



## **Junior Fair Book - General Rules and Booths**

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# JUNIOR (4-H OR FFA) DIVISION RULES

“All exhibitors” refer to 4-H and FFA participants.

Montrose County, Montrose County Fair Board members and Superintendents are not responsible for the loss or damage to any animal or article in the Fair.

The Montrose County Fair supports and abides by the National Code of Livestock Ethics (Copies are available upon request).

## ENTRY RULES:

1. Fair entries are due June 14th, late entries accepted until June 23rd. All projects not entered by June 21st, will not be weighed or eligible to show.
2. All tagged in entries are \$5.00 each.

## GENERAL RULES:

1. To qualify to participate in the Jr. Show at the Montrose County Fair, one would be required to be a Montrose County Resident by one of the following qualifiers:
  - a. The participant must have attended a Montrose County School for at least a semester of the proceeding school year that the participant has entered the fair project
  - b. A parental separation or divorce, at least one parent who also has partial custody of the participant and where participant has partial residency with said parent
  - c. A child that is home schooled through a Montrose County School program
  - d. A college student that graduated from a Montrose County School and their parents are currently Montrose County residents
  - e. Must be a Montrose County resident and must be able to provide proof of residency (ie school record with address, mail with permanent address, etc).
2. The Junior Division will be open only to 4-H and FFA members. There will not be separate classes for FFA.
3. Each 4-H or FFA member must be in good standing as of May 1st.

4. Non-animal exhibits entered in the Junior Division are not allowed to show in the Open Division.
5. Breeding animals shown in the Junior Division may also be shown in open breeding classes. Animals shown in Junior Division market classes may not be shown in open classes.
6. Any animal deemed unhealthy, unmanageable, or unsafe to exhibit, will be released and must be removed from the fairgrounds. The animal will be ineligible to show or sell.
7. All exhibits must be removed from the hall on the last Sunday of fair between 8:00am and 12:00pm. Any exhibits, tack or equipment remaining will be disposed of.
8. No exhibits can be taken home at night. All exhibits must remain on the premises until the scheduled release time.
9. All classes and order of show will be determined by the Montrose County Fair Board Superintendents. Market classes will be determined by weight.
10. All exhibitors are required to show their own animal when exhibiting in the showmanship class specific to that division. An animal can be shown once in each division.
11. Judging of exhibits will take place at times designated in the "participant schedule".
12. Round Robin – 1st place showman are eligible for Round Robin. Please inform the Extension Office by Friday, July 26th at 8am if you choose to show another species so that the next showman can be notified.
13. No novice classes will be eligible for Round Robin.
14. The Superintendent reserves the right to cancel or combine any class or classes due to lack of entries.
15. In the event of an emergency the Superintendent will contact no more than two Fair Board members for guidance.
16. Each exhibitor is permitted two entries per class or division except in Horse & Dog.
17. Procedures for checking in for all exhibits;
18. Check "participant schedule" for date, time and location
19. Go to respective exhibit area

20. Entry clerk will give name tags and other supplies
21. All livestock subject to inspection before unloading
22. Any fundraiser/raffle/drawing must have approval of the Fair Board. All requests must be brought before the board no later than the June meeting.
23. Violation of any Fair rules may be subject to forfeiture of sale proceeds, other fines, or disqualification from Fair participation, penalties assessed at Fair Board discretion. All monies collected from fines will go into a MCFR scholarship fund.

