profit association depending to a great degree upon the contribution and services of a substantial number of donors and volunteers, as well as the benefit provided by the American Royal to the general public through education and related services, the American Royal deems it appropriate and prudent to be excused from liability as set forth below in this paragraph. In the event of any cancellation of its events, operations, and activities by reason of force majeure and/or governmental action. Accordingly, the following shall apply to the operations and activities conducted by the American Royal Association:

Force Majeure: The American Royal Association is not liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and/or events to the extent such delay or failure results in a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of the American Royal Association that delays or prevents performance by the American Royal Association otherwise required by this agreement, including but not limited to: any

1. breakage or accident to equipment, machinery, or facilities;
2. any strikes, lock-outs, or other labor difficulties;
3. statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities;
4. judicial decrees or orders;
5. acts of God;
6. animal diseases and/or quarantines;
7. wars, riots, or insurrections;
8. civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage;
9. fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather;
10. inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation;
11. depressions, recessions, or other economic downturns;
12. embargoes or energy shortages; or
13. other causes beyond the American Royal Association's reasonable control.

Governmental Action: The American Royal Association shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from the American Royal Association's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules, or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection and response, including animal quarantine and/or destruction; and protection of the environment.

Homeland Security Systems Warning Statement: Evacuation of Livestock/Equine: During such times as deemed necessary by local, state, or federal authorities, the American Royal Association and/or its officials may temporarily or permanently evacuate the American Royal Complex under the authority of the Homeland Security Act. Incidents such as, but not limited to, bomb threats, acts of war, declarations of war, code red of the Homeland Security System, etc. will be acted upon in accordance and cooperating with local, state, and federal authorities. Priority evacuation will be given to human life then livestock and/or equine. In such cases, exhibitors and/or contestant will turn over the care of their livestock or equine to the American Royal Association. Proper animal husbandry practices will be followed within reasonable expectations. At which time the evacuation notice is lifted, exhibitors/contestant will be allowed to reenter the American Royal Complex and claim their livestock or equine.

By making entry into the American Royal, you authorize the American Royal Association and its officials to detain your livestock/equine on these premises. Furthermore, you agree to hold harmless and without liability the American Royal Association, its officials, directors, officers, staff, and volunteers for those animals under the reasonable care of the show.

Fire Department Regulations: The following requirements are by order of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department. Livestock and Horse exhibitors must comply with requirements applicable to them.

1. All exhibitors providing a lounge in their stall area and using wood chips on the floor shall post “No Smoking by order of the Fire Marshall” signs.
2. All wood chips used in stall areas shall be kept back at least five (5) feet from main aisles and kept wet at all times.
3. All material used for decorations of stall and lounge shall be fire retardant.
4. Any extension cord wiring must be the heavy duty type installed in a neat manner.
5. Fire hoses are not to be used for watering livestock.
6. Fire lanes around and within the buildings are not to be infringed upon.
7. Exit doors are to be left clear and accessible for emergency use.

Additional Information

Entry Deadline: September 10th, 2026

Livestock Department: (816) 569- 4054

Livestock@americanroyal.com

Amending Rules: The management reserves the right to interpret and amend all rules .

Camper Parking: There will be no camper or mobile home parking on the grounds of the American Royal. Camping space is reserved for vendors only.

Event Cancellation: In case of cancellation of the event or unavailability of the event due to war, governmental action or order, act of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal's control, this Agreement shall terminate, and the exhibitor shall be entitled to the return of the fees for the event, less the prorated share allocated to the American Royal of the expenses incurred by the Royal in connection with the event. Refund of the Fees as provided in this section shall be the exclusive remedy of the exhibitor against the American Royal in case the event is canceled or rescheduled through war, governmental action or order, acts of God, fire, strike, labor disputes, or any other cause beyond the American Royal of and from all claims for damage and agrees that the American Royal shall have no obligation except the above stated refund. Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal and are subject to the discretion of the American Royal. Refunds will not be issued for events that are less than 7 days away. A roll over of funds for future events is not allowed.

Feed and Bedding: Feed/Bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room. Orders must be placed by 4:00 p.m. daily. Terms are cash or credit card. All feed bills MUST be paid in full before orders will be delivered.

All cattle ties in the barn and in the tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal.

Additional bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room and/or exhibitors may bring their own.

Swine, lamb, and goat exhibitors may purchase bedding from the Feed Room or may bring their own. Hogs must use shavings. Lamb and goats may use shavings or carpeting.

Feed Room Hours*

TBD

Times subject to change.

Liability: The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or persons. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

Health and Safety: Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

Registry of Breeding Animals: All animals in breeding classes must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds. Exhibitors must produce a Certificate of Registry at the request of the management any time during the show. Only books of record recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture will be accepted.

Official registered name and registration number of all animals entered in the breeding classes are to be given on the entry form. Erroneous entries may result in disqualification. Animals registered to more than one breed may only be entered in one breed show.

Exhibitors showing in the wether dam doe show or wether dam ewe show will not be required to show registration papers but will be required to submit DNA.

Video Surveillance: Premises used by the American Royal are subject to video surveillance.

Rules and Regulations

Entering and Exhibiting

Please note that rules in specific departments may conflict with the Rules and Regulations section. If a conflict arises, the Show Management reserves the right to determine which rule will supersede.

Rule 1 Competition: Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable rules and regulations. An exhibitor who violates any part of the rules may be subject to forfeiture of privileges and premiums and to such other penalty as the Executive Committee may order.

All entries and/or exhibitors disqualified may forfeit all premium monies, awards, and proceeds, including all Junior Premium Auction sale proceeds. Disqualified exhibitors as well as the owners and partial owners of disqualified entries (“disqualified individuals”) may be subject to subsequent actions by the Executive Committee. These actions may include barring the disqualified individuals, their families, representatives, and/or agents from any further participation in the Livestock Show or entry to American Royal facilities.

Rule 2 Interpretation: The American Royal reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations used to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incident to, the Show, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. **The American Royal maintains the final and absolute discretion regarding the use or allocation of forfeited premiums or sale proceeds.**

Rule 3 Entry Information: The entry form will be available on the American Royal website www.americanroyal.com. Be sure to download all information applicable to the show(s) you plan to enter. Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. All fees sent with the entries will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to re-process a returned entry.

All applications for entry must be made on the current American Royal entry form and in accordance with the accompanying instructions. These forms, with all necessary signatures must be submitted online at www.americanroyal.com (Deadline: September 10th)

NO Paper Entries will be allowed! Please follow entry procedures through our website.


NOTE: Registered animals must be entered in the name of the owner of record on the registration certificate. **Incomplete or erroneous entries, or entries that do not contain the correct fees, will not be processed and will be returned.** All entries should be done on the website through ShoWorks. All fees sent with an entry will be deposited and will not be returned with the entry. Corrected entries may be resubmitted. However, there will be no extensions given. Entries which are resubmitted must pay a \$10.00 fee to re-process.

Rule 4 Entry Deadlines: Entries not received by **September 10th** will be considered incomplete without a late processing fee.

Late Processing Fees:

Entries received by **September 10th, 2026** No late processing fee per exhibitor

Entries received between **September 11th – September 15th** \$75.00 late processing fee per exhibitor

Entries received after **September 15th** please contact the American Royal Livestock Department regarding eligibility. A \$250.00 super late processing fee per exhibitor  required.


Entries must be submitted online.

Rule 5 Stop Payment: Stop payments issued by exhibitors after entry deadline (September 10th, 2026) will be due and payable. Anyone with a balance due will not be eligible to enter future shows. **No refunds will be given in the event of disqualification of exhibitors and/or animals.**

Rule 6 Refunds: Requests for refunds must be submitted to the American Royal via email to Livestock@americanroyal.com and are subject to a \$20 cancellation fee. Entry fees including bedding, vehicle pass, grooming chute, fitting stand, and exhibitor badge fees will not be refunded after deadline date (September 10th, 2026). There will be no refunds made on transactions under \$10. The amount to be refunded may not be used as a credit toward a future event.

Rule 7 Ownership of Animals: All **market animals, crossbred gilts, pedigreed gilts, wether dam does, and wether dam ewes** entered for competition must have been owned solely by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**. All **breeding heifers** must be owned solely by the exhibitor by **September 10th, 2026**.

Rule 7a DNA: The DNA Validation Envelope order form will be available on the American Royal website: www.americanroyal.com. **DNA kits may be purchased for \$10.00 each from July 1st, 2026 – August 15th, 2026.**

 **DNA Kits may be purchased from August 16th-August 20th for \$50.00 per envelope and must be sent priority mail with tracking. DNA Kits will be available August 21st – 25th for pick-up ONLY AT THE American Royal office for \$50.00/envelope.** All envelopes will be species specific and color-coded. Be sure to download all information applicable to the DNA requirements. Incomplete DNA kits will be returned to the exhibitor for correction. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged to re-process a returned DNA kit. ***By submitting DNA to the American Royal, each exhibitor is acknowledging that they can be disqualified for this year's show & for future shows should the DNA come back as a mismatch.***

An identification number (federal 840 tag number and ear notches for swine, federal 840 tag number for steers, and USDA scrapie ID for lambs/goats) must be included on the DNA sample envelope. Because scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that exhibitors also tattoo lambs and goats and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.

DNA Validation Envelopes must be purchased online and complete DNA samples must be submitted through mail:

American Royal Livestock Show
1701 American Royal Court
Kansas City, MO 64102

DNA Envelope cost breakdown:

July 1 st – August 15 th	-	\$10.00/envelope
August 16 th – August 20 th	-	\$50.00/envelope (overnight shipping option only)
August 21 st – August 25 th	-	\$50.00/envelope (Must Pick-up at American Royal Office)



DNA envelopes purchased after August 15th will still adhere to the \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor and must be postmarked by August 25th to still be accepted.

Rule 7b DNA Late Processing Fee:

DNA postmarked by **August 15th, 2026** No late processing fee
DNA postmarked between **August 16th-25th** \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor

DNA postmarked **August 26th or after**..... Not accepted

DNA validation samples submitted to the American Royal are the property of the American Royal. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said samples.

Rule 7c Transfer of Ownership: Premium Auction buyers assume full ownership of their purchase at the “fall of the hammer”. At this point, exhibitors are prohibited from collecting any samples or portions of the animal unless agreed upon in writing between the buyer and the seller.

The American Royal is neither liable nor responsible for any procedures or agreements undertaken or entered into between buyers and sellers.

Rule 8 Breeding Animal Ownership: For open show breeding animals, registry certificates of ownership or transfer must be produced, if required, showing the exhibitors to be the owner at the time of the show. In addition, individual breed association ownership requirements must be met.

For open and junior show breeding animals, animals registered in more than one breed registry may only be entered in one breed show. Animals showing in both junior and open shows must show in only one breed. In the junior show, heifers must have been owned and recorded in the name of the exhibitor by **September 10th, 2026**. Pedigreed gilts must be owned by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**.

Rule 9 Firms and Partnerships: Firms and partnerships are only allowed to enter animals in the Open Shows. Firms entering animals for competition must be in existence at the time the entry is made. Affidavits of the date of creation of firms may be required by the management.

Rule 10 Assignment of Pens and Stalls: The assignment of stalls and pens for livestock and tack will be made by the Superintendents of each department.

Rule 11 Stall Area: Any exhibitor defacing stall areas or any property within the American Royal Complex with nails, screws, paint, or any other substance will be charged an amount sufficient to repair damage. Exhibitors are not allowed to sell merchandise in their stall area. Please contact Macy Evans at (816)231-9800 or email marketplace@americanroyal.com if you are interested in vendor space.

Rule 12 Electric Plug-In Adapters: If an exhibitor needs electricity, electric plug- in adapters will be provided. Only one pigtail can be utilized for every two head of livestock. If this rule is not adhered to, show management has the right to reassign electric plug-in adapters.

Rule 13 Care of Animals: After having properly entered their animals, exhibitors must check-in with the superintendent of the appropriate departments. All owners of property or livestock, or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same. The American Royal does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the owners thereof. The exhibitor is responsible for the complete security of their own animal until they depart the grounds to their next destination.

Rule 14 Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number that will correspond with a back number. All group entries are to be confirmed at the show when entries are checked.

