



**Chouteau County  
4-H  
Livestock**

**POLICY & PROCEDURE  
MANUAL**



# Chouteau County 4-H Animal Policy and Guidelines

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**NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS  
AS ADOPTED BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS  
AMERICAN LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO MANAGERS ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROGRAM ETHICS SYMPOSIUM**

Exhibitors of animals at Livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in the competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agriculture 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, state, 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 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.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

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. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. **All exhibitors are** expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not 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 sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medications, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance had 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 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 owner, exhibitor, fitter, or absolutely responsible person to 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.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external application of substances to the hoofs or horns or animals which effect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. 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.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair 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.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person 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.
9. 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.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics" and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further 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.

## Chouteau County 4-H Livestock Committee

### Objectives:

- To educate youth and adults for living in a global and ever-changing world by using the resources of the Land Grant University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- To encourage 4-H members to learn as much as they can about livestock while developing their leadership skills.
- To promote and develop good sportsmanship in all aspects of the program.

### The Livestock committee shall:

- A. Develop and carry out educational programs for members enrolled in livestock projects
- B. Develop and carry out policy and guidelines for the livestock program to function under
  - 1) Approve all policies
- C. Develop an annual budget
- D. Preside over the county 4-H livestock program as deemed necessary.

### Officers:

#### Chair –

- 1) Preside over all Livestock Committee meetings
- 2) Work with Extension staff and Leader's Council
- 3) Call any special meetings as necessary
- 4) Appoint committees to facilitate the workings of the Livestock Committee

#### Vice Chair –

- 1) Preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair
- 2) Notify leaders of special meetings or workshops
- 3) Notify Extension office staff and/or Leader's council of special meetings or workshops
- 4) Serve as Chair of all sub-committees

#### Secretary-

- 1) Take minutes at Livestock committee meetings, e-mail to Extension office to be posted to the web within one week after the meeting.
- 2) Take care of correspondence for the committee

#### Extension Agent – (Or office representative)

- 1) Be a facilitator to the Livestock committee
- 2) Be responsible for getting any complaints received in the Extension office to the committee in a timely manner
- 3) Be the liaison between the 4-H Center for Youth Development and the Livestock Committee
- 4) To provide guidance and assurance that all activities and project work are in compliance with state and county guidelines.

Voting – To be eligible to vote, committee members must who are present at the meeting(s).

Quorum – A quorum will consist of 5 (five) 4-H clubs being present at a Livestock Committee meeting.

**This Policy & Guidelines Manual take precedence  
Over any other policy or guidelines and the Chouteau County Fairbook!**

## Chouteau County Livestock Show

### -ANIMAL TREATMENT-

1. The Montana 4-H program recommends that animals be handled in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. In addition, adequate care, including, watering feeding and comfort should be appropriately provided for all animals. Any individual treating an animal in any other manner may be asked to leave the grounds. See code of conduct on page 3.
2. Exhibitors, their parents, leaders and instructors have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the US Department of Agriculture to assure that meat customers are receiving wholesome food. Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed, and in the correct amounts.
3. The Montana 4-H program recommends that market animals meet the Food and Drug Administration regulations governing management and safety practices. Approved withdrawal times from health aids and growth stimulants must be followed. Animals that have not met these standards will not be allowed to show or sell during any authorized, fair related, sale. The 4-H Livestock Committee strongly discourages the use of growth enhancing drugs, (such as Optaflexx and Paylean).

### -DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOWING LIVESTOCK –

**Beef, Sheep and Swine** – Long sleeved, shirt with a collar, buttons or snaps; pants; hard shoes or boots (tennis shoes are not allowed; western hat is optional – **NO CAPS**. Clothes should be neat and clean.

**Dairy and Dairy Goat** – WHITE shirt and light colored pants. Neat and clean. No cowboy hats are allowed.

Dress requirements apply to conformation and showmanship classes.

