2020 COLORADO STATE FAIR
GENERAL COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The following terms, conditions, and requirements are general in nature. They apply to all departments and to all competitions at the Colorado State Fair ("Fair").

B. Additional and specific competition requirements are set forth within each individual Department's competition requirements sections. Both general and specific competition requirements shall apply to all competitions unless specifically noted otherwise.

C. Every exhibitor entering into any competition at the Fair must comply with the competition requirements as set forth below and must comply with any additional or specific requirements as set forth for each, individual competition.

D. Submission of an entry to the Fair expressly binds the exhibitor to all terms and conditions contained in any and all parts of the Colorado State Fair Premium Book and the Colorado State Fair Authority Rules as adopted at 8 CCR 1208-1.

II. GENERAL COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Competition is open to the world except where otherwise specified.

B. All exhibitors must be familiar with all public health orders and requirements, including the wearing of masks and limiting numbers of individuals in barn areas, while on the Colorado State Fairgrounds. The Colorado State Fair Authority will strictly enforce the provisions of all public health orders and requirements and will post said orders and requirements across the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Any exhibitor and/or guardian who disregards any of those requirements may be immediately disqualified and removed from the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Exhibitors and parent/guardians will be required to practice social distancing as required by the United States Centers for Disease Control, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment at all times including but not limited to while in the show office, barns, wash racks and exhibit areas.

C. Colorado State Fair Authority reserves the right to reduce the number of onsite entries as well as the number of people onsite prior to the start of the 2020 Colorado State Fair 4-H and FFA events to comply with any public health orders or requirements. The Colorado State Fair Authority reserves the right to cancel all livestock competitions prior to the start of the 2020 Colorado State Fair at any time due to COVID-19.

D. The Colorado State Fair General Manager has the authority to hear any hardship requests on a case-by-case basis and at his discretion allow additional family members to accompany exhibitors to the 2020 Colorado State Fair.'

E. The Colorado State Fair Authority ("Authority") is not responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any property while on the Fair's grounds.

F. An exhibitor acknowledges and agrees to abide by all competition requirements when he/she signs his/her entry form for competition.

G. Exhibitor hereby indemnifies the Authority, the state of Colorado, the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority ("Board"), and the Colorado Department of Agriculture from any and all legal proceedings in regard to a challenge to any rule, regulation, or competition requirement.

H. Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees that entry into any exhibit or competition organized and sponsored by the Authority is not a guarantee of competition. Fair reserves the right to exclude from entry onto the Fairgrounds any person who exhibits symptoms of illness or who refuses to comply with federal, state, and local public health requirements and guidelines. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority, the state of Colorado, the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority ("Board"), and the Colorado Department of Agriculture for any damages that may arise as a result of any such denial of entry or request to vacate the Fairgrounds.

I. Exhibitor acknowledges and agrees that entry into any exhibit or competition organized and sponsored by the Authority is at the exhibitor's risk. In the event of any class or division cancelation, program cancelation, or Fair cancelation, exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority, the state of Colorado, the Colorado State Fair Board of Authority ("Board"), and the Colorado Department of Agriculture in any action that may accrue.

J. Entries and Entry Forms:

1. All entries must be made on regulation forms, properly filled out, and accompanied by all fees whenever required.
2. Entry blanks and instructions for making entries are available upon request or may be found on-line.
3. No animal or article will be entitled to a place on the grounds until proper entry has been made.
4. Colorado State Fair Management ("Management") assumes no responsibility for errors on the entry forms.
5. Effect of Entry: Every exhibitor expressly understands and agrees that an exhibitor's completed entry form is his/her acceptance of all Colorado State Fair Competition Requirements whether set forth in a general or a specific rule. The exhibitor further agrees and understands that he/she will abide by the competition requirements throughout the duration of his/her time at the Colorado State Fair. Additionally, the exhibitor agrees and understands that failure to comply with the rules and competition requirements may subject him/her to penalties, including the loss of prize or award money and the return of any other non-monetary awards he/she may receive.

K. The Management reserves the right to limit entries to facilities available and to cancel any division or class in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition. Management further reserves the right to return entries in the event any competition or class is canceled.

L. Management reserves the right to vacate as ineligible for competition and order the removal of any entry that has been entered in violation of these general competition requirements or of any specific competition requirements.

M. Exhibits may not be removed prior to the time listed within each department. No exhibit may be released without a properly executed release form. Release forms may be obtained from the appropriate Program Manager.

N. Every animal or article shall be entered and exhibited in the name of the bona fide owner.

O. Management does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, or other non-merit factors.

P. All premium checks for the current year must be cashed within six months of the date of the check's issue. Exhibitors have until December 31 of the year in which they competed at the Fair to claim checks returned to Management. Any checks not cashed will be void. No replacement checks will be issued after December 31 of the current year.

III. **DISPUTES**: Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret all of Fair's Competition Requirements and Regulations and to settle questions of interpretation.