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## **LIVESTOCK RULES:**

1. A junior livestock show exhibitor, 4-H or FFA, that enters, shows or sells any species of livestock in any other county fair (4-H or FFA) livestock show division, during the same calendar year, is NOT ELIGIBLE to enter, show or sell in the Junior (4-H or FFA) Livestock Division of the Montrose County Fair.
2. Market animals must be ear tagged and weighed at a time and place designated by the Extension Office and the Fair Board. Market beef must also be ear tagged, weighed and brand inspected. Market swine will be nominated by 4 pm on Friday, May 3rd. All Market Swine MUST be ear notched prior to nomination. All ear notches must be visible on the pictures when nominated.
3. Fair Board will not remove any existing ear tags at the designated tag and weigh ins. Participants must remove any non-required tags prior to arriving at the initial tag-in or nomination.
4. For all livestock, the exhibitor must have proof of ownership for at least 90 days prior to the Fair. Rabbits and poultry born after the 90 day period are exempt from this rule. Breeding stock rabbits must be at least 8 weeks of age to be shown.
5. All ear tags must be clean and readable at weigh in.
6. A tattoo day will be scheduled 4 weeks prior to the fair for all market rabbits.
7. Market animals not receiving an ear tag will not be allowed to show or sell at the Fair. Poultry will have their own respective MCFR identification tag.
8. All market livestock must be weighed across the designated scales for each species, on the designated weigh day.
9. All animals not being shown must be removed from the fairgrounds by 9:00pm on Monday of fair.
10. All market animals, except market rabbits, must be castrated prior to the initial weigh in or tag in.
11. No over or under weight animals will be allowed to compete in the carcass contest.
12. Only exhibitors and fair officials will be allowed in the show ring during any fair show.

13. Junior Livestock Show exhibitors are responsible for showing their own livestock in ALL classes they have entered. If they cannot be present during the judging, their livestock may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member with special permission to be granted by the Fair Board. If the exhibitor is unable to be present for the Junior Livestock Sale, their livestock may be exhibited to sell by another 4-H or FFA member with permission of the species superintendent or the 4-H Extension Agent/FFA Advisor.
14. In cases where exhibitors are both 4-H and FFA members, they can show the animals as either 4-H or FFA projects, but not as both.
15. No market classes will be provided for overweight animals. Overweight animals may be shown in showmanship classes, but will not be allowed to sell.
16. All underweight animals are eligible for a feeder class, however, will not be eligible for the Jr. Livestock Sale. No feeder class will be offered Rabbit Division.
17. If an animal does not make weight, you may bring another properly tagged and entered animal from home.
18. All livestock subject to inspection before unloading.
19. No pets will be allowed in any livestock barn or in show ring at any time during fair.
20. An individual may weigh in and tag no more than four market beef, swine, lambs, or goats for the County Fair. You may turn in entries on all four market beef, swine, lambs or goats you weighed/tagged in by the entry deadline. However, you will be limited to weighing and showing no more than two animals of each of the above-named species at the fair. The exception to this rule will be for the Beef Prospect Class which allows two (2) animals in the prospect class and two (2) tagged in animals in the market beef class for a total of four (4) head.

## **FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS**

At the time of nomination/enrollment, all market exhibitors may family/household nominate/enroll all animals according to the following guidelines:

1. The exhibitors must all legally reside in the same household and are siblings, stepsiblings, or legally adopted.
2. In order to properly family nominate/enroll an animal, submit a separate nomination/enrollment form for each animal and list each family members/siblings name on the top of the form as a possible exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors will be required to declare which family member will be showing which animal **at the time of entry**. Family/household entries not naming the exhibitor will not be accepted, and those entries will be rejected as erroneous entries and not eligible to show at the Montrose County Fair.

## **MONTROSE BRED AND FED RULES:**

Open to all eligible animals in each class that were born in Montrose County, by an eligible Montrose County Producer/Breeder. The animal must also be born within the appropriate time to be eligible for competition for the current fair year. Beef born in the previous year (being between 12 and 19 months old at fair time). All Montrose County Bred and Fed animals must be branded with a Montrose County Brand for beef, a COMO scrapie tag for sheep and goats. To be considered an eligible brand, Montrose County must be the county in which the ranch head-quarters and the address for the brand are located. Brand eligibility will be determined by the Brand Inspector at the initial weigh-in. If found that Breeder is registered or selling animals to multiple counties as Bred and Fed, they will no longer be a Eligible for Bred and Fed in Montrose County.

