

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

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 based on 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 proceeding in regard hereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by all exhibitors shall signify his/her agreement to abide by this rule.

FAIRGROUND RULES

1. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions – Pursuant to Colorado Statue 12-47-901(1)(h)(l), 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 - ATV's 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 always on a leash 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. 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 is not permitted in county facilities or on county property and therefore adhered to by BCF.

7. 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 is permitted only at the campgrounds. Dry camping ("exhibitors/spectators camping outside the campgrounds") will only be allowed when the campground is full or when prior approval is obtained from the Fair Board.

EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1. Eligibility - Competition is open to all. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must belong to a Boulder County 4-H or FFA Club.
2. Entries – **Prior entry is required in all departments. Entries open after May 15.**

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Entry deadline: Thursday, July 14, 2025

NO Late entries in 2025

JUDGING

1. Judges will not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the department that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not. Exhibits that do not meet size requirements will not be considered for Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents, parents or others servants, interfere with them during the adjudication or show any disrespect to them, whereupon **the superintendent shall at his/her discretion demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude exhibitors from further competition, and the board may withhold from such exhibitors any premiums that have been awarded them, and expel them from further exhibiting at the fair.**
3. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered.
4. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication will be promptly excluded from the competition.
5. In all cases not covered by these rules, the ruling of the superintendent of the department will apply.
6. The judge and superintendent of the department shall sign each award book immediately after all awards have been made in the class contained therein.
7. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he/she may be interested as a relative, agent, or employee of an exhibitor or otherwise; and if such case shall be presented, the superintendent of department may remove such interested judge, or substitute another judge temporarily.
8. The awards of such premiums at the show will be confined to entries named in the department.
9. The judge and the person acting as clerk to the judge must take special pains after making an award to see that it is properly entered in the award book.
10. The clerk at each show verifies the accuracy of the judge's book between pre-entries and actual entrants. The superintendent signs the book before premium money is awarded.
11. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation. If any youth need additional assistance during exhibiting at the Boulder County Fair, please contact the fair office and department superintendent in writing ahead of time so reasonable accommodations can be made. We request accommodation requests be made 2 weeks prior to the event at minimum. Day of event/show accommodations will be adjusted as needed with the understanding there will be limitations.

GRIEVANCES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. APPEAL: An “Appeal” may be filed by 4-H/FFA and open class exhibitors to get clarifications regarding rules, policies, and judging procedures. The Division Superintendent or the entity (example the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, Horse Leaders Council, Livestock Advisory) would be responsible, as appropriate to handle all appeals, and the Fair Board will be copied on those communications.
 - a. Division Superintendent in consultation with the 4-H Extension Agent will address all appeals as appropriate for their respective department.
 - b. If the Superintendent and Extension Agent do not have a clear response, it will go to the respective advisory council for their advice on the appeal. Example a dairy goat question would go to the Livestock advisory board for their advice. Horse questions would go to the Horse Leaders Council for their advice.
 - c. The respective entity will share the rule interpretation with the fair board prior to releasing their decision.
 - d. The Fair Board will be copied on those communications back to the appeal person.
 - e. In the event an individual is not satisfied with the appeal, the exhibitor may choose to file a “Protest.”
2. PROTEST: If a protest is filed by 4-H/FFA members, open class exhibitor(s), or other individual(s); the following procedure will be followed. A “Protest Request” must be submitted in writing to the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Manager’s Office. A fee of \$150.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the protest form. The protest shall plainly state the cause of the protest and shall be delivered to the Fair Manager’s office prior to judging or within 1 (one) hour after the conclusion of the class judging. Judging will not be interrupted by a protest and judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Once the championship judging begins, no protest will be accepted. The protest committee made up of the division superintendent and two fair board representatives will meet and act upon the filed protest. A decision will be given to the individual filing the protest within 24 hours of receiving the filed protest unless a thorough investigation by the protest committee takes longer, in which case the individual filing the protest will be notified. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest appeal.
3. PROTEST APPEAL COMMITTEE: In the event an individual is not satisfied with the protest ruling by the protest committee, the exhibitor may appeal the protest resolution to the Protest Appeals Committee. This committee is made up of the Fair Board Executive Committee. A fee of \$200.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the Protest Appeal which shall be in writing, and delivered to the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management Office. The appeal shall plainly state the protest matter being appealed and shall be delivered to the Fair Management Office not more than 8 (eight) hours after the protest resolution was announced. The decision of the Protest Appeals Committee is final. Compliance with the protest and appeal process is mandatory prior to seeking review in any other forum. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest appeal.
4. In addition to the fee(s) imposed for the process, an individual protesting that the use of illegal drugs were administered to an animal and ask for testing be administered will stand the cost of the testing if no residuals are identified. Often such tests can cost over

\$1,000.00 for each substance chemical checked. If illegal substances are found the cost of the test will be charged against the exhibitor along with the other consequences under general rules number six under animal treatment “Alteration of Conformation and Structure, Prohibited Substances or Unethical Fitting”.

