



**Cochise County Fair Association**  
**Junior Livestock Division**  
**Rule & Premium Book**



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The rules and regulations contained in this Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock Division Rule Book are approved and administered by the Cochise County Fair Board and its assignees. Should any exhibitor, 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, Parent/Legal Guardian/Responsible Adult or Superintendent be found in violation of the established rules and regulations, the Cochise County Fair Board reserves the right to determine and enforce a penalty of their choosing up to disbarment from the Cochise County Fair.

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## **2025 Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Show Schedule & Barn Hours**

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

9:00 AM          Carcass Live Judging

### **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

5:30 PM          Carcass Evaluation

### **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

12:00 (noon) – 6:00 PM      Small Stock and Large Stock Checked into Barns

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM      Goat & Lamb Weigh In

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM      Beef Weigh In

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM      Swine Weigh In

7:00 PM                  Mandatory All-Exhibitor Meeting

### **Thursday, September 25, 2025**

7:30 AM                  Mandatory Small Stock Exhibitors Meeting

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM      Small Stock Showmanship & Breed Judging to follow

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM      Dairy Cattle Show, Dairy Cattle Showmanship, Beef Builders Show,  
Breeding Beef Show

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM      Breeding Sheep Show

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM      Breeding Meat Goat Show

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM      Pygmy Goat Show

5:00 PM                  Breeding Swine Show, Market Hog Show, Swine Showmanship & Small  
Stock Sale Notifications Due

### **Friday, September 26, 2025**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM      Dairy Goat Show, Dairy Goat Showmanship, Pack Goat Show

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM      Market Beef Show, Beef Showmanship

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM      Market Goat Show, Meat Goat Showmanship

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM      Market Lamb Show, Sheep Showmanship

4:30 PM                  Costume Contest

### **Saturday, September 27, 2025**

9:00 AM – 11:30 PM      Small Stock Auction

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM      Junior Livestock Buyer's Luncheon

1:00 PM                  Large Stock Auction

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Round Robin Competition

1:00 PM Awards Ceremony

4:00 PM Animals Released from Barns

Monday, September 29, 2025

7:00 AM Packer Trucks Loaded

**SMALL & LARGE STOCK BARN HOURS:**

Thursday, September 25, 2025- 8:00am- 7:00pm

Friday, September 26, 2025- 8:00am- 9:00pm

Saturday, September 27, 2025- 8:00am-9:00pm

Sunday, September 28, 2025- 8:00am- 5:00pm

## I. EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

### A. Exhibitor Categories:

All Junior Livestock Division exhibitors (collectively referred to as exhibitors) must designate whether they are a 4-H Member, FFA Member or an Other Youth Exhibitor. Other Youth Exhibitors are those individuals who are not affiliated with a 4-H Club or a FFA Chapter.

### B. Age Divisions:

Junior Exhibitors: 8-13 years of age by January 1 of the fair year

Senior Exhibitor: 14 years of age to graduating high school seniors of the current year or those who have not surpassed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the fair year. No exhibitor can compete in the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Division more than one year past their high school graduation regardless of age.

Any exhibitors who do not meet these qualifications are encouraged to participate in the Peewee or Open Livestock Divisions. Peewee exhibitors (5-7 years of age by January 1 of the fair year) do not have to meet ownership requirements and will complete their entries during Fair Check In. Open Livestock Division exhibitors must contact the Cochise County Fair Office to obtain full rules, entry deadlines and premium information.

### C. Exhibitor Attire:

Exhibitors in all divisions must enter the show ring and auction ring in clean clothing that is deemed to be proper attire for the occasion. If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn. No t-shirts, sleeveless shirts, hats or caps are allowed. A clean well-groomed showman is of the utmost importance in creating a favorable public image. Specific details for exhibitor attire is as follows:

**4-H Members:** White long or short sleeve collared dress shirt or blouse, dark blue or black pants or skirt, are required. Green tie or scarf optional. 4-H club jacket, sweater, or vest is optional.

**FFA Members:** Official FFA dress must be worn.

**Other Youth Exhibitors:** White long or short sleeve collared dress shirt or blouse, dark blue or black pants required.

**Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Exhibitors:** White pants or skirt and white long or short sleeve dress shirt or blouse are required.

D. Exhibitor Expectations:

All exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the Junior Livestock Division (to include those exhibitors wishing to sell through the Junior Livestock/Small Stock Auction) at the Cochise County Fair must meet the following expectations. Any violation of these rules will cause the exhibitor to be barred from participating for one year in future Cochise County Fair as 4-H/FFA/Other Youth Exhibitor in Junior Livestock Divisions.

1. Must agree to abide by all rules contained in this Rule and Premium Book and timely submit “Junior Livestock Exhibitor – Signature Release Form”
2. Must reside or attend school in Cochise County
3. Must meet enrollment deadline for all project areas
4. Must meet all ownership and tagging deadlines
5. Must participate in Youth Quality Assurance Training
6. Must complete and submit entries in a timely manner
7. Must be considered a “member in good standing” at the time of the fair if exhibitor is a 4-H or FFA Member.
8. Must attend one show, clinic or educational event prior to the Cochise County Fair in order to be eligible to exhibit at the fair. Proof must be submitted to species superintendent before September 1, 2025.
9. Exhibitor must care for livestock project at all times and livestock must reside with the exhibitor at all times unless housed on a school farm, community facility or at a boarding facility within the exhibitor’s area.

E. Exhibitor Ethics and Code of Conduct:

All exhibitors must read and agree to abide by the Youth Livestock Exhibitor Code of Practice, National Show Ring Code of Ethics and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the Wholesome Assurance Statement. By submitting an animal for official verification, participants agree to comply with these codes and regulations. These documents may be found on the Cochise County Fair Website.

In addition, by submitting an entry to the Cochise County Fair, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing the Cochise County Fair. Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days and provisions against unethical fitting, alteration of conformation, meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substances.

Unethical Fitting

Unethical fitting means any attempt to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including



but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair, or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the food and drug administration or United States Department of Agriculture. The Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Board will be responsible for determining whether an unethical fitting violation has occurred. All violations will be reported to the Cochise County Fair Board.

Any exhibitor found in violation of the Cochise County Fair unethical fitting and/or residue avoidance policy is subject to disqualification, revocation of payment and a minimum of a one fair suspension from Cochise County Fair by the Cochise County Fair Board. The Cochise County Fair Board has the discretion to increase suspension and/or ban.

The following is a list of policies for all Junior Livestock Exhibitors:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Junior exhibitors shall provide acceptable proof of ownership and origin, upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for, clean up after, watch over, and post educational information about their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- Stall cards are a requirement for each entry at the fair. Exhibitor must have a stall card on each cage/pen for their exhibit not later than 9am on Thursday, September 25, 2025. 1 warning will be given to any exhibitor that does not have a stall card on Wednesday after check in. Any exhibitor that does not have a stall card with exhibit information will be disqualified and suspended for 1 year. **\*\*THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS\*\***
- All exhibitors must check out with their superintendent on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 5pm. A check out process will be developed prior to the fair and announced at the mandatory exhibitor meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 7pm. **\*\* A CLEANING FEE WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL CAGES/PENS THAT ARE NOT CLEAN. EACH PEN WILL BE CHARGED \$100 (LARGE STOCK) AND EACH CAGE WILL BE CHARGED \$50 (SMALL STOCK). FEES WILL BE TAKEN OUT OF EXHIBITORS FINAL SALE CHECK.**
4. Junior exhibitors are expected to be present, engaged and assist while grooming their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
5. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the junior exhibitor for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be

- exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the junior exhibitor prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
6. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
  7. Animals receiving performance-enhancing drugs (i.e. including, but not limited to, anabolic steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers and pain killers) are ineligible to show.
  8. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
  9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock 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.
  10. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, or trainer shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject said individual to disciplinary action.
  11. The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics.
  12. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification junior exhibitor that he or she has read this IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics

and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by this code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

13. All exhibitors, parents, leaders and volunteers will conduct themselves in a positive and constructive manner. Anyone deemed to be in violation of any of the above may be asked to leave the show and can be barred from the grounds.

