

2023 General Fair Rules

Purpose: The objective of the 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.

Skateboards, Bicycles and Scooters: Can be enjoyed as part of County Fair in the bike/skate area to be designated. Not in buildings, on ramps, in parking lots, or among livestock. Be safe and considerate and obey authorities. One warning will be given to the participant and then the wheeled vehicle will be banned and the parents notified. Handicap vehicles and personal accessibility devices are exempt. Concerns regarding skateboards, bicycles and scooters should be brought to the attention of the Fairboard as soon as possible.

General Rules:

1. The Fair Board has the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations governing the County Fair. In the event of any conflict between County Fair rules and any other rules, the County Fair Rules, as interpreted by the Fair Board, shall control. In discrepancies, ambiguity or interpretation of rules or regulations for the County Fair will be resolved solely by the Fair Board.
2. Each superintendent shall know the rules and have a copy available for immediate reference. Superintendents have the authority to enforce the fair rules.
3. The Fair Management is not responsible for injury or loss in any manner; however, all precautions will be taken to prevent injury or loss.
4. 4-H/FFA Project Enrollment Deadline Dates: **February 1, 2023** with a project/drop add deadline of **March 1, 2023**. 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.
5. 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.
6. All County Fair entries are **due to in Fair Entry by June 1, 2023**.
7. 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**

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County Fair. For missed Showcase Sale deadlines, fees are made payable to the Pueblo County Fair 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.

8. After County Fair all **dog, horse and shooting sports e-records** should be completed with all year end information and then turned in for grading **into the CSU Extension Office no later than September 11, 2023, by 5:00 PM**. **Livestock e-records should be given to club leaders** for grading by this same deadline. Livestock members must submit their Livestock record book to their project/club leader by 5:00 PM on the second Monday in September, but livestock leaders may require them earlier. Members should speak with their leader directly for their club due date. All livestock scores and the two Best Livestock records in each age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each club, must be submitted to the Extension office by the livestock leader no later than 5:00 PM, 10 business days after the second Monday in September. See specific 4-H project policies. FFA advisors will ensure annual completion of FFA SAE Record Books.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 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.
12. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any 4-H/FFA member, youth, or adult will not be tolerated. Fair officials have the right, after warning the individual, to have them removed from the grounds, and/or to disqualify the member from that department for the remainder of that year.
13. Conduct that is considered dangerous, and/or potentially harmful to people, property or livestock by any 4-H/FFA member, youth, or adult will not be tolerated. Fair officials have the right, after warning the individual, to have them removed from the grounds, and/or to disqualify the member from participation in the Pueblo County Fair.
14. Guards will be provided to secure the grounds. No outside (hired by individuals) guards will be allowed. No one will be permitted to stay overnight on the fairgrounds unless arrangements are made with State Fair personnel. No one is allowed in Livestock Buildings from 9:00 p.m. until 5:30 a.m.
15. **Families who stay overnight in campers must contact the Pueblo County Fairboard 2 weeks prior to the event for camping information.** Parents must be with children. Families must follow curfew rules and be responsible for proper conduct. Security guards or fair superintendents will have the authority to remove families if family members are causing disruption of fair operation.
16. Any exhibitor committing an act damaging to the Colorado State Fairgrounds or to any other individual or his property will be asked to take his or her exhibits and leave the grounds.
17. Only alcohol served at sanctioned events by licensed vendors will be allowed. No illegal drugs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the County Fair. Marijuana is banned by the Colorado State Fair.

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18. *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 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.