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EXHIBIT RELEASE

1. **No exhibit shall be released until their designated release time.** All exhibits in the Exhibit Building must be picked up between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Fair management won't be responsible for exhibits left after exhibit release. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money.
2. **Livestock-** Livestock must be removed from the fairgrounds during the designated release times. Most animal release will be Sunday morning 7:00-11:00 a.m. Members are expected to take animals home and return to the fairgrounds to help clean stalls, show ring and barns to be complete by 6:00 p.m. Please refer to your species department for specific release times.
3. **Prior to release times-** No tack may be removed unless in coordination with the department supervisor and it does not disrupt any other event or show.
4. **Livestock Sale Animals Release-** The release of the livestock sale animals varies each year due to transportation and packer schedules. Water, feed for the following day, and bedding is to stay in place for remaining livestock after the conclusion of the livestock sale. **If a sale animals stays overnight, all items must be picked up and stalls cleaned by noon the following Monday.**
5. **Animals will be released only during each department's designated release time. See specific departments for the release time.** Livestock sold in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale and released by the Jr. Market Livestock Committee President are exempt. Birds sold in the Poultry Sale are exempt and will be released at the time of sale.
 - a. Release will be permitted by the Department Superintendent after review of stalls, pens, cages, and tie racks. These areas must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the superintendent and fairgrounds staff.
 - b. Failure to comply with this requirement may bar said exhibitor from future participation and/or any premiums, which may have been awarded.

4-H/FFA JUNIOR EXHIBIT RULES

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Only members in good standing and actively enrolled in Boulder County 4-H, St. Vrain Valley FFA, or Boulder Valley FFA, and who have carried out and completed all required project work to date, are eligible to exhibit and show in 4-H/FFA Junior Fair classes.
2. Age Limits: To compete, 4-H members must have turned 8 before December 31st of the current year and be less than 19 as of December 31st of the current year. St. Vrain FFA members must follow FFA age requirement guidelines and follow all FFA requirements. To compete, FFA

members must be eligible for and enrolled in St. Vrain Valley FFA during the school year ending in May of the current year AND be less than 19 as of December 31st of the current year.

3. **Cloverbud:** Cloverbud 4-H members (ages 5–7) may exhibit in areas specifically created for them at the fair. They may be recognized for their participation, but not awarded placement ribbons or premiums. Cloverbuds may not participate in competitive events. All proposed exhibits for Cloverbud 4-H members must be approved by the Extension Office before they can be labeled for Cloverbud participation. Cloverbud members may not sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY

1. **Ownership.** All Junior Livestock entries must be the property of, and be shown by, the eligible exhibitor. All animals shown must have been fed and cared for by the 4-H member or FFA student exhibiting in their regularly conducted project. Crops and gardens exhibits must have been taken from a field or garden grown by and the property of the exhibitor. Ownership of animals must be in the 4-H club member or FFA exhibitor's individual name prior to the Last Thursday of April of the year exhibited, except for market projects which must be owned by market nomination for each species, and except the Lease-An-Animal exhibitors which have a signed lease contract in the Extension Office. *Please note the rule on kid goats born after the last Thursday in April that can be found in the goat department rules.*

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL DIVISION RULES

“Livestock” – refers to the following species: beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, cavy, sheep, and swine.

ANIMAL TREATMENT

1. The Boulder County Fair, (BCF) is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and sponsors, produces and presents exhibitions of livestock, livestock products and the like for children, adults, and the public. These exhibitions educate the livestock industry, participants of the BCF, general public in better breeding, feeding and care of livestock. BCF arranges for the judging and presentation of premiums and prizes, and the like, in continuation of such exhibitions and/or shows.
2. COLORADO REVISED STATUTES: All exhibitors further agree to abide by all the rules of the Colorado Revised Statutes regarding livestock shows, exhibitions, and sales. In particular, Section 18-9-207 as it refers to the tampering, drugging, and misrepresentation of animals.
3. The Boulder County Fair and 4-H program adheres to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Each Livestock exhibitor indicates by turning in entries that they have read the code and will abide by these guidelines.

IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote 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:

- a. 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.
- b. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- c. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- d. 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 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, 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.

- e. 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, conformation, 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.
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. 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 individual to disciplinary action.
- i. 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 he or she was instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- j. 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.

- k. 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.

