

# 2026 Routt County 4-H Member Handbook, Policies and Procedures

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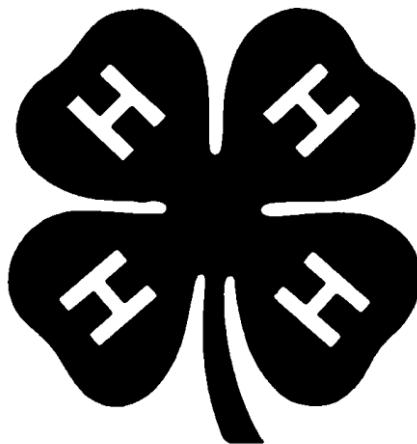
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## **Routt County 4-H Resources**

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 specialist 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.

The Routt County Webpage: [www.routt.extension.colostate.edu/](http://www.routt.extension.colostate.edu/)

On Facebook under Colorado State University Extension, Routt County 4-H:  
[www.facebook.com/CSURouttCounty4H](https://www.facebook.com/CSURouttCounty4H)

Information about 4-H, record books and manuals are located on the Colorado 4-H Webpage:  
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/>

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## **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. The [4-H Name and Emblem usage guide](https://4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/) can be found at the following link: <https://4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/>

### **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 Bi-Monthly Update with important upcoming dates and information. Routt County 4-H also keeps an updated Google Calendar with all dates and information: <https://routt.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/4-h-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/Team Robotics/Livestock Judging 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 \$40 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. Independent Member requirements are outlined in the state issued 4-H Policies & Procedures document: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/>. There is a \$25 Independent Family Fee, plus the \$40 member fee. In addition, members must complete an 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 have to enroll in one of our county clubs. The program is focused on participation, teamwork, and learning (not so much on competition), and they are not involved in projects such as livestock, small animal, horse, shooting sports, etc. Several of our 4-H Clubs host Cloverbud events during their regular monthly meetings, and our Routt County 4-H Jr. Leaders host Cloverbud workshops throughout the year to help get our youngest members excited about 4-H.

Fees for Cloverbud membership are \$25 per member.

## Member Enrollment Form & Fees

1. We encourage returning 4-H Families to enroll by December 31. Late enrollment begins January 1 (\$30 late fee for returning families).
2. Members pay an enrollment fee of \$40 per member. The enrollment fee includes the following: project literature, accounting related fees, accident insurance (covers State/County/Club 4-H functions with an adult 4-H leader supervising) and a \$15.00 State 4-H membership fee.

## Member Enrollment Deadlines

Returning 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to re-enroll in 4-H by December 31. Please note the following project enrollment deadlines:

Project	Deadline
Beef	Pre-Fair Winter Weigh-In
Dog	May 1
Home Ec. & General	May 1
Horse	May 1
Shooting Sports	May 1
Sheep, Goat, Swine	May 1
Poultry, Rabbit	May 1

## County, Club and Project Expectations

### Bi-Monthly Newsletter Updates (on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month)

All 4-H members and their families should read the Newsletter and other emails sent from the Extension Office. This is where we communicate with the membership and share important information and deadlines. It is the member/family's responsibility to read these communications and be aware of important dates and information.

## Club Meetings

1. Regular attendance at club meetings is required of all 4-H members and their parents. Members not complying with established club requirements may be prevented from showing and/or denied any and all awards for their project.
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 will lose awards and privileges. Members not complying with established and published dates of ownership, animal ID, fair entry or exhibition will be prevented from showing and/or denied any and all awards for their project.
3. Deadlines are announced in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter in a timely manner and many of them are in this Handbook.

## 4-H Member in Good Standing

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

## Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct

*Note: Signed Code of Conduct can be found in 4HOnline, under profile information section. Every active 4-H member has signed this document when they enrolled in 4HOnline.*

The Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct is designed to create a safe, welcoming environment that supports meaningful learning and personal growth. Participation in 4-H Youth Development events and activities is a privilege, not a right, and is contingent upon adherence to this Code. You can view the whole Code of Conduct here: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/code-of-conduct.pdf>.

## Independent Membership Terms & Conditions as stated in the Colorado 4-H Policies

The 4-H Youth Development Program is an opportunity for CSU Extension to provide 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, and potential members are strongly encouraged to use all their resources to find a club compatible to their educational needs, life-skill development, and family situation. However, this may not always be possible. Please refer to the full Terms & Conditions of Independent membership here: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/policy/policy.pdf> (pg. 9)

In addition to state requirements, Independent Routt County 4-H members are:

- Required to attend at least 3 of the 6 4-H Council meetings held in January, March, May, July, October, and November.
- Submit monthly reports to the Routt County 4-H Office.

## General and Consumer Science Projects

### What you will need once you enroll

1. 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 <https://co4h.colostate.edu/>. Basic requirements of every record book are a demonstration and community service work.
2. Manuals for each project are available at the Extension Office.
3. 4-H information will be dispersed in the bi-monthly newsletter via email.
4. 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.

## General Project Information and Rules

1. County 4-H members are not limited to the number of projects they can participate in.

- a. The State Fair Exhibit Requirements can be found on the Colorado 4-H Website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>
  - b. , Project Record Books (e-records), some manuals and Project Tip Sheets can be found on the Colorado 4-H Website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-project-information/>
2. General Project members must be enrolled by May 1<sup>st</sup> for participation eligibility.
3. 4-H member may enroll in more than one unit of the same project during the year but must complete the more advance level at Exhibit Day.
4. 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.
5. In order to receive a project completion 4-H members must complete an e-record book that meets listed guidelines, complete all club requirements, and exhibit a project. Members need to make every effort possible to attend Exhibit Day/Fashion Revue as scheduled. Project members must attend their Exhibit Day interview unless extenuating circumstances arise, in which the member must make arrangements with the Extension Office prior to Exhibit Day.
6. The Extension Office must be notified by the club leader of club requirement completion prior to the completion date. If a member does not complete their club requirements then they will be considered incomplete and will not be allowed to compete in the current year or be able to enroll in that project the following year. Also, if the member is incomplete the member is ineligible for awards and state competitions.
7. 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.
8. If you cannot attend Exhibit Day because extenuating circumstances then you are required to present your project to the Extension Office on **July 13** or **July 20**. In addition, if you do not attend Exhibit Day your project cannot qualify for State Fair.
9. County projects will be judged based on requirements according to the current Colorado State Fair Project Requirements. The judge's decision is final. Classes will not be re-judged after the completion of the day.
10. Unit Champion projects, for state listed projects, qualify for the Colorado State Fair. Projects must be returned to the Extension Office, packaged and ready for travel by **July 31**. Projects that do not qualify, or are not a state listed project, are encouraged to be exhibited at the Routt County Fair in the Exhibit Hall.
11. The Grand Champion Senior Fashion Revue winner qualifies for the State Fashion Review Show at the Colorado State Fair. Senior Fashion Revue winners may repeat trips to the State Fashion Revue.

## **Shooting Sports Project**

### **Project Description**

The 4-H Shooting Sports project is designed to provide members with an opportunity to develop knowledge, fundamental skills, and safety techniques surrounding firearms, archery and the sport of shooting. Classes and practices are hand's on and allow members to experience firsthand the sport of shooting/archery, as well as improve their individual skills in an area of specific interest.

When enrolling in the shooting sports project, members will choose one (or more) of the following disciplines for their project: Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Air Pistol, Shotgun and Archery.

Members will receive guidance from 4-H certified adult volunteer leaders at organized classes and practices through the year (mostly in the summer months), up to the final Completion Weekend where they will demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have learned throughout the year.

#### **Shooting Sports Project Requirements**

1. Member must enroll in shooting sports by May 1 and work with a certified shooting sports leader.
2. There is a mandatory \$25 per member, per discipline fee. This fee is in addition to the \$40 4-H enrollment fee. This fee helps cover the cost of sending leaders to required three day 4-H Shooting Sports training, supplies and the cost of the State Shoot registration.
3. Enrolled members must attend 80% of all practices, classes, etc. scheduled by their leader in order to participate at Completion Weekend and complete their project. Your Shooting Sports leader/instructor will outline this requirement with you.
4. Completion Weekend Dates TBD.
5. If a member does not attend Completion Weekend, they are not eligible to compete at State Fair. There are exceptions that can be made depending on the state team size and reason for missing Completion Weekend. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis with the coaches and 4-H Specialist.
6. If you do not complete/compete on your scheduled Completion Weekend competition date then you do not qualify for an award in that discipline. Apples to apples – all members need to compete on the same day/discipline to qualify for an award.
7. If a member cannot make Completion Weekend, they must have a valid excuse and inform the Extension Office and their shooting sports leader well in advance to Completion Weekend in order to set up an alternate day with their leader so they can complete. If you do not show up for Completion Weekend, and you did not notify your leader in advance, then you will receive an Incomplete for your project and will not be able to participate in this project the following year.
8. 4-H Shooting Sports members must attend all required club meetings and events. You must be in good standing with your 4-H Club to be able to participate in Completion Weekend and/or State Fair.
9. All shooting sports members will be required to create an exhibit and present it at Exhibit Day.