IV. **DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS:**

The General Manager of the Colorado State Fair ("General Manager") or the Program Manager of the Department in which a violation of any competition term, requirement, Authority Rule, or other applicable rule or regulation is reported to have occurred prior to, during, or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation occurred. At no time will any exhibition, judging event, or other on-going event be delayed, stopped, or interrupted as a result of any allegation of wrong-doing reported to Management or under investigation by Management.

The Program Manager, in consultation with the General Manager shall, upon determining a violation has occurred, make a determination as to any appropriate penalty, or penalties, to impose upon the violating person(s). The penalties available include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. The exhibitor in question may be disqualified and forfeit all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the department.

B. Any or all premiums, trophies, and awards won by exhibitor in any and all Departments may be withdrawn and required to be returned to the Management. All entry and other fees are forfeited.

C. The exhibitor may be barred from competition at the Fair for a determined period that may include a lifetime suspension from competition upon the concurrence of the Colorado State Fair General Manager ("General Manager") and the Program Manager.

D. The exhibit in question will not be sold in any sales at the Fair.

E. In a case of an exhibit already sold at the Fair, the Program Manager, in consultation with the General Manager, may determine to permit the exhibitor to receive the sale proceeds, minus any amount established by the Program Manager, in consultation with the General Manager,. In the event that the Program Manager, in consultation with the General Manager, determines that no sale proceeds shall be paid to the exhibitor, the Board, after conference with the buyer, will determine whether to donate the money to the Colorado State Fair Foundation or allow the Fair to retain money as deposit for successive year's Fair's sales.

F. The Program Manager or the General Manager may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

V. RIGHTS OF APPEAL AND PROCESS OF APPEAL

The following processes and rights of appeal shall be followed for actions pertaining to competitions at the Fair.

A. Within 15 days of the point when the Program Manager or General Manager determines that a violation has occurred, the General Manager will notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and the facts that support the violation. Such notification must be mailed to the exhibitor's address as recorded on his/her entry form.

B. Such notification must also include a description of any penalty the Program Manager or the General Manager may assess against the exhibitor.

C. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the Office of the General Manager within the 15 days.

D. Any written appeal must include any facts relevant to support the appeal.

E. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Program Manager or the General Manager may rescind his/her or their initial determination. The Program Manager or the General Manager may subsequently make no further determination as to the reported violation. The exhibitor will have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.

F. Should the Program Manager or the General Manager take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Management, the appeal must be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting for the sole purpose of setting a date for a hearing on the appeal. The exhibitor will be notified in writing after the board meeting of the date of the appeal.

G. The Board shall appoint a hearing panel which will be comprised of the following:

1. A member of the Board, who shall serve as the presiding officer;
2. An individual with expertise in the particular competition;
3. A person from the public;
4. A Colorado State Fair senior employee other than the Colorado State Fair General Manager.

H. Within 15 days of the conclusion of the hearing, the presiding officer shall submit to the Board his/her findings and recommended final determination as to the alleged violation(s) and penalties, along with a copy of the exhibitor's appeal.

I. Upon receiving the recommendation of the presiding officer at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, the Board shall take action upon the recommendation and adopt a final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The exhibitor will receive a copy of the Board's adopted findings and final determination.

VI. **GRIEVANCES/PROTESTS:**

A. Whenever any person believes that an exhibitor has engaged in any activity that violates the competition requirements of the Fair or engaged in any unethical activity during the course of a competition, such person may provide his or her allegations of wrong-doing to the Management for review. Any person making such a report must do so on a form provided by Management and as set forth in the remainder of this paragraph VI.

B. Any grievance must be personally presented to the Program Manager and to the State Fair General Manager on a form that may be obtained at the office of Management.

C. Any grievance so submitted must be accompanied by a $300 bond. This bond may be returned if the General Manager or the Program Manager, whichever reviews the grievance, determines that the facts described constitute a violation.

D. Any grievance must be presented within 24 hours of the occurrence of the alleged infraction for all livestock activities and prior to the official closing of the Fair for all other activities. In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed, and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance had been presented following the judging.

E. Any grievance must be presented in writing and sworn to. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor who has allegedly committed a violation, the exhibit and class in question, the specific allegations giving rise for the grievance, the facts that support the allegations, and the specific terms and conditions from the competition requirements or elsewhere that govern the alleged misconduct.

F. Within 15 days of receipt of any grievance, Management shall notify in writing the person(s) submitting the grievance as to its determination of the validity of the grievance and any actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notification must state the reason or reasons for the denial.

G. Upon receipt of a properly presented grievance, the Program Manager will appoint a committee of three disinterested, qualified persons to review the protest and render a decision, which shall be considered final for purposes of appeal under these rules.

H. The person(s) submitting the grievance will have the right to appeal consistent with the Due Process provisions set forth in Section V of the Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements.

