

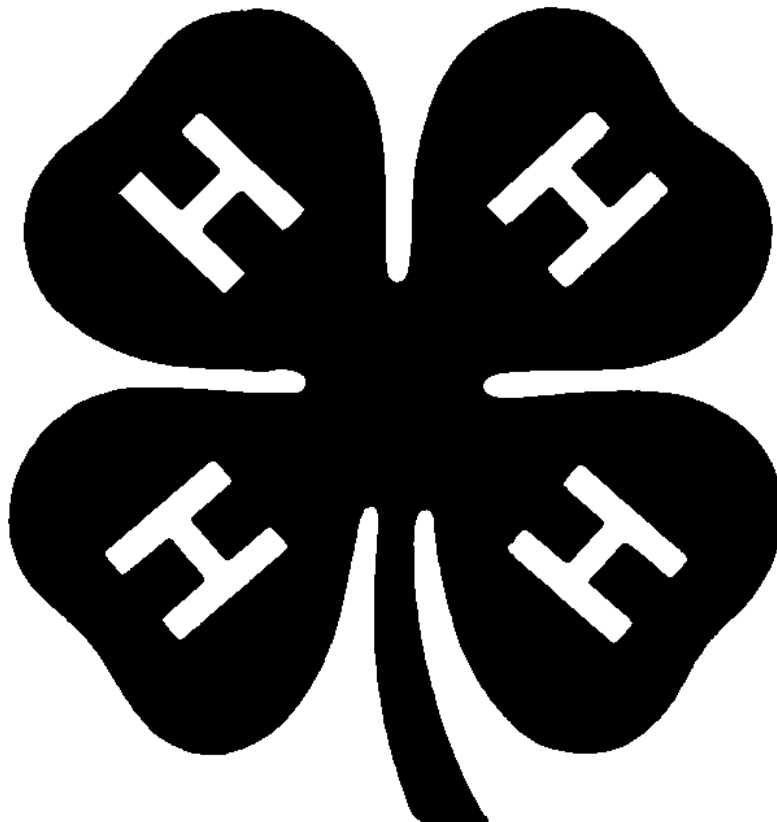
2018 Routt County 4-H Member Handbook, Policies and Procedures

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Routt County 4-H Resources

Information about 4-H, record books and manuals are located on the State 4-H Webpage: www.colorado4h.org

The Routt County Webpage: <http://routt.extension.colostate.edu/>

On Facebook under Colorado State University Extension, Routt County 4-H:



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ROUTT COUNTY 4-H 2017 – 2018 POLICIES & GUIDELINES

About 4-H

4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, My heart to greater loyalty, My hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

The 4-H Emblem, Colors and the Four H's

The 4-H emblem is federally protected under Section 18 US Code 707 and belongs to the Congress of the United States. The official emblem is green with white H's – the 4-H colors. The white symbolizes purity. The green represents nature's most common color and is emblematic of youth, life and growth.

Motto

"To Make The Best Better" – The motto was adopted at about the same time as the 4-H Club Pledge. Its intent is to inspire young people to continue to learn and grow, to make their best efforts better through participating in educational experiences.

"Learning by Doing"

This phrase sums up the educational philosophy of the 4-H program. Young people learn best when they are involved in their learning. The intent is to do, reflect and apply.

Where to Find Important Information

As a 4-H member it is important to know where to find the information needed to complete projects, attend county, district and state events, and stay informed. The Extension Office emails out a 4-H Weekly Update with important upcoming dates and information. Annually, the Extension Office produces a yearly calendar.

4-H YOUTH ENROLLMENT

4-H Enrollment Age

Any youth, 5-18 years of age as of December 31, may join 4-H.

- All children, ages 5-7, enroll in the non-competitive Cloverbud project, which explores a variety of 4-H topics.
- Youth ages 8-18 enroll in 4-H projects of their choice.
- Every member between the ages of 5 and 18 is a 4-H member.

4-H Ages (age as of December 31)

Junior	8-10
Intermediate	11-13
Senior	14-18

Shooting Sports Ages (as of December 31)

Junior	8-13
Senior	14-18

Types of Enrollments

4-H Club Membership – is for individuals (ages 8-18) who are interested in year-round organized 4-H Club participation. Fees are \$35 per member.

Independent 4-H Membership (see terms and conditions below) – Individual families may enroll as an Independent Member ONLY if organized clubs are not available for the member's participation. There is a \$25 Independent Family Fee, plus the \$35 member fee. In addition, members must complete the Independent Member Plan of Work and a parent/guardian must become a 4-H Leader.

Cloverbuds – The Cloverbud program is open to youth 5 through 7 years of age. They may be involved in a traditional club, or their parents may sign up as their leaders. The program is non-competitive and they are not involved in projects such as livestock, small animal, horse, shooting sports, etc. Fees for Cloverbud membership are \$15 per member.

INDEPENDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

The 4-H Youth Development Program provides an educational environment for the positive development of diverse youth to enable them to realize their full potential. The 4-H club is the foundation for this environment. Members are encouraged to pursue all resources to find a club compatible to their educational needs, life-skill development and family situations. Routt County recognizes that there are times when club membership is not an option. In these situations, members may enroll as an Independent Member.

Following are the requirements that must be met to enroll as Independent members:

1. Parents will explore all options and discuss club enrollment with 4-H staff before enrolling as an independent member.
2. Submit an Independent Application stating the plan of work, objectives of members' project work and community service plans.
3. A parent or guardian must enroll as a 4-H leader and fulfill county leader requirements. This includes completing a volunteer application on 4HOnline, listing three references and completing a New Leader Orientation.
4. Independent members will abide by all county and state 4-H policies and rules applicable to members of the 4-H organization including the 4-H Code of Conduct.
5. Independent memberships will be reviewed annually to determine whether conditions still exist to qualify the members for this membership classification.
6. Members or families not abiding by these policies will forfeit the opportunity to participate as Independent Members in the Routt County 4-H program.
7. Written reports may be required from an Independent Member.

Member Enrollment Form & Fees –

- We would like to encourage returning 4-H Families to enroll by December 31. Late enrollment begins January 1 (\$30 late fee for returning families).

- Members pay an enrollment fee of \$35 per member. Please read below for Enrollment Deadlines. The enrollment fee includes the following: project literature for up to three projects, accident insurance (covers State/County/Club 4-H functions with an adult 4-H leader supervising), a \$15.00 State 4-H membership fee and \$2.00 Colorado Youth Fund fee (these last two are included in the enrollment fee and do not need to be paid separately).

Member Enrollment Deadlines –

Returning 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to re-enroll in 4-H by December 31. Please note the following NEW enrollment deadlines – you must be enrolled before these deadlines:

Project	Returning Members	New Members
Beef	Beef Weigh In 1/21/18	Beef Weigh In 1/21/18
Dog	May 1	May 1
Home Ec. & General	May 1	May 1
Horse	May 1	May 1
Shooting Sports	May 1	May 1
Sheep, Goat, Swine	May 1	May 1
Poultry, Rabbit	May 1	May 1

County, Club and Project Expectations

Weekly Updates

1. All 4-H members and their families should read all the Weekly Updates and other emails sent from the Extension Office. This is where we communicate with the membership and share important information and deadlines

Club Meetings

1. Regular attendance at club meetings is expected of all 4-H members and their parents.
2. If you do not meet your club’s requirements it may affect your ability to join the same club in subsequent years and your ability to run for club officer positions.
3. Leaders, members and parents are expected to make 4-H club meetings be of the quality that 4-H members should want to attend, participate and learn something beneficial.

Deadlines

1. The proper compliance with established, stated and published deadlines is considered an appropriate expectation of 4-H membership. Submitting things on time and following the rules is part of the 4-H learning experience and is considered a reasonable thing to do.
2. Individuals not complying with these expectations may lose awards and privileges. Members not complying with established and published dates of ownership, animal ID, fair entry or exhibition may be prevented from showing or denied any and all awards for their project.
3. Deadlines are announced in the Weekly Updates in a timely manner and many of them are in this Handbook.

4-H Member in Good Standing (as stated in the Colorado 4-H Policy Handbook)

Participation in certain county, state, regional and national events is limited to those members who are in “good standing” with the club and county and the State 4-H Program. This includes:

- Being enrolled in an organized 4-H club or program.
- Abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Meeting deadlines
- Attending a majority of club and project meetings.
- Completing at least one project.
- Meeting any additional county level requirements.

General and Consumer Science Project

Information and Rules

1. County 4-H members are not limited in the number of projects they can participate in. The State Fair Exhibit Requirements, Electronic Record Books, and Project Tip Sheets can be found on the State 4-H Website www.colorado4h.org
2. A 4-H member may enroll in more than one unit of the same project during the year.
3. Members may enroll in any project unit that meets their skill level, unless State 4-H guidelines prohibit such and requires members to start at the lowest level. They may enroll in the same unit for multiple years unless the project requirements state differently.
4. Unit Champion projects that are also state listed projects qualify for the Colorado State Fair. Projects must be returned to the Extension Office, packaged and ready for travel by the posted date after Exhibit Day. Projects that do not qualify, or are not a state listed project, are encouraged to be exhibited at the Routt County Fair.
5. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Fashion Review winners qualify for the State Fashion Review Show at the Colorado State Fair. Senior Fashion Review winners may repeat trips to the State Fashion Review.
6. In order to receive a project completion 4-H members must complete an e-record book and exhibit at one of the following:
 - Exhibit Day
 - Fashion Review
 - County Fair
 - Approved shows in or out of the county
7. The Extension Office must be notified by the club leader of project completion at the club level prior to the standard show date. If a member does not complete their club requirements then they will be considered incomplete and will not be allowed to enroll in that project the following year. Also, if the member is incomplete the member is ineligible for Achievement Night awards or state competitions.
8. If a member does not complete a project, they will not be allowed to enroll in that project the following year. Completion of specific projects requires a completed record book that meets listed guidelines and completing all club requirements.
9. Projects at Exhibit Day and Fashion Review will be interviewed and judged. Project members must be interviewed unless extenuating circumstances arise, in which case other arrangements must be made ahead of time with the Extension Office. You need to make every effort possible to attend Exhibit Day as scheduled.
10. Projects will be awarded at Exhibit Day using the American System (ranking projects from best to worst). Eligible winners will be sent to the State Fair based on the current State Fair Project Requirements.
11. County projects will be judged based on requirements according to the current State Fair Project Requirements.
12. It is highly recommended that Members be present at Exhibit Day and interviewed and judged in order for the project to qualify for the State Fair, or the member must make arrangements with the Extension Office prior to that date.
13. The judge's decision is final. Classes will not be re-judged after the completion of the day.

Shooting Sports Projects

1. Shooting Sports programs start late winter and early spring in all three communities.
2. Leaders focus on teaching youth how to shoot safely. All volunteer leaders are required to attend a three day shooting sports leader certification prior to working with youth and enroll as a 4-H Leader.
3. Shooting Sports members must be enrolled by May 1st for participation eligibility. Enrollment after May 1st must be cleared through a shooting sports project leader and the Extension Office.
4. Members complete shooting sports by:
 - Attending a minimum of 70% of scheduled practices/classes with their certified leader.
 - Competing at Completion Day in July, or scheduled through their leader ahead of time.
 - Completing a record book, and turning it in at Exhibit Day.
 - All shooting sports members are required to complete a project exhibit to present at Exhibit Day. Contact the Extension Office for rules/requirements for this portion of the project.
 - All shooting sports members must be a Member in Good Standing to be eligible to compete at the Routt County Completion Weekend, 4-H State Shoot and/or National 4-H Shoot (see page 6 of this handbook – 4-H Member in Good Standing)

5. To qualify to the Colorado State Fair for competition, 4-H members must have completed Hunter Safety Education and participated and qualified at the Completion Day held in July.

State Shooting Sports rulebooks and other shooting sports information are available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website: www.co4hshooting.org

What you will need once you enroll:

- All members must complete a record book for their project. You can request a hard copy/email copy from the Extension Office or all project record books are available at www.colorado4h.org. Basic requirements of every record book are a demonstration and community service work.
- Manuals for each project are available at the Extension Office. Horse members need to request a horse rulebook if you want one. They cost \$8.00 and we are currently using the 2018 Rule Book.
- 4-H information will be dispersed weekly via email, unless requested otherwise.
- It is imperative that we have valid 4-H member and parent email addresses if you expect to receive important emails and updates from the Extension Office. PLEASE notify the office of any changes throughout the year. And be sure to read all emails from the office.

4-H Educational/Leadership Opportunities

In order to participate in the following 4-H trips, youth 4-H members must complete an application and participate in an interview process:

- *Citizenship Washington Focus* – members age 15-18
- *National 4-H Conference* – members age 15-18
- *International 4-H Youth Exchange Programs* – members age 15-30

4-H members must meet the age requirement for 4-H trips. Youth 4-H members must also be enrolled in a 4-H project during the current year of the trip they are planning on attending.

Annually Routt County 4-H members can participate in the following State 4-H trips:

- *Colorado State 4-H Conference* in June– members age 14-18
- *Leadership Development Conference* in January– members age 14-18
- *Youth Fest* in February– members age 9-13
- *Colorado Leadership Camp* in November– grades 6th-9th

Members are encouraged to attend and Volunteers are welcome to attend as chaperones. Some trips have partial scholarships available through our 4-H Leadership Fund.

Annually Routt County, members may participate in the following in/out of county activities:

- *District 11 and 12 Retreat* in March– members age 10-18
- *Northwest Livestock/Horse/Dog/Rabbit/Poultry Exposition* in June– educational opportunity for members to learn more about showing, feeding and prepping horse, livestock and dog projects for show – members ages 8-18
- *Routt County 4-H Fun Day in July*– Routt County youth age 8-13
- *Routt County Keeping It Cool Overnight Retreat* in October – Routt County youth age 8-18
- *Interstate Exchange Group* – Routt County youth age 14-18
- *Junior Leadership* – Routt County youth age 14-18

For more information please contact your local club leader, the Routt County Extension Office or the Colorado State website at: www.colorado4h.org.

4-H LEADER ENROLLMENT

Leader Enrollment

All leaders, including family club parents, must complete an enrollment on 4HOnline. Leaders must re-enroll each year in order for the year of leadership to be recognized and to be a 4-H leader.

New Leader Requirements

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Routt County, all new leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete 4Honline Leader Enrollment process, which includes three references (and their email addresses).
2. Complete the e-Learning modules online – your agent will share the location with you.
3. Complete a background check by HireRight and possibly an interview.
4. Complete and submit a travel authorization form.

4-H LEADER INFORMATION

4-H Member/Leader Accident Insurance

The American Income Life Insurance policy carried for injury related accidents for 4-H members and leaders is in effect only during authorized leader supervised 4-H club events. Only officially enrolled youth/adults are covered. The maximum amount of coverage per leader/member is \$1,500. 4-H member insurance fees are included in the enrollment fees each year.