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf> :

- Exhibit Day Interviews – Friday, July 24 at the Soroco High School
- Exhibit Day & Shooting Sports Awards – Friday, July 24 at the Soroco High School
- If you cannot make it to the Exhibit Day Interview – you must have a legitimate reason for not attending and must present your project at the Extension Office on July 13 or July 20 only.
- If you do not attend Exhibit Day Interviews on July 24, your project cannot take first/qualify for state fair competition.

10. Final decisions regarding a member's completion will be made at the discretion of the Extension Agent and the shooting sports leader.

### **Shooting Sports Project E-Record**

Each member enrolled in the Shooting Sports project is required to complete an e-record Record Book. This record book is utilized to teach organization, responsibility, and good record keeping practices. Each e-record asks that members set and evaluate personal goals, keep an updated inventory of their shooting supplies, record their practice scores, and write a story describing their project experience. These books will be due at Exhibit Day with their discipline specific project.

E-records are updated each year and are available to download online from the website at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/> (scroll to bottom and click on “download ALL e-records here”. If a member is enrolled in more than one discipline, they should download just one record book and complete the required supplement sheet(s) for each discipline- found at the back of the record book. And they only need to finish one project for Exhibit Day. Contact the Extension Office with any questions concerning e-records.

### **Important!!!**

All 4-H Projects have a demonstration and community service requirement. Please plan ahead to have these completed by the end of your Project. They are a requirement of the project and need to be recorded in your record book.

Examples:

Demonstration:

*How to properly clean your gun (Given at Shooting Practice to 3 Jr. Members)*

Community Pride:

*Helped clean the shooting range.*

*Helped with my club's dog wash.*

### **Shooting Sports Project Equipment & Supplies**

The 4-H Shooting Sports project is not required to provide equipment (including, but not limited to: firearms, bows, ammunition, targets, arrows, safety equipment, etc.), but some leaders may have equipment and supplies that can be leased out, or borrowed. **ALL** equipment and supplies must meet the State 4-H requirements, as well as the local shooting range requirements for use. Each certified adult volunteer leader has the right to deny member participation if they deem the member's equipment to be unsafe or inadequate for practice and project purposes!

Thus, it is up to the member and the member's family to insure they have the proper equipment and supplies to participate in the Shooting Sports project. Leaders can provide help with this and Elk River Guns (970-879-7565) in Steamboat will provide discounts to 4-H members purchasing project equipment. See the **2025 Colorado State Shorting Sports Rule Book** for equipment requirements and allowances for each specific class/discipline.

*State Shooting Sports rulebooks and other shooting sports information are available on the State 4-H Shooting Sports website: [www.co4hshooting.org](http://www.co4hshooting.org)*

## 4-H Educational/Leadership Opportunities

4-H members are encouraged to participate in the leadership opportunities available in 4-H. Check out the State 4-H website (<https://co4h.colostate.edu/events/National-State-4-H-Events.pdf>)

### Routt County 4-H provides support for the following events:

#### State/National events:

- **Leadership Development Conference** (January 24-26 | Denver, CO) held annually at the end of January in Denver, Colorado. This event is open to all 4-H youth ages 14 and over. This conference teaches youth about civility while developing their leadership skills.
- **CWF/Ignite Conference** (March 25-29 | Washington D.C.) youth 15 and older can apply for the opportunity to attend Citizenship Washington Focus held annually in Washington D.C. Youth are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through onsite workshops at the most spectacular sites in our Nation's Capital.
- **State 4-H Conference** (June 16-19 | Fort Collins, CO) is held annually on the CSU Campus in Fort Collins. Youth ages 14 and over are eligible to attend. State Conference offers a variety of workshops that the youth choose from that teach life skills, career exploration, and STEM.

#### 4-H Exchange

- 4-H Exchange is a two year program that is open to youth 14 and over, where the youth get to travel to a different state and stay with 4-H Families, as well as have them travel to Colorado and stay with them. The destination is different every two years.

#### County/District Events:

- **District 9 Retreat** (April 10-12 | Craig, CO) 4-H members 10-18 are encouraged to join us in April for leadership workshops, teambuilding exercises, and more fun with our NW Colorado counties.
- **Northwest Colorado 4-H Expo** (June 9 & 10 | Craig, CO) all livestock and rabbit/poultry members are encouraged to join this week to learn more about showing, feeding, and prepping their animal projects for show.
- **Routt County 4-H Fun Day** (June 24 | Kvol's Ranch) Routt County 4-H youth 8-13 are welcome to join for a fun day of workshops lead by the Routt County Jr. Leaders.

#### Team/Group Events

- **Junior Leadership** 4-H Youth 14 and up interested in putting on events/workshops/opportunities for Routt County youth are welcome to join the Jr. Leader Program! Jr. Leaders must attend at least 75% of the annual meetings, as well as participate in events held across the county.
- **Routt County 4-H Livestock Judging Team** Routt County youth ages 8-18 are welcome to join our Livestock Judging Team. Are you interested in gaining more knowledge about the livestock industry, while traveling across the state? Join the Livestock Judging Team. The first practice will be held in February. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information.
- **Routt County 4-H Exchange Group** Open to Routt County 4-H members 14 and over, members have the opportunity to travel to a different state and stay with 4-H families, as well as host a member when they travel to Colorado. This is a two year program and the destination of travel is different every two years.

For more information, please contact your local club leader, the Routt County Extension Office or the Colorado State website at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/events-opportunities/> these activities will also be advertised in the Weekly Update with dates/fees/deadlines.

### **Judging and Contests**

Participating in judging and other contests is an excellent way for youth to develop life skills such as decision making, critical thinking, goal setting, communication, and much more. Opportunities for judging include:

- Meats Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- Consumer Choices
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Speaking Contest.

If interested in participating in any of these judging contests, please reach out to the Routt County 4-H Office.

### **4-H Leader Information**

#### **Leader Enrollment**

All leaders 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 online Learning modules through 4Honline.
3. Complete a background check by HireRight and possibly an interview.

#### **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.

### New Leader Assistance

Are you a new 4-H leader or thinking about becoming a 4-H leader? The 4-H Specialist 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 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 from Routt County or another county depending on the nature of the complaint. The committee will evaluate and agree on a final decision after hearing the submitted complaint.

Any person filing 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.

### Routt County 4-H Financial and Liability 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 <https://co4h.colostate.edu/>. 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, and 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.

#### **4-H Driving Policy**

- Youth may not drive passengers to out-of-county events without written permission from the parents of the driver and passengers.
- Youth who drive to an event must receive permission from the 4-H agent or adult in charge to continue use of the vehicle during the event.
- It is expected that any vehicle used to transport 4-H members is maintained so that it is “safe and reliable” for the conditions, weather, and distance in which it is to be driven.
- In the event of auto accidents involving either an employee or authorized volunteer/youth, the individual’s auto insurance is the primary coverage.

#### **4-H Related Travel**

All 4-H organized travel included in any program or activity, must follow all applicable State of Colorado, CSU, CSU Extension 4-H and County guidelines and restrictions and must be approved by the County 4-H Agent.

#### **4-H Liability**

Liability protection afforded through Colorado State University is extended to Colorado 4-H members and volunteers in good standing who are working within the scope of their role. Liability protection covers only claims of damages.

**4-H Member Travel Authorization Form**

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

4-H parent/guardian and/or 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/s \_\_\_\_\_  
(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/FFA Livestock & Small Animal Rules

### Routt County 4-H Fair Superintendents

<i>Horse</i>	<i>Swine</i>	<i>Sheep</i>
Tammie Delaney	Leanna Dennis	Kristen Lucero
Haley Jacobs	Tim Gonzales	Shari Yeager
Lacy Trout	Trinity Gonzales	
Ben Vannoy	Lane Iacovetto	
<i>Dog</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Goat</i>
Lisa Guire	Jeannie Jo Logan	Justin Heid
Cathy Shryock	Lee Meyring, DMV	Kristen Lucero
		Rebecca Owens

### Livestock Ownership Deadlines

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

### Weigh-in – Pre-Fair and At Fair

#### 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 respective winter or spring market animal weigh-in. There is no limit to the number of animals weighed in at the winter or spring weigh-in.

Members will have two weeks from winter/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: <https://routt.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/4-h-member-information/horse-and-livestock-information/>. Families/members are responsible to assure the animals' ID, weight, DOB, shared animal, etc. are all correct. After the two-week period all information entered becomes final and CANNOT be changed.

**Swine Members** have the option to participate at the pre-fair weigh-in. If members choose to not bring their animal to the pre-fair weigh-in they will do the following.

