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Eagle County Fair Rule Book



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October		
1	Tuesday	4-H Enrollment Opens www.4honline.com
November		
3	Sunday	4-H Achievement Awards - ERC - 4-6 pm
8-10	Fri-Sun	Colorado Leadership Camp - (11-13 years old) - Glenwood Springs
29-3	Thurs-Tues	National 4-H Congress - Atlanta, GA
January		
11-26		National Western Stock Show - Denver, CO
17	Friday	4H Day National Western Stock Show - Denver, CO
25-27	Sat-Mon	Leadership Development Conference - Denver, CO (14 -18 years old)
31	Friday	4-H Enrollment Closes www.4honline.com
February		
1	Saturday	Market Beef Weigh in and Tag in - Eagle River Center 2-4 PM Animal Care and Housing form is required if you are not housing your beef project at your residence. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com by each specific species enrollment date. https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf
March		
1	Saturday	
15	Saturday	Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry - Eagle River Center
28-30	Fri-Sun	Youth Fest Leadership Conference
28-30	Fri-Sun	Shooting Sports Leader Training - Garfield County
April		
30	Wednesday	Meat Quality Assurance - Gypsum Rec Center - 6-8 pm
May		
1	Thursday	<p>Project Enrollment Deadline for ALL Livestock Exhibitors (market & breeding) Animal Care and Housing form is required if you are not housing your livestock project at your residence, this includes poultry and rabbits. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com by each specific species enrollment date. https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf</p> <p>All Livestock Breeding Projects – a picture of the animal alone; and a picture of the animal with the exhibitor. Cow/calves must be entered separately with producer paperwork uploaded on the calf. (excluding poultry and rabbits) Animal Care and Housing form is required if you are not housing your livestock project at your residence, this includes poultry and rabbits. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com by each specific species enrollment date. https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf</p>

1	Thursday	Horse and Dog ID Forms due www.4honline.com 5pm Animal Care and Housing form is required if you are not housing your horse project at your residence. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf
6	Tuesday	Market Sheep, Goat, and Swine - Gypsum Barn - Tag in 6-7 pm
14	Wednesday	Market Sheep, Goat and Swine - RedBarn Eagle - Tag in 6-7 pm
15	Thursday	Market Sheep, Goat, and Swine - All other members - Eagle River Center 6-7:30 pm
21	Wednesday	Meat Quality Assurance - Eagle - Garden Level Classroom 6-8 pm
June		
1	Sunday	All market poultry and Rabbit Market Projects – Bill of Sale or Receipt from Purchase; a picture of the animal alone; and a picture of the animal with the exhibitor are all due to be uploaded to 4honline.com by 5:00 pm. All market animals must be uploaded to 4honline.com also. Animal Care and Housing form is required if you are not housing your livestock project at your residence, this includes poultry and rabbits. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com by each specific species enrollment date. https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf
5	Thursday	Rabbit Tattoo and verification- Exhibit Hall - Eagle, CO
July		
11	Friday	4-H English Horse Show - Large Outdoor Arena - 9 am
11	Friday	4-H Dog Show - Eagle River Center - Eagle, CO - 1 pm
12	Saturday	4-H Western Horse Show - Large Outdoor Arena - 9 am
13	Sunday	4-H Ranch Horse Show - Large Outdoor Arena - 9am
15	Tuesday	9 am 4-H Clothing Project Judging 2 pm 4-H Fashion Revue Judging 7 pm 4-H Public Fashion Revue
17	Thursday	Open Class and General/Consumer Sciences Set-up - Eagle River Center 9 am Rabbit and Poultry pen set up 5 pm
18	Friday	4-H Shooting Sports Project Interviews and Judging - Eagle River Center Livestock pen set up - goats, swine, sheep and beef
20	Sunday	Market Rabbit check in 5 pm
21	Monday	7 am Eagle River Center opens 7 am All livestock allowed to be brought in 7 am Rabbit check in 8 am Cloverbud Rabbit Show 8:30 am 4-H Rabbit Show 9 am General Project Interviews 5 pm Market Poultry Check in and Weigh in 8 pm Eagle River Center closes
22	Tuesday	6 am Eagle River Center opens 7 am All livestock allowed to be brought in 8 am 4-H Poultry Show 9 am Open Class Judging 4 pm All livestock must be in place in their assigned pens

		5 pm Weigh in of large animals (beef, sheep, goat, swine) 8 pm Eagle River Center Closes
23	Wednesday	6 am Eagle River Center opens 8 am 4-H member meeting 10 am 4-H Goat Show 1 pm 4-H Sheep Show 8 pm Eagle River Center Closes
24	Thursday	6 am Eagle River Center opens 9 am 4-H Swine Show 8 pm Eagle River Center closes
25	Friday	6 am Eagle River Center opens 9 am 4-H Beef Show 12 noon - Non Sale Poultry Load Out 1 pm 4-H Round Robin Following Round Robin - Root Beer Float Party 4 pm load out extra/non sale animals 4:30 pm Junior Livestock Auction Set-up 8 pm Eagle River Center closes
26	Saturday	6 am Eagle River Center opens 10 am Buyer Auction Registration opens 11 am Junior Livestock Auction 8 pm Eagle River Center closes
27	Sunday	8 am Clean Up - Eagle River Center 9 am Poultry load out
August		
11	Monday	Livestock, dog, and horse record books are due - Extension Office
November		
2	Sunday	4-H Achievement Banquet - Eagle River Center

4-H Rules for County Fair

Rule 1. Exhibitor Eligibility Requirements - Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H by January 31st to be eligible to participate in the 2025 4-H year. The 4-H Program is open to youth 5-18 years of age as of December 31. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31 of the current 4-H year of 2023-2024. The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30. Juniors 8-10 years, Intermediates 11-13 years, Seniors 14-18 years. www.4honline.com.

* All Livestock, Dog, and Horse members must be eight years old by December 31.

* In order to compete in the 4-H Division of Eagle County Fair, 4-H members must be enrolled in 4honline by **January 31** of the current year.

Rule 2. Ownership - All 4-H projects must be in possession and care of the 4-H member by weighing/tagging/tattooing for market animals at the official Eagle County weigh in. Any animal not tagged/tattooed will not be eligible to show at the County Fair. 4-H members do not have to be present at weigh-in/tagging/tattooing. They may send a representative in their place to bring the animal(s). Refer to the appropriate weigh-in/tagging/tattooing dates. On those dates, a picture of the animal with their tag will be taken and stored in www.4honline.com. All sheep and goats are required to have a scrapie tag at spring weigh-in and are required to have a scrapie tag at fair weigh-in. **Animals without completed uploads (proof of ownership or bill of sale) by their deadline will not be allowed to show or sell in the current year at the Eagle County Fair.**

* Under no circumstances will livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit or poultry) be weighed/tagged/tattooed following the official weigh-in/tagging/tattoo date. All livestock animals must be officially weighed/tagged/tattooed to be eligible to show at the County Fair. In the event of an animal losing their ear-tag; member/owner must contact the Eagle County CSU Extension Office within one week in order for the animal to be eligible for re-tagging at the County Fair. The picture taken at the official weigh in will be used to ensure the identity of the animal.

**Leasing is possible for horses according to the rules set forth in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rulebook. Leasing is also possible for breeding animals. Lease agreement must be on file with the Extension Office by May 1 and primary care still applies.

****Animal Care and Housing form** is required if you are not housing your livestock project at your residence, this includes poultry and rabbits. This is required to be uploaded in www.4honline.com by each specific species enrollment date. <https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/AnimalCareForm.pdf>

Rule 3. Family Animal If the family chooses, one animal per species must be designated as “family” at the official Eagle County Spring weigh in, which any one of the enrolled family members may end up showing. Final decision must be made by livestock superintendents and the 4-H Youth Development Specialist at check-in at the Eagle County Fair. Please refer to page 3 for the appropriate weigh-in/tagging/tattooing dates. **The family animal must be designated at the first official Eagle County tag in/weigh in. (Feb. for beef and May for other livestock).** The purpose of this rule is not intended to ensure three animals per exhibitor to be exhibited at the County Fair. Example: A family of three raises four hogs. One must be designated family on the first weigh-in date. If a family of three raises six hogs, then there is none to designate as family. Two market animals per species is the limit for each exhibitor to bring to the County Fair.

