
CATTLEMEN'S DAYS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES

Up-to-date for 2024 (Last Revised October 10, 2023)

- 1. EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate:

 - Enrolled members of 4-H and FFA, ages 8-18 as of December 31 of current enrollment year.
 - Enrolled in appropriate livestock project; prior to February 1 for market beef and prior to March 1 for all other market and breeding animals.
 - Must have attended the yearly Meat Quality Assurance/Animal Care Program at least once if they are a first year exhibitor with their specie. Each exhibitor who is 11 or 14 must also have attended as a review.
 - Must attend one livestock husbandry training before initial weigh-in of that species.
 - Must comply with the Wholesome Meat Act and Primary Care requirements.
 - Must have a complete animal ID entered in 4HOnline 7 days after initial designated weigh in for each animal they have entered.

- 2. KEEPING PROJECT ELIGIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING YEAR**

Exhibitors must fulfill the following requirements to be able to show an animal project the next year:

 - Participants must hand in a current completed record book (for their organization) including all the animals they exhibit by the designated deadline.
 - 4-H members must score at least 50% or above on the 4-H record book to be considered complete and FFA members must receive a letter grade of C, or greater than 70% on the FFA record book to be complete.
 - Participants must work three or more of the many offered and posted set-up times, clean-up times, and show promotion and appreciation times. Work time logs will be kept and exhibitors must sign in and out with the Jr. Livestock Committee.

- 3. VIOLATION OF RULES**

As a condition of entering and exhibiting, each exhibitor acknowledges that said exhibitor has read, understands and agrees to each of these Livestock Show Rules. An exhibitor who violates any of the rules may be subject to forfeit of all privileges and premiums and to such other penalties as the Junior Livestock Committee, in its sole discretion, may order.

- 4. INTERPRETATION**

The management reserves to its Junior Livestock Committee the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations used to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, question, or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with , or incident to, the Show.

- 5. MANAGEMENT**

The shows/weigh-ins/sale will operate under the direction of the Junior Livestock Committee. Only Jr. Livestock Committee members will be allowed in the scale house during official weigh-ins.

- 6. CLASSES** Classes will be added or deleted at the discretion of the Junior Livestock Committee. Market classes will be divided by weight. Classes will be posted in the Junior Livestock Barn as soon as possible after the completion of weighing.
- 7. SHOW ENTRIES** Show entries will be available to all known, eligible exhibitors from the Gunnison County Extension office. Exhibitors must submit entries online on or before the entry deadline. In all cases, the right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry or application.
- 8. OWNERSHIP** Proof of ownership satisfactory to the Junior Livestock Committee may be required at any time. All project animals, except lease-a-goats, must be identified as per 4-H or FFA guidelines, owned, and cared for by the exhibitor by May 1 of the show year. Exceptions will be made only for those who have an approved Primary Care form on file allowing other arrangements. For market animal projects, at least one market animal must be designated per exhibitor by the initial identification date. Households with multiple market animals must designate who owns the extra animals by the time they weigh in at the show. All market cattle will be subject to Colorado State Brand Inspection laws and in the name of the exhibitor at the time of the initial weigh-in.
- 9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS** Cattlemen’s Days, Inc. and the Junior Livestock Committee will use all care possible to ensure the safety of exhibitors, but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury or damage whatsoever done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal in the exhibition. Neither will they be responsible for any loss, injury or damage whatsoever done to, occasioned by or arising from any exhibitor.
- 10. SLEEPING IN BARNS** No one, including Junior Show exhibitors, family members or friends will be allowed to sleep overnight in the Junior Livestock Show Barn prior to or during the Cattlemen’s Days Rodeo, Horse Show or Junior Livestock Show with the exception of adults doing night barn security during Cattlemen’s Days.
- 11. EXHIBITING** Exhibiting and care for livestock will be done by the exhibitor (see Primary Care requirements). If it is impossible for the exhibitor to show his or her animal, it may be shown by another Gunnison 4-H or FFA member.
- 12. CONTROL OF ANIMALS** Judges and the Junior Livestock Committee reserve the right to excuse and disqualify any animal deemed too unruly to handle in a safe manner. Exhibitors must control animals being shown at all times during the classes and required parades in a safe manner.