The Youth Livestock Exhibitor Code of Practice: I believe that my participation in the Junior Livestock Division should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will do my own work and only accept advice and support from others. I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents, my leader/advisor, or any other adult to employ such practices. I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and leader/advisor of my project animal not break the rules or make an exception on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer -good and bad- and how to live with the outcomes. I realize I am responsible for: The proper care and treatment of my animals, the production of wholesome food, and the development of sound moral character in myself and others.

National Code of Show Ring Ethics (International Association of Fairs and Expositions): Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

## II. SUPERINTENDENT ROLES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Division will have assigned Department Superintendents for beef, sheep/goat, swine, small stock, carcass, and round robin. Superintendents serve in a volunteer capacity that begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through the duration of the Cochise County Fair. It is the responsibility of the superintendents to provide guidance to youth exhibitors and their leaders/advisors as needed throughout the duration of their projects. Superintendents agree to abide by the rules and regulations found in the Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock Division Rule and Premium Book. Superintendents are required to immediately notify the Cochise County Fair Board Junior Livestock Liaison of any issues, complaints, or emergencies that may arise before or during the fair. All superintendents, with the exception of small stock and round robin, are required to assist with livestock tagging.

### Superintendents:

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### III. GENERAL POLICIES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITING AT THE COCHISE COUNTY FAIR

#### A. Enrollment Deadline:

Exhibitors must enroll in their project area(s) by April 1 for market, carcass and breeding livestock projects and small stock projects. Exhibitors must designate by this date if they are a 4-H Member, FFA Member or Other Youth Exhibitor. Enrollment forms must specify the project species with participation at the Cochise County Fair being limited to the species named on the enrollment form. No substitution of species will be allowed after the deadline date. Exceptions must be approved by the Cochise County Fair Board.

#### B. Judge Selection:

The Cochise County Fair will hire one large stock judge for swine, cattle, sheep and meat goats. The Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock (CCFJL) Committee will begin the judge selection process in January by gathering names and biographies from qualified judges who have confirmed they are available to judge at the fair. Proposed judges will be presented for review during the February CCFJL Committee Meeting. The CCFJL Committee will submit a list of a minimum of 10 qualified judges to the fair manager by March 1. Any exhibitor, leader, advisor or parent/legal guardian/responsible adult may submit proposed judges to the fair manager outside of the CCFJL Committee by March 1. Upon the fair board's decision of which judge to hire, the fair manager will contact the selected judge to finalize their contract and secure lodging. The name of the hired judge will be released on July 15. In the event of a cancellation, judges from the approved list will be considered first.

#### C. Ownership Deadline:

The following ownership deadlines must be met. The number of days owned is calculated from the Wednesday of the week of the Cochise County Fair:

Market & Carcass Beef:	April 27, 2025 (150 Days)
Market & Carcass Hog, Lamb, Goat:	June 26, 2025 (90 Days)
Breeding Cattle:	July 26, 2025 (60 Days)
All Other Large Stock Division Livestock:	August 15, 2025
Small Stock Division:	See the Small Stock General Rules

#### D. Market/Carcass Livestock Tagging:

Livestock that have a USDA approved permanent identification tag (scrapies tag for sheep and goats; 840 tag for swine and beef): Exhibitors will be required to submit copies of their ownership documents and photographs of their livestock that includes a

clear image of the USDA tag through an approved online platform no later than 11:59pm on the ownership deadline for the specific type of livestock. Superintendents will use CCFJL provided tags on packer animals as needed for identification at the fair.

Livestock that does not have a USDA approved permanent identification tag: Exhibitors will be required to attend one of the established tagging dates where a superintendent or their designee will verify ownership documents and tag the animal for identification purposes. Designated tagging dates and locations will be announced with the final one being no later than 10 days after the established ownership deadline.

Each exhibitor may submit documentation/tag up to 4 animals per species but may only enter and show 1 carcass and 2 market at the fair. Each animal can only be entered in one market or carcass class. If you need to switch two animals (one of your market animals will be shown in carcass and your carcass will be shown in market) this is permitted by notifying the Cochise County Fair Office no later than 24 hours prior to the start of carcass live judging. Do not double enter animals.

If a youth exhibitor only has 1 market and 1 carcass animal and the carcass animal does not make weight, the youth exhibitor may take the light weight carcass animal as their second market animal to the county fair. However, the youth exhibitor must notify the CCFJL Committee President or Superintendent at the live carcass animal show or before. This change will not be allowed if notification is late.

E. Youth Quality Assurance:

All exhibitors must have a current quality assurance certification in order to exhibit at the county fair. The certification is valid for one year. The online class is available at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

F. Seasonal Pass/Inspection:

A Seasonal Pass is required for exhibition of all cattle, sheep, goats, and swine owned by Arizona residents and exhibited in Arizona according to state law and rule (ARS § 3-1346, R3-2-703). To receive a Seasonal Pass, the exhibitor must complete an application online through the Arizona Department of Agriculture website at <https://seasonalpass.azda.gov/landing>. An Arizona Self-Inspection Certificate OR an Arizona Livestock Inspection Certificate number is required. For questions, please call the self-inspection staff at (602) 542-6407 for assistance.

G. Wholesome Meat Certification:

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Cochise County Fair. The statement is as follows:

- The use of animal drugs or other substances by non-veterinarians in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA, is a violation of federal law.
- Food animals must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals.
- Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution.
- Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass or milk will be considered fraud.
- Note: Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation. Drug withdrawal periods must be completed prior to arrival at the show. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR 4-H LEADER, FFA ADVISOR OR COCHISE COUNTY FAIR BOARD IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ANY OF THESE STATEMENTS.

Exhibitors of market and carcass animals will acknowledge compliance to Wholesome Meat Certification through the signing of the “Junior Livestock Exhibitor – Signature Release Form”. Participants are certifying that the animal is not adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or the Wholesome Meat Act. Only animals of United States origin are eligible to be entered in the market and carcass divisions. Market and carcass animals must be bred, born and raised in the United States.

#### H. Market Summary/Record Books:

All exhibitors planning to sell large stock or small stock must turn in a summary form of records at check-in.

#### I. Registration/Entry Deadline & Fees:

All Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock exhibits must be entered online by September 1 at 11:59pm. Any entries received from September 2 through 11:59pm on September 8 will be assessed a late fee of \$150 per exhibitor. No entries will be accepted after 11:59pm on September 8. Exhibitors and parents/legal guardians/responsible adults are ultimately responsible for the accuracy and timeliness of their entries.

The entry fee for **EACH** animal exhibit (**large & small**) will be \$15. All entry fees are not refundable. All fees are due at the time entries are submitted. Nursing/juvenile animals may be penned with their mother free of charge.

#### J. Income Reporting for Tax Purposes:

All exhibitors who intend to participate in the large stock and/or small stock auction must file IRS Form W-9 with their entries, unless they have received confirmation a valid form is already on file with the Cochise County Fair. All exhibitors who receive \$600 or more from auction proceeds/add-on contributions will receive IRS Form 1099-MISC as required to be filed by the Internal Revenue Service.

K. Minimum and Maximum Weights for Market Livestock:

Market Hogs	220 lbs. to 300 lbs.
Market Lambs	90 lbs. minimum  <u>Small Breed Exception:</u> Southdown, Dorper, & Cheviot 80 lbs. minimum Olde English "Babydoll" Southdown 65 lbs. minimum
Market Goats	70 lbs. minimum
Market Beef	1,000 lbs. minimum  <u>Small Breed Exception:</u> 50% to 74% Lowline/other small breed beef cattle 650 lbs. minimum 75% to 100% Lowline/other small breed beef cattle 500 lbs. minimum  Declaration of Lowline/other small breed classification and percentage must be made at tagging.

At the time of weigh in, cattle must be within 5% and sheep, goats and swine within 7% of the minimum weight. Swine must be within 7% of the minimum and maximum weight at weigh in.

L. Fair Check In:

Livestock will not be permitted at the Cochise County Fair until 12:00 (noon). on Wednesday of the fair. All livestock are required to be inspected by a Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent prior to being unloaded from their vehicle/trailer and taken to their respective pen/barn with exception of small stock that will be inspected outside of the small stock barn. All livestock must be on the Cochise County Fairgrounds and checked in no later than 6:00pm on Wednesday of the fair to be exhibited. All exhibits will require stall cards with project information. Contact your superintendent for information on stall card requirements and pen assignments, if applicable.

M. Educational Signs/Posters:

Educational signs/posters are required for exhibition at the Cochise County Fair. Signs can be completed individually or as a group. Consult your superintendent for details.



