

**2024 COLORADO STATE FAIR
GENERAL LIVESTOCK AND SMALL ANIMAL COMPETITION
REQUIREMENTS**

I. LIVESTOCK COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

- A.** The Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, General Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, Animal Welfare Policy, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, and National Show Ring Code of Ethics will govern all livestock competition events at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“CSF”).
- B. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION:** All exhibitors entering in Open Livestock or Market Livestock competitions must provide a valid premises identification number (PID) at the time of entry as set forth at 8 CCR 1208-1 Article 8.4(a)(i). To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-569-9130 or online at:
<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>.
- C. IRS AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COMPLIANCE:** In order to comply with the Colorado Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service tax-reporting requirements, a properly completed current IRS form W-9 must be submitted for any premium earning of \$600 or more or any monies derived from a sale. No monies won or earned at the Fair will be paid if the IRS Form W-9 form is incorrect.
- D. BEDDING:** Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding. Entry into competition at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“CSF”) does not include bedding.

Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through Rustic Ranch supply or bedding and shavings will be available to purchase on-grounds from Rustic Ranch Supply upon arrival. The telephone number and order portal will be posted on the Fair’s website.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

- E. ENTRY FORMS:** Entries must be made online. All entry information can be found on the website www.coloradostatefair.com. Click on “Competitions” then “Livestock.” Once there, scroll down to the appropriate show.
- F. ENTRIES:** Exhibitors are not limited to the number of entries in any one class (except in Market Classes, as set forth in the Junior Livestock Competition Requirements). All exhibitors are required to purchase an exhibitor’s pass. All livestock entries must be made online. All exhibitors must sign and bring with them an IAFE Code of Ethics form, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct. Market exhibitors must bring with them a Quality Assurance Certificate for each animal they will be showing at the CSF. Exhibitors will not be given credentials or back/ear tags until each of these forms has been turned into the Livestock Office.
- G. EFFECT OF ENTRY:** Every exhibitor expressly understands and agrees that an exhibitor’s completed entry form is his or her acceptance of all of the Authority’s competition requirements, whether set forth in a general or a specific rule. The exhibitor further agrees and understands that he or she will abide by the competition requirements throughout the duration of his or her time at the CSF. Additionally, the exhibitor agrees and understands that failure to comply with the competition requirements may subject him or her to penalties, including the loss of prize or award money and the return of any other non-monetary awards he or she may receive.
- H. DRESS CODE:** All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, , or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn during a show event. Recommended dress is as follows: long- or short-sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended to protect the feet. Rabbits and Poultry: jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: white shirts and pants are recommended. Management may refuse anyone improperly dressed entry into the show ring until said exhibitor is properly dressed.
- I. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors must comply with the respective livestock health requirements, a copy of which can be found at www.coloradostatefair.com. All livestock will be carefully examined at the arrival gate for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases. If, in the opinion of the examining technician, any evidence of infectious or contagious disease is found, Authority Management will consult and follow any necessary procedures set forth in the Animal Welfare Policy.

- J. OPEN DIVISION ELIGIBILITY:** Open Division eligibility requires all animals to be registered in their respective Breed Association and be owned continuously in the exhibitor's name or Ranch/Farm name since **July 20** of the current year. Individual-owned animals cannot be combined with a Ranch/Farm name for accumulating points toward Premier Breeder/Premier Exhibitor awards. Original registration papers and transfers must be available for inspection and comparison with the animal at show time. All Breed Division Special Competition Requirements must be met. Exhibitors entered in the Junior Breeding show may enter the corresponding Open classes upon meeting all requirements and making proper entry and payment by the August entry deadline.
- K. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE:** All livestock exhibitors must enter through Gate #4, proceed to their load in/out area, and then report to the Livestock Office. Exhibitors must have all necessary paperwork to complete check-in in a timely manner. Entry changes must be made final 12 hours prior to show time. See individual division for other specifics. Each exhibitor will be required to review entry information and credentials. The exhibitor's signature will constitute the exhibitor's acceptance of entries as recorded in the secretary's record and his or her statement that he or she has observed and will abide by all competition requirements of the Authority. Any parent, guardian, or other legally responsible person signing for the exhibitor will take full responsibility and liability for the named exhibitor's acceptance of the terms, and that the exhibitor has observed and will abide by all competition requirements of the Authority.
- L. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Open Breeding substitutions of livestock within the same age, class and owner will be accepted in the Livestock Office up to 24 hours prior to respective show. Substitutions not officially recorded in this manner for secretary's books are invalid. Only one substitution for the original animal will be allowed. There will be no substitutions allowed for different age classifications or owners. Substitutions will not be permitted once check-in is completed. This competition requirement pertains to all species.
- M. CLASSES DESCRIPTIONS:** Classes with one or two animals making an entry (Cow/Calf, Dam/Daughter, Produce of Dam and Pair Classes) are considered individual classes and require pre-entry and payment of the regular entry fee. Classes with three or more animals making up an entry are considered group classes. Group Classes require pre-entry by a single identifying exhibitor with no entry fee. There are no group classes offered in Open Breeding Cattle and Open/Jr. Dairy divisions. All animals shown in group or herd classes must have been entered and shown in their respective individual age class. No nurse cows or nurse goats are allowed on grounds.