VII. **CONCESSIONS AND ADVERTISING PRIVILEGES**: All exhibits, concessions, or commercial privileges are at the sole discretion of Management. Under no circumstances will any advertising matter be allowed to be placed upon buildings, trees, or other places on the grounds, or otherwise distributed, without management permission.

VIII. **SHIPMENT OF EXHIBITS**: Shipped exhibits should be sent to the exhibitor in care of the Colorado State Fair, 1001 Beulah Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004. Express charges, as well as freight charges, must be prepaid.

IX. **MAIL**: Parties wishing to have mail sent to them at the Fairgrounds may have it addressed to the Colorado State Fair in care of the intended recipient: 1001 Beulah Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004. Parties may retrieve their mail on-grounds at the Butler Supply Building, located on the south wall between Gates 1 and 2.

X. **IRS AND COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COMPLIANCE**: In order to comply with the Colorado Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service tax-reporting requirements, a properly completed IRS form W-9 must be submitted with each competitive entry listing the exhibitor's social security number. When completing the IRS Form W-9 that is included in this entry information, please be sure to carefully read and follow the instructions on the form. No entries will be processed without a completed IRS Form W-9. No premium monies won at the Fair will be paid if the IRS Form W-9 form is incorrect.

XI. **BEDDING**: Exhibitors must be familiar with and comply with the specific competition requirements concerning bedding within each individual Department's competition requirements.

XII. **CAMPING**: On-ground camping is limited to pre-paid reserved camping spots only. Camping or overnight stays are not allowed in any parking lot or barn areas of the Colorado State Fair.

XIII. **DOGS**: NO DOGS are allowed on the Colorado State Fairgrounds other than those on leash for direct competition or service animals, as set forth in section 6.2 of the Colorado State Fair Authority Rules, 8 CCR 1208-1.

XIV. **EXHIBITOR LIABILITY**: Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article exhibited by him/her. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify, and hold harmless, the State of Colorado, Colorado State Fair Authority and all officers, agents, and employees thereof from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs, suits or actions of every name, kind and description, brought forth from or on account of, injuries or death of any person including but not limited to workers, and the public, or damage to property resulting from the performance of the exhibitor or exhibitor's entries.

XV. **ENTRY ERRORS**: The Authority accepts entries as presented and does not check those entries for errors. Exhibitors are responsible for any errors in any entry form.

XVI. **RESTRICTION ON STATE FAIR AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION:** No Authority employee may participate as an exhibitor or sign an entry form as an agent of an exhibitor, in any Division or Department in which the exhibitor is a department head, judge, or paid employee.

XVII. **PROHIBITION ON EXHIBITOR JUDGES**: No person who is an exhibitor, has an immediate family member who is an exhibitor, is in charge of an exhibit or division, is in charge of a group of exhibitors, or is a member of a group of exhibitors.

XVIII. **PROHIBITION OF FAIR VOLUNTEERS TO BE JUDGES**: No person who is a volunteer within a Fair division may act as a judge in any competition within such division.

XIX. **PROHIBITION OF INTERFERENCE WITH COMPETITIONS:** Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors, association representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. If any exhibitor, in any way, whether in person or by agent or representative, interferes with any judge during that judge's adjudication or behaves disrespectfully toward any judge or any show ~~or~~ management, Management may immediately remove said exhibitor from the judging area, may disqualify the exhibitor from further competition, may remove the exhibitor from the Authority's grounds, may withhold any prizes that may have been awarded in any other event at the Fair and may be subject to a possible suspension from exhibiting at the Colorado State Fair for a period of up to three (3) year.

XX. **SPECIAL AWARDS**: Any special awards that any business or individual contributes for any competition must be collected directly from the business or individual. The Authority is not responsible for the redemption of these awards.

XXI. **PREMIUM AWARDS**: Awards and ribbons have no cash value. Premiums will be paid only from the records of the judges' sheets. Premium checks will be issued as soon as auditing, drug testing, if applicable, and processing can be completed.

XXII. **MOTORIZED UTILITY VEHICLES**: Use of any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to, golf cart, motorcycle, moped, and scooter must be pre-approved by the General Manager who will base his determination on the applicant's demonstration of hardship without the ability to use such motorized vehicle prior to coming to the Fair.

XXIII. **NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Use of any non-motorized vehicle, including, but not limited to, bicycle, skateboard, or scooters, is not allowed on Fair's Main Street at any time. Non-motorized vehicles are permitted only in posted areas on the grounds.

XXIIII. **OFFICIAL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER**

COLORADO STATE FAIR
1001 Beulah Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
(719) 561-8484
1-800-876-4567

General Entry – Ext. 2080
Horse Show – Ext. 2024 or 2025
Livestock – Ext. 2027

FACSIMILE NUMBERS
Main Office – 719-560-1953
Gen. Entry - 719-561-0283
Livestock (FT) - 719-566-6089
Horse Show (FT) - 719-560-2035

XVIII. **COLORADO STATE FAIR TICKET INFORMATION - (719) 404-2070**