- Members have a month prior to weigh-in to check out tags and return identification forms, including ear notches and photo of animal with a clearly visible and readable ear tag, to our office (forms can be scanned to [rc4h@co.routt.co.us](mailto:rc4h@co.routt.co.us)).
  - Forms/tags will be available April 1<sup>st</sup> and due the Friday before weigh-in, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Members will have to pay \$5/tag.
  - Members must upload the Identification Form into 4-HOnline when submitting their animal IDs, prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Shared Animal:**

A “Shared Animal” may be declared by any group of youth who house their animals together at the same physical location. Each group may declare one (1) Shared Animal per species at the respective winter and spring market weigh-ins.

At fair weigh-in, immediately after the final animal from that housing group has been weighed, and before the animal leaves the scale, the Shared Animal must be officially assigned to a specific exhibitor who will show it at the fair.

A Shared Animal is an animal that may be weighed in under more than one eligible exhibitor’s name because all exhibitors keep their project animals at the same residence or facility.

Example: Three exhibitors who house their swine together each weigh-in one market hog under their individual names. They also weigh-in a fourth hog as their Shared Animal. This provides a backup in case one exhibitor’s primary project animal becomes unusable.

The Shared Animal must be Animal ID’d and registered in FairEntry for every exhibitor who may show it.

**Fair Weigh-In:**

Youth Exhibitors are allowed to weigh in as many animals as they weighed in at the pre-fair weigh in. After the last animal is weighed in for that exhibitor/family the exhibitor must identify the two market animals that will be staying in the barn for that species. There will be no changes to Family or identified market animals once the weigh in for that species is over. The rest of the animals not being shown in the fair must be removed from the barn on fair weigh-in day/night for that species.

A member cannot enter in more than two large animal market divisions and/or two small animal market divisions.

- Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than 2 market animals in any 2 large animal market species for beef, swine, lamb and goat in the barn after fair weigh in. (ex. – a member can bring 2 market swine and 2 market lambs)
- And/or exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 2 market small animal pens in any 2 small animal market species for chicken, turkey, geese, ducks, wild game and rabbits.

**Showmanship Animal** - The youth exhibitor must use one of the two market animals as their showmanship animal (or a breeding animal if the youth is enrolled/competing in the breeding project).

Market animals will be weighed only once. All weights called by the Weigh Master, Extension Office/Livestock Committee, Superintendent or other Fair Personnel are final. Re-weighs will be up to the superintendent’s discretion only.

You must be ON TIME for weigh-in! Scales will close immediately after weigh-in, no exceptions!

- **Swine:** Tuesday at 6pm
- **Sheep and Goat:** Wednesday at 10am
- **Beef:** Wednesday at 11:30am

The Routt County 4-H scale, located in the MPB, is certified yearly by the Colorado Department of Agriculture Measurements Standards. This scale has always received an “Approved” inspection result.

### Livestock Fair Minimum Weights

Animals under the minimum weight will not sell at the sale. There will be a feeder class for those animals that do not make weight. 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. 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. Listed below are the Routt County Fair minimum weights for each species:

- Goat 50 lbs.
- Swine 235 lbs.
- Lambs 100 lbs.
- Steers/Heifers 1,000 lbs.
- Poultry/Rabbit meat pen: it must be determined by the judge that the animals are ready for market on the day of show. Animals not in market condition (based on age or other quality standards) will not be eligible to sell.
  - Chickens – (3 of same sex and breed)
  - Ducks – (pair of same sex and breed)
  - Geese – (pair of same sex and breed)
  - Turkeys – (pair of same sex and breed)
  - Rabbits - Pen of 3 Rabbits, same breed & variety, a suggested minimum weight 3.5 lbs., suggested maximum weight 5.5 lbs. each, and age not over 10 Weeks.

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 beef weigh-in.** Lowlines must be a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  bloods. To be eligible for the miniature division, beef must have a maximum hip height of 42". Minimum weight for miniature breeds is 750 pounds.

### Livestock Fair Pre-Entry

1. Pre-entry is required for all 4-H/FFA 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/s have read and been advised concerning all Routt County Fair Competition Requirements, the 4-H Code of Conduct and have read the Routt County 4-H Member Handbook, Policies & Procedures and agrees to uphold said requirements and regulations for themselves and their child.

### Pen/Stall Reservations

1. Reservations must be noted in 4HOnline when registering for fair. 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 if we have extra stalls available.
3. **Stall assignments are final.**

### **Animal Care and Housing Form**

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 – A Routt County 4-H member CAN house their 4-H animal 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 a neighboring county. When possible, the animal should be housed at the member’s home.

### **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. Horse members need to request a horse rulebook. They cost \$10.00 and we are currently using the 2024 Rule Book.

### **Ethics**

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, herdsmanship, 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. Fair Management is the 4-H agents, FFA Advisors, species superintendents and fair board barn superintendent.** Unethical practices include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Doctoring, doping, tubing or injecting show animals for body “fill-in” or the alteration, changing, defacing or any modification of the markings of show animals and the anatomical structure of an animal; the removal, alteration, changing or purposely damaging ear tags; 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.
2. No icing of animals will be allowed.
3. No animals may be decorated with any unnecessary paraphernalia during judging.
4. No drench guns or artificial device for hydrating or feeding of animals.
5. The natural body color on an animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. The use of artificial colors, artificial hair, or the addition of hair in the grooming process will not be allowed; this includes the use of colored foam or other colored hair products.
6. No altering structure of hair or wool coat except for trimming and blocking will be allowed.

7. Any entry adding an artificial tail head or tail fin, artificial pol, or adding any hair or hair-like substance will be disqualified.
8. The showing of livestock of any ineligible age or showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited.
9. 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.
10. Showing an animal not owned by the exhibitor. (Breeding animals only can be leased)
11. Bringing animals to the Fair that are not broken to lead causing safety problems or resulting in delays or disruption of the show.
12. Copying last year's record book, or someone else's records to meet completion requirements.
13. Feeding or injecting controlled substances, fluids, drugs, or steroids in an attempt to alter an animal's normal body composition or appearance.
14. Inhumane treatment of animals such as: neglect, abuse, withholding feed and/or water, excessive kicking or hitting of animal, etc.
15. Switching ear tags, altering official ear tags, switching animals prior to sale.
16. Showing a market animal at another Fair after it was sold at the Routt County Junior Livestock sale.
17. 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.
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
18. Random stress testing on market hogs may also be done.
19. 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.

#### **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, rabbits and 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 Routt County Extension, Routt County Jr Livestock Sale Committee and Routt County Fair 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/FFA 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. Scrapie Tags are required for:
  - a. All breeding sheep and goats regardless of age.
  - b. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
  - c. 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.

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.

#### **Fair Exhibitor Rules & Record Book Instructions**

1. The Colorado State 4-H livestock, horse, dog, poultry, rabbit e-record book is required for all 4-H members. Failure to have your record book checked and up to date will result in not being allowed to participate in County Fair (standards defining what constitutes an up-to-date record book will be provided by the Extension Office). Record book checks will be scheduled prior to fair during July club meetings. It is the member's responsibility to attend their July club meeting to have the record book checked, or to follow up with their club leader to have the record book checked in July.
  - a. After the Fair is over, complete all sections of the record book(s) to include fair results, final weights, sale data for market animals and other pertinent information. Add photos, complete the story for the year, and close out the project on closing page(s).
  - b. Record books may be done in pencil, pen, typed or by computer. Complete each page that applies to the project.
  - c. 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.
  - d. 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 Bi-Monthly Newsletter, "Welcome to 4-H" email and in "Important Fair Dates" on our website.
  - e. 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.
  - f. 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.
  - g. Record Books and Awards –
    - i. 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).
    - ii. 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.
  - h. Record Books are due in the Extension Office by the **SEPTEMBER DEADLINE** – no late record books will be accepted.
    - i. 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.
    - ii. Record books will be available for pickup at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program or at the Extension office after Achievement Night.

- iii. Record books not picked up by December 31 will be discarded.
- 2. 4-H or FFA members enrolled in 4-H or FFA in another county may not show at the Routt County Fair.
- 3. All exhibitors and their associates are required to cooperate with all Routt County Fair Management including Extension Employees, Fair Board Members, grounds admission, Jr Livestock Sale Committee, and the Law Enforcement Officers while on the grounds.
- 4. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, vaping and any illicit drug is forbidden on the fairgrounds.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 Extension/fair personnel or 4-H member. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Exhibitors must have continuously owned (leased for breeding projects only) and personally cared for their animals since ownership deadlines.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Fair weigh-in – Youth Exhibitors are allowed to weigh in as many animals as they weighed in at the pre-fair weigh in. After the last animal is weighed in for that exhibitor/family the exhibitor must identify the two market animals that will be staying in the barn for that species. There will be no changes to Family or identified market animals once the weigh in for that species is over. The rest of the animals not being shown in the fair must be removed from the barn on fair weigh-in day/night for that species.
- 11. Showmanship Animal - The youth exhibitor must use one of the two market animals as their showmanship animal (or a breeding animal if the youth is enrolled/competing in the breeding project).
- 12. A member cannot enter in more than two large animal market divisions and/or two small animal market divisions.
  - i. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than 2 market animals in any 2 large animal market species for beef, swine, lamb and goat in the barn after fair weigh in. (ex. – a member can bring 2 market swine and 2 market lambs)
  - ii. And/or exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 2 market small animal pens in any 2 small animal market species for chicken, turkey, geese, ducks, wild game and rabbits.

