

# 2024 Gem-Boise County Fair 4-H & FFA Contest Guide

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## **4-H & FFA ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

4-H is a national youth program of the USDA, NIFA, and the University of Idaho Extension Service. Building upon a century of experience in Idaho, 4-H encourages the development of practical skills such as caring for an animal or speaking in front of a group. It fosters personal values like responsibility and citizenship. 4-H is open to all youth, rural and urban, ages 5-18. For more information about 4-H, please contact the University of Idaho Gem/Boise County Extension office or visit their website at <http://uidaho.edu/gem/>.

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### 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct for Parents, Volunteers, and Youth within the Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program will be upheld during the Gem/Boise County Fair for all those participating in 4-H activities.

Violating the Code of Conduct shall be grounds for action up to or including immediate removal from the 4-H activity/program and termination. Decisions regarding immediate removal, suspension or termination will be made by county Extension office personnel with subsequent notification of and consultation with the District Director and State 4-H Youth Development Director. Volunteers who wish to appeal a decision may do so through the Appeal Process.

A copy of the Code of Conduct for Parents, Volunteers, and Youth within the Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program is included in the 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures 2022-2024 which is available on the University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development website: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records>.

### 4-H RULES & REGULATIONS

The following policies and procedures are based upon the University of Idaho Extension 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures 2022-2024 (<https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records>). These rules apply to all 4-H Exhibitors regardless of project area entered.

### 4-H MEMBERSHIP & AGE REQUIREMENTS

- 1) "Member" is defined as a youth of 4-H age individually enrolled at the county level in a 4-H club.
- 2) 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1 of the current 4-H year (which runs from October 1 to

September 30).

3) In recognition of the educational and developmental needs of youth, members will be grouped for program management purposes (based on age as of January 1) as follows:

<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Age:</b>
Cloverbuds	5 to 7 years old
Junior	8 to 10 years old
Intermediate	11 to 13 years old
Senior	14 to 18 years old

4-H Cloverbuds is an educational program designed to introduce young children to 4-H in a fun, non-competitive way. Cloverbud members may be involved in lap animal projects. These are defined as rabbits, cats, covies, small dogs that weigh less than the member, ducks, chickens, and mini-goats. Cloverbuds may participate in their own special showmanship class but may not participate in any competitive class. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon and will receive one dollar from the Gem County Fair Board for their participation in fair.

#### 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

The Gem/Boise County Fair provides an opportunity for 4-H members to display items or animals that they have made, grown, or raised while learning about their project area. To be eligible to exhibit, 4-H members must be enrolled in a Gem or Boise County 4-H club, with a certified 4-H Leader, prior to 5 PM on the enrollment deadline date for a project. Guidelines for project exhibits are follows:

- 1) All animals shown at fair must be included in the portfolio and have been carried as a 4-H project by the enrollment date specified for that project. Animal ear tag or identification numbers must be recorded in the Project Record Book and on the fair entry form.
- 2) Evidence of updated portfolios (Project Record Book & Involvement Reports) are to be turned into the Extension office prior to Fair. Completed portfolios (including 4-H Project Record Books signed by the member, parent, and certified 4-H project volunteer) are due August 30, 2024.
- 3) All projects will be judged if appropriate deadlines are met by exhibitors.
- 4) Every exhibit entered in the fair should be marked with a visible label to identify each project to the owner and to the public. Labels should be filled out in black pen/marker or typed and securely attached to the outside of the article. The exhibitor display label contains the member's name, age, leader's name, project, and club.
- 5) Youth may exhibit up to 4 items per project.
- 6) Members must submit exhibits as stated in their project requirements. Please refer to the Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook (available online: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records> or at the Extension office) for complete project exhibit requirements.
- 7) Youth exhibiting animal projects can bring a combination of animal and non-animal exhibits (such as posters or informational displays) up to the 4 exhibit per project limit.
- 8) Up to 3 (three) animal exhibits are allowed per animal project. Examples of one animal exhibit are a market animal, breeding animal, small/pet animal, breeding animal and its offspring, and pen or pan of fryers (rabbit and poultry projects only). Breeding animals beyond the 3-animal limit may be allowed as

space permits at Superintendent discretion. A poster/display is encouraged as a fourth exhibit in animal project areas.

9) Live animal exhibits are checked in at designated species times (see schedule).

10) Non-animal project exhibits and animal project posters/informational displays must be turned in Monday of Fair week (see schedule).

11) Educational displays should be no larger than 12" x 16" x 12". Posters should be 14" x 22". Posters and/or notebooks should be clearly labeled on the front.

### FFA PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1) To show/sell FFA members must be a current, dues paid member enrolled in a Gem or Boise County Ag class or online FFA program.

2) Members must attend at least 75% of the chapter meetings held for the school year.

3) Record books must be up to date by the time the fair entries are due, as verified by the FFA advisor.

### 4-H & FFA FAIR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1) All entries must be submitted using the online entry process.

2) Any animals intended to be exhibited at fair must be listed on a fair entry.

3) Separate entries must be made for each showmanship class entered.

4) Entries may be made in only those projects in which the 4-H or FFA member is enrolled in a club with a certified 4-H leader/FFA instructor.

5) Entry forms must be submitted by families and ratified by the volunteer/advisor at the July Leaders meeting, or they will not be accepted.

6) All 4-H & FFA Fair Entry Forms and Animal Health records as specified are due to the University of Idaho Extension Office on fair entry deadline day (see schedule).

7) Any applicable fair entry fees are due with Fair Entry forms (see schedule).

### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

1) Trophies and awards are sponsored by private individuals and small businesses. The fair book is printed in advance and circumstances may occur that result in a particular trophy/award not being sponsored. The Gem County Fair Board, University of Idaho Extension Office, and the Gem/Boise County 4-H Leaders Association are not responsible for no-show trophies and awards.

2) All trophies and awards are contingent upon sponsorship.

### PREMIUM PAY-OUT INFORMATION

1) Unless otherwise stated, all exhibits, both animal and non/animal will be judged by the modified Danish system.

Blue	\$5.00
Red	\$4.00
White	\$3.00

2) Premium monies will be paid in cash directly to the exhibitor (signature required) upon authorization from project superintendent that the barn/display area is clean.

3) Premium monies are only given out on payout day (Sunday). Checks will not be mailed.

4) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to claim premium money. Unclaimed premium money will be available

at the Fair Board Office for a limited time after Fair.

5) Premium payout is awarded to individuals for the following classes:

**Showmanship** – Alpaca/Llama, Beef Cattle, Cat, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Pack Goat, Pocket Pet, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine

**Project Displays** – Up to four items per non-animal project, one item for animal projects including posters of animals shown or not shown.

### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A Grievance Committee for activities associated with the Gem/Boise County Fair will be established. This committee will provide an opportunity for any 4-H or FFA member, who feels they have been wronged during the 4-H/FFA show, to air their grievance. The committee will consist of two 4-H volunteers, a Fair Board Member, and an Extension Educator whose names will be on file with the Fair Board. When an FFA member is involved, an FFA advisor will be included on the committee. **A grievance can only be filed by a 4-H or FFA member and/or with the help of their 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor.**

The procedure for filing a grievance is as follows:

- 1) Notify the show superintendent of the grievance.
- 2) If the show superintendent cannot or does not give a satisfactory response, the member shall submit a written grievance to the Grievance Committee. The written grievance shall be delivered to the Extension office.
- 3) The Grievance Committee will meet as soon as possible with the member, the show superintendent, and other involved parties to make a recommendation.
- 4) The committee will make its' recommendation to the Fair Board.

## **4-H NON-ANIMAL PROJECT EXHIBITS**

Non-Animal Project Exhibits will be accepted Monday of Fair week from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and 4:00-8:00 PM in the designated exhibit area on the Gem County Fairgrounds. Be sure to check items in at the check-in table before being placed on display. All items are to be labeled as described in the 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS section. Please also refer to the 4-H & FFA FAIR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS section for more information.

The following list is organized by Division with Projects listed under each division. Please refer to the Idaho 4-H Project Requirements Handbook (available online: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/documents-records> or at the Extension office) for complete project exhibit requirements for each project listed below. If you don't find your project on the list below, please contact the Extension office for exhibit requirements.

### **DIVISION: ANIMAL & VETERINARY SCIENCE**

Projects include: Beef – Breeding, Beef – Market, Beef – Stocker/Feeder, Birds & Poultry – Market Broilers & Fryers, Birds & Poultry – Turkeys, Flocks, and Other Birds, Birds & Poultry – Pullets & Laying Hens, Cat, Cavy, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goats – Breeding Meat, Goats – Dairy, Goats – Market, Goats – Pack, Goats – Pet/Pygmy, Horse, Horseless Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Non-Animal Project Option, Rabbit – Breeding, Rabbit – Market, Rabbit – Pet, Sheep – Breeding, Sheep – Market, Small Animals, Pocket Pets & Other, Swine – Breeding, Swine – Market, Veterinary Science Level 1-3.

### **DIVISION: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP**

Projects include: Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Exploring Treasures of 4-H, Know Your Government (KYG), Delegate Year 1, Know Your Government (KYG) Delegate Year 2, Know Your Government (KYG) Steering Committee Advanced Citizenship, Know Your Government (KYG) Steering Committee Power of the Press and Cloverbud Activities.

### **4-H CLUB RECORDS EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS**

The following 4-H Club records may be submitted for evaluation:

Club Secretary's Book  
Club Treasurer's Book  
Club Historian Scrapbook

Any 4-H member holding a club leadership position listed above may enter in the respective Club Records category by bringing the records during exhibit check-in times listed above. The exhibit must be listed on the member's Fair Entry Form. There are no interviews required for the submission of 4-H Club Records.

### **DIVISION: CLOTHING, TEXTILES AND DESIGN**

Projects include: Advanced Sewing – Sew Wow, Beginning Sewing – Sewing for Fun, Crochet, Knitting, Quilt Quest, Sewing Expressions Level 1-3, and STEAM Clothing Fundamentals Levels 1-4.

