

Colorado State Fair And Industrial Exposition

2026 Pet Rock Competition

Do you have the skills to get your rock closest to the hole? Or maybe you can't help making rocks look fabulous in creative duds and studs! Maybe both! Enter the annual Pet Rock Competition to see how your stones stand up. Get ready, set, rock, and roll!

Division Awards

- 1st place ribbon, \$15
- 2nd place ribbon, \$10
- 3rd place ribbon, \$5

Entry Fee

- Free

Schedule

- **Register** - June 15, 2026 - July 22, 2026
- **Online Only Entry Deadline** - Monday, August 10, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.
- **Location** - East side of the Creative Arts Building
- **Best Dressed Drop-off and Rock Golf Rolling check-in** - 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

- **Rock Golf Rolling** - Sunday, August 30, 2026 - Begins at 11:00 a.m., Best Dressed announced following the rock golf competition.

Competition and Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry/Fine Arts 2026 Competition & Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

- A. Exhibitors can enter both classes within the appropriate division.
- B. Contestants must bring their own rocks. Rocks will be numbered upon entry with permanent markers.
- C. At check-in, best-dressed rocks will receive an entry tag to place by the entry.
- D. All rolling rocks must be free from unnatural alterations - no decorations, painting, or other added marks or alterations.
- E. Every exhibitor must have their rock. All rocks will be rolled at the same time. No rock will be rolled more than once, unless in the case of a tie.
- F. The rock stopping closest to the pre-determined 'hole' will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, the rocks in question will roll again to break the tie.
- G. Rocks in the best-dressed competition will be judged on the most original and creative costumes.
- H. Winning best-dressed rocks will be held for display in the Creative Arts Building throughout the Fair. Winning rocks can be picked up on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building.
- I. Previous best-dressed winning rocks are not eligible for competition.

Pet Rock Divisions And Classes

Divisions 0170-0172

- 0170 (3 to 9 years of age)
- 0171 (10 to 15 years of age)
- 0172 (16 years of age and older)

Classes 1-2

- 0001. Closest to the 'hole'
- 0002. Best Dressed