Liability Insurance

Volunteers participating in official 4-H activities are protected from liability for injuries to others (person or property) by the self-insured liability program of the State of Colorado as long as acts of the volunteer are not willful and wanton.

Livestock Manuals

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit and Dog manuals are **one per family** and are meant to be used through the 4-H member's whole time in the livestock projects. If you are a returning livestock family, you will not receive another copy of the manual(s) if you received one the prior year. If a replacement copy is needed, you will have to purchase a copy. If a member is new to livestock or is switching to a new species which they have not been previously enrolled in, then the family will receive one copy of the appropriate manual.

New Leader Assistance

Are you a new 4-H leader or thinking about becoming a 4-H leader? The 4-H Agent is available to help you get started. If you have more questions than answers, schedule a time to come into the office. You can look through project manuals, ask questions and get assistance in completing forms. To schedule a time, call 970-879-0825.

4-H Club Staff Support

If you have questions about projects or enrollments and would like someone to attend your first organizational meeting or answer your questions, 4-H staff members may be available to help. Call 970-879-0825.

4-H GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

The Routt County 4-H Program strives to provide educational experiences that are in the best interest of the whole 4-H and county membership. We understand that sometimes there are differences among us and we have created a process to aid in addressing and discussing your concerns.

In order to assure fairness, complaints and grievances that occur throughout the year (not during fair) must first go to the Routt County Extension Office, and be addressed with the 4-H Agent. If it cannot be resolved through that level, it will be addressed through the *Routt County 4-H Grievance Procedure* outlined below.

1. Submit in writing your complaint and desired outcome of the grievance within 7 days of the original concern.
2. The Extension Office will, to the best of its ability, create a non-biased committee made up of a combination of the following positions: an Extension Agent and two to four 4-H volunteer leaders. The grievance committee may, or may not be members of Routt County depending upon the nature of the complaint. The committee will evaluate and agree on a final decision after hearing the submitted complaint.

Any person filling a written grievance has the option of making a personal presentation at a grievance hearing. Grievances will be evaluated in a timely manner. Decisions of the 4-H Grievance Committee are final.

To Better Serve You - Please Call Ahead

The Routt County Extension Office is dedicated to helpful service. To best meet your needs, please call in advance to schedule an appointment with a 4-H agent or to request any forms or literature be prepared for you to pick up. If you only need to drop something off, a call is not necessary. We can be reached at 970-879-0825.

ROUTT COUNTY 4-H FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Club Charter Process-

Please contact the 4-H Agent for details on how to charter a new club. For existing clubs all the documents can be found on the Colorado State Extension website www.colorado4h.org . The forms that will need to be completed/updated yearly are: Charter Application, Constitution and Bylaws, 4-H Club Financial Report, Annual Review: 4-H Club Group Funds, Budget, Annual Plan, Club Affirmative Action Report.

Club Fundraising Regulations

Almost all 4-H Clubs will have a fund raising activity at least once a year. Before hosting a fundraiser, clubs must check with the Extension Office to see if what they are planning is legal.

4-H is a non-profit organization and because of State and Federal regulations, there are strict guidelines on what clubs can and cannot do for fundraisers. There are penalties for failing to comply with the regulations. For information, call the 4-H office at 970-879-0825.

4-H YOUTH AND CONTRACTS

In the state of Colorado, it is illegal for a minor to sign a legally binding contract, even if the individual's parent or guardian also signs. On contracts/leases that are intended to be legally binding (for instance, if individuals are leasing horses to 4-H'ers), only the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) should be signing parties. It is permissible to have an agreement between cooperators and 4-H youth regarding behavioral expectations of the youth, as they relate to care and treatment of animals, keeping records and exhibiting at the fair. If you have questions, please call the 4-H Office at 970-879-0825.

DRIVING/TRAVEL POLICIES FOR YOUTH & VOLUNTEERS

Youth Driving Policy

To be covered by State of Colorado liability insurance, youth who drive to out-of-county events must be requested, in writing, to do so by the Extension agent responsible for the local 4-H Youth Development Program. Youth who drive to an event must receive permission from the 4-H Youth Development agent or adult in charge to continue use of the vehicle during the event.

Youth may not drive to out-of-county events or carry passengers without written permission from the parents of the driver and passengers on a Travel Authorization Form.

Adult Volunteer Driving Policy

This policy applies to volunteers (enrolled 4-H leaders) who are transporting 4-H program participants (enrolled 4-H members) in their personal vehicles. The policy does not apply to volunteers (leaders) or parents who are transporting only their own children to 4-H events.

You must be an enrolled 4-H Leader (and have passed the motor vehicle section of the background check) to transport participants (enrolled 4-H members) in their personal vehicle. Enrolled 4-H leaders transporting 4-H program participants (enrolled 4-H members) in their personal vehicle MUST possess a valid driver's license, carry automobile insurance, maintain a safe vehicle and comply with all Colorado motor vehicle, insurance and seat belt laws.

By signing the leader enrollment form, each leader attests to having a valid Colorado driver's license and has an automobile insurance policy that is in effect. Should the leader not have a driver's license or automobile insurance, the Routt County Extension Office will not allow the leader to transport youth.

Volunteers are NOT allowed to drive youth passengers to ANY Routt County 4-H event without the written permission of the child's parent or guardian on a Travel Authorization Form, signed by the parent or legal guardian of each participant. An updated Travel Authorization Form is available following this section.

The Travel Authorization Form may be completed and submitted to remain on file at the Routt County Extension Office 4-H Department at the time of the member's enrollment or re-enrollment, or submitted to the Extension Office at least 24 hours prior to the departure for a specific event or activity.

However, if submitted with enrollment, the Travel Authorization Form must list all 4-H events and activities that the parent agrees the leader can provide/or may provide for transportation of that youth. It is important to understand the Travel Authorization Forms can be less specific, such as “for 4-H events during the 2014-15 program year”; however, the less specific authorization could, potentially, decrease liability protection for the leader. Also, should there be a need to provide transportation to event(s) not listed on the original form, a separate Travel Authorization Form must be filled out and received by the Routt County Extension Office at least 24 hours prior to the departure for the event.

In the event of an emergency, the leader may call a youth’s parents and request permission to transport that child.

Liability Insurance for Automotive Travel

Should an accident resulting in injury occur, the leader’s personal automobile insurance would be the primary coverage for liability protection. Leaders who will be transporting youth should talk with their insurance representative to determine the amount of liability coverage that is recommended.

Should the resulting liability exceed the leaders’ policy limits, the State of Colorado liability policy would be activated. All 4-H Leaders are protected by the state liability policy as “authorized volunteers of the state.”

In the event of an accident caused by a second vehicle, the insurance companies involved, and possibly the courts would determine liability. The State of Colorado would step in and defend the 4-H leader in a liability suit and would work together with the 4-H Leader’s automobile insurance company to do so. Personal automobile insurance would cover individuals who are injured.

4-H MEMBER TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FORM

FOR COUNTY AND OUT-OF-COUNTY 4-H EVENTS/ACTIVITIES- Routt County

4-H leaders and members are NOT allowed to drive 4-H members to any events without written permission from a parent/guardian of *each* passenger. This form must be completed and submitted to the Routt County Extension Office at least 24 hours PRIOR to departure for a 4-H-related event or activity.

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____

(parent/guardian printed name)

(4-H member's printed name)

give permission for my child to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by

(Driver's name- must have held a valid Colorado driver's license for more than one year and hold a

current auto insurance policy)

to _____ in _____ on date _____

(Name of 4-H Event/Activity)

(City, State)

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: The driver listed here must be in compliance with all State of Colorado laws, including to possess a valid driver's license, carry automobile insurance, maintain a safe vehicle and comply with all Colorado motor vehicle, insurance and seat belt laws.

4-H LIVESTOCK AND SMALL ANIMAL RULES

SUPERINTENDENTS

Beef

Jeannie Jo Logan
Lee Meyring DVM

Sheep/Goat

Hollie Sutton
Kristen Corriveau
Lysa Long

Swine

Jamie Booco
Yvonne Carrouth
Lane Iacovetto

Small Animal

Roger Muhme
Nancy Muhme

Horse

Lucianne Myhre
Kristy Ragan
Kathy Yeiser

Dog

Cathy Shryock
Barb Clark

Livestock Ownership Deadlines – All projects must be ID’d in 4HOnline by Ownership deadline – (exception is Market/Breeding Animals need to be ID’d by June 1)

	<u>Ownership Deadline</u>	<u>ID in 4HOnline</u>
Market Beef:	Beef Weigh In	June 1
Market Sheep, Goat and Swine:	Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh In	June 1
Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat:	June 1	June 1
Poultry, Show Birds, Rabbit:	June 1	June 1
Market Poultry/Rabbit:		Fair Entry Deadline
Horse and Breeding Horse:	May 1	May 1
Dog:	May 1	May 1

Pre-Fair Weigh-In

- Youth exhibitors will be allowed to identify and weigh-in market livestock at a fee of \$5.00 per animal payable at the perspective winter or spring market animal weigh-in. There is no limit to the number weighed in at the winter or spring weigh-in, although each family may only declare **one** “family” animal per species at the respective winter and spring market animal weigh-in. By the fair weigh-in, the “family” animal must be designated to a specific family member.
- NEW for 2018 – members will have two weeks from spring weigh-in to double check that all the information inputted during weigh-in is correct. The official weigh-in information will be posted to the Routt County Extension website the day (or two) after weigh in: <http://routt.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/4-h-forms/> . Families/members are to double check that the animals are ID’d to the correct members, weights, DOB, etc. are all correct. After the two week period all information entered becomes final and CANNOT be changed at fair.
- **Family Animal** - A Family Animal is an animal that can be weighed in under more than one member’s name. Example: The Brown Family has three kids that are all participating in the market swine project. Each kid, at spring weigh-in, weighs in one market swine under their own name and then the Family weighs in a 4th market swine and labels it the Family Animal. This gives the family a backup animal in case something happens to one of the kids market swine. This Family Animal will need to be ID’d to each member of the family who might be showing this animal at fair. At fair weigh in the family will need to designate who will be showing the Family Animal at fair – change the name on the Family Animal to a member’s name.
- **Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects** - All 4-H members complete the Animal Care and Housing form in 4HOnline when you enroll. Any member who is housing a 4-H animal not on their own property or who is leasing an animal must complete this form outside of 4HOnline (paper form) and turn it into the 4-H office.

The Colorado 4-H current project recommendation for primary care state the “4-H members will provide primary and continuous care of their project animals.” Primary care is defined as the 4-H member making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling and training of their animal project a majority of the time.

Note – an animal CAN be housed in a neighboring county if the Animal Care and Housing Form is completed by all parties involved. All parties are verifying that the member IS the Primary Care Giver to this animal even though it is being housed in the neighboring county. When possible, the animal should be housed at the members home. (You can only participate in 4-H in one county for each 4-H year.)

- **Livestock fair minimum weights are as follows:** There are no maximum livestock weights. In order to avoid implementing a maximum fair weight we need to make sure we are raising market ready animals. You should be aiming for the target fair weights mentioned below and not bringing overweight animals to fair that are not market ready. If we continue to see overweight animals at fair we will have to look at implementing a maximum weight – please help by raising a market ready animal.
 - Goat 50 lbs.
 - Swine 235 lbs.
 - Lambs 100 lbs.
 - Steer 1,000 lbs.
 - Heifers 1,000 lbs
- Beef Weigh-In Clarification - Miniature and Lowlines market beef will be allowed to show in the Miniature Market Beef Class. **They must be papered, and papers must be presented at tag-in of the winter – January weigh-in.** Lowlines must be a minimum of ½ bloods. To be eligible for the miniature division, beef must have a maximum hip height of 42". Minimum weight for miniature breeds to be eligible for the sale is 750 pounds.

ETHICS:

1. The goal of 4-H is to develop productive, responsible youth who will become respected leaders for tomorrow. We expect all county Fair exhibitors and parents to ascribe to and maintain the highest standards of ethical practices. This encompasses honesty and integrity in record keeping, showmanship, herdsman ship, and respect for other exhibitors. **Any practices deemed unsafe, inhumane or unethical shall be cause for immediate disqualification. The decision of the Fair management is final.** Unethical practices include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body “fill-in” or the alteration, changing, defacing or any medication of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body “fill-in,” external applications of such things as liniments and blistering agents that would cause an edematous condition; use of ice packs or other refrigerants to alter the quality of the finish of an animal.
 - Icing of animals will not be allowed.
 - No drench guns or artificial device for hydrating or feeding of animals will be allowed.
 - The natural color of any animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match an animal’s natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged animal, red on a red animal, and white on a white-legged animal. But under no circumstances can color be used to cover an animal’s natural leg color.
 - No altering structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed.
 - Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
 - The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
 - Altering true weights of animals by excess mud on the animal, loading down sheep with heavy blankets, drenching beef, dousing with water prior to weigh-in, or any attempt to alter weights (beyond the normal practice of voluntary feed and water consumption) to make the minimum weight.
 - Showing an animal not owned by the exhibitor.
 - Bringing animals to the Fair that are not broken to lead, thus, causing safety problems or resulting in delays or disruption of the show.
 - Copying last year's record book, or someone else's records to meet completion requirements.
 - Feeding or injecting controlled substances, fluids, drugs, or steroids in an attempt to alter an animal's normal body composition or appearance.
 - Inhumane treatment of animals such as: neglect, abuse, withholding feed and/or water, excessive kicking or hitting of animal, etc.
 - Switching ear tags, altering official ear tags, switching animals prior to sale.
 - Showing a market animal at another Fair after it was auctioned for processing at this livestock sale.
 - The Routt County Fair reserves the right to administer testing, to include DNA, urine, tissue, blood, and retinal scanning, for any foreign substance on any animal at any time while that animal is on the Routt County Fair premises.

- Random stress testing on market hogs may also be done.
2. The test results from the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor, the exhibitor's parents or guardian even if the exhibitor, or the parents or guardians did not administer the drug or foreign substance to the animal. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or legal guardians agree they are the persons absolutely responsible for the care and custody of their animals in preparation for and while at the Routt County Fair.
 3. Any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug or foreign substance in violation of these terms and conditions will be disqualified and forfeit all buckles, awards, ribbons, and sale monies received. Member will not be allowed to show livestock in the Routt County Fair the following year. In addition, action may be taken against the exhibitor and their parents or guardians by the USDA or State of Colorado. The 4-H member may lose their good standing status in the state of Colorado for one year, which would prohibit them from participating in ANY additional livestock shows during their probation.

