

2026 General Rules & Regulations

A. General Rules

1. The NCW Fair Manager and Executive Board are responsible for the general supervision of the entire fairgrounds, exhibit areas and RV Park. This includes, but is not limited to, when the gates, buildings and barns are opened, closed and locked, fairgrounds security, and police protection.
2. Advertising restrictions: No person, unless contracted by the NCW Fair, will be permitted to distribute advertising materials on the fairgrounds, except from their place of business or exhibit space. Tacking or posting of any advertisement, bills, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibits, is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, fliers and heralds is not permitted. Anyone violating this rule is liable to a fine or expulsion from the fairgrounds. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking is prohibited.
3. No exhibit, commercial exhibits or displays shall be removed or disassembled before 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the fair, regardless of weather conditions.
4. LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR THEFT: The owner or custodian of property of any kind brought to the fairgrounds, either for exhibit or other purposes, assumes, as a condition of his admission to the grounds, all risk and responsibility for loss, damage, or theft. The NCW Fair employs guards, traffic directors and other personnel to protect property on the grounds and ensure the safety of people. The Fair Board and Fair Management and employees cannot and will not accept responsibility and liability for any damage or injury resulting from theft, fire, the elements, accidents, or other conditions or causes, whether to exhibit property of concessionaires, vehicles on the grounds and articles therein, or any other property of any nature whatsoever. Exhibitors, concessionaires, and others having property on the grounds should make their own arrangements for guarding and protecting the same.
5. The Management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, show, person, or persons deemed unsuitable to the nature of the Fair or objectionable to the public. Removal will be immediate without the return of money paid for space, stalls, or admission.
6. ACCESS TO CONCESSION - Any official representative of the NCW Fair shall have access to the premises of any exhibitor or concessionaire at all times.
7. Pets are excluded from the Fair. A service animal accompanying a guest that is trained to provide a specific task for the benefit of the guest is allowed entry into the Fair. *All persons with a service animal must apply for and receive a permit from the Fair office before the dog is allowed. A service animal exhibiting disruptive, poor or unsanitary behavior must immediately be removed from the fairgrounds. See F. in Dog Rules.*
8. It shall be the sole right of the Fair Manager to direct and arrange the Race and Rodeo program. The number of Races and Rodeo events to be held during the time scheduled for

the Grandstand Show will be determined daily, to fit the best interests of the show. In case of inclement weather, the Fair Board, Fair Manager and Race & Rodeo Committee will decide if the grandstand show and/or races are postponed or cancelled.

B. Exhibitor Information

2026 Entry Day has changed.

Please check **4-H**, **FFA Grange**, and **Open Class** departments for special times and entry information.

For **FFA**, **Grange**, **4-H** and **Open Class** quilting, sewing, knitting, spinning, crochet, needlework, photography, arts, crafts, canning, and dehydrated foods, as follows:

- **Saturday, August 22**, 9:00 a.m. until noon. Exhibit drop off at Coastal Farm & Ranch in East Wenatchee.
- **Saturday, August 22**, 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Exhibit drop off at Douglas County Fairgrounds in Waterville.

For **FFA**, **Grange**, **4-H** and **Open Class** baking, horticulture, and floriculture, as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 26** from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For all **FFA**, **Grange**, **4-H** and **Open Class** livestock, as follows:

- **Wednesday, August 26** from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

1. All livestock must be pre-registered and exhibitor tickets purchased by July 15. No late entries accepted. Preregistration is required for all Open Class, FFA, 4-H and Grange Youth animals, including poultry, rabbits, cavies, and birds. Preregistration forms are only available on-line at www.ncwfair.org. Tickets can be purchased via mail, phone, or in person at the NCW Fair office at 509-745-8480, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.
2. Exhibitors and workers are expected to purchase Exhibitor or Season tickets and present them at the gates when entering. This is not considered an entry fee, but it is very necessary if the Fair Board is to award premium payments. When you purchase an Exhibitor Ticket, Season Pass or Daily Ticket, it admits you to the fairgrounds and exhibits. Tickets to the Big Bend Roundup Race and Rodeo event and the Friday night concert include admission to the fairgrounds on that day.
3. All exhibitors are required to register and receive their exhibitor number before presenting their exhibits to the department Superintendent. Exhibit Only tickets have no charge, but allow exhibits to be entered on entry day and picked up on Sunday after 6:00 p.m. This ticket cannot be used for entry into the Fair.
4. All fair participants must conduct themselves as responsible citizens. Any misconduct or unlawful acts by NCW Fair participants will not be tolerated. In the event of misconduct, the NCW Fair Board, along with the department Superintendent involved, will rule on the suspension. Persons suspended from the Fair will forfeit all ribbons and premium monies and will immediately leave the fairgrounds. If that person is an exhibitor, their exhibit(s) will be removed.