Rule 4: Animal Registration - All breeding projects in beef, swine, goat and sheep species must register for

those projects for the County Fair by the May 1st. deadline at www.4honline.com. Poultry, Horse and Dog ID forms are due online by May 1st.

Rule 5: Showmanship 4-Hers are required to participate in their respective showmanship classes with their own animal that they are registered for. All animals housed in the Eagle River Center during the County Fair must be shown in a showmanship, market and/or breeding class if applicable. 4-H members are expected to show in the market class unless there is an unforeseen circumstance which must be approved by the species superintendent. Another exception would be if a 4-H member has more than one animal in the same market class. In this instance, another 4-H member is allowed to show the second market animal. **If a member would like to show a breeding animal in showmanship, they must be registered for a breeding project.**

Rule 6: Check In All 4-H general exhibits (complete with project and record book) will be checked in at the time of member project interview. All animals must be in place at the Eagle River Center by the **designated time**. **Late entries will not be accepted.** 4-H members do not have to be present at time of check-in. They may send a representative in their place. Once in place, the animal must stay in the Eagle River Center. Non-sale and/or animals not being shipped on the truck must be removed from the Eagle River Center by **4:00 p.m., poultry by noon** Friday by checking out with the species' superintendent.

Rule 7. Maintenance All livestock exhibitors are expected to maintain the barns and pens in a fashion pleasing for general public viewing; to include a sign displaying exhibitor name, club, etc. All feed, hay, shavings, and equipment must be furnished by exhibitors. No locks will be allowed on livestock pens/cages. Zip ties, carabiners, etc. are acceptable alternatives to a lock. All equipment and feed must be stored outside the Eagle River Center in one of the designated green horse stalls or in the club trailer. Show boxes hung on the inside of livestock pens will be allowed. At the discretion of the show superintendent, each beef exhibitor is allowed to keep one show-box and **one blocking/grooming chute** inside ERC within the designated area. Sheep and goat exhibitors are allowed one blocking/grooming chute inside the ERC within the designated area. Please do not store chairs and personal items inside the ERC. Carpet, shavings, and pig mats are allowed in livestock pens.

*Standard Showbox Size: Small Livestock Show Boxes: Height: 16 ¼" Depth: 11 ¼" Width: 51" (These boxes need to be able to be closed, locked, and can hang on a panel.) Beef: Not standardized

Rule 8. Animal Health All animals brought to the Fairgrounds must be disease free and not contagious. Animals will be checked periodically by a Veterinarian; any unhealthy stock will be sent home. **A veterinarian will be on-site for each species/animal check-in. Disease: Departure from normal (structure, function, production, and performance).**

Rule 9. Record Books Completed Horse, Dog and Livestock Record Books must be turned into the Extension Office by Monday, August 11th in order to complete your project. **If a record book is turned in late there will be a point deduction. If no record book is turned in, the 4-H member is not allowed to enroll in that project the following year. Any member receiving 69% or less on their record book must make revisions and turn in to the Extension Office by 4pm on November 21st in order for the exhibitor to enroll in any livestock project for the current year.**

Rule 10: Conflict Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. The Eagle County 4-H program has adopted the "National Show Ring Code of Ethics" and expects all exhibitors to abide by all the rules covered within the document. A copy is available from the CSU Extension Office or at the back of this rulebook.

Rule 11: MQA All first year livestock exhibitors (regardless of age), and members turning 14 years of age in the past year, must attend a Meat Quality Assurance training meeting. A parent or guardian must accompany all first year 4-H livestock members to their MQA training.

Showmanship & Round Robin

Livestock Showmanship is one of the cornerstones of the 4-H Program. 4-Hers are judged on training, grooming and show-ring performance. Fitting implies fitting and management, the use of proper means and methods of developing livestock and making them look attractive to the ringside, prospective buyers and the official judge.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal of each species in the Showmanship Class. The judge will determine winners by:
 - Showing of animals, appearance of animal, appearance, courtesy and knowledge of exhibitor
2. Breeding and market livestock are both required for the showmanship class in each species. If you have both you may show either one in showmanship. The member must be enrolled in the project in order to show an animal in showmanship.
3. The first and second place showmen in each age division (horse, beef, goat, sheep, swine, rabbit and poultry) are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest during the County Fair.
4. Contestants will show the same animal with which they won their respective Showmanship division. Grand Champions will show grand champion animals. Reserve Champion will show reserve champion animals. At the discretion of the species superintendent, where safety or other circumstances are a concern, an animal may be switched for Round Robin.
5. The chin chain on the show halter on a given horse must be consistent throughout the show.
6. Contestants will have 3 minutes to show the animal and must show all 7 species of animals.
7. The highest cumulative score determines the winner. Points will be awarded at each station, plus points at the first station on how well your animal is fitted and groomed. Ties will be broken by the contestant having the highest combined score in showmanship of their own animal and how well their animal is groomed. If still tied, the Judge will ask a series of questions to break the tie.
8. The contest will be held during the County Fair in the ERC.
9. Awards - to each age division champion and reserve champion. The award system is standardized by the Danish and American system.
10. Junior Livestock Projects & Shows state recommendations endorsed by the Colorado State 4-H Youth Development office.

State Recommendation:

Only an animal's owner (a 4-H member) should prepare his/her project animal when it is being exhibited at a county fair or 4-H show. If assistance is needed for safety or educational reasons by a junior member, it may be provided by another Eagle County 4-H member, a parent, or an Eagle County 4-H volunteer leader. Another Eagle County 4-H member should be the first choice for assistance to a junior member. If assistance is provided, the 4-H member enrolled in the project must be present to benefit from the teaching and instruction. Senior 4-H members should do all of the cleaning, grooming, fitting and showing of their animal from enrollment through sale of the animal, and it is essential they do all of their own cleaning, grooming, fitting and showing of their animals at any show.

Rationale:

Younger 4-H members may need assistance under difficult circumstances. However, the principle here is the importance of the 4-H member being responsible and capable of working on and completing the project. Project selection appropriate for the developmental level of the youth is important. 4-H is youth development. Projects are the vehicle to give youth the opportunity for healthy development. By the time 4-H youth participants are eligible for senior 4-H youth development projects, they should be capable of full responsibility for their animals.

General Information for Livestock and General Projects

1. For Livestock Judging, the American system, classes or divisions will be placed 1st– 10th place.
* Class champion and grand champion awards will be based on the judges' discretion. Classes with less than three entries may be combined. White ribbons can be awarded to market livestock that are deemed not market ready by the species judge. If so, they will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Auction.
2. Order of classes - Showmanship – Breeding – Market unless otherwise stated by the show superintendent.
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards: Eligibility for County Fair Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Award – belt buckle, jacket, or check - provided at least THREE entries are shown in regular classes. No minimum for showmanship classes. **Breeding animals Grand and Reserve Grand Awards have to have at least THREE entries to be eligible. General Projects have to have at least THREE entries to be eligible. If there are less than three, outside sponsorships may be obtained for an award, ie. belt buckle.**
4. Members must in good standing, which includes: attending 60% of club meetings, giving a demonstration, and participating in a community service project, exhibit the project at County Fair (showmanship class required for livestock, horse and dog) or a community event, show in Round Robin when selected, and turn in a completed record book by the deadline. ***If a record book is turned in late there will be a point deduction. If no record book is turned in, the 4-H member is not allowed to enroll in that project the following year. Any member receiving a score lower than 69% on their record book must make revisions and turn in to the Extension Office by 4pm on November 21st in order for the exhibitor to enroll in any livestock project for the current year.*** 4-Hers must complete each livestock project in which they are enrolled in order to take those same projects the next year, including a completed record book turned into the 4-H office by the due date.
5. It is expected that 4-H livestock participants properly care for their animals during the County Fair to include: provide regular access to feed and water, maintain livestock pen(s) in a clean and presentable manner, and abide by general sound husbandry practices. All animals shall be fed, watered, and pens cleaned by **8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily**. Swine should not be fed the full ration on Saturday, July 26th. This is done to help the picture taking process run smoothly. A **\$50.00** fee per pen may be assessed (per violation, per day) for repeat offenses. For exceptions, contact the species' superintendent. This policy will be enforced by livestock species' superintendents, backed by the 4-H Extension Specialist. All fees must be paid to 4-H by 5:00 p.m. Friday before Auction.
6. No animals will be allowed in the wash rack area except the species of animal that is next to show. For example, no steers will be allowed in the wash rack before and during the swine show. No poultry shall be washed in the bathroom sinks at the Eagle River Center. **There are poultry wash bays available by the wash racks.**
7. All 4-H project animals must be able to be handled by the exhibitor, superintendent, and judge. The Superintendent will notify the exhibitor and the 4-H Extension Specialist that it has been brought to his/her attention that the animal is a threat to the well-being of the exhibitor, spectators or any other fair persons or believed to be dangerous by a species' superintendent(s). This will serve as an official warning to the exhibitor. If the exhibitor then does not maintain control of his/her animal; the Superintendents and 4-H Extension Specialist will meet and vote as to whether the exhibitor will be notified to remove his/her animal