N. GENERATORS / COOLERS / FANS / BLOCKING CHUTES / TRIM CHUTES / TRIM TABLES & PORTABLE SCALES: There will be a \$25 charge for ALL generators payable at the time of entry or added on at the time of check-in. Generators must be approved by an Authority Livestock Superintendent. A permit tag will be assigned after payment is made. Any generator not having an Authority permit will be moved or confiscated by Management. Any such confiscation will result in a one-time charge of \$50 and a daily storage fee of \$25 per day until the generator is retrieved from Management and properly located. Please observe all NO GENERATOR OR COOLER signage. Fans, blocking chutes, generators, trimming chutes, and trim tables are restricted to the individual exhibitor's assigned stalling area not to interfere with any other exhibitor's stalling area or aisle ways. **Generators and portable coolers are only allowed in the cattle barns.**

1. Free standing fans will not be allowed. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. No fans will be allowed to blow from behind an animal regardless of attachment or location. All fans must be hung above stalling area.
Breeding Beef and Market Beef Exhibitors: One (1) oversized and refrigerated free-standing cooler will be allowed per family. There will be a \$25 fee for ALL oversized and refrigerated coolers payable at the time of entry, or added on at the time of check-in. A cooler permit tag will be issued after payment is made. Any cooler not having an Authority permit will be moved or confiscated by Management. Confiscation of coolers will be handled in the same manner and with the same fees as generator confiscations (see above). All extension cords must be UL approved minimum 16.3.
2. The Authority Superintendents have the authority to remove any non-approved equipment. Management may charge a one-time fee of \$50 to anyone who has non-approved equipment, including, but not limited to, fans, blocking chutes, generators, trimming chutes and trim tables. Additionally, anyone using prohibited equipment may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section IV of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.
3. No outside scales will be allowed in any barns. Those scales will be provided by the Authority.

O. STALLS, TACK STALLS, PENS AND TIE OUTS: All tack stall requests must be submitted in writing and received in the Livestock Office no later than the entry deadline date. There is no guarantee the request can or will be honored. The Authority Superintendents will allocate stall space within the barns at the time

entry fees are completely paid. A cow-calf pair is considered as one (1) entry. A limited number of tie-out stalls are available and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tampering with other exhibitors' stalls, pen assignments, or tie-outs will not be tolerated, resulting in immediate disqualification and immediate removal from the premises. Straw bedding may be used in the cattle tie-out areas. All stalls and tie-outs must be cleaned daily before 10:00 a.m. The Authority is not responsible for any animals in the tie-out area any time of day or night.

P. SHOW BACK NUMBERS: Each animal entered is assigned a CSF competition number. Those numbers will be given to each exhibitor as a back number at the time of check-in. Every back number has the animal's name and class(es) entered written on the back. **It is the exhibitors' responsibility to have the correct back number displayed on their back or in a holder attached to the waist before entering the show ring. Not having the correct show animal number displayed coinciding with the original entry on the official judges' sheets may result in disqualification of that animal.** Special event hip tag numbers must be displayed on the animal's hip when the animal is in the show ring.

Q. UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK: The following are unethical practices and may result in disciplinary action:

1. The injection, use or administration of any drug or substance that is prohibited by federal, state, or local law or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by federal, state or local law;
2. The injection (or internal or external administration) of any product or material, whether gas, solid or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, degree of firmness, color, breed, condition of age, or by making the animal appear sounder than otherwise would appear;
3. Cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter, change or modify the shape or appearance;
4. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation (i.e., doctoring, doping, tubing, injecting, or lifting or filling under the skin);
5. Any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used to alter and change the conformation of an animal;
6. The administration, use or application of any drug, feed additive, or substance affecting the central nervous system;
7. 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;

8. Any unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, I.V.) with the exception of the drenching process;
9. 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 and marketability of beef, sheep, swine or goat carcasses or for deception;
10. Artificial color (paint) will be allowed on cattle, but any attempt to change the original color and/or markings of the animal will be prohibited;
11. Prohibited practices also include the use of artificial tail-heads, switches, polls and hair as well as any internal or external hoof treatments or artificial substances meant to improve soundness;
12. External application of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause edematous condition; and
13. Use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.

R. WATER: A water container, with water, must be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each penned/stalled area at all times. NO feeding or watering of livestock in show rings, holding pens, or to and from re-weigh stations will be permitted. CSF Officials reserve the right, at its discretion, to contact a CSF veterinarian to determine if water should be given.

S. SHOW RING: Exhibitors must exhibit and parade their animals in the show ring as directed by the Authority Division Superintendent. The Division Superintendent may exclude stock from competition for unnecessary or upsetting delay on the part of the exhibitors in bringing animals into the show rings. Violation of Superintendents' directives or of ring steward show ring procedures may result in discipline as set forth in Section IV of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements,

T. PREMIUMS: There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in a show or in any one class (with the exception of market classes). There is no restriction as to how many places one exhibitor may be paid per class. Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in each division. Available show premiums are listed under each individual division. Champion classes consist only of those animals that have been awarded first place. Reserve Champion classes consist of the remaining first place animals, and the second-place animal from the class from which the Champion was selected. Ribbons will be awarded through 6th place in all classes. Rosettes or banners will be awarded for champion classes. See individual breeds for special awards.