### -ENTRIES –

1. Open to 4-H members in Chouteau County.
2. All Chouteau County 4-H entries are to be made on 4-H enrollment computer reports supplied by the Chouteau County Extension office.
3. No entry fees are required if entry is received in the Extension office by the set due date. \$5.00 per member late fee will be charged for entries received from July 31 to August 6. No entries will be accepted after August 6 or dates set by the Extension office.
4. All entries must be made in the member's own name and be approved by the Chouteau County Extension Agent.
5. Members are required to be enrolled in the project in which they are entering.
6. Members must have ownership/possession of project animal from weigh date to project end date.

7. Members must be responsible for care of project animals from weigh date to ending date of project.

8. All market animals must be tagged and weights (and hip height for beef) turned in to Chouteau County Extension Office by the date set by the Livestock Committee. Dates are posted in the county 4-H newsletter. There is a ten-day grace period to get information to the office. The ear tag must be in the animal's ear within the grace period. The Chouteau County Extension office provides tags.

9. All market beef and replacement bred heifers must be ear tagged by December 1.

### **-FITTING AND SHOWING -**

1. Only 4-H members will be permitted to care for, and show their animals. Other 4-H members may be of assistance to members. MINIMAL assistance will be allowed by parents and other adults. Abuse of rules will be dealt with in the following manner.

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Warning (warnings will be reported to and recorded by the Extension Agent in the 4-H Livestock office on the fairgrounds. Warnings will be issued by the Extension Agent, Livestock Superintendents.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Violator will be asked to leave the barn. (Violator is the person doing the work for the member).

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** Mandatory dismissal for the 4-H member from further showing and forfeiture of awards for the current fair.

1-A SAFETY HAS PRIORITY OVER ALL RULES CONCERNING 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR ANIMALS.

2. **All spray aerosol color alternatives** to animals are prohibited.

3. No substitutions and no switching of animals and/or ear tags.

4. Livestock entries from each club will be exhibited together.

5. Each member will be responsible for cleanliness of area occupied by his or her animal.

6. Tack boxes and equipment are to be kept only in designated areas.

7. Exhibitors must show their own project animal in showmanship no substitutions or exceptions.

8. All 4-H members' age groups are considered as of October 1 of each year.

9. Exhibitor numbers must be worn while exhibiting animals in any class.

10. The 4-H Livestock Committee must approve exceptions due to special circumstances regarding the showing and selling of 4-H project animals, in advance of the show or sale.

11. All livestock exhibitors must attend the livestock exhibitors meeting at the fair. Parents are encouraged to attend also. (Usually held Wednesday of fair before weigh- in starts).

12. All members carrying a livestock project must attend quality assurance training before they are eligible to show their animal at the fair. Members must take the training every two years to remain certified.

### **- BEEF**

13. Market beef minimum weight is set at 950 pounds.

14. Steers and heifers are eligible for beef market classes. All male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline. No stags will be allowed.

15. Beef breeding classes may be combined with similar breeds at the discretion of a committee consisting of

1) County Extension Agent

2) 4-H beef superintendent

3) representative of the breeds being considered for combining.

16. Replacement sale heifer project record books must be completed and presented to the County Agent or beef superintendent by noon on Wednesday of the fair. (This special book can be obtained from the Chouteau County Extension office).

17. If a replacement heifer cannot be determined pregnant at time of livestock check-in at fair, they will be shown in a breeding class and not be eligible for the market sale.

18. Members must provide a bill of sale for market animals at pre-registration.

19. A halter and a neck rope at the fair are required to eliminate loose animals.

20. A member must be 10 years old by October 1 of the current 4-H year to take a market beef or sale bred heifer.

21. A member may take a breeding beef at age nine.

22. A beef member must be enrolled by November 1 and must have their market beef and or bred heifer ear tagged by January 1.

