Failure to comply with all the following rules and regulations may result in exclusion and/or expulsion from the 2010 BUSA Show and Sale and/or result in refusal from showing in the future shows. A grievance committee appointed by the President will rule on infractions that are submitted in writing within 48 hours of an incident and determine penalties for the exhibitor (s). Any person paying for a membership and/or exhibitor’s fee at the October 2009 meeting will agree this event establishes acceptance of these rules and regulations as voted and accepted by two-thirds vote of the board and current members present during the September 2009 meeting.

Any exhibitor that fails to meet any of the requirements set forth in this document regardless if fault is with the exhibitor themselves, parents, guardians, school, church, or clubs MUST deliver in writing the issue that caused the requirement not to be met and their argument on why they should not be removed from the show and/or sale within 48 hours of the incident to Randy Merritt, Len Eaves, Penny Hersey or Pam Williams in person. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to arrange to meet one of the above mentioned and deliver the letter. A phone call will not be counted as part of the 48-hour requirement; the letter itself has to be delivered within the set time line. The letter will be forwarded to the grievance committee, the grievance committee will meet at their earliest convenience to determine the outcome of the event then notify the exhibitor, Officers and Board of Directors of their decision.

ALL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Exhibitor requirements:

- Anyone wishing to enter the 2010 BUSA Show and Sale must, along with their parents or legal guardians, join the BUSA no later than October 2009 meeting. Membership dues are $30.00 per family. The October 2009 BUSA members must also pay a non-refundable registration fee of $20.00 per exhibit.

- The BUSA member and one parent or guardian must attend all five mandatory meetings. Each exhibitor and one parent is required to sign in at the end of each meeting. If a student has a school function, student must present a letter 48 hours ahead to a board member. A parent or guardian must still attend the meeting. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of October, November, January, and February, the December meeting is the second Saturday Dec 12th 2009, which is the tag-in. Tag-in will begin at 8:00am till 10:00am. All other meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. The September meetings will be alternated each fiscal year to Bradford and Union Counties. Any member not compliant with this requirement will lose their right to participate in the 2010 BUSA show and sale.

- BUSA members wishing to show a hog must attend school and or reside in Bradford or Union County. The BUSA member must also be a member in good standing of 4-H or FFA in Bradford or Union County.
● Each BUSA exhibitor must assume all liability in case of injury or damage to, or cause by the exhibitor’s animal, **relieving the Fair Association, the BUSA, FFA and the 4-H clubs From All Liability.**

**SWINE ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS:**

● All hogs must comply with the health requirements of the Division of Animals and Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service.

● All Swine projects must have been owned and under control of the BUSA exhibitor.

● Its exhibitor only must care for each BUSA swine project. This means relatives and friends cannot raise your hog for you. Housing your swine exhibit at the Bradford or Union Ag. Facilities will be acceptable.

● All entries and awards in the Market Swine Show shall be subject to the Bradford County Fair Rules & Regulations published in the 2010 Fair Premium Book. These rules can be obtained at the Bradford County Fair Grounds office.

**Exhibit Inspection:**

● An Inspection team appointed by the President will be formed, if needed, to inspect swine projects.

**Ticket Sales:**

● Each BUSA exhibitor will be issued 10, $2.00 FREEZER HOG TICKETS at the October 2010 meeting payable in full at that time. The exhibitor has a choice to sale the 10 tickets to help offset expenses of their project or keep them for themselves. All ticket stubs will be required to be turned in at the February meeting or at the weigh-in to be qualified for the freezer pig drawing at the 2010 sale. If you fail to turn in your ticket stubs by the required time, you will not be eligible to compete in the drawing for the awarded freezer pig at the 2010 BUSA show.

