

# General Fair Rules

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**Purpose:** The objective of the Pueblo County Fair is to offer Pueblo County residents an educational opportunity to view and/or exhibit their projects. It is conducted primarily to benefit members from Pueblo County 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters.

**Operating Procedure:** The Pueblo County Fair Board is the policy making body of this fair.

**Fair Superintendents:** The superintendent is responsible for seeing that the judging in their department is conducted in accordance with the rules written in the fair book. The superintendent is also responsible for ensuring that the judge follows the rule book.

**Judges:** The judge is responsible for and expected to judge the class assigned by the superintendent in accordance with the fair rulebook. Fair and constructive evaluation is our desire. Superintendents, 4-H members, leaders and parents are not to interfere with a judge's decision.

**Parents and Leaders:** It is the philosophy of the Fair Board that youth should do their own project work whenever safe and practical. The Fair Board recognizes that adult leaders and parents are expected to teach the child the skills of their project and, in some cases, demonstrations on the project are deemed necessary.

**Skateboards, Bicycles and Scooters:** Can be enjoyed as part of County Fair but not in buildings or among livestock. Be safe and considerate and obey authorities. Handicap vehicles are exempt.

## General Rules:

1. The Fair Board has the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations governing the County Fair. In the event of any conflict between County Fair rules and any other rules, the County Fair Rules, as interpreted by the Fair Board, shall control. In discrepancies, ambiguity or interpretation of rules or regulations for the County Fair will be resolved solely by the Fair Board.
2. Each superintendent shall know the rules and have a copy available for immediate reference. Superintendents have the authority to enforce the fair rules.
3. The Fair Management is not responsible for injury or loss in any manner; however, all precautions will be taken to prevent injury or loss.
4. 4-H Project Enrollment Deadline Dates: **March 1, 2016**. All 4-H exhibits must be shown under the project division in which the exhibitor was enrolled
5. A 4-H **junior** member is 8-13 and a **senior** is 14-18 as of December 31 of the current enrollment year, unless area specifies a junior, intermediate and senior division at which ages are **junior** 8-10; **intermediate** 11-13 and **senior** 14-18.
6. All County Fair entries are due to CSU Extension/Pueblo County at 701 Court Street, Suite C, on **June 1, 2016**.
7. Late Fair Deadlines: The deadlines set by the Pueblo County Fair Board and Showcase Sale to include but not to be limited to the following: Entries, Nomination Cards (**including swine photos**), Registrations, Record books, W-9 Forms, COOL Forms and Buyer Contact Forms are to be submitted to the appropriate place by the specified date and time. Those that are not turned in at the specified deadline will be considered late. All late items will be accepted for a period of five business days following the deadline for a fee. The late fee is \$25.00 per 4-H/FFA member, not to exceed \$50.00 per family. For missed Fair Board deadlines, fees are made payable to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. For missed Showcase Sale deadlines, fees are made payable to the 4-H/FFA Showcase Sale. THERE WILL BE NO ACCEPTANCE OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BEYOND THE SPECIFIED GRACE PERIOD (FIVE BUSINESS DAYS) FOR THAT SPECIFIC DEADLINE. The late fee WILL NOT pertain to or include weigh-in dates, bills of sale, tests, MQA certification forms, responsible dog ownership workshops, horse and dog IDs, or animal care and housing forms.

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8. After County Fair all **dog, horse and shooting sports books** should be completed with all year end information and then turned in for grading. Livestock leaders need to email/phone in the scores for all livestock books and bring in the books nominated for best record (one for each age group—Junior, Intermediate, Senior). **These records will be due in the CSUE office on September 12, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.** See Horse & Livestock e-Record policy.
9. Judges can decline to give champion ribbons in any class where quality and completeness do not merit the award.
10. All protests must be made in writing and presented to the superintendent of each department within 24 hours after the incident or judging. Protests must accompany a \$50 fee, made payable to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. Protests will be handled by the individual department's superintendent. Protests may be appealed to the Fair Board for a final decision. The Fair Board will review them at an officially called meeting. If the protest is upheld, the \$50 fee will be returned.
11. Violation: When a violation occurs, the superintendent shall notify the Pueblo County Fair Board and recommend a penalty within 24 hours. The Fair Board, in cooperation with the department superintendent, shall notify the violator of the penalty in writing.
12. An exhibitor or his/her parent/guardian, who violates any of the rules, may be subject to disqualifications, loss of all privileges and premiums pertaining to County Fair and to such other penalties as the Fair Board may order. If the violator fails to fulfill the penalty imposed, he or she will not be eligible to enter next year's fair.
13. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any 4-H member, youth, or adult will not be tolerated. Fair officials have the right, after warning the individual, to have them removed from the grounds, and/or to disqualify the member from that department for the remainder of that year.
14. Guards will be provided to secure the grounds. No outside (hired by individuals) guards will be allowed. No one will be permitted to stay overnight on the fairgrounds unless arrangements are made with State Fair personnel. No one is allowed in Livestock Buildings from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.
15. Families who stay overnight in campers must register with State Fair and pay the fee. Parents must be with children. Families must follow curfew rules and be responsible for proper conduct. Security guards or fair superintendents will have the authority to remove families if family members are causing disruption of fair operation.
16. Any exhibitor committing an act damaging to the Colorado State Fairgrounds or to any other individual or his property will be asked to take his or her exhibits and leave the grounds.
17. Only alcohol served at sanctioned events by licensed vendors will be allowed. No illegal drugs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the County Fair. Marijuana is banned by the Colorado State Fair.
18. **Exhibition only** is defined as being allowed to exhibit in a class only but not being eligible for any placings, awards, or sale. When applicable: For any participant enrolled in the project by the 4-H/FFA project add/drop deadline, but who missed a County Fair deadline that prevents them from competing or would like the experience for the educational value. **Permission to participate for exhibition only can be granted by the superintendent if time and resources are available.**

## Danish Award System

All General, Consumer Science and Shooting Sports projects will be judged using the Danish System. All animal projects will be judged on the American System (placing 1-10.) All exhibits receive a ribbon.

For the Danish System, all exhibits are divided in each class into blue, red, white and participation ribbon groups according to quality.

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**Standards for Ribbons:**

**Blue:** Meets requirements, high quality

**Red:** Meets requirements, average quality

**White:** Exhibit does not meet all requirements, exhibit is below standard quality, improvement needed

Only exhibits in the **blue ribbon** category are eligible for reserve champion or better. All reserve champions or better are on the merit system and the judge will determine merit. No reserve champion will be given unless a champion ribbon is given.