Market beef exhibitors must be able to lead their animal safely to the scale before July 1 to be eligible to show. The expectation is that market beef animals will lead to and from the Fred Field Heritage Center scale at the initial beef weigh-in. Exhibitors are required to show animal control before July 1 with another, individually scheduled weigh-in at the fairgrounds.

13. ANIMAL ETHICS

To maintain a high degree of confidence in the Junior Livestock Show, the Junior Livestock Committee reserves the right to disqualify any animals that have been fitted in an unethical fashion. Unethical fitting shall include, but not be limited to, an injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin, as well as any cutting or tearing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape of the individual animal. No electrical stimulation of animal muscle is allowed. Any use of cattle prods, hot shots, etc. will be prohibited. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental developments as well as the dyeing or coloring of individuals that alters their natural coloration. In such cases where unethical fitting, fraud or misrepresentation appears to have been attempted and the alleged attempt is protested, the Junior Livestock Committee may appoint a veterinarian, official, or committee to inspect the entry. The Junior Livestock Committee will follow a course of action based upon the findings and conclusions of the person or persons appointed to examine the entry and arising from subsequent action taken by the Junior Livestock Committee. In the market animal auction, all sale money will be withheld if, after slaughter, the animal is found to have been tampered with or altered, or if the carcass is condemned. Moneys shall be returned to the purchaser in full.

**14. WHOLESOME
MEAT
ASSURANCE ACT**

All market animal entries must comply with all Wholesome Meat Animal Assurance Program rules. Each exhibitor must complete the following before any market animal entry will be accepted from that exhibitor:

- Provide the correct information for the Primary Care Requirements.
- Attend the yearly Meat Quality Assurance/Animal Care Program with a parent or guardian when required. (See Exhibitor Eligibility.)
- The Certification and Statement of Disclosure form must be completed and turned in at the show weigh-in.

All animals sold through the Junior Livestock Sale will be randomly drug tested at the slaughter according to USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service regulations.

If a volatile drug residue is found 1) all awards will be forfeited, 2) member may be permanently disqualified from exhibiting at Cattlemen's Days Livestock Shows, 3) the member will be subject to prosecution by the State of Colorado under Section 1, Part 2 of Article 9, Title 18, Colorado Revised Statutes, concerning the unlawful alteration of livestock by tampering or sabotage, and 4) all sale money will be withheld and returned to the purchaser in full.

15. TRANQUILIZERS

The use of any tranquilizers on any show animal will be strictly forbidden, and the use of any tranquilizer as determined by the Junior Livestock Committee will be considered grounds for elimination from the show and sale as well as forfeiture of any premium money.

- 16. FITTING** The Junior Livestock Exhibitor must be participating in the fitting process.
- 17. STALLS** Stalls will be assigned by the Extension Office and Superintendent with consideration to the needs and convenience of each club and exhibitor, and in a manner that will best display the animals to the public. Barn cleanup will commence immediately following the loading of livestock. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning the area where their animals were stalled.
- 18. JUDGES** All judges' decisions are final. Any acts of discounting or disobedience to the show officials or judges on the part of an exhibitor or parent will disqualify the exhibitor from that class and show. The Junior Livestock Committee in its sole discretion also reserves the right to withhold premiums from and/or bar from competition any exhibitor in violation of this rule.
- 19. EXHIBITOR'S NUMBERS** Exhibitor's numbers must be worn at all times when in the show ring and when lining up for entry into the ring.
- 20. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK** Arrival and release times are determined by the management in an effort to make the best for all exhibitors, special groups in attendance and the general public. Exhibitors are expected to keep their livestock on display until the designated time for release, unless permission for early release is granted by the Junior Livestock Committee. Failure to comply with this rule can result in forfeiture of premiums. The release time should be considered when a decision to enter is made.
- 21. GUNNISON BRED & FED CLASSES** Animals entered into any Gunnison Born & Raised class must be entered and shown in a market class.
- 22. PARADE FLOAT PARTICIPATION** Grand and Reserve Champion exhibitors display their animals on the Cattlemen's Days Parade Float. If they choose not to load their animal on the float acceptable replacement reasons include: 1) plans to exhibit animal at State Fair, 2) foreseen extreme stress on animal, and 3) creating unsafe conditions for animal, participants, and spectators. The Grand and Reserve exhibitor has the option to use an alternate animal from Born and Raised class if one exists. If the Champion exhibitors do not have a replacement from the Born and Raised class then an alternate float participant will be chosen by the Junior Livestock Committee from the Born and Raised classes and then the show classes. Float participants must inform the Livestock Committee of their plans by 4:00 pm on Friday before the parade.
- 23. WEIGH-INS & ANIMAL ID** Market animals will be ear tagged and IDed at the initial designated weigh-in. All beef, goat (including leased animals), swine, and sheep members will submit an ID for each animal in 4HOnline 7 days after initial designated weigh in.