from the premise and forfeit the opportunity to show (in breeding/market and showmanship) and sell in the Auction. Any and all decisions made by the Superintendents and 4-H Extension Specialists are final. If any exhibitor or their family participates in behavior that is unbecoming; disqualification from the entire Fair will result. The Superintendents and 4-H Extension Specialist will make the final decision and any exhibitor and/or his/her family not respecting this decision will be disqualified and asked to leave the Fairgrounds.

8. Any calming agents administered to livestock (other than a calming paste) must be pre-approved (by written approval) by the species' superintendent. Violation may result in disqualification.

9. Each exhibitor and their parent/guardian are required to sign a statement that reads - "I have read the rules and will abide by them." This statement will be in the Code of Conduct.

11. Scales inside the Eagle River Center will be open until the official County Fair weigh-in begins. One trip per animal across the scales during the official weigh-in. The wash area will be closed during weigh in. Wet and/or excessively dirty animals will not be weighed. Neither blankets or halters with chains will be allowed on animals while being weighed.

12. The 4-H Extension Specialist and Superintendents will handle all exceptions to rules for livestock shows. In order to assure fairness, complaints and grievances which cannot be solved by the involved parties must be addressed by: (1) contacting the appropriate species/division superintendent; (2) contacting the 4-H Extension Specialist (3) filing a written grievance with a \$100 non-refundable filing fee with the CSU Extension Office. Verbal and unsigned complaints will not be considered. The Grievance Committee will consist of Superintendents, 4-H Extension Specialist, and the County Extension Director. Any person filing a written grievance has the option of making a personal presentation at a grievance hearing. Decisions of the committee are final.

13. Herdsmanship Award - The purpose of the Herdsmanship Award is to encourage neatness, courtesy, cleanliness and citizenship amongst livestock exhibitors and exhibits. Individual herdsman awards will be given for each species. Winners will be announced at the 4-H Awards Banquet.

Livestock exhibitors are expected to keep their pens orderly, neat and attractive the entire length of the Fair. Superintendents and anonymous judges will periodically inspect and observe both exhibits and exhibitors for the following:

1. Animal, stall and alley cleanliness
2. Animal care, water, feed and bedding
3. Promptness, dedication to purpose
4. Courtesy to judges and general public requesting information
5. Personal appearance
6. Stall identification
7. Sportsmanship
8. Respect and care of fair facilities

Disqualification from the Show Ring

1. The Judges and Superintendents may disqualify at their discretion any exhibitor using unethical livestock practices; including, but not limited to:

- Doping animals
- Starvation diets
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns, but the use of stomach pumps are prohibited. Drenching lambs and goats is not allowed in the holding area or show ring. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse.
- Using coloring compounds
- Use of ice packs or ice towels on lambs

- Excessive lifting of lamb's feet off the ground or setting on toes
- Blistering agents
- Switching of animals
- Interference with the judge
- Out-of-control animals
- Force feeding animals at any time

Unethically Fitted Livestock:

Eagle County Fair has adopted the following rule from the Colorado State Fair:

Doctoring, doping or injecting show animals for body "fill-ins" or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the marking of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal, the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body "fill-ins", external application of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal. No animal shall be decorated with any unnecessary trappings, etc. during judging. No altering of color or structure of hair or wool coat in any way except for trimming or blocking will be allowed. Any grooming material on an entry, when rubbed with a cloth or glove that shows evidence of artificial color shall be an automatic disqualification. This does not apply to hoof dressing on hooves. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the Fair management will forfeit all awards and the owner of the animal will be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the management. Eagle County Fair management reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the Eagle County Fair, participants agree to submit to Eagle County Fair management, at their discretion, any animal so entered for immediate testing. Tests may include, but not be limited to: blood, tissue and urine. The participant further agrees that the conclusions reached by Eagle County Fair management shall be final, without recourse against Eagle County 4-H. A participant exhibiting any animal producing an analysis with a prohibited substance, sabotage, tampering, unethical fitting or inhumane practices may be barred from future competition at the Eagle County Fair.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. 4-H livestock exhibitors shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their own animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates in the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the

sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

Eagle County Fair Superintendents and the 4-H Positive Youth Development Specialist reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the Eagle County Fair, participants agree to submit to Eagle County Fair management, at their discretion, any animal so entered for immediate testing. Tests may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue and urine. The participant further agrees that the conclusions reached by Eagle County Fair management shall be final, without recourse against Eagle County 4-H. A participant exhibiting any animal producing an analysis with a prohibited substance, sabotage, tampering, unethical fitting or inhumane practices may be barred from future competition at the Eagle County Fair.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except the external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show superintendents, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action and can be escorted out of the building.

9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Exposition, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement

authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

Junior Livestock Auction

Eagle County Junior Livestock reserves the right to require an interview with the board for any participants transferring from another county before allowing them to participate in the sale.

1. All 4-Hers intending to sell must help with the auction set-up for all species that you participate in, Friday, July 25th in the afternoon, must attend the actual auction Saturday, July 26th, and clean up Sunday, July 27th in the morning.
2. 4-Hers can sell two animal entries, each of different species. However, up to four (4) market beef can be weighed/tagged on the official date and up to four (4) market lambs, swine, and/or goats can be weighed/tagged on the official date and up to four (4) market rabbits can be tattooed on the official date and up to four (4) poultry can be banded on the official date. Only two (2) market animals, per species, can weigh-in at County Fair weigh-in. Therefore, only two (2) animals per species can be shown and only one(1) animal per species can be sold. Poultry is considered a species, therefore only one poultry project can be sold at the Auction. For example, you can sell a goat and a pen of three ducks. However, you cannot sell a pen of three ducks and a pen of three market chickens.
3. Negligence of care for animals at the county fair may result in disqualification from the Auction.
4. Minimum and maximum weights at County Fair Weigh-In.

- Miniature and Lowline Beef: 750 lbs. minimum
 - Beef: 1000 lbs. Minimum
 - Hogs: 230 lbs. Minimum - 300 lbs. Maximum
 - Lambs: 100 lbs. minimum
 - Goats: 60 lbs. minimum
 - Rabbits: 5 lbs 8 ozs minimum
 - Poultry -
 - a. Market chickens: 4 pounds minimum
 - b. Market turkeys: 13 pounds minimum
 - c. Market ducks: 5 pounds minimum
 - d. Market geese: 8 pounds minimum
 - e. Market quail or pheasant : no min or max
- ***** In order to sell - pens of three market chickens must be within 1 pound of each other and pairs of turkeys must be within 3 pounds of each other. See poultry section for additional requirements.

The following Rate of Gain is a guide for Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats.