The NCW Fair Board will set the suspension period during its next regular meeting. An exhibitor who fails or refuses to exhibit an animal or article for any reason, forfeits all fees and premiums and cannot participate in the livestock sale.

5. Every animal or article must be entered for a competition in the name of the owner or maker. Anyone trying to deceive the department superintendent regarding ownership or anyone who purchases articles or borrows them for the purpose of exhibiting will forfeit all claims as exhibitors.
6. No animals can be removed without the approval of the superintendent, Fair Manager or Fair veterinarian.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion given to top blue ribbon entries in Junior, Intermediate, Senior divisions at the discretion of the judge. These will only be awarded when there are five or more entries in a Class. Judges may award a Best Of Show Ribbon to an outstanding still-life exhibit. No extra points will be awarded.
8. All exhibit entries will be judged using the Danish System. 90-100 Blue, 80-89 Red, and 79 or below White ribbons will be given to those exhibits meeting the criteria. A participation ribbon will be given to non-placed exhibits. 4-H Cloverbud exhibits will receive participation ribbons with blue ribbon premium points.
9. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to check specific requirements under each Class and Lot. One entry tag is required for each exhibit.
10. Exhibit tags are available at the NCW Fair Office in Waterville, and the Chelan-Douglas 4-H office in Wenatchee. Each exhibitor will complete exhibit tags (top and bottom) completely. One tag required for each entry or activity.
11. Each exhibitor may enter only one entry in a lot number, except when lot number is qualified by the statement "any variety," in which case an exhibitor may enter as many exhibits in that lot as he or she has varieties, provided that the variety has not been entered under a different lot number.
12. Each entry must have the correct variety and proper quantity listed on the exhibit tag to qualify.

C. Livestock Exhibits

Rules found in this section are general and are not intended to complete or relieve the responsibility of the rules under individual departments or alter the fact that rules governing livestock are to be enforced by the respective Superintendent.

Due to space limitations in the beef barn, if you are registering multiple exhibits of beef, you must contact the Barn Superintendent. If there is inadequate space in the barn to accommodate all registrations, multiple animals may be denied depending upon the capacity of the barn. If exhibit registrations exceed the capacity of the barn, exhibitors from Douglas and Chelan Counties will be given preference. Owners of disallowed animal exhibits will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline for livestock registrations. Decisions made by the Barn Superintendent are final. Due to space limitations in the swine barn, each exhibitor may only register one animal. If there is inadequate space in the barn to accommodate all registrations, exhibitors from Douglas and Chelan Counties will be given preference. Owners of disallowed animal exhibits will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline for livestock registrations. Decisions made by the Barn Superintendent are final.

No refunds will be permitted UNLESS an exhibitor is notified that there is no stall space available for their registered animals. If this occurs, please contact the NCW Fair office at 509-745-8480 for further animal refund instructions.

1. All livestock exhibitors are to comply with and adhere to the provisions required pertaining to Youth for the Quality Care of Animals.

2. The NCW Fair is not responsible for the death, sickness or damage of any animal from any cause in route to the fair, during the fair, in route to slaughter or in route home. The interest of the Fair is for the animals sold through the livestock sale. The Fair is not responsible for the sale of any exhibit, not a recognized function of the NCW Fair. The NCW Fair will not be responsible for values or restitution of a condemned carcass or parts of a carcass. Condemnation of a carcass will be that from inspectors, veterinarians, or written information from the slaughtering plant.
3. The Fair veterinarian will be on the fairgrounds Wednesday, 1:00-8:00 p.m. to visually check all livestock. Livestock may not be brought onto the grounds without this examination. The sole responsibility for admittance of an animal is that of the veterinarian.
4. The veterinarian will be on the grounds at a specified time each day. Veterinarian services personally requested by an exhibitor are at the expense of the exhibitor.
5. If a 4-H, FFA, Grange Youth, or Open Class animal cannot make it through the entry and/or weigh-in process on entry day of the Fair, the exhibitor will not be allowed to go home and bring a second animal to the Fair.
6. Bedding will be furnished for those animals properly entered by an exhibitor, at no cost. At the discretion of the Fair, either straw or shavings will be provided for animal bedding. An animal fee of \$15 will be charged per large animal (beef, swine, sheep, goats, horses) and a \$5 fee per small animal pen (rabbits, poultry, cavy, birds). This fee is paid with the animal pre-registration.
7. Possession dates: February 15 for steers; May 15 for all other livestock and horses. All poultry and rabbits must be owned and cared for by exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to Fair time.
8. Any given animal or animals may be shown in only one division. Example: a horse in FFA, 4-H, and/or Grange and same horse in Open Class is not allowed.
9. Quality Assurance paperwork is to be initiated at the time the exhibitor purchases/acquires the animal from the breeder/seller and is to be maintained regarding the health of the animal. Quality Assurance Market Health Records are required for entrance into the Fair for all beef, sheep, goats, and swine. Beef will also require brand slips. Documentation is required at the time of the weigh-in. For more information, contact your local 4-H Leader, Grange Leader, or FFA Advisor. All paperwork must be in the hands of the barn superintendent by Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. Failure to do so will result in rejection from participation in market judging and they will not qualify for participation in the 4-H, FFA & Grange Youth Livestock Sale. The decision of the barn Superintendent is final.
10. All exhibitors must adhere to the rules on Barn Herdsmanship. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. each day (except horses; see General Rules for Horses) and refuse disposed of as directed by the Barn Superintendent. A suitable area will be furnished by the Fair for this purpose. Refuse from poultry, rabbit, cavy, and bird cages **IS NOT** to be placed in garbage cans outside of the barn. Any exhibitor missing this early cleanup without permission of the division superintendent will be refused the right to clean late and will be penalized all or part of any premiums to be awarded.
11. All entries in registered classes must show either certificate of registration in breed association to which it belongs or shows satisfactory proof to judge that animal is purebred and application or registration has been made.
12. All animals exhibited for breeding stock will be shown and judged by breeds. No competition between breed or between sexes. Only breeding stock from Douglas and Chelan County are eligible. Due to space limitations, no breeding hog exhibits