1. The animal must be shown by a Montrose County 4-H or FFA member. All animals will be paraded and announced in the show ring. Only the top 2 placing eligible animals will be judged for Champion and Reserve Champion Bred and Fed.
2. The breeder would own the female prior to breeding of the animal that would be shown. The breeder's ability to use the latest breeding technologies should not interfere



with this rule with the understanding that to be Bred & Fed eligible 50% of the genetics must originate in Montrose County.

3. If a Bred & Fed animal is selected as the Grand Champion overall, that animal will also be the Grand Champion Bred & Fed title holder. The same will apply for the Reserve Champion overall. The Reserve Champion overall (if a Bred & Fed) will be awarded the Grand Champion Bred & Fed title if the Grand Champion overall is not a Bred & Fed animal.
4. Bred & Fed animals will be specially designated on the Montrose County Jr. Auction Sale Order. The designation will be their MCF tag number, followed by BF. Example 65-BF

### **ANIMAL HEALTH RULES:**

1. It is the responsibility of every 4-H or FFA member to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal according to acceptable methods of good husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University Extension and Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and correct health care.
2. No animals from a quarantined herd will be allowed at the County Fair.
3. A health certificate will not be required unless otherwise specified.
4. Animals may be subject to a quarantined lock down on premises if so directed by the State Veterinarians Office.
5. Any animal excused by a veterinarian will not be allowed back on the fairgrounds during
6. the current year of fair.
7. No tranquilizers and/or anesthetics may be used as a means of calming a show animal. There are no labeled tranquilizers or anesthetics for meat animal use.
8. All market animals administered antibiotics, feed additives and/or growth stimulants must be removed from such additives and/or stimulants within the time specified on the label.
9. The following are termed UNETHICAL PRACTICES: Removing, doctoring, or purposely damaging ear tags, ear notches, or tattoos; the use of tranquilizers and/or anesthetics without a veterinarian's prescription; the use of any injectable steroid sub-stance to enhance muscle development; the use of diuretics to reduce water content of the

animal; the use of back pour insecticides as “hair set” for beef cattle; any type of injection where oils, glycerin or like substances are used for body “filling”; 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 finish of an animal. Any exhibitor found guilty of any of the above listed unethical practices, or any other practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board, will be disqualified from further classes and the market sale.

10. The Montrose County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists exhibitors are in compliance. All market animal exhibitors will be required to sign a “statement of disclosure” listing all antibiotics, medications, pesticides, or other substances that have been administered to or used on or in the animal sixty days prior to the Junior Livestock Sale.
11. The Montrose County Fair Board reserves the right to screen or test any market animal for drug residues of any nature and take any action deemed appropriate if testing results show any positive residues above naturally occurring levels.
12. No animal entered or exhibited at the Montrose County Fair shall be deprived of water for any period of time. Fresh potable water will be regularly provided for all entered or exhibited animals. Any apparent violation of these rules shall be called to the attention of the species Superintendent and/or a Fair Board member.

### **STALLING RULES:**

1. Livestock exhibitors are expected to furnish bedding, feed and proper care for their animals.
2. Because of limited space, exhibitors will only be allowed to store feed and/or tack in livestock pens at the discretion of the Division Superintendent.
3. All stalls, pens, tie areas, etc must be cleaned by 9:00am each day of the Fair. This includes the time period between the sale and market livestock release. Each individual exhibitor will be held responsible for the condition of his or her stall(s) or pen(s). Division Superintendents, 4-H leaders and FFA Advisors have the responsibility to check all stalls, pens, and tie areas each morning. If said areas are not clean, the exhibitor and

parents will be notified and given one warning. If the occurrence happens a second time, the exhibitor will be disqualified from further competition in that division and the sale. The exhibitors will be released and removed from the Fairgrounds. Barn Superintendents need to sign off on your pens before premiums can be collected.