23. A picture of the beef (showing the ear tag) must be turned into the Chouteau County Extension Office by January 1.

24. A signed Bill of Sale (Market Beef and Sale Bred Heifer), signed certificate, signed address label (for picture) must be turned in with the pre-registration on pre-registration due date. One must be signed for each market animal.

25. A show stick is required for showmanship.

26. A comb is carried in your pocket during showmanship.

27. A member must finish the required activities and learning experiences for each "Skills for Life" project level by date set by the Extension Office. NO LATE MANUALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

28. By fair time all market livestock members are required to be certified in the Quality Assurance Program which was adopted in 2002. If you fail to certify, you are ineligible to exhibit or sell your market or breeding livestock at the Chouteau County Fair.

#### **-SHEEP AND GOATS-**

29. All market lambs must be slick shorn the day of weigh-in at the fair. The livestock committee will arrange for a county wide shearing usually to take place on animal/demo day.

30. Market classes are open to wether and ewe lambs. All male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline.

31. A scrapie's ear tag will be placed in all market lambs at time of weight-in at the fair.

32. Male animals must be completely neutered for market goat class prior to weight and tag deadline.

33. Breeding sheep will be determined by age.

34. Market sheep will be shown with a slick-shorn coat.

35. A member must finish the required activities and learning experiences for each "Skills for Life" project level by date set by Extension office. NO LATE MANUALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

36. By fair time all market livestock members are required to be certified in the Livestock Quality Assurance Program which was adopted in 2002. If you fail to certify, you are not eligible to bring your market or breeding sheep to the Chouteau County Fair.

36. Members may exhibit one market goat.

#### **-SWINE-**

37. Due to the large number of hogs being exhibited, and the wide geographic area from which the hogs come, all hogs must have a current vaccination for erysipelas, rhinitis and swine influenza.

38. Market swine maximum weight of 300 pounds. The member will not be paid for pounds above 300. Suggested weight range 240-280 lbs.

39. Barrows and gilts are eligible for market classes; all male animals must be completely neutered prior to weigh and tag deadline.

40. Preferred age of market hog is 5-6 months at fair time.

41. A cane or bat is optional, a show board will not be allowed for use by swine members. The show boards will be used by show-ring adults only.

42. It is recommended that breeding swine not be brought to the fair.
43. A member must finish the required activities and learning experiences for each "Skills for Life" project life by date set by Extension office. NO LATE MANUALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
44. By fair time all market livestock members are required to be certified in the Livestock Quality Assurance Program which was adopted in 2002. If you fail to certify, you are not eligible to bring your market swine to the Chouteau County Fair.

## HORSE

### 1. Chouteau County 4-H Horse Program Rules and Regulations (revised January 2007) take precedence over any other printed information.

2. All policies and guidelines listed under the Chouteau County Livestock Show will apply to horse members. With the following clarifications:

a. Dress requirements: Long sleeved white shirt with a collar and buttons or snaps, black jeans, western tie, cowboy boots, western hat (for showmanship) and riding helmet. English attire for English classes. (Vests optional)

b. Members must have ownership/possession of project animal from **April 1** of project year. Identification cards must be sent in to the Extension Office by **April 1**.

c. Color application products used on horses may include hoof black, oils, show sheen, etc.

d. Quality assurance does not apply to horses.

3. Members must have their enrollment cards into the county office with designated horse projects and project levels by November 1, with no members being enrolled after county add/drop date in June (unless transferring from another club out-of-county).

4. Send completed Identification Form (obtained from the County Extension Office) to the Extension Office by April 1. If you are using the same horse as previous years an Identification card is not necessary to send in. Example: Green Horse and Colt-To-Maturity.

