



2023

Douglas County Fair and Rodeo

Junior Exhibitor

Packet

Quick Reference Guide

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WELCOME to the Fair! This Exhibitor Packet is a quick reference only. Please refer to the official documents, such as the Competition Rules, Schedule, etc., for complete information and rules for the 2023 Fair.

We are glad you have decided to participate with your 4-H project at the 2023 Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. This packet is provided for a quick reference for a few details about exhibiting at the Fair. For more details, please visit the Fair Website at: www.FairAndRodeoFun.com or ask a Fair Board Director, Extension Staff, or Fairgrounds Staff member. Have a Great Fair!

4-H FAMILY WRISTBANDS AND FAIR ENTRY

Junior Division Exhibitors will use their 4-H wristbands to enter the Fairgrounds free of cost on Friday, August 4, Saturday, August 5, and Sunday, August 6. Immediate family members attending the Fair with a Junior Division Exhibitor can purchase a family wristband for \$5/each from the Fair Office in the Events Center starting Monday, July 3, 2023. Wristbands will be available for purchase at the Fair Office between July 10 and July 27 and at Kirk Hall on Workday, Friday, July 28, 2023. Any Junior Division Exhibitor who could not get their wristband or lost their wristband may purchase a family wristband. No wristbands will be sold after this time, and regular gate admission will apply.

CAMPING

The purpose of the camping spaces is to allow those Junior Division Exhibitors with livestock and Superintendents helping with livestock to be able to stay close to the animals and have access to care for them. 4-H camping is located inside the Fairgrounds near the Pavilion. All campers must abide by the 2023 Camping Rules, and all trailers must have current and valid registration.

All 2023 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo camping spots have been filled. If you would like to be placed on the waitlist or if you have any questions, please get in touch with our office at Fair@douglas.co.us or call 720-733-6900.

PHOTOS

As a separate entity from the Douglas County 4-H Department, Douglas County Fair & Rodeo may take photos. These photos shall be the property of Douglas County and may be used by Douglas County Fair Management for educational or promotional materials.

CAMERAS

The Douglas County Fairgrounds have cameras placed throughout the grounds, parking lots, and some barns. These cameras are used all year long to monitor all events. The purpose of the cameras is for security and safety. This equipment may or may not be monitored at any time. All areas being monitored are considered public areas. Cameras are not installed in “private” areas such as bathrooms, locker rooms, or changing areas.

4-H EXHIBIT DAY – JULY 22, 2023 – WHAT TO EXPECT FOR 4-H MEMBERS

- Project Only: If exhibitors are planning on a project only (which is no interview), drop off for the project and record book is July 21, 2023, 12:00 PM (noon) - 6:00 PM. This drop-off will be at the Event Center on the Douglas County Fairgrounds. No exceptions. Projects without interviews will only be accepted for competition on July 21.
- Please arrive at the Events Center 15 minutes before your scheduled interview time
 - Check in at the registration table located inside the Events Center.
 - Your name will be checked off the list for each project, and you will be provided a sticker for your project and one for your record book.

- Please wait in this area and listen carefully for your name to be called by our volunteer youth runners. They will call your name when the judge is ready for your interview.
- When your name is called, take your project/record book, and follow the runner to your scheduled judge for completion of the interview.
- The judge will ask you questions about your project and 4-H year. This should be a pleasant conversation in which they may learn more about your project.
- You will leave your project and book with the judge to evaluate against the score sheet.
- Please sit in the waiting area and wait for your next project interview.
- Results of the judging will be available for viewing when the Events Center Opens to the public on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 2:00 pm.
- Remember that the results are the one judge's opinion on that one day. We encourage you to learn from the comments that the judge provides you on that score sheet.
- 4-H Exhibit Day is not open to the public.

LIVESTOCK TACK STALLS

In order to accommodate all members on an equal basis, tack stall assignments will be made as follows:

- You may sign up for stalls on a first-come, first-served basis after all barns and areas are set up on Friday, July 28. Hayden Schmidt will assign Large Animal Barn stalls for tack purposes only.
- Once all tack stalls are assigned, we will create a waiting list. No tack stalls are guaranteed.
- After Friday, July 28, any of the Beef Superintendents can assist with tack stall assignments.
- We encourage clubs and families to share stalls as space is limited.
- The tack stall map and name cards will be available on Friday, July 28, and members are expected to respect their assignment and not change stalls.
- Tack stalls and all contents are subject to search by security personnel.
- All tack stalls must be cleaned out at the end of the Fair, or privileges may be lost for future years.
- Junior Division Exhibitors are encouraged to check with Superintendents after all animals have been checked in to see if additional stalls are available for feed and equipment.