## CLOTHING TEXTILES AND DESIGN EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

- 1) All clothing articles must be labeled with an exhibitor label approximately 1½” x 2½” in size. Member’s name, age, project, club name and leaders name must be typed on a label and attached to the inside of neckline or hem of the garment and on the outside of garment bag.
- 2) Exhibitors are responsible for supplying the wire hangers for their garments. Articles that have been worn or have become soiled should be laundered before exhibiting. Press all clothing exhibits and cover with a clear garment bag.
- 3) Display labels should be placed so they can be easily seen. Sweaters, quilts, and other articles stored in plastic bags should have a label on the outside of the bag. No accessories are to be exhibited in any division of clothing.

### **DIVISION: CONSUMER/PERSONAL FINANCE**

Projects include: Build Your Future, Consumer Education Levels 1-3, Entrepreneurship Levels 1-3, Financial Champions Level 1-2, My Financial Future - Advanced, My Financial Future – Beginner, and Reading Makes Cents.

### **DIVISION: CREATIVE ARTS**

Projects include: Create Art Now, Get Started in Art, Handwork from our Heritage, Leathercraft Levels 1-3, Photography Levels 1-3, Portfolio Pathways, Public Speaking, Sketchbook Crossroads, and Cowboy Poetry.

### **DIVISION: FOOD AND COOKING**

Projects include: Baking Levels 1-4, Cake Decorating Levels 1-3, Cooking Levels 1-4, Dutch Oven Unit 1&2, Food Preservation – Boiling Water Bath Canning, Food Preservation – Drying, Food Preservation – Freezing, Food Preservation – Pressure Canning, Food Science Levels 1-4, Science Fun with Dairy Foods.

## FOOD AND COOKING EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Food exhibits should be covered with plastic wrap or in sealed plastic bags.
- 2) An exhibitor label should be placed on the inside of packages and should include the name of exhibitor, the name of their 4-H Leader and club, age, and project that food was prepared for. Food exhibits should also state the kind of cookie, fruit bread, etc. that is being exhibited. For example: “Ginger Cookies”, “Banana Bread”.
- 3) Recipes for foods should be attached to the exhibit.

## FAVORITE RECIPE COLLECTION GUIDELINES:

Any 4-H member enrolled in a project in the HEALTHY LIVING Division may enter a recipe collection. The class must be listed on the member’s Fair Entry Form.

### **Two categories:**

- 1) Classic Recipe Collection
  - a. Exhibitor must write or type on 3” x 5” or 4”x 6” recipe cards. Each card must be dated the current year (2023-2024) in the upper right-hand corner.



- b. Recipe collection can be in a file box or in a recipe book form.
  - c. Current year's recipes should be tabbed, or paper clipped so they can be easily located.
- 2) Digital Recipe Collection – submitted via cd or flash drive
- a. Exhibitor must type or scan recipes into individual Microsoft Word documents or PDF files. Each individual recipe should be in its own document or file.
  - b. Recipe documents or files should be organized into file folders that are labeled with food group.
  - c. Each recipe must be dated current year (2023-2024) and recipe name in document or file name.

**Additional Recipe Collection Judging Criteria:**

- 1) At least 5 major food categories are represented.
- 2) Required number of recipes and a variety of food groups are included.
- 3) Recipes have been tested (cooked, baked, or prepared) by the exhibitor.
- 4) Juniors (age 8-10): at least 5 new recipes prepared this year.
- 5) Intermediates (age 11-13): at least 8 new recipes prepared this year.
- 6) Seniors (age 14-18): at least 12 new recipes prepared this year.

**DIVISION: HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Projects include: Babysitting, Child Development Levels 1-3, Choose Health, and Keeping Fit and Healthy Levels 1-3.

**DIVISION: NATURAL SCIENCES**

Projects include: Geology, Beekeeping Levels 1-3, Crops, Entomology Levels 1-3, Exploring your Environment, Forestry Levels 1-3, Gardening, Junior Master Gardener, and Wildlife Science.

**DIVISION: OUTDOOR RECREATION**

Projects include: Bicycling Levels 1-2, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing Levels 1-3, Outdoor Adventures Levels 1-3, and Shooting Sports (Archery, Hunting, Muzzleloader, Pistol/Handgun, Rifle, and Shotgun).

**DIVISION: TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

Projects include: Aerospace Levels 1-4, Electricity Levels 1-4, Junk Drawer Robotics, Lego Robotics Level 1-2, Robotics Tournament Track Levels 1-2, Small Engines Level 1-3, The Power of Wind, and Woodworking Levels 1-4.

**DIVISION: SELF DETERMINED**

## **FFA WELDING AND METAL ARTS**

Superintendent: Nathan Low

All FFA Non-Animal Project check-ins will be Monday of Fair week from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM and 4:00-8:00 PM in the designated exhibit area on the Gem County Fairgrounds. Be sure to check items in at the check-in table before being placed on display.

### Project Exhibit Requirements

- 1) Youth must submit a Non-Animal Entry form by the fair entry deadline.
- 2) All welding displays and metal art projects must be labeled with an exhibitor label approximately 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" in size. Member's name, age, and FFA Chapter name must be typed on a label and attached to the exhibit item. Display labels should be placed so they can be easily seen.
- 3) Educational displays should be no larger than 12" x 16" x 12". Posters should be no larger than 22" x 28".
- 4) All welds or cuts must have been completed by the exhibitor in the past year.
- 5) Exhibitors may enter only once per class and up to four times per division.
- 6) Each exhibit must be accompanied by a specifications card. Entries without a specification card or missing welds will be considered incomplete and will receive scoring deductions as determined by the judge. Information to be included on a specifications card are as follows:
  - a. For welding exhibits include: date weld was completed, welder settings used when welding, metal specifications, tip used, and rod specifications for each individual weld that is entered.
  - b. For Metal Art Exhibits/Computer Guided Plasma Cut: title of design, date completed, metal specifications, and finish applied to the exhibit item.
- 7) Arrangements should be made to display exhibits in the Idaho National Guard Armory with FFA Chapter display, overflow display area, or outside if the project is too large.

### Welding Exhibits

**Class 1 MIG** – one of each of the following welds Horizontal Bead, Butt Weld, Pad Welding, and Horizontal, Multi Pass Fillet Weld (Tee Joint)

**Class 2 TIG** – one of each of the following welds Horizontal Bead, Butt Weld, Pad Welding, and Horizontal, Multi Pass Fillet Weld (Tee Joint)

**Class 3 Arc** – one of each of the following welds Horizontal Bead, Butt Weld, Pad Welding, and Horizontal, Multi Pass Fillet Weld (Tee Joint)

**Class 4 Oxy** – one of each of the following welds Corner Weld Without Filler Rod, Butt weld with filler rod, Fillet weld with filler rod, and Overlap Joint (Brazing)

**Class 5 Cutting** – two each of the following cuts Oxy Cut by hand and Plasma Cut by hand, and one Computer Guided Plasma Cut

### Metal Arts Exhibits

**Class 1 Computer Guided Plasma Cutting** – Small Items (1-foot x 1 foot or less) – item can be of any appropriate design finished with metal dye, powder coating, paint, or other finishes.

**Class 2 Computer Guided Plasma Cutting** – Large Items (1-foot x 1 foot or larger) item can be of any appropriate design finished with metal dye, powder coating, paint, or other finishes.

**Class 3 Welding Fabrication Projects** – any fabrication project completed in the past year made of metal connected by welds, bolts and other fasteners for either functional use or artistic display with any finish. Additionally, a Bill of materials, Design Plan, and Scrap Book showing the progress of project should accompany the entered item.

**Class 4 Mixed Media Fabrication Projects** – any fabrication project completed in the past year made of mixed media connected by welds, bolts and other fasteners for either functional use or artistic display with any finish. Additionally, a Bill of materials, Design Plan, and Scrap Book showing the progress of project should accompany the entered item.

## 4-H & FFA ANIMAL PROJECTS

### GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

Please see the 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS and 4-H & FFA FAIR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS sections for additional requirements.

- 1) All exhibitors will abide by the general rules and regulations set forth by the Gem County Fair Board and the general rules and regulations of 4-H and FFA.
- 2) Entries are open to 4-H and FFA members of Gem and Boise Counties.
- 3) Entry forms are due to the University of Idaho Extension office for fair participation (see schedule).
- 4) Any required animal health records for small animal and livestock projects are to be submitted with fair entry forms.
- 5) Any project animal intended for exhibit by 4-H/FFA members must have been owned and cared for by the member, and reflected in the youth's project records, for the following minimum number of days:

Market animals:

Beef- 150 days of ownership, 130-day feed period

Sheep- 70 days of ownership, 60-day feed period

Swine- 100 days of ownership, 80-day feed period

Goat- 70 days of ownership, 60-day feed period

Breeding animals:

Cattle (Beef and Dairy)- 90 days of ownership (or possession, if leased). If caring for the cow for 150 days prior to Fair, youth may show her offspring at Fair.

Sheep - 90 days of ownership (or possession, if leased)

Swine - 90 days of ownership (or possession, if leased)

Goat – 90 days of ownership (or possession, if leased)

Horse:

Horse - 90 days of ownership (or possession, if leased)

\*All other animals by the project possession date listed in under each animal department.

- 6) All exhibits, when assigned space, become subject to the control of the Project Superintendent.
- 7) Each 4-H and FFA member is limited to three market animals at initial weigh-in and two market animals at the final weigh-in. Each family may add one “family spare” animal at initial weigh-in. A member of this family must keep records on the “family spare” animal. If the spare is used for fair, it must be claimed by one family member at the time of final weigh-in.
- 8) Non-neutered male animals of breeding age in large livestock divisions (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep & swine) may not be shown.
- 9) All male market animals must be neutered completely before reaching breeding age.
- 10) Members will be allowed to sell only one market animal.
- 11) Posters and displays may be exhibited in barns in designated spaces outlined by species Superintendent. Posters and displays that are to be judged must be turned in on Monday of fair week. See 4-H PROJECT EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS section for details.
- 12) Any animal which is not kept under control by the exhibitor, will be deemed a safety hazard. The Project Superintendent, a Fair Board member, or an Extension Educator may ask the exhibitor to remove

the animal from the fairgrounds.