- U. ERRONEOUS ENTRY:** Participants are responsible for their own errors, and those of their agents and representatives, in preparation of entries. By submitting an application for entry, the participant acknowledges he or she has read the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements; Open and Junior Livestock Show Competition Requirements; Junior Livestock Sale Competition Requirements; specific or special division Competition Requirements; the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct; The National Show Ring Code of Ethics; and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act. Participants further agree to observe and abide by these competition requirements.
- V. OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS:** Management reserves the right to exclude from the grounds any entry that may be falsely entered, and also reserves the right to exclude those considered undesirable or objectionable without assigning a reason therefore. Any person or persons who violate any of the competition requirements herein may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section IV of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements. The Management reserves the right to decline acceptance of entries at any time without statement of reason.
- W. PARKING:** Official parking permits ONLY are allowed on grounds. The owners or exhibitors of any livestock that are in vehicles that are illegally parked may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section IV of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements. Only 30-minute loading and unloading will be allowed inside Gate #4 barn areas. All vehicle parking credentials are for outside of Gate #4. Overflow parking will be in the South Lot. Otherwise, parking with a fee in public lots will apply. Large trucks and all livestock trailers must park in the secured designated area. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas without designated parking passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Anyone refusing to move his or her vehicle out of the loading area upon request by officials will automatically be towed at the owner's expense, and, at that time the offending individual, their animals, and their tack will be removed from the premises by a Colorado State Fair Authority Public Safety Officer. Further, all pre-paid entry or credential fees, and any premiums won at the CSF, will be forfeited.
- X. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Authority officials reserve the right to cancel events, change scheduling, combine classes, split classes, cancel classes, and adjust premiums if deemed necessary. Officials have the right to combine any classes with five (5) or fewer animals entered at the time of show.
- Y. USING ANIMALS IN JUDGING CONTESTS:** Exhibitors understand that by entering their livestock into competition at the CSF, the livestock may be used for judging purposes by the members of collegiate judging teams, or for the

Colorado State Fair Premier Exhibitor Contests. When an exhibitor is called upon to furnish one or more animals for the students to judge in the Dairy or Livestock Judging Contests, he or she is expected to do so. An exhibitor who refuses to allow his or her animal to be used in this manner may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section IV of the General Competition Requirements.

- Z. CLEAN UP:** All stalls and alleys must be cleaned daily before 10:00 am. Dirty shavings and manure must be piled in the designated area of the barn. NO manure should be put into trash cans.

**LIVESTOCK PAVILION - WEST END DISPOSAL
SHEEP AND SWINE - SOUTHSIDE DISPOSAL**

Anyone found dumping manure or trash in undesignated areas will be subject to a fine of \$100 or disqualification, determined by Authority officials.

- AA. RELEASE OF ANIMALS:** Participants must obtain a release form from the species specific Livestock Superintendent or Department Coordinator for release of all their animals, equipment, tack and feed or bedding before leaving grounds. Your vehicle and trailers will be checked, and the release will be collected at the exit gate. Removal of animals from the Colorado State Fairgrounds without a signed release or prior to scheduled release time may be subject to discipline as set forth in Section IV of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements and any penalties prescribed by law.
- BB. REQUESTING OF NEW BREED SHOW AND INFRACTIONS OF EXISTING:** Management will consider requests for new breed shows with a signed request by five potential exhibitors and a payment of \$500, which amount will be applied toward the show's premiums presented to the Livestock and Small Animal Events Coordinator before February 1 of the intended year for such participation. Breed shows that decrease to less than 10 exhibitors will be placed on a one-year probation period; pending animal numbers for the upcoming year will determine the Authority's right to discontinue that Association's show for the following year. The Authority requires at least 5 exhibitors and not less than 5 animals to be entered and present to conduct a breed show. If for any reason those requirements are not met at the time of show, those animals will be placed in the Other Pure Breed classes. A Breed association that has any debt from the previous CSF year will not be allowed to conduct a breed show the current year. The full payment for the previous year must be remunerated in cash directly to the Authority's accounting department. The Colorado State Fair Board of Commissioners reserves the right to decide whether to reinstate that breed show for the following year.

- CC. SIGNS:** A sign may be hung over any animal's stalling area addressing the owner's name and organization. NO SIGN which refers in any way to a commercial product, including "For Sale" signs, may be placed anywhere in the Livestock, Sheep/Swine, Goat or Small Animal barns. Brochure distribution of advertisement is not permitted. Such signs and brochures will be confiscated. Management reserves the right to have objectionable signs removed immediately with no dispute from the distributor.
- DD. SHOW PHOTOGRAPHER:** Beverly Englert Photography is the exclusive livestock photographer at the CSF and is the only entity that has the right to sell livestock images. All exceptions to this must be vetted directly through Beverly Englert Photography and the Authority.