ANIMAL CHECK-IN

Douglas County Fair has implemented a health check practice for the 2023 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo in the hopes of minimizing the potential risk to any of our guests and exhibitors and their animals. These practices are subject to change should other health risks arise.

FACILITY PRACTICES

Fly control is a priority for the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The County contracts with a pest control company to manage pests. Therefore, manure and shavings must be removed immediately following events.

Stalls are disinfected with a 10% bleach solution following show use.

Participants are encouraged to always practice good biosecurity at home and at shows. More information can be found at the Colorado State Veterinarian Web site: <https://www.colorado.gov/aganimals>

JUNIOR DIVISION – FIRST WEEKEND- SATURDAY, JULY 29

DOG SHOW

- Setup
 - Dog Show setup will take place Friday, July 28 at 8:00 a.m. in the Indoor Arena.

- All Junior Division Exhibitors are required to assist with the setup and takedown of the Dog Show arena.
- 4-H Family Parking -Parking is allowed inside the fence on the dirt parking lot – South Side of the Indoor Arena.
- Check-In
 - Doors open at 7:00 a.m.
 - Check-in begins approximately an hour before the show starts. However, ring check-in occurs approximately 20 minutes prior to the scheduled class time, which is subject to change. Exhibitor is responsible for monitoring the status of their class times.
 - The Exhibitor check-in will include an armband, dog examination, and safety review meeting.
- Showmanship/Rally/Obedience
 - The crating area setup for Exhibitors will be in designated areas. No additional dogs may come to the Dog Show, only Exhibitors and their 4-H ID'd dogs will be allowed in the crating area.
 - Show area is defined as the area encompassing the show rings, ring steward tables, waiting area, score tables, warm-up area, or assistant area.
 - A waiting area will be set up outside each ring with chairs for Junior Division Exhibitors to sit with their dogs. The waiting area holds Junior Division Exhibitors assigned to a group for the class active in a specified ring or classes up next in the ring. Group times are subject to change, and each group will be checked in at the beginning of their group time.
 - Exhibitors assigned to group times will not be modified or changed. Each group will include approximately one to ten Junior Division Exhibitors and will be checked in at the beginning of their group time.
 - Only Junior Division Exhibitors along with County Dog Superintendents, Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management, and volunteers approved by County Dog Superintendents are allowed in the show area or in the arena.
 - Walk-throughs will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the pattern at any time other than the official walk-through time unless judge defers otherwise. Typically, Youth will be provided 10 minutes for a walkthrough and 5 minutes to retrieve their dog.
 - Awards will be given throughout the Dog Show with Grand and Reserve Grand awards announced after Dog Show take down.

LLAMA

- All Llamas must arrive between 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 29.
- Llamas will be checked at the trailer at Gate E by Superintendents.
- Llamas will be released Saturday, July 29, by 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

CATS

- 4-H Cats will be checked in between 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 30, in the Multi-Purpose Barn.
- Exhibitors need to bring current proof of vaccinations. Superintendents will ensure the animal's general health according to the Junior Division Competition Rules.
- Cats will be released after the show is over.

4-H HORSE PARTICIPANTS

All equine participants will be required to follow the Colorado State Veterinary guidelines. Please check their website for current guidelines: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/import-requirements>. When entering at Gate E, you will need to complete a health declaration form before entering the Fairgrounds. If exhibitors remove their horse from the grounds, they will be required to present any necessary forms before re-entry. Re-entry will

only be allowed during designated check in times listed below with the exception of horses returning for participation in the Junior Division Master Showmanship competition on Friday, August 4.

HORSE SHOW

- The Horse Show is on Sunday, July 30, and Monday, July 31.
- Horses will be granted entrance to the grounds during designated check-in times each day:
 - Sunday, July 30, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - Monday, July 31, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Stalls are available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Outdoor Barns (Brown and Green).
- You are responsible for providing shavings and cleaning your stall at the show's end.
- Participant back numbers will be available for pickup at the Horse Show Office.

One copy of the 4-H Horse Show patterns will be provided at the show per Participant.