13) Each exhibitor/owner of livestock assumes all risk and responsibility for loss, theft, damage, or injury to himself/herself, to his/her property, or injury of any person or the property of any person by the animal during the fair.

14) Any exhibitor who deliberately ignores the rules will not be allowed to exhibit for one 4-H year and will forfeit premium money.

15) All animals declared as market projects will be ineligible to be declared as breeding projects until the start of the next 4-H Year, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and must have market tags removed at that time.

### **ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

1) Each animal will be cleaned and groomed to show specifications prior to arriving at the fairgrounds for inspection and entry.

2) At a designated time and place prior to entry into the barn or exhibit area, a veterinarian will inspect each animal for cleanliness and signs of disease or condition that may pose a health risk to animals or humans.

3) Animals exhibiting symptoms of disease or other medical conditions or abnormal conditions including significant non-thriftiness or neglect will not be permitted to enter the fairgrounds.

4) Animals brought to the Fairgrounds for exhibit only on the day of the exhibit will not need inspection. Examples include dogs, cats, pocket pet projects. NOTE: the superintendent has the authority to prohibit exhibit of ill animals or may call a veterinarian to inspect a suspected ill animal. There will be a charge for this examination.

5) A copy of each cat or dog rabies vaccination record must be filed with the Extension Office with Fair entry forms. No cat or dog will be allowed on the premise without a valid rabies vaccination unless under four months of age.

6) According to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture “all intact female cattle (including yaks) and domestic bison must be vaccinated against brucellosis between the ages of 4 and 12 months unless being fed for slaughter in an Idaho approved feedlot. As such, all female cattle (including yaks) over 12 months of age must have proof of brucellosis vaccination.

7) Any animal developing a contagious or infectious condition during the Fair will be removed from the exhibit area and the Fairgrounds.

8) Superintendents and or the Extension Educator reserve the right to require health inspections, diagnostic tests, treatments, and/or other animal health measures or procedures which might become necessary in emergencies by a veterinarian at exhibitor’s expense. The Superintendents in each barn are authorized to test animal water for chemical and unauthorized compounds.

9) No illegal drug, off-label use of drugs (uses other than specifically allowed on the drug label), unless prescribed by a veterinarian are permitted. Use of tranquilizers to alter the disposition of project animal’s behavior is prohibited. Violators shall be immediately disqualified from the event. The Livestock Sales committee or the Fair board may require forfeiting any premiums and awards. Auction proceeds may be returned to the buyer. The individual shall be barred from all future participation in 4-H animal-related projects, plus may be subject to any and all relevant criminal prosecution. A grievance may be requested.

10) No physical abuse of project animals is permitted in any public or private setting. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, surgical or other physical alteration of animal appearance or practices resulting in bruising or injury. It also includes practices resulting in inordinate levels of shrink, fill, or animal

stress other than routine management in accordance with acceptable industry animal husbandry practices, such as including appropriate amounts and methods of exercise and training. Violators shall be immediately disqualified from the event forfeiting any premiums and awards, any auction proceeds will be returned to the buyer, they shall be barred from all future participation in 4-H animal-related projects, plus may be subject to any and all relevant criminal prosecution.

11) ANIMAL WELFARE/RIGHTS CONCERNS: Care of all livestock animals will be consistent with production practices and accepted standards. Exhibitors must observe all withdrawal periods and be aware of penalties associated with off-label use of drugs. Any body-chemistry or mind-altering substance is considered a drug.

12) Muzzles are allowed on all project animals except canines.

13) Absolutely no “icing” of livestock. Cold, wet rags, towels, blankets, etc. are permitted for animal cooling purposes under supervision of parents, leaders and/or superintendents.

14) Any 4-H/FFA member must take their animal from the premises if they are found at any time mistreating their animal. (This rule applies in any form of mistreatment).

#### **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN, WEIGH-IN, CHECKOUT**

1) All animals entered must meet the health regulations listed in each department and must have had a vet-check as described in the ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS section above.

2) All market animals must have been weighed and tagged with an official Gem County ear tag at the initial weigh-in as set by the University of Idaho Extension Office.

3) See schedule for final weigh-in and vet check times for all animal species.

4) All exhibits must remain on the Fairgrounds until final checkout time Sunday morning. Pre-arranged or emergency exceptions may be made by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and Division Superintendent. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the loss of premium money and possible suspension from exhibiting in the project area at the Gem/Boise County Fair for 1 year.

5) Those market animals not meeting minimum weight will be put in the feeder class and will not be sold in the sale ring. In addition, as stated by the judge, if a market animal will not meet the standards for the Blue or Red award, the animal will receive a White award and will not be eligible to sell in the market animal sale.

6) Only market animals that are sold through the Youth Livestock Sale at the fair will be the hauling responsibility of that project’s superintendent.

7) All removal of other animals (including spares and breeders) is the responsibility of the owner, arrangements should be made with the project superintendent to do so.

8) The removal of some spares and breeders may be approved by the Project Superintendent earlier than Sunday morning. Proper notification in a timely manner by the exhibitor to the Project Superintendent is required.

9) Superintendents are NOT responsible for finding buyers for animals not sold at the Market Sale.

10) Final cleanup will begin at 8:30 AM Sunday morning. No children are permitted on the fairgrounds on Sunday prior to 8:30 AM. Exhibitors should bring shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, and other cleanup tools. Pens are checked by superintendents. Failure to attend final cleanup will result in loss of premium monies.

11) Failure to clean pens will result in a fine of \$50 for Large Animal exhibitors and \$25 for Small Animal exhibitors. A final check of the barn areas will be conducted by Superintendents and a designated Fair

Board member. Fines assessed will go to the Fair Board for facility improvements.

### **PENNING AND BEDDING**

- 1) Only approved bedding can be used in animal pens/stalls. The Gem County Fair Board arranges for all bedding used by exhibitors during the fair.
- 2) Pen recommendations based on space availability are:
  - Beef or dairy cattle - 1 animal per stall
  - Sheep, goats, and swine - 2 animals per stall
  - Kid goats - limit three animals per pen under six months of age
  - Rabbits and poultry – superintendent recommendation
- 3) Each exhibitor is expected to keep his/her livestock's pen/stall clean and sanitary.
- 4) Livestock stalls and pens must be cleaned by youth by 9:00 AM each day. Refuse is to be disposed of in areas designated by the Fair Board.
- 5) Horse stalls must be cleaned by 7:00 AM during the horse show and refuse disposed of in areas designated by the Fair Board.
- 6) Youth are encouraged to tidy stalls/pens as needed throughout the day; additional cleaning will be at the Superintendent's discretion.
- 7) Each exhibitor is expected to be responsible for the feeding and watering of his/her own animals. Fresh water must be available to ALL animals 24 hours a day during Fair. This includes "show day" and after the livestock sale.
- 8) Unattended or neglected animals may result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
- 9) No hay nets will be allowed in the livestock barns; hay nets are acceptable for horses in the horse barn area.

### **LIVESTOCK FITTING & SHOWING**

- 1) Youth in 4-H animal projects are responsible for preparing their own animals for exhibition but may receive necessary limited assistance from other youth, volunteers, or parents representing the county 4-H youth organization. Penalties such as forfeiting awards, disqualification from remainder of show and sale may be exercised for this violation.
- 2) To be eligible for either the show or the sale, all animals must be properly trained and fitted for show.
- 3) To be eligible to compete in Showmanship, a member must have entered an animal in Quality in the corresponding project area (with the exception of alpaca, cat, dog, horse, and pocket pet).
- 4) Exhibitors must show in Showmanship classes and Quality classes to be eligible to sell in the Youth Livestock Sale.
- 5) Members must show their own animal in Showmanship. In case of hardship, an exception may be made by the Project Superintendent and Extension Educator to allow the use of an alternate animal in Showmanship only.
- 6) Animals shown at fair must be included in the member's Project Records.
- 7) 4-H and FFA will show together in all classes unless FFA numbers merit a separate class.
- 8) The same animal may not be shown in both 4-H and FFA.
- 9) All 4-H and FFA youth exhibiting livestock or horse projects must participate in Showmanship in order to participate in other classes within that species.

10) All animals exhibited at the fair must compete in a Quality class (except for alpaca, cat, dog, horse, pocket pets, and any animal shown by a Cloverbud). No animals can be entered in both Quality and Breeding classes.

11) The exhibitor may be asked to demonstrate any maneuver, common to fitting that animal, as requested by the judge.

12) If there is only one class of Showmanship and competitors are deemed worthy, the judge may award champion ribbons during that class rather than blue rosettes.

13) No person, other than those holding animals exhibited, will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging – except the superintendent, judge, clerks, ring steward, and officials.

14) Addition of classes – a class may be added by the Project Superintendent when there are three or more in the class.

15) First place winners in Showmanship classes must show the same animal in the Showmanship competition for Grand Champion Showman.

16) Novice Showman - A first-time showman who has never shown before in any species or age category (Junior, Intermediate or Senior; Cloverbud participation does not count). Novice showman will show in the Novice category or their age category. There will be an option to show in a Novice Junior, Novice Intermediate, and Novice Senior class.

17) If a member has more than one animal in a Quality class, another 4-H or FFA member enrolled in that project may show the additional animal(s) for them in that Quality class.

18) In all cases, the decision of the judge is final.

19) Adult Showmanship Class: Adult Showmanship classes are open to any adult wishing to participate. There is no fee, and no ribbons/prizes will be awarded to adult showman. Class will be held at the discretion of the Superintendent in each species.

20) Youth show attire is as follows:

Not allowed: sleeveless shirts, bare midriffs, open-toed shoes.

FFA: FFA students must be in a collared shirt that displays the FFA emblem and chapter name in order to enter the show ring. Sale: student may be in official dress or chapter show shirt.