4. Division Superintendents are responsible for assigning stalls. Individual stalls or pens within the club group are the responsibility of the club leader. All questions regarding stall or pen assignments should be directed through the club leader and /or the Division Superintendent. Individual names may not be attached to stalls or pens prior to the posting of stall assignments.
5. If stalls and pens are not cleaned by 5:00 pm on load out day, there will be a \$50 clean up fee per stall. The fine will be assessed from sale proceeds or billed to those who do not sell.
6. All species will be penned in their own barn.

#### **FITTING RULE:**

As a 4-H project, the Montrose County Fair Board highly encourages the exhibitors to actively participate in the fitting of their animal and to use any help as an educational experience. No artificial hair or hair substance will be permitted (exception in horse division).

#### **JR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE-REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS:**

1. All animals eligible for the Montrose County Jr. Livestock Sale are required to have a Bill of Sale at the initial weigh-in or nomination.
2. Sale consigners must comply with all the Junior (4-H and FFA) Division Rules.
3. Exhibitors of market livestock are required to contact at least two prospective Jr. Livestock Sale buyers prior to the County Fair. Verification of this contact must be returned to the Montrose County Extension Office, no later than June 21st 2024.
4. Animals must be shown at the Fair to be eligible to sell at the Junior Livestock Sale.
5. Exhibitors will receive a weigh card at weigh in. The weigh card for the animal you wish to sell must be turned in to the Extension Office, at the latest, one hour after Beef Show, for all species including; market beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry. It is each

exhibitor's responsibility to turn in the weigh card to the Extension Office. Failure to do so by deadline will result in a fine of \$50.00 and the animal will be placed last in sale order. If no weight card is turned in, the Fair Board will choose the animal to be sold if the exhibitor has more than one.

### **SALE REGULATIONS:**

1. Members will not be allowed to trade animals after the livestock sale. Animals that go through the sale must be the animals delivered to the processor chosen by the buyer. The sale is a terminal sale.
2. Trading of animals will result in exhibitor forfeiting their sale check and proceeds will go into MCFR scholarship fund. Any participant who approaches a buyer requesting special favors or the return of their animal after the sale shall forfeit their sale check and proceeds will go into MCFR scholarship fund.
3. Each 4-H or FFA member will be allowed to sell one animal consignment in the sale, to be selected from beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry or rabbits. An exception to the rule would be granted to an exhibitor owning a Champion or Reserve Champion animal in more than one of the six species listed in this rule.
4. Animals will not be reweighed at the sale.
5. The sale order for beef, sheep and swine will rotate each year. The sale committee will determine the order for goats, poultry and rabbits. Order in the sale is determined by class placing and the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee.
6. All exhibitors of animals sold in the sale must take an official picture with their animal for buyers plaques.

### **GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS:**

All Champion and Reserve Champion market beef, sheep, goat, swine, poultry and rabbits are required to sell.

## **SALE FUNDS:**

1. Checks for animals consigned to the Jr. Livestock Sale will be sent out once funds are available and all requirements have been met. Checks must be cashed within 120 days of issue date.
2. Sale consignors will be assessed 5% of the animal's selling price and 2% for additional add on money to be withheld from their checks. These funds will be used for advertising, promotions, and general expenses of the livestock sale.

## **TRANSPORTATION POLICY and LOAD OUT:**

1. ALL livestock that was not sold in the Jr. Livestock Sale are to be removed from the grounds during the release time (9:30am-12:00pm on Sunday, July 28th)
2. Transportation to packing plants will only be provided for animals sold through the Jr. Livestock Sale. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for transportation and slaughter of all other animals.
3. After the sale, or as each animal is sold, exhibitors will be required to take the animal back to their original stall space to leave on exhibit until market livestock animals are loaded on Sunday morning. Beef exhibitors or a designated representative are required to be present at loading. Sheep and swine exhibitors are not required to be at loading, but you are required to clean all pens after they have been vacated.
4. Stall clean up may not begin prior to load out completion and must be done by 2:00 P.M. Sunday, June 28th. Check with Division Superintendent or 4-H Agent for schedule.