MONDAY, JULY 31

POULTRY SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP

- Show birds will be limited to one entry per exhibitor.
- Check-in will begin at 6:00 a.m.
- Health checks will be conducted by Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent in Exhibitor vehicles prior to birds entering the barn.
- Once checked, birds will be allowed in the barn to be placed in cages. Water dishes will be provided.
- Cages will already be assigned, so look for your name.
- After all birds have been checked in, shows will begin.
- Only the Junior Division Exhibitor, close family members, judges, and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management will be allowed in the barn.
- All Junior Division Exhibitors and their families will sign a waiver when animals come on to the Fairgrounds stating that they understand the risk of bringing their animals to the grounds.
- When entering the barn, hands must be washed, and disposal shoe coverings and gloves must be worn and then discarded when leaving the barn.
- After all shows and judging has concluded, birds will be released to quarantine for the recommended 14 days (from the Colorado Department of Agriculture) away from the rest of the flock.

JUNIOR DIVISION LIVESTOCK – TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 (BEEF, GOATS, RABBITS, SHEEP, SWINE)

- Livestock check-in will be from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Initial health checks will be conducted by Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent in the upper parking lot prior to livestock entering through Gate E (Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats).
- Animals with a 30-day or less OCVI (not required) must present certification papers to the superintendent for verification. The superintendent will determine if any additional inspection is necessary.
- Exhibitors must complete a Health Declaration Form, provided at checkpoint, to be presented at Gate E for admittance. This form must be signed off by the inspection Superintendent.
- Once checked, trailers will proceed through Gate E. Animals and equipment will be unloaded in the appropriate barn.
- Stalls will already be assigned, so look for your name.
- Members must provide their own bedding, feeders, waterers, etc. See Junior Division Competition Rules for specifics on what is allowed.
- When the weigh-in times are scheduled, members will halter their animals and take them to the scale house to the weighed.
- Members will have a choice of having one animal ultrasounded for the Ultrasound contest. Fair Management needs to know which animal has been chosen for the Ultrasound contest before taking it across the scale. The Fair Board will pay for one animal. If a member would like to ultrasound more than

one animal, they can do so for \$15 per head for beef and \$5 per head for all other species. This must be done by providing the correct change (cash only) and identifying this animal before going across the scale.

NON-MARKET (DAIRY/PYGMY/FIBER GOATS)

- A Superintendent will check animals for specific breed and age classifications once animals are stalled.

RABBITS

- Rabbits will be checked in by the Superintendent and Assistants between 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Exhibitors must bring their own carriers, which must have a solid bottom and be leakproof.
- Each Rabbit will have its health checked by the Rabbit Superintendent prior to being allowed to be placed in its cage.
- Proof of RHDV2 vaccination must be provided.
- Cages will be furnished for Market Rabbits only.
- Cages are pre-assigned. There will be a coop card on the cage, with your name and your rabbit's breed and class for Market Rabbits only.
- Members are to provide their own feed and water dishes. Please see the Junior Division Competition Rules for specifics on what is allowed. For Market Rabbits only.
- Members will complete a Declaration of Animal Health Form, provided at the check-in table, for each Rabbit.
- If a terminal show is not required, Market Rabbits will be cared for by the Superintendent and be maintained in the locked barn until the Junior Livestock Sale. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing feed for the remainder of the Fair.
- If a terminal show is necessary, all Market Rabbits will be immediately culled following the show.
- Show rabbits will exhibit first, with Market Rabbits to follow.
- Only the Exhibitor will be allowed to put rabbits in the show coops, remove rabbits from coops, and handle their own rabbits.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

POULTRY MARKET SHOW & SHOWMANSHIP

- Check-in will begin at 6:00 a.m.
- Health checks will be conducted by Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent in Exhibitor vehicles prior to birds entering the barn.
- Once checked, birds will be allowed in the barn to be placed in cages. Water dishes will be provided.
- Cages will already be assigned, so look for your name.
- After all birds have been checked in, shows will begin.
- Only the Junior Division Exhibitor, close family members, judges, and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management will be allowed in the barn.
- All Junior Division Exhibitors and their families will sign a waiver when animals come on to the Fairgrounds stating that they understand the risk of bringing their animals to the grounds.
- When entering the barn, hands must be washed, and disposal shoe coverings and gloves must be worn and then discarded when leaving the barn.
- After the Livestock Sale list has been finalized on Friday, August 4, birds that did not make the sale will be released to quarantine for the recommended 14 days (from the Colorado Department of Agriculture) away from the rest of the flock.
- All animals that have made sale will participate in the sale as normal but will be taken to the packing plant first thing Saturday morning.