4. **The superintendent of each department and the official animal rights spokesperson for the fair, if in agreement, have the authority to disqualify exhibitors for inhumane treatment of animals at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF).**
5. Inhumane Treatment of Animals. Abuse of animal(s) in any form will not be allowed. No electric prods will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.
6. Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. Prohibited Substance and/or Unethical Fitting defined as: The injection of internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of enhancing or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception. Any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of bovine, sheep, or swine carcasses or for deception. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification with no recourse and be subject to other sanctions; and the use of artificial tail head, tail fin, poll, use of hair or hair-like substance, cloth or fiber, ineligible age, illegal substitution of animal(s), violates these rules and will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse. Every participant in consideration of their entry being accepted by BCF specifically represents that no animal entered therein by the participant is misrepresented in any way, except for trimming feet or blocking of hair. Every participant agrees to submit the entry for any inspection deemed appropriate by BCF, and further specifically agrees that the conclusion reached by BCF as to whether such animal(s) is in violation of prohibited substance and/or unethical fitting practice shall be final and conclusive without recourse against BCF. Every participant, by entering the animals for exhibition, thereby releases BCF from all claims or demands whatsoever arising from any cause or happening in connection with the inspection of any such animal(s) or any ruling or action taken by reason of the conclusion by BCF under terms of this rule.

7. Consequences for Alteration of Conformation and Structure by Prohibited Substance or Unethical Fitting. In the event any such animal(s) is declared to be in violation of prohibited substance or unethical fitting as aforesaid, BCF may disqualify and impose such penalties in addition to those other penalties prescribed by law.
 - a. Permanently bar such animal(s) from competition at the BCF;
 - b. May bar the participant from entering such animal(s), the participant's family representative or agents or any or all of them from any further participation in the BCF;
 - c. Submit name and address of participant and action taken against participant to other cooperating Livestock Exhibitions, Shows and Sales affecting eligibility;
 - d. Release to the media such actions;
 - e. In the event any award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) shall have been awarded by BCF Sponsor(s) to animal(s) exhibited in violation of these rules, the participant of such animal(s) will, upon demand of BCF, immediately return to BCF all award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s) and/or trophy(s) awarded to such disqualified animal(s);
 - f. Participant will be liable to BCF and shall indemnify and hold BCF harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing. BCF management labor and expense(s), consultant legal and court cost(s) incurred as a result of violations of BCF rules and regulations.
8. Conduct. Any false representation, interference, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any participant will be dealt with by BCF according to the equities of the case. If any participant interferes in any way with the judges or shows disrespect to them, or to the show, the BCF may withhold from such participant any premium monies that may have been awarded or take any other steps deemed desirable.
9. Prohibited Substance, Drug Testing, Sabotage, Tampering, Inhumane Treatment. BCF reserves the right to question the alteration of any animal's physical or physiological structure. As a condition of participation in the BCF, participant agrees to submit to BCF, at their discretion, any animal so entered for immediate testing. Test(s) may include, but not be limited to blood, tissue, and urine. Participant(s) further agree that the conclusions reached by BCF shall be final, without recourse against BCF.
10. Lesions, Fungus, and Disease. Any animal that exhibits visible signs of dermatitis, lesions, and/or fungus (ringworm), will immediately be removed from BCF grounds.

FITTING AND GROOMING OF ANIMALS

1. Junior Livestock entries must be cared for by the Junior Exhibitors of this show. Junior exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. Junior exhibitors may receive mentoring and assistance, providing they are in attendance and participating at all times when assistance is given.
2. Exhibitor Statement: "The superintendents ask for your cooperation in minimizing the use of adult assistance in preparing animals for show at the fair. We understand the younger exhibitors will probably need some assistance. Helping an exhibitor in such a way that he/she is learning the techniques of properly preparing an exhibit is an important part of the total project experience. When an adult lends this assistance to the process, then it becomes a contest among adults, and we

have lost the teaching and learning aspect of junior exhibits. Since this is a Junior Show, the goal of the superintendents is to direct the fair in such a way that it is a positive learning experience for our young exhibitors.”