5. Age classification of project horse will be determined as of **January 1** of the year foaled.

6. Member must complete Horsemanship Levels I, II, & III before enrolling in any other horse project.

➤ A project horse is defined as any horse that is registered with the county extension office, with a completed identification form on file, by the county deadline and enrolled in one or more of the following projects:

- Western Horsemanship Levels I-VII
- English Horsemanship Levels 1-VII
- Colt to Maturity
- Green Horse
- Ranch Horse
- Packing
- Driving

- Once the horse becomes a project animal it may not receive professional training unless the member is involved in that training. The member should be the primary handler of the horse unless the member would be endangered doing so.
- The member should be assessed in the current year in the declared project(s). Assessment should be conducted before enrolling in a new level in October. Assessment may be conducted at the club level by the horse project leader or at the county level by the county horse superintendent. Assessment criteria are included in the project manual.
- Members-At-Large are required to complete a Member-At-Large Project Book before being allowed to show their project at the fair. Members –AT-Large are also required to be assessed before enrolling in a higher project level. This project book is available through the county extension office.

### **OWNERSHIP**

- Any horse shown by the member must be owned by the member, in partnership with his/her immediate family; or the member must have access to the horse and the horse must be in the continual care of the member from **April 1** through the county 4-H horse show.
- Any horse in the Colt to Maturity project must be owned by the member, in partnership with his/her immediate family; or the member must have access to the horse and the horse must be in the continual care of the member from **April 1** of the yearling year *through the completion* of the five-year project.
- Stallions over 1 year old may **NOT** be shown in any class at the county 4-H horse show.
- Animals carried as a 4-H project, may be shown by only one member, in any one year.

### **SHOWING**

- It is recommended that all horses be fully vaccinated two weeks prior to the fair. Consult your veterinarian for necessary vaccines.
- The administration of any drug affecting the central nervous system (stimulant or depressant) of a horse shown in any 4-H class is strictly prohibited.
- Members may only exhibit one horse per class and show at the highest level completed.
- Members may use the same horse for Western Horsemanship and English Horsemanship. Horses may not be cross-entered in Horsemanship and Colt-To-Maturity projects.
- Members may ride at only one horsemanship level. If riding both Western and English, levels ridden can be the same, or only one level above or below.
- Member must be in Horsemanship Level II or higher to compete in Trail or Bareback Class.
- Exhibitor's number must be clearly visible.
- Breaking pattern is considered a fault and not disqualification in Colt to Maturity, Green Horse, and Horsemanship Level classes.
- No person other than the exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring while the show is in progress.
- Adults ARE NOT to be warming up, grooming, or training horses at any time.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive language or actions and/or abuse to any animal on the part of any 4-H exhibitor, parent, family member, or leader may

- result in being penalized by forfeiture of any award received and/or elimination from further competition of the 4-H member or those culpable.
- The judge and/or ringmaster will dismiss from the ring any entry that is unruly or not in sufficient control to ensure the safety of handler and other exhibitors.
- All judging in the county 4-H Horse Show is based on the member's ability to show his/her horse. The judge is encouraged to give constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement as well as point out superior performance to exhibitors whenever possible. Judges scores on all classes are available for viewing after the show. This is up to Judge's discretion.
- The judge's decision in all classes shall be final.
- The State Horse Events Committee highly recommends a qualification system at the county level to select those who go to state. It is further recommended that selection include up-to-date record books, feed journals, and adequate performance of all maneuvers for that level.
- When entering the State 4-H Horse Show, the 4-H member must have shown in that same class at the county level if the class is offered.
- Green Horse animals can show in the respective Colt-To-Maturity **age** classes; i.e. a four-year-old Green Horse shows with four-year-old Colt-To-Maturity horses regardless of the Green Horse level it is enrolled in. The criteria used at the State 4-H Horse will be the same as the Colt-To-Maturity project.
- A horse in the fifth year of Colt-To-Maturity may cross enter into Horsemanship VII if member has been assessed out of Horsemanship VI.
- A rider must complete assessment of Horsemanship III at the county level to enter barrels, poles, and jumping at the State 4-H Horse Show.
- At the State 4-H Horse Show, any 4-H project horse, including Green Horse, may enter classes such as showmanship, Western/English pleasure, bareback equitation's, trail, etc.