13. Currently, there is no limit to the number of Breeding Projects for beef, swine, sheep and goat you can bring to fair.
14. Currently, there is no limit to the number of small animal breeding projects you can bring for poultry and rabbit.

### Show Rules

1. All animal entry times are as follows:
 

Livestock Stalling: Sunday-Tuesday 8am-6pm, Wednesday 8am-10am  
 Rabbit & Poultry Check-In: Tuesday 8am-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. Should an exhibitor be listed in the same market class with both of their animals, the exhibitor is required to ask another Routt County 4-H/FFA member to show their second animal in the class. Exhibitors must notify their superintendent who will be showing the 2nd animal prior to the start of the show.
5. **LIVESTOCK AND SMALL ANIMAL SHOW DRESS CODE:** All livestock, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare-midriffs are not acceptable attire and shall not be worn during a show event. 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. Rabbit exhibitors are required to have long sleeves. **Recommended dress is as follows:** long or short sleeved shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with a belt. All white attire is suggested when showing dairy goats and dairy cattle.
6. The superintendent shall disqualify animals from competition for being unruly.
7. **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.**
8. 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 livestock members are to be at the mandatory species meeting listed below:
  - Swine: Tuesday – at the beginning of weigh-in
  - Sheep/Goat: Wednesday - after weigh-in
  - Beef: Wednesday - after weigh-in

2. 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.
3. 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/FFA, another Routt County 4-H/FFA member, and/or a Routt County 4-H/FFA leader. The exhibitor must be **present and actively participating** during the assistance, unless presently exhibiting in a class.
  - a. **Senior Members** (unless it is their first year in the project) are **not permitted to receive any assistance** in fitting their animals. They are expected to independently complete all aspects of fitting and preparation.
  - b. Even with assistance, the **first year or inexperienced members** must contribute a **minimum of 50% of the fit job** of the animal.
  - c. Two warnings will be issued to any exhibitor who is found to be not actively participating in the fitting process, not present the entire time assistance is received, or receives help from a non-family or non-Routt County 4-H/FFA member. A third warning could result in disqualification from the show and/or livestock sale.
  - d. All concerns regarding this rule must be addressed with the species superintendent and/or a Routt County Extension personnel. **Only the Superintendents** and/or the Extension personnel will approach members regarding rules.
4. **Professional “Fitters” or any non-4-H/FFA individuals are prohibited from fitting, handling, or caring for 4-H/FFA exhibitor’s animals. Those exhibitors that utilize these individuals may be disqualified from the show and/or livestock sale.**
5. Members must leave the wash rack clean after using as a courtesy to other exhibitors.
6. On the day of each livestock show, the wash racks will be used exclusively by the youth showing that day, up until their show begins. Example – On Wednesday, only swine will use the wash rack up until 3pm, when the swine show starts, then all species can use the wash racks.
7. Wash racks will be shut down completely on Monday of fair during the horse show for the safety of youth and horses in the trail course.
8. 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/FFA member** and the superintendent grants permission.
9. In all showmanship classes and first round of Round Robin, exhibitors must show their own animal.
10. 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. Non-exhibitors will be asked to step out of the holding pen/staging area once. If the request is not granted, superintendents will decide on the consequences, which could include disqualification of the exhibitor.
11. Exhibitors must supply their own bedding. Wood shavings only (shredded paper and straw are not allowed.)

12. 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.
13. **All pens and stalls will be checked throughout the day, each day, by the appropriate Superintendent. It is required that every pen is cleaned by 8:30am every morning by the member. If the member cannot clean it themselves, the member must arrange for another 4-H/FFA member to clean their pen by 8:30am each morning.** 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.
14. Exhibitors are required to supply their animals with fresh water and food, as needed throughout the day. 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.** 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.
15. Market animals must remain in the MPB until the Sunday following the Jr. Livestock Sale. Exceptions may be granted by the species superintendent only. All stall cards will remain on the stalls until all animals are moved out of the barn.
16. All livestock, rabbit, poultry and horse members are to check-in at the 4-H office in the MPB on Sunday at 8:00am for directions on what you can do to help break down the MPB, Small Animal Barn, Lockhart Barn and Green Horse Barn. No pens will be broken down until 11am or until the Superintendent says so. All members are required to stay at the barn until all pens are broken down and ALL shavings are cleaned up. **You must also check out with the 4-H office in the MPB at this MANDATORY meeting.**
  - 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 wheelbarrows out of the alleys while we are trying to move animals out of the barn.

### **Fair Protests**

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 Extension Office 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 Specialist, FFA Advisor, Superintendent/s, and Fair Board Livestock Barn Superintendent. The 4-H Fair Grievance Panel will have the final decision on any protest during fair.

### **Special 4-H Specific Contests and Awards**

#### **Outstanding Club**

1. All 4-H clubs will be judged throughout the 4-H year on:
  - a. 4-H Council/Club Leader meeting attendance by members and leaders.
  - b. Club Reports
  - c. Club Record Book Scores

- d. Chartering Completion
- e. Outstanding Club Nominations
- f. The winning club will receive a certificate at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Night in November.

#### **Outstanding Member Award**

- 1. This is different from the Outstanding Exhibitor Award.
- 2. All members of 4-H are eligible to be nominated for the Outstanding Member award.
- 3. The Outstanding Member is awarded to up to two members per age group (Jr, Int, Sr) based on their involvement in 4-H over their 4-H career, including community service, leadership, club involvement, etc.
- 4. Members who are nominated must complete a Career Summary.
- 5. Career Summaries are judged by a panel of judges. Interviews may be scheduled if needed.
- 6. Winners are announced at Achievement Night.
- 7. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility to be considered for the Outstanding Member Award if a member exhibited poor herdsman, 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.

#### **Carcass Contest**

- 1. The purpose of the contest is to reward 4-H members who produce market animals who meet or exceed industry standards of carcass quality for each species.
- 1. Each species will be evaluated on specific industry standards by our carcass judge.
- 2. Routt County 4-H beef carcass judging will be based on current market data reports and will be ranked using the value per cwt and then sorting on gross value.
- 2. All sale animals of 4-H members will be included in the carcass contest as long as they are processed at a designated sale processor. 4-H member private treaty animals who are processed at designated processors will also be in the carcass contest. These processors will be posted at the fair office during the week of fair.
- 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.
- 4. Carcass contest champions in each species will have a choice of a belt buckle or jackets or cash premiums. 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> place will receive cash premiums.
- 5. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Carcass Contest Award if a member exhibited poor herdsman, 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.

#### **Herdsman Awards**

##### **Beef - Sheep – Swine – Goat – Horse – Poultry/Rabbit - Dog**

- 1. Awards will be given to 4-H members for individual herdsman 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. The Herdsman will be selected by the species Superintendent.
3. The individual herdsman in each species will receive a Herdsman Award at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony in November.
4. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility to be considered for the Herdsman Award if a member exhibited poor herdsman, 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.

#### **Round Robin Showmanship Contest**

1. Round Robin Showmanship will be held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am.
2. Participants will consist of 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/FFA project animal, which they showed in their showmanship class at the Routt County Fair, for the first round of Round Robin competition.
3. Round Robin participants will be entered into the contest immediately after each showmanship class.
4. Participants show their respective species first, and then rotate to each remaining species.
5. If a showman places Grand Champion and/or 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 and contact the third place participant
6. If a qualified exhibitor cannot show a species (due to choosing another species or unavoidable absence such as leaving for college), the third place showman in that species will participate. If third place is not available, the original showman must provide an animal in their place, and there will just be one competitor for that division. Exceptions can be made after discussion with superintendents and the Extension Office.
7. Dress code is determined by the first species being shown. (See dress code rules under each species.)
8. In case of a tie, the score will be broken on the highest score from the individual's original animal (first round of Round Robin).
9. Belt Buckle awards are sponsored by American Ag Credit and will be presented at 4pm right before the start of the Jr. Livestock Sale.
10. An exhibitor will forfeit their Showmanship Award if they refuse to participate in Round Robin Showmanship. The award will not be reissued.
11. An exhibitor will forfeit their Round Robin Award if a member exhibited poor herdsman, 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.