- Market Beef should gain at least 1.5 pounds per day.
- Market Hogs should gain at least 1.25 pounds per day.
- Market Lambs should gain at least .25 pounds per day.
- Market Goats should gain at least .20 pounds per day.

5. Only blue and red ribbon livestock will be sold in the Junior Livestock Sale. Animals receiving a white

ribbon in the market class will not be eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale.

6. Premise tags are required for all market and breeding sheep and goats in order to show at the County Fair and sell at the Junior Livestock Auction. Sheep and goats will be checked at spring weigh-in and again at County Fair weigh-in to ensure the presence of a Premise tag.

7. Sale order of animals will be at the discretion of the JLSC with Grand and Reserve Champions selling first and second. The exhibitor's highest ranking animal will automatically be sold unless the species superintendent is notified by the exhibitor that the exhibitor wishes to sell an animal with a lower placing by noon on Friday. There will be no changes once the sale order is printed.

8. Exhibitors must have their animals ready to enter the sale ring or lose their slot.

9. Grand and Reserve Champion animals must sell at the Junior Livestock Auction. In the event that an individual exhibitor wins both the Grand and Reserve Champion in one species of the six species, that individual may only sell one of the animals and **must sell** the highest ranking animal (Grand Champion); the third place animal will not be moved into reserve champion nor will animals be moved up to fill any champion slot. In the event that an individual exhibitor wins Grand and/or Reserve Champion with more than two species; that exhibitor must choose which two animals will be sold in the Jr. Livestock Auction. Only two animals per exhibitor are allowed to sell.

10. The Junior Livestock Auction is a "terminal sale" for all animals including: beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits. These species of animals that are sold through the Junior Livestock Auction will be processed. There is no option for the buyer to return one of these animal species to the seller (4-Her).

11. A **4.5%** sales commission on the gross sale of each animal and any add-ons received by the 4-H member will be deducted to help cover auction expenses. **(TBD by the sales committee)** This excludes extra animals.

12. All animals sold through the Junior Livestock Auction must be processed by the sale committee, selected processors or a pre-approved rendering facility. Processing plants must be pre-approved prior to July 1st. No animals will be processed at any plants other than those that have been approved.

13. To sell, 4-Hers are required to participate in their respective showmanship classes with their own animal. **All animals housed in the Eagle River Center during the County Fair must be shown in showmanship, market, and/or breeding and/or companion classes. The animals in the ERC must be entered in one of the 4-H shows to be allowed in the Eagle River Center.** 4-H members are required to show in the market class unless there is an unforeseen circumstance which must be approved by the species superintendent. Another exception would be if a 4-H member has more than one animal in the same market class. In this instance, another 4-H member is allowed to show the second market animal. Additionally exhibitors must compete in Round Robin if selected. If an exhibitor chooses not to participate in the Round Robin (when selected); their project will not be considered completed.

14. Animals condemned at processing plants due to residues will have sale monies returned to the buyer and carcass disposed of.

15. No livestock other than those animals from the Junior Livestock Auction can be loaded on the truck and shipped without an animal release form obtained from the species' superintendents. All extra animals will be shipped with sale animals Sunday morning. See livestock superintendents for shipping form on extra animals. Extra Animals: extra animals either shown at the Eagle County Fair or that were officially weighed/tagged at the initial weighing/tagging event can be loaded on the truck to be hauled to the processing plant. Extra animals need to be on the shipping list, going to a pre-approved processing plant, have animal ID listed, and trucking fee paid no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of the Junior Livestock Auction. **No extra poultry or rabbits**

will be shipped by the JLSC. The 4-H member is responsible for taking them to the processor of their choice. All extra poultry must be removed from the ERC on Friday, July 25th by noon. They must check out with the superintendent of that species.

16. Non-sale and/or animals not being shipped on the truck must be removed from the Eagle River Center by 7:00 p.m. Friday by checking out with the species' superintendent and signing a release form. Any exceptions require recommendation from the Fair veterinarian.

17. Market animals sold at the Eagle County Fair are not eligible for the Colorado State Fair or the National Western Stock Show. Once an animal is shown and sold at a 4-H Livestock Auction, it cannot be shown as a market animal again. It may be possible to show females in breeding classes. If you do not wish to sell your animal at the sale, you must notify the species superintendent by Friday noon. 4-Hers have the right to withdraw their animal(s) from the auction, however once an animal enters the ring it is sold to the highest bidder and processed at an approved processing plant. It is possible to show females in a breeding class, provided that the member is registered in the breeding class.

18. In order to receive your sale check: you must turn in a completed record book by the deadline, have the buyer sign the picture/thank-you delivery confirmation and return to the Extension Office. Auction checks are to be cashed within 60 days of being issued or will be canceled by the JLSC.

19. While buyers gifts are customary, buyers request that all gifts either be given AFTER the Livestock Auction or when thank you notes are delivered. Please DO NOT distribute gifts to buyers while the sale is still active. It is distracting and hard for the buyers to get up and take pictures and then they have the chance of missing out on another lot.

4-H Livestock Classes

Division 100 - Beef

Superintendents: Jason Bair, Trace Hobbs, and Kayanna Harris

Each exhibitor may tag up to four (4) beef. However, only two (2) beef may be shown at the fair, but only one (1) may be sold at the Livestock Auction. All beef coming to the County Fair will be tied to the rail inside the Eagle River Center for the duration of the County Fair. It is recommended that members walk their animal(s) a minimum of two times per day.

Exhibitors of beef projects may exhibit heifers in either of the proper breeding or market classes, but not in both. In addition to the regular halter, neck ropes may be required at the discretion of the species superintendent. Only market beef tagged on the official possession date will be eligible for this project. The natural color of a steer cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match the steer's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch and tail head only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged steer, red on a red-legged steer and white on a white-legged steer. Under no circumstances can color be used to cover a steer's natural leg color.

Beef Weigh-In Clarification - Miniature and Lowlines market beef will be allowed to show in the Miniature Market Beef Class. They must be papered, and papers must be presented at tag-in of the winter beef weigh-in. Lowlines must be a minimum of ½ bloods. To be eligible for the miniature division, beef must have a maximum hip height based on breed standard. Minimum weight for miniature breeds is 750 pounds. Registration must be completed at www.4honline.com to be eligible for this project. Steer and or heifers must be more than 15 months of age and less than 24 months of age by July 1 of the current year with no more than one set of permanent teeth at time of sale. The Livestock Sale Committee is responsible for determining acceptability of the animal for show and sale.

Classes:

1. Beef Showmanship
 - a. Senior: 14-18 (4-H age)
 - b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
 - c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)
2. Market Steers and Heifers - Champion award to Grand and Reserve Champion beef exhibitor. All Market Beef Classes will be divided by weight into as many divisions as needed.
 - a. Feeder Class (under 1,000 lbs. - not able to sell)
 - b. Division 1 - Miniature and Lowline Market Beef
 - c. Division 2
 - d. Division 3
 - e. Division 4

Only market beef animals with all temporary incisors in place and with no permanent teeth in view will be eligible to show; BORN AFTER January 1 of the previous year. The Fair Vet will decide any animal in question. Minimum weight will be 1000 pounds (see miniature and lowline weight rule) to show and sell.

It is recommended that market beef gain at least 1.5 lbs. per day.

3. Breeding Beef Classes – Entry required by May 1st

- a. Heifer
- b. Cow/Calf Pair

Division 101 - Goats

Superintendents: Brittany Kass and Jackie Schlegel

Goats are to be shown with a neck chain, collar or show halter. Exhibitors of goat projects may exhibit in either of the proper breeding or market classes, but not in both with the same animal. **Exhibitors are required to show in showmanship.**

Drenching will be allowed with drench guns, but the use of stomach pumps are prohibited. Drenching lambs and goats is not allowed in the holding area or show ring. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse.

All goats must have a scrapies tag in at the official spring tag/weigh in and the official Eagle County fair weigh in on July 22, 2025.