N. Fair Weigh In:

Refer to the Cochise County Fair Schedule for assigned weigh in time slots for each species. All livestock must be weighed in during their allocated time slot. It will be permissible for an exhibitor to have someone else weigh in their animal for them in the event that they cannot be present at the time that the animals are being weighed. If the exhibitor asks for a re-weigh, the scales will be immediately zeroed and the animal will be re-weighed. Under no circumstances can the animal leave the scale area until the re-weigh is completed.

If market animals do not make weight, they will automatically be entered in breeding, prospect or open. The 4th animal may be entered in futurity, breeding, or the prospect class. Female market large stock may be shown in both breeding and market classes. The futurity animals should also be entered in the appropriate breeding class. The offspring should also be entered in one of the following: breeding, market or prospect. If shown in one of the above classes, they would be eligible to be shown in showmanship.

O. Member Highlight Forms:

All exhibitors planning to sell in the large stock auction must turn in a Member Highlight Form at check-in.

P. General Animal Health and Care:

The following general animal health and care will be required while at the Cochise County Fair:

1. Unruly Animals: At the discretion of the livestock superintendent or Cochise County Fair Board, any unruly animal can be disqualified. A special area will be designated where unruly and/or sick animals may be moved at the discretion of the superintendents.
2. Feed/Watering of Animals: Exhibitors are responsible for providing food and water containers as well as feed for their animals. Water will be available at the fairgrounds and it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure their animals are fed daily and watered was needed.
3. Cleaning of Pens/Area: Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:00 am daily. Passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times. Pens must be cleaned daily and feed pans must be removed after feeding.
4. Bedding of Animals: Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own bedding in the event none is donated. All sheep, goats and hogs are to remain bedded in their

assigned pens at night. Beef may be bedded down at the tie-outs or remain in the beef barn. Neck ropes are recommended for all beef animals. Animals are not allowed to be bedded in horse stalls or trailers. Beef may be taken to tie-outs at dusk and must be returned to the barns by 8:30am.

5. Drenching or tubing for hydration purposes is permitted and must be done in the animal's stall. An educational poster/sign must be posted by the exhibitor near the animal's stall to explain to the public why this means of hydration is being done. Superintendents must be notified if drenching/tubing will be done. For beef entries, the Beef Superintendent must be present while tubing is done.
6. Muzzles are allowed if necessary for sheep and goats. An educational poster/sign must be posted by the exhibitor near the pen where these animals are stalled to explain to the public why they are being used.
7. At the county fair grooming and fitting is a learning experience for the youth exhibitor. The exhibitor must be present when the animal is being groomed/fitted. The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. For more information on unethical fitting, please review Section I Exhibitor Information, Part E.

Q. Judges' Decisions:

The decision of the judge in all events shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make the decision, or with his/her approval, the matter may be referred to the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Committee, with further appeal to the Cochise County Fair Board.

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in all the species providing the judge has awarded blue ribbons to the animals in the various classes within the division and in their estimation deems the animal to be of championship quality.

R. Exhibitor Presence During Show and Auction:

All exhibitors are required to show and to sell their own livestock/small stock entries. In the event an exhibitor has two or more entries in the same class, another Cochise County Fair exhibitor(s) or member(s) of the exhibitor's club/chapter will be allowed to help show the additional entry(s). Should an exhibitor have a medical condition, they will be allowed to be assisted in the showing and during the auction by another Cochise County Fair exhibitor or member of the exhibitor's club/chapter. Should an exhibitor have a medical or family emergency, they will be automatically excused from being required to show and to sell their own livestock/small stock entries. In the event an exhibitor has another event that conflicts with the scheduled show and/or auction time, that exhibitor and their parent/legal guardian/responsible adult (if the exhibitor is a minor) shall file a written request with the Cochise County Fair Board as soon as the

schedule conflict is discovered. The Cochise County Fair Board will have the final decision to either excuse the exhibitor's absence or to remove the exhibitor from showing and/or selling their entry(s) should the exhibitor not show up. Failure to follow the written request policy for scheduling conflicts will result in the exhibitor's entry(s) being automatically removed from the show and/or auction.

S. Drug Testing Procedures:

1. Champion Testing: Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, and Best Cochise County Bred & Fed Champions for beef, sheep, swine and meat goat divisions will be tested immediately following selection. If the animal has previously been selected and tested, it will be the Veterinarian/Tester's option to collect an additional sample.
2. The veterinarian/tester will be in charge of their own protocol for collecting and handling samples.
3. Procedure for selection of animals for random drug testing if performed: At the end of each class, a show official will draw a chip from a box. In the box are eight chips, four that are blank and four that are numbered one through four. If a blank chip is drawn, there will not be a drug test from that class. If a numbered chip is drawn, the animal which placed that number will be tested. Example, if chip number one is drawn, first place will be tested; two drawn, second place to be tested. The number of blank chips in the box may be increased or decreased as determined by the Show Veterinarian and Department Superintendent.
4. Drug testing will be performed immediately following the class. It will be the Veterinarian/Testers discretion if testing should be delayed to accommodate animals that will be returning for subsequent judging (breed champion, etc.).
5. Show management reserves the right to do testing on any animal entered in the Fair for any foreign substance including drugs, chemicals, or feed additives. The Official Show Veterinarian (or designated testing official) will collect urine and/or blood samples from animals selected for a drug test. It will be the Veterinarian/Tester's option if the sample is urine and/or blood.
6. Test samples must be free of any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, unless otherwise established as permissible by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There can be no presence of any performance-based drugs and/or derivatives thereof in test samples.
7. Animals that test positive for an unapproved foreign substance, including drugs, chemicals, feed additives, performance-based drugs or derivatives of any of these substances will be disqualified and ineligible for premiums or sale proceeds and the youth exhibitor will forfeit any awards. If an animal is disqualified, changes will not be made to the placings of other animals. The disqualified animal's carcass will be

disposed of and the person owning the animal will be responsible for the expense for drug testing, including lab and collection fees.

8. The owner of the disqualified animal, their 4-H leader, FFA Advisor and his/her immediate family members may be reported to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers' Association Rule Infraction Database. If an individual is twice found to be in violation of these rules, the individual(s) responsible for the action causing disqualification will be barred from participating in any future Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Shows.
9. If residues from foreign substances, including drugs, chemicals or feed additives, are found in the carcass tissue of an animal sold through the Cochise County Junior Livestock Auction, the Cochise County Fair Board will NOT be liable or responsible for the condition of the carcass or sale price of the animal.

T. Non-Sale Animal Packer Transportation:

All animals not going through the sale but being transported by packers from the Cochise County Fair must be signed up by Friday of the fair at 3:00pm. Sign up will be completed through the Show Office. No exceptions will be made.

U. Release Time:

**\*ABSOLUTELY NO ANIMALS WILL BE RELEASED UNTIL 4PM ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025\*\***

ANY EXHIBITOR THAT VIOLATES THESE RULES WILL BE NOTED AND NOT ALLOWED TO EXHIBIT THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

V. Thank You Notes:

Proceeds from the auction will not be released to the exhibitor until all thank you notes have been completed and reviewed. All exhibitors are required to send a personalized thank you note to their buyer(s), add-on contributors and buyers pool donors at the conclusion of the Cochise County Fair. Before the thank you notes are mailed out, they must be reviewed by a designated fair representative to confirm completion. To facilitate the review, thank you notes must be placed in their addressed and stamped envelope but not sealed. Once the review is complete, the fair representative will seal the thank you notes and deliver them to the post office for mailing. The deadline for exhibitors to complete their thank you notes is December 15 of the auction year unless prior approval from the Fair Board has been obtained. Failure to complete thank you notes by the deadline will result in funds being held until the next year for tax reporting purposes and will not be released until the thank you notes are verified as being

completed. Unapproved tardiness of thank you notes is subject to disciplinary action by the Fair Board which may include being banned from participation at the Cochise County Fair in future years.