**Members are encouraged to study Proper Showing Procedure & Etiquette book #5254.**

### PROPER BITS

- Horses under four (4) years of age in Horsemanship and Trail Classes may be ridden with curb bits, snaffles, or bosals. Snaffle bits and bosals **must** be ridden two handed except opening and closing gates. **It is mandatory that horses five (5) and over be ridden in a curb bit**; Curb and shank bits **must** be ridden one handed. Flat chain(s) or flat leather chin straps ½ inch or wider are required with a curb or shank bit of any kind.

**To be acceptable bits must meet AHSA requirements.**

**(A) Snaffle Bit** – A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to ¾" diameter metal. Non-jointed bar type snaffle bits are not recommended. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted without cheeks. If an optional curb strap is used it must be attached below the reins.

**(B) A curb bit** is one that may have a solid or broken mouthpiece, has shanks and acts with leverage. All curb bits must be free of mechanical device and should be considered a standard Western bit. A standard Western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 ½". Shanks may be fixed or loose. The mouthpiece will consist of a smooth round metal bar 3/8" to ¾" diameter. The may be inlaid, but smooth or latex wrapped. Nothing may

protrude below the mouthpiece (bar), such as extensions or prongs on solid mouthpieces. The port must be no higher than 3" maximum, with rollers and covers acceptable. Broken mouthpieces, half-breeds, and spades are standard. Slip or gag bits, and donut and flat mouthpieces are prohibited. Roping bits with both reins connected to a single ring at center of cross bar shall not be used. Reins must be attached to each shank. A curb strap must be used with a curb bit.

**(C)** A braided rawhide or leather bosal may be used in lieu of a snaffle bit, no longer than ¾" (three-quarter inch) diameter at the cheek; must be a minimum of a 1-finger space (approximately ¾") between the bosal and nose; absolutely no metal under the jaw or relative to the horse's size and conformation.

**(D)** Horses shall not be shown with artificial appliances that would tend to alter their performance.

### **SAFETY**

- Western boots must be worn when riding. Pull-on boots are recommended over lace-up boots. Riding shoes are NOT acceptable at 4-H shows.
- Horses must be ridden with bridles – NO halters.
- Riding double is prohibited.
- Horses must enter the arena at a walk and in a controlled manner.
- Run irons on English saddles.
- Horses must be walked in all areas other than designated warm-up areas.
- **Members are encouraged to study 4-H Horse Safety Guidelines book #5026**
- **Helmets are required for Showmanship**

### **SUGGESTED DRESS CODE FOR ALL CLASSES**

#### **Western (and Showmanship/Halter and Yearlings at Halter)**

- White long sleeved western shirt.
- Black western pants
- Western boots required.
- Western hat (straw or felt) or helmet is required.
- Black tie or bolo
- Vests, jackets, gloves, and chaps are optional.
- Spurs are optional unless otherwise prohibited.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a net or braided.
- Protective headgear, whether western type or not, will be allowed without penalty.

#### **English Hunt Type**

- Hunt coat (red, pink or scarlet coats are prohibited unless exhibitor has earned them as a member of a recognized hunt).
- Breeches.
- English style blouse or shirt.
- Hunt boots.
- Hard-hat meeting ASTM and SEI standards with harness that is hooked properly.
- Stocks, chokers, or ties required.

- Gloves, unrowelled spurs, and crop or bat are optional.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a hair net or braid.

### **English Saddle Seat**

- Solid colored jacket and jodhpurs are required.
- Derby, soft hat, or top hat.
- Jodhpur boots.
- Gloves, stock, chokers, or ties are required.
- Unrowelled spurs and crop are optional.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be contained in a net or braid.

### **Bareback Equitation**

- Western or English attire is allowed. Chaps, spurs, crops, and bats are prohibited.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

The following criteria are taken from the State 4-H Horse Show premium book.