will be permitted.

13. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons may be given in all breeds. No champion selected unless judge deems appropriate.
14. All exhibits must have the proper quantity to qualify. Animals are shown in one lot unless shown as a pen.
15. All livestock, poultry, rabbits, cavies, and birds will be fed and cared for by the owner, unless other arrangements are made with the Superintendent. Parents may only handle animal project exhibits when the safety of the exhibitor may be compromised. Out-of-control or unsafe animals should not be exhibited at the Fair. Failure to do this will result in disqualification and removal from the grounds.
16. The final weight of sale animals includes a 2% shrink.
17. All beef and dairy cattle **scurs** not to exceed two inches. **If there is a question about scurs you will be asked to leave the check-in line. Scurs will be measured. If scurs exceed 2 inches, your animal will be rejected at check-in, and you will not be allowed to participate in any events with that animal.**
18. All beef and dairy cattle must have a neck rope or safety chain with proper safety snaps and will be on the animal at all times when in the barn areas.
19. Lambs must be shorn within 30 days prior to the Fair. If necessary, you may refresh the shearing within the confines of the wash rack area. Provided you clean up the debris afterwards. All animals must be groomed and washed within the confines of the wash rack area provided. Blackface breeding sheep must be identified with a flock ID# assigned by the WSDA office before movement of such sheep from the premises of origin for the show, sale, purchase, or other movement. Tattoos, electronic implants, or tamperproof tags from an approved supplier must be used. Blackface sheep are defined as Suffolk or Hampshire breeds or crosses of other breeds with Suffolk or Hampshire breeds. All sheep over 18 months of age (ewes, lambs, and wethers), all sexually intact sheep; (rams and ewes, including ewe lambs under 18 months of age) must have official identification. Official ID for sheep is defined as: **1) USDA issued ear tags with assigned flock ID number and individual animal serial number; 2) Legible ear tattoos with USDA assigned flock ID# and individual animal series # tattoo.3) Ear tags and/or legible ear tattoo resulting from current active registration in the USDA voluntary Scrapie Certification Program.**
20. All sheep, other than wethers under 18 months, will not be admitted to the fairgrounds without proper official ID.
21. Goats: All animals must be groomed and washed within the confines of the wash rack area provided. No male goats, except wethers, are allowed. All goats to be exhibited must have an official ID. Official is identified for goats as 1) USDA issued ear tags with assigned flock number and individual animal serial number; 2) Legible ear, flank or tail fold tattoo with USDA flock ID# and individual animal serial (tattoo), legible breed registration tattoos (breed tattoos should be registered with the USDA Veterinary Services) when accompanied by their breed registration certificates or when the registration certificates or registration numbers are listed on a certificate of veterinary inspection; 3) Ear tags and/or legible ear tattoos from current active registration in the USDA Voluntary Flock Certification Program; 4) Electronic implant devices when animals are accompanied by an implant reader, and the implant number is listed on a breed registration certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection; and 5) All goats other than wethers will not be admitted to the Fair without official ID.
22. Horned market or meat goats entered in showmanship classes may have horns but must be tipped to the diameter of a dime. Horn tips must be covered with tennis balls, hoses, or pool noodles securely taped in place and to remain the duration of Fair. **Covering horns with electrical tape or duct tape alone is unacceptable.** Scurs cannot exceed one inch without being covered. No horned dairy, pet, pygmy, hair or other goat crosses will be allowed. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Goats with horns that fit into any of these categories will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the Fair and will be sent home immediately.
23. The NCW Fair Manager and Superintendents reserve the right to cancel or combine any class with fewer than four entries if doing so is in the best interest of the show.
24. NCW Fair 4-H, FFA, and Grange Youth Round Robin is limited to 4-H intermediates and seniors due to safety issues. **The grand champion winners in both age groups will advance to the Round Robin with their animals.** If a competitor qualifies for Round Robin in 4-H, FFA, or Grange Youth the exhibitor must choose to participate in either 4-H, FFA or Grange Youth competition. If an exhibitor wins a grand champion in more than one species, that exhibitor will decide which species to move forward. The vacancy will be filled with the reserve grand champion, if that person opts to not participate, it will go to the top blue ribbon until space is filled. If there is not an eligible winner, a show animal will be selected by the judge or superintendent with the owner's permission. This same process will be used if a member declines to participate in the Round Robin. Intermediate and seniors will show at the same time, but only compete in their division, not against each other. Each member will show a beef, sheep, swine, horse, and goat. Contestants will not reshow their own animal.
 - 4-H-FFA, and Grange Youth Round Robin will run at the same time.
 - FFA Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
 - 4-H Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
 - 4-H Intermediate Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
 - Grange Youth Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
 - Grange Youth Intermediate Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awarded.
25. Definition of ages for beef and dairy:
 - Senior Yearlings - calved between September 1 & December 31
 - Junior Yearlings - calved between January 1 & April 30
 - Summer Yearlings - calved between May 1 & August 31
 - Senior Calves-calved between September 1 & December 31
 - Junior Calves-calved between January 1 & April 30
 - **Age of market steer is not to exceed 24 months, which will be noted on the Bill of Sale & Quality Assurance Paperwork.**
26. Saleable weights for steers, lamb, hogs, and goats shall be as follows:
 - **Market Steers: 1100 lbs. min.-1600 lbs. max.**
 - **Market Lambs: 100 lbs. min.-150 lbs. max.**
 - **Market Hogs: 235 lbs. min.-310 lbs. max.**
 - **Market Goats: 65 lbs. min.-120 lbs. max.**All animals, less than the minimum or greater than the maximum will not be sold through the 4-H, FFA, and Grange Youth Livestock Auction.
27. All fitting and grooming, washing, and handling of the animals is to be done by the Exhibitor, except for junior exhibitors who may be assisted by an older exhibitor. Fitting and Showing is mandatory in at least one class of market livestock in order to receive premiums and to be eligible for participation in the FFA, 4-H, and Grange Youth Livestock Auction.
28. An exhibitor is allowed to sell one market animal through the sales ring. This does not limit the entries, but only this specified number will be sold through the sales ring. The Fair