W. Grievance Procedures:

A grievance addresses decisions or actions that can be reversed or changed. Before filing a grievance, a youth exhibitor must first try to resolve the issue informally by seeking the help of a 4-H leader, FFA Advisor, or Superintendent (hereinafter "Adult"). The youth exhibitor and Adult should decide if filing the grievance is the best way to approach the situation. To help decide whether to file a grievance, ask yourself this question: "Can whatever caused my dissatisfaction be reversed or undone?" The formal grievance best fits a situation where you want to appeal a decision. Please note: A grievance is different from a complaint. Making a complaint would be best if you want to report inappropriate behavior on the part of a Youth Exhibitor, 4-H leader, FFA Advisor, or superintendent. Any Youth Exhibitor, 4- H member, FFA member, leader, advisor, parent, or concerned citizen can make a complaint. If the situation occurs during the fair, try to resolve it with the project superintendent. If the situation occurs prior to the county fair, try to resolve it with the CCFJL Committee prior to filing a grievance.

Process for Filing a Grievance:

1. Youth Exhibitor/Adult completes the Grievance Form within 24 hours of an incident (or ASAP if a physical or emotional safety issue) and submits it to the Cochise County Fair Board Junior Livestock Liaison.
2. The Cochise County Fair Board Junior Livestock Liaison notifies the Cochise County Fair Board and General Manager of the grievance.
3. The Cochise County Fair Board will form a committee to conduct an investigation and decide on a resolution. Depending on the circumstances surrounding the grievance, the appointed committee members will be decided by the Cochise County Fair Board and could include 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors, Project Superintendents and CCFJL Committee Members.
4. The resolution is written on the Grievance Form and is sent/given to the Youth Exhibitor/Adult and project superintendent. A copy of the Grievance Form is retained in the Cochise County Fair Office.
5. The decision of the committee will be final.

#### IV. BEST COCHISE COUNTY BRED & FED

##### A. Best Cochise County Bred & Fed Rules & Eligibility:

A special championship class for the "Best Cochise County Bred and Fed" market beef, market lamb, market hog and market goat will be held. The intent of the award is to recognize quality herdsmanship within our county and encourage the selection of superior quality animals available within Cochise County. The class will be composed of the highest placing blue ribbon animal that was bred and raised in Cochise County in each of the market classes. The Cochise County Best Bred and Fed class will be held unless grand or reserve is also bred and fed. The winning animal of the "Best Cochise County Bred and Fed" class will be designated as the third selling animal for each species in the sale order, selling after the grand and reserve champions have been auctioned.

The following constitutes eligibility for "Best Cochise County Bred & Fed":

1. The animal being shown MUST have been born in Cochise County.
2. The dam of the animal being shown MUST be a "resident" of Cochise County 30 days prior to the conception of the animal being shown. The definition of "resident" shall be: The dam of the animal being shown shall either be incorporated into an established Cochise County herd or owned by an individual who resides in Cochise County. The sire of the animal being shown must have physically been in Cochise County at the time of conception or AI must have been used. The dam cannot have been taken out of the county to be bred.
3. Artificial insemination (AI) and embryo transfer are recognized methods of herd improvement. Rules 1 and 2 still apply. Embryo needs to be flushed from a resident dam of the Cochise County breeder and implanted in one of their herd recipient dams.
4. Proof of eligibility forms for this competition must be completed by the exhibitor, parent, leader, and the breeder and submitted before or at the time of tagging. Forms must be complete with all signatures. They will not be accepted after the tagging. Forms with complete details are available from the Cochise County Fair Office. One form per animal required.
5. All carcass animals must be presented and handled as if they were being exhibited at the fair. Cattle, sheep, and goats need to be clean, halter broken, and shown. Swine must be able to walk in the open with minimal assistance and free of sunburn and other skin irritations. Animals that are unruly and not properly handled and cared for will be subject to disqualification from the committee and superintendents.
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## V. PROSPECT ANIMALS

There will be a prospect class for beef, hogs, lambs and meat goats. Prospect animals must be owned by August 15. This class will not have a minimum or maximum weight limit. The animals will be divided into weight classes with a relatively equal number of animals in each class, as uniform in number and size as possible. Exhibitors will be eligible to exhibit only two animals of each species.

## VI. CARCASS CONTEST

### A. Carcass Contest Rules:

1. Market livestock rules also apply to carcass animals unless specified differently below.
2. The objective of the carcass contest is to promote the raising of beef, sheep, swine and goats that will economically yield superior carcasses, and to provide education regarding carcass merit.
3. Animals entered in the carcass contest cannot be entered in the market contest unless the animal does not make weight.
4. The minimum days on feed is 150 days for beef and 90 days for hogs, lambs and meat goats.
5. All carcass animals must be presented washed and groomed regardless of specie and handled as if they were being exhibited at the fair. Cattle, sheep, and goats need to be clean, halter broke and shown. Swine must be able to walk in the open with minimal assistance and free of sunburn and other skin irritations. Animals that are unruly and not properly handled and cared for will be subject to disqualification by the committee and superintendents.
6. Lambs must be shown slick sheared. Shearing shall take place no more than 3 days before the contest.
7. Exhibitor attire is required for **both** the live animal judging part of the carcass contest as well as the evaluation awards ceremony.
8. Carcass animals will be judged live approximately 1 week prior to the fair. All carcass animals will be judged at a state inspected and approved facility.
9. After the live judging, animals will be taken to slaughter. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to view the animal, with a program on carcass scoring and carcass quality while the animals are at the packing plant.
10. All carcasses must meet minimum hot carcass weight regardless of breed or they will be disqualified.
11. All carcasses will be graded and placed as if they were sold on the rail. If recommendation qualifications are not met, the carcasses will be discounted on price. The value pricing will be calculated using USDA base prices on the day of slaughter with premiums and discounts for yield grade, quality grade and carcass

weight. Carcasses must meet minimum qualifications from state inspector or carcass will be disqualified. Disqualified carcass exhibits will not be awarded a Grand Champion or Reserve Champion Award nor will they be given a placing and they will not be eligible to be sold through the large stock auction.

12. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion carcasses for each species will be sold at the large stock auction. All other carcasses may be sold through private treaty or exhibitors have the option to retain ownership.

**B. Recommended Qualifications for Carcass Beef:**

1. Weight limits: Minimum recommended live steer weight is 1,200 lbs. Required minimum hot carcass weight is 680 lbs.
2. Ribeye Size: At least 1.6 sq. inches of ribeye per 100 lbs.
3. Yield Grade: Recommended grade not to exceed 3.9. Yield Grade =  $2.5 + (2.5)(\text{fat thick. 12th rib}) + (.0038)(\text{hot carcass wt.}) + (.2)(\%KPH) - (.32)(\text{ribeye area})$
4. Final Carcass Grade: Recommended minimum of Choice 0.
5. Carcass beef will be placed on a value pricing system (grid system) per 100 weight.

**C. Recommended Qualifications for Carcass Hogs:**

1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live hog weight is 220 lbs., maximum of 300 lbs. Required hot carcass weight 160 lbs (minimum) to 250 lbs (maximum).
2. Carcass muscle score is to be equal to or better than the Intermediate (2.0) pictured in the 2000 "Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures." National Pork Board.
3. Requirements for back fat thickness at the last rib and loin muscle area will be based on values adjusted to a 160 pound hot carcass weight (approximately 220 pound live weight). These requirements are:
  - a. Maximum back fat thickness at last rib - 1.1. Inches
  - b. Minimum loin muscle area at 10th rib 8.9 inches squared
  - c. Minimum average backfat thickness of .40
  - d. Minimum fat depth at 10th rib of 0.30 and maximum of 0.80 (0.10 will be added to the hog measurement when the animal has been skinned.)
  - e. Adjustments of individual carcasses up to a 185-pound carcass weight are made using formulas developed from the National Swine Improvement Federation and NPCC guidelines. Per pound of hot carcass weight - Carcass length changes approximately 0.045 inches; Back fat at the last rib changes approximately 0.007 inches; and Loin muscle area changes approximately 0.016 square inches.
4. Carcass meat quality will be subjectively evaluated for the following using the 2000 "Composition and Quality Assessment Procedures," National Pork Board.
  - a. Color score: greater than 1 and less than 6
  - b. Firmness & wetness score: greater than 1