Market and Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goat: Clean, pressed slacks/jeans without holes. Clean, pressed, button-up, collared shirt with short or long sleeves. Shirt must be tucked in. Closed-toe shoes. “Professional” dress with the exhibitor’s face clearly visible (hair pulled up or tied back).

Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats: Traditional dairy whites (white shirt and white jeans). Black jeans will be accepted but white are preferred.

Horse: Western or English attire; long sleeved shirts required.

Alpaca, Cat, Cloverbud, Pygmy/Pet Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Pocket Pet: White collared shirt, black pants. Long sleeves are required for cat, pocket pet, rabbit, and poultry.

Dog: Collared button shirt (clean, no tears), pressed black or blue slacks or jeans, closed toed shoes.

Pack Goat: Hiking Wear, NO open-toed shoes.



## **4-H/FFA ANIMAL DIVISION RULES AND CONTEST INFORMATION**

### **ALPACA/LLAMA**

Superintendent – Michelle Cobb

Check-In: Monday, July 29, 2024, from 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

**SHOW TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024, AT 5:00 PM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

1. No Machos (studs) will be shown.
2. There will be Showmanship classes and 1 Obstacle class.
3. Grand Champion Showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Obstacle Course

Adult Showmanship Class

### **CAT**

Superintendent – Michelle Cobb and Deanna Storrs

Check-in: Immediately prior to Show

**SHOW TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024, AT 11:00 AM, EXPO BUILDING**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) Cats will not be vet-checked.
- 2) Cats will have to present a copy of current rabies certificate, which must also be on file with fair entry forms at the Extension Office.
- 3) Grand Champion qualifies to show in Small Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Cloverbud

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Adult Showmanship

### **CATTLE: BEEF AND DAIRY**

#### **BEEF**

Superintendent –Casey Burlile

Vet Check & Weigh-in: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 6:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

**SHOW TIME: FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024, APPROX. 8:30 AM (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DAIRY SHOW), PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) Use of black or other colored aerosol products prohibited on market beef.
- 2) Only Plastic Scotch combs are allowed in the show ring. Metal scotch combs are only allowed in the fitting area to get animals ready.
- 3) Cow/Calf pair calf must be cow's most current, natural calf, less than 270 days of age on show day.
- 4) No horns allowed in breeding beef, with the exception of yaks.
- 5) Beef members may be allowed to bring additional breeding animals beyond the 3-animal limit as space allows. Spaces will be divided evenly among those members who wish to bring additional breeding animals. If there are more participants than space available, no additional breeding animals will be allowed to ensure equal opportunity for all exhibitors. Cow/Calf is considered as one exhibit.
- 6) In addition to a halter, all beef animals are to have a neck rope OR a chain with a lead tied to the manger. This neck rope or chain shall be used at all times while in the barns.
- 7) All market beef must weigh a minimum of 1100 pounds and, as estimated by the judge (live evaluation), grade select, choice, or prime to be eligible to be sold in the Market Animal Sale. White ribbon animals are not eligible for sale.
- 8) Cows, heifers, and cow/calf pairs may only be shown in one breeding class.
- 9) Grand Champion Showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.
- 10) Based on the number of entries; classes will be set by the Beef Superintendent and the Extension Educator.
- 11) The breeding classes will be organized by breed. There must be at least 3 animals of the same breed to constitute a class; all other entries will go in an "All Other Breeds" (AOB) class.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Quality (all breeds to be shown together)

Feeder Steers – 1099 pounds and under

Market Steers – 1100 pounds and up (Refer to market livestock sale rules)

Breeding (classes split by breed, except Junior Bull)

Junior Bull

Heifers

Cow/Calf Pairs

Adult Showmanship Class

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## **DAIRY CATTLE**

Superintendent – Steffanie Eilers

Vet Check: Wednesday, July 31, 2024, from 6:30 AM TO 8:30 AM

**SHOW TIME: FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024, AT 8:00 AM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) Any recognized Dairy breed may show in this division.
- 2) NO HORNED DAIRY CATTLE WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE FAIR.
- 3) The 4-H or FFA member must be capable of handling their own project animal(s).
- 4) Grand Champion Showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Breeding

- a. Junior heifer calf, born February 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024.
- b. Senior heifer calf, born August 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024.
- c. Junior yearling heifer, born February 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023.
- d. Senior yearling heifer, born August 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023– not in milk.
- e. Cow, two-years-old and over.

Adult Showmanship Class

## **DOG**

Superintendent – Deanna Storrs and Michelle Cobb

Check-in: Immediately prior to Show

**SHOW TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024, AT 8:30 AM, EXPO BUILDING**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) Dogs will not be vet-checked. Dogs will have to present a copy of current rabies certificate, which must also be on file at the Extension Office.
- 2) 4-H dog members and dogs who receive a blue ribbon in obedience should progress to the next level during their next year.
- 3) Judges will meet with exhibitors 10 minutes before the show to let them know what to expect.
- 4) There will be no professional grooming two weeks before the fair.
- 5) There will be no training in the show ring.
- 6) No tight leashes.
- 7) Absolutely no abuse or cruelty (hitting, kicking, slapping with a leash, etc.) to the animals will be tolerated! It will be grounds for disqualification.

- 8) The Showmanship and Obedience Scorecard examples are available at the Extension Office.
- 9) Obedience classes are based on the dog's ability and training.
- 10) Grand Champion Showman qualifies to show in Small Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

#### Showmanship

- Cloverbud
- Novice
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior

#### Obedience

SUB NOVICE A (1<sup>st</sup> year dog on leash &/or 1<sup>st</sup> year youth)

SUB NOVICE B (2<sup>nd</sup> year & up on leash)

- 1.) Heel on leash, right, left, about turns, figure eights, and automatic sits
- 2.) Stand for examination
- 3.) Recall
- 4.) To sit in place – 1 minute
- 5.) Stay in place down – 3 minutes

NOVICE – Dog in Training (on/off leash)

2<sup>nd</sup> year & up. Leader decides when dog is ready.

- 1.) Heel on leash
- 2.) Stand for examination
- 3.) Heel free
- 4.) Recall
- 5.) Long sit – 1 minute
- 6.) Long down – 3 minutes

GRADUATE NOVICE – Dog in Training

- 1.) Heel on leash
- 2.) Stand for examination
- 3.) Heel free
- 4.) Drop on recall
- 5.) Recall over high jump with dumbbell
- 6.) Handler out of sight on 3-minute sit and a 5-minute down

All work done off leash

- 1.) Heel free
- 2.) Drop on recall
- 3.) Retrieve on flat
- 4.) Retrieve over high jump
- 5.) Broad jump
- 6.) Long sit
- 7.) Long down

## GOATS

Superintendents – Michelle Cobb

Vet check (all goats): Monday, July 29, 2024, 5:00-8:00 PM

Weigh-in (market goats): Monday, July 29, 2024, 6:00-8:00 PM

All animals will be vet-checked before being penned in the barn.

### SHOW TIMES:

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024, AT 6:30 PM - Pack Goat**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, AT 9:30 AM - Dairy Goat Showmanship and Quality**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024 AT 11:30 AM - Cloverbud Mini-Goat Showmanship**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, following the Cloverbud show – Pet/Pygmy Goat Showmanship and Quality**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, AT 1:30 PM - Market Goat Showmanship and Quality**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1.) Goats shown under the Market Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, and Pack Goat projects may have horns. All other goat project animals exhibited in the Cloverbud, Dairy, or Pygmy/Pet classes may not have horns.
- 2.) No bucks will be shown.
- 3.) Special requests for penning must be requested on the pre-fair entry sheets.
- 4.) All animals must be shown in their own type class and CANNOT cross show, i.e. a goat entered and shown as a dairy goat cannot be shown as a meat, pack, or pygmy goat. A goat entered and shown as a meat goat cannot be shown as a dairy, pack, or pet/pygmy goat. A goat entered and shown as a pack goat cannot be shown as a dairy, meat, or pet/pygmy goat. A goat entered and shown as a pet/pygmy goat cannot be shown as a dairy, meat, or pack goat.
- 5.) All animals must be shown with no pinch collars.
- 6.) IDAHO SHEEP AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: USDA/APHIS Scrapie ID requirements for sheep and goats are now in effect. All sheep and goats over 18 months of age need to be identified (ear tagged) with Idaho/APHIS approved ID prior to change of ownership or movement in interstate commerce. Idaho is using both plastic and metal ID tags, which sheep and goat producers may obtain by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG. These tags are numbered to indicate state, flock of origin, and individual animal identification. They are shipped directly to producers. One pair of tagging pliers is shipped with the first order of tags at Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) expense. Replacement tagging pliers will be at the owner's expense. The tags are paid for by APHIS and supplied to producers free of charge. Any questions call 1-866-USDA tag. **THIS IS A FEDERAL REGULATION, WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN ORDER TO MARKET SHEEP AND GOATS. IT IS NOT OPTIONAL, IT IS MANDATORY.** All breeding sheep and goats of any age need to be identified prior to change of ownership or entry into interstate commerce.

## DAIRY GOATS

**SHOW TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, AT 9:30 AM, PAVILION**

4-H Member Milking Contest to immediately follow Dairy Goat Judging

Division Rules (see General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules)

1) Grand Champion showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Quality

Junior doe

May, June, July kids

April kids

March kids

Dec., Jan., Feb. kids

1 to 2 years, not in milk

Senior doe

1 to 2 years, in milk

3 and 4 years, in milk

5 years and over (aged doe) in milk.

Best Junior and Senior come back for “Best Doe in Show”.

Dam & Daughter – doe and daughter owned and exhibited by the same exhibitor.

Produce of Dam – three does from the same dam, owned and exhibited by the same exhibitor.

## **MARKET GOATS**

**SHOW TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, AT 1:30 PM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

1) Must be under 1 year of age and still have milk teeth.

2) Minimum weight at Final weigh-in is 70 pounds.

