



RIO BLANCO COUNTY FAIR

OPEN LIVESTOCK SHOW

RULE BOOK

Amended April 30, 2020

Open Livestock Show Rules

The following rules and regulations are general and apply to all Open livestock exhibitors and entries. It is the responsibility of each Rio Blanco County Fair participant to be familiar with all rules pertaining to their projects.

Exhibitor Eligibility Requirements

1. All Open class exhibitors must be a resident of Rio Blanco County.
2. All livestock exhibitors competing in Open class shows are required to sign and submit a **Liability Waiver** before they can show. If the liability waiver has not been received, the exhibitor will NOT be allowed to participate.
3. All open class livestock exhibitors must complete online registration through FairEntry.com for all open class entries by the deadline set by the Fair Board.
4. **Registration is required for all livestock projects. Late entries will not be accepted after ten calendar days following the registration deadline. Late entries will be charged a \$10 late fee per entry. No entries will be accepted after July 15th.**
5. Exhibitors in Open Departments must own their own livestock. Open livestock classes encourage junior entries. Livestock shown in Market divisions shall not be eligible to be shown in any breeding classes.

General Livestock Rules

6. The officials of the Rio Blanco County Fair will abide by the general rules and division rules in all decisions affecting the Beef, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Divisions for Open Livestock Shows.
7. Superintendents have the authority to disqualify any exhibitor, not meeting the requirements set by the Fair Board.
8. Rio Blanco County, the Fair Board, staff, and volunteers will, in no case, be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to any livestock or article exhibited. The Fair Board assumes no responsibility for injuries or accidents to spectators or exhibitors.
9. Classes that fail to meet the minimum class entry number will not be awarded prizes or premiums.
10. At the Judges, discretion awards will not be given to unworthy exhibits.
11. The barn lights will be turned off at 10:00 pm every night.
12. Any questions concerning the rules of the Rio Blanco County Fair should be directed to a Fair Board Member or an Extension Agent.
13. Entries not in position when the final call is given, will not be eligible to show.
14. Any animal deemed unsafe will be asked to be removed from the fairground facilities.

Stall Rules

15. Exhibitors are required to reserve stalls through the County Extension Office no later than TWO (2) weeks before the scheduled date and time in which all livestock, poultry, and rabbits must be stalled.
16. Open Livestock, Poultry, and Rabbits will not be assessed a stall fee.
17. Approved indoor stall bedding materials include wood chips, carpet, lining material and or bare ground.
18. Exhibitors are required to keep all pens clean throughout the duration of the RBC County Fair.
19. Free choice water must be available at all times to all livestock, poultry, and rabbits.

20. No animal will be allowed to leave without the approval of a species Superintendent.
21. Exhibitors are required to clean all stalls and remove any bedding or additional material used within a stall by Noon the following day after the completion of the RBC Livestock Sale. Once stalls have been cleaned, exhibitors will be required to have their pens checked off for approval by either a Superintendent, Extension Agent, or a current Fair Board Member.
22. Exhibitors that do not clean his/her stalls will be charged \$25.00 per stall.
23. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to protect his/her livestock or small animal projects.** Exhibitors are responsible for keeping all bedding and feed free from neighboring animals' reach. Muzzles may be used on livestock as long as not to prevent an animal from free-choice water.

Livestock Care & Fitting Rules

24. All animals must be healthy and free from all infectious diseases, fungus, and or ringworm upon arriving at the fairground. If an animal appears to have any health issues, a Veterinary inspection must be presented (dated as of the day of fair arrival) before the animal is unloaded. Any animals that cannot meet this requirement will be asked to leave the premises for biosecurity purposes.
25. NO ICE should be in the water or used in any way to cool animals.
26. NO Oral medication, body altering products, or liquid feeding/tubing (including liquid protein feed) will be allowed. Products prescribed for health reasons by a veterinarian are accepted. If in doubt, please clear with Fair Board or Superintendent.
27. Following the completion of the official weigh-in drenching for the sole purpose of hydration may be used. Only water and electrolytes will be permitted via a drench gun or pour on. A Fair Board member or Superintendent must be present.
28. You are responsible for your animal's care.
29. In certain circumstances, the following are acceptable grooming aids and will be allowed: Soaps/Shampoos/Conditioners; Hair Sprays; Wax; Show Sheens; Hoof Paints; Show Foams and Adhesives. In poultry, such items as Vaseline, Blue Ribbon RX, and Baby Wipes are permitted.
30. Exhibitors will not be allowed to use any products that alter the conformation and structure of an animal either by unethical fitting or prohibited substances. Unethical fitting and prohibited substances would be defined as: ALTERATION OF CONFORMATION AND STRUCTURE BY PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE OR UNETHICAL FITTING. Prohibited substance and/or unethical fitting defined as: the injections, use, or administration of any drug that is prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law, or any drug that is used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local Law; the injection or internal or external administration of any product or material, whether gas, solid, or liquid, to an animal for the purpose of deception, including concealing, enhancing, or transforming the true conformation, configuration, color, breed, condition or age or by making the animal appear more sound than otherwise would appear; the administration, use, or application of any drug or feed additive affecting the central nervous system; the administration of diuretics for cosmetic purposes, tissue manipulation, removal, surgical attachment or otherwise to change, conceal, enhance, or transform the true conformation or configuration of the animal; attaching to the hide foreign objects including hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber for the purpose of deception; any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural musculature or weight by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health or marketability of beef, sheep, swine, or goat carcasses or for deception. Members will not be allowed to use any and all