USDA MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS:

1. The Routt County 4-H and County Fair management endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Assurance Act.
2. **All 4-H members showing market and breeding beef, sheep, swine, goats, market rabbits and market poultry must have completed the Meat Quality Assurance training to be eligible to show at the Routt County Fair.**
3. MQA training is required for all first year members, regardless of age. All first year senior members must complete MQA again to be eligible to show.
4. 4-H livestock exhibitors and parents must comply with the following industry standards to assure highest quality meat products prior to entry at county Fair:
 - a. Strictly follow labeling and manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides or feed additives administered.
 - b. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of chemicals is strictly prohibited.
 - c. Adhere to health requirements and previously stated standards of ethical and humane treatment of livestock to maximize quality of meat products upon shipment for processing.
 - d. Agree to provide proper health treatment under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian to animal(s) entered at the Fair, if any antibiotic, medication, pesticide or other substance is administered during the Fair.
 - e. Agree to withdraw entry from Fair Livestock Auction for non-compliance with health and/or wholesome meat assurance standards.
 - f. Hold harmless the Routt County Fair staff and management for any loss or damages incurred from the loss of meat or income should an animal be disqualified from the sale or condemned during processing under the conditions of the USDA Wholesome Meat Assurance Act.
5. Colorado and Federal laws prohibit the marketing of unsafe or unwholesome animal products into the food chain for human consumption. Livestock producers, including 4-H members who violate quality assurance standards may be criminally liable to prosecution. In addition, by Colorado 4-H policy, violation of quality assurance standards may result in a 4-H member and/or family being banned from enrollment for one year in the livestock project in question.
6. If a member (child, parent or leader) enrolled in a 4-H livestock project violates provisions of either the Wholesome Meat Act or the Meat Quality Assurance Act, the entire family is expelled from participating in livestock projects for one year. This does not limit their ability to participate in non-livestock projects during this expulsion period.
7. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. All animals must:
 - a. Originate from herds not under quarantine.
 - b. Be free of contagious disease, parasites, and other illnesses.
 - c. Animals deemed by the veterinarian to be unhealthy to show and/or sell at auction, or to pose health or safety risk to other livestock and/or the public will be quarantined and treated at the exhibitor's expense, disqualified, and/or sent home from the Fair.
2. Animals required to have flock ID tags (from Scrapie Fact Sheet from Colorado Department of Agriculture - [LINK](#)):
 - SHEEP
 - All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals 18 mo. Or older moving to slaughter.
 - All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
 - All breeding sheep regardless of age.
 - GOATS
 - All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals moving to slaughter.

- All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition and do not have a registration tattoo with registration or the tattoo is illegible.
 - Due to scrapie found in goats in Colorado, all commercial goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older not in slaughter channels.
3. All horses must be free of ringworm, infectious respiratory diseases, strangles, and any other infectious or contagious diseases.
 4. All poultry and rabbits must be free of lice and mites, avian flu and any other infectious or contagious diseases.
 5. The exhibitor must strictly comply with Meat Quality Assurance Standards and withdrawal periods for any medications given to livestock.

PRE-ENTRY:

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits in Fair Entry by the deadline.**
2. Completion of the online entry form certifies he or she has observed and agrees to competition requirements regarding sabotage, tampering, prohibited substance, unethical fitting and agrees to observe and abide by all competition requirements and regulations.
3. Completion of the online entry form certifies that the Parent have read and been advised concerning all Routt County Fair Competition Requirements and Regulations and agrees to uphold said requirements and regulations for themselves and their child.

PEN/STALL RESERVATIONS:

1. Reservations must be noted online. Please complete the online form with the number of market animals and breeding animals you will be bringing. Please include cow/calf pairs. Also indicate if you will be sharing a stall with another member.
2. Do not request an equipment stall. We will assign equipment stalls.
3. **Stall Assignments are final.**

WEIGH-IN/ENTRY SCHEDULE:

1. Market animals will be weighed only once. Re-weighs will be up to the superintendent's discretion only.
2. Animals under the minimum weight will not sell at the sale.

Tuesday – 6:00pm

Swine Weigh-In

Wednesday

(Times are an estimate; each species should be at MPB at their species start time.)

10:00-11:30am - Goat – Sheep

11:30am - Beef

3. There will be feeder classes for those that do not make weight.
4. You must be at weigh-in ON TIME: 6pm for Swine, 10am for Sheep & Goat and 11:30am Beef. DO NOT BE LATE. We will not keep the scales open after weigh-in.
5. All weights called by the Extension Office/Livestock Committee, Superintendent or other Fair Personnel are final.
6. All weights/classes will be posted by the 4-H office in the MPB the day of weigh-in for swine/goat/sheep. Please double check all the classes/weights/names/etc. the day of weigh-in and let the 4-H office know of mistakes/changes that day. **No changes can be made after the day of weigh-in for swine/goat/sheep.**
 - a. Beef weights/classes will be posted by the day after weigh-in and changes can only be made on this day (the day after weigh-in)
7. Eligibility for market classes and the sale:

*****In order to avoid implementing a maximum fair weight we need to make sure we are raising market ready animals. You should be aiming for the target fair weights mentioned below and not bringing overweight animals to fair that are not market ready. If we continue to see overweight animals at fair we will have to look at implementing a maximum weight – please help by raising a market ready animal.***

 - a. **Steer** must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. (target fair weight 1250-1350 lbs. – varies for breed and size)
 - b. **Heifer** must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. (target fair weight 1100-1250 lbs. – varies for breed and size)
 - b. **Miniature beef** must weigh a minimum of 750 lbs.
 - c. **Lambs** a minimum of 100 lbs. (target fair weight 135-145 lbs.)
 - d. **Goats** a minimum of 50 lbs (target fair weight 75-90 lbs.)

- e. **Swine** a minimum of 235 lbs. (target fair weight 265-280 lbs.)
- f. **Poultry meat pen**, it must be determined by the judge that the birds are ready for market on the day of show. Birds not in market condition (based on age or other quality standards) will not be eligible to sell.
 - a. Chickens – (3 of same sex and breed)
 - b. Ducks – (pair of same sex and breed)
 - c. Geese – (pair of same sex and breed)
 - d. Turkeys – (pair of same sex and breed)
- g. **Rabbits, in order to sell rabbits they must meet the following weights and age:**
 - a. **Pen of 3 Rabbits**, same breed & variety, a suggested minimum weight 3 lbs./maximum weight 5 lbs. each , age not over 10 Weeks.

EXHIBITOR RULES:

1. **All livestock animal exhibitors must be enrolled in their 4-H animal project by May 1 or by the weigh in date or ownership date (whichever comes first):**
 Beef – Beef Weigh In date
 Swine/Sheep/Goat – Swine/Sheep/Goat Weigh In Date (must be enrolled by May 1 and be ID'd in 4HOnline by June 1)
 Breeding Animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat) – June 1 of current year (must be enrolled by May 1, ID'd by June 1)
 Poultry, Show Birds, Rabbit: June 1 of current year (must be enrolled in project by May 1, ID'd by June 1)
 Market Poultry/Rabbit – Fair Registration Deadline of current year (must be enrolled project by May 1)
 Horse – May 1 of current year
 Dog – May 1 of current year
2. The Routt County 4-H livestock e-record book must be up to date in order to be eligible to show at the Fair. Record book checks will be scheduled prior to fair during your July club meeting. It is your responsibility to attend your July club meeting to have your record book checked, or to follow up with your club leader to have your record book checked in July. **Failure to have your record book checked and up to date will result in not being allowed to participate in County Fair.**
3. 4-H or FFA members from other counties may **not** show at the Routt County Fair.
4. All exhibitors and their associates are required to cooperate with all Routt County Fair officials including Extension Employees, Fair Board, grounds admission, and the Law Enforcement Officers while on the grounds.
5. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and any illicit drug is forbidden on the fairgrounds.
6. Routt County 4-H Fair Management reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred from any other show on the basis of unethical practices, disqualified from competition at any major livestock show, from any state or county fair, or has had premiums withheld or withdrawn on the grounds of a violation of any competition requirement.
7. The Routt County 4-H Fair Management will not tolerate the use of profane, objectionable, derogatory or otherwise inappropriate language or any behavior that is threatening or vulgar toward any fair personnel. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Any member or family member who engages in such conduct will immediately be disqualified from county fair, trespassed from the fairgrounds, and will potentially lose their good standing as a member of 4-H in Colorado.
8. All 4-H Members and their parents sign the 4-H Code of Conduct when enrolling in 4-H each year and are responsible for abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct.
9. Exhibitors must have continuously owned/(leased for breeding projects only) and **personally cared** for their animals since:

Beef Weigh In	Market Beef
May 1	Dogs
Spring Weigh In	Market Sheep, Swine, & Goats
May 1	Horses and Breeding Horses
June 1	Rabbits & Poultry
June 1	Breeding & Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats (enrolled by May 1, ID'd by June 1)
10. Animals may not be brought to the Fair for exhibit unless a class is provided for them. Check the Routt County Fair Book for each species.
11. Exhibitors can bring no more than 2 market animals in any 2 species for beef, swine, lamb and goat. (ex. – a member can bring 2 market swine and 2 market lambs). A member cannot show in more than two market animal divisions.
12. Currently, there is no limit to the number of Breeding Projects for beef, swine, sheep and goat you can bring to fair.
13. Currently, there is no limit to the number of small animal projects you can bring for poultry and rabbit.
14. Each youth may sell only one large animal (steer, sheep, goat, or swine sell) and one small animal (market poultry or rabbit), unless you win Grand and/or Reserve then you get to sell additional animals.

SHOW RULES:

1. All animal entry times are as follows:
Livestock Stalling: Sunday-Tuesday 8am-6pm, Wednesday 8am-10am
Rabbit & Poultry Check-In: Tuesday 8-5pm
Dog Check-In: Tuesday 8-8:30am
2. Animals will be randomly examined by a veterinarian for evidence of infections or contagious diseases, i.e. abnormal skin lesions, abnormal nasal and eye discharge and lameness, etc. Animals not complying with health rules will be held in quarantine and treated at owner's expense, and/or a request made to exhibitor by the superintendent to take the animal home immediately. **If your animal has evidence of any infectious or contagious disease consult your veterinarian before bringing it to fair.**
3. Exhibitor numbers must be clearly visible at all times and must be worn on exhibitors' back during livestock shows and during Round Robin.
- 4- **LIVESTOCK SHOW DRESS CODE:** All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, shear blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare-midriiffs are not acceptable attire and shall not be worn during a show event. **Recommended dress** is as follows: long or short sleeved, shirt or a blouse, clean jeans or slacks with a belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are **required** to protect the feet. No hats are to be worn in the show ring at any time. All white attire is suggested when showing dairy goats and dairy cattle. Rabbit exhibitors are required to have long sleeves.
5. The superintendent shall disqualify animals from competition for being unruly.
6. **Only two calls will be made for each class.** If exhibitor is not in the show ring following the second call, they will forfeit that class. The time period between second call and last animal in the ring will be determined by the Superintendent of the show. **No Exceptions.**
7. For security reasons, all livestock barns will be closed at 10:00 p.m., or one hour after the end of the final livestock show, whichever is later. Barns will remain closed until 6:00 a.m. Each barn will have security and law enforcement personnel making rounds throughout the night. Please make sure your animals are properly secured when leaving for the night.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. All exhibitors named as owner/ lessor will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care, and feeding of their animal(s). Exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own animal for exhibition. While on the Routt County fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any show must be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed and shown for show competition by the exhibitor themselves.
2. If, for safety reasons, an exhibitor would need help, assistance may be provided by parents/legal guardians, siblings who are also enrolled in 4-H, or another Routt County 4-H member, and/or a leader. The exhibitor must be present and actively participating during the assistance, unless is presently exhibiting in a class. Even with assistance, the first year **or inexperienced member** must contribute a minimum of 50% of the fit job of the animal. Two warnings will be issued to any exhibitor who is deemed to be not actively participating in the fit job, is not present the entire time help is being received, or is receiving help from a non-family or non-4-H member. A third warning could result in disqualification from the show and/or livestock sale. All concerns regarding this rule must be addressed with the species superintendent and/or the 4-H Agent. **Only the Superintendents** and/or the agent will approach members regarding rules.
3. **"Fitters" are prohibited from handling or caring for 4-H exhibitor's animals. Those exhibitors that utilize these individuals will not be able to participate in the show and sale.**
4. Members must leave the wash rack clean after using as a courtesy to other exhibitors.
5. Only the exhibitor/owner will be allowed in the show ring during official judging. In case of sickness or other emergency, an animal may be shown in the market class by a substitute providing the substitute is a bona fide **Routt County 4-H member** and the superintendent grants permission.
6. No family member or other associates are allowed in the holding pens and/or staging area off the show ring. Exhibitors are responsible for the sole care of their animals while their animals are penned/staged in these areas unless prior permission is granted by the Superintendent.
7. Exhibitors must supply their own bedding. Wood shavings only (Shredded paper and straw are not allowed.)
8. Exhibitors are expected to keep their stall/pens clean daily and their animals supplied with fresh water and food, as needed, throughout the day. Stall/pens/alleys must be cleaned prior to 8:30 a.m. each day. All alleys must be kept cleaned throughout the day and also at the conclusion of the fair. Exhibitors are responsible for the alleyway in front of their pen, and wash racks as well. All used bedding is to be placed in a designated location. Bedding is composted so please keep it free of any and all trash.
9. A water container, with water, must be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each pen at all times. Please utilize nipple waterers for hogs. Water containers for sheep/goats must be attached to the pen to minimize spilling.
10. Every exhibitor/seller is responsible for the care and feeding of his/her stock until it is loaded for release on Sunday. **This**

also includes all animals sold at the sale.

11. All pens and stalls will be checked throughout the day, each day, by the appropriate Superintendent. It is a requirement that every pen is cleaned by 8:30am every morning by the member. If the member cannot clean it themselves, the member will arrange for another member to clean their pen by 8:30am each morning.
12. All livestock members are to be at the Mandatory species meeting listed below:
 - Swine: Tuesday – after weigh-in
 - Sheep/Goat: Wednesday - after weigh-in
 - Beef: Wednesday - after weigh-in
13. All livestock and **HORSE** members are to be at the MPB on Sunday, following the Jr. Livestock Sale at 9:00am for break down. (horse – to break down Lockhart barn and clean green barn pens). Plan on staying at the barn until all pens are broken down and ALL shavings are cleaned up. **You must check in with your superintendent at this MANDATORY meeting.**
 - NEW FOR 2018 – Barn Break Down will begin at 9am on Sunday. No pens will be broken down until 11am or until the Superintendent says to.
 - Do not clean the shavings out of your pen until all pens are broken down. It is much easier to clean all shavings at once after all pens are broken down. This also keeps wheel barrows out of the alleys while we are trying to move animals out of the barn.
 - You MUST Check In and Check Out at the 4-H office at 9am for direction on what you can do to help break down the MPB.
14. In all showmanship classes and first round of Round Robin, exhibitors must show their own animal.
15. No Butt Fans allowed in the MPB because it is a fire hazard. This is a Routt County Fairgrounds rule and must be enforced due to the electrical situation in the MPB.
16. Market animals in the MPB during fair cannot be moved out of the barn until the Sunday following the Jr. Livestock Sale. All stall cards will remain on the stalls until all animals are moved out of the barn.