Breeding cattle exhibitors will receive these numbers during check-in with their corresponding breed association. Entry numbers/back numbers must be displayed by the showman when the animal is in the show ring.

Market animal and breeding gilt, wether dam doe, and wether dam ewe exhibitors will receive entry numbers and must be displayed on the exhibitor while in the show ring.

Rule 15 Compliance: The American Royal, in cooperation with member shows of the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database, reserves the right to refuse entry of anyone who has been banned from any other show.

Rule 15b Acceptance of Entries: In all cases the management reserves the right to accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally or to dismiss any entry that would be a discredit to the show. The management may choose to inspect animals or choose to have someone inspect them on their behalf. Upon the recommendation after the review, any animal deemed unworthy or objectionable may be dismissed from the exhibition. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***



Rule 16 Exhibitor Age Requirements: All junior exhibitors showing a market animal, wether dam ewe, or wether dam doe must be no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026. Junior breeding heifer and breeding gilt exhibitors will follow their respective junior breed association age requirements. All market animals of all species must follow ownership guidelines explained in DNA Validation Rules section. All junior market, junior breeding heifers, and breeding gilt exhibitors must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form regardless of age. Any open show exhibitors under the age of 21 years old must obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian on the entry form.

Rule 17 Phone Calls: All phone conversations with American Royal staff or volunteers are informative only and are not to be considered binding in any litigation or entry acceptance. No buddy or partner animals allowed.

Rule 18 Animals on Grounds: All animals on the grounds must be entered and are expected to show in their respective division. Only animals officially entered will be allowed on the show grounds.

Rule 19 Sale Animals: All live animals entered in any sale at the American Royal must be properly entered in the respective American Royal show. Sale management must send a complete list of owners/sale animals to the American Royal by **September 10, 2026**.

Rule 20 Substitutions: Any substitutions made, or attempted, in any breeding class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to subsequent actions by the American Royal.

Rule 20a Breeding Cattle Substitutions: The ability to substitute entries is available in the junior and open breeding cattle show. Substitutions may occur within the same breed only. Substitutions may be made only in the name of the original exhibitor/recorded owner as listed on the entry form and must be the same sex – bulls for bulls and females for females. Substitutions must be made with the current American Royal substitution form. **Forms received that do not include all required signatures & credit card number will not be accepted.** Exhibitors wishing to substitute after September 26th, must obtain the approval of the American Royal Livestock Office before the exhibitor/animal arrives on the grounds.

Breeding Cattle Substitution Fees:

Breeding Cattle Substitutions received by September 26th \$20.00 per head

Breeding Cattle Substitutions received after September 26th \$100.00 per head

Rule 21 Substitute Showman: Junior exhibitors, in all divisions, must be at the American Royal to show their own animals. A substitute showman will only be allowed for one of the following reasons:

- One exhibitor has two animals in the same class
- The owner/exhibitor's exhibition of one animal conflicts with another animal being exhibited in other species
- Death or other family crisis as approved by American Royal management
- Sickness or physical injury documented by a physician
- A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify

Written approval for a substitute showman must be obtained from the Livestock Event Manager. When an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, one animal may be exhibited by another youth member without obtaining special permission.

Rule 23 Junior Market Auction:

The American Royal reserves the right to modify or cancel the Junior Premium Livestock Auction when necessary.

Junior market exhibitors with animals qualifying and selling in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction **MUST TAKE THEIR OWN ANIMAL THROUGH THE SALE RING**. Animals designated by the management to be sold in the auction must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until sold. All participants in the auction warrant that:

- (a) The carcass (es) of their animal(s) complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption;
- (b) The carcass(es) of their animal(s) contain(s) no trace or residue of any show enhancing drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal(s);
- (c) The carcass (es) of their animal(s) reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting practices including but not limited to injection sites in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.
- (d) There exists no unusual circumstance that would materially diminish the value of such carcass (es). These warranties are absolute guarantees of the quality for the sale animal's carcass without regard to the exhibitor's actual responsibility or fault.

In addition to the terms above, all market animal exhibitors qualifying for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction are required to complete an Animal Husbandry form. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (Monday, August 15, 2026) through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded.** This form will be surrendered prior to the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form through ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not complete a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete. The American Royal reserves the right to verify if programming fits the requirements of the show and is acceptable.

All auction animals will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. Sale money may be withheld if the animal is found to have been tampered, altered, or if the carcass is condemned.

Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.

Rule 23 Erroneous Entry: Exhibitors are responsible for their own errors and those of their agents in filling out entry forms. Animals that have been entered in a wrong class will be transferred to their proper class upon application to management who will determine the matter upon its merit. If such classes have been judged, they will not be reopened.

Rule 24 Fraudulent Ownership: Should any individual enter an animal in a name other than that of a bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premiums.

Rule 25 Appearance of Exhibits: Exhibitors of livestock are required to keep the area occupied by them neat and attractive in appearance. The stalls, pens, and exhibition places must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day of the show and all refuse disposed of as the Superintendent of the section may direct.

Rule 26 Grooming Chutes (Cattle): Exhibitors may use grooming chutes. Space will not be guaranteed for grooming chutes. A grooming chute permit is required and available for \$35.00 per chute. Any exhibitor failing to have a grooming chute permit clearly visible will be subject to having chute removed from grounds. Chutes must be kept with exhibitors' cattle and cannot be placed in aisles, cleanout alleys, or fire lanes. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove the grooming chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Rule 27 Fitting Stands (Sheep/Goats): Exhibitors may use fitting stands. Space will not be guaranteed for fitting stands and stands must be kept in Upper Exhibition Hall. If space is available, only one fitting stand per exhibitor will be allowed. A fitting stand permit is required and available for \$35.00 per stand. Any exhibitor failing to have a fitting stand permit clearly visible will be subject to having the fitting stand removed from grounds. Any exhibitor that does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Rule 28 Dogs: Dogs must be always under control of the owner and may be restricted in certain areas. Management reserves the right to ask for removal of dogs.

Rule 29 Judging Contests: An exhibitor, by virtue of his/her entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow his/her animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or collegiate judging contests.


Rule 30 Signage and Decorations: There is no signage allowed outside your assigned exhibitor space. Decorations, signs, posters, etc., may not be taped, nailed, tacked, or otherwise fastened to ceilings, painted

surfaces, columns, glass doors, marble, fabric, walls, etc. Approved tape 3M 9589 (double side adhesive), 3M 471 (single side adhesive) and Gaffers tapes are the only approved products for booth markings and carpet applications within the facility. Applied tapes and any residue must be removed from all surfaces prior to move-out. Paint, shoe polish and unapproved tapes are not allowed to be used in the facility. No drilling of the structure is allowed. Any means of attachment must be non-destructive to the structure. Helium balloons are not allowed inside the facility. Glitter and adhesive-backed decals are not permitted in the facility or on the premises. The American Royal reserves the right to assess competitors for reasonable repair costs resulting from the use of unauthorized signage or decorations.

Rule 31 Refusal to Parade: Shows and parades of livestock are an important educational feature of the American Royal. Notice of time and place of parades will be announced by superintendents. Exhibitors refusing to exhibit their animal when called by the superintendent may forfeit all prizes previously won and may be barred from further participation in the Show and required to remove their stock from the Show grounds immediately. Additional penalties may be imposed. Refusal to parade for reasons that meet the approval of the management are excused.

Rule 32 Photographs: Exhibitors of all Champion or Reserve Champion winners must make their animals available for taking of official photographs. Upon request of the American Royal Livestock Show, exhibitors shall make any other animals exhibited available for photographs. Photographs of any animals or exhibitors taken at the show may be used for promotion of the American Royal without compensation to the exhibitor. All such photographs are to become the property of the American Royal Livestock Show, but exhibitors and other interested parties may order prints from the Official Photographer at their expense.

Only photographers displaying the badge of “Official Photographer” are authorized to take livestock photographs for sale on the show grounds.

Official Photographer: Next Level Images 

Official Livestock Videographer: Walton Webcasting 

Rule 32a Media Purposes: By participating in an American Royal event, you consent to your voice, name, and/or likeness being used, without compensation, in any and all media or any other purposes by the American Royal Association, its affiliates and representatives. You hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge the American Royal Association from all claims and demands related to the use of these images. If you do not wish to appear in images, please speak with the American Royal communications department prior to the event.

Rule 33 Tie-Outs: NO TYING OUT OF CATTLE IS PERMITTED UNTIL 5:30 PM EACH DAY. Temporary tie-outs are available at no charge on first-come basis. Since most cattle will be on the grounds at the same time, please be considerate of fellow exhibitors and only use the tie-out space needed. The American Royal does not guarantee tie-out space and is not liable for security, accidents, or loss of animals or articles in the tie-out area. Cattle tie-outs are temporary panels and, as such, may not be substantial enough to contain some animals. Exhibitors who elect to tie-out at night do so at their own risk and are responsible for the security of their own animals. **No tents are allowed in tie-outs.**

Rule 34 Arrival and Release of Livestock: Arrival and release times are determined by the management in an effort to make the best use of available space and to provide the best possible show for all in attendance. **Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until the designated time for release unless permission for early release is granted by the Livestock Event Manager.** Failure to comply with this rule may

result in forfeiture of premiums. The stated release time should be considered when a decision to enter is made. If necessary, to allow time for cleanup, exhibitors are expected to remove animals and tack from tie and pen space promptly after release time if asked by management to do so.

Rule 34a Reception of Livestock: An earliest arrival time will be stated for all departments. Livestock coming from other shows with overlapping dates must be granted a late arrival when arranged in advance by emailing the Livestock Event Manager: Livestock@americanroyal.com.

Rule 34b Removal of Exhibits: Release times are listed under Department Headings. All first week animals, tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 14th, 2026. All second week Market Steers, Steer Momma's, Market Hogs, Breeding Gilts, Lambs, and Goats along with their tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 11:59 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2026. All third week animals, tack, and equipment must be removed from the American Royal barns by 11:59 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2026. **Exhibitors must enter through South Gate A (Livestock Gate) to load and unload. No trailers will be allowed through the gate on Wyoming Street.**

Rule 35 Judges: Judges are requested to be familiar with the rules and regulations of this show, and to especially note those rules bearing on the classes they will judge. Due to unforeseen circumstances substitute judges may be made without notification.

Rule 36 Time of Judging: Judging times can be found in the tentative schedule of events. Exhibitors should ascertain at what time the exhibits entered will be judged. Any exhibit not presented promptly at the scheduled time will be barred from competition in the class called. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.

Due to unforeseeable problems with any mechanical devices, the PA system and class calls over that system must be considered a courtesy. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to have his/her animal in the ring at the time of judging.

Rule 37 Conduct of Exhibitors: If an exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent, employee, or independent contractor, interferes with a judge during the exposition or demonstrates disrespect to the judge or the show, the management may exclude such exhibitor from competition and may also withhold from such exhibitor any premiums.

While in the show ring, exhibitors are required to be neatly and appropriately dressed when exhibiting livestock.

All exhibitors, parents, agents, employees, and independent contractors are expected to conduct themselves in proper fashion. Any disorderly conduct, theft, loud, profane language, or disturbances of any nature may be cause for disqualification from all American Royal events and shows and banishment from the premises. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***

Rule 38 Alcohol: Outside alcohol is prohibited at all times within the American Royal Complex per City lease agreement.

Rule 39 Legal Drinking Age: In Missouri, the legal drinking age is 21. In accordance with this law anyone under 21, in possession of or consuming alcoholic beverages on the American Royal grounds may be reported to the authorities and may be disqualified from all American Royal events, shows, and sales.

Rule 40 Decision of the Judge is Final: The decision of the judge is final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such case, the

management or such referee as may be appointed may make the decision; or at its discretion, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there can be no appeal.

Rule 41 Code of Ethics: To maintain a high degree of integrity, the American Royal Livestock Show Management reserves the right to disqualify any animals they believe have been fitted in an unethical fashion.

Every exhibitor in consideration of his/her entry being accepted by the American Royal, specifically represents that the exhibitor's animal's natural conformation and structure has not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting".

Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or "deadening" an animal's tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.).

Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration, or docking may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method *per os* (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species.

