

# Handbook Changes for 2024

## 1. Carcass Contest – Rule Added

3. Animals participating in the carcass contest must be an eligible Routt County market animal, and must have participated in a Routt County Fair market class. We will do our best to score lightweight animals, and any animal not shown in a Routt County market class, but they will not be placed.

## 2. Outstanding Exhibitor – the written exam has been taken out, and additional components have been added in.

### Outstanding Exhibitor Award

*It is your responsibility to attend an interview; there are no make-ups or rescheduling. 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 (who is enrolled in 4-H for the current year): beef, sheep, swine, goat, horse dog and small animal projects. The award celebrates excellence in total project management and promoting quality assurance of livestock products for consumers. Contestants will be evaluated on 8 project areas:
  - a. Record Book – 12.5% of score (100%=50, 99%=48, 98%=46, etc)
  - b. Showmanship – 12.5% of score (1<sup>st</sup>=50, 2<sup>nd</sup>=48, 3<sup>rd</sup>=46, 4<sup>th</sup>=44, 5<sup>th</sup> = 42, 6<sup>th</sup>=40)
  - c. Market/Breeding Animal Placing – 12.5% of score (1<sup>st</sup>=50, 2<sup>nd</sup>=48, 3<sup>rd</sup>=46, 4<sup>th</sup>=44, 5<sup>th</sup> = 42, 6<sup>th</sup>=40)
  - d. Interview – 12.5% of score (100%=50, 99%=48, 98%=46, etc)
  - e. Blog Post Explaining their Project (turned in by deadline) – 12.5 % of score (50 Points for doing, 0 Points for none)
  - f. Flood Days Attendance – 12.5 % of score (50 Points for attendance, 0 Points for not)
  - g. Fair Clean-Up Attendance – 12.5 % of score (50 Points for attendance, 0 Points for not)
  - h. Fair Break-Down Attendance – 12.5 % of score (50 Points for attendance, 0 Points for not)
2. All 4-H exhibitors that turn in an entry form for the Fair will automatically be entered in the Outstanding Exhibitor contest.
3. All 4-H exhibitors are encouraged to submit a blog describing their 4-H project, regardless of species.
4. 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.

## 3. NEW – Swine Breeding Rules Added

1. **Breeding swine will be shown by age only, all breeds combined. Only breeding females (gilts/sows) will be allowed to show. Boars are not allowed at fair.**
2. Classes may be combined if there are less than three per class.

3. Market swine cannot be shown in breeding classes. An animal is considered market when it crosses the scale at official fair weigh-in.
  4. Awards- Ribbons will be awarded in each individual class. If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion breeding swine will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion Breeding Swine winner will receive a banner and a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash, and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Swine winner will receive a banner and the Reserve Champion Award (this award changes each year and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash, or a jacket for an additional \$60.
4. **NEW – Outstanding Shooting Sports Exhibitor** –This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H shooting sports member (ages 8-18) in each of the disciplines (who is enrolled in 4-H for the current year): shotgun, archery, .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol. The award celebrates excellence in total project management and participation.
- i. Completion Day Placing – for specific discipline – 1/3 of score (1<sup>st</sup>=50, 2<sup>nd</sup>=48, 3<sup>rd</sup>=46, 4<sup>th</sup>=44, 5<sup>th</sup> = 42, 6<sup>th</sup>=40). The highest placing will be used in the specific discipline.
  - ii. Exhibit Day Placing – in the specific discipline – 1/3 of score (1<sup>st</sup>=50, 2<sup>nd</sup>=48, 3<sup>rd</sup>=46, 4<sup>th</sup>=44, 5<sup>th</sup> = 42, 6<sup>th</sup>=40).
  - iii. Interview – 1/3 of score (10=50, 9=48, 8=46, etc) – your interview at Exhibit Day will be scored on a 1-10 scale with 10 being the best score. This interview score will be for the discipline you complete a project for at Exhibit Day.
  - iv. Note – If you participate in more than one shooting sports discipline, pick your project for Exhibit Day based on the discipline you want to compete for Outstanding Shooting Sports Exhibitor. If you want to compete in more than one discipline, you will need to complete multiple Exhibit Day projects.
  - v. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Outstanding Shooting Sports Exhibitor Award if a member is incomplete in the shooting sports project OR if the member is not in Good Standing with their 4-H club.