FAIR PROTESTS:

Fair protests will be handled as follows:

The decision of the superintendents and judges shall be final, except in the case of a written protest. All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 cash, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and be filed with the 4-H Agent within 24 hours of complaint. No complaint based on the general statement that the judge has overlooked an animal or item will be considered. The 4-H Fair Grievance Panel will be made up of a combination of the following positions: Extension Director, 4-H/Ag Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, Superintendent/s, Fair Board Livestock Barn Superintendent. The 4-H Fair Grievance Panel will have the final decision on any protest during fair.

4-H GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

The Routt County 4-H Program strives to provide educational experiences that are in the best interest of the whole 4-H and county membership. We understand that sometimes there are differences among us and we have created a process to aid in addressing and discussing your concerns.

In order to assure fairness, complaints and grievances that occur throughout the year (not during fair) must first go to the Routt County Extension Office, and be addressed with the 4-H Agent. If it cannot be resolved through that level, it will be addressed through the *Routt County 4-H Grievance Procedure* outlined below.

1. Submit in writing your complaint and desired outcome of the grievance within 7 days of the original concern.
2. The Extension Office will, to the best of its ability, create a non-biased committee made up of a combination of the following positions: an Extension Agent and two to four 4-H volunteer leaders. The grievance committee may, or may not be members of Routt County depending upon the nature of the complaint. The committee will evaluate and agree on a final decision after hearing the submitted complaint.

Any person filling a written grievance has the option of making a personal presentation at a grievance hearing. Grievances will be evaluated in a timely manner. Decisions of the 4-H Grievance Committee are final.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held Saturday of fair at the Routt County Fairgrounds.
2. Exhibitor must offer the following warranties of their animal to participate in the sale:
 - * That the carcass of the animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is

- fit for human consumption;
 - * That the carcass of said animal contains no trace or residue of any illegal drug or any other substance not approved for administration to such animal under applicable laws;
 - * That the carcass of such animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting process, as defined by the Routt County Fair;
 - * That there exist no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of such animal that would materially diminish the value of such carcass.
3. Exhibitors must bring their own animal into the sale ring. Requests to substitute another youth to bring the animal into the sale ring must be approved by the 4-H Extension Agent prior to the sale, or the exhibitor and animal may be disqualified from current sale and/or future sales.
 4. Ring stewards will assist 4-H members with animals in the sale ring.
 5. If an animal is deemed unruly and/or a safety hazard to the public by the superintendent or sale management, the animal may be disqualified from the sale, or kept from entering the sale ring.
 6. All stock offered for sale must have been continuously owned and cared for by the stated ownership dates.
 7. All market beef, sheep, swine, and goats must have been designated to show at the Routt County Fair and ear-tagged.
 8. The Routt County Junior Livestock Sale is a terminal sale for all animals INCLUDING goats, but not including small animals.
 9. Any animal that sells in the Routt County Fair is automatically INELIGIBLE for the State Fair. The Routt County Extension Office will provide a list of all animals that passed through the sale, and they will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds.
 10. Each youth may sell only one large animal (steer, sheep, goat, or swine) and one small animal (market poultry or rabbit), unless you win Grand and/or Reserve then you may get to sell more animals.
 11. When an animal receives Grand or Reserve Grand Champion of the market beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry or goat shows, it automatically becomes the one designated for sale. If an exhibitor receives more than one Grand/Reserve Grand Champion, then each animal must sell.
 12. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale. Fair weigh-in weight of stock will be used for sale weight.
 13. At weigh-in or upon completion of judging each exhibitor must designate their entry for the sale at the 4-H Fair Office.
 14. **Beef Brand Inspection Papers:** Brand Inspections will be Wednesday during beef weigh in. Please have your brand papers with you during weigh in.
 15. Once an animal is designated for sale, it may not be substituted or withdrawn. Failure to appear for the sale after being accepted and included in the sale order will automatically bar an exhibitor from selling in the Routt County Jr. Livestock Sale for the next year.
 16. Turkeys will sell first, followed by Beef, Rabbits, Goats, Chickens, Sheep, Ducks and Swine
 17. All animals will be sold by the head, not by the pound, i.e. bids will be taken at X dollars per head, not x cents per pound.
 18. DO NOT decorate your animal with paint or glitter for the sale.
 19. Exhibitor/seller is responsible for care and feeding of all breeding and market livestock until loaded/released on Sunday, last day of fair.
 20. The livestock sale committee is not liable for any breaches of contract between seller and buyer.
 21. Payment will not be made to any exhibitor who receives a drug test until all testing results are received and declared negative or non-suspect.

RECORD BOOK INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Colorado State 4-H E-Record book is required for all 4-H projects including Livestock.
2. Record books will be checked by the Club Leaders and/or Extension Office in July to make sure you are on track so far.
3. Members must have their record books checked and must be up-to-date before they can register for the Routt County Fair. If a member does not have their record book checked and have them up-to-date, they will not be allowed to participate in County Fair. (Standards defining what constitutes an up-to-date record book will be provided by the Extension Office.)
4. After the Fair is over, complete all sections of your record book(s) to include fair results, final weights, sale data for market animals and other pertinent information. Add photos, complete your story for the year, and close out your project on closing page(s).
5. Record books may be done in pencil, pen, typed or by computer. Complete each page that applies to the project.
6. Record books will be judged according to accuracy, thoroughness and completeness. Points won't be lost if the record book appears worn and well used.
7. In order to be considered complete, participants must score a minimum of 70%. Failure to reach 70% on your record book will result in failure to complete your 4-H project and you will not be able to participate in this project next year.
8. If a member does not score a minimum of 70%, they will be given the opportunity to complete their record book. If record book mistakes are corrected by the deadline, then they can continue in this project next year.
9. Record Books and Awards –
 - a. if you score below a 70% on your record book then you are not eligible for ANY Achievement Night Awards (ex. Production, Producer, Premiums, Outstanding Exhibitor).
 - b. Fair Awards (buckles, jackets, other fair awards) – if you score below a 70% on your record book or do not turn in a

record book then you will not be able to pick up your fair award.

9. Record Books are due in the Extension Office by the SEPTEMBER DEADLINE.
10. When mailing 4-H Record Books, it is highly recommended that members verify delivery by purchasing Delivery Confirmation at the Post Office. Delivery Confirmation provides the date, zip code and time the article was delivered.
11. Record books will be available for pickup at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program on Saturday, November 18 or at the Extension office after Achievement Night.
12. Record books and projects not picked up by December 31 will be tossed.

SPECIAL CONTESTS

4-H/FFA SPIRIT CONTEST (at the fair)

Superintendent – Jr. Leaders

1. All 4-H Clubs will be judged throughout the Routt County Fair on general cleanliness, animal care, club decoration presentation, participation and collective effort as a club.
2. This is a chance for members to interact with members from other clubs through friendly competition.
3. The winning club will receive \$100 which will be awarded at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony in November.

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

Beef - Sheep – Swine – Goat – Horse – Poultry - Rabbit - Dog

1. Awards will be given for individual herdsman ship in horse, beef, swine, sheep, goat, dog, rabbit and poultry to 4-H exhibitors.
 - * **Cleanliness** of animals and stalls including aisles during and through the end of the Fair;
 - * **Cooperation** with the superintendents, other exhibitors, and the public attending the Fair;
 - * **Proper continuous care** of animals, including disposal of waste materials and manure;
 - * **Cleanliness and neatness** of feed and watering equipment and prompt removal when not in use;
 - * **Good sportsmanship** between all exhibitors.
2. **Exhibitors are expected to keep their pens cleaned daily by 8:30am including the alleys.**
3. The Herdsman will be selected by the species Superintendents.
4. The individual herdsman in each species will receive a Herdsman award at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony in November.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Superintendent – Stacy Hayes

1. Round Robin Showmanship will be held on Saturday of fair at 8:30am.
2. Eligible participants will be the top two winners from junior, intermediate and senior horse, beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit, dog and poultry showmanship classes. Each exhibitor must own and show his/her own 4-H project animal, which was previously entered and shown at the Routt County Fair, for the first round of Round Robin competition. (An exception can be made for swine by the Superintendent)
3. If a showman places Champion, Reserve Champion in more than one species, they may show the species of their choice in the Round Robin. The exhibitor must declare to the Superintendent which species they will be showing in the contest.
4. In the event a showman has to make a choice of which species to show, or elects not to participate in the Round Robin, the third place showman in that species would participate. (If third place is not available then there will just be one competitor for that division. We will not go lower than third place for Round Robin participants.)
5. Eligible Round Robin participants will be asked to enter the contest immediately after each showmanship class.
6. Participants show their respective species first, and then rotate to each remaining species.
7. Dress code is determined by the first species being shown. (See dress code rules under each specie.)
8. Belt Buckle awards are sponsored by American Ag Credit and will be presented at Routt County Achievement Awards Ceremony Saturday, November 18.

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR AWARD
Outstanding Exhibitor Interviews - TBD

It is your responsibility to attend an interview; there are no make-ups or rescheduling. This year we will have sign-up sheets posted at each interview station, you must be on time or we will move on to the next interview.

1. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, horse dog and small animal projects. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on five production areas:
 - a. Record Book
 - b. Showmanship
 - c. Market/Breeding Animal Placing
 - d. Interview
 - e. Written Test
2. All exhibitors that turn in an entry form for the fair will automatically be entered in the Outstanding Exhibitor contest.
3. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Outstanding Exhibitor Award if a member exhibited poor herdsmanship, sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the Routt County Fair Livestock Show or if the member is incomplete in the livestock project OR if the member scored below a 70% on the judging of their record book.

MARKET PRODUCTION AWARD

1. This contest is open to Routt County 4-H/FFA members involved in the sheep, goat, swine and beef market projects for the current year.
2. All exhibitors that turn in an entry form for a market animal at the fair will automatically be entered in the Market Production Award.
3. The scores are based on a 200 point scale and compiled from the animal's
 - a. **Live Placing** – 25% of score – 1st = 50, 2nd = 48, 3rd = 46, etc.
 - b. **Record Book Score** – 25% of score. 100=50 points, 99=48 points, 98 points=46 points, etc.
 - c. **Rate of Gain** – 25% of score
 - d. **Carcass Score** – 25% of score – 1st = 50, 2nd = 48, 3rd = 46, etc.
 - e. Additional points will be given in Live Placing as follows:
 - Grand Champion Market** receives 3 additional points,
 - Reserve Grand Champion Market** gets 2 additional points.
4. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Market Production Award if it is deemed by a majority of members on the Livestock Committee that a member exhibited poor herdsmanship, sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the Routt County Fair Livestock Show or if the member scores below a 70% on the initial judging of their record book.
5. Premiums will be awarded to the top three finishers who are announced at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November.

PRODUCERS AWARD

1. This contest is open to Routt County 4-H/FFA members showing Routt County Raised sheep, goat, swine and beef market projects at the Routt County Fair.
2. Routt County Raised is defined as born and continuously raised in Routt County. It cannot be wintered outside of Routt County.
3. This is a Producer or Ranch award. Youth, with permission from the local producer, may enter their animal in the Producer Competition. New this year - you will enter your animal into the Producer Award competition when you register for fair online.
4. The competition will be 1/3 live animal placing in respective market class, 1/3 rate of gain, and 1/3 carcass data.
5. Rate of gain will be determined by winter/spring weights and Fair weights.
6. Carcasses will be evaluated using guidelines from the American Meat Science Association.
7. A plaque will be awarded to the Producer/Ranch at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November.
8. A member is ineligible to compete for this award if they score below a 70% on the judging of their record book.

LUFKIN BEEF BREEDING PREMIUMS

1. In memory of *Don Lufkin* – the Lufkin Beef Breeding Fund offers in premiums to encourage youth participation in the Beef Breeding project.
2. This fund is used to award outstanding cows, heifers and pairs exhibited at the Routt County Fair by 4-H/FFA members.
3. Youth will be awarded based on their placings in the Beef Breeding categories.
4. A member is ineligible to compete for this award if they score below a 70% on the judging of their record book .
5. The premiums will be awarded at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November.

HOWARD & MAXINE ELLIOTT MEMORIAL SHEEP BREEDING AWARD –

To be reviewed for 2018 and will be updated and posted soon.

BRENNER FAMILY BREEDING SHEEP AWARD –

To be reviewed for 2018 and will be updated and posted soon.

HORSE HIGH POINT AWARD

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Horse Events (including which horse you will be riding for each event). Additions and changes can be made at fair only at the discretion of the Superintendent.**
2. There are four different High Point Award categories: Western Performance, English Performance, Gymkhana and Ranch Horse Versatility.
3. Horse High Point awards will be tallied at fair and awarded during the Horse High Point Award ceremony on Tuesday following the 4-H Gymkhana horse show.
4. To be eligible for a High Point award, the contestant must enter and use the same horse in each event of the High Point category that they are a contender for.
 - a. *High Point Western Performance* will be presented to the highest point winners in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions for the following events: Showmanship, Horsemanship, Reining, Western Riding and Trail (tie-breaker is Horsemanship).
 - b. *High Point English Performance* will be presented to the highest point winner in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions in the following events: Showmanship, English Pleasure, Hunter Hack, English Equitation and Hunter Over Fences (tie-breaker is English Equitation). English riders will only compete in one Hunter Over Fences and this one class will count towards the high point. They can Audit (participate but not compete) in one Hunter Over Fences and compete in the other Hunter Over Fences.
 - c. *High Point Gymkhana* will be presented to the highest point winners in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions for the following events: Barrels, Poles, Flags, Ride and Lead, Musical Mounting and Bareback Dollar Bill Race (tie-breaker is total time, in case the final three events are not completed due to time constraints).
 - d. *High Point Ranch Horse Versatility* will be presented to the highest point winners in Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions for the following events: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Horsemanship and Ranch Confirmation (tie-breaker is Ranch Horsemanship).

OVERALL HORSE HIGH POINT AWARD –

To be reviewed for 2018 and will be updated and posted soon.