Board is not responsible for any transaction outside the sale ring between the buyer and exhibitor. No white ribbon animals will sell in the livestock sale.

29. Check Daily Schedules for times for all animal judging events.
30. Stall Decorations, with an emphasis on education, are mandatory for all livestock exhibits, including Open Class.
31. All sheep and goats will be groomed only in grooming area, not along show arena fences or building.
32. Individual animals may be shown in only one conformation class.
33. **Load-Out Procedures: Beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit, and horse exhibitors may remove stall decorations and tack between 5:00 and 5:45 p.m. on Sunday. At 5:45 p.m. no one is allowed in the barns except the Barn Superintendent, Fair Personnel, and Superintendent-Appointed Assistants. After loading, when the barn is reopened, animals going home, and additional decorations can be removed.** During load-out, all animals will exit the barn in the same manner they entered during load-in. Interference with load-out can result in the loss of premium points. If interference occurs, depending upon the severity, exhibitors may lose the opportunity to participate as an exhibitor in the Fair in the future.
The beef, swine, sheep, goat, and horse barns will be closed to spectators at 5:00 pm and reopen when barn superintendent reopens the gates after load-out is completed.

D. Health Requirements NCW Fair

1. All breeding cattle should be blood tested for brucellosis and found negative within 30 days of entry to the fair. Proof of negative blood test of vaccination will be shown to veterinarian. Dairy cattle identified as official calf hood vaccinates under 20 months of age, and beef cattle identified as official calf hood vaccinates under 24 months of age, should not be tested. Steers should be exempt from Brucellosis.
2. Individual health certificates are not required for entry.
 - Fair veterinarians will inspect all beef, sheep, swine, goats, and horses before entering the Fair to determine they are free from infections or contagious disease and external parasites.
 - Fair Superintendents will determine the healthy status of fur-bearing animals, poultry, pigeons, ducks, geese, and turkeys before exhibiting. All poultry must test negative for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid (P-T). This rule applies to chickens, exotic fowl, and game birds, but excludes waterfowl, doves, and pigeons. Birds under the age of 16 weeks do not need to be tested for P-T. Exhibitors that meet one of the two options below do not need to have their birds P-T tested prior to exhibit: The exhibitor is a participant in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP); or Within the past twelve months, the show birds were purchased from NPIP participants, hatcheries, or feed stores. Exhibitors that do not meet the criteria above must test negative for P-T within 90 days of going to exhibit.
 - A veterinarian, vet tech or trained personnel can draw ½ cc of blood from each bird and send the samples to the WSU Avian Health and Food Safety Laboratory in Puyallup, WA or a WSDA field veterinarian needs to perform a P-T testing prior to the Fair.
3. Fair Veterinarians and Superintendents will reject any animal with infectious or contagious disease. Exhibitors should be aware that ringworm, warts, pinkeye, strangles, contagious, ecthyma, scabies, lice, mites, ticks, and fleas fall into these categories. No animal from a quarantined area will be permitted to enter any fair.