3. Boulder County requires that only Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA members enrolled in the Boulder County 4-H & FFA programs can help each other. In addition, their own immediate parents, stepparents, brothers, sisters or half-brothers or half-sisters, or legal guardian, living under the same roof, may assist the Boulder County 4-H or FFA youth with fitting, caring for and/or handling junior livestock that is deemed necessary by the head superintendent of that species. Superintendents have the responsibility to determine that said help and/or assistance is educational/demonstrational and youth is present if and when the adult is assisting with the livestock exhibit.
4. The species superintendent has the right to disqualify a junior exhibitor for infraction and abuse of this rule. Any exception/modification to this rule must be approved by the species superintendent ahead of time.
5. Should multiple exhibit and/or multiple specie conflicts occur, prohibiting the Junior Exhibitor from being present for a period of time, it is the responsibility of the Junior Exhibitor to notify the 4-H Staff or the Superintendent of the conflict, prior to the occurrence.
6. Failure to follow fitting rules may result in ineligibility to show or sale livestock at the Boulder County Fair.
7. Warnings. Under Colorado Law, it is a crime to sabotage or tamper with, administer growth stimulation drug(s) to substitute unauthorized animal(s) for exhibition livestock, pursuant to Section 18-9-207, Colorado Revised Statutes. Penalties include up to eighteen (18) months in prison or a fine up to one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars and the name and photograph of any convicted person(s) to be made available for publication in newspapers and trade journals. Under Colorado Law, a llama professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in llama activities resulting from the inherent risks of llama activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado Horse Statutes.
8. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through sale or sales connected with the Boulder County Fair, said show and the Boulder County Fair Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee will not be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.
9. The Boulder County Fair and Boulder County Quality Animal Program endorse and support the USDA Wholesome Meat Act, the Meat Quality Assurance Program and insist exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animals (beef, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine) must certify their compliance with manufacturer’s pre-market withdrawal periods specified for all medications, drugs, pesticides, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited.
10. **A completed and signed Certificate of Statement of Disclosure (USDA Wholesome Meat Act form) will be required at the time of weigh-in at the Fair.** The certificate must be signed by a parent, junior exhibitor and the Boulder County 4-H/ St Vrain Valley FFA leader and must be turned in to the Superintendent at the time of weigh-in. No junior market animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out and signed. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue or carcasses of animals at time of or following slaughter, or if there is any evidence of tampering, the exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price.

11. **If a carcass is condemned for any reason, including illicit drug use and/or non-compliance of drug withdrawal times, the exhibitor will receive no payment.** The Boulder County Fair also endorses and supports the use of sound management practices in the care and feeding of all project animals. All exhibitors of Dairy, Dairy Goat, Sheep, Beef, Swine, Poultry, Cavy, and Rabbit project animals must submit a “Certification and Statement of Disclosure” form at time of weigh in. A complete copy of the “Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance” program is available from the Extension Office.

FEED AND CARE:

1. All Junior exhibitors in whose name the entered animal is owned, and entry accepted and acknowledged, are responsible for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s).
2. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed, feeding equipment, and bedding and must care for their own animals and exhibits. Water hoses will not be furnished at the wash racks. Exhibitors are asked to bring their own hoses.
3. Stalls and alleyways must be always kept clean. Stalls and pens must be cleaned each day and all refuse matter disposed of properly – as directed by one of the Livestock Team members.
4. Exhibitors must feed, water and bed, and otherwise care for the entries during the Fair. Exhibitors are expected to help keep exhibit areas, grooming areas, and barn perimeters clean and attractive. All animals and other exhibits should be always kept clean and in a presentable condition. The Head Superintendent for each Livestock Department and the 4-H Livestock Extension Agent reserve the right to feed and water neglected animals. Any animal found in neglect of feed, water, and/or care may be dismissed from the grounds and the exhibitor may be scratched in all entered classes with all premiums and awards forfeited.
5. Failure to observe feed and care rules may result in forfeiting premium money, immediate dismissal from the Fair, and may result in ineligibility to show the following year.
6. Barn A & B pen areas will be closed daily, to the public and exhibitors, from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Barn A building will also be closed from 9 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. This is being done for the safety, and welfare of the livestock, and exhibitors while at the fair.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

1. All animals to show or exhibit must be present at their appropriate animal health inspection times (if provided by that department) before being allowed into barns or stalls/pens. See individual departments for Animal Health Inspection time. **There is no charge for animal health inspections.**
2. Any livestock originating from a premise under quarantine for any disease will be barred from entry.
3. All exhibitors who have entered any of the Jr. Livestock shows agree to submit their animal for exam and/or testing that is deemed appropriate by the Boulder County Fair officials, Extension Agents, or State Animal Health Officials.
4. Random exams, testing, and sampling may be done at any time, providing it does not interfere with a livestock show for that particular animal in which the exhibitor has made entry. Owners will be informed prior to any exams, tests, or sampling that is done.
5. Veterinarians will inspect Junior Livestock entries at animal health inspections and monitor the general health of animals daily during the fair for visible signs of infection or contagious diseases. Entries found to be showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease may not be allowed to show and may be sent home. The Fair Veterinarian’s decision will be final. If an animal presents signs of illness after the judging has been completed, the premiums will still be paid and awarded.
6. The superintendent in charge has the right to call for the services of a veterinarian in the treatment

of a sick animal if the exhibitor is not available. **Any veterinary fees are the responsibility of the exhibitor.**

