

General Fair Rules

Purpose: The objective of the 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair is to offer Pueblo County residents an educational opportunity to view and/or exhibit their entries.

Operating Procedure: The Pueblo County Fair Board is the policy making body of this fair.

Fair Superintendents: The superintendent is responsible for seeing that the judging in their department is conducted in accordance with the rules written in the fair book. The superintendent is also responsible for ensuring that the judge follows the rule book.

Judges: The judge is responsible for and expected to judge the class assigned by the superintendent in accordance with the fair rulebook. Fair and constructive evaluation is our desire. Superintendents, 4-H/FFA members, leaders and parents are not to interfere with a judge's decision.

Parents and Leaders: It is the philosophy of the Fair Board that youth should do their own project work whenever safe and practical. The Fair Board recognizes that adult leaders and parents are expected to teach the child the skills of their project and, in some cases, demonstrations on the project are deemed necessary.

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1. The Fair Board has the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations governing the 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair. In the event of any conflict between 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair rules and any other rules, the 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair Rules, as interpreted by the Fair Board, shall control. In discrepancies, ambiguity or interpretation of rules or regulations for the 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair will be resolved solely by the Fair Board.
2. The majority of projects and/or shows will be done virtually with some exceptions as listed in individual rules.
3. Because the Shooting Sports Contest at the Virtual Pueblo County Fair is a qualifying event for the Shooting Sports Contest at the State Fair and is largely held in locations other than the Colorado State Fairgrounds and insurance and other requirements are already in place for those events, your Extension Staff and Shooting Sports council have been working closely with the Health Department, BOCC, and the CSU Ft Collins office to hold a modified, in-person contest following all required regulations regarding safety and social distancing. Please see the 2020 Virtual County Fair – Shooting Sports Rules for specific details.
4. Each superintendent shall know the rules and have a copy available for immediate reference. Superintendents have the authority to enforce the fair rules.
5. The Fair Management is not responsible for injury or loss in any manner; however, all precautions will be taken to prevent injury or loss.
6. 4-H/FFA Project Enrollment Deadline Dates: February 1, 2020 with a project/drop add deadline of March 1, 2020. The 4-H Youth Development Agent(s) and FFA Advisors will provide complete project enrollment lists to the Pueblo County Fair Board President immediately after this deadline. All 4-H/FFA exhibits must be shown under the project division in which the exhibitor was enrolled.
7. A **junior** member is 8-13 and a **senior** is 14-18 as of December 31 of the current enrollment year, unless area specifies a junior, intermediate, and senior division at which ages are **junior** 8-10; **intermediate** 11-13 and **senior** 14-18. These age groups apply to both 4-H members and FFA members.
8. All 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair entries are due to CSU Extension/Pueblo County by registering on-line before 5:00 pm on June 1, 2020.

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9. Late Fair Deadlines: The deadlines set by the Pueblo County Fair Board and Showcase Sale to include but not to be limited to the following: Entries, Nomination Cards (including swine photos), Registrations, Record books, W-9 Forms, and Buyer Contact Forms are to be submitted to the appropriate place by the specified date and time. Those that are not turned in at the specified deadline will be considered late. All late items will be accepted for a period of five business days following the deadline for a fee. The late fee is \$25.00 per 4-H/FFA member, not to exceed \$50.00 per family. For missed Fair Board deadlines, fees are made payable to **CSU Extension – Pueblo County Fair**. For missed Showcase Sale deadlines, fees are made payable to the 4-H/FFA Showcase Sale. **There will be no acceptance of items submitted beyond the specified grace period (five business days) for that specific deadline.** The late fee WILL NOT pertain to or include weigh-in dates, bills of sale, tests, MQA certification forms, responsible dog ownership workshops, horse and dog IDs, or animal care and housing forms.
10. After the 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair all **dog, horse and shooting sports books** should be completed with all year end information and then turned in for grading. Livestock leaders need to email/phone in the scores for all livestock books and bring in the books nominated for best record (one for each age group—Junior, Intermediate, Senior). **These records will be due in the CSUE office on September 14, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.** See specific 4-H project policies. FFA advisors will ensure annual completion of FFA SAE Record Books.
11. All protests must be made in writing and presented to the superintendent of each department within 24 hours after the incident or judging. Protests must accompany a \$50 fee, made payable to CSU Extension – Pueblo County Fair. Protests will be handled by the individual department's superintendent. Protests may be appealed to the Fair Board for a final decision. The Fair Board will review them at an officially called meeting. If the protest is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned.
12. Violation: When a violation occurs, the superintendent shall notify the Pueblo County Fair Board and recommend a penalty within 24 hours. The Fair Board, in cooperation with the department superintendent, shall notify the violator of the penalty in writing.
13. An exhibitor or his/her parent/guardian, who violates any of the rules, may be subject to disqualifications, loss of all privileges and premiums pertaining to 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair and to such other penalties as the Fair Board may order. If the violator fails to fulfill the penalty imposed, he or she will not be eligible to enter next year's fair.
14. *Exhibition only* is defined as being allowed to exhibit in a class only but not being eligible for any placings, awards, or sale. When applicable: For any participant enrolled in the project by the 4-H/FFA project add/drop deadline, but who missed a 2020 Virtual Pueblo County Fair deadline that prevents them from competing or would like the experience for the educational value. Permission to participate for exhibition only can be granted by the superintendent if time and resources are available.

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BEST PRACTICES FOR VIDEO/PHOTO TAKING:

- Consider lighting
 - If taking a photo or video outdoors in bright sunshine, watch for any shadows cast by trees, buildings, or your body.
 - Avoid these harsh shadows if you can by having the photographer stand in a different spot.
 - Animals and handlers should be filmed in a yard/arena/field/etc. with enough open space to complete required pattern safely.
 - If taking a photo indoors, consider taking the photo next to a bright window (again, avoiding shadows).
 - If taking a photo indoors, you can also use overhead lighting, but this may impact the color of your subject. Natural lighting is usually best.
- Consider positioning
 - If taking a photo of an object, you will need to find a piece of blank, uncluttered wall (or a blank/neutral surface like a table/countertop) to photograph on.
 - Objects should be photographed on a blank, white surface. Use a white wall or white tablecloth to create a white background.
 - If the object itself is predominantly white, use a contrasting black or dark background instead.
 - Frame the object in the center, with a few inches of blank space all around.
 - Make sure the object is in focus. If using a phone to photograph, tapping the screen should make the lens focus on the object.
 - Photo and videos should be taken in LANDSCAPE orientation...phone held sideways
 - If using a regular camera, please VIDEO in landscape orientation.