- c. Belly at least slightly thick with a minimum of 1.0 inch of thickness at any point.
  - d. Abnormalities (soft, oily fat; steatosis) Carcasses failing to meet two or more of the minimum quality standards as outlined will be disqualified.
- 5. Carcasses that yield less than 55.0 percent fat-free lean based in 160-pound carcass weight as determined by the following equation will be disqualified:
- 6. Equation for pounds of fat-free lean (FFL)  

$$[(88.307) - (.036 \times \text{HCW}) - (18.574 \times \text{10th rib fat depth}) + (3.734 \times \text{REA})] \div 160 \times 100$$
- 7. Other disqualifications:
  - a. Cryptorchids
  - b. Carcass that requires more than 1% trim due to "old" bruises or infection at injection site, abnormal cysts, abscesses, diseased joints, etc.
- 8. It is preferred to have the hogs de-haired rather than skinned.
- 9. The length will be measured for each carcass to provide this information to producers.
- 10. It is recommended to line up at least top 5 in order of placing for review by participants
- 11. Hogs meeting the above minimum standards will then be ranked on percentage muscle. The carcass judge will select and place the carcasses on overall carcass merits from among the carcasses with the highest percent muscle and fat ratios (marbling present will allow that carcass to move up in score even if not the most muscling)

D. Recommended Qualifications for Carcass Lambs:

- 1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live lamb weight 100 lbs, maximum of 140 lbs. Required hot carcass weight 60 lbs (minimum) to 80 lbs (maximum). Southdown & Cheviot breeds required hot carcass weight 40 lbs (minimum) to 70lbs (maximum).
- 2. Minimum fat thickness: 0.10; Maximum fat thickness: 0.25
- 3. Maximum USDA Yield Grade, 2.9. The USDA Yield Grade will be determined according to USDA (1994) grading standards.  $YG = 0.4 + (10 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, inches})$
- 4. Estimated "Percent Boneless, Closely Trimmed Retail Cuts (BCTRC)" is used to predict cutability and used in ranking. The formula for BCTRC is:  

$$\%BCTRC = 49.936 - (0.0848 \times \text{hot carcass weight, pounds})(4.376 \times \text{adjusted fat thickness, 12th rib, inches})(3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches}) + (2.456 \times \text{ribeye area, inches}^2)$$
- 5. Minimum Carcass Quality Grade: Choice-minus
- 6. Carcass shall be free of serious bruises ("old", not recent), free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts - leg, loin, rack, shoulder (neck excluded) - and free of any evidence of surgical altering of the live lamb.

E. Recommended Qualifications for Carcass Goats:

1. Weight Limits: Minimum recommended live goat weight is 80 lbs., maximum of 120lbs. Required hot carcass weight 50lbs (minimum) to 65 lbs. (maximum).
2. Minimum Adjusted fat thickness at the 12th rib: 0.05 inches
3. Estimated "Percent Semi-boneless Closely Trimmed Primal areas" (leg, sirloin, loin, rack & shoulder) (SBTP) will be calculated and considered during final evaluation:  
$$\%SBTP = 60.69330 - (0.23174 \times \text{hot carcass weight, pounds}) + (1.96202 \times \text{ribeye area, in}^2) - (1.57832 \times \text{body wall thickness, inches})$$
4. Fat thickness adjusted by .05 for each percent KP over 1%.
5. Carcasses must show no evidence of spool joints on the fore shanks.
6. Carcasses shall be free of serious bruises, free of injection sites on the more valuable carcass parts (leg, sirloin, loin, rack, and shoulder, neck excluded), and free of any evidence of surgical alteration of the live goat.

## VII. LARGE STOCK DIVISIONS

### A. General Breeding Livestock Project Rules:

1. Youth Exhibitors can exhibit either registered and/or commercial breeding livestock. A class will be established for registered and similar classes for commercial (non-registered) animals. Only registered animals having duly certified certificates of registry and proper tattoo or ear tag certificate showing the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal will be permitted to exhibit in the registered animal classes. The registration or other ownership papers must show that the exhibitor has owned the breeding livestock by the established ownership deadline.
2. There will be a maximum of 10 (ten) breeding animals exhibited per exhibitor, per species at the county fair.
3. Purebred breeding livestock that do not have certificates of registry must be exhibited in the commercial class for its respective age group. Registration or other ownership papers must be brought to the fair and will be checked prior to the show by the species superintendent. For young animals whose registration is pending, the exhibitor must show a copy of the application for registration. The same animal cannot be exhibited in both 4-H or FFA or Other Youth Exhibitor and in open class divisions.
4. In breeding only, a herdsman will be allowed.

### B. Ewe Lamb/Meat Goat Doe Futurity:

1. Entry Fee \$10.00 as ewe lamb/meat goat doe only. The futurity class was initiated to encourage county youth to strive for excellence with their breeding projects and management programs.
2. Year #1: All ewe lambs/doe kids must be born from October 1 of the previous year to July 31 of the current year. Livestock shown in this class would also be eligible for any other breeding class, but not in the market class. All ewe lambs/doe kids must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of the entry. Proof of ownership will be required 30 days prior to the fair. A DNA hair sample will be collected from each exhibit officially entered in the futurity program at a designated time during the fair. Exhibitors who begin competition with a ewe lamb/doe kid must be eligible to compete for three consecutive years without excluding the age rule. A numerical score will be assigned to ribbon placing and totals will be accumulated for a three-year period.
3. Year #2: The second year of competition will feature a class designated for yearling futurity ewes/does which have been previously shown and identified with tattoos as ewe lambs/doe kids. Ewes/doelings will be shown as a single for her second year of

- competition. Ewes/doelings must have been shown in the previous year #1 class.
4. Year #3: In the third year of competition, the ewe/doe must be shown with the progeny from that year. The ewe/doe and her offspring will be evaluated as a unit for quality placing. Lambs/kids shown in this class with the ewes/does will also be eligible for other market or breeding classes in the show. Ewes/Does could also be shown in regular classes. Ewe lambs/doe kids would be eligible to be entered in first year futurity competition. Ewes/Does must have been shown two years previously in the #1 class and the previous year in the #2 class.
  5. A record of each ewe lamb/doe kid entered in the futurity will be retained in the Junior Livestock Office. Numerical scores will be added together to obtain a cumulative score at the end of the year. At the end of the three years of competition the scores will be compared and the ewe/doe with the highest overall score will be declared the winner. If ties result after the final competition the lambs/kids of the ewes/does involved will be re-evaluated. The official judge will determine the winner on the basis of the quality of the lamb(s)/kid(s) that the ewe/doe has produced. AWARDS: Entry fees collected during year #1 will be divided at the end of the third year 50% - 30% - 20%.

C. Pen of Three:

Each 4-H Club or FFA Chapter may show as many pens of three as possible. Classes may be determined and entered at the fair prior to the competition. Entry deadline is set by the superintendent. Each pen is allowed one herdsman. All animals must be market animals and must be either 4-H or FFA, but cannot be a combination.

D. Beef Division:

1. No horns on **any** bovine animal.
2. Market Beef: Market beef will consist of steers and heifers that must be weaned a minimum of 150 days before the fair. It is recommended that the market beef animal should not exceed two years of age by show time and they must be dehorned.
3. Production Steer Class: The Production Steer Class is sponsored by the Cochise Graham Cattle Growers Association (CGCGA). The purpose of this class is to promote youth learning about beef production and the meat supply chain by record keeping, learning about genetics of beef breeds, feedlot nutrition, packer, butcher, store, and consumer desires, providing rancher with conversion data for feed, weight gain, and growth, visits to feed lots, university meat lab, butcher, farmers market, sale barn and grocery store. Production steers will be shown in the regular market classes with all other steers of their weight class for determination of sale order. Production steers will be shown in an additional class with premiums awarded by CGCGA. All exhibitors who wish to

participate must notify the designated CGCGA representatives Helen Frazee (beef@vtc.net) and Sonia Gasho (strongholdbeef@yahoo.com) via email by February 15 of their intent to participate in the Production Steer Class. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the market beef project area. For complete rules for participation in the production steer class, please contact the designated CGCGA representatives listed above.