No injection sites (including sites from acupuncture treatments) may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

The administration of any drug prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any drug used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law is prohibited. Any entry or substitution made, or attempted, in any breeding or market class through deceit may result in disqualification of all animals and parties involved. Said parties may be subject to subsequent actions by the American Royal. In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud, or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted, the American Royal may appoint veterinarian, official, or committee members to inspect the entry. The American Royal will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian, official, or committee. ***Any exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and proceeds. Exhibitors in violation can also be added to the RID (Rules Infraction Database) list.***

Every exhibitor releases the American Royal Association and/or its officers and show officials from all claims or demands arising from subsequent action taken by the American Royal.

Rule 42 Quality Assurance: All market exhibitors are required to complete a Quality Assurance program. Examples include: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Quality Counts, Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance, etc. The program name and certificate number will be required on all market entry forms. Exhibitors failing to submit this information will have entries returned as incomplete. The American Royal reserves the right to verify if programming fits the requirements of the show and is acceptable.

All market animal exhibitors qualifying for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be required to complete an Animal Husbandry form. **All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments, and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (August 15, 2026) through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction must be recorded.** This form will be surrendered prior to the Junior Premium Livestock Auction. The American Royal strongly advises all exhibitors to maintain this form beginning with ownership and bring with them to the American Royal to ensure accuracy in record keeping. The carcass

of the exhibitor's animal shall reveal no evidence of any unethical fitting practices including but not limited to injection sites in marketable areas such as top, rounds, hips, etc.

Rule 43 Drug and Chemical Residue Testing: The American Royal reserves the right to conduct fluid tests, which may include blood and/or urine, and/or tissue tests and/or hair on any animal entered for competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing a positive test result for any unapproved medication or chemical residue may be disqualified and barred from future competition at the American Royal. Any exhibitor whose market animal tests positive for any type of performance enhancing medications, drug, chemical, or substance, including but not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, pain killers, or chemical residues may NOT receive payment for that animal and agrees to accept any and all consequences without recourse against the American Royal. ***Exhibitors found in violation of these rules can be added to the RID (Rule Infraction Database) list.***

Rule 43a Ractopamine: According to the Food and Drug Administration, Ractopamine remains an approved feed additive for hogs that are harvested under the USDA. At this time, the American Royal will not test for Ractopamine in market barrows. However, all exhibitors that choose to use Ractopamine will be expected to follow all label instructions.

Rule 44 Animals Disqualified: If an animal awarded a prize is disqualified, lower placing animals will NOT move into higher placing positions.

Rule 45 Paying Awards: Premium money will be mailed to exhibitors and can be expected by January 31, 2026. The American Royal is not responsible for payment of special awards offered by breed associations or individuals. Judges' Books will be used as the only evidence for payment of premiums. Ribbons are not accepted.

The management reserves the right to withhold premiums awarded in any case in which it appears that the rules have not been complied with, or that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.

All sale proceeds of the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be withheld if, after slaughter, the animal is found to have been tampered with or altered or if the carcass is condemned.

Premium monies and/or sale proceeds in any division may be held by the American Royal indefinitely pending drug and other testing or any ongoing investigation or legal action. Funds may be released when all matters are closed.

Rule 46 Scholarships: All scholarships are paid directly to the exhibitor upon proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning, which may include technical school, community or junior college, university, and graduate or professional school. If the exhibitor chooses not to attend or is unable to attend an institution of higher learning, they must submit a letter to explain the extenuating circumstances.

Scholarships will be paid out to recipients once they have graduated high school. If scholarship funds are not claimed by 25, they will be forfeited to the American Royal Association.

Rule 47 Personal Golf Carts/Scooters: No personal golf carts, gators, or scooters are allowed on the American Royal grounds.

Rule 48 Vendors: If you wish to sell goods or services at the American Royal, you must register as a vendor. Anyone found selling items without the permission of the American Royal or outside of their designated vendor

space may be fined an amount two times the cost of a standard booth space and asked to leave the property. For more information on becoming a vendor, please contact Sammy Basler at 816-231-9800 or marketplace@americanroyal.com.

Rule 49 Protests: Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigations. A decision regarding the results of a protest may be withheld until a thorough investigation is completed.

The management will not consider any protests relating to the competence of any judge or the allegation that a judge overlooked an animal. All protests must be in writing, signed, and accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 cash or certified check, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the protesting party. These expenses will not be refunded, regardless of the outcome of the protest. Protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Livestock Manager within one hour of the occurrence of the incident from which the protest arises. The American Royal will consider protests as speedily as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final.

Rule 50 Liability: The American Royal Association, Inc., and its committees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives are not responsible or liable for any injury, loss, or damage sustained in any way by any exhibitor, employee or independent contractor of an exhibitor, spectator, or any other person or person. The Association is likewise not responsible or liable for damage or injury to any article or animal, or the destruction, injury, or disappearance of such article or animal. Each exhibitor is solely responsible and liable for any loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any article or animal. Exhibitors agree to protect and indemnify the Association against all claims, legal, or other proceedings and all incidental or related expenses, losses, or damages, as well as damage or injury to any person or property, caused by the exhibitor or his/her employees, independent contractors, or any article or animal.

Rule 51 Health and Safety: Exhibitors and family members are asked to follow all health and safety guidelines. By participating or attending the American Royal, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to contagious illnesses exists in any public place where people are present. By attending the American Royal, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks and agree to not hold the American Royal Association, City of Kansas City, Missouri, County of Jackson; or any of their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury.

Rule 52 Weapons: All weapons, concealed or otherwise, are prohibited on the American Royal Complex.

Junior Market Division

Tentative Schedule

Tuesday October 14

- 12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)
- 2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 15

- 7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check, & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check –
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)
- 4:00 p.m. Market Steer, Steer Momma (VIP Trailer Arrival)
- 6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)
- 6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Steer Momma Move-In – Lower Ex
- 7:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest Hale
- 8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission **(Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.)** –Upper Ex

Thursday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Job Interview & Ag Sales Contest – Blue Ribbon Room
- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Check-In followed by Breeding Gilt Check-In **(All submissions due by 1:00 p.m.)** –
- 10:00 a.m. **(All Market Steers, and Steer Mommas must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m.)**
- 10:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In **(Weight submission due by noon)** Steer Momma check in after Market Steers – Lower Ex
- 10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –
- 12:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Cattle Clinic
- 1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –
- 3:00 p.m. Steer Showmanship –
- 4:00 p.m. Sheep White Face Cross Check In – Upper Ex
- 5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 17

- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
- 9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –
- 10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –
- 11:00 a.m. Market Steer Show –
- 4:00 p.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
Team Purebred Breeds – Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot
***Show will start 30 min following the conclusion of the barrow show but not before 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18

- 7:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show Resumes - (NSR Breeds followed by Crossbred) –
If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive
- 8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –
- 8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –
- 9:00 a.m. Steer Momma Show –

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –
 7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –
****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

American Royal Livestock Show General Information/Rules and Regulations apply to the Junior Market Division.

Eligibility

The Junior Market Livestock Show is open to youth who are at least 7 years old and no more than 21 years old as of January 1, 2026. The American Royal Association *prefers* that exhibitors are in good standing of a regularly organized 4-H club or members of the FFA. For verification purposes, a state issued form of identification will be used. All market animals of all species must be solely owned by a single exhibitor (not partnership or family farm). See junior breeding heifer division for more information on junior heifers and breeding gilt division for more information on breeding gilts.

Exhibitors may show three market steers, three market goats, three market lambs, and three market barrows in the Junior Market division. All market animals must have DNA submitted. Only animals officially entered will be allowed in the American Royal facility.

DNA Validation Rules

- All market steers, market barrows, market lambs, and market goats** entered for competition must have been owned solely by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**.

DNA Envelope cost breakdown:

July 1st – August 15th	-	\$10.00/envelope
August 16th – August 20th	-	\$50.00/envelope (overnight shipping option only)
August 21st – August 25th	-	\$50.00/envelope (Must Pick-up at American Royal Office)



DNA envelopes purchased after August 15th will still adhere to the \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor and must be postmarked by August 25th to still be accepted.

DNA postmarked by **August 15th, 2026** No late processing fee
 DNA postmarked between **August 15th-25th** \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor
 DNA postmarked **August 26th or after** Not accepted

****It is highly suggested DNA be sent certified mail with return receipt, to ensure DNA is received in a timely manner. The American Royal has no ability to track envelopes that are not sent certified mail, and in all cases, reserves the right to reject DNA envelopes that do not meet the above deadline. ****

- Hair will be used for DNA validation on all species.** Hair collection envelopes must be ordered from the American Royal. **All DNA validation envelopes will be species specific and color-coded (goats-green, lambs- purple, steers- goldenrod, swine-blue).** Hair sample for livestock being shown at the 2026 American Royal must be submitted in the 2026 DNA hair sample envelope. Please follow the instructions for collecting hair samples exactly. Should the original sample not be a valid sample, the animal may be disqualified, and no monies will be paid.

3. There is no limit on the number of DNA samples that an exhibitor may submit.
4. **Animals must be individually identified.** The following forms of identification must be used. **The identification on the animal at the time of turning in weight cards must exactly match the identification on the DNA envelope.**
 - a. Swine (market barrows, crossbred and pedigreed gilts) must be identified by a Federal 840 ID Number **and** Ear Notches
 - b. Steers must be identified by a Federal 840 ID Tag. No exceptions.
 - c. Lamb and Goat must be identified by a Scrapie ID number*. Entire ID number including state ID and herd number** is required
***Because scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the lamb or goat and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.**
****Scrapie tag numbers vary greatly, however each tag will include a state identified, herd number, and animal number. The scrapie number on the DNA envelope must include the entire ID number as listed above and must exactly match the number on the scrapie tag at check-in.**
5. Any discrepancies at check-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by Livestock Event Manager and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150.00 payable immediately by cash or credit card only. After testing is complete, any exhibitor showing an animal without a matching DNA sample will be subject to consequences determined by the American Royal, including, but not limited to, disqualification of animal, forfeit of all monies, and suspension from showing at the American Royal.
6. **Siblings** (two or more individuals having one common parent) **may submit DNA samples on the same animal** if the siblings are involved in the care and management of the animal. **Names and signatures of each sibling must appear on the DNA envelope when it is submitted.** Siblings may submit DNA samples on the same animal but may not show the same animal. All DNA validation envelopes from the same family should be sent in one large envelope.
7. DNA provides proof of ownership. With the exception of the sibling rule above, market animals can only have DNA submitted by one exhibitor. If multiple DNA samples are received for the same animal by multiple exhibitors, the animal and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the 2026 show.
8. **DNA validation is a prerequisite to market animal, wether dam doe, wether dam ewe, pedigreed gilt, & crossbred breeding gilt entry. DNA does not constitute an entry in the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show.** Regular entry procedures must be followed; entry deadline is September 10th, 2026. An exhibitor may enter three market barrows, three market lambs, three market goats, and/or three market steers. Only animals which have an individual 2026 DNA Validation Envelope on file with the American Royal may be entered.
9. Should it be necessary to return your DNA validation envelopes for any reason (lack of signatures, etc.) there will be a \$10.00 re-processing fee.

Note: DNA Validation Envelopes/Samples submitted to the American Royal on all junior market animals, pedigreed breeding gilts, crossbred gilts, wether dam ewes, and wether dam does become the property of the American Royal. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said envelopes and samples when submitted as proof of

ownership. Validation Envelopes/Samples are stored in a secure environment and are destroyed in due time following the show.

Entering Animals

The entry form may be found on the [American Royal website](#). **All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor and regardless of age the exhibitor's parent or legal guardian. When submitting online, parent or legal guardian approval (electronic signature) is required.**

Entries not received by **September 10th** will be considered incomplete without a late processing fee.

Late Processing Fees:

Entries received by **September 10th, 2026** No late processing fee per exhibitor

Entries received between **September 11th – September 15th** \$75.00 late processing fee per exhibitor

Entries received after **September 16th** please contact the American Royal Livestock Department regarding eligibility. A \$250.00 super late processing fee per exhibitor will be required.

Entries must be submitted online.

- Animals must be entered by the junior market exhibitor.
- Premiums for junior market entries will be paid only to the junior market exhibitor.