4. ALL OUT-OF-STATE ENTRIES MUST COMPLY WITH THE State of Washington import regulations. A current Health Certificate will be issued by an accredited veterinarian from the State of Origin for all out-of-state livestock and poultry entries.
5. No drug or medications shall be administered on the fairgrounds unless approved by the Fair veterinarian in writing. Anyone caught in this act shall have all exhibits removed from the grounds and forfeiture of all premiums.
6. Any animal carcass that is packer rejected is returned to the exhibitor with forfeiture of all sales/monies dealing with that exhibit.

E. Horse Handling Rules

1. Anyone handling horses must wear boots.
2. All exhibitors must be suitably attired. Boots and helmets are required for all riding. Numbers must be clearly visible.
3. No horses on the midway at any time. All horses must remain in their stalls except while being exhibited or for brief exercise periods.
4. Exercise times: Open Class 7:00-8:00 morning and evening 4-H, FFA, Grange 8:00-9:00 mornings and 6:00-7:00 evenings.
5. Horses must always be under control - NO LOOSE HORSES ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS except in the round pen.
6. All horses (Grange Youth, 4-H, FFA, and Open Class) must be exercised daily.
7. NO RUNNING HORSES. No loping horses outside of the arena.
8. No horses allowed outside designated livestock area. RODEO ARENA IS NOT PART OF THE LIVESTOCK AREA.
9. When entering contests, wear clothing appropriate to that contest. Boots are required. Western cut jeans and long sleeve shirts are required in Western classes. Chaps and spurs are optional in Pleasure classes. Helmets are required in all riding classes.
10. Equipment to be clean, properly adjusted to both horse and rider and used correctly. Curb chains must lay flat against the jaw of the horse. Tie downs and hackamores are not allowed. Nosebands are not allowed in all Western classes. All equipment must conform to the 4-H Horse Contest Guide, PNW 574.
11. Barn clean-up begins at 6:00 a.m. and must be completed prior to 8:00 a.m.
12. Lead chains may be used under the chin if laid flat.
13. No chaps in Bareback or Equitation classes. Spurs are optional.
14. Exercise time-horses must be saddled, and boots and helmets are required, unless approved by Superintendent.
15. No double riding, no ponying, and no switching of horses during exercise time or any other time.
16. For **Open Class**, all horses must be judged in halter class.
17. No stallion may be entered in Grade classes. No person under age 18 may show stallions over 12 months old. No stallions in performance classes.

General Rules for Horse Western Gaming Activities

1. All gaming members must do showmanship with their gaming horse.
2. Exhibitors may be asked to submit to a close inspection before any event. The close inspection provides the show management with an opportunity to examine the tack and equipment being used by the exhibitor. Exhibitors failing the close inspection will not be allowed to make their scheduled run in that event.
3. Riders may hold onto the saddle horn. Two hands may be