4. Beef Builder Project: The Beef Builder Project is sponsored by Riverview LLP, Purina and Stronghold Feeds and is administered by Moiria White. The purpose of this project is to promote youth involved in a livestock club to learn about raising a beef animal. Even though Beef Builder Projects are exhibited at the Cochise County Fair, this program is entirely governed by Riverview LLP. As there is a limited number of calves available for this program, all exhibitors who wish to participate must submit an application to Moiria White ([Moiria.white@riverviewllp.com](mailto:Moiria.white@riverviewllp.com)) via email by April 1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Beef Builder project area. For complete rules for participation in the Beef Builder Project, please contact Moiria White at the contact information listed above.
5. Dairy Cattle:
  - a. Dairy milk cows must be milked twice daily.
  - b. Portable milkers are allowed to be used. Cochise County Fair is not responsible or liable for any diseases or illnesses obtained from the milking parlor or portable milkers.
  - c. Registered animals must be in the exhibitor's name by entry deadline and stay that way through fair.
  - d. Bring proper documentation to receiving. Seasonal pass is required for all dairy animals exhibiting at the Fair.
  - e. Externally sealing the teat with a preparation that is approved for this purpose and does not harm the animal's skin is permissible. Natural teat placement must be kept.
  - f. The Show Ring Code of Ethics will be followed while at the fair, including conduct in and around the ring and barns before and after the classes have shown. Violations of any kind of the following items will result in forfeiture of all prizes and awards and other disciplinary action by fair management, state, and national breed associations. Unethical and unacceptable practices or procedures include:
    - i. Unnatural udder balancing.

#### E. Swine Division:

Swine Health Rules: Youth exhibitors should check with the Department of Agriculture Animal Services Division for the latest information by calling (602) 542-4293.

Swine Division General Rules:

1. During the swine show, only exhibitors and those authorized by the swine superintendent(s) are allowed in the hog barn during the hog show.

2. All Clubs/Chapters/Other Youth Exhibitors will be assigned a block of pens. The expectation is that your animal will remain in that pen for the duration of the fair. If for any reason it becomes necessary to move your hog to a different pen you must have permission from the superintendent prior to moving pens. Open hog exhibitors should state on their entry form if they would like to have pens allocated with a certain club. Special requests will be considered, but not guaranteed.

#### Market Hogs:

1. Barrows or gilts may be shown in market classes. Barrows must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship.
2. Hogs shown at the fair should not exceed eight months of age.
3. Market hogs will be shown in breed classes. Hogs may be entered in the following classes: Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Tamworth, Yorkshire, Other Dark Purebred, Other Light Purebred, or Crossbred. If a breed is not listed on the entry form, the hog will show in the crossbred class. Breed classes with fewer than 5 entries will be placed in the appropriate Other Purebreds Class. Hogs will be classified at weigh-in. All hogs failing to meet classification guidelines for the breed will be transferred to the crossbred class. Market hog show classification guidelines for purebred hogs are:
  - a. Berkshire: (dark)
    1. A black and white animal with erect ears exhibiting Berkshire character.
    2. A Berkshire must have white on all four legs, face and tail (unless tail is docked). One of the white leg points may also be missing.
    3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
    4. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
    5. A Berkshire must NOT have a solid black nose (rim of nose).
    6. White is allowed on the ears, but NO solid white may appear on the ears.
    7. Occasional splash of white may appear on the body.
  - b. Chester White: (light)
    1. Must possess Chester White Breed Character.
    2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
    3. Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair.
    4. Ears must be down and medium size.
    5. Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
  - c. Duroc:
    1. Must be red in color and possess Duroc Breed Character. (ears must be down and medium size)
    2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth.
    3. Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
    4. Must NOT have any black hair.
    5. Must NOT have more than three black spots on the skin and none of these spots can be larger than two inches in diameter.
    6. Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
  - d. Hampshire:
    1. Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body.
    2. Must possess Hampshire Breed character. (ears must be erect and not rounded)
    3. Must be ear notched

within seven days of birth. 4. Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead. 5. Must NOT have any red hair.

- e. Landrace: (light) 1. Must be white in color and possess Landrace Breed character. (ears must be down) 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must NOT allow any color hair other than white. 4. Must NOT allow more than three spots of skin pigmentation. 5. Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted quarter.
- f. Poland China: (dark) 1. Must possess Poland China Breed character. 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must be black with six white points (face, feet and tail) with an occasional splash of white on the body. A hog may not possess more than one black leg and be determined as a Poland China. (Tail docking is permissible eliminating that white point.) 4. Must have ears down. 5. Must NOT have evidence of belt formation. 6. Cannot have any red or sandy hair and/or pigment. 7. Hogs that have weighted ear tags or evidence of tampering with possible ear tags are ineligible.
- g. Spotted: (dark) 1. Must be black and white in color. 2. Must possess Spotted Breed character. 3. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 4. Ears must not be erect. 5. Any red tinted or sandy brown spots are ineligible. 6. No solid black head from ears forward. 7. No distinct white belt pattern (hair or skin) encircling and extending down and onto each shoulder.
- h. Yorkshire: 1. Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire Breed character. (ears must be erect) 2. Must be ear notched within seven days of birth. 3. Must NOT have any colored hair other than white. 4. Must NOT have colored skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted silver dollar. 5. Must NOT have masking above the eyes larger than a silver dollar.

F. Sheep Division:

Scrapies: All non-neutered exhibition sheep transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407.

Market Lambs:

- 1. All market lambs are to be slick shorn prior to weigh-in, no more than 1/4 inch from below the ear to the hock and knee.
- 2. Wethers or ewes may be shown in the market classes. Wethers must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship
- 3. Lambs being exhibited at the county fair in the market lamb division must still have their lamb teeth. An individual will be checking the lambs at weigh-in at the county fair. Any lamb not having their lamb teeth will be automatically disqualified

Breeding Sheep:

1. A halter is permissible with the breeding sheep, if necessary.
2. Breeding sheep may be shown with at most 30-day growth of wool.

G. Goat Division:

Scrapies: All non-neutered exhibition goats transported interstate and intrastate must have official scrapies identification. For dairy goats, tattoos are acceptable identification and will comply with Arizona Department of Agriculture scrapies identification. For more information, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407.

Meat Goat General Rules:

1. Meat goat breeds include: Boer, Spanish, Tennessee Meat Goat, Kiko, Savanna and their crosses.
2. Only animal approved products can be applied to animals.
3. Goats showing signs of sickness, lice, ringworm, abscesses, ulcerations or abnormality will be disqualified and must be removed from the grounds.
4. Exhibitors will be allowed to use collars, chains or halters in the showing. Pinch collars are intended as a training tool only and are not permitted in the showing.

Market Meat Goat:

1. Wethers or does may be shown in the market classes. Wethers must be properly castrated so that there are no testicles present whatsoever, otherwise the animal will be disqualified for all classes except showmanship.
2. Goats need not be purebred.
3. At the time of weigh-in, goats must be slick shorn above the hocks and knees with hair not exceeding a length of 3/8 inch.
4. All market goats must be polled, disbudded or dehorned. Any scur or horn structures on market goats must be blunted and not exceed one inch in length. No dehorning will be allowed on the show premises.
5. Market goats must have their milk teeth. They should not exceed one year of age. It is recommended that the market goats be 5-8 months of age.

Breeding Meat Goat:

1. Does may have horns. Be aware that if you dehorn breeding does, they may not be eligible for other breeding shows. Various shows have different requirements regarding horns.
2. Bucks may be shown; however, those that are of breeding age (sexually mature) will be brought in just prior to the show and will be taken home



after the show. Only those younger than breeding age will be allowed to be stalled at the fair.

3. Does do not have to be shorn.

#### Dairy Goat:

1. Dairy goats being shown outside the Cochise County Fair, including those shows sponsored by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), must be properly TATTOOED (not tagged) and registered. For more information, contact ADGA at (828) 286-3801 or <https://adga.org/>.
2. Classes are open to does and wethers of any age. Both are to be penned at the fair for the entire time.
3. Dairy bucks may be shown; however, those that are of breeding age (sexually mature) will be brought in just prior to the show and will be taken home after the show. Only those younger than breeding age will be allowed to be stalled at the fair.
4. Goats must be dehorned and show clip ready.
5. Dairy goats may be sold private treaty during the fair.
6. All dairy goats must be milked out between 6 and 7 pm before the dairy goat show.

#### Pack Goat:

1. Pack goats will be shown with their packs on and judged over an obstacle.
2. Pack goats must be at an appropriate weight and height for carrying a pack.
3. Pack goat participants may be any breed of goat.

