

# KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR

## LIVESTOCK RULES

**NOTE:** In addition to the following rules, please read the Kit Carson County Fair General Rules.

### General Rules:

1. The Kit Carson County Fair reserves the right to refuse entry into classes any exhibitor practicing unethical management of livestock (including the use of non-labeled drugs on livestock) designed to provide the exhibitor with an unfair competitive advantage. The Kit Carson County Fair also reserves the right to refuse entry into classes any exhibitor using unethical artificial aids on livestock designed to provide the exhibitor with an unfair competitive advantage.

2. The Fair Board of the Kit Carson County Fair reserves the right to test any animal which is presented for exhibition at any time during the Fair or during the time the animal is on the Kit Carson County Fairgrounds for illegal substances, drugs, or any substances designed to provide the exhibitor with an unfair competitive advantage. The testing decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Fair Board, either on a random basis or based on an investigation conducted by the Fair Board and/or the Fair Board's veterinarian: or based on the applicable State Statutes or State rules. If a decision is made by a majority of the Fair Board to disqualify an exhibitor, the cost of the testing and veterinary fees shall be paid by the exhibitor, and the Fair Board shall have discretionary power to determine any additional penalties, including but not limited to forfeiture of awards, sale proceeds, and premiums, and banning the exhibitor and his/her immediate family (siblings and parents) for any length of time.

By entering livestock into the Kit Carson County Fair for exhibition, the exhibitor expressly agrees to the terms and conditions set forth above and agree to cooperate with the Fair Board to arrange for and complete testing. Any failure to comply with a request from the Fair Board for testing, as stated above, will result in immediate dismissal from the grounds and competition and all awards, prizes, premiums, and sale proceeds may be forfeited, based on the sole discretion of the Fair Board. The exhibitor agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the Fair Board and Kit Carson County from any and all damages resulting from such testing and the testing procedures and decisions as stated above.

3. There must be at least three animals shown before champion and reserve champion ribbons are awarded, unless the judge indicates the exhibit(s) to be of superior quality and deserving of champion or reserve champion ribbons.

4. All livestock is the responsibility of the exhibitor until release on Friday. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to feed, manage and clean pens/stalls and to provide appropriate care for the animal.

5. No blocking chutes will be permitted in the buildings, camper areas west of the livestock barns, or in livestock tie-out and trailer areas.

6. Portable water coolers will be allowed in the livestock exhibit areas with prior approval by the superintendents. Request for such coolers must be made on the livestock entry form by entry deadline to facilitate stalling.

7. The fair management may remove any unruly or dangerous livestock.

8. **All** exhibitors are required to clean pens/stalls and remove signs prior to departure. Premiums will be withheld if pens/stalls are not cleaned.

9. There will be a \$10 late charge assessed on each late livestock entry or livestock class change which occurs after the livestock entry deadline. This includes livestock showmanship classes. This \$10 fee will include additions or deletions after the deadline date.

### Health

10. Health papers/certificates must be available if requested. Health programs for Brucellosis and T. B. accreditation will be followed with breeding animals. All livestock must be in good health. Any found with evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable disease will be rejected.

At the discretion of the fair management, an inspection program will be initiated prior to unloading of any livestock. The inspection program, if initiated by the fair management, will be accomplished on the fairgrounds with the assistance of attending veterinarian.

Animals with active lesions or ringworm or ringworm-like lesions with resulting loss of wool/hair or multiple warts easily visible, will not be permitted to exhibit. No sheep/goat will be unloaded or weighed without having been inspected. Inspections will be conducted at the fairgrounds.

### Scrapie Rules

11. The USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program will be enforced at the Kit Carson County Fair. This regulation requires sheep and goats to have official flock identification ear tags that list their flock or origin. Animals required to have official identification are:

- **All** sheep and goats sexually intact regardless of age (ewes, rams, does and bucks).
- **All** wether sheep and goats 18 months of age and older, upon change of ownership.