### 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 7 project areas:
  - a. Interview: 50% of Score
  - b. Record Book: 20% of Score
  - c. Showmanship Placing: 7.5% of Score
  - d. Market/Breeding Animal Placing: 7.5% of Score
  - e. Blog Post: 5% of Score
  - f. Fair Set-up: 5% of Score
  - g. Fair Break-Down: 5% of Score
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 herdsman, 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.

### Outstanding Shooting Sports Exhibitor –

1. This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H shooting sports member in each age group (Junior, Intermediate and Senior). The project you display at Exhibit Day is the placing to be used for calculations. (Example – if you exhibited a .22 Rifle stand then your .22 Rifle completion day highest placing will be used. The award celebrates excellence in total project management and participation.
  - i. Completion Day Placing – for specific discipline – 1/3 of score. The highest placing will be used in the specific discipline.
  - ii. Exhibit Day Placing – in the specific discipline – 1/3 of score
  - iii. Interview – 1/3 of score – 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.

### Market Production Award

1. This contest is open to Routt County 4-H members involved in the sheep, goat, swine and beef market projects for the current year (and enrolled in 4-H 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
  - b. **Record Book Score** – 25% of score
  - c. **Rate of Gain** – 25% of score
  - d. **Carcass Score** – 25% of score
  - e. Additional points will be given in Live Placing as follows:  
**Grand Champion Market** receives 3 additional points, and  
**Reserve Grand Champion Market** gets 2 additional points.

5. An exhibitor will forfeit their eligibility for the Market Production Award if a member exhibited poor herdsmanhood, 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.
6. Premiums will be awarded to the top three finishers who are announced at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November. The Grand Champion of each species will have the option of a buckle/cash award or an all cash award.

### Producers Award

1. This contest is open to Routt County 4-H members showing Rout County Raised sheep, goat, swine and beef market projects for the current year (and enrolled in 4-H for the current year).
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 when you register for fair online.
4. The scores are based on a 150 point scale and compiled from the animal's
  - a. **Live Placing** – 1/3 of score
  - b. **Rate of Gain** – 1/3 of score
  - c. **Carcass Score** – 1/3 of score
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. An award will be presented 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 or if the member is incomplete in their livestock project.

### Lufkin Beef Breeding Premiums

1. In memory of Don Lufkin – the Lufkin Beef Breeding Fund offers in premiums to encourage youth participation in the 4-H Beef Breeding project.
2. This fund is used to award outstanding cows, heifers and pairs exhibited at the Routt County Fair by 4-H members (and enrolled in 4-H for the current year).
3. 4-H 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 or are incomplete in the livestock project.
5. The premiums will be awarded at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Awards Program in November.

#### **Howard & Maxine Elliott Memorial Sheep Breeding Award**

1. The Howard & Maxine Elliott Memorial Sheep Breeding Award offers \$500 in premiums to encourage 4-H youth participation in the 4-H Sheep Breeding project.
2. These funds are used to reward outstanding ewes, rams and flocks exhibited at the Routt County Fair by 4-H members.
3. Youth will be awarded based on their placings in the Sheep 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 or are incomplete in the livestock project.
5. The premiums will be awarded at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Night in November.

#### **Brenner Family Breeding Sheep Award**

1. The Brenner family Breeding Sheep Award offers premium money in the amount of \$500 to 4-H members who participate in Routt County Fair sheep breeding **class Brenner Family Class - Ewe-Market Lamb** (shown at the current year county fair).
2. 4-H Youth will be awarded based upon their placings in the **Brenner Family Class - Ewe-Market Lamb**, exhibitor interview, record book score and showmanship.
3. Ewe must be bred, wintered and cared for in Routt County by the 4-H member to be eligible for this award.
4. 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.
5. The premiums will be awarded at the Routt County 4-H Achievement Night in November.

#### **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 at the end of each day of 4-H Horse Shows.
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: 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: Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation, English Control and Hunter Over Fences (tie-breaker is Hunt Seat 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, and Keyhole. Musical Mounting and Bareback Dollar Bill Race will not count towards overall. Overall will be based on lowest total time for all four events.
- 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).
- e. Overall High Point will be presented to the overall highest point winner. Horse and rider teams must participate in four (4) out of the six (6) divisions (Showmanship, Western, Roping, Ranch Horse Versatility, English, and Gymkhana) in order to be eligible for this award. Riders may show multiple horses, but only one horse (identified during fair entry) can be classified as the All-Around Horse.
- f. 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/horse project.

### **Animal Specific Show Requirements**

#### **SWINE**

**Show Time: Wednesday**

**5:00 p.m. – Swine Showmanship, Swine Breeding and Market Swine**

**Show order is determined by the Judge and Superintendents**

**Superintendents –Lane Iacovetto, Tim Gonzales, Leanna Dennis, Trinity Gonzales**

#### **PRE-ENTRY:**

**Pre-entry is required for all 4-H/FFA Animal exhibits by deadline.**

#### **PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Member Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
2. All ear notches must be completely healed to be eligible for show. (Ear notches are not required.)
3. All market swine projects must be ID in 4Honline by June 1. All breeding swine projects must be owned by June 1 and ID'd in 4HOnline by July 1.
4. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall next to the 4-H Fair office in the MPB. The show order is determined by the superintendent(s) and judge.
5. Feeding of swine will not be allowed in the show ring.
6. Market swine may not be shown in any breeding class. Breeding swine may not be shown in any market class.
7. There is a Mandatory Swine meeting with the superintendents to be held at the beginning of Swine weigh-in on Tuesday of fair.
8. All 4-H/FFA Swine members must be at the MPB at 8:00am 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. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

#### **SWINE BREEDING FEMALES**

- 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.

#### **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

- 1. Swine Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing swine at the Routt County Fair.**
2. Exhibitors must pre-enter and show their own animal. The Showmanship animal will be one of the market animals enrolled in the market class or a breeding animal (if the exhibitor is enrolled and competing in the breeding class). A member can show no more than two market animals per species.
3. The swine showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
  - Junior division, ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31
  - Intermediate division, ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31
  - 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 will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am. [See Round Robin rules.](#)
6. Awards – Grand Champion in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **MARKET SWINE**

1. Animals must weigh a minimum of 235 pounds to show in the market show. The target weight is 260-280 lbs. We currently do not have a maximum weight limit for pigs at our fair; however, if we encounter a significant number of overweight pigs, we may need to consider implementing one in the future.

2. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale. A feeder show class will be established for market swine under the required market weight.
3. 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. It is rare for a re-weigh to occur, but in the event of an issue, re-weighs will only be conducted at the time of the initial weigh-in. Animals being re-weighed are not allowed to return to their pen before the re-weigh.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Awards – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to each weight class. Overall Grand Champion Market Swine receives a banner and their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine will receive a banner and their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award, \$30 cash (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value) or a jacket for an additional \$60.
7. **Market Swine Weight Suggestions**
  - a. **Minimum weight by pre weigh-in.** The minimum pre-weigh-in weight is 45 lbs., estimating that the animal (with perfect rate of gain) can meet the minimum fair weigh-in requirement of 235 lbs.
  - b. **Maximum weight by fair weigh-in.** The suggestion maximum weight for an ideal market pig is under 300 lbs. Ideal hogs will weigh around 260-280 lbs. at the time of fair weigh-in.

## BEEF

**Show Time: Thursday**  
**10:30am – Dairy Cattle Show**  
**11:00 a.m. – Breeding Beef Show**  
**2:00 p.m. – Beef Market and Showmanship**  
**Show order is determined by the Judge and Superintendents**  
**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.

## PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Handbook Policies & Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
2. Ownership deadline for market beef is winter weigh-in.

3. All market beef projects must be ID in 4Honline by June 1. All breeding beef projects must be owned by June 1 and ID'd in 4HOnline by July 1.
4. Brand Inspection is Wednesday during beef weigh-in. **You must have your brand papers with you at weigh-in.**
5. All market beef animals must be naturally polled, dehorned, or evidence of attempted dehorning. Any horn longer than 2" must not be adhered to the bone. In cases where the horn base is too large, or dehorning would pose a safety risk, exhibitors may request an exception. Exceptions must receive prior approval from the Superintendents, and any approved animal must have the horn(s) safely blunted prior to show day.
6. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall next to the 4-H Fair office in the MPB (Multi-Purpose Building). 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 8:00am 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. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

#### **DAIRY CATTLE**

1. Because of safety factors, dairy bulls older than 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 July 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)
5. Awards: If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion dairy cow will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award, \$30 cash (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value) or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **BREEDING BEEF**

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 (1 year<2 years)
  - b. Cow 2+ Years
  - c. Heifer Calf (<1 Year and/or nursing)
  - d. Steer Calf
  - e. Bull Calf

- f. Cow/Calf Pair (calf must be nursing dam, need birth date of calf)
- 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 beef will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion Breeding Female winner will receive a banner and a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash for no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Female winner will receive a banner and the Reserve Champion award, \$30 cash (this award changes each year and is a \$30 value) or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

- 1. Beef Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing market and breeding beef at the Routt County Fair.
- 2. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The Showmanship animal will be one of the market animals enrolled in the market class or a breeding animal (if the exhibitor is enrolled and competing in the breeding class). A member can show no more than two market animals per species.
- 3. The beef showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
  - Junior division, ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31
  - Intermediate, ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31
  - 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 will participate in the Round Robin Showmanship contest held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am. [See Round Robin rules.](#)
- 6. First place, Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **MARKET BEEF**

- 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 at 11:30am (after sheep and goats) on Wednesday of Fair, and will be weighed only once. Re-weights 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 the pre-fair weigh-in.** Lowlines must be a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  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**.
7. Awards – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to each weight class. Overall Grand Champion Market beef receives a banner and their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Reserve Grand Champion Market beef will receive a banner and their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

## GOAT

**Show Time: Friday**

**11:00 am**

**Goat Breeding, Fiber, Utility Show, Goat Showmanship, Market Goat Show**

**Superintendents: Kristen Lucero, Justin Heid and Rebecca Owens**

### **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 goat superintendent.**

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.

