

## **SALINE FEEDER CALF CLUB BYLAWS**

1. Club members must be 6 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current project year and may participate through their senior year of school (show in August/September after graduation). All members must live within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds (5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd., Ann Arbor, MI) or attend Saline Area Schools. All members will only participate in one community fair.
2. Club is limited to 30 members. Siblings of current members get first priority into the club if there is a waiting list.
3. The calves must be Holstein (no cross breeds).
4. It is recommended that all calves are born between February 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current project year. Each club member is responsible for finding their own calves. A list of farmers selling calves can be provided to interested members.
5. Calves must be in your possession by the last weekend of April of the current project year.
6. Calves must be tagged, weighed in and registered by the last weekend of May of the current project year. Members may register 2 calves, but may only show 1 calf at the fair. In the event that the club has 10 or fewer members, the members will have the option of showing 1 or 2 calves.
7. All calves must be male, castrated and dehorned. No castration clamping allowed. Castration must be completed by the time of vaccination (late July/early August). Dehorning must be completed and healed by the time of the show.
8. All calves must meet all health requirements of the Saline Community Fair.
9. Vaccination(s) administered per veterinarian recommendation.
10. Superintendent will contact owner when any calf is exhibiting signs of illness at the fair. The calf will need to be vet checked at owner's expense. The vet will determine if the animal needs to be removed or quarantined.
11. No implants are allowed. If an implant is detected at the fair the calf will not be eligible for any classes or auction.
12. All calves are required to have a MI Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag in their ear. This number must be registered along with the fair tag.
13. Calves that weigh-in under 300 pounds or over 600 pounds are not eligible for Highest Daily Gain or Grand and Reserve Champion Calf. Calves that weigh-in under 300 pounds will be eligible to show in a showmanship and an underweight class but will not be able to sell at auction. Calves weighing over 600 pounds will be eligible to show in a showmanship class and an overweight class and are able to sell at the auction but the animal will be sold at 600 pounds.
14. All calves eligible must be sold at the Saline Junior Livestock Auction.
15. No one is to give any medication to their calf at the fair without approval from a Veterinarian and the Superintendent(s).
16. Showmanship: All members must show their own animal for showmanship.
17. Weight classes will be divided up as evenly as possible upon the best judgement of the Superintendent(s).

18. Each member is responsible for feeding their own calf at the fair. Morning chores, which include feeding and mucking of area, need to be done by 10:00am. Feed buckets, water pails and hay may remain in front of the animal, but must be maintained by the animals' owner.
19. All calves must wear a neck rope plus halter.
20. No feeding or watering calves before weigh-in.
21. If a member can't safely control their calf they may be asked to leave the ring or not show at all.
22. A note of appreciation (thank you note) which should include a picture will be sent, in a timely manner, to the buyer by each individual club member. Each club will send (also in a timely manner) thank you notes (with a club picture) to the list of volunteers, donators and sponsors (list provided by Junior Livestock).
23. Dues of \$10 per member may be charged, if necessary. Members will decide if dues are needed.
24. There shall be three meetings a year (1-Jan/Feb before purchase of calves, 2-May for Weigh-In and 3-August before the fair). Additional meetings will be called whenever necessary.
25. Members are required to attend 2 meetings. Each member should have one parent present at each meeting.
26. Annual election of adult and youth officers will take place at the January/February meeting.
27. In case of hardship (animal loss), the matter will be brought before the club officers and members.
28. The bylaws may be amended as needed.
29. The Feeder Calf Club will offer a Fair Bud Class to individuals who are not yet old enough or aren't able to show in the club as a mentoring experience. Participants should be at least 3 years of age at the time of the show and must be under direct supervision by either a parent or Feeder Calf Member. Calves may be any breed or gender but should only be 1-2 months old. The Fair Buds will show for exhibition only, there will be no placing and the animals will not be sold at the auction. The Feeder Calf Club will supply gates and shavings but individual owners are responsible for feeding and mucking.

**CLASSES:**

SHOWMANSHIP

Senior Showmanship-Rosette  
 Intermediate Showmanship-Rosette  
 Junior Showmanship-Rosette

Highest Daily Gain-Trophy & Rosette

MARKET WEIGHT

Under Weight Market Feeder Calf-Rosette  
 Light Weight Market Feeder Calf-Rosette  
 Middle Weight Market Feeder Calf-Rosette  
 Heavy Weight Market Feeder Calf-Rosette  
 Over Weight Market Feeder Calf-Rosette  
 Grand Champion Feeder Calf-Trophy & Rosette  
 Reserve Champion Feeder Calf-Trophy & Rosette