

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Junior Livestock Sale Participation Requirements

Selection and Voluntary Withdrawal

- A. The Colorado State Fair Authority Board of Commissioners (“Board”), through its Competitive Exhibits Committee, will select up to 40 Beef, 40 Goats, 40 Hogs, 40 Lambs, 2 Market Chicken Pens, 2 Market Meat Pen of Rabbits, and 2 Turkeys (including Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions) to sell at the 2026 Junior Livestock Sale (“Sale”). No animals lower than 3rd place will be eligible to qualify for the Sale.
- B. Grand Champion Overall, Reserve Grand Champion Overall, and Division Champions in every species are required to sell in the Sale.
- C. All exhibitors, other than the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and the Division Champions, who qualify for the Sale may elect to withdraw their animal from the Sale.
- D. Exhibitors who choose to withdraw from the Sale must complete the official 2026 Junior Livestock Sale Exhibitor Withdrawal Form (“Withdrawal Form”) and turn it into the Livestock Office within 30 minutes after the sale qualifiers list has been posted for each respective species.
- E. The withdrawal is final once the Livestock Office has accepted an exhibitor’s Withdrawal Form. No exhibitor withdrawn from the Sale may reverse that decision after submitting the Withdrawal Form to the Livestock Office.
- F. If an exhibitor qualifies for the Sale with multiple animals within a single species, the exhibitor must sell the exhibitor’s highest-placing animal. Should the exhibitor have two animals with the same placing, the exhibitor must report to the Livestock Office immediately following the market show to declare which animal the exhibitor selects to sell.

G. If an exhibitor qualifies for the Sale with multiple species, the exhibitor may only sell one species. Of the exhibitor's non-withdrawn animal, the exhibitor will be required to sell the exhibitor's highest-placing animal.

H. There will be no backfilling to any lost sale spots within each respective species.

Introductory Provisions

The Sale is a terminal sale. Every animal that qualifies to be in the Sale and every animal that does sell in the Sale must go directly to slaughter.

A. These requirements are specific to the Sale.

B. Exhibitors qualified to participate in the Sale must accept and comply with these requirements.

C. Any failure to perform in accord with these requirements will subject the exhibitor to discipline as outlined in the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements and may result in immediate removal of the exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal(s) from the fairgrounds without an opportunity to participate in the Sale.

D. Participants and exhibitors are expected to perform and conduct themselves with the highest respect for the Sale, its coordinators, the buyers, the other exhibitors, and the livestock involved.

E. All Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, General Livestock Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Competition Requirements, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics, Drug Residue Avoidance Guidelines, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Health Requirements apply to the Sale. They will be enforced as part of these specific requirements.

F. The Authority endorses and supports the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act as referenced in the Junior Livestock Competition Requirements.

G. **IRS and Colorado Department Of Revenue Compliance:** To comply with the Colorado Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service tax-reporting requirements, a properly completed current IRS form W-9 signed by the exhibitor must be submitted for any premium

earnings of \$600 or more or any monies derived from a sale. No monies won or earned at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“State Fair”) will be paid if the IRS Form W-9 form is incorrect. W-9 forms must be turned into the Livestock Office before the exhibitor enters the sale ring.

H. Sellers shall comply with the Authority’s requirements for livestock shipping and processing.

Pre-Sale Provisions, Standards, and Requirements

Selection

- A. The Board, through the Competitive Exhibits Committee, will select up to 40 Beef, 40 Goats, 40 Hogs, 40 Lambs, 2 Market Chicken Pens, 2 Market Meat Pen of Rabbits, and 2 Turkeys (including Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions) to sell at the 2026 Sale. All posted animals will sell unless properly withdrawn.
- B. Those posted sale animals will be housed in a designated secured area of the fairgrounds until after sale day.
- C. Any animal posted as a sale qualifier will not be allowed to leave the Authority’s premises except by movement directly to slaughter after the sale.
- D. The sale selection process will be as follows:
 - a. Grand Champion
 - b. Reserve Grand Champion
 - c. Top 3 through 5 Overall of species
 - d. Weight or Breed Division Champions in order of showing
 - e. Weight or Breed Division Reserve Champions in order of showing
 - f. The next highest place in order of showing
 - g. In the Market Beef show, a similar percentage of the heifer classes would sell
 - h. For Market Hogs and Market Lambs, breeds having fifteen (15) head or fewer in the show, only the Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion will qualify for the Junior Livestock Sale.

- i. If all equivalent places within the species cannot make the Sale, the eligible participants' names will be selected from a random drawing until the maximum number is reached.
 - j. A sale list will be posted immediately after each Grand Champion drive, listing the maximum allowed sale number for each species: 40 Beef, 40 Hogs, 40 Lambs, 40 Goats, 2 Pens of Chickens, 2 Market Meat Pens of Rabbits, and 2 Turkeys.
 - k. No alternate list will be posted.
- E. The animals posted are the animals that have qualified for and will be in the Sale.
- F. Colorado State Fair Management (Management) has the right to direct any livestock selected for the Sale to be moved to a location other than where the animal boarded prior to its show.
- G. In the event that any animal is disqualified or deceased after having qualified for the Sale, the remaining animals will remain in the same place, and no animal will move up to fill any empty place above it.

Care and Provision of Qualified or Selected Sale Livestock

- A. Junior Market Livestock exhibitors who qualify for Sale will be responsible for caring for, controlling, custody, and feeding their animals until those animals are loaded for slaughter at the Sale's termination.
- B. If, in the opinion of the Colorado State Fair Management, any livestock is not receiving appropriate care or provision during this period, the General Superintendent may appoint personnel to tend to the livestock at the exhibitor's expense. Any such fees will be deducted from the animal's final sale price before making other payments.
- C. The Authority's officials or the Colorado State Veterinarian can require or perform examinations or additional testing upon any livestock qualified for Sale.
- D. Management and General Livestock Superintendents reserve the right to mark sale animals before and after the Sale in any manner they desire.