#### H. Large Stock Auction:

1. A maximum of 30 goats, 30 lambs, 30 steers and 70 hogs will be sold through the large stock auction.
2. Any exhibitor who has satisfactorily completed his/her livestock project to date and whose animal places in the blue or red ribbon color group is eligible to sell one animal at the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Large Stock Auction. At the judge's discretion, any market animal that he/she feels might not be ready for slaughter or is of inferior quality will be awarded a white ribbon and will not be eligible to be sold in the auction.
3. Sale Notification: Exhibitors with multiple animals must designate to the Show Office which animals to sell and not to sell no later than 3:00 pm on Friday. Failure to timely designate will allow the superintendent the authority to decide which animal will be sold.
4. All champions including Grand, Reserve and Cochise Bred and Fed Champions will be sold at the auction. Except for the champion exhibitors, all others wishing to retain their project animals can do so by notifying the superintendent.

5. Sale Order: The animals will be rotated in the following order for 2024: Lamb, Hog, Goat and Beef – Grand Champion Market, Grand Champion Carcass, Reserve Champion Market, Reserve Champion Carcass, Best Cochise County Bred & Fed of each species; the auction would then proceed with the breed champions, blue ribbon animals then red ribbon animals continuing with the rotation until all animals are sold. Species will be interspersed so that all 1st place blues, etc. will sell together and the same with the reds. Actual placings will be listed on the sale order.
6. All animals must be washed prior to 10:30am on the day of the sale as the wash racks will close at 10:30am to prepare the auction ring.
7. Exhibitors who miss their assigned sale position, shall be pulled from the sale order, then reinserted at the end of that ribbon group.
8. All sales are final. No exhibitor or agent shall attempt to buy-back an animal after it has sold at auction. If an exhibitor is found to have done this, the sale will be void and the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting at the Cochise County Fair for one year.
9. Policy for Selling Animals at the Fair: "For Sale" signs will not be permitted to be placed on the animals' stalls nor should any open business transactions for breeding or market livestock take place prior to or during the auction with the exception of dairy goats and dairy cattle. Any exhibitor found to be in violation of these rules will not be permitted to exhibit or sell livestock in the next year's fair.
10. No exhibitor shall solicit a buyer or group EXPRESSLY for an individual's project. Invitation to participate in the fair and sales shall be broad based. Any person found in violation, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Cochise County Fair Board. These guidelines are set forth in the spirit of maintaining our high-quality sale, while encouraging pride and professionalism in our youth.
11. A five percent (5%) commission will be deducted from each animal's purchase price. All "add-ons" will go directly to the seller.

## VIII. SMALL STOCK DIVISION

### A. Small Stock Project Rules:

1. The maximum number of entries per species/division is 15 entries (a pen of 3 is 1 entry).
2. Animals shown at the fair must be in the ownership of the exhibitor showing the animal by June 30 of that year. If the animal was born or hatched after June 30, then the exhibitor must have had the animal(s) dam in their ownership by June 30. Deadline for poultry and rabbit meat pens is August 1.
3. Exhibits entered under the Junior Livestock Division as 4-H, FFA or Other Youth Exhibitor may not be entered in any other fair department.
4. Judging will be on the Danish System.
5. Fair Check-in Times: County Fair check-in on Wednesday from noon to 6 pm. Animals will not be checked in before noon on Wednesday.
6. All exhibitors are required to attend the mandatory meeting on Thursday at 7:30am.
7. All small stock will be inspected before admitting, and no diseased, bug infested, or unsightly specimens will be admitted at the small stock superintendent's discretion; if bugs have been detected on bird(s) they may only be brought back into the barn for inspection once after being dusted, if bugs are still present on the animal(s) they will not be admitted into the barn for the remainder of the fair. The superintendent will remove diseased or unsightly animals from the small stock barn during the fair.
8. No nursing bunnies or cavies & un-feathered fowl, or those due to birth/hatch will be admitted into the barn.
9. Rabbits must be legibly tattooed in left ear, cavies must have a monel metal (a corrosion resistant alloy metal) ear tag (size 001 or 003) permanently placed in the left ear, pigeon/dove, poultry, waterfowl, and land fowl must be leg banded prior to their arrival at the fair. Any banding issues may be resolved with the superintendents. The tattoos, ear tags, leg bands, breed, and variety of the animals must match the county fair entry form or they will not be eligible for exhibition. All leg bands must be on the birds before check-in.
10. Make sure to know the sex of your animal when submitting your fair entry. Classes may not be changed after the official entry deadline on animals over the age of 6 months.
11. Breed Judging:
  - a. All poultry, pigeon, waterfowl, quail, turkeys, peafowl, and pheasants will be judged in their cages in the barn and not carried to the table. Notable comments will be made on the cage tag and the judge will be available for questions at the completion of judging.
  - b. All cavies and rabbits will be carried to the breed show tables for judging and will be shown by breed and variety. If you have multiple animals to be shown at the same time, you will need to have multiple people to assist you with your animals.
12. Rabbit meat pens will consist of three (3) rabbits, all the same breed and variety. Entries must be tattooed and tattoos recorded on entry form. Age limit will be a

minimum of 6 weeks but not over 10 weeks. There is a weight limit of not over 5 pounds per rabbit. Rabbits are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities.

13. Poultry meat pens: Raise three (3) live chicks from day-old chicks to 6 to 10 weeks old. Entries must be leg banded and number recorded on entry form. Fryers must weigh 3.5 pounds to 5 pounds each, broilers 5 to 8 pounds each, and roasters 8 to 10 pounds each. Birds within the pen must weigh no less or more than the amount specified. If any bird is under or over minimum and maximum weights the pen will be disqualified. The heaviest weight bird determines the class. Birds are judged on uniformity of weight, conformation and meat producing qualities. Birds will be divided into subclasses upon check in.
14. Birds exhibited in a trio or pen may not be exhibited both individually and as a trio or pen. In the case of loss of an animal after entry the remainder may be shown individually. Notify the Superintendent as soon as possible.
15. Champion and Reserve hen or rooster cannot be taken from a trio or pen.
16. Exhibitors may enter up to two poultry meat pen classes, or two poultry trio classes, or one of each class for a maximum number of two entries.
17. A pet class will be provided for mixed breeds of all species. Mixed breeds are not eligible for champion classes or the auction.
18. Eggs: One-half dozen (6) eggs will constitute an entry. Entries with fewer or more than six eggs will be disqualified. Eggs must appear clean and should not be excessively dirty. All eggs in an entry must be of a single size group (small, medium, large). Eggs will be judged on uniformity of weight, shape, color, shell texture and interior quality by candling. One egg in each entry may be broken at the discretion of the judges.
19. Each species will have a junior and senior showmanship class with no minimum number of exhibitors.
20. No private treaty sales will be conducted until after the end of the small stock sale.

B. Pygmy Goat Rules:

In addition to the above-mentioned rules, the following rules apply specifically to pygmy goats:

1. Open to does and wethers. Must be dehorned and show ready.
2. Up to two pygmy goats may be sold in the small stock auction (see appropriate rules).
3. No private treaty sales allowed during the fair.

C. Small Stock Auction:

1. Exhibitors are allowed to sell two entries per species, with a maximum total of three (3) entries at the small stock auction of combined purebred species and they will be blue or red ribbon.

2. Exhibitors wanting to sell animal(s) at the sale must complete and turn in a small stock sale notification form by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday if they intend to sell their animal(s). There will be a box in the small stock barn for members to drop off notification forms.
3. The small stock sale order will be alternated by species: pygmy goat, pigeons/doves, rabbits, cavy, poultry, waterfowl, land fowl – Best in Show Fur, Best in Show Feathers, Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, blue ribbon animals and then red ribbon animals.
4. An animal that is eliminated or disqualified will not be eligible for sale.
5. All sellers will see to it that his/her animal is returned to its original cage in the small stock barn.
6. Animals will be allowed 1 roll-over. Animals will be sold to 2<sup>ND</sup> bidder, the animal is the FINAL buyer's responsibility.
7. A five (5%) percent commission will be deducted from the sale amount(s) collected for each exhibitor. All "add-ons" will go directly to the seller.
8. All small stock sold at the auction or returning home with the exhibitors can be picked up after 4:00pm on Sunday. No animals will be released prior to this time. Sellers/owners will sign for all animals released from the small stock barn.
9. Details of all private treaty sales and any other alternative pick-up arrangements must be provided to small stock barn superintendents before 3:00pm on Sunday.
10. Before leaving the small stock barn on Sunday, all cages and areas your animal occupied are to be cleaned out, cans and tags removed. Exhibitors must check out with the small stock superintendent.