- used on the reins, and hands may be changed.
4. A breast collar is required for all horses.
 5. Required equipment includes western saddle with a saddle horn, throat latch on the bridle, and roping or single piece reins.
 6. Optional equipment includes running martingales with rein stops, tie-downs attached to a breast collar, nosebands, draw reins, splint boots, bell boots, or bandages, mechanical hackamores, gag bits, whips under 35", bats or quirts.
 7. Equipment NOT allowed: Mecate reins, tied split reins, or bucked reins.
 8. Riders are considered mounted when their knee is over the center line of the horse's back. Riders must remain mounted until the judge's final acknowledgment.
 9. Re-rides are run after the last rider in that event. Penalties do not carry over from the original ride. Acceptable reasons for re-rides include timing device failures, course obstruction as determined by the judge, or the course is measured incorrectly. Unacceptable reasons for re-rides include horse/rider damage to arena equipment, failure to tack or participant's equipment or horse or rider accident or injury.
 10. Riders MUST acknowledge the judge before starting and after completing the course.
 11. Coaching is defined by show management and at the judge's discretion is not allowed. It is inappropriate for ring help, announcer, times, etc., to coach, encourage, or comment to or about exhibitor on the course. There will be a 5-second penalty for each stake, pole, barrel, or small container knocked down. Intentionally righting a pole or barrel is allowed with no penalty.
 12. Disqualifications include:
 - Failure to enter the arena mounted.
 - Entering the arena with the assistance of anyone other than another mounted exhibitor.
 - Failure to cross the start line within 60 seconds from the time the gate opens.
 - Upsetting the start-finish markers.
 - Crossing the start-finish line outside of the start-finish line markers.
 - Crossing the start-finish line (breaking the barrier) with any part of the horse or rider (outside the customary start and finish).
 - Run-outs, refusals (a balk is not considered a refusal if the horse finally finished the course correctly).
 - Leaving the course.
 - Failure to follow the pattern for the event.
 - Passing any obstacle completely on the wrong side.
 - Circling any obstacle while on course (except flag races and other container events).
 - Failure to keep all four feet of the horse from crossing a lane line at the same time.
 - Failure to keep all 4 feet of the horse inside the run-out box.
 - A horse being unruly or out of control.
 - Spurring or striking the horse in front of the cinch.
 - Striking the horse with arena equipment.
 - Using rubber bands or anything else to anchor the rider to the horse or saddle.
 - Failure to acknowledge judge before or after the run.
 13. Show management or the judge may disqualify a rider for unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, unnecessary roughness, abusing the horse or disorderly conduct of any kind.
 14. The judge may disqualify an unmanageable horse for reasons of safety or the exhibitor's inability to handle or control the horse.

15. Standard western clothing must be worn for all horse events.
16. The ring is off limits to everyone except working show personnel.
17. Approach the judge for information only, not to dispute a placing and only after judging is completed.
18. Show personnel may dismiss a visibly ill animal from participation.
19. All exhibitors must participate in Herdsmanship.
20. Superintendents will ask an exhibitor to leave the show grounds with his or her animal if behavior is unacceptable.
21. Please refer to the Pacific Northwest Horse Contest Guide for more information.

F. Rules for Exhibiting Poultry

1. No premium will be paid for more than one entry in any lot in each breed shown by the same exhibitor.
2. Only Standard varieties shall compete.
3. All standard varieties of poultry, including Bantams, are eligible for competition for premiums.
4. Fowl deemed unworthy will not be awarded a premium.
5. Only one entry by each exhibitor is permitted in each lot.
6. To prevent the possibility of spreading infectious poultry diseases, it is recommended that the poultry exhibited at the Fair not be returned to the farm.
7. Special ribbons at the judge's discretion may be given (no premiums paid):

Large Fowl	Pigeons
Champion Male	Champion Male
Champion Female	Champion Female
Champion Trio	Champion Trio
Champion Pen (laying)	Champion Pen (laying)
Champion Waterfowl	Champion Turkey
Champion Gamebird	

G. Rules for Exhibiting Rabbits

1. All rabbits are to be shown by breed.
2. It is suggested that all exhibited rabbits have a permanent ear number for identification.
3. This tattoo should be recorded on entry tag BEFORE animal is placed in pen.
4. All exhibits will be judged according to ARBA Standard of Perfection.
5. All Standard breeds will be accepted.
6. Animals will be weighed at the judge's request and these weights shall govern during the judging.
7. Animals deemed unfit due to insects or disease will not be accepted for exhibit. This is at the department chairperson's discretion.
8. Each exhibitor will be allowed only one entry per lot, per breed & variety.

H. Dog Rules

1. This is the policy regarding dogs on the NCW Fairgrounds and property during the annual NCW Fair and during other Fair sponsored events:
NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
2. "Fairgrounds" is defined as any area requiring paid admission, including the RV areas, Rodeo Arena or other.
3. Exceptions:
 - Dogs for visually and hearing impaired must accompany person that the dog is assisting.
 - Dogs traveling with vendors
 - Entertainers' dogs which are part of a performance contracted by the Fair.
 - Dogs belonging to racehorse owners or riders. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

4. All persons with dogs, which meet one of the above exceptions, must apply for and receive a permit from the Fair office before the dog will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
5. Restrictions:
 - Vendors' dogs must remain on a leash within the rented vendor's area at all times except when being exercised.
 - Entertainers' dogs must be a part of Fair-contracted entertainment and must remain within Entertainment Area and be removed from Fairgrounds upon completion of contracted entertainment.
6. All dogs, including those in the Horse Race area, must remain on a leash at all times when outside of a cage or a vehicle.
7. Dogs will be exercised in a designated dog area only. All droppings must be picked up immediately and placed in the proper waste receptacle.
8. Dogs that are disruptive, unmanageable or are deemed unsafe to the public will be asked to be removed from the Fairgrounds and RV areas immediately and the dog permit will be revoked.
9. All person(s) with dogs must produce a permit upon request by any Fair Board member, Fair Manager or any person acting on behalf of the NCW Fair.
10. "Puppies" are considered dogs.
11. All stray dogs will be removed from the Fairgrounds and transported to Wenatchee Valley Humane Society.
12. We encourage all dog owners, for the health and comfort of their dogs, to leave their animals at home.
13. Permitted dogs are not allowed to run loose.