Any junior market exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and auction proceeds.

Dress Code

Exhibitors are to be neatly and appropriately dressed when exhibiting. Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival in the show office.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section. All livestock entering this show will be subject to examination by a show or State Veterinarian upon arrival and/or during the show.

Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts visible will not be permitted to exhibit. If animals have had ringworm, lesions must be dried and healed with hair growing back in. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds, failure to cooperate may result in disqualification. There will be no refund of entry or other fees on animals withdrawn.

Weigh Back

The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. This will become the animal's official weight. All junior market animals will be divided into classes according to weight after processing. All market steers will be weighed before going into the show ring. The top five (or more, at the show's discretion) placing animals in each class for market lamb, goat, and hog classes will be weighed. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off of the scale. **Market hogs and breeding gilts will have a 15lb weigh back, market lambs and wether dam ewes will have a 7lb weigh back, market goats and wether dam does will have a 5lb weigh back. Market Steers will still have a 5% tolerance.** All animals outside of the weigh back tolerance will be disqualified.

Judging Contest

An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests.

Caring for and Showing Animals

Exhibitors must care for their livestock and present them before the judges unassisted. No nose leads allowed when showing market steers.

Junior market exhibitors, in all divisions, must be at the American Royal to show their own animals. A substitute showman will only be allowed for the following reasons:

- Two animals in the same class
- Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species
- Death or other family crisis
- Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician
- A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify.

Written permission for a substitute showman must be obtained from the Livestock Event Manager. When an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, one animal may be exhibited by another youth member without obtaining special permission.

Feed and Bedding

Feed may be purchased from the feed department. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed pans, buckets, and other equipment necessary to care for their animals. Cattle ties and the tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal. Exhibitors may purchase bedding from the feed department or bring their own.

Showmanship Contests

Any exhibitor showing in the junior market show may enter the respective showmanship contest. There will be separate contests for beef, swine, goats, and lambs. Breeding gilts will show with market barrows. The entry fee is \$10.00 per contest if included on entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00 per contest. Contests will be divided into classes by exhibitor age. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show. They may not bring an animal exclusively for the showmanship contest. Fitting is optional in the beef showmanship contests.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival or in the show office.

There will be three age divisions of Showmanship for market animal exhibitors: (based on exhibitor's age on 1/1/24):

- 7-12 years old (Junior)
- 13-16 years old (Intermediate)
- 17 years & older (Senior)

Rosettes will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion in each species. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150 to the Champion Showman in each species.

Market Division Fees

Market Steers

- Entry Fee..... \$95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)
- Grooming Chute Permit..... \$35.00 (one grooming chute per permit and space will not be guaranteed)

Market Barrow, Market Lamb, and Goat

- Entry Fee.....\$50.00 per head
- Fitting Stand Permit.....\$35.00 (one fitting stand per permit and space will not be guaranteed)

Showmanship Contests

- If included with entry form... \$10.00
- At time of arrival \$30.00

Passes and Badges

- Exhibitor Badge..... \$20.00 each (one badge required for each exhibitor)
 - Parking Pass(Lot B)..... \$30.00 each
 - VIP Parking Pass \$150.00 each
- A limited number of VIP passes will be available for purchase for \$125 each. This VIP pass authorizes exhibitors to park 1 vehicle in parking Lot A, located on the South side of the Livestock barns. No campers or trailers are allowed with this pass.*

** Entry gates will be monitored. Please wear your exhibitor badge or have it readily available at all times. There will be a \$20.00 per entry charge for parking (without a pass) and a \$5.00 per entry grounds admission for each person without a badge. (NO grounds admission will be charged for children 5 years old and under).

Badges and vehicle passes may be ordered on entry forms and picked up upon arrival. Badges and passes will **NOT** be mailed. They may also be purchased between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Livestock Office.

United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the American Royal Livestock Show as follows:

- a) Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residue.
- b) Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- c) Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
- d) If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through the sale or sales connected with the American Royal Livestock Show, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for conditions of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all right to sale price. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

Wholesome Assurance Statement

The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law.

***Note:** Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.

Results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA prosecution.

Any misrepresentation of food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.

Inspection

All animals of all species in the Junior Market Division are governed by the rules and regulations of the American Royal Livestock Show and are subject to visual, physical, and biological screening and inspection by the American Royal Veterinarian and Show Officials. Any violation of the code of ethics, animal abuse, fraud or misrepresentation will be dealt with on an individual basis. Any market or breeding animal exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and proceeds. Every exhibitor, by entering an animal for exhibition, agrees to submit the entry for inspection if requested; exhibitor then releases the American Royal Association and/or its officers or show officials from all claims or demands arising from subsequent action taken by the Executive Committee.

2026 Junior Market Auction

The 2026 Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be held at the American Royal Complex and feature market steers, market lambs, goats, and hogs. This is a terminal auction.

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Junior Premium Livestock Auction

A Junior Market Livestock Auction for selected steers, market lambs, goats, and barrows is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026. Additional information will be posted on the American Royal website when available. Junior market exhibitors, with animals qualifying and selling in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction (steer, lamb, goat, and/or barrow), are required to **TAKE THEIR OWN ANIMAL(S) THROUGH THE SALE RING.**

Animals designated by the Management to be sold in the auction must remain under the exhibitor's care and expense until the animal is sold. **All animals included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be moved to a designated holding area and will remain there, under the exhibitor's care, until sale time.** Animals must be presented at the sale in their natural state. Decoration of sale animals is prohibited. Exhibitors included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction may be required to take a photo with their buyers at the designated photo area once their animal has sold. Failure to do so will result in forfeited premiums.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not send a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

If the carcass of any animal, regardless of being sold through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction, or sold directly to a packing plant, is condemned for any reason, the exhibitor will receive no payment. If prohibited substances are found in blood, urine, hair, tissue, hide or carcasses of animals at time of testing or following slaughter or if there is any evidence of unethical fitting, and/or tampering, the exhibitor will be subject to all sanctions, including but not limited to, disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and proceeds, and barred from future participation in the American Royal Livestock Show.

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel or change scheduling or events when necessary.

Auction Sale Price*:

80% of the sale price will go to the exhibitor, 20% will go to the American Royal up to price levels stated below. Once the sale price exceeds the below price, the exhibitor will receive 50% and the American Royal will receive 50%.

Of what goes to the American Royal, 12.5% of proceeds from Market Steers will go to the Stanley Stout Memorial Scholarship Fund to support scholarships for the Supreme Heifer Drive. Another 12.5% of proceeds from Market Lambs, Goats and Barrows will go to support scholarships for the Wether Dam Ewe, Wether Dam

Doe and Breeding Gilt Drive. The remainder will support the American Royal Association mission-focused events.

Price Levels

Market Steers- \$35,000

Market Lambs, Goats, and Barrows- \$10,000

Distribution of Funds

Exhibitors with a sale price less than \$10,000 will receive a 100% payout of proceeds due. This check will be sent to the exhibitor via mail no later than January 31, 2026.

Exhibitors with a sale price of \$10,000 or more will receive an 80% payout of proceeds due. This check will be sent to the exhibitor via mail no later than January 31, 2026. The remaining 20% of the amount due to the exhibitor will be held by the American Royal as a scholarship for the exhibitor.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the exhibitor upon proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning which may include technical school, community or junior college, university, and graduate or professional school. ¹ If the exhibitor chooses not to attend an institution of higher learning, they must submit a letter to explain the extenuating circumstances.

¹ The American Royal reserves the right, in the event of extenuating circumstances, to provide held scholarship funds to exhibitors before enrollment in a qualifying institution of higher learning or in the event the exhibitor does not attend an institution of higher learning as outlined above. The determination of what constitutes “extenuating circumstances” shall be wholly at the discretion of the American Royal.

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Competitive Livestock Events

Premier Jr. Market Exhibitor

The American Royal Association presents the Premier Market Exhibitor Award to recognize exhibitors' success in the showing, but also the importance of educational contests and the skill development they offer participants. The Premier Market Exhibitor Award is a points system based on exhibitors' class and showmanship placings, as well as their placings in the Livestock Competitive Educational Contests. A Premier Market Exhibitor will be recognized from the Novice, Intermediate, and Senior divisions along with an Overall Premier Market Exhibitor.

Ag Sales Contest

The purpose of the American Royal Ag Sales Contest is to develop knowledge about agricultural products and how to drive sales within the agriculture industry. This contest can assist participants with developing interactive communication skills to build rapport with others and discuss products in detail to highlight their benefits. This contest will allow participants to gain knowledge about agricultural businesses and their products while providing them skills to pursue a career in marketing and sales.

Interview Contest

The purpose of the American Royal Interview Contest is to prepare youth exhibitors for their future careers. In the preliminary round, individuals will develop a resume and cover letter that includes factual and relevant information about their work, experiences, education, etc. that they can use for their future endeavors. Only the top applicants will advance to the interview portion of the contest, where they will complete a mock interview related to their selected position.

Marketing Contest

The purpose of the American Royal Marketing Contest is to encourage Youth Exhibitors to learn social media management, business representation, and interpersonal communication skills. These skills can assist them with understanding social media campaigns, creating a brand for a company, and setting them up for careers in marketing and communications. This contest also provides participants the opportunity to promote the American Royal Livestock Show and educate the public.

Photography Contest

The purpose of the American Royal Livestock Photography Contest is to encourage Youth Exhibitors to improve their creativity and photography skills. These skills can set them up for careers in marketing and communications or act as a promotional tool for telling the story of food and agriculture to the public.

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Junior Market Goats

(Wethers only)

Superintendent:

Cooper Carlisle

Judge:

Barrett Carlisle

Associate Judge:

TBD

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)

2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)

7:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest Hale

8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission (**Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.**) -Upper Ex

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship -

1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship -

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show -

10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show -

Saturday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show -

8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show -

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive -

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction -

****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Fitting Stand Permit: \$35.00 per stand

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of check-in) \$30.00

Market Goat Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. An exhibitor may show three market goats.
3. Absolutely no extra or alternate goats (goats not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
4. Ownership deadline is August 15th, 2026 and DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline.
5. DNA Validation Samples must be on file by August 15th, 2026 for all goats. Scrapie ID at weigh-in must match exactly the Scrapie ID that was submitted on the DNA sample envelope. Because Scrapie Tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the goat and record that tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope along with the Scrapie ID number. For more DNA information, see the DNA Validation Rules under the Junior Market Division.
6. Stalling will be assigned at check-in. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent. Pens are strictly on a first come, first serve basis, due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens.
7. Once moved-in goats may not leave the barn until released. Goats may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
8. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on goats.
9. Electric clippers will be allowed in the goat barn. Hand shears may be used. All Market Goats must have all hair above the knees and hocks slick shorn within 1/4 inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for veterinary inspection purposes.
10. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
11. All goats must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
12. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances under the skin; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any

attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as “twining” which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.

13. Wethers having one (1) or both testicles contained in body cavity are ineligible to show.
14. Market goat classes are open to wethers only.
15. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. This will become the animal’s official weight. All junior market goats will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a **5lb** tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the **5lb** tolerance will be disqualified. Five (5) or more in each class for market goats will be weighed. The minimum weight for exhibition of a market goat at the American Royal is 50 pounds and there is no maximum weight. Market goats not meeting the minimum requirements will not be allowed to show.
16. If horned, market goats must have horns tipped blunt. Tipping or removal of horns is not allowed on the grounds and will result in disqualification.
17. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars, or a collar with a short lead when showing.
18. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.
19. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding are available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.



Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Fitting Stands

A Fitting Stand Permit is available for \$35.00/stand. Limit one stand per exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to have a Fitting Stand Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Classes

Market goats are required to weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to be eligible to show. All goats will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. There will be four weight divisions. The four division Champions and reserve champions (eight head) will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat. Classes in the weight divisions will

be established after weight cards are turned in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, October 16th, 2026.

2026 American Royal Market Goat Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division Champion
\$15, Banner

Reserve Division Champion
\$15, Banner

3rd, 4th, & 5th overall in each Division
Banner

Grand Champion Market Goat
Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat
Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Goat Showmanship Contest will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any junior market goat exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026):

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Goat Showman.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SECTION IS UNDER REVIEW BY THE AMERICAN ROYAL LEADERSHIP. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED & POSTED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.



