

2024 BOULDER COUNTY FAIRBOOK

**Open Class
Creative Living, Arts
& General Projects**



The Boulder County Fair's mission is to celebrate both rural and urban heritage while cultivating an innovative future through education and leadership. With a tradition of showcasing the accomplishments and leadership of both 4-H and FFA youth and community members, we provide educational and entertaining opportunities for all attendees, meeting the interests and challenges of a changing world.

2024 Boulder County Fair General Rules and Regulations

FAIRGROUNDS

Cooperation – The Boulder County Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Boulder County Board of Commissioners, the Boulder County Fair Board, and the Boulder County Office of Colorado State University Extension. The Boulder County Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual preference, veteran or marital status, or national origin in its policies and activities.

Responsibility – The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management will use all possible care to ensure the safety of animals, exhibits, exhibitors, and people attending the fair. The BCF Management or any individual assisting with the fair, will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal, or article on exhibition, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending the fair. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair Management against all legal or other proceedings in regard hereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his/her agreement to abide by this rule.

Rules:

1. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions – Pursuant to Colorado Statute 12-47-901(1)(h)(I), it is illegal to bring **any** outside alcoholic beverages into the BCF, including parking lots. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises. The presence or use of alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds is prohibited except in designated areas.

Illegal drugs of any kind, including marijuana, are prohibited from the BCF, including parking lots. Any illegal drugs, including marijuana, will be confiscated and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises.

2. Disorderly Conduct – Illegal Activity, Vandalism & Horseplay will not be tolerated. Violators will be escorted from the fairgrounds by security and may be prosecuted. No person shall engage in foul, obscene or abusive language, or actions.

3. Motorized Vehicles – ATVs and golf carts will not be permitted without prior written permission from the BCF Board. Use of carts is restricted in the areas of the midway or in pedestrian travel areas during BCF hours of operation.

4. Leash Law – Boulder County and the City of Longmont require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. For the safety of animals and people, dogs are not allowed in the poultry, rabbit, goat, or sheep areas and the indoor arena during horse events.

5. Firearms – Unauthorized carrying or discharging firearms or weapons of any kind is not permitted. Unauthorized paintball, BB, pellet, air, blowguns, rocket slingshots, crossbows, martial arts weapons, fireworks, and explosives are not allowed during the Fair.

6. Smoking – Smoking is not permitted in county facilities or on county property and therefore adhered to by BCF.

7. Parking – Parking is not permitted in assigned fire lanes or where otherwise posted “No Parking.” Violators may be ticketed and/or towed at owner’s expense.

8. Camping – Camping is permitted only at the campgrounds.

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Entering Exhibits:

1. Entry must be done online through FairEntry at:
<https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19916>
2. General entry costs are no charge for 2024.
3. Entry deadlines are July 11, 2024, except Dept. 104 Garden and Dept. 102 Home Flowers.

Exhibit Check-In:

1. All exhibits must be brought to the Boulder County Fair Exhibit Building for Check-in on Thursday, August 1st from 9:00am - 12:00pm with the appropriate department, **except Quilts, Garden, and Home Flowers** (see specific departments for details).
2. Exhibits sent by mail will not be accepted.

Judging of Exhibits:

1. Judging of exhibits will take place on Thursday, August 1st, **except Quilts, Garden, and Home Flowers** (see specific departments for judging times).
2. Because of space restrictions, not all judging is open to the public. Please ask department superintendents for details when you bring your exhibit in on entry day.
3. If department judging is open to the public, no discussion is allowed between exhibitors and judges or exhibitors and superintendents or volunteers during judging. Questions may be asked of the judge or superintendent at the conclusion of judging.
4. If present during department judging, children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Violation of this policy may result in a request to leave the building.
5. Judging Process: The method of judging used in Open Creative Living, unless otherwise stated, ranks entries in the same class against one another and awards first, second, and third place ribbons. This rule applies whether there are one or more exhibits in a lot. Judges are instructed not to award ribbons unless exhibits are deemed worthy of merit.
6. At the discretion of the department, superintendent or judge, classes may be split or combined.

Display Policy:

1. All entries will be displayed as space allows.
2. Entries must remain for the duration of the fair. Entries removed beforehand will not receive awards or ribbons.
3. All reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying entries.
4. Boulder County Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to entries, whatever the cause.
5. Insurance of an entry is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

Awards:

1. Ribbons will be given to winners in each class as awarded. No awards will be made to an unworthy exhibit. If classes are not filled, placing will be made according to the merits of the entries. Trophies and awards may be awarded based on availability. The decisions of the judges shall be final.

Exhibit Release:

1. Exhibits must be picked up between 4:00pm - 6:00pm on Monday, August 12, 2024. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to collect their entries or make arrangements to have them picked up.
2. Entries left will be donated to charity.