

2020 Routt County 4-H Member Handbook, Policies and Procedures – Changes for 2020

1. Page 7 – changed beef weigh in day
2. Page 7 – added Team Robotics and Livestock Judging to the Jr/Sr age group description.
3. Page 7 – Added to Cloverbuds that they must join one of our county clubs.
4. Page 8 - Club Meetings – we added “Members not complying with established club requirements may be prevented from showing and/or denied any and all awards for their projects.”
5. Page 10 - #7 – we added “If you cannot attend Exhibit Day because extenuating circumstances then you are required to present your project to the Extension Office on July 6 or July 13. Also, if you do not attend Exhibit Day your project cannot qualify for State Fair.”
6. Page 17 – Weigh In times – Changed Goat/Sheep weigh in to only show the start time of 10am. All market goat and sheep members are to be at weigh in by 10am – no later.
7. Page 19-20 – Ethics – updated some of the Ethics rules to align with the Colorado State Fair Ethics rules.
 - a. #1 – added “ the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags;”
 - b. #5 – deleted - 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.
 - c. #5 – added - Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animals body or any grooming material that allows color to be rubbed off from any animal will result in disqualification.
 - e. #7 – deleted – No adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial poll, or adding any hair or hair-like substance
 - f. #7 – added - Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial pol, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
 - g. #19 – added - Any exhibitor committing any of the above-described unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the Routt County Fair management, will be subject to immediate discipline and possible disqualification.
8. Page 22 - #d – added - Record books are due by the Record Book Due Date in September to the Extension Office. NO LATE RECORD BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. This date is posted in the weekly update, Welcome to 4-H email and in Important Fair Dates on our website.
9. Page 22 - #h – added – “no late record books will be accepted.”
10. Page 24 - #4 – added “and species superintendent.”
11. Page 24 – Carcass Contest #4 – Carcass Contest winners will now have the choice of the cash premiums or a belt buckle or a jacket. In the past all carcass awards were cash premiums.
12. Page 26-30 – Special Contests
 - a. The Spirit Award is being revamped for 2020 and the new criteria will be shared soon.
 - b. Added a description for Outstanding Member Award
 - c. Added a description for Carcass Contest.

- d. Added the following to awards where needed - An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility to be considered for the Award if a member exhibited poor herdsmanship, sportsmanship or engaged in unethical behavior during the Routt County Fair Livestock Show/Exhibit Day/Shooting Sports Completion Weekend or if the member is incomplete in any of their projects OR if the member scored below a 70% on the judging of their livestock record book.
 - e. Added the following to awards where needed - A member is ineligible to compete for this award if they score below a 70% on the judging of their record book or are incomplete in the livestock project.
 - f. Production Award #4 – added - The Grand Champion of each species will have the option of a buckle/cash award or an all cash award.
13. Page 30 – Swine show – We have moved the start time from 3pm to 2pm.
 14. In all show areas – added specific information on awards for each specific show/species.
 15. Page 46 – added – 4-H Roping Awards will be award the night of the roping competition.
 16. Page 47 – English Show – added – Horse show superintendents reserve the option to cancel the English show if less than 6 members are signed up for the show.