**Tag-in:**

● A tag and tattoo only meeting for any BUSA member in good standing that wishes to exhibit in the 2010 Bradford-Union Swine Show and Sale, will be held on Saturday December 12, 2009 at Bradford Fairgrounds and Union County Riding Club. This event will take place between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The gate will be locked at 10:00 am. The exhibitor **MUST** be present along with the pig they intend to exhibit. The exhibitor is responsible to catch and hold their exhibit while it is tagged and tattooed or provide someone to perform this responsibility in the exhibitor’s behalf. Any exhibitor that fails to fulfill this requirement will not have their pig tagged or tattooed thus not qualifying for the 2010 show and sale.
Weigh-In

- The final weigh-in will be Monday afternoon March 22, 2010 at the Bradford County Fair Grounds livestock area. The final decision concerning the time will be announced at the swine meetings. Minimum weight at the weigh-in will be 240 pounds. Maximum weight not to exceed 300 pounds. No swine exhibit will be permitted on the scale for final weigh in unless it is clean and free of all debris to include grease, sand, mud and/or any other materials not typically found in a stock trailer used to haul market quality livestock. Sale weights will be capped at 275 pounds. At final weigh-in parent or exhibitor must be there to unload the hog off the trailer. The on-site USA officer or board member will determine if each exhibitor has met compliance.

Grading:

- Graders selected by the BUSA Committee will grade all hogs. Only hogs conforming to establish show standards for quality and grading, #1 swine on the hoof will be accepted, but still not to exceed the number of pens provided by the fair association. (Not to exceed 95 pigs.) After selection of the hogs has been made, it will be up to the exhibitor to take their pig back home that night if it was cut from the show and sale.

Show:

- Only swine that were tagged and tattooed on the second Saturday, December 12, 2009 by the BUSA and meet weight and grading requirements will be shown at the 2010 BUSA Swine Show. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! ! !

- Immediately after weigh-in and grading is completed, a short meeting will be held in the bleacher area for last minute instructions and barn rules. All exhibitors are expected to be present until this is meeting is over. Roll may be called.

- Show will be held Tuesday March 23 2010, at 6:30 p.m. All exhibitors must be in the designated area and ready to show his/her pig when their class is called. If you do not show your animal it will not be auctioned in the regular sale, it will be placed on the resale list and sold at resale price plus any individual add-ons. Failure of not showing the animal will result in not being eligible to exhibit in the 2010 show. The only exceptions for not showing are a death in immediate family or a medical emergency. A chart detailing grading, weight and class will be posted in the swine barn two hours prior to the show.

Showmanship Contest:

- A showmanship contest will be held the night of the show to determine outstanding show person of their exhibit. Trophies and/or cash awards will be presented to those exhibitors selected as outstanding show persons. All exhibitors must abide by showmanship
requirements at all times before, during and after the show until excused from the show arena.

- Age as of September 1, 2009

Trophies or cash awards will be awarded in the following division:

Jr. 1st, 2nd, 3rd (8 to 10 yrs.)
Inter. 1st, 2nd, 3rd (11-13 yrs.)
Sr. 1st, 2nd, 3rd (14 & up)

**Homegrown:**

- Homegrown classes will be held as the last class of the show if the grand or reserve champions are not homegrown. Hogs must have been born and raised in Bradford or Union County. A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected. A certificate of birth signed by the breeder must be turned in at the tag and tattoo meeting on the second Saturday in December to qualify for this class. **No exceptions will be made.**

**Sale:**

- Sale will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The awards program will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Buyers dinner will be at 5:00 p.m.

- All animals must be slaughtered following the sale to fulfill state laws.

- A 5% sales commission will be deducted from the sale price. Five percent will be used to defray the cost of the Swine Show and Sale. Final weigh-in will determine sale weight; maximum sale weight is set at 275 pounds. Scale weight will be final unless the 275 pound capped weight rule has to be placed on the exhibitors pig.

- The cost of the photo will be determined by bids submitted in accordance with BUSA criterion. The cost will be paid by each exhibitor and deducted from his or her sale total to include any handling fees. Each exhibitor will have at least one picture for each buyer and one for themselves.

- Exhibitors must be at the designated area in the stands and prepared to enter the sale ring promptly in turn. Failure to comply will result in your hog being sold at the sales auctioned re-sale price.

All exhibitors will follow barn rules; according to the severity of the rule infraction the barn manager can disqualify you from 2010 BUSA Swine Show and Sale as well as future BUSA events.

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