7. Only a licensed practicing veterinarian, with a livestock superintendent or owner/exhibitor present, may administer antibiotics and or sulfonamides to any animal, including tubing an animal for bloating, while it is on the fairground's property.
8. Veterinarian Needs: The exhibitor should contact their own veterinarian should the need arise.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

1. Meat Quality Assurance Training - Each exhibitor entering a livestock project (excluding horse, cat, cavy, and dog) is required to complete training and be in compliance of the Colorado State University Youth Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program, as conducted by Extension or Agricultural Education Instructors.
 - a. Junior exhibitors must complete MQA training prior to the first time they exhibit a livestock project and repeat the training the year following their 14th birthday. Check with the Extension Office for MQA training dates and locations.
 - b. **A parent/guardian signature is required on the acceptance form that is completed at the beginning of the training and a completed test sheet must be turned in at the end.**
 - c. Deadline for taking the MQA program is 45 days prior to the first day of the Boulder County Fair.
 - d. Failure to complete this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
2. Record Books - **All members who exhibit animal projects (dog, horse, and livestock) at the Boulder County Fair or State or National Shows (Ex: Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show, etc.) must turn in a completed record book for that species to be eligible to exhibit that species in next year's fair. Completed 4-H record books for each species and project exhibited must be submitted to the Boulder County Extension Office no later than the second Thursday in September and completed FFA record books must be submitted to the FFA Advisor by the last Friday in September.**
 - a. Final 4-H record books will need to be in a prong-like record book cover. No three-ring binders. 4-H branded record book covers are available at the Extension Office while supplies last. Prong-like binders can be purchased at any office store as well.
 - b. If a member is ineligible to show a species in one organization (4-H or FFA), they are ineligible to show the species in another organization (4-H or FFA.)
3. Premise Identification - All entrants for livestock exhibited in 4- H/FFA breed or market competitions, including horses, shall provide a premises registration number. Rabbit, Cavy, and dog entrants are excluded.

Premises ID is one component of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). For NAIS's purposes, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock and poultry are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is critical to rapid detection and evaluation of the scope of animal disease outbreaks and in improving emergency response efficiency. A Premises ID is not the same as a Scrapie ID (there is no ear tag associated with Premises ID). A Premises ID is always seven digits made up of both numbers and letters. If your 4-H project animal is housed/boarded somewhere other than your property, the Premises ID would need to be obtained from/through the landowner where your animals are housed. It is simple and free to

obtain a Premises ID. You can register online at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/traceability> or call 1-303-869-9130

4. Final decision for eligibility will be determined by the Boulder County 4-H Extension Agent and the St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley FFA Advisor.

ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

1. Ownership - All livestock entries must be the property of the eligible exhibitor. Each exhibitor must have valid written evidence of his or her ownership indicating sole ownership prior to the species identification date, which shall include brand inspection, bill of sale, affidavit, registration certificate or other written proof satisfactory to the superintendent. All papers must be available for inspection. Ownership of the animals must be established before animal is nominated and tagged.
 - a. Ownership deadline for all species is the last Thursday in April except for market beef, market goat, poultry, rabbit, market sheep and market swine, which must be owned by the species designated county market nomination (ID) date. Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates. ~~When an animal is born after the last Thursday in April, the mother must be owned by the last Thursday in April, unless other department rules are designated.~~ For kid goats born after the last Thursday in April, please see the department rules for the member and animal eligibility that is an exception to the above ownership deadline.
 - b. Non-Market animals (Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef, Dog, Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dairy Goats, Breeding Goats, Utility Goats, Breeding Sheep, Cavy and Rabbits) entered in the Boulder County Fair must have been previously identified by the last Thursday in April of the current year using the species Animal Identification Process and uploaded on 4-HOnline enrollment or through their FFA advisor. This form must be on file at the Boulder County Extension Office by the posted deadlines each year (last Thursday in April). By submitting this form, the member is declaring they have ownership of the animal and are providing primary care of their project or is an official Lease-An-Animal 4-H project. (Excludes Poultry)
 - c. All animals will be listed and registered to a specific exhibitor. Siblings must specify ownership of specific animals. For example, steer 101 cannot be listed as John's steer and later transferred to his sister, Mary. No changes will be allowed in ownership after the nomination date.
 - d. Lease-An-Animal (LAA) participants, who have a valid, signed lease an animal agreement accepted and filed in the Extension Office, are exempt from all ownership rules. All LAA entries must be leased, as designated on lease an animal agreement, and shown by the eligible exhibitor.
 - e. Inspection - At any time during the project year, each exhibitor, including catch-a-calf participants, agrees to provide for inspection by the Fair Board, or its designated representative, his or her exhibits and evidence of ownership and location.
 - f. The act of entering an animal in the County Fair is the giving consent by the Junior Exhibitor for show management to obtain retinal images on any animal, at any time, and for any reason during Fair and Fair management may take action deemed appropriate based on the results of the retinal images.
2. Animal Death/Quarantine Hardship Rule - Hardship allowances for project animal death or quarantine are at the discretion of the Superintendent and must be cleared by the Extension Agent/FFA Advisor and may not be the same for every department. See Department Superintendent if animal death occurs.