### **PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. Scrapie Tags are required:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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).
  - c. 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. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Handbook, Policies & Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
3. 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. Ownership/lease deadline for market goats is May goat weigh-in.
4. All Market Goats must be ID in 4Honline by June 1. All Breeding Goats must be ID in 4HOnline by July 1.
5. 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.
6. Bucks 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.

7. All goats must be naturally polled, de-budded or tips cut off prior to the Fair.
8. All goats are required to be led with a collar or a chain recommended by your breed's national breed guidelines.
9. Goats should not be lifted more than 2" off the ground when setting goats.
10. There is a Mandatory Goat meeting with the superintendents immediately following Goat weigh in on Wednesday of fair.
11. All Goat members must be at the MPB at 8:00am 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.
12. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

#### **FIBER GOATS**

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 Pre-Entry 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.
3. Awards: If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion fiber goat will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **UTILITY GOATS**

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.
5. Awards: If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion utility goat will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **DAIRY GOATS**

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.
- 3. Awards: If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion dairy goat will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **BREEDING GOATS**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Goats should not be shown in breeding classes if older than 24 months and never bred.
- 3. Breeding goats will be broken into age classes to be determined by the Superintendents and Judge.
- 4. Any uncertainties as to what class to show in shall be left to the discretion of the superintendent.
- 5. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen from each breeding class.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Awards: If less than 6 entries then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion breeding goat will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

- 1. Goat Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing goats at the Routt County Fair.
- 2. The Goat Showmanship will be for all goat members (meat and non-meat breeds) and will be judge together based on their breed standards.
- 3. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The Showmanship animal will be one of the market animals enrolled in the market class or a breeding animal (if the exhibitor is enrolled and competing in the breeding class). A member can show no more than two market animals per species.
- 4. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
- 5. The goat showmanship contest will be divided into three categories:  
Junior division, ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31

Intermediate division, ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31

Senior division, ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31

6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group will compete in the Round Robin Showmanship contest held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am. [See Round Robin rules.](#)
7. Awards – First place, Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

### **MARKET GOATS**

1. 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.
2. Animals must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to show and be born on or after January 1 of the current year. The animal may be any meat producing breed and either sex.
3. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Animals will be judged on structural correctness and quality conformation as well as meatiness throughout with no excess fat.
7. Market goats must be de-horned or blunt tipped. Tipping of horns is not allowed on the Fairgrounds.
8. Market goats must still have their milk teeth intact at the time of show. **No exceptions.**
9. Before weigh-in, all market goats must be clipped to 3/8" or less above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch.
10. 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.
11. Awards – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to each weight class. Overall Grand Champion Market Goat receives a banner and their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat will receive a banner and their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

### **SHEEP**

**Show Time: Friday 2:00 P.M.**

**Breeding Sheep, Sheep Showmanship, Market Sheep**  
**Superintendents – Kristen Lucero and Shari Yeager**

#### **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.**

**PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. Scrapie Tags are required:
  1. All breeding sheep regardless of age
  2. All sheep sexually intact regardless of age and wethers 18 months of age and older for show or exhibition.
  3. 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.
2. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Handbook, Policies & Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
3. Market sheep must be born on or after January 1 of current year. Ownership/lease deadline for market sheep is May weigh-in and market sheep must be ID'd in 4HOnline by June 1. Breeding sheep must be owned/leased by the exhibitor by June 1 and must be ID in 4Honline by July 1.
4. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
5. Show order for classes will be posted on the wall by the 4-H office. The show order is decided by the Superintendents and the judge.
6. Extreme docking of lambs: (complete tail removal) is not an acceptable animal husbandry practice. We will be using the same rule for the Colorado State Fair regarding docking. Market Lambs shall show no evidence of surgical docking, prolapses, purse strings, sutures, etc. If any of these are evident in any sheep, that animal will be disqualified from the show.
7. Sheep should not be lifted no more than 2" off the ground when setting sheep.
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 8:00am 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. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

**BREEDING SHEEP**

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 July 1 of current year.
4. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes. Breeding animals may not be shown in market classes. The only exception is the Brenner Class.
5. A Champion and Reserve Champion class will be offered for each different type of sheep shown (example: meat type and wool type). Banners will be awarded for each of these classes.
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. Awards: If less than 6 entries, then the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion breeding sheep will receive a banner. If 6 or more entries then the Overall Grand Champion will receive a choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost and the Overall Reserve

Grand Champion will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

8. 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)
9. Brenner Family Class – Ewe & Market Lamb (lamb must be ewe's offspring). If the Ewe has twins/triplets the member can show both/all three as long as at least one of the twins/triplets is a market lamb (the market lamb must be shown in market class. Brenner Family premiums to be awarded to 4-H members in good standing at Achievement Night.

#### **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

2. Sheep Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing sheep at the Routt County Fair.
3. Exhibitors must pre-enter by deadline. Exhibitors must show their own animal. The Showmanship animal will be one of the market animals enrolled in the market class or a breeding animal (if the exhibitor is enrolled and competing in the breeding class). A member can show no more than two market animals per species.
4. 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.
5. The sheep showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
  - Junior division, ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31
  - Intermediate division, ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31
  - Senior division, ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31
6. 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.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group will compete in the Round Robin Showmanship contest held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am. [See Round Robin rules.](#)
8. Awards – First place, Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **MARKET SHEEP**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes (except Brenner Family Class).

4. 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.
5. Market lambs are required to be slick shorn by the Routt County Fair weigh in, having no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch wool.
6. 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.
7. A feeder lamb class may be established for lambs under the required market weight.
8. 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.
9. Awards – 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to each weight class. Overall Grand Champion Market Sheep receives a banner and their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Reserve Grand Champion Market Sheep will receive a banner and their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

## POULTRY

**Poultry Check-in: Tuesday of fair - 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Show Time: Wednesday at 8:00am**

**Superintendents –**

### PRE-ENTRY:

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

### PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Handbook Policies & Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
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. A member cannot enter in more than two large animal market divisions and/or two small animal market divisions.
  - a. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than 2 market animals in any 2 large animal market species for beef, swine, lamb and goat in the barn after fair weigh in. (ex. – a member can bring 2 market swine and 2 market lambs)
  - b. And/or exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 2 market small animal pens in any 2 small animal market species for chicken, turkey, geese, ducks, wild game and rabbits.

6. 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.
7. Poultry age classifications are as follows:
  - a. Cockerel or pullet: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year
  - b. Cock or hen: hatched prior to Jan 1, of current year
  - c. Young trio: one cockerel and two pullets: hatched on or after Jan. 1, of current year
  - d. Old trio: one cock and two hens: hatched prior to Jan. 1, of current year
8. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

#### **SHOW RULES:**

1. Poultry check-in is Tuesday of fair from 12:00pm-5:00pm. All entries must be in place by 5:00 p.m.
2. Market poultry will be weighed at check-in.
3. **All poultry must remain on display until Sunday (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).** All poultry members must be at the small animal barn at 9am 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.
6. To avoid parasites such as lice or mites, **PLEASE DUST YOUR CHICKENS and TURKEYS FOR LICE PRIOR TO FAIR.** 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, jacket or \$90 cash and Reserve Champion will be awarded the reserve champion award, \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Poultry showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing poultry at the Routt County Fair.
2. 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.
3. Each exhibitor will select and show one of their own birds, which will also be judged in a poultry class after the showmanship contest.
4. The poultry showmanship contest will be divided into three divisions:
  - Junior division ages 8-10, as of Dec. 31
  - Intermediate division ages 11-13, as of Dec. 31
  - Senior division ages 14-18, as of Dec. 31
5. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group will compete in the Round Robin Showmanship contest to be held on Saturday of Fair at 8:30am. [See Round Robin rules](#).
6. Awards - First place, Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60.