## **JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS**

1. Ribbons will be awarded 1st through 6th place.
2. Judges reserve the right to not award 1st place to single entry classes if the entry is not of 1st place merit.
3. Grand and Reserve Champion winners in each division will receive a rosette ribbon.
4. Special awards in each division are listed in the respective rules for that division.
5. Division Grand Champions will receive a special award to be determined by the Fair Board.

## **DRESS CODE RULES:**

The following dress code is to be followed by all 4-H and FFA members as well as adult leaders, parents, and all participants. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request for that person to change. Dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. An adult leader, advisor or chaperone may deem clothes inappropriate. Some activities or events will have specific dress requirements that will need to be followed.

1. Clothes are clean and in good repair, free of holes, tears, and slashes.
2. Clothes are free from violent or drug related material.
3. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut off shorts.
4. All items designated as underwear are kept under cover.
5. No halter tops or tops that expose undergarments.
6. No pants or shorts that expose undergarments.
7. No spaghetti straps on shirts or dresses, with exception of formal attire.
8. No see-through garments, or muscle shirts.
9. Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
10. Shoes must be worn at all times.

## **SAFETY RULES:**

1. Fair Board members, Montrose County staff and Superintendents have the authority to enforce all safety rules.
2. Bicycles are not allowed in Friendship Hall, the Event Center, or the livestock barns.
3. No dogs, cats or other pets are allowed on fairground's property unless they are entered in a fair class or participating in a fair event and then are only allowed during their respective show. Service animals are allowed.
4. **No distracting or startling toys, noisemakers or balloons are allowed on fairground's property.**
5. Rowdy and unsafe play is not permitted.
6. No climbing in or on any building.

7. Water fights are not permitted at any time on fairground's property.
8. Any activity deemed unsafe by a Fair Board member or Superintendent shall stop immediately upon request or that member will be disqualified and asked to leave the Fairgrounds immediately.

### **OBJECTION RULE:**

All Complaints must be submitted in writing, and must be signed and dated by the complainant, accompanied with a \$75 cash deposit. All complaints will be examined within 24 business hours by a representative from the Montrose County Attorney's office, and a written ruling will issue. If the complaint is sustained, the deposit will be returned to the complainant. If the complaint is found to be without merit, the deposit is forfeited. All decisions are final.

### **PARKING AND CAMPING RULES:**

1. All trailers need to be parked in the designated trailer parking area.

### **UTV RULES:**

2. Only adults 21 and older, and/or 4-H member parents, with permit and signed waiver.
3. Permit Fee \$10 prior to Fair, \$50 late permit fee. Number will be assigned for placement on UTV.
4. UTV operating without assigned number visible, will be subject to \$50 late permit fee or removal from grounds.
5. UTV shall only be used for feed/equipment transfer by 4-H member adult
6. Anyone under 21 operating UTV will be subject to UTV removal from grounds

### **BARN CURFEW RULES:**

For security reasons, all livestock barns will be closed at 9pm or one hour after the end of the evenings' events, whichever is later. Barns will remain closed until 6am. Sheriff's Posse will be making rounds throughout the night. No one, except security personnel, is allowed in the barn while it is closed. Please make sure your animals are properly secured when leaving for the

night. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification from the respective species show and sale.

## **SHOW DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

### **JUNIOR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS BOOTHS - DIVISION A**

Fair Board Member— Mollie Yorchak

#### **RULES:**

1. Any youth group located in Montrose County is eligible.
2. All organizations will be judged according to the score sheet.
3. There is no charge for these booth displays.
4. Friendship Hall will be open for booth construction on Sunday, July 21, from 8AM to 7PM and Monday, July 22 from 8AM to 7PM.
5. Booths must be completed and operational by 9AM on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
6. Youth booths will be judged on the following basis:
  - a. Theme – use of Fair theme in the booth, 200 Points
  - b. Agriculture – emphasis of agriculture, 200 Points
  - c. Education – educates the public, 200 Points
  - d. Salesmanship – value of the booth as an advertisement, 200 Points
  - e. Taste and Beauty – quality of booth, 200 Points