Sale Provisions, Requirements, and Standards

Exhibitor Substitutions

- A. In the event of illness that prevents an exhibitor from showing that exhibitor's livestock, which illness is documented by a note from a licensed physician, or if an exhibitor qualifies with more than one Grand or Reserved Grand Champion animal, said exhibitor may petition the Competitive Exhibits Committee to request that a substitute exhibitor stand in for him or her during the Sale.
- B. Any such petition must be in writing and must identify the name of the proposed substitute. Any proposed substitutes must be a youth exhibitor who is also participating in the current State Fair.
- C. In any such case, both the exhibitor and the proposed substitute may be requested to appear in person before the Competitive Exhibits Committee to receive a final decision from the Competitive Exhibits Committee.

Grooming and Alteration of Livestock

- A. All Junior Livestock Sale animals must be groomed using accepted grooming practices only before entering the sale ring.
- B. No artificial decorations, e.g., lettering, paint, or glitter, of any type, will be permitted on any animal entering the sale ring.
- C. No adhesive of any type will be permitted on any animal entering the sale ring.
- D. Authority-sponsored show awards won are allowed.
- E. No livestock groomed or altered in any manner that violates this requirement will enter into the sale ring.

Lame, Diseased, Sick, or Deceased Livestock

- A. No animal that is lame, diseased, sick, or deceased may enter the Sale ring.

- B. The Colorado State Fair officials, in consultation with the Authority Veterinarian, will determine whether an animal may enter the sale ring.
- C. Should an exhibitor's animal become lame, diseased, sick, or deceased after qualifying for the Sale and before commencement of the Sale, the exhibitor will be allowed to enter the Sale ring without the qualifying animal.
- D. The animal determined to be lame, diseased, sick, or deceased will be purchased from the exhibitor by the Authority at the current year's Sale market buyback price.
- E. The lame, diseased, sick, or deceased animal will be thoroughly inspected by the State Fair Veterinarian. The animal will be treated accordingly and, if or when determined safe, will be sold to a processor at fair market value.

Grooming and Dress of Exhibitors

- A. All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire during the Sale. 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 the Sale.
- B. The recommended dress code is a 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.
- C. Exhibitors who are exhibiting rabbits, chickens, and turkeys should wear jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts.
- D. Management may refuse entry to the Sale ring to anyone whose dress does not comport to these requirements until said exhibitor or person is properly dressed.

Post-Sale Provisions, Requirements, and Standards

Direct-to-Slaughter

- A. The Sale is a terminal sale, and all livestock sold will go to slaughter.
- B. Animals going to custom slaughter will be sent to a slaughtering facility designated by the Authority.
- C. No animal will be sent to any other individual packer or slaughterhouse.
- D. The Authority is responsible for the delivery of sale animals to the slaughter-processing facility.

Effect of Condemnation

- A. If for any reason any animal is condemned at slaughter, whether by testing results or by any USDA-inspector condemnation, the Authority may withhold any payment due the exhibitor.
- B. The Authority is not liable for any breaches of contracts between the seller and buyer as a result of any condemnation or any other matter.

Payment

- A. Payment to the exhibitor will not be made until all testing results have been received and declared negative or non-suspect.
- B. Payment to the exhibitor is dependent upon receipt of the purchase price from purchasers to the Authority.
- C. The sale premiums for any sale animal on which a lien has been recorded must be paid directly to the lien holder according to Colorado law.
- D. A seven percent (7%) commission charge of the gross sales price will be assessed against all animals sold in the Sale.
- E. The Authority will additionally withhold from the gross market sale proceeds of each sale animal all fees for testing, trucking, handling charges, taxes, and other prorated deductions.

Contract to Buy

- A. The offer to buy is only a guarantee of acceptance at a given price provided the participant has met all other conditions of the competition terms and requirements governing the Sale.

Thank-you Notes to Buyers and Buyers' Groups

- A. The Authority will send the exhibitor his or her buyers' addresses shortly after the conclusion of the State Fair.
- B. The Authority strongly encourages each exhibitor who sells an animal to send thank you notes to the respective buyer immediately after receiving the buyer's address.

Discipline

Failure to Show in Sale

- A. Failure to show a qualifying animal in the Junior Livestock Sale will result in the exhibitor forfeiting all awards, recognitions, premiums, and buy-backs earned at the State Fair.
- B. Said exhibitor will be barred from showing any type of exhibit on the Authority's grounds for three years.

Positive Drug Tests in Carcass, Tissue, or Samples

- A. The test results from the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardian, even if the exhibitor or the parents or guardians did not administer the drug or foreign substance to the exhibitor's animal. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians agree that they are responsible for the care and custody of their animal(s) in preparation for and while at the State Fair.
- B. Exhibitors whose animals test positive for any drug or foreign substance violating these terms and conditions may be disqualified and forfeit all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the department where the violation occurred.

Result of Violation (any and all penalties may be assessed):

- A. No images of the disqualified exhibitor owned by or in the possession of the Authority may be reproduced at any time in the future or used in any successive publication.
- B. Any disqualified exhibitor may be required to return to the Authority any buckle, banner, or other award received.
- C. No disqualified exhibitor will be recognized for any previously awarded placing in the competition from which he or she was disqualified.
- D. Any disqualified exhibitor may be barred from the competition at the fair for three years.
- E. The General Manager, Department Manager, or Program Manager may determine violations and assess additional penalties outlined in the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.