I. NCW Fair 4-H, FFA & Grange Youth Livestock Auction Sale

1. The Fair Board will make available at the NCW Fair, an auction whereby suitable market **Grange Youth, 4-H, and FFA** livestock can be sold. The sales are to be made subject to state and federal inspection at point of slaughter and the owner/operator shall be responsible for care and health of any animal until the animal is loaded for transportation to point of slaughter. Let it be further understood that the NCW Fair will provide a place for exhibit and arrange for an auction sale, but "The Fair" or its Officers at no time become the owners of the exhibits. Therefore, all costs and care for any exhibit remain with the owner/operator. The Fair will not be responsible for any sale, collection or payment not made as part of the regular auction sale.
2. It is the responsibility of the livestock buyer to make arrangements for transportation and removal of their animals from the grounds after 6:00 p.m. Sunday. The Fair will not have anyone on the grounds after 6:00 p.m. to watch or feed livestock, therefore they must be removed.
3. If you choose to leave custom animals on fair grounds after 6:00 p.m., those animals are the complete responsibility of the buyer. Buyers must notify the sales office about transportation arrangements for custom animals before noon on Sunday.
4. Animals sold as custom must be paid for by noon on Sunday of the Fair. If not paid for by noon, the animal will be considered a packer animal and be shipped as one. The buyer is responsible for the support price of the animal.
5. Bids for support price only. The buyer can indicate at the sales office that the bid will go for the support price only. Please keep in mind that market prices bid by commercial packers will be announced for each kind of animal.
6. AN EXHIBITOR IS ALLOWED TO SELL ONE MARKET ANIMAL THROUGH THE SALES RING (THIS INCLUDES GOATS). This does not limit the entries, but only this specified number will be sold

through the sales ring. If the member is showing more than one animal in the market division of any class, the member must sell the animal that finished best in the Market Class through the Youth sale. THE FAIR WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SALE OF ANY SECOND ANIMALS. The members will take home any second animal, or they may be sold private treaty at the Fair. For sale signs may be posted no sooner than Sunday morning. THE FAIR BOARD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TRANSACTION OUTSIDE THE SALE RING BETWEEN THE BUYER AND EXHIBITOR.

7. Mandatory tagging of all livestock is required.
8. **NO WHITE RIBBON ANIMALS WILL SELL THROUGH THE LIVESTOCK AUCTION.**
9. No change of ownership or destination of market animals after 6:00 p.m. Saturday.
10. Three percent (3%) of the livestock sale and all add-ons will be deducted each year to be used for facility improvements and maintenance as deemed appropriate by the NCW Fair Manager.
11. Donating an animal to the NCW Fair Livestock Sale is a meaningful way to give back to our community while supporting local youth and agriculture. Contact the NCW Fair Office at 509-745-8480 by December 15 to learn how you can get involved.

J. Fur & Feather Auction Rules

1. The Annual Fur & Feather Auction will be held on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
2. Only one animal per exhibitor may be sold at auction either in Livestock or the Fur & Feather Auction.
3. All 4-H, FFA, & Grange Youth members carrying a rabbit, goat, or poultry project may choose to sell their animal by Thursday at noon. Register in the poultry/rabbit barn with the superintendent.
4. Only blue and red ribbon animals will be auctioned.
5. Exhibitor must fit and show the animal to be in the auction.
6. Exhibitor will be responsible for animal until purchaser claims it after 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
7. There will be a minimum base bid of \$10.00 per animal.
8. Buyer has the option of taking animal or returning it to owner.

K. Premium Information

1. All premiums will be paid by check usually within 60 days from the end of the Fair. Checks that cannot be delivered because of an insufficient address will be held at the Fair Office. All checks not cashed will revert to the General Fair Fund after January 1, 2027. ***Premium checks under \$5 will not be printed and considered a donation to the NCW Fair. Arrangements to receive and pick up a premium check under \$5 must be requested prior to November 1, 2026. Call 509-745-8480.***
2. The value of points for awards will be set by the Fair Board at the first Board meeting after a complete financial report is submitted to the Fair. If a natural disaster or circumstances beyond the control of the Fair Board occur that directly impacts the Fair proceeds, premiums will be paid by an equal division of the receipts to the exhibitors who have been awarded premiums, after paying the expenses of the fair.
3. Judges have been carefully selected by management, and each is recognized for their capability of making expert decisions in their respective divisions. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. The decisions of the judges will be final in all cases. Exhibitors are prohibited from interfering with a judge in any manner during the judging time. Refusal to stop interfering could result in the forfeiture of premium points.
4. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a

deposit of \$20.00 in the Livestock, Horse Racing and Rodeo parts of the Fair, and \$10.00 in all other departments. This fee will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Manager within twelve hours AFTER THE CAUSE OF PROTEST. NO COMPLAINT OR APPEAL BASED UPON THE STATEMENT THAT THE JUDGE OR JUDGES ARE INCOMPETENT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD. THE JUDGE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

5. **Keep your exhibitor tickets until after you receive your premium check.** You will need your card to prove your ID number in order to question any check amounts or mislabeled exhibit cards.