Champion and Reserve in each division of market goats will qualify for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction and **must sell** through the auction. Market goat exhibitors that do not participate in division/Grand Champion selection, and/or do not participate in the auction, will be immediately disqualified, and will forfeit all premiums and awards for the 2026 show. They will also go before the American Royal Livestock Review Board and may be disqualified from participating in future American Royal shows and/or events. Exhibitors who violate this rule may be added to the RID list (Rule Infraction Database).

All goats included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be moved to a designated holding area and will remain there, under the exhibitor's care, until sale time.

THIS IS A TERMINAL AUCTION. All sale goats will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. All carcasses will be subject to inspection and drug testing by the authorities.

Junior market exhibitors are expected to be at the auction to take their animal through the sale ring. Any exhibitor failing to take their required goat through the auction will forfeit all premium money and will be barred from entering future American Royal Show. Exhibitors must leave a halter on all sale goats after the sale. The sale will be handled by the American Royal. A portion of each sale will be set aside in a fund and used for operational and educational purposes.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not send a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

The Show Management reserves the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show and sale deemed necessary in the best interest of the show.

Junior Market Lambs

(Wethers Only)

Superintendent:

Morgan Weinrich

Judge:

Logan McClennan

Associate Judge:

TBD

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)

2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)

7:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest Hale

8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission (**Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.**) -Upper Ex

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –

1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –

4:00 p.m. Sheep White Face Cross Check In – Lower Ex

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –

10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –

Saturday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –

8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –


****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Fitting Stand Permit: \$35.00 per stand

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Market Lamb Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. An exhibitor may show three market lambs.
3. Classification Guidelines -
 2026 American Royal Market Lamb Show will be classified into 2 Divisions: White Face-Influenced market lambs (i.e. Dorset, Southdown, Dorper, etc., and crosses using white face breeds i.e. speckle face) and Black Face market lambs. The decision of the classifier is final.
4. Absolutely no extra or alternate lambs (lambs not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
5. Ownership deadline is August 15th, 2026 and DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline.
6. DNA Validation Samples must be on file by August 15th, 2026 for all lambs. Scrapie ID at weigh-in must match exactly the Scrapie ID that was submitted on the DNA sample envelope. Because Scrapie Tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the lamb and record that tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope along with the Scrapie ID number. For more DNA information, see the DNA Validation Rules under the Junior Market Division.
7. Stalling will be assigned at check-in. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent. Pens are strictly on a first come, first serve basis, due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens. Contact Superintendent for pre-stalling requests.
8. Lambs may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available. There will also be an exercise arena East of the arena on the grass lot outside of the Tom Bass hoop barn.
9. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on lambs.
10. Electric clippers will be allowed in the lamb barn. Hand shears may be used. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for inspection purposes. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks. The only exception will be those animals competing in the fitting contest.
11. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.

12. All market lambs must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
13. Any exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as “twining” which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
14. Wethers having one (1) or both testicles contained in body cavity are ineligible to show.
15. Market lamb classes are open to wether lambs only.
16. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. This will become the animal’s official weight. All junior market lambs will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a **7lb** tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the **7lb** tolerance will be disqualified. Five (5) or more in each class for market lambs will be weighed. The minimum weight for exhibition of a market lamb at the American Royal is 100 pounds and there is no maximum weight. Market lambs not meeting the minimum requirements will not be allowed to show.
17. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

Health requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Fitting Stands

A Fitting Stand Permit is available for \$35.00/stand. Limit one per exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to have a Fitting Stand Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Classes

White Face-Influenced market Lambs are required to weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to be eligible to show. All lambs will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. The Division Champion and Reserve Champion will

compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. The Division Champion & Reserve Division Champion will automatically qualify for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction.

Black Face market lambs are required to weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to be eligible to show. All lambs will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Black Face market lambs will be divided into 5 divisions. The division Champions and Reserve Champions (minimum ten head) will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. Classes in the weight divisions will be established after weigh-in and a list of classes will be posted on Thursday afternoon, October 16th, 2026.

2026 American Royal Market Lamb Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Reserve Division Champion

\$15, Banner

3rd, 4th, & 5th overall in each Division

Banner

Grand Champion Market Lamb

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Lamb Showmanship Contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any junior market lamb exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00 Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026):

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Lamb Showman.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

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Champion and Reserve in each division of the black face market lambs and the Champion and Reserve white face-influenced market lamb will qualify for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction and **must sell** through the auction. Market lamb exhibitors that do not participate in division/Grand Champion selection, and/or do not participate in the auction, will be immediately disqualified, and will forfeit all premiums and awards for the 2026 show. They will also go before the American Royal Livestock Review Board and may be disqualified from participating in future American Royal shows and/or events. Exhibitors who violate this rule may be added to the RID list (Rule Infraction Database).

All lambs included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be moved to a designated holding area and will remain there, under the exhibitor's care, until sale time.

THIS IS A TERMINAL AUCTION. All sale lambs will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. All carcasses will be subject to inspection and drug testing by the authorities.

Junior market exhibitors are expected to be at the auction to take their animal through the sale ring. Any exhibitor failing to take their required lamb through the auction will forfeit all premium money and will be barred from entering future American Royal Show. Exhibitors must leave a halter on all sale lambs after the sale. The sale will be handled by the American Royal. A portion of each sale will be set aside in a fund and used for operational and educational purposes.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not send a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

The Show Management reserves the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show and sale deemed necessary in the best interest of the show.

Junior Market Steers

Superintendent:

David Hoffman- Missouri

Judge:

Jack Ward

Associate Judge:

TBD

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

Saturday, September 10th

Entry Deadline

Wednesday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Earliest Arrival

Thursday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In – Lower Ex

10:00 a.m. **Arrival Deadline**

12:00 p.m. Weight Submissions Due

3:00 p.m. Market Steer Showmanship –

Friday, October 16

11:00 a.m. Market Steer Show –

Market Steers not qualifying for the Junior Premium Auction are released immediately following the show

Saturday, October 17

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.

Entry Fee: \$95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Market Steer Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. An exhibitor may show three market steers.
3. Absolutely no extra or alternate steers (steers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
4. Ownership deadline is August 15th, 2026 and DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline.
5. DNA Validation Samples must be on file by August 15th, 2026 for all steers. Steer's Federal 840 ID number must match exactly the Federal 840 ID number that was submitted on the DNA envelope. For more DNA information, see the DNA Validation Rules under the Junior Market Division.
6. Steer exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.
7. Steers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:30 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.
8. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.
9. All steers must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
10. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
11. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. This will become the animal's official weight. All market steers will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. All market steers will be weighed before entering the show ring. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5% tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5% tolerance will be disqualified. There is no minimum or maximum weight for market steers.
12. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
13. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.

14. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided, and additional bedding will be available for purchase in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Grooming Chute Permits

A Grooming Chute Permit is available for \$35.00 per stand. Space is not guaranteed for Grooming Chutes. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums. Any exhibitor failing to have a Grooming Chute Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds.

Classification

Steers will not be shown by breeds. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit for market steers. All steers will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. There will be no re-weighs. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. There will be three weight divisions. The three division's champions and reserve champions (6 head total) will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer. A list of classes will be posted Thursday evening in the area where the steers are tied.

2026 American Royal Market Steer Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$65	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Reserve Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Grand Champion Market Steer

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Market Steer Showmanship Contest will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any junior market steer exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026)

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Beef Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Beef Showman.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SECTION IS UNDER REVIEW BY THE AMERICAN ROYAL LEADERSHIP. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED & POSTED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Steers will not be shown by breeds. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit for market steers. All steers will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Manager. There will be no reweighs. All weights will be submitted online. There will be three weight divisions and 5 classes in each division. The three division's champion and reserve champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

The Grand and Reserve Champion Market Steer, divisions champions, reserve division champions as well as all first place steers **MUST** sell in the auction. Final sale order will be determined by the steer superintendent and Livestock Manager.

All steers included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be moved to a designated holding area and will remain there, under the exhibitor's care, until sale time.

Steers will be sold by the head, not by weight.

THIS IS A TERMINAL AUCTION. All sale steers will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. All carcasses will be subject to inspection and drug testing by the authorities. Junior market exhibitors are expected to be at the auction to take their animal through the sale ring. Any exhibitor failing to take their required steer through the auction will forfeit all premium money and will be barred from entering future American Royal Show. Exhibitors must leave a halter on all sale steers after the sale. The sale will be handled by the American Royal. A portion of each sale will be set aside in a fund and used for operational and educational purposes.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not send a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

The show management reserve the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show and sale deemed necessary in the best interest of the show.

Junior Market Barrows

Sponsored by:

American Royal Association
National Swine Registry
National Junior Swine Registry
Team Purebred Junior Swine Association

Superintendent:

Jill Zimmerman- Kansas

Asst. Superintendent

Holly Martin - Kansas

NSR Director of Events:

Jeff Nemecek

Team Purebred Coordinator:

Chelsea Schminke-Grieder

Judge:

Shane Brinning

Associate Judge:

TBD

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

Saturday, September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check –
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Check-In followed by Breeding Gilt Check-In ***(All submissions due by 1:00 p.m.)*** –
5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
4:00 p.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
Team Purebred Breeds – Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot
***Show will start 30 min following the conclusion of the barrow show but not before 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

7:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show Resumes - (NSR Breeds followed by Crossbred) –
If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –

****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Market Barrow Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. An exhibitor may show three market barrows.
3. Absolutely no extra or alternate market barrows (market barrows not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
4. Ownership deadline for market barrows is August 15th, 2026 and DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline.
5. DNA Validation Samples must be on file by August 15th, 2026 for all market barrows. Market barrows Federal 840 ID number and ear notches must match exactly the Federal 840 ID number and ear notches that was submitted on the DNA envelope. For more DNA information, see the DNA Validation Rules under the Junior Market Division.
6. **Market barrows will be penned by arrival. Mandatory 2 pigs per pen. Dividers are encouraged. No tack pens. Pens are strictly on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens except special circumstances with permission from show management.**
7. Once moved-in market barrows may not leave the barn. Barrows will be released following the Market Barrow Show. Market barrows may be exercised in the barn or show arena if available.
8. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
9. All market barrows must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
10. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. All weights will be submitted online. There will be no paper weight cards accepted. This will become the animal's official weight. All junior market barrows will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a **15lb** tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the **15lb** tolerance will be disqualified. Five (5) or more in each class for market barrows will be weighed. The minimum weight for exhibition of a market hog at the American Royal is **230** pounds and maximum weight is **300** pounds. Market barrows not meeting the minimum requirements will not be allowed to show.



11. **Market barrows will be released following the show.** It is a non-terminal market hog show (except for those animals sold through the Junior Premium Livestock Auction).
12. Shakers, downers, and any other unfit hogs will not be allowed to show.
13. Breed and crossbred divisions will be broken into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager.
14. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, suckle bottles, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
15. No hogs may be restrained on the grounds of the American Royal by snare, wire, rope, or other means unless under the supervision and/or direction of the show office or the official veterinarian.
16. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

National Junior Swine Association and Team Purebred Market Barrows

Purebred market hog classes will be established as numbers warrant for registered Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford/Tamworth, Landrace, Poland, Spotted and Yorkshire. At least 10 hogs of a breed must be checked-in at the show for a breed division. If fewer than 10 hogs of a particular breed are checked-in they will show in an Other Registered Purebred Division. No registered hogs of the aforementioned 9 breeds will show in the Crossbred Division. The above purebred classes are sponsored by their respective breed associations. There will be no other breed classes.

National Junior Swine Association Special Rules

Breed classes will be provided for purebred Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, and Yorkshire, market barrows. If fewer than 10 hogs of a breed are checked-in they will show in an Other Registered Purebreds Division. No registered pig of the aforementioned 5 breeds will show in the Crossbred Division. These five breeds must meet the following requirements:

1. Entries may be purchased market barrows, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name or exhibitor's farm name by August 15th, 2026.
2. Market barrows must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.