## **IX. SHOWMANSHIP AND ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION**

### **A. General Showmanship Rules:**

There will be four age divisions for showmanship: junior novice (8 to 13), junior (8 to 13), senior novice (14 & up), and senior (14 & up). Classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent. Novice is defined as any exhibitor never having shown a particular species at a county fair. Showmanship classes will be held for each species and the showmanship class will be separate from the conformation class. The top two novice winners in each division will proceed to the regular classes for the final competition at the judge's discretion.

Exhibitors participating in showmanship classes must exhibit their own animal and the animal must have been shown in a conformation class. The animal shown may be a breeding, market or prospect animal. Borrowing an animal from any other person will not be allowed. The only exception is when an exhibitor's only animal dies within two weeks of the fair. That exhibitor is eligible to replace it with another animal entered in the fair for the showmanship class. The Cochise County Fair Office must be notified as soon as possible of this circumstance.

### **B. Round Robin Competition:**

1. A Round Robin Competition for large stock and small stock will be held on Sunday of the fair. Champion showmanship winners from each species are eligible to participate in the Round Robin Competition. Exhibitors who may be eligible to compete in more than one species must select the species they wish to compete with in Round Robin. Immediately after each show, the Champion Showman (junior and senior) must notify the superintendent of the species whether or not he/she will participate in Round Robin. If the Champion does not want to participate, the superintendent will notify the Reserve Showman of his/her eligibility and will sign the exhibitor up for the class. Only champion or the reserve (if champion declines) showmanship winners are eligible.
2. The Round Robin Committee will select a panel of 2 -3 judges prior to the fair. All animal species will be set up after fair entries - animals may be brought in to help build classes as needed.
3. Exhibitors are prohibited from using any personal tack/show items such as brushes, steer combs, show halters (meat goat or cattle halters), etc. Exhibitors are only allowed to use the show equipment provided to them by the round robin superintendent.

Equipment that will be provided includes:

Small Stock – Nothing needed (In the event that turkey showing is incorporated, proper equipment will be provided at the discretion of the superintendent.)

Large Stock –

Hog: Show Whip

Cattle: Show Stick, Rope Halter

Meat Goat: Show Halter

Dairy Goat: Chain Show Halter

Pygmy Goat: Show Collar and Show Lead

Lamb: Nothing Needed (Rope halters will be placed for the animals' safety at the discretion of the Superintendent. The exhibitor will be docked placings by the judges if they use the halter during the show. The exhibitor is to act as if the halter is not there.)

4. When an exhibitor "goes in" for a species that means they will NOT be showing that species. If an exhibitor wins grand or reserve multiple species, then they get the choice of which species to go in for. Eligible species for Round Robin participation includes English Horse, Western Horse, dog, rabbit, cavy, waterfowl, land fowl, poultry, pigeon/dove, hog, beef, sheep, meat goat, dairy goat and pygmy goat.
5. There will be 10 species of animals shown: Small Stock – poultry, waterfowl, rabbit, cavy, turkey; Large Livestock – dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, beef, swine. Dairy Cattle, Pigeon/Dove, Pygmy Goat, Dog, Western Horse and English Horse champions will be eligible to participate in Round Robin, but these species will not be shown as part of the event.
6. All senior exhibitors will compete together followed by all junior exhibitors for each species. The competition will begin in the front of the small stock barn. The show order will be rabbit, cavy, poultry, waterfowl, turkey. Then, the exhibitors will move to the show ring for the large livestock portion beginning with swine, beef, sheep, market goat, and dairy goat.
7. Each exhibitor will be assigned a number for identification. Animals will be numbered ahead of time. Prior to the start of the contest, participants will draw a number to select the number of the animal shown. This will be their assigned animal number for the length of the competition for all species.
8. Contestants will not participate in their species, but will receive all points. Since pigeon/dove, pygmy goat, dairy cattle, dog and horses will not be shown, those participants will draw for a species to sit out. Substitution or combination of classes

may occur at the superintendent's discretion due to the availability of animals. If there is still an insufficient number of animals, it is at the Superintendent's discretion to remove that species from the rotation, at which point the champion exhibitors of the removed species will have to draw a species to sit out for, in the same manner that pigeon/dove, pygmy goat, dairy cattle, dog and horse exhibitors do.

9. There will be a 10-question general knowledge quiz to be used as a tiebreaker. Participants will take the quiz during the round they sit out.
10. Participants are required to follow exhibitor attire rules during the competition.
11. Exhibitors will be watched during Round Robin by the livestock and round robin superintendent(s) and judges to ensure the welfare of the animal they are showing. If the exhibitor is deemed to be too rough or is mistreating ANY animal, they will receive a verbal warning from superintendent at which time the superintendent will tell the exhibitor how to correct their behavior. If the exhibitor still does not follow instructions, the superintendent will dismiss the exhibitor by asking them to leave the show ring/show table and the exhibitor will be given an automatic 0 score for that species. If the exhibitor is dismissed in 2 or more species, they will be disqualified and removed from the Round Robin Competition entirely.
12. Round Robin Point System – There are 420 points possible per species. Each placing in a class has a corresponding point value and will be added between the judges to come up with the exhibitors score for that species. For example, if an exhibitor was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place by Judge #1, 5<sup>th</sup> Place by Judge #2, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place by Judge #3, the exhibitor would be awarded 370 points for that species. An exhibitor will only be awarded the full possible points if they are placed first by every judge or if they went in (sat out and completed test) for that species. There are a possible 15 exhibitors per age group.

Placing Point Value:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place = 140 Points	6 <sup>th</sup> Place = 90 Points	11 <sup>th</sup> Place = 40 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place = 130 Points	7 <sup>th</sup> Place = 80 Points	12 <sup>th</sup> Place = 30 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place = 120 Points	8 <sup>th</sup> Place = 70 Points	13 <sup>th</sup> Place = 20 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place = 110 Points	9 <sup>th</sup> Place = 60 Points	14 <sup>th</sup> Place = 10 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place = 100 Points	10 <sup>th</sup> Place = 50 Points	15 <sup>th</sup> Place = 0 Points

13. Awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony.
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## X. CCFJL SCHOLARSHIP

### A. Participation Requirements:

Scholarship applicants must be a high school senior or attending an accredited community college, college, university, trade, or vocational school as a full-time student (full-time status must be maintained all year and is defined by the specific educational facility's admissions guidelines), have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater, are less than 22 years of age, a resident of Cochise County and have exhibited in the Cochise County Fair Junior Livestock Division at least 2 times including their senior year of high school. Individuals can apply for the CCFJL Scholarship annually, not to exceed more than 4 consecutive years post high school. Individuals awarded a scholarship are required to complete no less than four hours of volunteer service during the year the scholarship is awarded.

### B. Application Process:

Only **complete** application packages will be considered for scholarships. A complete application package shall consist of: CCFJL Scholarship Application, Essay Question Responses, Current Official Transcripts and a Current Letter of Recommendation from an individual familiar with your achievements (individual cannot be a family member and the letter must be dated after January 1 of the application year). Application packages must be received on or before May 31, 2025 and will be accepted through the U.S. Postal Service, email or by hand delivering them to the Fair Office. The address for mailing and hand delivering is: Cochise County Fair Association, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 3677 N. Leslie Canyon Road, Douglas, AZ 85607. The email address for submitting electronically is: [cochisecountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:cochisecountyfair@gmail.com). All U.S. Postal Service mailed application packages must be postmarked by May 31, 2025 to be considered.

### C. Scholarship Selection:

No later than June 15, the fair manager will provide the CCFJL Committee with copies of **only** the complete application packages received. The CCFJL Committee will form a sub-committee consisting of individuals who are not relatives to the applicants. The sub-committee will review the application packages to confirm applicants meet eligibility requirements for funding. The amount of funding will be limited to availability of scholarship funds and may vary year to year. No later than July 31, the fair manager will be notified of who the recipients are and how much they were awarded in funding. The fair manager will immediately notify the recipients of their award and will provide guidance on how funds will be disbursed and what documentation is required prior to the disbursements being made.

D. Distribution of Funds:

Scholarship recipients will receive their funds in one installment no later than September 1. Funds will **not** be disbursed until Official Transcripts from the prior semester and Verification of Enrollment with class schedule for current semester is received by the fair manager. If a recipient fails to provide their Official Transcripts and Verification of Enrollment by October 1, they will automatically forfeit their scholarship funds.