L Barn Herdsmanship

1. All exhibitors, including Open Class, are expected to care for their animals, maintain their pens and equipment properly and to keep stalls and animals always clean. The exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their exhibit. If not done to the satisfaction of the appropriate Superintendent, the exhibitor may be asked to remove exhibits from the NCW Fairgrounds and will forfeit any premiums.
2. Barn duty hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday to Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. The wash racks, scale area and show ring are considered part of barn duty.

M. Rules for FFA Exhibits

1. All questions or problems should be directed only to the FFA Superintendent.
2. Read and adhere to the provisions detailed in the General Rules & Regulations for participating in the Fair and instructions for entry times, entering exhibits, judging, payment of premium points, and removal of exhibits.
3. Each exhibitor shall be enrolled in vocational agriculture in their respective school.
4. Seniors graduating the spring before the Fair are eligible to exhibit their supervised farm program and farm shop projects.
5. Each FFA instructor will submit a list of members by name that need exhibitor tickets or exhibitor only tickets to the NCW Fair office no later than July 15. Payment in full must be included. The NCW Fair will then send the instructors exhibitor tickets that correspond with the numbers assigned to their school.
6. FFA instructors are responsible for entering and for supervision of placement for their chapter's respective exhibits in any part of the FFA Division. If this is not possible, arrangements must be made with the Superintendent prior to entry time.
7. Dress code for all FFA showing contests is dark jeans, collared shirt, FFA jacket, appropriate shoes, no hats.
8. All grain and field samples shall be exhibited in one-quart clear closed jars.
9. All sheaves shall not be less than 1.5" and not more than 2.5" in diameter.
10. All grass and legume seeds shall be exhibited in one-pint clear closed jars.
11. All mounts must have been prepared by exhibitor and must be in book form.
12. Not more than one weed or one crop of a kind to be shown by any one chapter. This applies only to the plant mounts as singles, not books.
13. Each exhibitor is to weigh their animal in beef, sheep, goats, and swine market lots and identify it as FFA on the weight card. Give Chapter name for the address, not the mailing address.
14. Exhibits in horticulture, agronomy, vegetables, and canned

products must be home grown or from the place where the family income is derived, or a part of the exhibitor's supervised program.

N. Rules for 4-H Exhibits

1. Read and adhere to the provisions detailed in the General Rules & Regulations for participating in the fair and instructions for entry times, entering exhibits, judging, payment of premium points, and removal of exhibits.
2. Please refer to 4-H Division 220 for specific rules/guidelines.
3. Any 4-H Club member currently enrolled in a livestock project during the current year is eligible. Cloverbud members may only show miniature goats, poultry, rabbits, covies, and dogs.
4. All 4-H exhibits must have been grown or made by the 4-H member during the current 4-H year. Any 4-H member currently enrolled in the 4-H program may exhibit in the NCW Fair. **Members can only exhibit in the project area in which they are enrolled.**
5. 4-H age levels (determined by age as of October 1 of the previous year): **Cloverbud: ages 5-7; Junior: ages 8-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Senior: ages 14-18.**
6. Horse and exhibitor must attend two 4-H horse events, or one 4-H show and 4-H horse camp in order to participate in horse events at NCW Fair.
7. 4-H members must wear their exhibitor number on their back or both sides of their horse at all times while mounted.
8. Standard 4-H western clothing must be worn for all horse events. Belts are optional.

O Rules for Grange Youth Exhibits

1. Read and adhere to the provisions detailed in the General Rules & Regulations
2. A participation ribbon will be given to non-placed exhibits. Beginner exhibits will receive participation ribbons with blue ribbon premium points.
3. Any Grange Youth member currently enrolled in the Grange Youth program may exhibit in the NCW Fair. Members can only exhibit in the project areas in which they are enrolled.
4. Grange Youth age levels (determined by age as of January 1 annually): Beginner: ages 5-7; Junior: ages 7-10; Intermediate: ages 11-13; Seniors: ages 14-19.
5. Any Grange Youth member currently enrolled in a livestock project during the current year is eligible. Beginner Grange Youth members may not be enrolled in or show large dairy goats, meat goats, beef, sheep, horse, or swine projects. Beginner members may show miniature goats, poultry, rabbits, and covies.