Classes:

1. Goat showmanship

- a. Senior: 14-18 (4-H age)
- b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
- c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)

2. Market Goats

Only market goats tagged on the official possession date will be eligible for show. Horns should be removed or blunted. Legs do not have to be clipped. All breeds and/or crosses will be shown together. Does or wethers only. No bucks allowed. Minimum weight will be 60 pounds to show and sell. Classes will be divided by weight into as many divisions as needed.

- a. Feeder Goat (under 60 lbs.) can show but not sell
- b. Division 1
- c. Division 2
- d. Division 3
- e. Division 4

It is recommended that market goats gain at least .10 pounds per day.

3. Breeding classes

- a. Doe Kid (3 – 6 months)
- b. Doe Kid (7 – 12 months)
- c. Milking Doe
- d. Dry Doe
- e. Bucks – any age

Classes will be divided as evenly as possible according to the number of entries and individual weight for each species. Up to 10 entries per division. For example: If there are 32 entries, there will be 4 divisions of 8 entries.

If there are 30 entries, there will be 3 divisions of 10 entries.

Division 102 – Poultry

Superintendents: Jen Daly and Suzy Skinner

All poultry exhibits including market classes must be entered by the deadline. You are required to upload your proof of purchase and hatch date by June 1st. This should be done in the 4honline system. Failure to provide such proof, will prevent the member from participating in the market class. They are still required to participate in showmanship. If you are showing a breeding chicken, you must upload a photo of each one into 4honline by June 1st.

Every poultry animal is considered a separate project. Therefore, poultry will be shown in the same market class with their individual species. Class Champions from each species will compete for an overall Grand Champion Market Chicken, Duck, Goose, Turkey, Quail, etc. and Reserve Champion Market Chicken, Duck, Goose, Turkey, Quail, etc. A minimum of three different exhibitors per species is required to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion Selection. As an example, if only 2 exhibitors are showing in the quail market class they will not be eligible for a Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Selection.

All entries will be banded at weigh-in during the County Fair. There will be an additional scale outside of the ERC available to all members, so that they are able to weigh their animals and determine their pens and pairs prior to the official weigh-in inside the ERC. To be clear, ALL pens/pairs need to be determined by the 4-H member prior to the official weigh-in.

All entries will be caged at the fairgrounds during fair week. Pens are provided with one water and one feed container. ALL extra animals that are not in the auction must be removed from the ERC on or before Friday, July 25th by noon. The extra animal IDs must be verified by the superintendents before they leave the barn to ensure the correct animals are in the auction.

Exhibitors of poultry projects may exhibit birds in either of the proper breeding or market classes, but not in both with the same bird. You are required to show a poultry animal in showmanship. You may only show an animal in showmanship for which you are registered for in 4honline. For example, if you want to show a breeding animal for showmanship, you must be registered for a breeding project.

Minimum Weight and Ownership Dates: To exhibit at the Eagle County Fair and sell at the Auction, market poultry must meet the minimum weights listed below and must be owned by and in possession of the exhibitor as follows:

1. Turkeys must weigh a minimum of 13 pounds. Not less than 15 weeks or more than 18 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between March 17 and April 7, 2025.
2. Market Roaster Chickens must weigh a minimum of 4 pounds. Not less than 9 weeks or more than 16 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between March 31 to May 19, 2025.
3. Market Fryer/Broiler Chickens must weigh a minimum of 4 pounds. Not less than 6 weeks or more than 8 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between May 26 and June 9, 2025.
4. Market Ducks must weigh a minimum of 5 pounds. Not less than 10 weeks or more than 12 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between April 28 to May 12, 2025.

5. Market geese must weigh a minimum of 8 pounds. Not less than 15 weeks or more than 18 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between March 17 to April 7, 2025.
6. Market Quail – Not less than 6 weeks or more than 16 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between March 31 to June 9, 2025.
7. Market Pheasant – Not less than 10 weeks or more than 14 weeks prior to fair – Birth date and possession between April 14 to May 12, 2025.

*******SEE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY WEIGHTS**

Weights for heritage breeds will depend on breed specific recommendations. Superintendents will have the final say. However, these breeds are discouraged in the market class because their lower weights will lower their ability to compete in the market class. Minimum weights are not applicable for market quail or pheasants. The exhibitor is required to provide proof of hatch date and possession by June 1st via the 4H online system.

All market poultry classes will be shown as a Pen of Three (chickens, ducks, geese, quail, etc.) or Pair (turkeys only). A Pen of Three accounts for “one entry”. No individual birds will be shown in market classes. Pen of Three and Pairs will consist of three or two of the same species and must be the same breed/cross and gender. There must only be a difference of 1 pound between the birds in a chicken meat pen and 3 pounds in turkey meat pair depending on the species.

If you don't make weight or you are unable to provide proof of your hatch date, you are still required to show in showmanship to complete your project. An exception would be if the animal dies prior to the show. Record books are still required in order to participate in the same project next year.

Classes:

1. Poultry Showmanship
 - a. Senior: 14-18 (4-H age)
 - b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
 - c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)
2. Market Poultry - Champion award to Grand and Reserve Champion:
 - a. Market Chicken Pen of Three
 - b. Market Duck Pen of Three
 - c. Market Goose Pen of Three
 - d. Market Turkey Pair
 - e. Market Pheasant Pen of Three
 - f. Market Quail Pen of Three
 - g. Any other species of birds with at least three entries from different exhibitors.

Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class (entry = pen of three or pair). Only one entry of poultry may be sold at the livestock auction. Poultry is considered chicken, duck, goose, turkey, pheasant, quail, waterfowl, etc.

Class Breakdown:

***larger market classes will be divided by weight divisions within their class**

Market Chickens:

Class 1 – Hen Pen of Three

Class 2 – Cockerel Pen of Three

Market Ducks:

- Class 3 - Hen Pen of Three
- Class 4 – Drake Pen of Three

Market Geese:

- Class 5 – Goose Pen of Three
- Class 6 – Gander Pen of Three

Market Turkeys:

- Class 7 – Hen Pair
- Class 8 – Tom Pair

Market Pheasants:

- Class 9 – Hen Pen of Three
- Class 10 – Cockerel Pen of Three

Market Quail:

- Class 11 – Hen Pen of Three
- Class 12 – Roo Pen of Three

3. Breeding Poultry - Champion award to Grand and Reserve Champion Breeding Poultry exhibitor. Entries are limited to 8 breeding poultry total (trio entries account for 3 of the 8 breeding animals) for all classes. It is advised that breeding poultry should be in the APA Standard of Perfection.

- a. Hen – any standard or bantam breed – hatched before January 1 of current year
- b. Pullet – any standard or bantam breed – hatched after January 1 of current year
- c. Cock – any standard or bantam breed – hatched before January 1 of current year
- d. Cockerel – any standard or bantam breed – hatched after January 1 of current year
- e. Goose – any standard breed
- f. Duck – any standard breed
- g. Turkey – any standard breed
- h. Breeding Poultry Trio Class (consists of one male and two females of the same species)

Classes will be divided as evenly as possible according to the number of entries and individual weight for each species. Up to 10 entries per division. For example: If there are 32 entries, there will be 4 divisions of 8 entries. If there are 30 entries, there will be 3 divisions of 10 entries.

If a poultry project does not meet the weight requirements, it can still be used for showmanship but will not be entered in any other category.

Division 103 – Rabbits

Superintendents: Taylor Brugger, Stacey Maule, Vickie Olson

All rabbit exhibits, including market classes, must have entries completed by the specified County Fair entry deadline. Exhibitors are required to wear either a long sleeved shirt or a show jacket in all classes.

1. ALL rabbits must be tattooed with a permanent tattoo in their left ear and verified based on entry, on the official tattoo date in order to be eligible to show at the County Fair. Tattoo verification must occur in person with rabbit(s); the exhibitor does not have to be present i.e anyone can bring the rabbit(s) for verification. No photo verifications will be accepted. No additions/changes will be accepted after the tattoo verification date.

2. ***Vaccinations of any kind are not required for market and/or breeding rabbits for show eligibility.*** If exhibitors choose to vaccinate for RHDV1 & 2, vaccinated rabbits must have received the vaccination on or before June 30, 2025. Bring vaccination papers to rabbit check-in for vaccination date verification.