3. All animals are to be guaranteed negative of the stress gene to be exhibited at a NSR or NJSA event.
4. All Berkshire, barrows must be stress negative and the stress status must be on the pedigree (HAL – 1843* nm must be under the pig's name on the pedigree).
5. NSR and NJSA reserve the right to randomly collect a DNA profile on exhibited animals for stress gene, parentage verification, and breed purity at any event where registered animals are exhibited. This collection will be supervised by NSR or NJSA representatives.
6. All Breed Champions, Reserve Champion and/or any randomly selected market barrows may be blood tested for presence of the stress gene, parentage verification, and breed purity as DNA technology becomes available.
7. Champion and Reserve Champion overall premiums as well as Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion premiums will not be awarded until the DNA results are verified at the NSR office.
8. Any market barrows that fail these DNA tests for the stress gene, parentage verification or breed purity will forfeit all premiums and awards. Showmanship standings, however, will not be affected by failed test results. If premiums and awards are not returned to NSR, the exhibitor will not be allowed to compete in future NJSA or NSR events.
9. Any hog disqualified by NJSA will also be disqualified by the American Royal and all monies will be withheld including JPLA monies.

Team Purebred Special Rules

Breed classes will be provided for purebred Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, and Spotted market barrows. If fewer than 10 hogs of a breed are checked-in, they will show in an Other Registered Purebreds Division. No registered pig of the aforementioned 5 breeds will show in the Crossbred Division. These 5 breeds must meet the following requirements:

1. Entries may be purchased market barrows, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name or exhibitor's farm name by August 15th, 2026.
2. Market barrows must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.
3. All Chester White hogs must be guaranteed to be stress negative.
4. Market barrows must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective breed association. Team Purebred field staff or qualified representatives will check papers and inspect all market barrows for breed eligibility.
5. Any hog disqualified by Team Purebred, for any reason, will also be disqualified by the American Royal and all monies will be withheld.

Crossbred and Other Market barrows

Any pig that does not qualify for the National Swine Registry and Team Purebred registered classes will show in this division.

2026 American Royal Premiums

The following prizes will be paid in each market hog class. The American Royal will pay premiums in the Crossbred classes. Fifty percent of the premiums in the NSR/NJSA and Team Purebred classes will be paid by NSR and Team Purebred and fifty percent by the American Royal. Premium checks will be mailed from the American Royal.

2026 American Royal Market Hog Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Champion and Reserve Champion of Each Breed

In addition to premiums paid in each class, the National Swine Registry will offer \$100 to the Champion and \$50 to the Reserve Champion in the Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, and Landrace breed. Team Purebred will offer \$100 to the Champion and \$50 to the Reserve Champion in the Berkshire, Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, and Spot classes. The American Royal will offer the same to the Champion and Reserve Champion Market Hog in the Crossbred and other Market Hog Division. The American Royal will also award banners to each breed champion and reserve breed champion.

Grand Champion Market Hog

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Swine Showmanship Contest will be held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any junior market hog or breeding gilt exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be four age divisions: (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026)

6 years old and younger (Peewee) **-Breeding Gilt Exhibitors only**

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Swine Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Swine Showman.

Junior Premium Livestock Auction

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SECTION IS UNDER REVIEW BY THE AMERICAN ROYAL LEADERSHIP. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED & POSTED BY SEPTEMBER 1ST.

There must be 10 barrows in a breed to allow both the Grand and Reserve Champion within a breed to sale. Sale slots then will be based off of numbers within breeds and crossbreeds and extra sale slots will go to those breeds with the largest participation. A maximum of 25 market barrows will be selected for the Junior Premium Livestock Auction, including the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog. Sale order will be made by the swine superintendent and the judge. Breeds will be alternated.

All market barrows included in the Junior Premium Livestock Auction will be moved to a designated holding area and will remain there, under the exhibitor's care, until sale time.

Market barrows will be sold by the head, not by weight.

THIS IS A TERMINAL AUCTION. All sale market barrows will be harvested at a processing facility designated by the American Royal management. All carcasses will be subject to inspection and drug testing by the authorities.

Junior market exhibitors are expected to be at the auction to take their animal through the sale ring. Any exhibitor failing to take their required market hog through the auction will forfeit all premium money and will be barred from entering future American Royal Show. The sale will be handled by the American Royal. A portion of each sale will be set aside in a fund and used for operational and educational purposes.

All exhibitors that sell an animal in the Junior Auction will be required to write their buyer a personalized thank you before premiums will be sent. If an exhibitor does not send a thank you, premiums will be withheld and participation in future years may be banned.

The show management reserve the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show and sale deemed necessary in the best interested of the show.

Junior Breeding Divisions

Entry Deadline:

September 10, 2026

Tuesday October 13

- 12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)
- 2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 14

- 7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check –
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)
- 4:00 p.m. Market Steer, Steer Momma (VIP Trailer Arrival)
- 6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)
- 6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Steer Momma Move-In – Lower Ex
- 7:00 p.m. Sullivan’s Supply Lamb and Goat Fitting Contest Hale
- 8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission **(Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.)** –Upper Ex

Thursday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Job Interview & Ag Sales Contest – Blue Ribbon Room
- 8:00 a.m. Market Barrow Check-In followed by Breeding Gilt Check-In **(All submissions due by 1:00 p.m.)** –
- 10:00 a.m. **(All Market Steers, and Steer Mommas must be on the grounds by 10:00 a.m.)**
- 10:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In **(Weight submission due by noon)** Steer Momma check in after Market Steers – Lower Ex
- 10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –
- 12:00 p.m. Sullivan’s Supply Cattle Clinic
- 1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –
- 3:00 p.m. Steer Showmanship –
- 5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 16

- 8:00 a.m. Competitive Events Awards Program –
- 9:00 a.m. Market Barrow Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
- 9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –
- 10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –
- 11:00 a.m. Market Steer Show –

Saturday, October 17

- 8:00 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive
- 8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –
- 8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –
- 9:00 a.m. Steer Momma Show -
- 5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –
- 7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –

Junior Breeding Division Rules

1. The junior breeding heifer and breeding gilt shows are open to any exhibitor who is in good standings with their junior breed association.
2. The junior breeding heifer and breeding gilt show will follow those junior breed associations' age requirements. See the corresponding breed section for specific age requirements.
3. For junior breeding heifers to be eligible for open cattle show competition, exhibitors must comply with open cattle show regulations including guidelines for entry, arrival, and release.
4. Junior breeding heifers must be registered solely in the junior member's name on or before September 10th, 2026. Animals registered in a family name or two or more junior's names are not eligible to show in the junior show. This applies even if an animal is registered in a farm or ranch name and the junior member is the only person listed on that membership. Bred and owned animals must be owned solely by a junior member on or before September 10th, 2026. Be sure to check individual breed rules for any exceptions.
5. Original registration certificate must be presented for inspection.
6. Junior breeding heifers and breeding gilts must be purebred unless otherwise specified.
7. Animals entered in a junior breeding division must meet the respectable breed association's requirements.
8. Officials from each breed association will check tattoos on junior breeding heifers and ear notches on breeding gilts, registration papers, and will distribute entry numbers at check-in.
9. Show management reserves the right to break large classes if deemed necessary, in which case the monies may be split.
10. Cattle recorded in more than one breed registry may only show in one breed show. An animal entered for both the junior and open breeding shows, must show in the same breed.
11. Exhibitors of the champion junior heifer of their respective breed are expected to show in the Supreme Heifer Drive unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Any exhibitor choosing not to compete as the breed champion will not receive a scholarship and that breed will not be represented in the Supreme Champion line-up. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.
12. Exhibitors of the champion Breeding Gilts of their respective breed are expected to show in the Supreme Breeding Gilt Drive unless otherwise stated in breed rules. Exhibitors of these champions should be present to show their own animal(s) unless prior permission is given by show management.

Purebred & Crossbred Breeding Gilts, Wether Dam Ewes, Wether Dam Does

DNA Validation Rules

 **All Purebred & crossbred gilts, wether dam ewes, and wether dam does** entered for competition must have been owned solely by the junior exhibitor by **August 15th, 2026**.

DNA Envelope cost breakdown:

July 1st – August 15th - \$10.00/envelope
August 16th – August 20th - \$50.00/envelope (overnight shipping option only)
August 21st – August 25th - \$50.00/envelope (Must Pick-up at American Royal Office)



DNA envelopes purchased after August 15th will still adhere to the \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor

And must be postmarked by August 25th to still be accepted.

DNA postmarked by **August 15th, 2026** No late processing fee

DNA postmarked between **August 15th-25th** \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor

DNA postmarked **August 27th or after**..... Not accepted

**It is highly suggested DNA be sent certified mail with return receipt, to ensure DNA is received in a timely manner. The American Royal has no ability to track envelopes that are not sent certified mail, and in all cases, reserves the right to reject DNA envelopes that do not meet the above deadline. **

2. **Hair will be used for DNA validation on all species.** Hair collection envelopes must be ordered from the American Royal. **All DNA validation envelopes will be species specific and color-coded (goats-green, lambs- purple, steers- goldenrod, swine-blue).** DNA hair sample for livestock being shown at the 2026 American Royal must be submitted in the 2026 DNA hair sample envelope. Please follow the instructions for collecting hair samples exactly. Should the original sample not be a valid sample, the animal may be disqualified, and no monies will be paid.

3. There is no limit on the number of DNA samples that an exhibitor may submit.

4. **Animals must be individually identified.** The following forms of identification must be used. **The identification on the animal at the time of turning in entry forms must exactly match the identification on the DNA envelope.**

- Purebred & Crossbred gilts** must be identified by a Federal 840 ID Number **and** Ear Notches
- Wether dam ewes and wether dam does must be identified by a Scrapie ID number*. Entire ID number including state ID and herd number** is required

**Because scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the wether dam ewe or wether dam doe and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.*

***Scrapie tag numbers vary greatly, however each tag will include a state identified, herd number, and animal number. The scrapie number on the DNA envelope must include the entire ID number as listed above and must exactly match the number on the scrapie tag at check-in.*

5. Any discrepancies at weigh-in or check-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by Livestock

Event Manager and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150.00 payable immediately by cash or credit card only. After testing is complete, any exhibitor showing an animal without a matching DNA sample will be subject to consequences determined by the American Royal, including, but not limited to, disqualification of animal, forfeit of all monies, and suspension from showing at the American Royal.

6. **Siblings** (two or more individuals having one common parent) **may submit DNA samples on the same animal** if the siblings are involved in the care and management of the animal. **Names and signatures of each sibling must appear on the DNA envelope when it is submitted.** Siblings may submit DNA samples on the same animal but may not enter the same animal in the show. All DNA validation envelopes from the same family should be sent in one large envelope.
7. DNA provides proof of ownership. With the exception of the sibling rule above, market animals, purebred gilts, crossbred gilts, wether dam ewes, and wether dam does can only have DNA submitted by one exhibitor. If multiple DNA samples are received for the same animal by multiple exhibitors, the animal and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the 2026 show.
8. **DNA validation is a prerequisite to entry. DNA validation does not constitute an entry in the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show.** Regular entry procedures must be followed; entry deadline is September 10th, 2026. An exhibitor may enter three breeding gilts, three wether dam ewes, and three wether dam does. Only animals which have an individual 2026 DNA Validation Envelope on file with the American Royal may be entered.
9. Should it be necessary to return your DNA validation envelopes for any reason (lack of signatures, etc.) there will be a \$10.00 re-processing fee.

Note: DNA Validation Envelopes/Samples submitted to the American Royal on all junior market animals, purebred gilts, crossbred gilts, wether dam ewes, and wether dam does become the property of the American Royal. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said envelopes and samples when submitted as proof of ownership. Validation Envelopes/Samples are stored in a secure environment and are destroyed in due time following the show.

Entering Animals

Entry forms along with proper entry fees must be **submitted online, on or before September 10th, 2026.** Late entries must be **submitted on or before September 15th, 2026** with a **\$75.00 late fee per exhibitor.**

The electronic entry form may be found on the American Royal website, www.americanroyal.com. **All entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor and regardless of age the exhibitor's parent or legal guardian. When submitting online, parent or legal guardian approval (electronic signature) is required.**

Animals must be entered by the junior breeding exhibitor. Premiums for junior breeding entries will be paid only to the junior breeding exhibitor.