- a. Hardship is limited to showmanship classes only.
 - b. Exhibitor must provide proof of death/quarantine and may only show another exhibitor's eligible project animal.
 - c. Members will be eligible for Round Robin qualification and participation.
3. Animal Care and Housing Forms - All animal exhibitors (livestock, horse, and dog) are required to fill out and turn in, with proper signatures, an Animal Care and Housing Form for all animal projects in which they are enrolled. If individuals keep their animals at their home, this information is completed in 4-H Online when you enroll. For those animals not kept at home, a hard copy form must be completed. **Forms are due to the Extension Office no later than the first Friday in May.** Failure to complete and comply with this requirement will exclude the project member from showing and/or selling at the Boulder County Fair.
 4. Market Livestock Nomination - Each market animal must be identified by ear tag and retinal scan (beef, market dairy cattle, goat, sheep); ear tag, ear notches (swine); leg band (poultry); or tattoo and hair sample (rabbit). Check with the Extension Office for nomination dates.
 - a. There are no make-up dates for market livestock nominations. Exhibitors may make arrangements for another family to bring your animals.
 - b. Animals missing ear tags will be retagged upon arrival at the Boulder County Fair. Other forms of identification on file (i.e. retinal scan, ear notches, hair DNA, sex, breed, etc.) will be used to verify the animal identity prior to exhibiting.
 5. USDA Wholesome Meat Act - The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Boulder County Fair as follows:
 - a. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
 - b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
 - c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
 - d. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.
 6. Participants in the Pee Wee showmanship in the different livestock departments are to utilize 4-H/FFA animals that are already on the grounds. No outside animals will be allowed.

ENTRIES

1. All entries close the date published under the General Exhibitor Rules. Appropriate on-line forms-by this published deadline.
2. See the Department 100, Junior Horse show for entry deadlines and guidelines.
3. No livestock will be permitted to return to stock trailers, trucks, or parking areas following check-in. Horses and dogs are excluded.
4. Stalls/pens may be assigned by the superintendent. Check with department superintendent for further information as we get closer to the show date.
5. Substitutions - In the event a member's project animal dies or is injured, substitutions are allowed only with animals that were previously identified by the member during each species nomination/identification period.

EXHIBITING

1. All exhibitors, by making entry to the Boulder County Fair Junior Livestock shows, agree to abide by the Boulder County Fair General Rules, 4-H/FFA General Rules, the rules of each department(s) entered and the code of conduct of 4-H and FFA.
2. Exhibitors must also follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code while exhibiting and representing 4-H with their projects. FFA members also must follow the Colorado 4-H Dress Code unless wearing official dress. For guidelines see: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/dress-code.pdf>.
3. Animals not entered in regularly scheduled classes will not be permitted on the grounds.
4. Underweight/Overweight Animals - Overweight animals will be shown in Overweight classes. Underweight animals will be shown in underweight classes. Underweight and overweight animals are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion classes or for the Junior Livestock Sale but may be used in showmanship classes. See species department for weight limits and if overweight/underweight classes are available.
5. Class Calls - All exhibitors will be given three (3) calls prior to the start of each class. The class will commence when the ring steward signals the judge, and no additional exhibitors will be admitted. Failure to show animals when class is called will not justify a class recall.
6. Own Animals- Exhibitors must show their own animals. Exceptions may occur when there are conflicting classes, multiple animals in a class, or hardship cases approved by the superintendent.
7. Conflicting Classes - If an exhibitor is needed in two different livestock show rings, the exhibitor must notify both superintendents to work out scheduling. Superintendents will try to adjust judging schedule to accommodate but will not hold the show for an exhibitor.
8. Control of Animal - Any livestock deemed uncontrollable by the superintendent will be excused from the show ring or the fairgrounds depending on the severity of the situation.
 - a. All exhibitors must control and show their own animal.
 - b. In the event an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, another Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member may show it for them.
 - c. In the event, a younger Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member feels uncomfortable showing their animal they may have an older Boulder County 4-H or St. Vrain Valley/Boulder Valley FFA member assist them.
9. Combining/Splitting Classes - It is not the intention of the Boulder County Fair to create classes for each individual animal. A class should have at least three entries to make up a competitive class. When there are less than three entries in a class, the superintendent may allow individual entries to be judged or may combine classes at his/her discretion. Large classes may also be split into smaller classes.
10. Champion/Reserve Champion Selection - All animals that are breed, weight, age or class champions or reserve champions must return to show ring and be judged in the picking of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion. Failure to do so results in all premium money and prizes being forfeited along with the right to sell any animal in the Junior Market Livestock Sale.
11. Awards & Premiums - Ribbons and premiums will be given to winners in each class as awarded. No awards will be made to an unworthy animal or other exhibit. If classes are not filled, placing will be made according to the merits of the entries as the judge sees it. Trophies may be awarded based on availability. The decisions of the judge shall be final.