#### **Showmanship**

##### **CRITERIA**

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| ● | Showing the Horse       | 50% |
| ● | Appearance of the Horse | 40% |
| ● | The Exhibitor           | 10% |

**EXHIBITOR:** The member must be neat and clean in appearance and approximately dressed in Western attire.

**EQUIPMENT:** All horses will be shown with a properly adjusted halter. Lead shanks with chains may be used but the use of the chain over the nose or under the jaw or in any way having contact with the horse will be prohibited. Whips or bridles will not be allowed.

**APPEARANCE OF THE HORSE:** The hair coat should be clean, well brushed, and free of dust, dandruff, manure stains, and bots (fly eggs). The hair coat should have a natural luster so excessive oils contracted from spray cans and other market products will be counted down. Trimming should accentuate quality about the head and legs. Breed standards for exhibition should be followed. The hooves should be clean and properly trimmed and shaped. No preference will be shown for hoof dressing or coloring. Tack should be neat, clean, and properly dressed and adjusted. Tack should compliment, not detract, from the horse.

**SHOWING THE HORSE:** All contestants will enter the ring on the rail. Work calmly and quietly and be alert for instructions from the judge or steward. Patterns will be posted one (1) hour before class.

Lead from the left side of the horse with the lead shank held in the right hand about 4 to 8 inches from the halter. Hold the excess shank, coiled in a figure 8, with the left hand. Walk briskly and in a businesslike manner.

The horse should be moved in a brisk, ground covering fashion. He should be trained to carry his head alertly and appear brilliant and proud.

The horse should move readily and freely with the exhibitor at the near Side of the horse's neck and in front of the shoulder. The horse should neither be ahead of the exhibitor nor should he have to be dragged along.

Finalists will return to perform a pattern. In exhibiting the action and way of going of the horse, the pattern and direction will be provided by the judge; regardless of the pattern, the horse should be moved in a straight line away from the judge, stop at the designated position in the arena and pause the horse, turn to the right and head straight back to the judge and set the horse. This affords the judge the best view of action possible. Failure to lead straight away from or toward the judge is a major fault. When returning back to the position in line, always go beyond the line before turning the horse around. This avoids disturbing other exhibitors in the line. The horse should set up quickly, and move forward or backward freely. The position of his head and legs should be according to the standards for the breed shown. The exhibitor must never obstruct the judge's view of the horse. This means the exhibitor must position his body either to the front right of the horse, using the quarter system. Handlers may touch their horses if asked to perform a turn on the forehand or sidepass. Handlers should switch hands on the lead strap if asked to back.

The exhibitor may be asked to pick up any or all feet of his/her horse and know the parts of their horse.

#### **-HERDSMANSHIP COMPETITION -**

1. The 4-H club that maintains its area in the best herdsmanship manner throughout the barns will receive the traveling herdsmanship trophy for the following year. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony before the Market Sale. The purpose of this contest is to promote better care of livestock, pens, and equipment to keep animals' clean and attractive at all times.
2. Competition applies to all the following classes of animals: Sheep, Beef, Swine, and Horse.
3. Every 4-H club exhibiting livestock is automatically entered in this contest, and is for clubs rather than individuals.
4. Judges will check the barns periodically throughout the fair; scoring the following:
  - a. Neatness of stalls and alley ways in all barns
  - b. Care and grooming of animals
  - c. Care and storage of equipment
  - d. Courtesy and helpfulness to visitors
  - e. Stall poster-completed and easy to read

- f. Clear and easy to read club sign
- g. Dress in proper attire when showing animals.
- h. Show respect – consideration – proper attitude and cooperation toward ALL animals, members, equipment, supplies and facilities as well as judges and spectators.