3. Exhibitors of rabbit projects may exhibit a rabbit in either the proper breeding or market class, but not in both. They must compete in showmanship.

4. All rabbits housed in the Eagle River Center during the County Fair must be shown in either market or breeding classes. Showmanship rabbits must be entered in a breeding or market class under that same exhibitor's name. ***If a rabbit does not meet the weight requirements, it can still be used for showmanship but will not be entered in any other category.***

5. All rabbit entries must be inspected and weighed by a Superintendent before placement in fair cages at the designated check-in time at County Fair. Do not unload rabbits from transport cages until they have been approved by a Superintendent. All rabbits must be weighed/checked at designated check-in time to be eligible for show.

6. During the County Fair, rabbits may only be removed from their cage by the rabbit owner, owner's parent, species superintendents, or when the owner/parent/superintendent is present. Zip Ties only are allowed on cage doors; locks are not allowed.

7. Ring Steward/Show Assistance will be hired and will not be a parent/guardian or family member of an exhibitor.

Classes:

1. Rabbit Showmanship: required to complete the rabbit project

- Senior: 14-18 (4-H age)
- Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
- Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)

2. Market Rabbits: All market rabbits must have a permanent, verified tattoo in their left ear. Exhibitors may enter up to 4 entries, bring 2 entries to show at the County Fair, but only 1 entry will be sold at the livestock auction.

- Roaster: weighing between 5 lbs 8 ozs - 8 lbs 8 ozs
- Stewer: weighing over 8 lbs 8 ozs
- These will be divided into divisions of 10 rabbits each, then the top 2 of each division will compete for Grand and Reserve.

1 entry equals one roaster or one stewer

3. Breeding Rabbits: All breeding rabbits must have a permanent, verified tattoo in their left ear. All breeding classes will follow the ARBA Standard of Perfection book. Weights and proper varieties will be followed. No mixed breeds will be allowed. Rabbits that are overweight or underweight will be disqualified and not permitted to show. Weights will be determined at official weigh-in on the day of the show. ARBA Standard Books will be available for viewing. Entries are limited to 5 breeding rabbits total for all classes. ***Official breeding rabbit entry form will be available beginning May 1 and sent to each exhibitor. Classes will be broken by breed and age.***

4. Companion Rabbits: County Only Project. This class is only available at the county level. The 4-H member must choose: showmanship only or poster/interview only to complete the project.

Classes: *larger market classes will be divided by weight

- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe
- 6-8 Buck (only 6 class breeds)
- 6-8 Doe (only 6 class breeds)
- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe

- Juniors are under 6 months old
- 6-8's are 6-8 months old
- Seniors are over 6 months old; unless 6 class breed, then over 8 months old
- See ARBA standards for details on each breed

Awards:

Best of Breed and Reserve Best of Breed

All Best of Breeds will compete for Grand Champion Breeding Rabbit and Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit.

Division 104 – Sheep

Superintendents: Brittany Thatcher and Tom Thatcher

1. Exhibitors of sheep projects may exhibit ewe lambs in either of the proper breeding or market classes, but not in both. They are required to show in showmanship.
2. Lambs are required to be sheared to within a maximum of 1/4 inch at show time.
3. Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to show and sell.
4. It is recommended that market lambs gain at least .25 lbs. per day.
5. Each exhibitor may tag up to four (4) lambs. However, only two (2) lambs may be shown at the fair, and only one (1) may be sold at the livestock auction.
6. Animals can be shown in halter if necessary.
7. Only lambs tagged on the possession date are eligible for the sale.
8. Muzzles used on lambs must be first approved by the sheep superintendents.
9. Drenching will be allowed with drench guns, but the use of stomach pumps are prohibited. Drenching lambs and goats is not allowed in the holding area or show ring. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse.
10. All lambs must have a scrapies tag in at spring weigh in and the official fair weigh in on July 22, 2025.

Classes:

1. Sheep Showmanship
 - a. Senior: 14 – 18 (4-H age)
 - b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
 - c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)
2. Market Lambs - Champion award to Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lamb
 - a. Feeder lambs (under 100 lbs.)
 - b. Division 1
 - c. Division 2
 - d. Division 3
 - e. Division 4
3. Breeding Sheep - Champion Award to Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Sheep exhibitor. Unlimited entries per class - entries must be entered by the deadline. There must be three entries to be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Awards.
 - a. Ewes – all ages
 - b. Rams – all ages

Classes will be divided as evenly as possible according to the number of entries and individual weight for each species. Up to 10 entries per division. For example: If there are 32 entries, there will be 4 divisions of 8 entries. If there are 30 entries, there will be 3 divisions of 10 entries.

Division 105 – Swine

Superintendents: John Ahring and Tracy Beckett

1. Exhibitors of swine projects may exhibit gilts in either the proper breeding or market classes, but not in both.
They must show in showmanship.
2. Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 230 lbs to sell. The maximum weight is 300 lbs.
3. It is recommended that market hogs gain at least 1.25 lbs. per day.
4. No buckets or tubs filled with water will be allowed in the swine pens in the Eagle River Center.
5. No washing of animals anywhere except at the wash racks.
6. Please do not feed pigs a full ration Saturday morning before the Junior Livestock Auction. This is done to make the picture taking process run smoothly.
7. Only those hogs tagged on the possession day are eligible for the auction.
8. Each exhibitor may tag up to four (4) hogs. However, only two (2) hogs may be shown at the fair, and only one
(1) may be sold at Livestock Auction.

Classes:

1. Swine Showmanship
 - a. Senior: 14 - 18 (4-H age)
 - b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
 - c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)
2. Market Swine - Champion Award to Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine exhibitors.
 - a. Feeder Class (under 230 lbs. - cannot sell at the auction)
 - b. Overweight Class (over 300 lbs. - cannot sell at the auction)
 - c. Division 1
 - d. Division 2
 - e. Division 3
 - f. Division 4

Market classes will be divided as evenly as possible according to the number of entries and individual weight for each species. Up to 10 entries per division. For example: If there are 32 entries, there will be 4 divisions of 8 entries. If there are 30 entries, there will be 3 divisions of 10 entries.

3. Breeding Swine - Champion award to Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Swine exhibitor. Unlimited entries per class - entries must be entered by deadline. Three entries necessary to receive an award.
 - a. Sows – all ages
 - b. Boars – all ages

Division 106– Dog
Superintendent: Jessica Gentilini

General Rules:

1. Members must be enrolled in the Dog Project and have Dog I.D. forms completed by the deadline.
2. All dog exhibitors must be entered for the County Fair by the deadline.
3. Intact animals shall only show if they are not in heat.
4. Any dog showing aggression shall be excused from the ring.
5. Any participant displaying rough or abusive behavior to their dog shall be excused from the ring.
6. Showmanship shall be the only class allowing treats in the ring.
7. Members must complete the 4-H Dog Record and turn in by the deadline.
8. No dog is to be professionally groomed within two weeks prior to showing.
9. For all championship awards, points are kept on the dog rather than the handler.
10. Dogs will not be included in the Round Robin Showmanship competition during the County Fair.

Showmanship:

Novice and Open - 4-H members may show up to two dogs.

- a. Senior: 14 - 18 (4-H age)
- b. Intermediate: 11-13 (4-H age)
- c. Junior: 8-10 (4-H age)

Obedience:

Novice and Open - 4-H members may show up to two dogs and will be entered in the appropriate obedience class.

Rally:

Novice and Open - 4-H members may show up to two dogs.