12. Animal Disqualified - Should any animal awarded a cash prize be disqualified, the animals gaining the lower prize shall graduate up into the higher positions next in order above them, if, in the opinion of the judge, these animals are worthy of such prizes. If the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion animal(s) are disqualified, no further advancement or replacement of animal(s) will be made. All award(s), banner(s), premium(s), prize(s), ribbon(s), and/or trophy(s) will be forfeit and returned.
13. Premiums - payouts will be awarded as follows unless stated otherwise in a specific department. Additional awards and premiums may be given as sponsorship and donations are available at time of judging.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

OUT-OF-COUNTY FAIRS, SHOWS, AND EXHIBITIONS ENTRIES:

1. Members planning on exhibiting animals at any national or regional shows such as the Colorado State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, American Royal, National Western Stock Show, or any others, must know and adhere to the entry deadlines for those individual shows, fairs, or exhibitions.
2. Each fair, show or exhibition has specific nomination, entry forms deadlines, and specific requirements for that event. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to find out these specific dates and requirements.
3. If the out-of-county fair, show or exhibition, (i.e. Colorado State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben) require a Boulder County Fair livestock ear tag, you must complete the Boulder County Fair tag-in process for that species of animal on the set animal nomination date.
4. 4-H/FFA Members will need to collect the DNA samples prior to the nomination date of the out-of-county fair and submit the DNA samples by the species deadline set by that show.
5. No animal sold in the Boulder County Fair Jr. Market Sale is eligible to enter or compete at the Colorado State Fair.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Chairman: Aaron Andersen

Vice-Chairman: Laura Meyers

Secretary: Brittney Roebuck; Shelley Donahue; Jessica Whitmore

Treasurer: Aaron Richmond

Extension Consultant: Brenda Kwang

The Junior Livestock Sale will be held in the Indoor Arena, Saturday, August 9, 2025, starting at 1:00 p.m., following the Buyer's Lunch Event.

General Sale order:

- All Champions and Reserve Champions of all species will start the sale.
- Rabbits, Lambs, Turkeys, Beef, Poultry, Swine, Dairy and Goats will sell. Following the sale of all champion and reserves the Sale order within the species will be random and chosen through the species superintendents selection.

Sale Limit: The Sale committee reserves the right to limit livestock numbers for the sale.

- Up to 10 lots of meat pens of rabbits and 10 pens lots of poultry would be allowed. This would be 8 pens lots plus the Grand Champions & Reserve Grand Champions. (Lots may be meat pens of three or the individual market animal, however the class is determined in the species department.)
- **Exception Sale Qty:** An exhibitor may sell only one animal in the sale, with the exception that all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be sold.
- An exception to that would be exhibitors with the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit, Poultry and Turkey. Those individuals have the option of selling a beef, dairy, lamb, hog, or goat in addition to their Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Rabbit, Poultry, or Turkey.

Marketing: The entering, marketing, presentation, and sale of all entries in the Boulder County Livestock Sale will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Under no circumstances will the management of the Boulder County Fair, the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, the Boulder County Extension Office, or any individual assisting with the fair be held responsible for the marketing of the animals.

SALE REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Tag-In:** All market animals & MDAP must be tagged on spring tagging dates.
 - **Inspection Papers:** All market beef & dairy members must bring original brand inspection papers to the fair for Brand Inspector's use.
 - **Dairy DHR:** If the heifer is registered, the current owner (exhibitor) will also need the registration paper and the transfer documents signed and ready for buyer. All papers must accompany the heifer at the sale along with brand paper.
 - **Ewe Lambs & Does:** Must have a Scrapie flock ID tag present for sale.