3) Weigh-in is Monday, July 29, 2024, at 6:00 – 8:00 PM

4) All animals declared as market projects will be ineligible to be declared as breeding projects till the start of the next 4-H Year (October 1) and must have market tags removed at that time.

5) Grand Champion showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Quality

Feeder Goats – 69 pounds and under

Market Goats – 70 pounds and up (Refer to Livestock Sale Rules)

Breeding

Junior Doe kids – 1 year and under

Junior Doe kids – 1 to 2 years

Senior Freshened does 2 years and under

Senior Freshened does 3 years and up

Dam and Daughter - doe and daughter owned and exhibited by the same exhibitor.

Adult Showmanship Class

**PACK GOATS**

**SHOW TIME: TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024, AT 6:30 PM, PAVILION**

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Quality

Baby goats to one year old

One to two years old

Two years old and above

Obstacle (Ribbon only)

Under one-year-old

One year to two years old

Two years old and over

Top Quality and Top Obstacle Compete for Grand Champion Pack Goat

**PET/PYGMY GOATS**

**SHOW TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024 FOLLOWING THE CLOVERBUD SHOW AT 11:30 AM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

1. Angora goats (ONLY) may have horns intact.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

## Quality

Junior Doe 0-6 months

Junior Doe: 6-12 months

Junior Doe: Dry yearlings

Senior Doe: Freshened 1 to 2 years old

Senior Doe: Three-year-old doe and older

Pet: Wether under one year

Pet: Wether one year and older

Pet Goat/Weed Eater

Fiber: All fiber goats

## **HORSE**

Superintendents: Kelly Scott and Toni Judy

**SHOW TIME: SATURDAY-MONDAY, JULY 27-29, 2024, MAIN ARENA**

### **BOARDING HORSES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

- 1) Youth are not required to board their horses at the fairgrounds during the fair. If youth choose not to board at the fairgrounds, they are not eligible for the clean barn award.
- 2) Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding, watering, and stall cleaning of their animal(s).
- 3) Failure to take care of your animal or clean your animal's stall may result in disqualification and/or the withholding of premiums or awards.
- 4) Exhibitors must clean their stalls and be released by the fair superintendent prior to leaving the fairgrounds.
- 5) Use of this facility is a privilege and should not be abused.

### **2024 GEM/BOISE COUNTY SUPPLEMENT TO THE PNW 4-H/FFA HORSE CONTEST GUIDE**

*The following is meant to supplement the rules in the PNW (Pacific Northwest) 4-H Horse Contest Guide which is the official set of rules for Idaho 4-H Horse Contests. County rules may be more restrictive but cannot be less restrictive than PNW rules. For more information, contact the University of Idaho Extension office in Gem County or the Idaho 4-H website.*

### **GEM/BOISE COUNTY 4-H AND FFA HORSE PROJECT FAIR REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Be fully enrolled in the 4-H or FFA Horse Project by deadline.
2. Complete 4-H or FFA Horse Project requirements by deadline. Contact your 4-H leader, FFA advisor, horse fair superintendent, and/or Gem/Boise County Extension Office for more information.
3. Must own/lease the horse(s) used, provide primary care, feeding, and management of the horse(s) at least 90 days before exhibiting. See PNW rules on Project Animals and Possession, <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/pnw574.pdf>.
4. See Idaho 4-H website for Horse project requirements, <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/horse>.
5. In Gem and Boise Counties, 4-H horse project members may use one or more of the following to "exhibit" their horse for project completion. Members must consult with Extension staff for pre-approval.



- a. Show project horse in a local show or fair. **SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED.**
- b. Participate in the Working Ranch Horse Program with your project horse.
- c. Participate in the BLM Mustang program with a project horse.
6. In Gem and Boise Counties, 4-H horse project members may use one or more of the following to complete 5 (five) horse-related educational activities/lessons. All educational activities must be documented. Members must consult with Extension for pre-approval.
  - a. Complete activities in CCS book.
  - b. Complete activities on one of the horse project requirements skills checklists.
  - c. Complete “create your own” horse educational activities.
  - d. Participate in horse clinics or lessons.
  - e. Participate in horse contest study sessions.
7. Each year, prior to the 90-day horse ownership deadline (typically the last Friday or April) members must enter the following into their ZSuite Project Record for each horse. No more than four (4) horses may be submitted for each member.
  - a. Color photos, front and side views, which show horses color, markings, and identifying marks.
  - b. University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development **Lease Agreement** if leasing or borrowing a horse.
8. Complete and turn in horse fair entry forms and fees by deadline. Contact the University of Idaho Extension Office in Gem County for current instructions.
  - a. **SHOWMANSHIP IS A REQUIRED CLASS FOR ALL GEM AND BOISE COUNTIES HORSE FAIR PARTICIPANTS.**
  - b. If showing more than one horse, 4-H/FFA member must specify which animal is being entered in which classes.
  - c. **CLASSES MAY ONLY BE ADDED, SCRATCHED, OR CHANGED WITH THE APPROVAL OF EXTENSION AND THE FAIR SUPERINTENDENT(S). ADDITIONS AND CHANGES MUST BE DONE BY FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE; SCRATCHES CAN HAPPEN UP TO SHOW TIME.**
9. All 4-H members must complete a record book/portfolio and turn it in by the deadline. All FFA members must complete the required FFA paperwork.
10. All 4-H members must participate in one-on-one horse goal interviews - one interview per horse shown at fair.
11. Youth are required to set goals on each horse carried as a project animal (up to 4 total). Juniors need 1 goal per horse, Intermediates need 2 goals per horse, Seniors must have 3 goals per horse.
12. Only animals recorded in the 4-H/FFA member’s record book may be exhibited at the fair (with the exception of approved hardship cases).
13. **Vaccination Requirements:** All project horses **MUST** be vaccinated for Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, and Influenza. Rhinopneumonitis and West Nile are strongly recommended.
14. **Coggins Tests:** Coggins tests are **NOT USUALLY** required. However, the Extension Office, Fair Superintendents, and/or fair veterinarian may require Coggins tests or additional vaccines in case of outbreaks of infectious diseases. *See Idaho State Department of Agriculture for current health regulations and recommendations.*
15. **Animal Health and Humane Treatment of Animals:**
  - a. Owners of horses requiring medications or special equipment must provide a letter from a licensed veterinarian prior to the fair explaining the horse’s medical condition and special needs. See PNW rules on Drugging.
  - b. To show at the fair, horses must be free of any signs of infection or communicable disease.
  - c. A visibly ill or unsound animal may be dismissed from participation in the fair by the vet,

- the fair superintendent(s), the judge, or the Extension Office staff.
- d. During the fair, lame or sick animals must be reported to the fair superintendent(s) immediately and will be subject to a vet check at the owner's expense to determine if fit to participate in further events. Animals may continue competition upon presentation of veterinarian's certificate certifying their ability to do so.
  - e. Humane treatment of all animals is required. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals with respect and provide for their continuous well-being through proper feeding, watering, handling, disease prevention, sanitation, and attention to safety. See PNW rules.

### **GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR HORSE HARDSHIP CASES**

1. If a project horse is injured, becomes ill, dies, becomes unavailable, or is deemed unsafe after the 90-day deadline but before the start of the horse fair, the 4-H/FFA member must provide a written petition to the horse fair superintendent(s) explaining why he/she is requesting the use of a substitute horse.
2. If a project horse is injured, becomes ill, dies, becomes unavailable, or is deemed unsafe DURING the horse fair, the 4-H member must provide a written petition to the horse fair superintendent(s) explaining why he/she is requesting the use of a substitute horse.
3. Written petitions must be signed by the member, the parent, and the leader.
4. A licensed veterinarian must provide documentation for hardship cases requested for medical reasons.
5. Petitions will be considered by the horse leaders and/or the fair superintendent(s) and 4-H members will be notified if their hardship case has been accepted.
6. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
7. HARDSHIP CASES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH POINT AWARDS, but are eligible for class placings, Danish ribbons, and premium money.

### **GEM AND BOISE COUNTIES SAFETY RULES FOR ALL EVENTS:** See PNW General Rules and Fair Book rules.

1. Gem/Boise County uses the current PNW 4-H Contest Guide. In addition, all youth participating at the Gem/Boise County Fair must abide by the general rules and regulations set forth by the Fair Board, 4-H, and FFA.
2. Safety is of primary importance!
3. 4-H/FFA youth are required to wear an ASTM/SEI-certified equestrian HELMET WITH FASTENED CHIN HARNESS IN ALL RIDING AND DRIVING EVENTS. This includes riding in the sand arena, the parking area, during 4-H/FFA classes, and during riding meetings. (*Adults and youth are encouraged to wear helmets during ANY riding or driving event.*)
4. 4-H members, FFA members, 4-H leaders, and FFA advisors are expected to dress appropriately while representing 4-H and FFA. Dress guidelines include no exposure of underwear and midriff area, no spaghetti strap or see-through shirts, and appropriate neckline.
5. Anyone handling horses are required to wear closed-toed boots or hard-sole shoes. See PNW rules for definition of acceptable boots.
6. Horses must be kept under control at all times. Unmanageable animals may be dismissed from the 4-H activity by the judge, superintendent(s), or Extension staff.
7. HORSES THAT ARE RIDDEN MUST WALK OUTSIDE THE ARENAS—NO JOGGING/TROTting, LOPING/CANTERING, OR GALLOPING/RUNNING.
8. 4-H/FFA members working their horses in open areas must have adult supervision.
9. Youth may not ride bareback (except when preparing for bareback classes).
10. No riding on blankets.