#### Exception:

- All goats sexually intact regardless of age for show or exhibition. If tattooed, must be accompanied by registration papers showing matching tattoo.

12. Goats and lambs without scrapie I.D. tags or registration papers will not be unloaded and will not be eligible for show.

### Youth

13. **Competition Requirements:** Youth competition is open to any Kit Carson County resident who is a bonafide 4-H/FFA member in good standing. Eligibility to exhibit at the Kit Carson County fair requires that 4-H/FFA members are a resident of Kit Carson County or a resident of an adjoining county living **not more than** 10 miles of the Kit Carson County line.

**Annual Review of Written Permission** to exhibit at the Kit Carson County Fair is required if:

- Exhibitor(s) lives up to the 10-mile boundary and attends a school not located in Kit Carson County.
- Exhibitor(s) who have shared custody with parents, at least one parent must be a full-time resident of Kit Carson County.

- Boundary consideration may be granted if exhibitor(s) are attending school within a Kit Carson County school district.

**Note:** the above rule in no way prevents youth from joining the local 4-H Program and is a rule of the Kit Carson County Fair only.

**Age Requirements:** 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be 8 years of age and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current year. FFA exhibitors must be enrolled in high school and actively participating in an Agricultural Education Program.

14. To enter a breeding animal, exhibitor must be currently enrolled in the breeding project through 4-H/FFA. All breeding animals must be owned, cared for, and in possession of the youth exhibitor by June 1 of the year exhibited. Market livestock must be in the possession of the youth exhibitor by the nomination deadlines for all species.

15. Anyone having facilities to care for their own animal(s) **must** do so. Other members should make arrangements for their animals at a convenient location so they can take care of them the **majority** of the time as stated in the 4-H Animal Care Form for Colorado 4-H/FFA Livestock Projects.

16. Switching of youth enrolled market livestock after the April 1 deadline is limited to siblings and step-siblings living in the same household. Switching can be accomplished only in the event that a member does not have another animal of that species to show.

17. All youth exhibitors are to exhibit their own projects. In case of conflicting judging schedules, substitute youth exhibitors may be used. Substitute exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a Kit Carson County 4-H or FFA program. No adults will be allowed to show in youth classes.

18. No more than 4 market animals (with the exception of poultry & rabbits) of any species from one exhibitor can be unloaded at the fairgrounds and presented for weigh-ins.

19. Superintendents have the right to restrict the use of wash racks when use of wash racks cause a hazard to members or spectators, or that detract from or interfere with shows or weigh-ins. Members and leaders are encouraged to visit with their department superintendent about scheduled times to use wash racks.

20. The purpose of grooming is to promote the learning experience for youth to exhibit a well-groomed animal. All junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while on the fairgrounds. If receiving assistance, the exhibitor must be present and actively engaged in grooming their animal for the show ring. Physical assistance may be provided only by:

- A member of the exhibitor's Kit Carson County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
- A sibling or step sibling of the exhibitor who is a member of a Kit Carson County 4-H club or FFA Chapter.
- A parent or guardian of the exhibitor.
- A Kit Carson County 4-H club leader, 4-H project leader or FFA Advisor.

Advice on the grooming of the animal may be given to the 4-H or FFA member by anyone, but physical groom assistance will only be permitted by those listed above.

## Weigh In

21. Market animals must be weighed in or nominated at the officially designated date and location earlier in the year to be eligible for show. Weigh-in of livestock either before or after the official weigh date or at a location other than the official weigh location will not be allowed. No family nominations are allowed, only individual nominations.

22. When completing livestock entry form, animal(s) may only be entered as a breeding or market animal. Double entering will not be allowed.

23. Proof of ownership such as bill of sale, brand inspection or registration papers may be required at any time.

24. All market animals must be weighed on the fairgrounds' scales. The Kit Carson County Fairgrounds scales will be the official scales for the duration of the fair.