Any junior breeding exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums.

Dress Code

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival. Junior breeding exhibitors are to be neatly and appropriately dressed when exhibiting.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section. All livestock entering this show will be subject to examination by a show or State Veterinarian upon arrival or during the show.

Animals with active lesions of ringworm with resulting loss of hair, or multiple warts visible will not be permitted to exhibit. If animals have had ringworm, lesions must be dried and healed with hair growing back in. Any animal, of any species, showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases will be immediately withdrawn from the show, removed from the grounds or held in quarantine at owner's risk and expense. These animals must remain in the quarantine area while on the grounds, failure to cooperate may result in disqualification. There will be no refund of entry or other fees on animals withdrawn.

Judging Contest

An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests.

Caring for and Showing Animals

Exhibitors must care for their livestock and present them before the judges unassisted.

Junior Breeding Exhibitors, in all divisions, must be at the American Royal to show their own animals. A substitute showman will only be allowed for the following reasons:

- Two animals in the same class
- Conflicts with animals being exhibited in other species
- Death or other family crisis
- Sickness or a physical injury documented by a physician
- A pre-approved 4-H or FFA activity. No other school activity will qualify.

Written permission for a substitute showman must be obtained from the Livestock Event Manager. When an exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class, one animal may be exhibited by another youth member without obtaining special permission.

Inspection

All animals of all species in the junior breeding division are governed by the rules and regulations of the American Royal Livestock Show and are subject to visual, physical and biological screening and inspection by the American Royal Veterinarian and Show Officials. Any violation of the code of ethics, animal abuse, fraud or misrepresentation will be dealt with on an individual basis. Any market or breeding animal exhibitor that is disqualified for any infraction of the rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums and proceeds. Every exhibitor, by entering an animal for exhibition, agrees to submit the entry for inspection if requested; exhibitor then releases the American Royal Association and/or its officers or show officials from all claims or demands arising from subsequent action taken by the Executive Committee.

Feed and Bedding

Feed may be purchased from the feed department. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed pans, buckets, and other equipment necessary to care for their animals. Cattle ties and the tie-out area will be bedded with material provided by the American Royal, additional bedding may be purchased from the Feed Room. Breeding Gilt exhibitors may purchase bedding from the feed department or bring their own.

Showmanship Contests

Any exhibitor showing in a Junior Breeding Show may enter the respective Showmanship Contest. There will be separate contests for steers, swine, goat, and lamb. Breeding gilts will show with market barrows. Weather Dams will show with market lambs. Breeding Does will show with market goats. Junior Breeding Heifers will show in their respective contest based on the week their breed is exhibiting.

The entry fee is \$10.00 per contest if included on entry form. Exhibitors may enter at the time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00 per contest. Contests will be divided into classes by age after check-in. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 American Royal Livestock Show. They may not bring an animal exclusively for the Showmanship Contest. Fitting will be optional for cattle. Please see your respective breed section for information on age divisions.

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion in each species. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150 to the Champion Showman in each species.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up with your exhibitor packet upon arrival, or in the show office.

Breeding Division Fees

Junior Breeding Heifers

Entry Fee..... \$90.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)
Grooming Chute Permit..... \$35.00 (one chute per permit and space will not be guaranteed)

Breeding Gilts

Entry Fee..... \$45.00 per head

Wether Dam Does and Wether Dam Ewes

Entry Fee..... \$45.00 per head
Fitting Stand Permit..... \$35.00/stand (limit 1 per exhibitor)

Showmanship Contests

If included with entry form.... \$10.00
Entry at time of arrival..... \$30.00

Passes and Badges

Exhibitor Badge..... \$20.00 each (One (1) badge required for each exhibitor)

Parking Pass(Lot B)..... \$30.00 each

VIP Parking Pass..... \$125.00 each (limited quantities available)

** Entry gates will be monitored. Please wear your exhibitor badge or have it readily available at all times. There will be a \$20.00 per entry charge for parking (without a pass) and a \$5.00 per entry grounds admission for each person without a badge. (NO grounds admission will be charged for children 5 years old and under).

Badges and vehicle passes may be ordered on entry forms and picked up upon arrival. Badges and passes will **NOT** be mailed. They may also be purchased between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Livestock Office.

Breeding Gilt Show

Sponsored by:

American Royal Association
National Swine Registry
National Junior Swine Registry
Team Purebred Junior Swine Association

Superintendent:

Jill Zimmerman- Kansas

Asst. Superintendent

Holly Martin - Kansas

NSR Events & Education Manager:

Jeff Nemecek

Team Purebred Coordinator:

Chelsea Schminke-Griender

Judge:

August 15th

Ownership Deadline and DNA Deadline (All Gilts)

September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

5:00 p.m. Swine (VIP Trailer arrival)

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Market Barrow and Breeding Gilt Move-In and Vet Check –
(All swine must be on the grounds by 10:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 15

5:00 p.m. Swine Showmanship–

Friday, October 16

4:00 p.m. Breeding Gilt Show (Pedigreed followed by Crossbred) –
Team Purebred Breeds – Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot
***Show will start 30 min following the conclusion of the barrow show but not before 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17





7:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show Resumes - (NSR Breeds followed by Crossbred) –
If gilt show is not completed by 5:00 p.m. there will be a break for Royal Elite Drive
5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –
7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.



Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Breeding Gilt Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. **An exhibitor may enter three breeding gilts regardless of breed.**
3. Absolutely no extra or alternate breeding gilts (breeding gilts not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
-  4. Ownership deadline for purebred & crossbred breeding gilts is August 15th, 2026 and DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline for all breeding gilts.
5. Pedigreed entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford/ Tamworth, Landrace, Poland, Spot, or Yorkshire gilts.
6. Crossbred gilts will have two divisions – Dark and Light – Light Cross will be designated as pigs with white or light pigmentation(blue) No red, sandy or black color.
-  7. **All Purebred breeding gilts must be farrowed on or after January 1st, 2026, and will have a Weight Limit of 350 lbs. with a 15 lb. weight back.**
8. **Breeding Gilts will be penned by arrival.** Mandatory 2 pigs per pen. Dividers are encouraged. No tack pens. Pens are strictly on a first-come, first-serve basis. Due to limited space, no exhibitor will be allowed to reserve pens except special circumstances with permission from show management.
9. All breeding gilt exhibitors must be a member of NJSA or Team Purebred unless they have only crossbred gilts.
-  10. **All breeding gilt exhibitors must follow NJSA age requirements if they are showing a Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Yorkshire, and Crossbred.** The exhibitor must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1 of the current year, but the member must be able to exhibit their pig on their own with no assistance from ANYONE, including parents, siblings, NJSA Junior Board, NSR Staff, American Royal Staff, etc. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that need it.
-  11. **All breeding gilt exhibitors must follow Team Purebred age requirements if they are showing a Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, Spot, or Crossbred gilt.** The exhibitor must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1 of the current year, but the member must be able to exhibit their pig on their own with no assistance from ANYONE, including parents, siblings, Team Purebred Junior Board, Team

Purebred Staff, American Royal Staff, etc. Special arrangements can be made beforehand for exhibitors that need it.

12. Once moved-in breeding gilts may not leave the barn until released. Breeding gilts may be exercised in the barn or show arena if available.
13. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, suckle bottles, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
14. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
15. All breeding gilts must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
16. Shakers, downers, and any other unfit hogs will not be allowed to show.
-  17. Purebred/Crossbred divisions will be broken into classes based on weight at the discretion of the superintendent.
-  18. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system for Purebred/Crossbred Gilts. All weights must be submitted online. This will become the animal's official weight. The judge will determine the number of weigh backs. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 15-pound tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 15-pound tolerance will be disqualified. The maximum weight for Purebred/Crossbred gilts is 350 pounds.
19. No hogs may be restrained on the grounds of the American Royal by snare, wire, rope, or other means unless under the supervision and/or direction of the show office or the official veterinarian.
20. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.
21. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own feed and water. Feed may be purchased from the feed department. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed pans, buckets, and other equipment necessary to care for their animals. Breeding Gilt exhibitors may purchase bedding from the Feed Room or bring their own.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

National Junior Swine Association and Team Purebred Breeding Gilts

Purebred breeding gilt classes will be established as numbers warrant for registered Berkshire, Chester, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford/Tamworth, Landrace, Poland, Spotted, and Yorkshire. At least 10 hogs of a breed must be checked-in at the show for a breed division. If fewer than 10 hogs of a particular breed are checked-in they will

show in an Other Registered Purebred Division. No registered hogs of the aforementioned 9 breeds will show in the crossbred division. The above purebred classes are sponsored by their respective breed associations. There will be no other breed classes.

National Junior Swine Association Special Rules

Breed classes will be provided for purebred Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, and Landrace Breeding Gilts. If fewer than 10 hogs of a breed are checked-in they will show in an Other Registered Purebreds Division. These four breeds must meet the following requirements:

1. All exhibitors must be members of the National Junior Swine Association.
2. Entries may be purchased females, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name or exhibitor's farm name by August 15th, 2026.
3. Breeding gilts must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.
4. All animals are to be guaranteed negative of the stress gene to be exhibited at a NSR or NJSA event.
5. All Berkshire gilts must be stress negative and the stress status must be on the pedigree (HAL – 1843* nm must be under the pig's name on the pedigree).
6. NSR and NJSA reserve the right to randomly collect a DNA profile on exhibited animals for stress gene, parentage verification, and breed purity at any event where registered animals are exhibited. This collection will be supervised by NSR or NJSA representatives.
7. All Breed Champions, Reserve Champion and/or any randomly selected females may be blood tested for presence of the stress gene, parentage verification, and breed purity as DNA technology becomes available.
8. Any premiums will not be awarded until the DNA results are verified at the NSR office.
9. Any females that fail these DNA tests for the stress gene, parentage verification or breed purity will forfeit all premiums and awards. Showmanship standings, however, will not be affected by failed test results. If premiums and awards are not returned to NSR, the exhibitor will not be allowed to compete in future NJSA or NSR events.
10. Breeding gilts must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective breed associations. NSR field staff or qualified NSR representatives will inspect all females for breed eligibility.
11. Any hog disqualified by NJSA will also be disqualified by the American Royal and all monies will be withheld.
12. All other rules of the junior breeding show apply.

Team Purebred Special Rules

Breed classes will be provided for purebred Chester, Hereford/Tamworth, Poland, and Spotted Breeding Gilts. If fewer than 10 hogs of a breed are checked-in, they will show in an Other Registered Purebreds Division. These 5 breeds must meet the following requirements:

1. All exhibitors must be members of Team Purebred.
2. Entries may be purchased females, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor's family name or exhibitor's farm name by August 15th, 2026.
3. Breeding gilts must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name, exhibitor's family name, or exhibitor's farm name.
4. All open gilts shown in Team Purebred shows are guaranteed to be open and may be subject to random pregnancy checks.
5. Team Purebred reserves the right to randomly collect a DNA profile on exhibited animals for parentage verification and breed purity at any event where registered animals are exhibited. This collection will be supervised by Team Purebred representatives.
6. Any premiums due will not be awarded until all test results are verified at the Team Purebred office.
7. Any gilt that fails DNA tests for the stress gene, parentage verification or breed purity will forfeit all gilt show premiums, awards, and scholarships. If awards are not returned to Team Purebred, the exhibitor will not be allowed to compete in future Team Purebred events.
8. Breeding gilts must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective breed association. Team Purebred field staff or qualified representatives will check papers and inspect all gilts for breed eligibility.
9. Any gilt disqualified by Team Purebred, for any reason, will also be disqualified by the American Royal and all monies will be withheld.
10. All other rules of the junior breeding show apply.

Crossbred Breeding Gilts

Any gilt that does not qualify for the National Swine Registry and Team Purebred registered classes will show in this division. Ownership deadline for crossbred breeding gilts is August 15th, 2026 and **DNA Validation Samples must be on file with the American Royal on or before that deadline.**

2026 American Royal Premiums

The following prizes will be paid in each Breeding Gilt class. Fifty percent of the premiums in the NSR/NJSA and Team Purebred classes will be paid by NSR and Team Purebred and fifty percent by the American Royal. The American Royal will pay the full premiums for crossbred gilts. Premium checks will be mailed from the American Royal.