4-H Horse Show Rules

Superintendent: Korrine Winstead

General Rules:

1. The Eagle County 4-H Horse Show is open to 4-Hers 8-18 years of age on December 31 of the previous year who are properly enrolled in the horse project by the deadline.
2. A 4-Her must register horses for their project through www.4honline.com by the deadline. There will be no additions or changes after this date for any reason. A member can register and show a total of four (4) horses for showing in Western, Breeding Class, English, Ranch Horse, and Drill Team.
 - Shared registered horses need to be within the same family unit.
 - All registered horses need to be documented in the members record book.
 - Any horse leased or purchased after May 1, 2025, the exhibitor is allowed to show as a non judged participant.
3. Members must have horses, whether owned or leased, in their possession and/or providing care and management by May 1 of the current year.
 - Lease document provided by CSU Extension Office.
 - Animal Care and Housing Form to be submitted on each horse registered by May 1, 2025 to the 4-H horse leader.
 - Exhibitors need to participate in 75% care of registered horses.
4. Members must enter the County Fair 4-H Horse Show by the deadline. 4-H horse show participants must reside in Eagle County to compete. *Exception:* if a youth in another county is unable to meet the dates of their home county horse show, the youth will be allowed to show and NOT place, in showmanship ONLY in Eagle County to meet the requirements of program completion.
5. The official rule book for the show will be the most current Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book.
6. For Western, English, and Ranch Horse classes, rosettes and/or awards will be presented to first through sixth place in each class. Classes with less than three entries may be combined or eliminated.
7. All Western and English competitors must show in their respective showmanship class during the individual shows at County Fair. Showmanship classes are divided among Walk Trot (all ages), Junior, Intermediate, Senior. **Drill Team participants must show in either the Western or English showmanship class in order to complete the horse project.**
8. Round Robin Showmanship - 1st and 2nd place winners in **Western** showmanship classes must enter the Round Robin competition during the County Fair. ***If the 1st or 2nd place western winner is selected for another***

species in Round Robin or is unable to participate, the 1st or 2nd place winner in the English division will be invited to participate. If there are not two competitors in the Western showmanship in any age division, English showmanship youth will be invited to participate in Round Robin starting with 1st place.

9. All 4-H horse exhibitors are required to take a written exam which is considered an independent class and will not be included in high point awards. The written exam will be given the same day as the County Fair Horse Show(s). Exhibitors will be asked to forfeit their test and leave the area if they share answers with others. All exhibitors are required to take the written exam only once. **Written exams for all horse members will be given one hour prior to the start of the Western Horse Show.** Awards will be given for the top score in Junior, Intermediate, Senior age at the 4-H awards banquet.

10. Completed 4-H Horse Record Books are due at the 4-H office by the deadline. ***If a record book is turned in late, the member, superintendent and 4-H Extension Specialist will meet to discuss 4-H eligibility for next year. This could lead to the 4-H member not being eligible for awards.***

11. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their stalls and care of their horses while at the Fairgrounds.

12. Champion and reserve champion 4-H horse exhibitors (Walk Trot, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) will be selected at the Fair for each age division in Ranch Horse, Western, and English.

13. All Classes in each division will be awarded through sixth and scored through tenth. Placings will be given a point value that will be used to determine individual totals for County Fair champions and will be based on the number of entries. For example, if a class has a total of 10 or more entries, points will be awarded as follows: 1st– 10 points, 2nd– 9 points, 3rd– 8 points, etc. 10th– 1 point. If a class has less than ten entries, points will be awarded based on the number of entries. For example, if a class has a total of 7 entries, points will be awarded as follows: 1st– 7 points, 2nd– 6 points, 3rd– 5 points, etc.

a. Points from all classes entered will count towards High Point Overall with the exception of team penning in Ranch Horse Division.

b. For all Championship awards, points are kept for the same horse, same rider.

14. In the event of a tie, the judges score card total will be used to break the tie. If the tie still exists, placing in the respective showmanship class will be used.

15. SHOW DAY IS FOR 4-H RIDERS. Adults may assist with any situation where safety is a concern. **No schooling by anyone other than the 4-H member.**

Exhibitors, parents and leaders need to request permission from CSU Extension staff or the horse superintendent to approach a judge to ask questions or ask for critique. Under no circumstances may an exhibitor, parent, leader or spectator badger, insult or be argumentative with a judge, show secretary, ring steward, CSU Extension staff or the horse superintendent. Such behavior may result in exclusion of the exhibitor from competition and forfeiture of awards and/or expulsion from show grounds for the person and/or exhibitor. Parents/coaches/trainers are not allowed in the show arena. Refer to the 4-H code of conduct and Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book for complete rule.

Questions may be asked at the completion of the horse show. Judges' score cards will be available for review at completion.

16. Ring Steward will be hired and will not be a parent/guardian or family member of an exhibitor.

17. In order to enter Over Fences classes in the English Division, 4-Her must have passed a jumping

competency test given by an approved level rater before June 15 of the current year.

18. In order to compete in cattle classes in the Ranch Horse Division, 4-Her must have passed Level 2 Ranch Horse Riding Test given by an approved rater before June 15 of the current year.

19. All Horse members who have not passed the Colorado State 4-H Horse Advancement Level 1 riding test must wear a helmet at all practices and shows.

20. If a member would like to participate in the Walk Trot division for more than two years, a meeting will be held with the club leader, CSU Extension Staff, parents and 4-H Youth to determine appropriateness. All members who are in the Walk Trot division and non leveled need to pass a novice safety test to participate in the County Fair riding classes.

21. Youth who meet 4-H age requirements post high school graduation may participate in all Eagle County horse shows and/or state fair. A record book is required to complete the project; due upon completion of the county fair or state fair.

22. At the discretion of the 4-H Extension Specialist or club leader, any horses showing lameness, weight loss, or overall poor health, must obtain clearance from a vet to participate in 4-H activities. In regards to poor hoof care, members will be required to remedy the issue prior to the next scheduled 4-H activity. If needed, a combined meeting will be held with the 4-H Extension Specialist, club leader and family to review the care plan that meets the animal welfare requirements of 4-H.

English Show

Classes:

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship
4. Walk Trot Showmanship
5. Senior English Equitation (Not to Jump)
6. Intermediate English Equitation (Not to Jump)
7. Junior English Equitation (Not to Jump)
8. Walk-Trot Equitation – All Ages
9. Senior English Riding Control Class
10. Intermediate English Riding Control Class
11. Junior English Riding Control Class
12. Walk-Trot English Riding Control Class - riders all ages
13. Senior Hunt Seat Equitation – Over Jumps
14. Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation – Over Jumps
15. Junior Hunt Seat Equitation – Over Jumps
16. Senior Hunter Hack
17. Intermediate Hunter Hack
18. Junior Hunter Hack
19. Senior Show Hack
20. Intermediate Show Hack
21. Junior Show Hack
22. Walk-Trot Show Hack - riders all ages

Western Show

Classes:

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship
4. Walk Trot Showmanship
5. Senior Horsemanship
6. Intermediate Horsemanship
7. Junior Horsemanship
8. Walk-Trot Horsemanship - riders all ages
9. Senior Reining
10. Intermediate Reining
11. Junior Reining
12. Walk-Trot Reining - riders all ages
13. Senior Riding
14. Intermediate Riding
15. Junior Riding
- Trail Class starts in small arena following Showmanship*
16. Senior Trail
17. Intermediate Trail
18. Junior Trail
19. Walk-Trot Trail - riders all ages

Ranch Horse Show

Classes:

1. Senior Ranch Horsemanship
2. Intermediate Ranch Horsemanship
3. Junior Ranch Horsemanship
4. Walk-Trot Horsemanship - riders all ages
5. Senior Individual Cow Work
6. Intermediate Individual Cow Work
7. Junior Individual Cow Work
8. Senior Ranch Riding
9. Intermediate Ranch Riding
10. Junior Ranch Riding
11. Walk-Trot Ranch Riding - riders all ages
12. Senior Ranch Cattle Sorting
13. Intermediate Ranch Cattle Sorting
14. Junior Ranch Cattle Sorting
15. Senior Ranch Trail
16. Intermediate Ranch Trail
17. Junior Ranch Trail
18. Walk-Trot Ranch Trail - riders all ages
19. Team Penning, all ages

Points earned from Team Penning will not count towards High Point Overall.

In the event of a dangerous situation, determined by CSU Extension staff and horse superintendent, the rider will be dismissed from that class.

The 4-H Horse Show Rule Book: division (Ranch Horse Division) will be the official Rule Book for all regulations pertaining to dress, equipment, style guidelines, etc.