MANDATORY EXHIBITOR MEETINGS

Exhibitors are required to attend these meetings conducted by the Department Superintendent.

Beef: Tuesday, August 1, at 1:30 p.m., held in the Large Animal Barn.

Dairy/Pygmy/Fiber /Utility Goat: Tuesday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m., held in the Multi-Purpose Barn.

Swine: Tuesday, August 1, at 2:30 p.m., held in the Pavilion.

Sheep: Tuesday, August 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Market Goat: Tuesday, August 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Barn.

Master Showmanship: Friday, August 4, at 8:00 a.m., held in the Pavilion

Round Robin: Saturday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. or directly after the Grand entry of the Rodeo held in the Pavilion – (Dogs & Llamas need to be present)

MANDATORY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE MEETING

Friday, August 5, 5:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena

This is a MANDATORY Pre-Sale Meeting for all Junior Division Exhibitors electing to participate in the Livestock Sale. Exhibitors with qualifying animal(s) that have been selected for the Sale must attend.

Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Junior Division Exhibitors who do not attend this meeting will be disqualified from the Sale and may be subject to discipline as set forth in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules.

LIVESTOCK SALE BBQ

The Douglas County Fair Livestock Sale Committee would like to share the purpose of the Livestock Sale BBQ is a way to honor and thank those who are Buyers. The Sale Committee encourages Exhibitors, Parents, and Volunteers to find alternatives for dinner that evening. Only Livestock Sale Buyers are invited to the BBQ served in the Pavilion. This will allow the rising costs of providing the meal to be kept at a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

DOG AGILITY TRIAL – SATURDAY, JULY 5

- **Setup**
 - Dog Agility setup will occur Friday, August 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena.
 - All Junior Division Exhibitors are required to assist with the setup and takedown of the Dog Agility Trial arena.
 - 4-H Family Parking -Parking allowed inside the fence on the dirt parking lot – South Side of the Indoor Arena.

- **Check-In**
 - Doors open at 7:00 a.m.
 - 4-H Dogs will be checked in between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5, in the Indoor Arena.
 - Dogs will be released after the show is over.
 - Exhibitor is responsible for monitoring the status of their class times.
 - The Exhibitor check-in will include an armband, dog examination, and safety review meeting.

- **Agility**
 - The crating area setup for Exhibitors will be in designated areas. No additional dogs may come to the Dog Agility Trial; only Exhibitors and their 4-H dogs will be allowed in the crating area.
 - Show area is defined as the area encompassing the show rings, ring steward tables, waiting area, score tables, warm-up area, or assistant area.
 - Only Junior Division Exhibitors and dogs will be allowed in the Show area along with County Dog Superintendents, Fair Board Directors, Fairgrounds Staff, and volunteers approved by County Dog Superintendents.
 - All Junior Division Exhibitors are required to assist with the takedown of the Dog Agility Trial arena.

- Walk-throughs will be announced. Youth will not be allowed to walk through the course at any time other than the official walk-through time unless the judge defers otherwise. Typically, Youth will be provided 8 minutes for a walkthrough and 5 minutes to retrieve their dog.
- Awards will be announced after takedown.

GENERAL PROJECTS – EVENTS CENTER

- The Events Center closes at 4:00 p.m. The release of projects to Exhibitors **begins at 5:00 p.m.** on Sunday, August 6.
- Exhibitors and parents must be present at Exhibit Release to sign out their projects. If you cannot be present on August 6, you must have someone else pick it up for you. They must have a note signed by the Exhibitor and parent.
- Exhibitors will line up in the back of the Events Center according to the initial of last name. Runners will deliver record books and projects to Exhibitors.
- Projects that are not picked up on Exhibit Release Day on Sunday, August 6, at 5:00 p.m. will be thrown away.
- **State Fair:** If your project receives a champion ribbon in its class, it has qualified to compete at State Fair. County projects do not go on to State Fair. Your project is due to the Extension Office by Monday, August 14. For your convenience, State Fair Projects may be taken to the 4-H Office on the evening of Sunday, August 6. Exhibits must be dropped off by the Exhibitor and/or parent, and a release must be signed.
- State Fair Food Projects and Cake Decorating Projects must be recreated and are due by Tuesday, August 15, by 12:30 p.m.

PREMIUM MONEY: Premiums (prize money) will be given to Club Leaders after the Fair and distributed to Exhibitors at their club meetings. Cash will be distributed by November 1. Forfeited funds will return to the general fund of the Fair.