artificial enhancements or artificial dyes or body altering products. Items such as diesel, ice, tail fins, or any artificially glued on hair products are strictly prohibited.

31. The use of any grooming material which produces artificial color that may be detected by rubbing with a cloth or glove, use of hair or hair-like substance, cloth or fiber anywhere on the animal, ineligible age or illegal substitution of animals, isolates these rules and will result in the immediate disqualification with no recourse. The natural color of any beef animal cannot be altered using any artificial coloring. However, products that match a beef animal's natural color may be used in the fitting process from the knees and hocks down and on the switch only. For example, black products may be used on a black-legged animal, red on a red animal, and white on a white legged animal. But under no circumstances can color be used to cover an animal's natural color.
32. Open Beef, Sheep, and Goat exhibits must be show ready clipped prior to fair arrival. Final clipping on legs/heads for sheep and goats and any touchups are acceptable to all livestock species. Animals not showing evidence of this will not be allowed on the premises and will be sent home. They may return after having been clipped.

Open Class Rules

33. Livestock entries must be trained to lead and must be led into the ring for judging.
34. Open class beef breeding exhibits, where a Bull may be present, will require a nose lead along with a halter.
35. Livestock entrants must pick up their exhibitor number at the Fair office prior to their classes. Exhibitors are required to wear their number while in the show ring.
36. Classes will be limited to 10 head or less per heat. Class breaks will be completed after the official weigh-in process by the Species Superintendent and approved by the Fair Board.
37. Exhibitors in the Open livestock division are required to follow the RBC Fair dress code before they will be allowed in the show ring or sale ring. Dress code includes the following:
 - All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire in the Showring and during the Sale. Shorts, tank tops, low-cut shirts, sheer blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare midriffs are not acceptable attire and may not be worn in the Showring and during the Sale.
 - Recommended dress is as follows: long or short sleeved, button-down shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with a belt. Hard-soled, closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended to protect the feet.
 - Rabbits, Chickens, and Turkeys: jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are preferred for safety.
 - Fair management may refuse anyone improperly dressed entering into the Showring and Sale ring until said exhibitor is appropriately dressed.
38. All exhibitors will uphold the standards set forth by the Colorado State University 4-H guidelines regarding appropriate dress code and code of conduct during the entire Fair. Those found breaking these guidelines will be asked to leave Fair premises until they have adhered to the guidelines.
39. Sheep & Goat front feet may be lifted for front foot placement only. Sheep and Goats may not be lifted off the ground for bracing, judge handling, or leading. The animal must bear its weight 100% throughout the show. Sheep and Goat front feet must bear its complete weight on the ground only.
40. A minimum of three entries is needed to make a class for the Open Livestock Divisions. If the minimum class number is not met, the class will be combined with the next closest class within the division.

4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Sale Rules

41. Open class entries will not be allowed to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale.

Rule Infractions and Protests

42. Rule infractions – If at any time a rule infraction is found, a written letter addressing the rule and proof of its violation must be submitted to the Fair Board within 24 hours. The Fair Board will review said infraction(s) and determine the consequences to the subject party listed within the written statement.
43. Any protests to the Fair Board's decision for Rule Infractions and or Non-Rule Infractions must be in writing and accompanied by \$10.00 in cash or certified check. Protests are to be delivered to the Fair Board within one hour after a questionable point. No complaint or appeal that a judge overlooked an animal or item will be considered. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation, and depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is made. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is sustained. The department superintendent will consult with the Fair Board President before announcing the protest outcome. Decisions of the Fair Board and Judges are final.