11. No riding double.
12. Youth may not ride horses with halters or tack reins only—horses must be ridden in a bridle or bosal.
13. For safety, youth should sit astride and keep their feet in their stirrups unless required to drop their irons for English classes.
14. Horses should only be tied to horse trailers or tied in their stalls—no tying horses to the fences or racetrack rails.
15. Tacked horses in stalls must be tied with a halter and lead rope.
16. During classes, exhibitors must maintain one horse length from other exhibitors—even in in-hand classes.
17. During rail classes exhibitors must pass on the inside—towards the middle—of the arena.
18. During rail classes contestants should not “cut off” other contestants.
19. During rail classes if a rider falls off, exhibitors should stop their horses.
20. During rail classes if a horse is acting up or if the rider doesn’t feel comfortable performing the required gait, rider should take their horse to the center of the arena.
21. Horses known to kick MUST have red ribbons placed in their tails. All riders should maintain two horse lengths from horses known to kick.
22. Do not crowd the gate area! Leave adequate space for horses to enter and exit the arena.
23. Only officials and exhibitors may be in the show ring.
24. Show or club attire is mandatory for the awards presentation. Hats are optional.
25. Unsafe, ill, or lame animals will be dismissed from the show and/or fairgrounds at the discretion of the judge, fair superintendents, and/or Extension personnel.
26. Horses must walk outside the main arena and sand arena.
27. Horses are NOT permitted in the midway, livestock barn area, food booths, or exhibit areas.
28. No racing horses on the track.
29. Designated warm-up areas will be near the main rodeo arena and/or sand arena.
30. All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up the Fairgrounds.
31. A list of all horses to be exhibited at the Fair must be submitted to the Extension Office by 90 days prior to the County Fair show.
32. There will be no mandatory vet check.
33. Program participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models for youth. Program participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to respect, adhere to, and enforce the Idaho 4-H rules, policies, and guidelines. See 4-H Code of Conduct in 2022-2024 Idaho 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures for further information.
34. NO CRUELTY OR UNETHICAL TREATMENT OF HORSES OR HUMANS WILL BE TOLERATED.
35. Parents, leaders, or trainers are NOT allowed to handle 4-H/FFA horses at any time (except when there’s a safety concern.)
36. Youth participants are to perform on their own with no coaching from others during the classes.
37. Infractions of the rules or code of conduct will result in disqualification, removal from the fairgrounds, and/or the withholding of premiums or awards.
38. All classes except Gymkhana will be judged on the Danish system.
39. All classes including Gymkhana will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
40. Grand Champion showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

### **GEM/BOISE COUNTY WASH RACK RULES:**

1. No unattended horses.
2. Leave wash area clean.
3. Be courteous.
4. No water fights!

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR AND SHOW RULES:** See current PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide, current Gem/Boise County Fair Book, and current Gem/Boise County Supplement to the PNW 4-H Horse Contest Guide.

1. **SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL 4-H AND FFA HORSE EXHIBITORS.**
2. **TACK CHECK:** Each exhibitor must have a mandatory tack check prior to the beginning of the horse fair.
3. **FAIR ORIENTATION AND CLEANUP:** All exhibitors must attend the mandatory fair orientation and cleanup prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member to contact the fair superintendent(s) regarding scheduling conflicts.
4. Packets including patterns, exhibitor numbers, schedules, etc. will be given at one-on-one evaluation.
5. Classes may be cancelled, combined, or divided at the discretion of the judge or the fair superintendent(s).
6. Exhibitors may only enter one project animal per class.
7. A horse may not be shown in the same class category more than once unless used by two members in different age groups (example: Intermediate Showmanship and Senior Showmanship).
8. Only 4-H members may ride, groom, school, or handle a horse while on the show grounds. Junior members may have assistance with saddling and bridling if needed. Anyone may have assistance for safety reasons.
9. No one is allowed to coach contestants while the contestants are in the show ring.
10. No horses are allowed to go over trail obstacles or jumps except during classes or supervised warm-ups.
11. During the fair, horses must stay only in the designated horse areas.
12. During the fair, horses may not enter other livestock areas, areas near the food booths, areas near the midway, or areas near the Extension Office and Armory.
13. Judges are to award Danish ribbons (blue, red, or white) to every contestant in every class.
14. Rosettes and/or other awards may be given in addition to the Danish ribbons.
15. **ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!**
16. Special needs youth and/or anyone needing assistance will ride last.

**CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO ABIDE BY RULES:** See PNW General Rules-

1. All participants, leaders, parents, and spectators are expected to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. (See 4-H Code of Conduct in current Idaho 4-H Youth Development Policies and Procedures.)
2. Judges, fair superintendent(s), and Extension staff reserve the right to dismiss any youth or adult from a 4-H event for failure to follow the Code of Conduct, lack of sportsmanship, or rule infraction.
3. **EXHIBITORS DISMISSED FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS FORFEIT ALL AWARDS AND PREMIUMS.**
4. Depending on the severity of the infraction(s), additional action(s) may be taken by the fair superintendent(s), or the Extension staff.
5. A grievance form must be completed, signed, and filed with the fair superintendent(s) or

Extension staff within 24 hours of the incident or event. Any appeals will be presented to the Grievance Committee which consists of the fair superintendent(s), a minimum of two (2) Leaders, and a minimum of one Extension staff member.

6. **THE DECISION OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE IS FINAL.**

**SHOW PROTOCOL:** See from PNW Show Protocol.

1. Contestant numbers must be clearly visible either on the rider's back or on BOTH sides of the saddle pad.
2. Exhibitors should not pat their horse while being judged in the ring, except during a colt or ground training class.

**GEM BOISE COUNTY FAIR CLASSES:** Any class with less than five (5) entries may be cancelled at the discretion of the fair superintendent(s). Classes may be cancelled, combined or split at the discretion of the judge or fair superintendent(s). **See page 34-35 for classes being offered in 2024.**

**Showmanship:** See PNW tack and attire rules and class rules.

1. **SHOWMANSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL FAIR EXHIBITORS.**
2. Divisions: Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
3. Novice Showmanship is for 4-H or FFA members of ANY age in their first year of exhibiting ANY SPECIES.
4. The top two (2) exhibitors in each Showmanship class—regardless of Danish ribbon color—may return to the Showmanship Grand Champion Runoff. Grand and Reserve Champions will be awarded. Grand Champion Showman may advance to the Large Animal Round Robin Contest.

**Trail Classes:** See PNW tack and attire rules and class rules.

1. **Possible Divisions:** In-Hand, Walk/Trot All Ages, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
2. The same horse may NOT be entered in a riding trail class and in an in-hand trail class by the same exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors may show different horses in a riding trail class and in an in-hand trail class.
4. At the Gem/Boise County Fair, a horse shown in In-Hand Trail MAY be shown in riding classes.
5. If a Walk/Trot Trail class is offered, Walk/Trot exhibitors may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires a lope/canter.

**Bareback Equitation Classes:** See PNW tack and attire rules and Bareback Equitation class rules.

1. **POSSIBLE Divisions:** Walk/Trot Beginner Riders All Ages, Walk/Trot Green Horse, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
2. **Class Description:** Exhibitor is judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining the performance.
3. **Class Procedure:**
  - a. Exhibitors will do rail work in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
  - b. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.
  - c. English riders must post the trot.
  - d. Exhibitors may NOT be asked to mount and dismount.
4. **Restrictions:** Competitors registered in Walk/Trot classes may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires a lope/canter.

**WESTERN CLASSES:** The following Western classes MAY be offered. A Western Hi Point award MAY be offered. The following classes will count towards Western Hi Point—Bareback Equitation if ridden Western, Trail if ridden Western, Western Equitation and/or Horsemanship, Western Riding, and Reining. Ties will be broken in the following order: Western Equitation or Horsemanship with a pattern, Western Equitation rail only, Bareback Equitation if ridden Western, and Showmanship. If a tie is still present, classes with larger numbers of contestants will be awarded more points.

**Western Equitation and Western Horsemanship:** See PNW Western tack and attire rules and Western Equitation class rules.

1. **POSSIBLE Divisions:** Walk/Trot Beginner Riders All Ages, Walk/Trot Green Horse, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
2. **Class Description:** Exhibitor is judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining the performance. If BOTH Western Equitation and Western Horsemanship classes are offered, Western Equitation will be a rail-only class and Western Horsemanship will be a pattern-only class.
3. **Class Procedure:**
  - a. Exhibitors will do rail work in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
  - b. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests. (A separate Western Horsemanship pattern-only class may be offered.)
4. **Restrictions:** Competitors registered in Walk/Trot classes may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires a lope/canter.

**Western Riding Classes:** See PNW Western tack and attire rules.

1. **POSSIBLE Divisions:** Walk/Trot Beginner Riders All Ages, Walk/Trot Green Horse, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
2. **Class Description:** Western Riding is a judged event where exhibitors complete patterns individually. Patterns may require horses to walk, jog, go over a log, weave cones, lope, and change leads.
3. **Class Procedure:**
  - a. Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually.
  - b. Loping classes will require lead changes.
  - c. Loping horses may perform simple or flying lead changes.
4. **Judging Criteria:** The horse is judged on quality of gaits, response to the rider, manners, and disposition. Loping horses will also be judged on lead changes.
5. **Tack Special Rules:** Protective leg gear is NOT allowed.
6. **Restrictions:** Competitors registered in Walk/Trot classes may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires a lope/canter.

**Reining Classes:** See PNW Western tack and attire rules.

1. **POSSIBLE Divisions:** Walk/Trot Beginner Riders All Ages, Walk/Trot Green Horses, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
2. **Class Description:** Reining is a judged event designed to show the athletic ability of a ranch type horse in the confines of a show arena.
3. **Class Procedure:**
  - a. Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually.
  - b. Patterns include small slow circles, large fast circles, rollbacks, spins, and stops.
  - c. Loping classes will require lead changes.

- d. Loping horses may perform simple or flying lead changes.
- 4. **Judging Criteria:** Horse will be judged on its willingness and ability to complete a pattern with little or no resistance.
- 5. **Tack Special Rules:** Protective leg gear IS allowed.
- 6. **Restrictions:** Competitors registered in Walk/Trot classes may NOT cross enter into ANY class that requires a lope/canter.

