



Bouldercountyfair.org

2020
BOULDER COUNTY
FAIRBOOK
July 31-August 9, 2020

General Rules

Livestock Shows

The mission of the Boulder County Fair is to provide a resource to the community of both rural and urban heritage while showcasing 4-H youth, FFA youth and community members to enhance education and leadership. We provide agricultural opportunities for all attendees, meeting the interests and challenges of a changing world.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

Cooperation – The Boulder County Fair Livestock Show and Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Boulder County Board of Commissioners, the Boulder County Fair Board and the Boulder County Office of Colorado State University Extension. The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show and Rodeo does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual preference, veteran or marital status, or national origin in its policies and activities.

Responsibility - The Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management will use all possible care to ensure the safety of animals, exhibits, exhibitors, and people attending the fair. The BCF Management or any individual assisting with the fair, will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal, or article on exhibition, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending the fair. The exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair Management against all legal or other proceeding in regard hereto. The placing of any exhibits on the show grounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his/her agreement to abide by this rule.

FAIRGROUND RULES

1. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions – Pursuant to Colorado Statue 12-47-901(1)(h)(l), it is illegal to bring **any** outside alcoholic beverages into the BCF, including parking lots. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises. The presence or use of alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds is prohibited except in designated areas.

Illegal drugs of any kind, including marijuana, are prohibited from the BCF, including parking lots. Any illegal drugs, including marijuana, will be confiscated and may result in fines and/or ejection from the premises.

2. Disorderly Conduct, Illegal Activity, Vandalism & Horseplay will not be tolerated. Violators will be escorted from the fairgrounds by security and may be prosecuted. No person shall engage in foul, obscene or abusive language or actions.

3. Motorized Vehicles - ATV's and golf carts will not be permitted without prior written permission from the BCF Board. Use of carts is restricted in the areas of the midway or in pedestrian travel areas during BCF hours of operation.

4. Leash Law: Boulder County and the City of Longmont require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. For the safety of animals and people, dogs are not allowed in the poultry, rabbit, goat, or sheep areas and the indoor arena during horse events.

5. Unauthorized carrying or discharging firearms or weapons of any kind is not permitted. Unauthorized paintball, BB, pellet, air, blowguns, rocket slingshots, crossbows, martial arts weapons, fireworks and explosives are not allowed during the Fair.

6. Smoking is not permitted in county facilities or on county property and therefore adhered to by BCF.

7. Parking is not permitted in assigned fire lanes or where otherwise posted "No Parking." Violators may be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense.

8. Camping is permitted only at the campgrounds. Dry camping ("exhibitors/spectators camping outside the campgrounds") will only be allowed when the campground is full or when prior approval is obtained from the Fair Board.

EXHIBITOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1. Eligibility - Competition is open to all.
2. **Entries** – Prior entry is required in all departments. Entries open after May 1. Late entries will be accepted in the office only with a \$5.00 late fee. Postmark will determine entry date. Entries forms can be found at bouldercountyfair.org and completed the online program, by fillable PDF and emailed, or printed and mailed, faxed or dropped off at the office, unless otherwise designated.

Mailed: 9595 Nelson Rd, Suite 200, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Phone: 720-864-6460

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Entry deadline: Friday, June 26, 2020

Late entry deadline: Friday, July 10 (by office drop off only)

JUDGING

1. Judges will not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the department that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not. Exhibits that do not meet size requirements will not be considered for Champion or Reserve Champion.
2. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interfere with them during the adjudication or show any disrespect to them, whereupon **the superintendent shall at his/her discretion demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or exclude exhibitors from further competition, and the board may withhold from such exhibitors any premiums that have been awarded them, and expel them from further exhibiting at the fair.**
3. The decision of the awarding judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered.
4. Any exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judges during their adjudication will be promptly excluded from the competition.
5. In all cases not covered by these rules, the ruling of the superintendent of the department will apply.
6. The judge and superintendent of the department shall sign each award book immediately after all awards have been made in the class contained therein.
7. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he/she may be interested as a relative, agent, or employee of an exhibitor or otherwise; and if such case shall be presented, the superintendent of department may remove such interested judge, or substitute another judge temporarily.
8. The awards of such premiums at the show will be confined to entries named in the department.
9. The judge and the person acting as clerk to the judge must take special pains after making an award to see that it is properly entered in the award book.
10. The clerk at each show verifies the accuracy of the judge's book between pre-entries and actual entrants. The superintendent signs the book before premium money is awarded.

GRIEVANCES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. An “appeal” may be filed by 4-H / FFA and open class exhibitors to get clarifications regarding rules, policies, and judging procedures. The Division Superintendent or the entity (example the Junior Livestock Sale Committee, Horse Leaders Council, Livestock Advisory) would be responsible, as appropriate to handle all appeals;
2. If a protest is filed by 4-H / FFA members, open class exhibitor(s), or other individual(s); the following procedure will be followed. A “Protest Form” must be completed in writing and can be obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Manager’s Office. A fee of \$150.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the protest form. The protest shall plainly state the cause of the protest and shall be delivered to the Fair Manager’s office prior to judging or within 1 (one) hour after the conclusion of the class judging. Judging will not be interrupted by a protest and judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Once the championship judging begins, no protest will be accepted. The protest committee made up of the division superintendent and two fair board representatives will meet and act upon the filed protest. A decision will be given to the individual filing the protest within 24 hours of receiving the filed protest unless a thorough investigation by the protest committee takes longer, in which case the individual filing the protest will be notified. The fee(s) imposed the protest;
3. In the event an individual is not satisfied with the protest ruling by the protest committee, the exhibitor may appeal the protest resolution to the Protest Appeals Committee. This committee is made up of the Fair Board Executive Committee. A fee of \$200.00 in cash or certified check must accompany the appeal which shall be in writing, on an “Appeal Form” obtained at the Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (BCF) Management Office. The appeal shall plainly state the matter being appealed and shall be delivered to the Fair Management Office not more than 8 (eight) hours after the protest resolution was announced. The decision of the Protest Appeals Committee is final. Compliance with the protest and appeal process is mandatory prior to seeking review in any other forum. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest appeal;
4. In addition to the fee(s) imposed for the process, an individual protesting that the use of illegal drugs were administered to an animal and ask for testing be administered will stand the cost of the testing if no residuals are identified. Often such tests can cost over \$1,000.00 for each substance chemical checked. If illegal substances are found the cost of the test will be charged against the exhibitor along with the other consequences under general rules number two “Alteration of Conformation and Structure, Prohibited Substances or Unethical Fitting”.

EXHIBIT RELEASE

1. **No exhibit shall be released until 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 10 except livestock.** All exhibits in the Exhibit Building must be picked up between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Fair management won’t be responsible for exhibits left after exhibit release. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money.
2. **Livestock-No tack may be removed until the conclusion of the Livestock sale and in coordination with the Department Supervisor. Water, feed for the following day, and bedding is to stay in place for remaining livestock.**
3. **Animals will be released only during each departments designated release time. See specific departments for the release time.** Livestock sold in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale and released by the Jr. Market Livestock Committee President are exempt. Birds sold in the Poultry Sale are exempt and will be released at the time of sale.

- a. Release will be permitted by the Department Superintendent after review of stalls, pens, cages, and tie racks. These areas must be cleaned to the satisfaction of the superintendent and fairgrounds staff.
- b. Failure to comply with this requirement may bar said exhibitor from future participation and/or any premiums, which may have been awarded.