SWINE SHOW

Show Time: Wednesday

3:00 p.m. – Swine Showmanship

Market Swine (immediately following Swine Showmanship)

Superintendents – Jamie Booco, Yvonne Carrouth, Lane Iacovetto

PRE-ENTRY:

- 1. Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by deadline. All Breeding and Market Swine need to be ID'd in 4HOnline by June 1.**

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. Read health regulations carefully.
3. All ear notches must be completely healed to be eligible for show. (Ear notches are not required.)
4. All market swine must be born after Jan. 1 of current year.
5. Market swine will be shown by weight classes. Breeding swine will be shown by breeds.
6. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall next to the 4-H Fair office in the MPB. The show order may not be the same as listed in fair book. The show order is up to the superintendent and judge.
7. Feeding of swine will **not** be allowed in the show ring.
8. Market swine may not be shown in any breeding class. Breeding swine may not be shown in any market class.
9. There is a Mandatory Swine meeting with the superintendents immediately following Swine weigh in on Tuesday of fair.
10. All Swine members must be at the MPB at 9:00am Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Show) for the breakdown of the MPB. You **MUST** check in and out with the 4-H office in the MPB.
11. Swine must weigh a minimum of 235 pounds to be sold in the livestock sale.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

- 1. Swine Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing swine at the Routt County Fair.**
2. The swine showmanship contest will be held before swine market judging. Exhibitors must pre-enter and show their own animal.
3. The swine showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
 - a. Junior division, ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31
 - b. Intermediate division, ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31
 - b. Senior division, ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31
4. Depending upon the number of competitors in each age division, the age division may also be sub-divided with the winners in each of these sub-divided classes being considered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division.
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday at 8:30am. See Round Robin rules.

MARKET SWINE

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Animals must weigh a minimum of 235 pounds to show in the market show. The target weight is 260-280 lbs. We do not have a maximum weight at our fair but may have to look into implementing a max weight if too many overweight pigs are at fair.
2. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale.
3. A feeder class may be established for market swine under the required market weight.
4. Market swine will be weighed at 6pm on Tuesday of fair and will be weighed only once. Re-weighs will be up to the superintendent's discretion only.
5. Market swine are intended to provide high quality meat for the consumer. Market swine entered at the Fair should be ready for processing regardless of whether they are entered in the Livestock Auction.
6. Animals are judged on individual merit. The judge reserves the right to not award a blue ribbon if there is only one entry. Champion or Reserve Champion may or may not be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

GOAT SHOW

Show Time: Thursday
10:30 Goat Breeding, Fiber, Utility Show
Goat Showmanship to follow Breeding Show
Market Goat Show to follow Showmanship
Superintendents: Kristen Corriveau and Hollie Sutton

PRE-ENTRY:

Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by deadline. All Breeding and Market goats need to be ID'd in 4HOnline by June 1. There will be NO changes to your pre-entry form at fair, unless you get the approval of the goat superintendent.

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. All Market Goats must remain at the Fairgrounds until all other livestock is released on Sunday, after the sale.
3. All Breeding projects will be asked if they want to be stalled the entire week of fair or to be brought in the day of the show and go home the same day if possible because we are limited on space this year.
4. Buck's are required to be brought in the day of the show and go home the same day. Bucks may be shown with a glove. You must communicate with the Goat superintendent prior to fair regarding your buck for safety reason. We will only have a buck class/classes if there are two or more bucks in the class.
5. Read the Health Regulations carefully.
6. Ownership/lease deadline for market goats is May goat weigh in. Market goats must be born on or after January 1 of current year. All other breeding/dairy/fiber/utility goats must be owned/leased by the exhibitor by June 1. All Market and Breeding Goats must be ID in 4Honline by June 1.
7. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H Fair office in the MPB. The show order may not be the same order as listed in the fair book. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
8. All goats must be naturally polled, de-budded or tips cut off prior to the Fair.
9. All goats are required to be led with a collar or a chain recommended by your breed's national breed guidelines.
10. It is not the intention of the management of the Routt County Fair to set up individual classes for every conceivable type of goat. A class should have at least three goats to make up a competitive class. When less than three goats are entered in a class, the superintendent may allow individual entries to be judged or may combine classes at his/her discretion. Large classes may be split into smaller classes.
11. There is a Mandatory Goat meeting with the superintendents immediately following Goat weigh in on Wednesday of fair.
12. All Goat members must be at the MPB at 9:00am Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Show) for the breakdown of the MPB. You **MUST** check in and out with the 4-H office in the MPB.
- 13 Scrapie Tags are required:
 - GOATS
 - All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals moving to slaughter.
 - All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition and do not have a registration tattoo with registration or the tattoo is illegible. (tattoo papers need to be present for verification).
 - Due to scrapie found in goats in Colorado, all commercial goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older not in slaughter channels.
14. Goats should not be lifted more than 2" off the ground when setting goats.

FIBER GOATS

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. One fiber goat class will be offered for any age breed- Angora, Cashmere or crossbred doe. Buck classes will be provided if there are two or more bucks in the class. See #4 in above Goat Project Exhibit Rules.
2. Fiber goats will be judged based on fiber characteristics. Goats that do not match fiber production standards may be placed in a different class at the discretion of the superintendent or judge.

UTILITY GOATS

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Pack Utility is any breed goat shown with a pack.
2. No bucks are allowed.
3. Judge will consider the confirmation and ability of the goat to serve as a successful pack animal.

4. Pack utility goats must be large, strong and agile, suited for packing loads on a mountain trek.

DAIRY GOATS

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Dairy goat lots will be divided into three classification types and will be shown as follows. There must be a minimum of 3 of each breed required for separate classes; otherwise there will be combined classes.
 - a. **Nubian type:** all purebred, recorded grade Nubians, and any grade does with the drooping ear. Lamanchas show as Nubian type.
 - b. **Swiss type:** all Swiss purebreds, recorded grades, and any grade does with erect ears.
 - c. **Dwarf type:** Nigerian dwarf purebred or grades that are generally classified as dwarf type dairy goats.
2. Any uncertainties as to what class does will be shown in shall be left to the discretion of the superintendent.

BREEDING GOATS

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Goats should not be shown in breeding classes if older than 24 months and never kidded or currently bred.
2. Breeding goats will be broken into age classes to be determined by the Superintendents and Judge.
3. Any uncertainties as to what class to show in shall be left to the discretion of the superintendent.
4. A champion and reserve champion will be chosen from each breeding class.
5. The champions will return to the ring at the end of the goat show to compete for Champion Breeding Goat and Reserve Champion Breeding Goat. The 2nd place Goat in the same class as the winner of Champion Breeding Goat may be brought into the competition for Reserve Champion Breeding Goat at the discretion of the judge.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

1. **Goat Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing goats at the Routt County Fair.**
2. The goat showmanship contest will be held after breeding and before market goat.
3. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
4. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
5. Read health regulations carefully.
6. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office. The show order may not be the same order as listed in the fair book. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
7. The goat showmanship contest will be divided into three categories:
 - a. Junior division, ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31
 - b. Intermediate division, ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31
 - b. Senior division, ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31
8. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are eligible for the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday of fair at 8:30am. See Round Robin rules.

MARKET GOATS

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Scrapie Tags are required:
 - GOATS
 - All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals moving to slaughter.
 - All goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition and do not have a registration tattoo with registration or the tattoo is illegible.
 - Due to scrapie found in goats in Colorado, all commercial goats sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older not in slaughter channels.
2. Market goats must be castrated prior to the spring goat weigh-in. Market goats having one (1) or both testicles contained in the body cavity after spring weigh in are ineligible to show.
3. Animals must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to show, may be any meat producing breed and either sex born on or after January 1 of current year.
4. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale.
5. Market goats will be weighed at 10:00am on Wednesday of fair and will be weighed only once. Re-weighs will be up to the superintendent's discretion.
6. Market goats are intended to provide high quality meat for the consumer. Market goats entered at the Fair should be ready

for processing regardless of whether they are entered in the Livestock Auction.

7. Animals will be judged on structural correctness and quality conformation as well as meatiness throughout with no excess fat.
8. Market goats must be de-horned or blunt tipped. Tipping of horns is not allowed on the Fairgrounds.
9. Market goats must still have their milk teeth intact at the time of show. **No exceptions.**
10. Before weigh-in, all market goats must be clipped to 3/8" or less above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch.
11. Animals are judged on individual merit. The judge reserves the right to not award a blue ribbon if there is only one entry. Champion or Reserve Champion may or may not be awarded at the discretion of the judge.

SHEEP SHOW

Show Time: Thursday

2:00 P.M. – Breeding Sheep

3pm – Sheep Showmanship

Market Sheep – immediately following Showmanship

Superintendent – Kristen Corriveau and Lysa Long

PRE-ENTRY:

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by deadline. There will be NO changes to your pre-entry form at fair, unless you get the approval of the sheep superintendent. All market & breeding sheep need to be ID'd in 4Honline by June 1.**

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. Scrapie Tags are required:
2. SHEEP
 - a. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals 18 mo. Or older moving to slaughter.
 - b. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
 - c. All breeding sheep regardless of age.
3. Ownership/lease deadline for market sheep is May weigh in. Market sheep must be born on or after January 1 of current year.
4. Breeding sheep must be owned/leased by the exhibitor by June 1 and must be ID in 4Honline by June 1.
4. Sheep Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing sheep at the Routt County Fair.
5. The sheep showmanship contest will be held after the breeding show and before the market sheep show.
6. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
7. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office. The show order may not be the same order as listed in the fair book. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
8. There is a Mandatory Sheep meeting with the superintendents immediately following Sheep/Goat weigh in on Wednesday of fair.
9. All Sheep members must be at the MPB at 9:00am Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Show) for the breakdown of the MPB. You MUST check in and out with the 4-H office in the MPB..
10. Sheep should not be lifted no more than 2" off the ground when setting sheep.

BREEDING SHEEP

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Breeding sheep will be entered in age and sex classes according to meat breed and wool breed.
2. Ages of breeding animals will be determined from January 1 of current year.
3. All breeding sheep must be ID in 4Honline by June 1 of current year.
4. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes.
5. A Champion and Reserve Champion class will be offered for each different type of sheep shown (example: meat type and wool type).
6. The champions will return to the ring at the end of the meat and wool shows to compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion. The 2nd place sheep in the same class as the winner of Champion sheep may be brought into the competition for Overall Reserve Champion at the discretion of the judge.
7. Age classifications for breeding sheep are:
 - a. Ram or ewe lamb-born on or after Jan. 1 of current year.
 - b. Ram or ewe, one year and under two (yearling) – born January 1 of previous year – January 1 of current year.

- c. Ewe, two years of age and older (aged).
 - d. Ewe & Lamb (lamb must be ewe's offspring)
8. Brenner Family Class – Ewe & Market Lamb. If the Ewe has twins/triplets the member can show both/all three as long as one of the twins/triplets is a market lamb. (the market lamb must be shown in market class. **This class/award is under review for 2018 and will be updated/posted soon.**

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. **Sheep Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing sheep at the Routt County Fair.**
2. The sheep showmanship contest will be held after breeding before the market sheep judging.
3. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animal.
4. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
5. Read health regulations carefully.
6. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office. The show order may not be the same order as listed in the fair book. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
7. The sheep showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
 - a. Junior division, ages 8-10 as of Dec.
 - b. Intermediate division, ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31
 - c. Senior division, ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31
8. Depending upon the number of competitors in each age division, the age division may also be sub-divided with the winners in each of these sub-divided classes being considered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division.
9. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group **are required to participate** in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on **Saturday at 8:30am** (day after Jr. Livestock Sale). See Round Robin rules.

MARKET SHEEP

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Scrapie Tags are required:
 2. SHEEP
 - a. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older upon change of ownership or cull animals 18 mo. Or older moving to slaughter.
 - b. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
 - c. All breeding sheep regardless of age.
2. *Extreme docking of lambs*: (complete tail removal) is not an acceptable animal husbandry practice.
3. Market lambs must be castrated prior to the spring weigh-in. Market lambs having one (1) or both testicles contained in the body cavity after spring weigh in are ineligible to show in any class at fair.
4. Market classes are open to purebred, grade, or crossbred wether or ewe lambs born after January 1 of current year and must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. for market classes and sale.
5. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes (except Brenner Family Class)
6. Market lambs will be weighed at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday of fair and will be weighed only once. Re-weighs will be up to the superintendent's discretion.
7. Market lambs are required to be slick shorn by the Routt County Fair weigh in, having no more than ¼-inch wool.
8. Market lamb are intended to provide high quality meat for the consumer. Market sheep entered at the Fair should be ready for processing regardless of whether they are entered in the Livestock Auction.
9. A feeder lamb class may be established for lambs under the required market weight.
10. Market lambs will show by weight classes rather than by breed. The superintendent will make the classes as even as possible according to weight distribution. An exhibitor having more than one market lamb with uniform weights may end up with two or more animals in the same class.

BEEF SHOW

Show Time: Friday

11:00 a.m. – Breeding Beef Show

2:00 p.m. – Beef Showmanship

**Market Beef immediately following Beef Showmanship
Superintendents – Jeannie Jo Logan & Lee Meyring DVM**

PRE-ENTRY:

Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by deadline. There will be NO changes to your pre-entry form at fair, unless you get the approval of the sheep superintendent. All breeding, dairy and market beef need to be ID'd in 4HOnline by June 1.

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. Read health regulations carefully.
3. Ownership deadline for market beef is winter weigh in.
4. All breeding beef projects must be ID in 4Honline by June 1.
5. **All market beef exhibits must be naturally polled, dehorned, or evidence of attempted dehorning. Exceptions must be approved by the Superintendents.**
6. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall next to the 4-H Fair office in the MPB (Multi-Purpose Building). The show order may not be the same as listed in fair book. Show order may be subject to change at the beginning of each show and at the discretion of the superintendents and judge.
7. There is a Mandatory Beef meeting with the superintendents immediately following Beef weigh in on Wednesday of fair.
8. All Beef members must be at the MPB at 9:00am Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Show) for the breakdown of the MPB. You MUST check in and out with the 4-H office in the MPB.
9. Brand Inspection is Wednesday during beef weigh in. **You must have your brand papers with you at weigh in.**
10. All market and breeding and dairy classes must be entered in by the July fair entry deadline.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

1. **Beef Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing market and breeding beef at the Routt County Fair.**
2. The beef showmanship contest will be held before market classes.
3. The beef showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
 - a. Junior division, ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31
 - b. Intermediate, ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31
 - b. Senior division, ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31
4. Depending upon the number of competitors in each age division, the age division may also be sub-divided with the winners in each of these sub-divided classes being considered for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age division.
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday at 8:30am. See Round Robin rules.