25. No blankets on sheep or goats when being weighed.

26. Market animal weight limits are as follows:

- Swine  
225 – 295 lbs.
- Sheep  
95 – 165 lbs.
- Goat  
50 – 125 lbs.
- Market Beef  
1000 – 1600 lbs.

27. All market classes will be divided by weight.

28. Livestock that do not meet their respective weight limits will be allowed to show in showmanship in addition to a light weight feeder class or a heavy weight class. Animals shown in these classes will not be eligible to show for championship of their respective market species. Overweight animals will be allowed to sell at the species' maximum weight limit. Overweight animals may only be sold if the exhibitor does **not** have another animal of that species that meets weight requirements.

29. **No re-weighs will be allowed.**

30. To be considered a market animal male animals must be castrated.

31. To qualify for the Rate-of-Gain contest, animals must be weighed on the official fairgrounds' scales. Overweight animals are eligible for Rate-of-Gain competition.

32. Any animal shown in a market class cannot be shown in a breeding class. Any animal shown in a breeding class cannot be shown in a market class.

## Wholesome Meat Act

**Note:** The Kit Carson County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists that exhibitors be in compliance. Exhibitors of all market animal entries must certify their compliance with the manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or substance or improper use of approved chemicals or substances is strictly prohibited. Certification will be required upon entry of livestock into the fair.

In addition, the Kit Carson County Fair Board supports the Wholesome Meat Act and any violations of the Wholesome Meat Act or violations of the Colorado Revised Statute 18-9-207 will not be condoned or tolerated at the Kit Carson County Fair. All 4-H/FFA youth

and their parents shall insure they understand these important rules and statutes.

33. All youth exhibitors with meat animals (market/breeding) are **required** to have attended/participated in or to have been certified by an officially sanctioned 4-H or FFA Quality Assurance/Wholesome Meat training program prior to participation in market livestock classes.

34. The Kit Carson County Fair management reserves the right to screen or test any animal for drug residues of any nature and take any action deemed appropriate if testing results show any positive residues above naturally occurring levels.

#### **United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act**

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Kit Carson County Fair as follows:

- A. Animals must be in good health and carcasses free of drug or chemical residues.
- B. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
- C. If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcass, the entire carcass may be condemned.

If drug or other chemical residues are found in tissue of carcasses of animals sold through the Youth Livestock Sale at the Kit Carson County Fair, the said Fair will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.

#### **Colorado Revised Statutes 1995: 18-9-207**

Tampering and drugging of livestock: No person shall commit any act that would constitute tampering with, sabotaging or drugging any livestock that has been registered, entered, or exhibited in any exhibition in this state.

Any person who violates this law commits a Class 1 misdemeanor and may be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$100,000.

#### **Stalling and Viewing Livestock**

35. To facilitate the viewing of livestock by the general public, all animals must be in their stalls (pens) from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. each day, with the exception of:

- A. **NO** panels, trailers or equipment will be allowed in tie-out areas prior to 4 p.m. Friday before fair.
- B. During show day and during preparation for show.
- C. Parade of livestock.
- C. Necessary feeding, watering, exercise and cleaning of stalls/pens. In particular, livestock must be in their stalls/pens before parades.

No animal will be left tied and unattended outside of their stalls/pens during the day. No livestock will be penned in the trailer area during the day or evening. (Feeding livestock in the trailer area is allowed, provided the animals are attended and returned to their stalls/pens immediately after they have completed eating.)

Those exhibitors who find it necessary to stall out of barns may do so in designated areas only. (You may stall out of barn only after 8:00 p.m.) Livestock stalled outside must be securely tied with neck ropes and halters or secured with livestock panels.