#### **MARKET POULTRY**

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 (trio of uniform age, size, sex and breed) may be purebred, grade or crossbred chickens. Preferred breed for meat chickens is Cornish Rock Cross, which matures for market at about eight weeks.
5. **Market Turkey:**

- a. Market turkeys (Pair, of uniform age, size, sex & breed) may be of any breed, variety or hybrid.
6. **Market Ducks:**
  - a. Market ducks (Pair, of uniform age, size, sex & breed) may be of any breed, variety or hybrid.
7. **Market Geese:**
  - a. Market Geese (Pair, of uniform age, size, 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**

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**

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**

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 - 12:00-5:00pm**

**Show Time - Thursday – 8:00am**

**Superintendents –**

### **PRE-ENTRY:**

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

### **PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Routt County 4-H Handbook, Policies & Procedures, Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements.
2. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 15 rabbits in the Fair.
3. Specify the breed, variety (color), sex and age of rabbit when pre-entering.
4. A member cannot enter in more than two large animal market divisions and/or two small animal market divisions.
  - a. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than 2 market animals in any 2 large animal market species for beef, swine, lamb and goat in the barn after fair weigh in. (ex. – a member can bring 2 market swine and 2 market lambs)
  - b. And/or exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 2 market small animal pens in any 2 small animal market species for chicken, turkey, geese, ducks, wild game and rabbits.
5. Jr. Livestock Sale rules and regulations are provided as Attachment A of this Handbook – from the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee and are separate from all 4-H Rules and will be enforced by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.

### **Exhibitor Rules:**

1. **Rabbits are to be checked in from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair** and will remain on display until Sunday of fair (day after Jr. Livestock Sale).
2. All rabbit members must be at the small animal barn at 9am on Sunday 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. Exhibitors are expected to clean cages and under cages twice a day during the Fair.
4. 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.
5. The 4-H/FFA 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.
6. All weights must be met or rabbits will be disqualified.
7. The age, weight and health of each rabbit will be checked upon entry.
8. In a class with no competition, the judge will give the award he/she deems the entry merits.
9. Animals found to be unhealthy by the superintendent or show officials will be removed from the show.

10. 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.
11. Classes may be added, deleted or combined at the discretion of the judge or superintendent.
12. 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. Rabbit Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing rabbits at the Routt County Fair.
2. You must pre-register for rabbit showmanship by fair entry deadline. In all showmanship classes, the exhibitors must show their own rabbit.
3. The rabbit showmanship contest will be divided into three categories:
  - Junior division, 8-10, as of December 31
  - Intermediate division, 11-13, as of December 31
  - Senior division, 14-18, as of December 31
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in each age group will compete 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 3.5-5.5 lbs., 7-10 weeks old.

## **HORSE**

**Superintendent – Tammie Delaney, Haley Jacobs, Lacy Trout, and Ben Vannoy**

#### **FRIDAY**

**Ranch Horse Versatility Classes – 8:30am**

#### **MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**  
**Gymkhana Classes – 12:00pm**  
**Horse High Point Awards to be presented following Gymkhana**

**PRE-ENTRY:**

**Pre-entry is required for all 4-H Animal exhibits.**

**PROJECT EXHIBIT RULES:**

1. All 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, Routt County 4-H Handbook Policies & Procedures, the Routt County Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules, and Health Requirements. Read each page carefully.
2. 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.
3. 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. This includes completion of the Animal Care and Housing form by all parties and turned into the Extension Office.
4. **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.**
5. Exhibitors must pass their 4-H Level I Written and Riding (per discipline – Ranch, English, Western, Gymkhana) tests by FairEntry Deadline in July on a horse ID'd to the member.
6. 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.
7. 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. For example, 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. The Family Horse cannot be ridden by the other sibling just because the Family Horse is better at an event.
8. Exhibitors may enter classes only on horses that are identified on the horse identification certificate in 4HOnline.
9. 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. 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.
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. 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 Fairgrounds.
8. Bring rain gear or proper apparel for all weather conditions.

#### **VET CHECKS:**

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.

#### **SHOW RULES:**

1. **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.**

2. **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.**
3. **All trailers and vehicles must be parked in designated areas.**
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 2021 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. All judges' decisions will be final. Any issue about judge's placings should be brought to the show management.
9. 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.
10. Exhibitors are warned that any act of courtesy 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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/FFA members will be allowed to work their horses (no parents, leaders, trainers, etc.). Coaching from the sidelines will not be allowed.
14. 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).
15. The exhibitor must use the same number for all horse shows and Round Robin.
16. 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, hat or helmet and boots with heels. Helmets are required for all Gymkhana events and are suggested for all other Western events.**
  - b. Proper English attire is required for all English classes. **Helmets with safety harnesses are required for all English performance classes.**
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. Exhibitor may scratch a class after the pre-entry deadline, **but may not add any class after the pre-entry deadline date in July.**
20. 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.
21. Exhibitors must have their Level Certificates by Fair Registration in July.

#### **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP**

1. **Showmanship is required for all Horse project 4-H members including Roping, Ranch Horse Versatility, Gymkhana, Western and English.**
2. The competitor can choose to show their horse in either Western or English Attire. Below are some rules being shared from the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book:
  - a. Western: Exhibitor must be dressed in proper Western Attire. Horse must be shown in a leather or nylon halter. Chain leads can be used, but must be placed under the chin. Over the nose chains or lip chains are prohibited. Competitor is not allowed to touch the chain, or they will be disqualified.
  - b. English: Exhibitor must be dressed in proper English Attire. Horse can be shown in a plain leather or nylon halter, or bridle. No Silver Halters Permitted.
    - i. If exhibitor is showing with a bridle and leading horse with the reins, the center buckle must be undone. The Exhibitor can choose to lead horse with a lead shank on the cavesson or bit. In this case, the reins must be safely draped over the horse's withers.
    - c. Use of Bronc or Rope halters are not allowed during showmanship.
3. Each competitor must use a horse which is ID to the member to participate in Showmanship.
4. **Showmanship Class Champions** in each age division will receive the Grand Champion awards at the Routt County Fair.
5. **Showmanship Class Reserve Champions** in each age division will receive the Reserve Champion awards at the Routt County Fair.
6. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will compete in the Round Robin Showmanship contest held on Saturday, at 8:30 am. [See Round Robin rules.](#)
7. Members Showmanship scores will be calculated into the Overall All High Point Awards.

#### **WESTERN & ENGLISH HIGH POINT WINNERS**

1. To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in three (3) or more classes with the same horse. If you ride two different horses you don't qualify for the High Point Awards, 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.
2. For English and Western divisions the performance classes will count for High Point awards.

3. Riders in the walk/trot who may not yet be proficient at a canter/lope are not figured into High Point scoring.
4. High Point Awards will be awarded by highest number of points.
  - a. Points are calculated as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> Place =1 point, 5<sup>th</sup> Place=2 Points, 4<sup>th</sup> Place=3 Points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place=4 Points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place=5 Points, 1<sup>st</sup> Place=6 Points
5. 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**

1. To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in three (3) or more classes with the same horse. If you ride two different horses you don't qualify for the High Point Awards, 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.
2. High Point Awards will be awarded by highest number of points.
  - a. Points are calculated as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> Place =1 point, 5<sup>th</sup> Place=2 Points, 4<sup>th</sup> Place=3 Points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place=4 Points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place=5 Points, 1<sup>st</sup> Place=6 Points
3. Gymkhana High Point Winners will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of Fair.

#### **RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY HIGH POINT WINNERS**

1. To compete for High Point each competitor must compete in three (3) or more RHV classes with the same horse. If you ride two different horses you don't qualify for the High Point Awards, 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.
2. High Point Awards will be awarded by highest number of points.
  - a. Points are calculated as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> Place =1 point, 5<sup>th</sup> Place=2 Points, 4<sup>th</sup> Place=3 Points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place=4 Points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place=5 Points, 1<sup>st</sup> Place=6 Points
3. Ranch Horse Versatility winners will be announced at the High Point Awards following Gymkhana on Tuesday of Fair.

#### **4-H ROPING HIGH POINT WINNERS**

1. 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.
2. 4-H Roping awards will be awarded the night of the 4-H Roping competition.

#### **4-H RANCH HORSE VERSATILITY**

##### **4-H Ranch Horse Versatility – First Friday (Showmanship for all Horse Members – Monday)**

1. 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 I Western Written and Riding Test as well as the Ranch Horse Competencies.
2. 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 RVH.