DAIRY CATTLE

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Because of safety factors, dairy bulls older than senior bull calves (13 ½ - 14 months old) will not be shown.
2. Pre-entry of all Dairy cattle is required. All Dairy cattle must be ID in 4Honline by June 1.
3. Cattle will be entered in age and sex classes.
4. Dairy age classifications will be as follows:
 - a. Dairy Calf
 - b. Dairy Heifer
 - c. Dairy Cow (2+ Years)

BREEDING BEEF

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Breeding beef will be shown by age and sex only, all breeds combined.
2. Classes may be combined if there are less than three per class.
3. Breeding beef age classifications will be as follows:

- a. Yearling Heifer
- b. Cow 2+ Years
- c. Heifer Calf
- d. Steer Calf
- c. Bull Calf
- d. Cow/Calf Pair (calf must be nursing dam, need birth date of calf)

MARKET BEEF

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Market beef classes are open to steers and heifers, purebred or crossbred, and must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds for market classes and livestock sale. There is no maximum weight for show or sale.
2. Market beef will be shown by weight divisions rather than by breed or hip height. The superintendent will make the classes as even as possible according to weight distribution. An exhibitor having more than one market beef with uniform weights may end up with two animals in the same class.
3. Market beef will be weighed around 11:30am (after sheep and goats) on Wednesday of fair, and will be weighed only once. Re-weighs will be up to the beef superintendent's discretion only.
4. A feeder class may be established for market beef under the required market weight.
5. Miniature and Lowline Market beef will be allowed to show in the Miniature Market Beef Class. **They must be papered, and papers must be presented at tag-in of the winter – January weigh-in.** Lowlines must be a minimum of ½ bloods. To be eligible for the miniature division, beef must have a maximum hip height of 42". Minimum weight for miniature breeds to be eligible for the sale is 750 pounds.
6. Heifers can only be shown as a market heifer or a breeding heifer, **NOT BOTH.**

POULTRY

Poultry Check-in: Tuesday of fair - 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Show Time: Wednesday of fair at 8:00am

Superintendents – Roger and Nancy Muhme

PRE-ENTRY:

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by deadline . All Poultry must be ID in 4Honline by June 1 – market chickens by Fair entry deadline.**

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. Poultry numbered leg bands will be provided.
3. Exhibitors are limited to a MAXIMUM of 20 entries for the entire Poultry department. An entry may consist of an individual, pair, or trio.
4. **Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries per class.** An exhibitor could enter 2 hens in the American Section, and 2 hens in the Continental Section. The same exhibitor could enter 2 pullets, 2 cockerels and 2 cocks in the same Sections.
5. Ownership of poultry must be by May 1, of the current year except for poultry entered in the market poultry class. Exhibitor must own meat birds within 15 days of hatching for chickens, ducks and other fowl and within 30 days of hatching for turkeys. The exhibitor must have raised all young poultry.
6. Poultry **age** classifications are as follows:
 - Cockerel or pullet: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year
 - Cock or hen: hatched prior to Jan 1, of current year
 - Young trio: one cockerel and two pullets: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year
 - Old trio: one cock and two hens: hatched prior to Jan. 1, of current year

SHOW RULES:

1. Poultry check-in is Tuesday of fair from 12:00pm-6:00pm. All entries must be in place by 6:00 p.m.
2. Market poultry will be weighed at check-in.
3. **All poultry must remain on display until Noon on Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).** All poultry members must be at the small animal barn at noon to help clean and break down the small animal barn. You must check out with your superintendent when you remove your animal from the barn/clean barn.
4. The exhibitor shall provide all feed, water, and wood chip bedding.

5. All birds will be inspected upon arrival at check-in day. (See Health Rules). Sick birds and parasite infested birds will be disqualified at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or the veterinarian. All sick birds must be removed from the show. **PLEASE DUST YOUR CHICKENS and TURKEYS FOR LICE PRIOR TO FAIR.**
6. To avoid parasites such as lice or mites, every bird should be bathed at home and dusted with lice powder according to product labeling prior to hauling birds to the Fair. Medication withdrawal periods for meat pen birds must be strictly observed.

JUDGING:

1. The management of the poultry show reserves the right to add, change or delete classes of poultry based on numbers and breeds entered.
2. If there are five or more birds in the same breed, they will be judged as a separate group. If less than five birds in a breed, they will be judged with all the other birds in that category section.
3. Open judging is practiced at the Routt County Fair 4-H Poultry Show, meaning exhibitors and spectators are welcome to attend the judging session. However, no one may interfere with procedures or handle birds in any cage during the judging process unless directed to do so by the judge or superintendent.
4. Birds entered as singles will not be allowed to compete in trio or pair classes. Pairs or trios may not be split to be judged as singles. The market poultry (pen of three) may not be split for individual entries.

AWARDS/PREIMUMS:

1. When a class contains only one entry, the judge will award prizes based on the merit of an individual bird. Not every bird qualifies for a blue ribbon.
2. Birds with substantial defects may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge.
3. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion exhibit will be determined from the champions of each category/section. The judge will consider these entries on their number and quality. The decision of the judge is final.
4. Market Poultry Champion and Reserve Champion class will be offered for each different type of market poultry (example: turkey, chicken, duck, geese). These specie champions will be awarded a banner.
5. The market poultry champions will return at the end of the market poultry show to compete for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion. The 2nd place poultry in the same class as the winner of Champion poultry may be brought into the competition for Overall Reserve Champion at the discretion of the judge. The Overall Champion will be awarded a belt buckle and Reserve Champion will be awarded the reserve champion award.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

1. **Poultry Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing Poultry at the Routt County Fair.**
2. The purpose of 4-H Poultry showmanship is to teach members courtesy, good grooming, poise, confidence and a better knowledge of poultry and how to fit and handle their birds.
3. The poultry showmanship contest will be held before the poultry judging. All current 4-H poultry exhibitors must pre-register for showmanship by the registration deadline.
4. Each exhibitor will select and show one of their own birds, which will also be judged in a poultry class after the showmanship contest.
5. The judge will consider appearance and condition of bird, showing of bird, appearance, courtesy, and knowledge of exhibitor. Showmanship performance and attire may be factored by the judge into the final results of the showmanship class.
6. The Poultry showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
 - a. Junior division ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31
 - b. Intermediate division ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31
 - c. Senior division ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday of fair at 8:30am. See Round Robin rules.

MARKET POULTRY

Exhibit Rules:

1. Market poultry must be hatched on or after Jan. 1 of current year.
2. Ownership deadline for market poultry - must be owned by exhibitor within 15 days of hatching for chickens, ducks and other fowl and within 30 days of hatching for turkeys.
3. All market poultry will be judged on market condition and quality the day of the show.
4. **Market Chickens – BBQ Special:**
 - a. Market Chickens (pen of three meat type birds of uniform age, size and specie, may be purebred, grade or crossbred chickens. Preferred breed for meat chickens is Cornish Rock Cross, which matures for market at about eight weeks.

- b. BBQ Special – (3 same sex & breed, same sex & breed)
- 5. **Market Turkey:**
 - a. Market turkeys (Pair, same sex & breed) may be of any breed, variety or hybrid.
- 6. **Market Ducks:**
 - a. Market ducks (Pair, same sex & breed) may be of any breed, variety or hybrid.
- 7. **Market Geese:**
 - a. Market Geese (Pair, same sex & breed) may be of any breed, variety or hybrid.
- 8. **In order to sell a poultry meat pen**, it must be determined by the judge that the birds are ready for market on the day of show. Birds not in market condition (based on age or other quality standards) will not be eligible to sell.
- 9. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion meat poultry pens must be sold at the Livestock Auction.

CHICKENS/BANTAM

Exhibit Rules:

1. If there are five or more birds in the same breed, they will be judged as a separate group.
2. If less than five birds in a breed, they will be judged with all the other birds in that category/section.
3. The Grand Champion exhibit will be determined from the champions of each category. The judge will consider these entries on their number and quality. The decision of the judge is final.
4. The judge or superintendent may combine or add classes at their discretion.

Chickens will be shown by the following standard categories:

Large – American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, Continental, Modern Games, Old English Games, Orientals, Miscellaneous

Bantam – Modern games, American games, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, Other Combs, Clean Legged, Feather Legged

TURKEYS

Exhibit Rules:

1. Young tom or pullet: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year.
2. Old tom or hen: hatched prior to Jan. 1, of current year.
3. Young Pair: one tom and one hen of approximate equal age hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year.
4. Old Pair: one tom and one hen of approximate equal age hatched prior to Jan. 1, of current year.

WATER FOWL

(Ducks & Geese) Exhibit Rules:

1. Young male or female: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year.
2. Young Pair: one male and female of approximate equal age hatched on or after Jan 1, of current year.
3. Old male or female: hatched prior to Jan 1, of current year.
4. Old Pair: One male and female of approximate equal age hatched prior to Jan 1, of current year.

RABBITS

Check-In - Tuesday - 12:00-6:00pm

Show Time - Thursday – 8:00am

Superintendent – Roger and Nancy Muhme

PRE-ENTRY:

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by fair entry deadline. All pet/breeding/show rabbits must be ID in 4Honline by June 1.**

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules.
2. **LIVESTOCK SHOW DRESS CODE:** Exhibitors showing rabbits must wear a long sleeved shirt or coat with a collar and long pants. Shirts must be tucked in. All loose or dangling jewelry must be removed. **Hats of any type may not be worn in the show ring.** For foot safety reasons, it is recommended that livestock exhibitors wear an all-leather shoe/boot. Open toe shoes/sandals may **not** be worn.
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 15 rabbits in the Fair.

4. Specify the breed, variety (color), sex and age of rabbit when pre-entering.
5. In case of rabbit sickness or death, substitution will be allowed only in the same class, variety, breed and sex. **Substitutions must be phoned into the Extension Office by fair entry deadline and must have been ID in 4Honline by June 1. No substitutions will be allowed the day of the show.**

Exhibitor Rules:

1. **Rabbits are to be checked in from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday of fair** and will remain on display until Noon on Sunday of fair (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).
2. **All rabbits must remain on display until Noon on Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).** All rabbit members must be at the small animal barn at noon to help clean and break down the small animal barn. You must check out with your superintendent when you remove your animal from the barn/clean barn.
3. Exhibit release time is by NOON on Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).
4. Exhibitors are expected to clean cages and under cages twice a day during the fair and when exhibits are released at the end of the Fair.
5. Failure to water and care for rabbits during the show and the fair by the 4-H member will be cause for disqualification from future shows and forfeiture of all prizes. That includes the breakdown and cleaning of cages at the end of the fair.
6. The 4-H rabbit show is not an American Rabbit Breeders' Assoc. sanctioned show, but ARBA standards will be used as a guide and will be followed as closely as possible. Judges will use ARBA standards for judging.
7. All weights must be met or rabbits will be disqualified.
8. The age, weight and health of each rabbit will be checked upon entry.
9. In a class with no competition, the judge will give the award he/she deems the entry merits.
10. Animals found to be unhealthy by the superintendent or show officials will be removed from the show.
11. The exhibits will be entered at the risk of the exhibitor. However, every practical precaution will be taken to prevent loss and mistakes in the show room. We will not be responsible for animals stolen.
12. Classes may be added, deleted or combined at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.
13. During the show, all spectators including parents will stand behind the judging table and not question the placing or speak to the judge. Only the judge, superintendent, and appointed personnel are allowed at the judging table and recording desk.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

1. You must pre-register for rabbit showmanship by fair entry deadline. In all showmanship classes, the exhibitors must show their own rabbit.
2. The rabbit showmanship contest will be divided into three categories:
 - a. Junior division, 8-10, as of December 31
 - b. Intermediate division, 11-13, as of December 31
 - c. Senior division, 14-18, as of December 31
3. The rabbit showmanship will be judged as follows:
 - a. Carrying rabbit
 - b. Showing of rabbit
 - c. Appearance, action and knowledge of showman
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday of fair. See Round Robin rules.

RABBIT CLASSES

Pet Rabbit
 Californian
 Any Other Large Purebred
 Mini Rex
 Netherland Dwarf
 Any Other Small Purebred
 Any Crossbred
 Meat Class

MEAT PEN RABBIT

1. You must pre-register for Meat Pen Rabbit by fair entry deadline.
2. Meat Pen Rabbit is 3 of the same variety, weighing 3-5 lbs., 7-10 weeks old.

HORSE SHOW

Superintendent – Lucianne Myhre, Kristy Ragan, Kathy Yeiser

FRIDAY – first day of Open Horse Show – - Ranch Horse Versatility Classes

MONDAY

Halter, Showmanship & Western Performance Classes – 9:00am

Roping – 6:00pm

TUESDAY

English Performance Classes – 1:00 pm

Gymkhana Classes – 4:00pm

Horse High Point Awards to be presented following Gymkhana

PRE-ENTRY:

1. Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits. All horses must be ID in 4Honline by May 1.
2. All Levels Testing must be completed by pre-entry deadline in July.

PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. Exhibitors must be bona fide Routt County 4-H members, ages 8-18 as of December 31 and have passed their 4-H Level I written and riding test by Fair Entry Deadline in July on a horse ID'd to the member. You must test on a horse ID'd to you.
2. Ownership or leasing of horse(s) must be in the name of the exhibitor by May 1, and horse identification certificate(s) along with ownership/lease agreement(s) entered in 4H Online by May 1. **All horses must be ID in 4Honline by May 1. If you do not ID your horse, you may not ride at fair. You are still required to complete Showmanship at fair.**
3. Exhibitors may ID an unlimited number of horses. We highly encourage members to ID more than one horse. If you use any of your ID'd horses during the 4-H year at any 4-H event then those horses need to be included in your record book.
4. Family Horse – a family can ID a horse, or horses, as a Family Horse. The superintendent must be notified if a sibling is going to ride the Family Horse. What is a Family Horse? A Family Horse can be used in an emergency by a sibling if the sibling's horse cannot be ridden due to lameness or sickness. The Family Horse cannot be ridden by the other sibling just because the Family Horse is better at an event. EX: Suzy Smith has a horse named RED. Her sister Hannah Smith has a horse named BLAZE. The family ID's both horses for both girls in 4Honline. Suzy's horse RED becomes injured in the trailer on the way to fair. Suzy must ask permission from the Superintendent to ride her sister's horse BLAZE at fair.
5. Exhibitors may enter classes only on horses that are identified on the horse identification certificate in 4Honline.
6. If a horse(s) cannot compete for any reason, **no substitutions** will be allowed after the May 1 Horse Identification Certificate deadline.

4-H HORSE DRUG AND MEDICATION RULE:

No horse or pony may be shown in any class at a 4-H show if it has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance. A forbidden substance is any stimulant, depressant or local anesthetic, which might affect the performance of a horse. Stimulants and depressants are defined as medications, which stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems. Also prohibited are any drugs, regardless of how harmless or innocuous they might be, which by their very nature might mask or screen the presence of the aforementioned prohibited drugs, or prevent or delay testing procedures. The use of these drugs will be considered physical abuse and the consequences will be enforced according to the general rules and requirements of the Colorado 4-H Horse Book. The full use of modern therapeutic measures including phenylbutazone for the improvement and protection of the health of the horse is permitted, unless the treatment may also stimulate or depress the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems.