2026 American Royal Breeding Gilt Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Champion and Reserve Champion of Each Breed

In addition to premiums paid in each class, banners will be given.

Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt

A top 5 will be selected during the Supreme Breeding Gilt Drive, and Scholarships will be given to the Top 5 overall breeding gilts. All breed champions are eligible to compete. All exhibitors of Champions showing in the Supreme Champion Gilt Drive will receive a \$300 award Reserve Champions will receive \$150.

Supreme Champion Breeding Gilt

Rosette and Banner

Showmanship

Swine Showmanship will be held at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any breeding gilt or market barrow exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be four age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026)

6 years old and younger [Peewee] **-Breeding Gilt Exhibitors only.**

7-12 years old [Junior]

13-16 years old [Intermediate]

17 years & older [Senior]

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Swine Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Swine Showman.

Wether Dam Ewes

Superintendent:

Morgan Weinrich

Judge:

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)

2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)

8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission (**Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.**) -Upper Ex

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship –

1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship –

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show –

10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show –

Saturday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show –

8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show –

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive –

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction –

****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****


The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.


Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Fitting Stand Permit: \$35.00 per stand

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Wether Dam Ewe Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
 2. An exhibitor may show three wether dam ewes.
 3. Absolutely no extra or alternate lambs (lambs not entered in the wether dam ewe show) will be allowed on the grounds.
 4. Classification Guidelines -
2026 American Royal Wether Dam Ewe Show will be classified into 2 Divisions: White Face-Influenced Ewes (i.e. Dorset, Southdown, Dorper, etc., and crosses using white face breeds i.e. speckle face) and Black Face Ewes. The decision of the classifier is final.
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5. Ownership deadline is August 15, 2026.
 6. The wether dam ewe show is open to youth who are no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026
 7. Stalling will be assigned upon request. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent.
 8. Once moved-in lambs may not leave the barn until released. Lambs may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
 9. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on lambs.
 10. Electric clippers will be allowed in the lamb barn. Hand shears may be used. All Wether Dam Ewes must be completely slick shorn within ¼ inch PRIOR to arrival at the show for inspection purposes. Wool may be left on the legs only below the knees and hocks. The only exception will be those animals competing in the fitting contest.
 11. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
 12. All lambs must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.

13. Any exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as “twining” which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e., baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
14. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The wether dam ewe exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal’s official weight. All wether dam ewes will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a **7lb.** tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the **7lb.** tolerance will be disqualified. Five (5) or more in each class for wether dam ewes will be weighed.
-  a. The minimum weight for exhibition of a junior wether dam ewe at the American Royal is 100 pounds and there is no maximum weight. Wether dam ewes not meeting the minimum requirements will not be allowed to show.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.


Health requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Fitting Stands

A Fitting Stand Permit is available for \$35.00/stand. Limit one per exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to have a Fitting Stand Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Classes

 White Face-Influenced Ewes will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes and weight divisions will be established after weigh-in and a list of classes will be posted. Champion and Reserve Champion will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Wether Dam Ewe.

Black Face Ewes will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes and weight divisions will be established after weigh-in and a list of classes will be posted. Champions and Reserve Champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Wether Dam Ewe.

2026 American Royal Wether Dam Ewe Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Reserve Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Grand Champion Wether Dam Ewe

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Wether Dam Ewe

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Wether Dam Ewe showmanship will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any wether dam ewe exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00 Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 wether dam ewe show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026):

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Wether Dam Ewe Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Wether Dam Ewe Showman.

The Show Management reserve the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show deemed necessary in the best interest of the show.

Wether Dam Does

Superintendent:
Cooper Carlisle

Judge:

August 15th

DNA and Ownership Deadline

September 10th

Entry Deadline

Tuesday October 13

12:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (VIP Trailer Arrival)

2:00 p.m. Sheep & Goat (Arrival till 10:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Market lambs and Wether Dam Ewes Move-In, Vet Check & Showmanship check in
(All Market Lambs and Wether Dam Ewes must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

7:00 a.m. Market Goats/Breeding Does Move-In, Vet Check , & Showmanship check in
(All Market Goats/Breeding Does must be on the grounds by 4:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Exhibitor meeting (**Bleachers**)

8:00 p.m. Lamb/Goat Weight On-line Submission (**Weight submitted by 8:00 p.m.**) -Upper Ex

Thursday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Lamb Showmanship -

1:00 p.m. Goat Showmanship -

Friday, October 16

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show -

10:00 a.m. Market Goat Show -

Saturday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Wether Dam Ewe Lamb Show -

8:30 a.m. Wether Dam Doe Goat Show -

5:00 p.m. Royal Elite Drive -

7:00 p.m. Junior Premium Livestock Auction -

****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.

Entry Fee: \$50.00 per head

Fitting Stand Permit: \$35.00 per stand

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of check-in) \$30.00

Wether Dam Doe Rules

1. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.
2. An exhibitor may show three wether dam does.
3. Absolutely no extra or alternate goats (goats not entered in the wether dam doe show) will be allowed on the grounds.
4. Ownership deadline is August 15, 2026.
5. The wether dam doe show is open to youth who are no younger than 7 years old and no older than 21 years old as of January 1st, 2026
6. Stalling will be assigned. No tack pens allowed until after arrival deadline except those assigned by the Superintendent.
7. Once moved-in goats may not leave the barn until released. Goats may be exercised in the barn or show ring if available.
8. Muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on goats.
9. Electric clippers will be allowed in the goat barn. Hand shears may be used.
10. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn.
11. All goats must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
12. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances under the skin; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; numbing or “deadening” an animal’s tail; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as “twining” which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.
13. Wether dam does will not require registration papers in order to compete.



- 14. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The wether dam doe exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal’s official weight. All wether dam does will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a **5lb.** tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the **5lb.** tolerance will be disqualified. Five (5) or more in each class for wether dam does will be weighed.
 - a. The minimum weight for exhibition of a wether dam doe at the American Royal is 50 pounds and there is no maximum weight. Wether dam does not meeting the minimum requirements will not be allowed to show.
- 15. If horned, goats must have horns tipped blunt. Tipping or removal of horns is not allowed on the grounds and will result in disqualification.
- 16. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars, or a collar with a short lead when showing.
- 17. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping pens clean and will provide their own bedding materials, feed and water. Feed and bedding is available on the grounds in the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Fitting Stands

A Fitting Stand Permit is available for \$35.00/stand. Limit one stand per exhibitor. Any exhibitor failing to have a Fitting Stand Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a stand is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums.

Classes

All wether dam does will be divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. Classes and weight divisions will be established after weigh-in and a list of classes will be posted.

The division champions and reserve champions will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

2026 American Royal Wether Dam Doe Premiums

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Reserve Division Champion

\$15, Banner

Grand Champion Wether Dam Doe

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Reserve Grand Champion Wether Dam Doe

Rosette, Banner, and Award

Showmanship

Wether dam doe showmanship will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any wether dam doe exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of check-in for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 wether dam doe show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026):

7-12 years old (Junior)

13-16 years old (Intermediate)

17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Goat Showman.

The Show Management reserve the right to interpret the rules or make any decision regarding the show deemed necessary in the best interest of the show.

Steer Momma Classic

The Steer Momma class is a breeding heifer class, specifically for heifers that, based on their genetics, muscling, and phenotype, are designed to produce show steers. Steer Momma's may be registered or commercial, however, registration papers are not required.

Superintendent:

David Hoffman- Missouri

Judge:

Saturday, September 10th

Entry Deadline

Wednesday, October 15

4:00 p.m. Market Steer, Steer Momma (VIP Trailer Arrival)

6:00 p.m. Market Steers, Steer Momma Move-In – Lower Ex

Thursday, October 16

10:00 a.m. Market Steer Check-In (***Weight submission due by noon***) Steer Momma check in after Market Steers – Lower Ex

12:00 p.m. Sullivan's Supply Cattle Clinic

3:00 p.m. Steer/Steer Momma Showmanship –

Saturday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Steer Momma Show –

****Everything must be off the grounds by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning! ****

The American Royal Management reserves the right to cancel events or change scheduling when necessary.

Entry Fee: \$95.00 per head
(Including bedding cost for barns & tie-outs)

Showmanship Entry Fee:
(If included with entry) \$10.00
(At time of arrival) \$30.00

Steer Momma Rules

15. All General Rules and Regulations of the American Royal apply.

16. An exhibitor may show three steer momma heifers.
17. Absolutely no extra or alternate heifers (heifers not entered in the show) will be allowed on the grounds.
18. Females may be bred, but not have calved by date of the show.
19. Heifers must be two years of age or younger, mouthing of the females will be subject to show management decisions.
20. No cow/calf pairs.
21. Steer momma exhibitors should check the stalling chart at the arrival trailer or superintendent's office for their assigned ties in the cattle barn.
22. Heifers will be allowed to go out to tie-out at night, but only after 5:30 p.m. There are no assigned spots but please be respectful of other exhibitors.
23. No cots or other sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barn or tie outs.
24. All females must have an official health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin.
25. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes, bottles, syringes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited on the American Royal grounds.
26. Steer Momma heifers will be shown by weight and divided into a reasonable number of classes and divisions.
27. The American Royal will be using a weigh back system. A weight card will be obtained when the exhibitor picks up their exhibitor packet. The junior steer momma exhibitor must fill out and turn in the weight card at check-in with a called/declared weight. This will become the animal's official weight. All steer momma heifers will be divided into classes according to weight after check-in. All steer momma heifers will be weighed before entering the show ring. No reweighs will be allowed once the animal has stepped off the scale. There will be a 5% tolerance from the declared weight and all animals outside of the 5% tolerance will be disqualified. There is no minimum or maximum weight for steer momma heifers.
28. Any Exhibitor caught using unethical fitting practices will have all premiums held and could result in disqualification. Unethical fitting includes but is not limited to: injection of gas, air, oil, or other foreign substances; cutting/tearing of the hide/underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the physical appearance of the animal; cutting tendons of an animal; using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet; as well as "twining" which includes the attachment of hair or hair substances (i.e. baling twine, cloth, fiber, etc.). Please read the Code of Ethics in the Rules and Regulations Section for more information.

29. An exhibitor, by virtue of their entry and presence at the show, is expected to allow their animal(s) to be used in 4-H, FFA, or college judging contests if selected by breed association or the American Royal staff.
30. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping stalls clean and will provide their own feed and water. Cattle bedding is provided, and additional bedding will be available for purchase in the Feed Room. Feed is available on the grounds the Feed Room. Exhibitors will be allowed to bring their own feed on the grounds in limited amounts on a daily basis.

Health Requirements

Health requirements are located in the General Information Section.

Grooming Chute Permits

A Grooming Chute Permit is available for \$35.00 per stand. Space is not guaranteed for Grooming Chutes. Any exhibitor who does not comply promptly if requested by the management to remove a chute is subject to disciplinary action including forfeiture of premiums. Any exhibitor failing to have a Grooming Chute Permit clearly visible will be subject to having the stand removed from the grounds.

Classification

Steer momma heifers will not be shown by breeds. There is no minimum or maximum weight limit for steer momma heifers. All steer momma heifers will be weighed and divided by weight into classes at the discretion of the superintendent and the American Royal Livestock Event Manager. There will be no re-weighs. A list of classes will be posted Thursday evening in the area where the steers and steer momma heifers are tied.

2026 American Royal Steer Momma Premiums

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$65	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$30

Showmanship

Market Steer/Steer Momma Showmanship Contest will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16th, 2026. Any junior market steer/steer momma exhibitor may compete. The entry fee is \$10.00 if included with entry form. Exhibitors may enter at time of arrival for a fee of \$30.00. Exhibitors must use their own animal that is properly entered in the 2026 show.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to wear an American Royal Livestock Show shirt. These shirts may be picked up upon arrival.

There will be three age divisions (based on exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026)

- 7-12 years old (Junior)
- 13-16 years old (Intermediate)
- 17 years & older (Senior)

Banners will be presented to age-division winners and awards will be presented to the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Steer/Steer Momma Showman. In addition, the BOTAR Organization will award \$150.00 to the Overall Champion Market Steer/Steer Momma Showman.