In consideration of animal health, exceptions may be granted by the Junior Livestock Committee on a case-by-case basis.

The ear tag and ID will serve as a permanent identification for the following weigh-ins and the show. The loss of an ear tag must be immediately reported to the Gunnison County Extension Office. Market animals presented at show weigh-in without proper identification will be prohibited from exhibiting. Ear tags should be clean and readable at weigh-ins.

All market animals must be penned or stalled 30 minutes prior to the scheduled weigh-in start. Animals must be weighed within the time scheduled. Weighing will be at a time and place designated by the Junior Livestock Committee. There will be no re-weighs. Animals should also be free of mud or any other materials.

Breeding animals are not to be weighed during the final (show) market weigh-in. Light weight animals will be allowed to remain on the premises to show in feeder and/or showmanship classes, at the discretion of the superintendent.

BEEF SHOW

1. Each exhibitor may enter two market beef animals in the Market Beef division. Each exhibitor may enter two entries per class in the Breeding Beef division.
2. All market beef animals must be born after January 1 of the year preceding the show.
3. Minimum weight limit of 1,050 lbs. has been established for Market Beef animals. All market animals not weighing at least 1,050 lbs. at the weigh-in will not be allowed in the Market Beef classes, but will be able to show in the Feeder class at the discretion of the Superintendent.
4. All cattle must have brand papers in the exhibitor's name by May 1 prior to the show. Each animal must have an ID in 4HOnline by May 1. Registration papers for registered animals shall be in the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the Beef Breeding project to show in any Beef Breeding class. The same animal cannot be used in a market and breeding project in the same year.

Exhibitors must keep records, including breeding, on animals they ID and exhibit in specific breeding divisions.

Breeding animals must be on the show grounds at least one half hour before the start of the classes and remain until released by the Superintendent.

5. All animals whose health is in question will be health inspected prior to the show. All breeding cattle must be in compliance with Colorado State brucellosis requirements.
6. Any exhibitor who is entered in the market, breeding, and feeder classes may enter Beef Showmanship class and must show their own project animal.
7. All calf exhibits must be born in current calendar year.

8. All male market animals must be castrated or banded by initial ID date. Banded testicles must have fallen or been removed prior to show weigh-in.

SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOAT SHOWS

1. Each exhibitor may enter two market swine, sheep, and goat animals in the market divisions. Each exhibitor may enter two entries per class in the breeding divisions.
2. All market sheep must be born after December 1 of the year preceding the show.
3. All market goats must be born after August 1 of the year preceding the show.
4. Minimum and maximum weight limits have been established for Market Hogs, Lambs, and Goats as follows:

Market Hogs: Minimum weight 230 lbs.
 Maximum weight 300 lbs.

Market Lambs: Minimum weight 100 lbs.

Market Goats: Minimum weight 55 lbs.

All market animals not weighing the minimum weight at the weigh-in will not be allowed in the market classes, but will be able to show in the Feeder class at the discretion of the Superintendent.

5. All breeding animals must be in the exhibitor's name by May 1 prior to the show. Each animal must have an ID in 4HOnline by May 1. Registration papers for registered animals shall be in the name of the exhibitor. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the breeding projects to show in any breeding classes. The same animals cannot be used in a market and breeding project.

Any animal officially tagged as a market animal cannot be used as a breeding project for that year.

Exhibitors must keep records, including breeding, on animals they ID and exhibit in specific breeding divisions.

Breeding animals must be on the show grounds at least one half hour before the start of the classes and remain until released by the Superintendent.

A breeding guilt class will be the only swine breeding class available to show in. Breeding swine project members, with a sow or male, complete their project with a show exhibition/presentation or display board.

Breeding meat sheep classes will include any age of females and rams under one year old.

Breeding meat goat classes will include any age of females and bucks under one year old.