HORSE HUMANE POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their horse according to acceptable methods of good equine husbandry, as set forth by CSU and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy horse requires sufficient food, water, shelter and correct health care. Cruel and inhumane training methods are not appropriate in the Colorado 4-H Horse Program. Specific equine husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the Colorado 4-H Horse Project Manual.

The 4-H Show Management reserves the right to withhold awards for violation of any rule governing this department, and to disqualify an exhibitor from participation at this Fair and/or future County Fairs.

FACILITY INFORMATION:

1. Horses will not be required to stall at the show.
2. Exhibitors must supply their own horse feed, tack, equipment and wood shavings for bedding if required or needed. Only wood shavings are allowed in stalls. (Shredded paper and straw are not allowed).
3. If you stalled your horse at fair, before leaving the fairgrounds you must check out with a horse superintendent to verify your stall has been cleaned thoroughly.
3. Wash racks are available in the south-west corner of the livestock building (MPB Multi-Purpose Building).
4. Members must leave the wash rack clean after using as a courtesy to other exhibitors.
5. A horse trailer parking area will be provided.
6. Bleachers will be provided for viewing. Please bring your own shade.
7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at the horse show or anywhere on the fair grounds.
8. Bring rain gear or proper apparel for all weather conditions.

VET CHECKS:

1. A veterinarian will be randomly observing all horses for abnormal nasal and eye discharge, abnormal skin lesions and lameness. If a horse(s) demonstrates/has signs of any of these the vet could ask the horse to leave the fairgrounds.

RECORD BOOKS:

1. The Colorado State 4-H E-Record book is required for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog and Horse. Record books will be checked in July for completeness. **Members must turn in an up-to-date record book in July at Record Book Check. If members do not have an up-to-date record book, they will not be allowed to participate in Routt County Fair.** (Standards defining what constitutes an up-to-date record book will be available at the Extension Office.)
2. After the Fair is over, complete all sections of your record book(s) to include fair results, final weights, sale data for market animals and other pertinent information. Add photos, complete your story for the year, and close out your project on closing page(s).
3. Record books may be done in pencil, pen, typed or by computer. Complete each page that applies to project.
4. Record books will be judged according to accuracy, thoroughness and completeness. Points won't be lost if the record book appears worn and well used.
5. In order to be considered complete, participants must score a minimum of 70%. Failure to reach an 70% on your record book will result in failure to complete your 4-H project.
6. ALL Record book(s) must be submitted for judging by Record Book Due Date in September. There is no Late Record Book due date. All record books must be turned in by September due date or you will receive an incomplete for your 4-H project and not be able to participate in this project next year.
7. Deliver record book(s) to the Routt County Extension Office, 136 6th St., PO Box 772830, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477. All record books must be received by 4:30 p.m. on due date.
8. When mailing 4-H livestock records, it is highly recommended that members verify delivery by purchasing Delivery Confirmation at the Post Office. Delivery Confirmation provides the date, zip code and time the article was delivered.
9. Record books will be available for pickup at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November or the Extension office after Achievement Night.
10. Record books and projects not picked up by December 31 will be tossed.

SHOW RULES:

1. 4-H horse entries, exhibitors, and adults are subject to the 4-H Code of Conduct, the rules published in the Colorado 4-H Horse Rule Book (2018 edition) and the rules published under the following sections in this Hand Book: 4-H general rules; livestock rules; and livestock health requirements. Read each page carefully.
2. All trailers and vehicles must be parked in designated areas.
3. It is HIGHLY recommend that no 4-H horse exhibitor ride bareback or double riding on the fairgrounds. **Exhibitor's bareback riding and/or double riding do so strictly at their own risk.**
4. The computation of ages of all horses shall be as of January 1 of the current year. Colts foaled prior to Jan. 1 must be entered in the class a year older than those foaled the following spring.
5. Classes will be conducted according to the current 2018 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, available from all Colorado State University Extension Offices.
6. Exhibitors will check in with gate attendant at the gate prior to each class and will be allowed three calls to report to the show arena by the announcer, after which the exhibitor will be disqualified from that class if he/she fails to appear. Any anticipated delays must be reported to the gate before the class is called.
7. Tack changes when necessary must be made between classes. In the event you are in back-to-back classes, a maximum of **ten minutes** will be allowed for tack changes.
8. Each exhibitor is responsible for being familiar with the rules governing each event; failure to be aware of the rules shall not be considered a viable excuse.

9. All judges' decisions will be final.
10. At the discretion of show management, contestants will be disqualified and excused from the fairgrounds for any un-sportsmanlike conduct or abusive action to a horse, resulting in forfeiture of all awards.
11. Exhibitors are warned that any act of discourtesy or disobedience to competitors, show management or others could result in disqualification and loss of all awards. Further action may be taken at the discretion of the horse show management.
12. If any exhibitor or parent attempts to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties or makes any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited, or interferes with clerks' or judges' books, they will be excluded from the competition.
13. All horses doctored, or in any way improperly or unfairly prepared or tampered with before going into the show ring, will be disqualified by the Superintendent.
14. The show ring will be under absolute control of the show management. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the show ring during judging. Only 4-H members will be allowed to work their horses (no parents, leaders, trainers, etc.) Coaching from the sidelines will not be allowed.
15. Exhibitor numbers must be clearly visible at all times and must be worn either on exhibitor's back or on their saddle pad/blankets (rear corners).
16. The exhibitor must use the same number for all horse shows and Round Robin.
17. The Routt County Fair requires all exhibitors to wear proper attire in all horse show classes.
 - a. Proper Western attire includes a long-sleeved shirt, **long pants, and boots with heels. Helmets are required for all Gymkhana events and are suggested for all other events.**
 - b. Proper English attire is required for all English classes. **Helmets with safety harnesses are required for all English performance classes.**
 - c. **4-H Roping – It is HIGHLY recommended that all horse exhibitors wear a riding helmet at all times while on horseback on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors riding without a helmet do so strictly at their own risk.**
18. **It is HIGHLY recommended that all horse exhibitors wear a riding helmet at all times while on horseback on the Fairgrounds. Exhibitors riding without a helmet do so strictly at their own risk.**
19. Under Colorado Law, the Routt County Fair 4-H horse show, staff, facility and its management will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to horses or persons, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost, destroyed or in any way injured. The exhibitor will be responsible for any injury that may occur to any person, whomever, by any horse owned or exhibited by him/her, and shall indemnify the Routt County Fair 4- H horse show, its management, and the facility and its management against all claims or demands, of any kind or nature, that may grow out of any injury occasioned by any negligence of the person in charge of any such horse. All horses will be exhibited entirely at the owner's risk.
20. The Routt County Fair Horse Show Management Reserves the right to amend or change rules, combine classes, and change times of scheduled classes at any time prior to the judging or as a result of bad weather.
21. Exhibitor may scratch a class after the pre-entry deadline, **but may not add any class after the pre-entry deadline date in July.**
22. An exhibitor, may switch horses between classes, **provided the horse is identified** on the exhibitor's horse Identification Certificate and no delay is created when the call to the arena for subsequent class is announced.
23. Exhibitors must have their Level Certificates by Fair Registration in July.
24. Points for English and Western Performance and Gymkhana Events will be accumulated based on the number of competitors in each class and the placing of each exhibitor. Exhibitors receive a point for each competitor they place above. Where there is only one entry in a class, the competitor receives 1 point. If a competitor is disqualified, he or she gets 0 points.
Example: If there are 10 in a class, the competitor placing 1st receives 9 points for placing above 9 others. The competitor placing 3rd out of 10, receives 7 points.

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Each competitor must use a horse which is ID to the member to participate in Showmanship.
2. Showmanship is required for all Horse project 4-H members including roping, ranch horse versatility, gymkhana, western and English.
3. **Showmanship Class Champions** in each age division will receive the Grand Champion awards at the Routt County Fair.
4. **Showmanship Class Reserve Champions** in each age division will receive the Reserve Champion awards at the Routt County Fair.
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday, at 8:30 am. See Round Robin rules.

WESTERN & ENGLISH HIGH POINT WINNERS:

1. To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in two (2) or more classes on the same horse. If you ride two different horses you don't qualify for the high point award, unless you designate one horse as your High Point horse. The

- horse must be properly ID to the rider in 4HOnline on or before May 1.
- For English and Western divisions the performance classes and showmanship classes will count for high-point awards. Riders in the Walk/Trot who may not yet be proficient at a canter/lope are not figured into High Point scoring.
 - Western and English High Point Champion and Reserve Champion will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of fair.

GYMKHANA HIGH POINT WINNERS:

- To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in two (2) or more classes and ride the same horse for all the Gymkhana events. The horse must be properly ID to the rider.
- Gymkhana High Point will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of Fair.

RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY HIGH POINT WINNERS:

- To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in three (3) or more RHV classes on the same horse. The horse must be properly ID to the rider.
- Ranch Horse Versatility winners will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of Fair.

4-H ROPING HIGH POINT WINNERS

- 4-H Roping High Point will be decided by the Roping Leaders and will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of Fair.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP:

- In addition to the horse showmanship classes noted previously, the top two overall junior showmen (ages 8-10), top two overall intermediate showmen (ages 11-13) and the top two overall senior showmen (ages 14-18) will be required to compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest at 8:30 am on Saturday (day of Jr. Livestock Sale at fair). See Round Robin Showmanship Contest Rules.
- The Round Robin Superintendent, Stacey Hayes, will be in touch with the top two Junior, Intermediate and Senior horse showmen and their parents to obtain their confirmation and their parents' approval for participation in the Round Robin Contests. For those who choose not to participate, the Round Robin Superintendent will repeat the process with the third runner-up but will not go any lower than third place to participate in Round Robin.
- Belt Buckle awards sponsored by American Ag Credit are given to the top Junior, Intermediate and Senior Round Robin Showmen and will be awarded right before the Jr. Livestock Sale Friday night.

4-H RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY

**4-H Ranch Horse Versatility – Friday – First day of Open Horse Show
(Showmanship for all Horse Members – Monday, August 15)**

- There will be a 4-H RHV and an Open Show RHV. Any 4-H member wanting to compete in RHV (open or 4-H) must have passed their Level II Western Written and Riding test as well as the Level II Ranch Horse riding test.
- Scores from all classes are calculated to determine the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion 4-H RHV High Point winner. To compete in the Open Show RHV and be eligible for the Open Show awards 4-H members DO have to pay the registration fee. There is no fee to compete for the 4-H RHV.
- There may be an additional cattle fee charge for cattle classes for 4-H members.
- Classes will be a combination of: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Horsemanship, Ranch Confirmation
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Ranch Horse high point winners will receive their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair.

WESTERN SHOW

**Showmanship and Halter Classes – Monday
Western Show Classes – Monday (immediately following Halter Classes/Showmanship)**

- The Walk/Trot Horse Western Riding Classes are for novice riders who are not able to enter the regular classes where loping is required. These classes will not count for high point nor will Walk/Trot classes have their own high point award.
- The show order may not be the same as listed in the fair book. The show order will be posted the morning of the show and will be determined by the superintendents and judge.
- A horse, age 5 and under as of January 1, may be shown in a bosal type hackamore or ring snaffle bit with the exhibitor

riding with two hands, but the exhibitor must use the same bit and ride with two hands in each and every class throughout the show (no switching between classes). No special classes will be set up for green horses. See page 21, rule 91 in the 2018 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

3. Western performance classes will begin immediately following the Halter & Showmanship Classes on Monday.
4. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Western high point winners will receive their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair.

4-H HORSE ROPING

(Showmanship for all Horse Members – Monday at or after 9:00am)

4-H Horse Roping – Monday, 6:00pm

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I written and riding test by Fair Entry deadline is July.
2. To participate at fair in 4-H Roping you have to be enrolled in the 4-H Roping project as of May 1st and have met the 4-H Roping requirements.
3. Participants must ride a horse that is ID to them in 4HOnline.
4. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Roping high point winners will receive their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair.

ENGLISH SHOW

(Showmanship for all Horse Members – Monday at or after 9:00am)

English Show Classes – Tuesday – 9:00am

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I written and riding test by Fair Entry Deadline in July.
2. Proper English attire is required for all English classes. **Helmets with safety harnesses are required for all English performance classes.**
3. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior English high point winners will receive a their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair..

4-H GYMKHANA

Gymkhana – Tuesday – 12:00 pm

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I written and riding test by Fair Entry Deadline in July.
2. Long-sleeved shirts (**must be tucked in**), long pants, boots with a heel. **Helmets are required for Gymkhana based upon the requirements of the Colorado State 4- H Office.**
3. A contestant must wear the helmet through the arena gate, while entering and exiting.
4. Bareback riding will not be allowed outside the arena and double riding will not be allowed anywhere on the grounds. **Exhibitors bareback riding and/or double riding do so strictly at their own risk.**
5. Gymkhana style ribbons awarded only on classes listed below. Any extra classes added for fun will not include ribbons.
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Gymkhana high point winners will receive a their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair..

DOG SHOW

Tuesday – 9:00am

Superintendent – Cathy Shryock and Barb Clark

PRE-ENTRY:

1. **Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits by Fair Entry deadline.**

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Members must be enrolled in the 4-H dog project as of May 1 and their dog/s must be ID in 4Honline by May 1. All dogs entered in the Routt County Fair must have been part of the project and owned/leased by May 1 or earlier.
2. The member must own/lease his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s).
3. Members may exhibit a different dog in Obedience, Showmanship and Rally.
 - a. Members may exhibit only one dog in Showmanship.
 - b. Members may exhibit more than one dog in Obedience as long as the dogs are entered in different classes.
 - c. Members may exhibit as many dogs as they want in each Rally class.
4. The dog must be trained and shown by the exhibitor.