**Exhibitors stalling outside will be expected to clean the stall areas.**

#### **Animal Care**

36. If a 4-H/FFA member fails to properly care and provide for their animal(s), the following consequences will occur:

- A. Upon the first infraction, a written warning will be issued to the member and parents.
- B. Upon a second infraction, in addition to a written warning, all earned premiums will be forfeited.
- C. Upon the third and final infraction, in addition to a written censure and forfeiture of all earned premiums:
  - 1) The offender will be suspended from showing at the Kit Carson County Fair for a period of one (1) year;
  - 2) A declaration of poor standing with the Kit Carson County Fair will be issued to the offender;
  - 3) The animal(s) in question shall be immediately removed from the grounds and;
  - 4) Buyer(s) of the animal will be appraised of the situation and given the opportunity to avoid their contractual obligation incurred during the Livestock Sale.

The written notices of censures will be signed by the barn superintendent, the herdsman superintendent and the chairman of the Fair Board. A copy of these written notices or censures will be given to the club leader or chapter advisor.

#### **Sign Requirements**

37. Livestock Sign Requirements

- A. All livestock exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine, horse and goat) are required to put up an exhibitor sign for each of their livestock exhibits. Signs are available from the fair office free of charge. For those who do not choose to use the fair office signs, the following are the basic requirements for personal exhibitor signs:
  1. Exhibitor's name
  2. Exhibitor's club/chapter
  3. Animal name or I.D. number
  4. Animal breed
  5. Breeder of animal
  6. Market animal – weight of animal and estimated average daily gain.
  7. Breeding animal – any appropriate production records that can be neatly placed on sign.
- B. All exhibitors who sell livestock through the fair sale are required to post a buyer's sign. These are available from the fair office on Thursday at 7 a.m. Signs must be in place by 9 a.m. Thursday, no exceptions.

#### **Youth Exhibitor Dress Code**

38. It is expected that all youth exhibitors participating in the Kit Carson County Fair shall conform to these dress expectations. This code is specifically in effect for all livestock related activities (including, but not limited to: livestock shows, livestock parades, livestock sale, livestock pictures, and livestock award presentations,

etc.). In addition, the Kit Carson County Fair Board expects all youth exhibitors in any Fair related activity to be responsible in their dress at all times while on the Fairgrounds.

- A. All exhibitors shall dress to project, a professional and wholesome image, and for your safety.
- B. Where shows have specific dress guidelines (i.e. dairy, horse) these codes shall be followed.
- C. Specifically, the following modes of dress are not considered appropriate:
  - 1. Loose (baggy) clothing such as baggy jeans/pants etc.
  - 2. Short or revealing clothing such as short shorts, tube tops, etc.
  - 3. T-shirts and other articles of clothing with logos or wording that would be deemed as being offensive or inappropriate (i.e. tobacco or alcohol company logos, etc.).
- D. Violations of this dress code shall be referred to the Kit Carson County Fair Board and shall be addressed on an individual basis with penalties being determined by the Board.
- E. Appropriate footwear for the event is expected. (i.e. Wearing sandals during a livestock show, sale or parade is unprofessional and dangerous.)

### **Parade of Livestock**

39. 4-H members must be 8 years of age or older to lead an animal through the livestock parade.

40. All youth exhibitors in cattle, horse, sheep and goat must parade their exhibits or representatives of multiple exhibits in front of the grandstand prior to designated rodeo performance. All members are expected to dress cleanly and neatly for the parade and in compliance with Dress Code, and to use show halters and tack on animals, if appropriate.

41. All sale animals must be paraded, or in some manner represented (swine signs, etc.). Failure to do so will result in the withholding of 4-H/FFA livestock sale money. Number of parades will be at the discretion of the fair management. Superintendents may grant exceptions to unruly or unsafe animals, or upon extenuating circumstances.

42. All 4-H/FFA members (or a representative) must be on hand on Friday for release of sale livestock at 8 p.m. Removal of any exhibit prior to release time will result in forfeiture of premiums. Special consideration may be given at the discretion of fair superintendents.

**Exemption:** Only Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Horses will be required to participate in the Parade of Livestock.