6. All female sheep and goats must display their scrapie ID tag.
7. All horned market goats must have horns tipped or blunted. No sharp points allowed.

8. All market sheep are to be shown and weighed with no more than ¼ of an inch of wool on entire pelt. Breeding sheep may be shown blocked or slick shorn.
9. Any exhibitor who is entered in the market, breeding, and feeder classes may enter Showmanship classes and must show their own project animal.
10. All male market animals must be castrated or banded by initial ID date. Banded testicles must have fallen or been removed prior to show weigh-in.

FIBER ANIMAL SHOWS

1. Each exhibitor can enter one entry in each class of the Cashmere Goat show. Each exhibitor may enter two entries in each class in other divisions. Each animal exhibit must have an ID in 4HOnline by May 1.
2. Exhibitor must be enrolled in the animal project and keep records on all animals they ID and exhibit enter and show in the specific divisions.
3. Animals must be on the show grounds at least one half hour before the start of the classes and remain until released by the Superintendent.
4. All female goats must display their scrapie ID tag.
5. Any exhibitor who is entered in the division classes may enter Showmanship classes.

POULTRY SHOW

1. All market poultry must be hatched in the current calendar year.
2. All poultry must arrive 30 minutes prior to the show and will be penned in the area designated by the Extension Office and Superintendent. All market poultry will weigh-in upon arrival.
3. Each exhibitor may enter two entries in each class.
4. All exhibitors must enter a Showmanship class with any of their poultry project birds.
5. All market poultry species will be judged in one Market Poultry show and NOT as individual species.
6. The poultry judge will determine market readiness and sale eligibility based on the condition of the bird. Any birds NOT deemed ready will NOT be eligible to sell or compete for the champion poultry class.
7. All market poultry should be meat breeds or varieties. All breeds should be age appropriate to the finishing standard for that breed.
8. Market Chickens: will show as a pen of three birds.
Market Turkeys: will show as single birds.
Market Ducks: will show as single birds.
Market Geese: will show as single birds.

RABBIT SHOW

1. All rabbits must arrive 30 minutes prior to the show and will be penned in the area designated by the Extension Office and Superintendent. All market rabbits will weigh-in upon arrival.
2. Each exhibitor may enter two entries in each class. Each animal must have an ID in 4HOnline by May 1.
3. All exhibitors must enter the Showmanship class.
4. Exhibitors must enter a buck or doe class to be eligible for entry in a fur or wool class.
5. All rabbit meat pens must consist of three (3) rabbits.
6. Meat pens will consist of three rabbits of the same age (preferable litter mates). Meat pens must be a minimum of 9 lbs. and maximum of 15 lbs. and be no older than ten weeks.

All market animals not weighing the minimum weight at the weigh-in will not be allowed in the market classes, but will be able to show in the Feeder class at the discretion of the Superintendent.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

1. All animals consigned for sale must first enter and show in their respective market show classes.
2. Each exhibitor who plans to sell an animal must have submitted (to the Extension Office between May 16 and June 15) a thank you and/or personal sale invitation to a previous Gunnison County Livestock Buyer as part of their Sale Promotion responsibilities to be able to participate in the Junior Livestock Sale.
3. Exhibitors will be eligible to sell only one market animal from each of the species they have shown, with a maximum of two animals. Chickens and rabbits are sold by pen of three.
4. An exhibitor may sell all grand or reserve champion animals they have shown, except for poultry and rabbit market divisions, whereby exhibitors are only permitted to sell one of their champion animals or pens.
5. All market poultry exhibitors can sell only one judge approved market ready poultry animal or pen.
6. All market rabbit exhibitors can sell only one market ready pen.
7. Exhibitors must report, 30 minutes after the conclusion of the shows, the animals they will sell or not sell.
8. The Junior Livestock Committee will determine sale order by class placings.
9. The show entry weight will be the official sale weight.