DOG SHOW/CONTEST RULES:

1. Fair check in time for dogs is 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Tuesday. Show begins at 9:00 a.m.
2. Exhibitors will pick up their armbands at registration. The armband numbers will be the same for all classes entered by exhibitor and dog.
3. Your 4-H Dog E-record book(s) will be checked in July for completeness. You will not be able to compete at the Routt County Fair if your record book does not pass the record book check in July.
4. Entrants are required to use the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects for all leased animals or animals housed not at your home.
5. During the show, all spectators including parents will remain outside the judging arena and not question the placing or speak to the judge.
6. **Only the 4-H dogs showing are allowed in the staging or viewing areas.**
7. If there is a question as to the rules or the judging of a class, adult family members or leaders must approach the Superintendent of that division and **not the judge**. The Superintendents will then take the question to the judge if warranted.
8. Spectators/parents must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
9. **No set-up will be allowed anywhere near the rings. Allowable set up areas will be designated and no one will be allowed to set-up in any other areas.**
10. Only the judge, superintendent(s), 4-H Staff, tabulators and appointed personnel are allowed behind the table and in the ring.
11. All dogs and exhibitors should arrive at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain until the completion of their last class.
12. Routt County 4-H Dog Show officials and/or staff can and will dismiss any entrant or their families from the show for any mistreatment of dogs entered in this show. If a question should arise as to what constitutes "mistreatment", the County 4-H staff and/or officials will meet to decide appropriate action in each case.
13. Any negative behavior on the part of the exhibitor and/or families, or leaders directed toward any show official will result in disqualification and awards forfeited.
14. All entrants will be responsible for cleanup after their dogs. Failure to do so can be a basis for dismissal from the County Fair 4-H Dog Show and/or forfeiture of any placing.
15. All dogs must be on leash at all times while at the Routt County Fair except when judging requires off-lead work in the show ring.
16. Dogs which are deemed to be a danger to people or other dogs can and will be removed from the show grounds and all classes forfeited. This will be determined by a consensus of the Superintendents.
17. The Routt County 4-H Dog Show is a 4-H show. As such, 4-H youth development principles are of primary importance. Show rules and guidelines are modeled after AKC rules whenever possible except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Differences between AKC and 4-H are noted by an asterisk on the scorecard printouts.
18. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet (preferably leather lead).
19. Dogs may show in obedience with either a flat buckle collar (nylon or leather) or martingale collar (nylon or leather).
20. No grooming equipment will be allowed in the showmanship ring at any time.
21. Depending on what you are wearing in the showmanship ring, use proper kneeling etiquette. If you are in a skirt, it is best to kneel on both knees. If you are wearing pants, it would be appropriate to kneel on only one knee.
22. **DOG Showmanship is required for all 4-H members showing dog at the Routt County Fair.**
23. The dog showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions (see dog showmanship below for detailed class

information):

- a. Junior division, ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31
- b. Intermediate, ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31
- b. Senior division, ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31

24. Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion in each age group are required to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday at 8:30am. See Round Robin rules.

DOG ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. After earning a qualifying score in Obedience or Rally competition as a 4-H project dog at the State Fair, that dog is no longer eligible to compete in that same or lower Obedience class at any following Fair, except obedience: Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open and utility class and Rally Advanced-Excellent.
2. If a dog has received a qualifying score in Obedience - Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, Utility, or Rally - Advanced/Excellent at a previous State Fair, they may stay in that same class as a "B" level competitor for as long as they need to complete the training required for them to move up to the next class.
3. A dog with any other rally or obedience title from any nationally recognized title-granting organization (A.K.C., U.K.C., A.S.C.A., etc.) is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded or any lower class; except if the title was won less than four months before the County Fair, then the dog is eligible for only the same class. Rule #1 takes precedence over this rule.
4. If the dog receives a title more than 4 months before the State Fair Dog Trial, they must move up to the next class. The exceptions to this titling rule are Obedience – Grad Novice, Open, Grad Open, and Utility; and Rally Advanced/Excellent. If you receive titles in these classes, you may still compete as a "B" level competitor in the same class at State Fair for as long as necessary to complete the training needed to move up to the next class.
5. A bitch in season may be shown at the Routt County Fair only if the exhibitor communicates with the superintendent or Extension Office prior to the show and complies with established guidelines. **A bitch in heat, obviously pregnant or lactating will not be allowed to compete in obedience classes at the State Fair.**
6. Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and project leader before starting the project.
7. All dogs participating in the County and State Fairs must have proof of approved effective (at the time of County Fair pre-entry) vaccination of the dog for rabies and parvovirus. **Proof of vaccination must come from a licensed veterinarian or the dog is not legally considered vaccinated.** The proof must be recorded with the pre-entry and in the project record in the place provided. It is highly recommended that dogs eligible for State Fair be vaccinated for kennel cough.
8. Each entrant is required to complete the new State Dog Identification Form which can be found on 4H Online (<https://colorado.4honline.com>) by May 1. It is highly recommended that all backup dogs be registered.

RECORD BOOKS:

1. Dog E-Record books must have been checked in July at the Record Book Check. They should be as complete as possible.
2. **Proof of rabies and parvovirus vaccination must be recorded in the project record in the place provided. Vaccinations must be up to date.**
3. If a member shows only one dog at the Fair, it must be the same dog for which a record book has been completed.
4. **Record Books are due in the Extension Office by SEPTEMBER Record book DEADLINE.**
5. Small Animal Record Book awards will be awarded at the 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November.
6. **Record books not picked up by December 31 will be tossed.**

AWARDS:

1. Placement ribbons in obedience and showmanship will be given to the top six scores in each age division.
2. All Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions receive rosette ribbons.
3. **Overall:** Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Junior, Intermediate and Senior will be awarded to the two exhibitors in each age category with the highest combined scores from Obedience and Showmanship.
4. In event of a tie for overall Grand Champion awards, the highest obedience score will determine the winner. If the obedience scores are the same, there will be a run-off decided by the judge.
5. Rally placement ribbons will be given to the top six scores in each class as follows: Rally awards are based on experience not age.

Novice A	Advanced A	Excellent A	Novice B	Advanced B	Excellent B
	Advanced/Excellent A		Advanced/Excellent B		

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines whenever possible, except that dog registry with AKC is not required. Some exercises and rules may have been adapted from AKC to better serve the youth of this program.
2. 4-H members may exhibit one dog per obedience class provided the dog is trained by the exhibitor. Each dog, however, must be a part of the 4-H project with each dog documented in their E-record book.
3. Handlers entered in B classes will be judged at a higher skill level (handler errors) than handlers entered in A classes.
4. In all classes except puppy classes, ten points will be deducted in the obedience classes for the following: strong/correcting, disciplining, fouling the ring, excessive barking, leaving the ring, rules violation or showing fear.
5. Only one command can be given in obedience classes, per exercise, unless additional commands are appropriate to that class. Use of the dog's name with a verbal command (Spot, sit!) can be used. If verbal commands are not used, **one** appropriate hand signal may be used.

BEGINNER-NOVICE DIVISION:

BEGINNER-NOVICE A: Class open only to members (handlers) and their dog in their first year of dog obedience training. (This is a first year project for the handlers and their dog.)

BEGINNER-NOVICE B: Class open only to second year dog obedience training members (handlers) and must be the same dog and youth team that showed the previous year in Sub-Novice A.

NOVICE DIVISION:

NOVICE A: Class open to members (handlers) with no prior experience in Novice Dog Training.

NOVICE B: Class open to members (experienced handlers) in their second year or above who have never received a blue ribbon in this class at a previous State Fair dog show.

GRADUATE NOVICE DIVISION:

PRE-GRAD-NOVICE A: This class is open to members with no prior experience in Pre-Grad Novice Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".

PRE-GRAD-NOVICE B: This class is open to experienced members in their second year or above of Pre-Grad Novice 4- H Dog Training. This class was previously called "Grad Novice".

GRAD NOVICE: This class was previously called "Pre-Open". The name has been changed to more closely follow AKC class names. This class is for members in their 1st year of Grad Novice training.

ADVANCED DIVISION:

OPEN A: Class is open to members with no prior experience in Open Dog Training.

OPEN B: Class open to members (experienced handlers) in their second year or above Open Training or who have never received a blue ribbon in a previous State Fair dog show in this class.

GRADUATE OPEN: Class is open to members with no prior experience in Graduate Open Dog Training.

UTILITY A: Class is open to members with no prior experience in Utility Dog Training.

UTILITY B: Class is open to members (experienced handlers) in their second year or above Open Training or who have never received a blue ribbon in this class at a previous State Fair dog show.

PUPPY PRE-OPEN: Class is open to puppies which are not ready for regular obedience classes.

PUPPY PRE-OPEN CLASS INFORMATION

The purpose of this class is to introduce obedience commands to a puppy without the stress of perfection seen in regular obedience classes. This class will introduce the puppy to dog shows in a positive manner, thus setting the puppy up for a life time of enjoyment in the show ring. Handlers will be encouraged to use a reward system of food treats or toys in the ring to reward the puppy during and after each exercise. Double commands (or more) will be allowed.

This class will be evaluated more on the handler's skill in training a young dog and dealing with the animal's mistakes than on the skill of the animal when performing the exercises. This will be a NO SCORE CLASS. The score sheet will consist of Excellent, Good

or Needs improvement in each of the following areas:

Loose Lead Walking – This exercise is used to encourage the puppy to feel comfortable and happy on lead while maintaining a distance of no more than two feet from the handler's left side. This does not need to be heel position. Handlers may use bait and toys to keep the puppy in the correct position, and may tell the puppy to sit after a "Halt." Things to be considered in judging include the enjoyment of the puppy, the bond between the puppy and the handler, and the handler's ability to get the puppy's attention back after a distraction.

Sit for Exam – In this exercise the puppy is commanded to a sit position. The judge will approach the puppy and examine it. The judge is required to handle the puppy's ears, mouth, and one front foot during the exam, although petting and scratching are encouraged. The purpose of this exercise is to teach the puppy to accept handling from a friendly stranger.

Recall – The handler will command the puppy to stay in a sit position and will step just in front of the puppy with his or her toes no more than six inches from the puppies' front feet. When the judge says "Call your dog," the handler will proceed to walk backward no more than six feet while calling the puppy. The puppy should get up and follow the handler in a happy manner. After the six feet has been reached, the handler will command the puppy to sit.

Down Stay – The handler will put the puppy in a down. When the judge says "Leave your puppy," the handler will tell the puppy to stay. The handler will walk to the end of the lead, pause, and then immediately walk behind the puppy and back to heel position.

Serpentine Walking – The puppy and handler will walk on a loose lead through a serpentine of three people positioned in a straight line. The expectations are the same as for Loose Lead Walking, with the addition of the distraction of the three "posts."

After one year of showing in the Puppy Obedience Class: If the member was in their 1st year of obedience training, the team moves into Beginner Novice A Obedience, if the member was in their 2nd year or higher of obedience training, the team moves to Beginner Novice C 1st year.

DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. Only one dog may be exhibited in showmanship. It may be a different dog than entered in obedience.
2. Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions about their dogs and AKC Junior Showmanship rules as part of their showmanship competition.
3. A first year dog project member may enter the Open Showmanship class but will not be eligible to compete at State Fair if they receive a qualifying score at County Fair. **It is to the first year member's advantage to compete in the Novice Showmanship class at County Fair.**
4. Unless it is a health or safety issue for the exhibitor or dog, all appropriate dogs will be tabled for showmanship. It is always left to the judge's discretion. See Tabled Breed List.
5. **SENIOR ADVANCED CLASS:** The Senior Advanced Class will consist of those members who have finished in the top ten at previous State Fair Dog Trails while competing in the Senior Open Class.
6. **WINNERS CIRCLE:** An intermediate and senior "Winner's Circle" Class will be offered to those exhibitors who have previously won Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at the County Fair in the intermediate or senior age divisions. A youth may enter this Winners Circle class **OR** their regular showmanship class, but not both. A member who wins this class cannot enter Senior Open or Senior Advanced **again unless they have a new dog**, at which time they will need to enter in Senior Advanced. (A list of members who qualify for this class is available from the Superintendent.)

NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP: Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice classes are for those members who are in their first year in the 4-H dog project and have no prior outside showmanship experience. If exhibitor has prior experience, they must show in open class in the appropriate age group.

OPEN SHOWMANSHIP competition is for those members in their second year or higher in the 4-H dog project.

No additional obedience or showmanship classes will be added other than those established by the State Fair.

RALLY CLASSES

Please Note: The Colorado State 4H Dog Program has adopted changes to the Division as were outlined by the American Kennel Club in April 2012. There is an updated Rally Regulation packet on the State 4H website. Please refer to that for the new rules and signs. These new sign and regulations will be in effect at the 2014 State Dog Trial.

Project Exhibit Rules:

1. **Any 4-H member showing a dog which they did not title should start in the Novice Division.** If a 4-H member did not title the dog, then he/she should compete in the Novice Division as it is important that they learn to give the proper commands and follow the patterns before moving to higher levels.
2. A dog with any other rally or obedience title is disqualified from entering the class for which the degree was awarded or any lower class, except if that title was won less than four months before the Fair. In that case, the dog is eligible for entry in

the same class.

RALLY NOVICE A

This class is for members and their dogs in their first year of Rally training, who have not received a blue ribbon at any State 4-H Dog Trial in Rally Novice, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the Rally A class for 1 year.

RALLY NOVICE B

This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally training with the same dog they used in Rally Novice A, or who is starting a dog which has never competed in Rally. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received an equivalent title from a national dog association.

RALLY ADVANCED A: This class is for members in their first year of Rally Advanced training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Advanced at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the Rally Advanced A class for 1 year.

RALLY ADVANCED B: This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Advanced Obedience. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received a equivalent title from a national dog association.

RALLY EXCELLENT A: This class is for members who are in their first year of Rally Excellent training, who have not received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at any State 4-H Dog Trial, and/or have not received an equivalent title from any national dog association. A member may only compete in the A class for 1 year.

RALLY EXCELLENT B: This class is for any member who is in their second year or above of Rally Excellent training. Members are allowed to compete in this class until they have obtained a blue ribbon at State 4-H Dog Trial, or the dog being shown has received a equivalent title from a national dog association.

RALLY ADVANCED/EXCELLENT A: This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 1st year of Advanced/Excellent training.

RALLY ADVANCED/EXCELLENT B: – This class is for members who have received a blue ribbon in Rally Excellent at a previous State 4-H Dog Trial or who has received the equivalent of an Excellent title from a national dog association. This class is for members in their 2nd year or above of Advanced/Excellent training. A member receiving the equivalent National title may continue to compete in this class for their remaining years in the program.

STATE FAIR DOG SHOW:

1. To be eligible for State Fair exhibitors must have a qualifying score in **each class of exhibition and an acceptable Small Animal E-record book**. Qualifying scores are **170** and above in obedience, **90** and above in showmanship and **70** and above in Rally.
2. **Obedience:** Each County may enter 4 exhibitors with a qualifying score of **170** and above in each obedience class.
Puppies: Unlimited Number
Beginner Novice A: (4) Beginner Novice B (4) Beginner Novice C 1st Year (4)
Beginner Novice C 2nd Year (4) Novice A: (4)
Novice B: (4) Veterans Class: Unlimited Number Pre-Grad Novice A (4) Pre-Grad Novice B (4) Grad Novice A
Unlimited Number Grad Novice B Unlimited Number Open A & B, Grad Open A & B and Utility A & B:
Unlimited Number per class per county.
3. **Showmanship:** Each County may enter 4 exhibitors per class with a qualifying score of **90** and above in each showmanship class for a total of 24 exhibitors. Classes include Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice (1st year members only) and Junior, Intermediate and Senior Open (2nd year and above).
4. **Rally:** Each County may enter 4 exhibitors per class with a qualifying score of **70** and above in each Rally class.