**-PITCHFORK AWARD-**

1. The pitchfork award is awarded to an individual 4-H livestock member who goes above and beyond other livestock members in and outside of the barns. The award will be announced at the awards ceremony before the market sale.
2. Competition applies to all members in the following classes of animals: Sheep, Beef, Swine and Horse.
3. Every 4-H member exhibiting livestock is automatically entered in the contest, and is for individual members.
4. Judges will check the barn periodically throughout the fair; scoring the following.
  - a. Neatness of stalls and alley ways in all barns
  - b. Care and grooming of animals
  - c. Care and storage of equipment
  - d. Courtesy and helpfulness to visitors
  - e. Stall poster-completed and easy to read.
  - f. Dress in proper attire when showing animals.

**-BRYAN A. REIN D.V.M. OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER AWARD-**

1. Open to only senior 4-H members ages 14-19 in Chouteau County.
2. Award to senior aged members based on:
  - a. Interview on interview judging day
  - b. Participations in county and club events
  - c. Completion of 4-H book
  - d. Participation in fair activities
  - e. Junior leader experiences

The Bryan A. Rein D.V.M. award will be applied for by all the Chouteau County 4-H Organizational leaders from each club. The organizational leader will send in their application to the Extension Office by August 6<sup>th</sup> with their nomination. The livestock committee will meet Sunday morning of the fair and go through the applications and the award will be given to the member that fills the most criteria. This award will be announced at the awards ceremony before the market sale.

### **INTERVIEW DAY**

1. **All large animal exhibitors are required to do a livestock interview** (usually set Wednesday before fair starts). This includes market beef, beef breeding, sale bred heifer, sheep, swine and horse. You can bring completed and up-to-date records and workbooks as a point of reference for the judge. The workbooks and record books will not be judged. **Exhibitors who fail to complete their interviews will not be allowed to exhibit or sell their animal.**
2. Livestock extended study projects will be judged on pre-fair interview day.
  - a. Project notebook cannot be entered in extended study projects.

### **-LIVESTOCK MARKET SALE-**

1. All eligible market animals must sell in the sale.
2. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of two animals.
4. Members must be present at the sale or their animal will not sell. (Contact County Extension Agent or Livestock Committee member of extenuating circumstances).
5. No white ribbon animal will sell.
7. Sale animals must be ear tagged and weights (an hip height for beef) turned into the Chouteau County Extension office by deadlines set by the Livestock Committee. Dates are posted in the County 4-H newsletter. Beef – Dec, Swine – April and Lambs – May. The tag must be in the animal's ear within the grace period. The Chouteau County Extension office provides the tags.
11. The livestock committee determines sale order.
12. Livestock committee sets the amount of sale expenses members will be assessed from sale of stock.
14. Members are responsible for making their own arrangements for harvesting of any market animal that does not go through the Junior Livestock Sale.
16. The Livestock Committee will be responsible for making arrangements for the harvesting of sale animals.
17. Buyers must pay for sale animals within ten (10) days of the sale or a late payment fee of 10% will be assessed.

18. Buyers must inform sale committee what processing business they wish their purchase to be received by on the day of the sale. A \$50.00 charge will be charged the buyer if he/she changes place of slaughter after the sale.

**-MARKET ANIMAL CARCASS CONTEST-**

1. Only market beef, market sheep and market swine sold through the Junior Livestock Sale are eligible to participate in the carcass contest.
2. Exhibitors may have the opportunity to have an ultrasound done on their animals at the fair.

**-GENERAL POLICIES-**

1. Members are required to attend at least one workshop, on the club or county level, pertaining to livestock each year.
2. The member must abide by the contract signed at the beginning of each 4-H year.

**Market Animal Contract Activities**

Attend 50% of the meetings which include work meetings, and/or club meetings

Must give a talk or demonstration during the 4-H year

Must have your market animal or required possession date

Contract into the Extension Office on required date

Keep all required 4-H records

Hang completed poster of your market animal in the barn on required date

Compete in required showmanship contest

Complete seven activities and three learning experiences in proper Life Skills manual per market animal

Submit record sheets for each market animal project taken to the fair, in order to receive premium monies and be able to exhibit and sell a market animal the following 4-H year.

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