**ENGLISH CLASSES:** The following English classes MAY be offered. An English Hi Point award MAY be offered. The following classes will count towards English Hi Point—Bareback Equitation if ridden English, Trail if ridden English, English Equitation on rail and/or English Equitation with pattern, Equitation over Ground Poles or Fences, and Hunter Hack. Ties will be broken in the following order: English Equitation with pattern, English Equitation rail only, Equitation over Ground Poles/Fences, Bareback Equitation if ridden English, and Showmanship. If a tie is still present, classes with larger numbers of contestants will be awarded more points.

**English Equitation Classes:** See PNW tack and attire rules and English Equitation class rules.

- 1. **POSSIBLE Divisions:** Walk/Trot Beginner Riders All Ages, Walk/Trot Green Horse, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior
- 2. **Class Description:** Exhibitor is judged on correct posture, smooth gait transitions, and effective use of aids, with special emphasis on light hands. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the methods used by the rider in obtaining the performance.
- 3. **Class Procedure:**
  - a. Exhibitors will do rail work in both directions and back as directed by the judge or ring steward.
  - b. Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests. (A separate English Equitation pattern-only class may be offered.)
- 4. Walk/Trot exhibitors are prohibited from loping/cantering in any class.

**Hunter Hack Classes:** See PNW Hunt Seat tack and attire rules. ***AT LEAST FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS IN ALL COMBINED AGE GROUPS MUST SHOW PROFICIENCY IN JUMPING TO THE FAIR COMMITTEE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THIS CLASS TO BE OFFERED. The fair committee may consist of a judge, fair superintendent(s), riding instructor chosen by fair superintendent(s), and/or Extension Office personnel.***

**Mandatory Jump Evaluation:** Each contestant wanting to participate in Hunter Hack must have a mandatory jumping safety evaluation prior to the class. Evaluators may include judge, fair superintendent(s), riding instructor selected by fair committee, and/or Extension Office personnel.

**Practice Jump:** A practice jump will be available in the arena prior to the start of the class. Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet with the chin harness secured. Exhibitors may not go over the practice jumps without a fair supervisor or certified leader present.

**Possible Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

**Class Description:** The purpose of Hunter Hack is to give horses an opportunity to show their expertise over low fences and on the flat. The Hunter Hack horse should move in the same style as a Working Hunter.

**Class Procedure:**

Horses will be worked on the rail at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions.

Horses are required to jump two (2) fences which will be set sixty (60) feet apart.

Jump heights will be determined by the judge and/or fair superintendent(s).

Maximum jump height for juniors: 12 inches

Maximum jump height for intermediates: 18 inches

Maximum jump height for seniors: 24 inches

At the discretion of the judge, contestants may be asked to hand gallop, pull up, or back and stand quietly following the last fence.

**Judging Criteria:** The class will be judged on style over fences, even hunting pace, flat work, manners, and way of going.

**Tack Special Rules:** Martingales and protective leg gear are NOT allowed in Hunter Hack.

**Restrictions:**

Riders must pass the supervised jump safety check.

Horses must be **at least five (5) years old** as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WALK/TROT BEGINNER RIDERS AND GREEN HORSES MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN HUNTER HACK.**

**Hunt Seat Equitation over Ground Poles:** See PNW Hunt Seat tack and attire rules. *At least five (5) individuals in all combined age groups must be signed up for this class to be offered.*

**Possible Divisions:** Walk/Trot All Ages, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

**Class Description:** Hunt Seat Equitation over Ground Poles is judged on the rider's equitation going over a course of poles on the ground.

**Class Procedure:**

Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually.

Pattern will be determined by the judge and fair superintendent(s). Judge will determine when making the pattern whether contestants will trot or canter over the ground poles. (WALK/TROT EXHIBITORS MUST TROT THE ENTIRE COURSE.)

Pattern must consist of 6 – 12 "jumps" with at least one (1) change of direction.

**Judging Criteria:** Performance will be judged on effective use of aids on the entire course. Emphasis will be on light hands, balance, correct posture, and seat on the flat and over fences. Excessive speed will be penalized.

**Tack Special Rules:** Martingales and protective leg equipment ARE allowed.

**Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences:** See PNW Hunt Seat tack and attire rules. See PNW Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences rules. ***AT LEAST THREE (3) INDIVIDUALS IN ALL COMBINED AGE GROUPS MUST SHOW PROFICIENCY IN JUMPING TO THE FAIR COMMITTEE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THIS CLASS TO BE OFFERED. The fair committee may consist of a judge, fair superintendent(s), riding instructor chosen by fair superintendent(s), and/or Extension Office personnel.***

**Mandatory Jump Evaluation:** Each contestant wanting to participate in Hunter Hack must have a mandatory jumping safety evaluation prior to the class. Evaluators may include judge, fair superintendent(s), riding instructor selected by fair committee, and/or Extension Office personnel.

**Practice Jump:** A practice jump will be available in the arena prior to the start of the class. Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet with the chin harness secured. Exhibitors may not go over the practice jumps without a fair supervisor or certified leader present.

**Possible Divisions:** Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

**Class Description:** Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences is judged on the rider's equitation going over a course of fences.

**Class Procedure:**

Each contestant will perform the required pattern individually.

Jump heights will be determined by the fair supervisors.

Maximum jump height for juniors: 12 inches

Maximum jump height for intermediates: 18 inches

Maximum jump height for seniors: 24 inches



The course will consist of 6 – 12 jumps, performed at a canter, with at least one (1) change of direction. The judge may ask the class to do rail work at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. See PNW rules regarding fence requirements.

**Judging Criteria:** Performance will be judged on effective use of aids on the entire course. Emphasis will be on light hands, balance, correct posture, and seat on the flat and over fences. Excessive speed will be penalized.

**Tack Special Rules:** Martingales and protective leg equipment ARE allowed.

**Restrictions:**

Riders must pass the supervised jump safety check.

Horses must be **at least five (5) years old** as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WALK/TROT BEGINNER RIDERS AND GREEN HORSES MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN HUNTER HACK.**

**WALK/TROT CLASSES:** *Walk/Trot classes are for BEGINNER RIDERS who are not ready to lope in ANY class. A competitor registered in the Walk/Trot division must enter Showmanship in his/her age division (unless a novice showman). Competitors registered in Walk/Trot classes may NOT cross enter in loping/cantering classes and may NOT lope/canter in games. See additional Walk/Trot classes above.*

**Walk/Trot Equitation for Beginner Rider:** See PNW tack and attire rules

**Class Description:** This class is for beginner riders of any age that are not ready to lope/canter.

**Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the rider.

**Attire:** English or Western; English riders must post the trot

**Tack Special Rules:** None

**Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.

**Restrictions:**

A beginner rider may only participate in this class for two consecutive years [unless approved by the fair superintendent(s).]

Riders entered in this class may not lope in any class.

**Class Procedure:**

Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.

Walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait in both directions and back as directed by judge or ring steward.

Judge may also require exhibitors to perform a pattern—see PNW rules on possible equitation tests.

**Walk/Trot Pleasure for Beginner Rider:** See PNW tack and attire rules

**Class Description:** This class is for beginner riders of any age that are not ready to lope.

**Judging Criteria:** Judged on the performance of the horse.

**Attire:** Western or English; English riders must post the trot

**Tack Special Rules:** none

**Age Divisions:** NO AGE DIVISIONS – ALL EXHIBITORS SHOW TOGETHER.

**Restrictions:**

A beginner rider may only show in this class for two consecutive years [unless approved by the fair superintendent(s).]

Beginner riders entered in this class may not lope in any class.

**Class Procedure:**

Entire class will enter the ring at the walk.

Walk and jog/trot/intermediate gait in both directions and back as directed by judge or ring steward.

**GEM/BOISE COUNTY FAIR GYMKHANA CLASSES:** Classes are for fun. Youth are encouraged to

wear shirts that represent their club/chapter. Tack requirements will follow PNW guidelines.

Division Classes for 2024: (may not be in this order during the show)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior/FFA

English Discipline

Equitation

Pleasure

Equitation Over Ground Poles

Equitation Over Cavalettis or Fences

Trail

In-Hand Trail

Walk-Trot Division

Trail

Western Equitation

Western Pleasure

Western Discipline

Equitation

Pleasure

Western Riding

Western Reining

Western Horsemanship

Freestyle Reining

Bareback Equitation

Walk/Trot Equitation

Gymkhana Games: Ribbon Race, Keyhole Race, Figure 8 Race, Pole Bending, Barrell Racing, Root Beer Float Race

Walk/Trot Gymkhana Games: Ribbon Race, Keyhole Race, Figure 8 Race, Pole Bending, Barrell Racing, Root Beer Float Race

## **POCKET PETS**

Superintendent – Deanna Storrs

Check-in: Immediately prior to Show. Pocket pets will not be vet checked.

**SHOW TIME: SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024, EXPO BUILDING, FOLLOWING THE CAT SHOW**

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Cloverbud

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Showmanship for Pocket Pet is the ability to handle the animal correctly and demonstrate knowledge of the animal being exhibited.

## **POULTRY & RABBITS**

Rabbit Superintendents – Julie Oeffinger

Poultry Superintendent – Anna Gonzales

Check-In: Monday, July 29, 2024, at 5:00-8:00 PM

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) All animals will be vet-checked before being penned in the barn.
- 2) Animals showing signs of disease will NOT be allowed in the showroom. Unsightly specimens are not acceptable and will be removed at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- 3) No person shall handle any exhibits without the permission of the Superintendent. The owner of the animal is responsible for its care and maintenance.
- 4) Rabbit meat pens consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety (color), not over 69 days of age, weighing 4-6 pounds each.
- 5) Poultry meat pens to consist of three birds, same breed and variety, of appropriate market weight.
- 6) Age division - Bird hatched prior to January 1 of the current year will be classified as cocks and hens. Birds hatched after January 1 of the current year will be qualified as cockerels and pullets.
- 7) Rabbits under six months of age will be classified as Junior bucks and Junior does. Rabbits six months of age and older will be classified as Senior bucks and Senior does.
- 8) Exhibits must remain in place until Sunday morning and must be removed by 9 a.m. on Sunday.
- 9) Species and number of entries: at the discretion of the Superintendent. Superintendent will arrange classes.
- 10) All animals will be judged in the class as written on the entry form.
- 11) Please note: Each bird or rabbit may be entered into only one class. A pen of three (broilers/fryers, layers/etc.) are considered one complete exhibit or entry and are shown as a pen and CANNOT then be entered or shown as individual birds or rabbits in any class.
- 12) Any recognized breed can be exhibited.
- 13) Awards in class will be blue, red, and white ribbons.
- 14) Top two blue-ribbon entries in each class will compete for Grand & Reserve Champion of Show.
- 15) Grand Champion Showman will qualify to show in the Small Animal Round Robin.