Leaders: Korrine Winstead and Kirsten Shaw

1. The Freedom Riders 4-H Drill Team is open to 4-Hers 8-18 years of age on December 31 of the previous year who are properly enrolled in the horse project by the deadline. ***Riders will need to have passed their Level 1 riding test prior to April 1st of the current year.***
2. All horses to be used in the Drill Team must be registered at the 4-H Office. A 4-Her may register horses through 4-H online by May 1 of the current year. Members need to have one horse they use consistently for Freedom Riders' performances. Horses registered can be "tried out" during practice up until May 30th. Any practice after that date needs to be on a consistent horse for safety and repetition practice.
3. Members must have horses, whether owned or leased, in their possession and/or providing care and management by May 1. Same registration requirements as listed as # 2 - # 4 in general horse show rules.
4. Drill Team members are not required to wear a riding helmet during practice if the official "Helmet Waiver of Liability" has been signed by the parent/guardian and on file with the 4-H Leader and Extension Office.
5. All Drill Team members (regardless of Helmet Waiver or Advancement Level) will wear riding helmets during all performances. Colorado State 4-H encourages the parent or guardian to see that the headgear complies with standards and is in good condition. ********Exception******** If a drill team member is in the performance as Eagle County Rodeo Royalty or visiting Rodeo Royalty; that member will be allowed to wear their cowboy hat and crown for that performance.
6. Completed 4-H Horse Record Books due at the 4-H Office by the deadline. ***If a record book is turned in late, the member, superintendent and 4-H Extension Specialist will meet to discuss 4-H eligibility for next year. This could lead to the 4-H member not being eligible for awards.***
7. All tack and equipment provided by the Drill Team for the member's use shall remain the property of the Drill Team. It is the responsibility of the individual member to keep tack clean. Tack and equipment provided by the Drill Team should only be used when performing.
8. It will be expected of all participants to behave in a respectable and courteous manner at all times to both leaders and other riders. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Freedom Riders Drill Team.
9. Safety is of utmost concern by the Drill Team leaders. Unsafe riding practices will not be tolerated.
10. In the event that the Drill Team performs during the PRCA rodeo, riders will abide by all rules of the PRCA that pertain to the Drill Team Performing Act during the Eagle County Fair and Rodeo.
11. Taking a written test during the County Fair is required for all Drill Team participants.
12. Competing in the 4-H Showmanship Class during either the Western or English Show is required for all Drill Team participants to complete their project and participate in the Drill Team the following year.
13. To successfully complete the 4-H Drill Team Horse Project, a member must actively partake in the Freedom Riders 4-H Club including, but not limited to:
 - a. ***Drill Team members are required to attend all riding sessions, any absence must be cleared through drill team leaders prior to practice. No more than 2 missed practice sessions allowed***
 - b. Take part in community service projects and fundraising activities
 - c. Give a demonstration at a club meeting
 - d. Compete in the County Fair Showmanship Class (either English or Western)

- e. Turn in a completed 4-H Horse Record Book by the deadline.
- f. Illness, injury or lameness (confirmed or suspected) in Drill Team horses must be immediately brought to the attention of the club leader(s).

Attendance Requirements for 2025 Freedom Riders Drill Team and Riding Club:

* may vary year to year based on arena availability *

Riding Club only members - there are 25 scheduled opportunities to ride this year. This year 10 out of 12 meetings are required.

Drill Team members - there are 14 practices scheduled - any missed practices need to be arranged through Korrine - attendance is required at a high rate for safety and precision riding. ONLY 2 MISSED PRACTICES WILL BE ACCEPTED. In addition, all 4 nights of performances are required.

*** 1st year Club members will be required to attend 10 riding club meetings at a minimum if they are trying out for the drill team. Unless the 4-H member has been in the 4-H Horse Club in prior years, at the discretion of the 4-H Extension and Club leader.***

Drill team only members are not allowed to participate in reserved Riding Club activities due to space, unless drill team members plan to be held accountable for Riding Club attendance requirements. Designation of participation in Riding Club and/or Drill Team must be established by Nov. 1st of 2024 via email to club leaders.

4-H GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBITS

Projects that have previously been shown as a 4-H Project may not be entered again. Member's records may be either in pencil, ink or by computer. Your choice will not affect judging. Content and neatness is the key consideration in judging.

4-Hers must complete each General 4-H project in which they are enrolled in order to take those same projects the next year, including a totally completed record book turned in with the project during the project interview.

Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class. The first place exhibit in each class is eligible for the State Fair. Judges may combine classes and/or divisions in the selection of Grand Champion Awards.

Entry forms for all General 4-H Projects are due in the 4-H Office by the deadline.

All clothing projects will include interview judging. Bring your clothing project and completed record book to your interview. Parents are not allowed in the judging interview.

Grand Champion Awards: There must be at least three entries in a class in order to receive a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Buckle, Jacket, or Check award.

All other general projects will include interview judging to be conducted during the County Fair in the Eagle River Center. Parents are not allowed in the judging interview.

4-H exhibit requirements for general and consumer science projects will follow the Colorado State Fair 4-H requirements which can be found at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>.

***The Danish system is used.**

Cloverbuds

This division is for children ages 5, 6, and 7 as of December 31 of the previous year. Children in this age group can show and/or exhibit any project (with the exception of animals and shooting sports). Cloverbuds are not judged or placed; they will receive participation ribbons only. In order to complete, Cloverbuds must either turn in their exhibit during their project interview during the County Fair at the Eagle River Center or by participation with their club.

Fashion Revue

Judging for all Clothing and Artistic Clothing projects will take place during the clothing construction project interviews. Judging for the Fashion Revue will follow that afternoon. The public Fashion Revue will be that evening.

4-H Club Booth

Each 4-H Club will have the opportunity to have a 4' x 5' booth space to display a 4-H theme.

State Fair

Participation in 4-H events offered at the Colorado State Fair is optional to 4-H members. Selection at county fairs and contests enables, but doesn't require, youth to participate. Exhibiting at the State Fair is a great experience for 4-Hers and we will assist those who choose to participate any way we can.

2025 EAGLE COUNTY FAIR QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATE

The Eagle County Fair (ECF) endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists exhibitors be in compliance with proper utilization of medications, including compliance with manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides or feed additives administered. The use of non-approved chemicals or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. Similarly, unethical fitting, tampering with or sabotage of animals is strictly prohibited.

CERTIFICATION AND STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE

This certifies that the Junior Market Exhibitor has attended a quality assurance program and is thus permitted to participate in the ECF. Additionally, the exhibitor/family agrees and consents to abide by the rules of competition and will be in compliance with the proper labeled use of vaccinations, medications and additives as required under the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, and the quality assurance requirements of the ECF, and that non-compliance can result in civil and/or criminal liability.

The exhibitor/family agrees not to engage in unethical fitting practices, tampering, or sabotage and to use the proper animal husbandry techniques and practices to become a better steward of their project(s). The exhibitor is responsible for:

The proper care and treatment of their animals. The production of wholesome foods. The development of sound moral character in themselves and others.

We agree that any antibiotic, medication, anti-inflammatory, pesticide or other substance administered to any market animal on the Eagle County Fairgrounds will be administered by or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. We understand that any medication that has not met the required withdrawal time may result in disqualification of this entry from eligibility of sale before or after shipment to slaughter from Eagle County Fair.

It is with my understanding that if any unethical substance is found by testing that all Eagle County Fair premiums and awards allocated to this animal will automatically be forfeited and legal authorities will supersede.

We acknowledge that the ECF reserves the right to examine, inspect, and test any market animal for drug residues, vaccinations, and injections of any nature and take any action deemed appropriate if testing results show any positive residues exceeding FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerance for any foreign substance including medications, drugs, pesticides, feed additives or chemicals. We acknowledge the right to examine, inspect and test for vaccinations, injections or unethical fitting. We acknowledge that ECF reserves the right to pass any and all fees and costs required for examinations, inspections and testing, if any, on to the exhibitor.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity in the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer,

or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.

9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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