- **Male market animals:** Must be castrated or banded prior to the first weigh-in date in the spring. Owners will refund the sale money to the buyer if their animals are found to have testicles in the body cavity at the time of processing. Poultry market chickens, market turkeys, and rabbits are exempt from this requirement for health and safety reasons.
2. Livestock sold in the sale must have been shown in their respective market animal class or DHR & DSP (Dairy Heifer Replacement & Market Dairy Animal Project) class at that Boulder County Fair's 4-H/FFA livestock show.
 3. **Attendance:** The exhibitor must be present in the sale ring at the time the animal is to be sold.
 4. **Required Form:** The USDA Wholesome Meat Act (certification and disclosure) form and the Jr. Livestock Sale Intent form are merged into 1 form. This form is used to create the "sale order".
 - **Deadline:** The form is due back to each respective Livestock Superintendent. Each Livestock Superintendent will determine the time and details of the form deadline (normally immediately after the market show for that species).
 - Failure to submit this form on time will result in the exhibitor not eligible to sell the animal through the sale.
 - Take a photo of the form for your records.
 - All Wholesome Meat Assurance Act rules and regulations must be adhered to. See Jr. Exhibitor Livestock and Animal General rules under USDA Wholesome Meat Act.
 - It is the exhibitor and Superintendent's responsibility to coordinate and submit the "sale of intent" form to the designated livestock sale committee member after the final market show for that species.
 - **Multiple Species:** When an exhibitor is showing multiple species, the exhibitor will complete a form for each species. Immediately following the exhibitors' FINAL COMPETITION, the exhibitor with the Superintendent(s) will identify the species to be sold.
 5. **Forfeit Sale Privilege:** Any exhibitor withdrawing an animal from sale after being designated on the sale intent form will forfeit sale privileges for the following year.
 6. **Fees:** There will be up to 5% commission deducted for operating expenses on all sale proceeds (**includes all add ons, and sale prices**).
Additional fees:
 - **Check-Off:** Pork check-off fee (National Pork Board), Beef/Dairy check-off fee & brand inspection, Lamb check-off fee (American Lamb Board).
 - **Photo & Fee:** Photos of the sale animal with the exhibitor are required for the sale. The fee for pictures will be deducted from the check (Two 4" x 6" photos). Additional pictures may be ordered privately.
 - Only add-ons that are paid in full will be included in the exhibitors' check.
 - An exhibitor "buyback" financial transaction will be applied and deducted on the exhibitors' check (no invoicing).
 7. **Photo Dress Requirement:** The appointed Photographer must take a photo of the sale animal with the exhibitor dressed in showmanship attire during their species' designated time and no later than Friday A.M.
 8. **Animal Sale Ring Presentation:** Any non-show material(s) on animals not allowed in the show ring are not allowed in the sale ring, e.g., glitter or decorations on all species. Show awards for the current year BOULDER COUNTY FAIR are allowed in the sale ring, e.g., ribbons and banners.

9. **State Fair:** No animal sold in the Boulder County Fair Junior livestock market sale is eligible for any market classes at the Colorado State Fair
10. **Buyer and Sponsor “Thank You” Process:**
 - **Fair Entry:** The Livestock Sale Committee utilizes the exhibitor’s information in **FAIR ENTRY** for contacting, printing, and sending the sale check. **FFA & 4-H exhibitors must enter a current email address, telephone number, and home address.**
 - 10 working days post sale an email will be sent to the address in Fair Entry from the Jr Livestock Sale Committee email address. This email contains a listing of all buyers and add-on sponsors: names, business, business contact (if applicable).
 - The exhibitor is to deliver the thank you notes for all buyers and sponsors (add-on) to the **Boulder County Extension Office** in pre-addressed and stamped envelopes.
 - **Due Date & Lateness:** Failure of an exhibitor to submit a hand-delivered thank you letter to the Boulder County Extension Office by the **second Thursday in September** will result in a \$100.00 fee being deducted from the exhibitor’s check.
 - Upon receipt of your complete thank you listing, you will then be eligible to receive your check **when we have collected buyer and sponsor money.**

ANIMAL QUALITY:

1. All animals that meet sale quality regulations are eligible to sell in the sale.
2. **Inspection:** All animals will be inspected by the respective Livestock Superintendent for that department and a sale committee member who is not associated with that species to guarantee quality is adequate; the Sale Committee reserves the right not to allow that animal to sell.
3. **Drug Testing:** If drug testing is ordered by a regulatory agency, an additional fee will be assessed to the exhibitor, if the test is positive. Fee costs will then be paid directly by the exhibitor or deducted from the Junior Market Livestock Sale check if sufficient funds exist.

POST-SALE:

1. **Sale Marking:** The Boulder County Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee reserves the right to mark animals before or after the sale in any manner they desire. Animals entered in this sale will be clearly marked to indicate they have been shown and sold at the 2025 Boulder County Fair.
2. **Care:** 4-H and FFA exhibitors or a family member must remain at fairgrounds until all exhibitors’ animals are loaded to leave the fairgrounds, unless otherwise directed by the Sale Committee. This is to include animals not in the sale leaving for packing plants on alternative transportation not provided by animal owner.
3. **Check Out:** No sale animals will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds without a proper checkout with the species sale committee designee and/or Superintendent.