10. All market cattle will undergo brand inspection at the time of weigh-in. Prospective sellers need to turn in a copy of the brand inspection to the Livestock Committee at the show weigh in, along with filling out a provided BILL OF SALE for consignment. The exhibitor is required to have necessary legal documents to satisfy the brand laws of the State of Colorado.
11. All animals whose health is in question will be inspected prior to slaughter. Any animals that are determined unfit for slaughter and human consumption will be withheld from the sale. Determination will be made by the Junior Livestock Committee after consultation with an inspecting veterinarian.
12. No artificial decorations, signs, paint, or glitter, etc. of any type will be permitted on any animal entering the sale ring. Show awards are allowed. Violators of this rule will not be permitted to continue in the Junior Livestock Sale.
13. Any animal consigned to the sale that does not arrive on time and in the proper sale order will be required to sell at the time designated by the superintendent.
14. Six percent of the sale price will be deducted and used by the Junior Livestock Committee to cover facility costs, improvements, and show and sale expenses. First time sellers will be exempt from this sale deduction. Graduating seniors who complete their project and turn in a record book on time with a passing score, will be eligible to have this deduction returned to them.
15. Exhibitors of sale animals will be responsible for getting their animals loaded on the truck for shipment, at the time designated by the Junior Livestock Committee. There is no requirement that a kid load their own animal.
16. Champion animals not being sold will only be announced at the Junior Livestock Sale.
17. Only 4-H Forever Fund donations that a member makes before or during the sale will be announced.
18. Payment to consignors for animals sold will be made by the sale clerk when sufficient funds are available to cover all consignor payments and after a buyer thank-you letter has been written.
19. Junior Livestock Committee reserves the right to withhold payment for any sale animal and bar consignment in future sales for any violation of the Junior Livestock Show and/or Sale.
20. Junior Livestock Committee reserves the right to withhold 10% of consigners net check amount if the seller has not written a thank you within 30 days of Junior Livestock Sale. Penalty money will be added to the Glen George/Harry Miller Scholarship.

BEEF, SHEEP, and GOAT RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

1. The gain for the Daily Rate of Gain Contest will be calculated from the initial weigh-in day to the show weigh-in.

BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, and GOAT CARCASS CONTESTS

1. All market animals are eligible for the contest if they are available to be ultrasounded or carcass graded by a judge.
2. Beef carcasses will be judged after slaughter if available. Sheep, swine, and goat carcass data will be obtained by ultrasound at a time designated by the Livestock Committee.
3. Premium money will be paid in the Carcass Contest and will be divided as follows:
 - A. The total sponsor money will be divided among the four species.
 - B. The top three placings in each species will receive a premium divided as such:
 - C. 45%, 35%, 20% for the top three placings respectively.
 - D. If the required thank you's are not written and received in the Extension office after 30 days of notice the premium money is held and deposited with the following year's sponsorship money.

MASTER PRODUCER CONTEST

1. To be eligible for this award, the exhibitor must be enrolled in the animal project and complete all of the following:
 - A. Exhibit an animal eligible for the Daily Rate of Gain Contest (Swine exception)
 - B. Exhibit an animal at Cattlemen's Days Livestock Show
 - C. Exhibit an animal eligible for the Carcass Contest
 - D. Turn in a completed record book on time and scored at least 50% (**must have a performance summary**)
 - E. An age appropriate knowledge test specific to specie.

2. Animal Knowledge Tests will be given at a time(s) set by the Junior Livestock Committee.
3. The contest will be calculated from only eligible contestants and animal placings.

The total score will be based on an individual's record book placing and knowledge test placing, and their animal's daily rate of gain placing, market show placing, and carcass contest placing. The individual contests will be re-ranked with only the eligible contestants competing for Master Producer. The following values will be placed on market show placings: Grand Champion = 0, Reserve = .5, Class = 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 and so on.

4. Two animals can be eligible within the same species.
5. Ties will be broken by the exhibitor's knowledge test score first, then the record book score.

SUPREME FIBER GOAT PARTICIPANT CONTEST

1. To be eligible for this 4-H award, the exhibitor must be enrolled in the animal project and complete all of the following:
 - A. Complete the animal knowledge test
 - B. Exhibit a goat at Cattlemen's Days Livestock Show
 - C. Exhibit a goat in a showmanship class at Cattlemen's Days Livestock Show
 - D. Turn in a completed 4-H record book on time and scored at least 50%
2. Scores will be calculated on the placing of an individual's record book, show placing, showmanship placing, and knowledge test score.
3. Animal Knowledge Test will be given at a time(s) set by the Junior Livestock Committee.
4. All Identified animals shown by exhibitor can be eligible.
5. Ties will be broken by the exhibitor's knowledge test score first, then the record book score.