3. There may be an additional cattle fee charge for cattle classes for 4-H members.
4. Classes will be a combination of: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Horsemanship, and Ranch Confirmation.
5. 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**

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I Western written and riding test by Fair Entry Deadline in July.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Routt County has adopted the Ranch Horse Rules for equipment regarding bits. There are no horse's age restrictions for types of bits or bridles used, however all chosen equipment must be used correctly. Snaffles and bosals must be ridden two handed, burl/leverage bits must be ridden one handed, a two rein outfit must be ridden one handed. Refer to rules 58, 59, 60, and 61. See page 94, Rule 300 D in the 2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.
5. Western performance classes will begin immediately following the Halter & Showmanship Classes on Monday.
6. 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)**

1. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Roping project by May 1st, pass their 4-H Level I Western written and riding test by July FairEntry deadline, met all the 4-H roping requirements, pre-entered for each class.
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)**

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I English 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. Horse superintendent(s) reserve the option to cancel the English show if less than 6 members are signed up for the show.

#### **4-H GYMKHANA**

1. Participants must be pre-entered for each class and have passed their 4-H Level I Western and Gymkhana Competency 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.** A contestant must wear the helmet through the arena gate, while entering and exiting.
3. 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.**
4. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Gymkhana high point winners will receive their award at the High Point Awards ceremony following Gymkhana on Tuesday at fair.

## **DOG**

**Tuesday – 8:30 am**  
**Superintendent – Cathy Shryock and Lisa Guire**

**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 Tuesday from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Show begins immediately after.

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. During the show, all spectators including parents will remain outside the judging arena and not question the placing or speak to the judge.
5. **Only the 4-H/FFA dogs showing are allowed in the staging or viewing areas.**
6. 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.
7. Spectators/parents must stay at least ten feet from the ring.
8. **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.**
9. Only the judge, superintendent(s), 4-H Staff, tabulators and appointed personnel are allowed behind the table and in the ring.
10. All dogs and exhibitors should arrive at 8:00 a.m. and shall remain until the completion of their last class.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The Routt County 4-H/FFA Dog Show is a 4-H/FFA 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.
17. The length of your obedience leash should be six feet (preferably leather lead).
18. Dogs may show in obedience with either a flat buckle collar (nylon or leather) or martingale collar (nylon or leather).
19. No grooming equipment will be allowed in the showmanship ring at any time.
20. 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.
21. **DOG Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing dog at the Routt County Fair.**

22. 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
  - c. Senior division, ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31
23. 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.](#)
24. Additional Dog Rules can be found in the Colorado State Fair Contest Rules found on the state website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairContestReq-Cat-Dog.pdf>

#### **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.

#### **AWARDS:**

1. Placement ribbons in obedience and rally will be given to the top six scores in each age division. Overall Rally and Overall Obedience will receive a banner for Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Grand.
2. Showmanship Awards - First place, Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Second place, Reserve Grand Champion, in each age division will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60. An Overall Dog Grand Champion and Overall Dog Reserve Grand Champion (top combined score of Rally, Obedience and Showmanship picked from all age divisions) will receive an award. Overall Grand Champion dog will get their choice of a buckle, jacket or \$90 cash at no additional cost. Reserve Grand Champion dog will receive their choice of the Reserve Grand Champion award (the award changes yearly and is a \$30 value), \$30 cash or a jacket for an additional \$60. 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.

#### **OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

1. All 4-H obedience classes will be patterned after the latest AKC obedience guidelines, whenever possible, 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 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.

#### **DOG SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

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

#### **RALLY CLASSES**

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.

#### **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 Dog 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.
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.

## Routt County Junior Livestock Sale Rules

Revised February 4, 2025

1. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on the second Saturday of the Routt County Fair at the Routt County Fairgrounds.
2. Declaration sheets for each market animal will be due by fair weigh-in. Private treaty animals that do not have a buyer by weigh-in can be marked as going HOME or your family can be named as the buyer while you look for a buyer. Declarations may be changed up to one hour after your market show. (Exceptions may be considered with your superintendent if you are in multiple market classes.)
  - a. What is a Declaration? The Declaration is a document that transfers ownership of the market animal from the seller to the buyer. A Declaration sheet needs to be completed and signed by the exhibitor/parent for ALL market animals – even if you just have one animal, or if your animal is going home and not through the sale.
  - b. If you have not properly declared your animal(s) or in a timely manner, then you may be prohibited from selling through the Routt County Junior Livestock Sale ("RCJLS").
3. Market (buy-back) prices for the livestock sale will be determined by the RCJLS Committee and posted at least 24 hours prior to the sale.
4. All Livestock Sale Commentary Cards must be completed by the Exhibitor and turned into the 4-H office by Friday at 5:00pm.
5. Exhibitor must offer the following warranties of their animal to participate in the sale:
  - a. Carcass of said animal complies with the United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act and is fit for human consumption;
  - b. 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;
  - c. Carcass of said animal reveals no evidence of any unethical fitting process, as defined in the 4-H Handbook;
  - d. There exist no unusual circumstances or condition of the carcass of said animal that would materially diminish the value of the carcass.
6. 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 and species superintendent prior to the sale, otherwise the exhibitor and animal may be disqualified from current sale and/or future sales.
7. Ring stewards will assist exhibitors with animals in the sale ring.
8. The Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility for sale at any time based on health, quality, or suitability of all market livestock. If an animal is deemed unruly and/or a safety hazard to the exhibitor or others by the superintendent or sale Committee, then the animal may be disqualified from the sale, or prohibited from entering the sale ring.
9. All stock offered for sale must have been continuously owned and cared for by the declared exhibitor throughout the entire stated dates.
10. All market beef, sheep, swine, and goats must have been designated to show at the Routt County Fair and ear-tagged appropriately.
11. The Routt County Junior Livestock Sale is a terminal sale for all large animals (INCLUDING

goats), but not small animals. It is the responsibility of the small animal consigner (seller) to arrange for processing of their animals and deliver the finished product (meat) to their buyer within 30 days following the sale.

12. Any animal that sells in the Routt County Junior Livestock Sale 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 the animal(s) will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds.
13. Each exhibitor may sell only one large animal (steer, sheep, goat, or swine) and one small animal (one pen of market poultry or one pen of market rabbit), unless you win Grand and/or Reserve then you may be permitted to sell more animals per rule 14.
14. When an animal receives Grand or Reserve Grand Champion it automatically becomes designated for sale. If an exhibitor receives more than one Grand/Reserve Grand Champion then each animal must sell.
  - a. If you place one Grand or one Reserve Champion large animal, you may sell another large animal of another species for the maximum of one non-Grand or non-Reserve placing. Placing two or more Grand or Reserve large animals eliminates this option.
  - b. If you place one Grand or one Reserve Champion small animal, you may sell another small animal pen of another species for the maximum of one non-Grand or non-Reserve placing. Placing two or more Grand or Reserve small animals eliminates this option.
  - c. A youth may consign no more than three consignments unless all are grand and/or reserve champions.
    - i. Examples 1: exhibitor places Grand or Reserve with their swine. They now have the option to also sell their goat.
    - ii. Example 2: exhibitor places Grand or Reserve in both a large and small animal species. They now have the option to sell one additional species of either large or small animal.
    - iii. Example 3: exhibitor places Grand & Reserve in beef and turkeys. They will now consign all four animals.
15. Animals below minimum weight are not eligible for sale. The fair weigh-in weight of stock will be the sale weight. Market (buy-back) prices for the livestock sale will be determined by the Committee and posted at least 24 hours prior to the sale.
16. Beef brand inspections will be conducted during beef weigh-in at the fair. Please have your brand papers with you during weigh-in.
17. 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 following year. Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Committee on an individual basis.
18. If you do not intend to sell your animal in the RCJLS then you must scratch your animal prior to the Grand Champion Drive.
19. The livestock species judge will rank the final championship drive animals. This will determine the order of sale within each species. See procedures.
20. The sale order shall be turkeys first then scholarship animals, beef, chickens, goat, rabbit, ducks, lamb, geese, swine.
21. All animals will be sold by the head, not by the pound. Bids will be taken at dollars per head, not cents per pound.
22. **DO NOT** decorate your animal(s) with paint or glitter for the sale as it affects slaughter.
23. Exhibitor/seller is responsible for care and feeding of all livestock until

loaded/released from the fair.

24. The RCJLS Committee is not liable for any breaches of contract between seller and buyer.
25. The RCJLS Committee reserves the right to drug test any animal declared for sale. If an exhibitor's animal is drug tested, then payment will not be issued to the exhibitor until all testing results are received and declared negative or non-suspect.
26. Only livestock sold through the Routt County Junior Livestock Sale will be under control of the Committee after the sale.
27. Due to transfer of ownership of all livestock upon completion of bidding at the Junior Livestock Sale, not all animals are guaranteed to be in the carcass contest.
28. Each consignment in the sale (i.e. one large animal or one pen of small animals) will pay a fee of up to \$115 per consignment. This money will be deducted from the sale check and used to cover Routt County Junior Livestock Sale expenses.
29. Only market livestock exhibitors are eligible for add-on donations.
30. All consignor checks must be cleared prior to December 31 of the sale year. Outstanding checks will be donated back to the Committee.

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