## **POULTRY**

**SHOW TIME: FRIDAY, AUG 2, 2024, AT 3:00 PM, 4-H BUILDING**

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Cloverbud

Novice

Junior  
Intermediate  
Senior

Quality: Chickens Production Breeds

Pen of Layers (3)  
Pen of Pullets (3)  
Pen of Broiler/Fryers (4)

Quality:

Poultry  
Cockerel & Rooster (all ages shown together)  
Pullet & Hen (all ages shown together)

Ducks  
Drake  
Hen  
Pen of market ducklings (3).

Turkeys  
Tom  
Hen  
Pen of market poults (3).

Geese  
Gander  
Goose  
Pen of market goslings (3)

Specialty Class  
Pheasants  
Quail  
Peacocks  
Pigeons  
Other

Adult Showmanship Class

## **RABBITS**

**SHOW TIME: FRIDAY, AUG 2, 2024 AT 11:00 AM, 4-H BUILDING**

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship  
Cloverbud  
Novice  
Junior  
Intermediate  
Senior

Quality

Jr. Buck (under 6 months)

Int. Buck (6-9 months)

Sr. Buck (9+ months)

Jr. Doe (under 6 months)

Int. Doe (6-9 months)

Sr. Doe (9+ months)

Fur Class

Pan of Fryers

Adult Showmanship Class

## **SHEEP**

Superintendent – Darla Wintermote and JD Pascale

Final Weigh-In & Vet check: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 30, 2024

**SHOW TIME: THURSDAY, AUG 1, 2024, AT 1:30 PM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

- 1) IDAHO SHEEP AND GOAT IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: USDA/APHIS Scrapie ID requirements for sheep and goats are now in effect. All sheep and goats over 18 months of age need to be identified (ear tagged) with Idaho/APHIS approved ID prior to change of ownership or movement in interstate commerce. Idaho is using both plastic and metal ID tags, which sheep and goat producers may obtain by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG. These tags are numbered to indicate state, flock of origin, and individual animal identification. They are shipped directly to producers. One pair of tagging pliers is shipped with the first order of tags at Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) expense. Replacement tagging pliers will be at the owner's expense. The tags are paid for by APHIS and supplied to producers free of charge. Any questions call 1-866-USDA tag. **THIS IS A FEDERAL REGULATION, WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH IN ORDER TO MARKET SHEEP AND GOATS. IT IS NOT OPTIONAL, IT IS MANDATORY.**
- 2) All breeding sheep and goats of any age need to be identified with scrapie tags prior to change of ownership or entry into interstate commerce.
- 3) All exhibition sheep (excluding wethers less than 18 months of age) must be identified with scrapie tags.
- 4) Any visible sign of prolapsed, as determined by the Fair Veterinarian or the Extension Educator, will result in the animal being removed from the Fairgrounds. Animals identified as prolapsed may not be shown or sold in the livestock animal sale.
- 5) All market sheep must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and, as estimated by the judge from live evaluation, grade choice or prime to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale. White ribbon group are not eligible for sale.
- 6) Market lambs must be slick sheared within the ten days prior to final weigh-in.
- 7) Grand Champion Showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.
- 8) The breeding classes will be organized by breed. There must be at least 3 animals of the same breed to constitute a class; all other entries will go in a mixed breed class.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Market (all breeds to be shown together)

Feeder Lambs – 109 pounds and under

Market Lambs – 110 pounds and up (Refer to Livestock Sale Rules)

Breeding (must be at least 3 per class, otherwise it will be a mixed breed class)

Based on the number of entries, classes will be set up by the Sheep Superintendent and the Extension Educator.

Adult Showmanship Class

**SWINE**

Superintendent – Robert Hall and Tyler Reed

Check-in: Tuesday, July 30, 2024, from 6:00 AM TO 8:00 AM

**SHOW TIME: THURSDAY, AUG 1, 2024, AT 8:00 AM, PAVILION**

Division Rules (in addition to General Livestock and General 4-H/FFA Rules):

1) All market swine must weigh a minimum of 230 pounds and, as estimated by the judge (live evaluation), grade US no. 1 or No. 2 to be eligible to be sold in the Market Animal Sale. White ribbon animals are not eligible for sale.

2) Grand Champion showman qualifies to show in Large Animal Round Robin.

Division Classes: (may not be in this order on show day)

Showmanship

Novice

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

Quality (all breeds to be shown together)

Feeder Hogs – 229 pounds and under

Market Hogs – 230 pounds and up (refer to Livestock Sale Rules)

Breeding

Based on the number of entries, classes will be set up by the Swine Superintendent, the 4-H/FFA Fair Secretary, and the Extension Educator.

Adult Showmanship Class

## **4-H & FFA SPECIAL EVENTS & CONTESTS**

*Note: All events are subject to change depending on available resources.*

### **4-H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE**

We're asking each 4-H Club/FFA Chapter to design a 2'x4' foam poster board. Blank foam poster boards will be available for pickup at the Extension office. Clubs are encouraged to design their board using the 2024 Fair Theme: "Legends on the Horizon" and highlight events and activities that happened in their club/chapter during the 2023-2024 project year. The purpose of the showcase is to tell the story of 4-H and FFA to our community. Boards will not be judged and can be dropped off to the 4-H building Friday, July 26, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 PM and 7:15-8:15 PM.

### **4-H/FFA EXHIBIT TAG CONTEST**

**\*NEW IN 2024\*** In lieu of a booth display contest, we will have an Exhibit Tag Contest. Clubs/Chapters are asked to design a 3"x4" exhibit tag with the following information present: FFA or 4-H Emblem, Fair Theme, Club Name, Exhibitor Name, Project Division, and Project Name. Clubs/Chapters can submit their finished tags no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office.

Exhibit tags can be any shape (barn, animal, rectangle) and individually crafted or created digitally. Creativity is highly encouraged!

Exhibit tags will be attached to every Non-Animal/Static exhibit that members enter in the fair. We would also like to see Exhibit Tags displayed on your stall cards. The Top Exhibit Tag will receive a ribbon and a \$50 gift certificate to the Emmett Ice Cream Shop. Exhibit Tags will be judged according to the following criteria:

Quality of Display and Materials	30%
Interest & Originality	25%
Appearance	25%
Promoting 4-H or FFA Value	20%

### **BOXED DESSERT AUCTION**

**EVENT TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, 11:00 AM, 4-H BUILDING**

This special food event is open to all current 4-H and FFA members. No record book is required and there will be no ribbons or premiums awarded. Desserts must be homemade and non-perishable (no refrigeration required). Desserts need to arrive no later than 10:30 AM on Wednesday before the Gem/Boise County Fashion Revue. All proceeds from the auction will go to the Home Ec. 4-H Leaders and will be used to purchase future awards.

### **FASHION REVUE**

**SHOW TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024, 11:00 AM., 4-H BUILDING**

Contest Rules and Information:

1. All 4-H/FFA members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue Contest. Each member may model as many outfits as they choose.
2. It is preferred that youth designate their intention to participate in the Fashion Revue on the Fair Entry forms.
3. All entries will be awarded a Blue, Red, or White Award. All Blue Award winners at the Gem/Boise County Fashion Revue are eligible to participate at the Southern District 4-H Fashion Revue at the Western Idaho Fair.
4. Each model must fill out a Fashion Revue narration card (available at the Extension Office) and turn it into the Extension Office.
5. Fashion Revue practice schedules will be published by the Extension Office.
6. Youth may enter the Fashion Revue on faireentry.com with other Fair Entries.
6. Note: Classes may be cancelled, combined, or divided at the discretion of the judge, Fair Superintendent, or Extension staff. Unless otherwise changed, youth will be grouped in the following classes:

Cloverbud	5 to 7 years old
Junior	8 to 10 years old
Intermediate	11 to 13 years old
Senior	14 to 18 years old

#### Contest Classes

- Clothing Construction (garment/outfit sewn and exhibited in 2023-2024 project year)
- Select and Show (outfit not sewn by youth, open to all project areas)

### **CLEAN BARN CONTEST**

Members are encouraged to display their animals with pride at all times including in the show ring and by keeping the barns looking nice for the public.

#### Contest information:

1. The Clean Barn Award is a competition for individual 4-H and FFA members.
2. A rosette and small award will be awarded to the winning youth daily in the following categories: Dairy, Beef, Goats, Rabbit, Poultry, Swine, Sheep, and Alpaca

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

Herdsmanship judging provides an opportunity to recognize clubs and club members for responsible behavior and quality work while taking care of their animals.

#### Contest Goals:

1. Club/chapter cooperation and camaraderie.
2. Ensure that all animals have a high level of care.
3. Encourage the public to view the animals in a positive light.

#### Contest information:

1. The Herdsmanship Award is a competition between clubs.



2. Clubs will be judged on general cleanliness of barns, cleanliness of pens and storage areas, and appearance of animals.

### **LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

**EVENT TIME: FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024**

**CHECK-IN AT 3:30 PM, PAVILION**

**CONTEST ORIENTATION AT 3:45 PM, PAVILION**

**CONTEST 4:00 – 6:30 PM, PAVILION**

#### Event Information and Rules:

1. All 4-H and FFA members are eligible to enter this contest.
2. Classes to be judged: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Dairy Goat and Dairy Cattle (provided there are enough animals for each species/class).
3. Each participant will judge individually but may enter as a team of four. When ranking team scores for awards, the top three scores per team will be counted.
4. Age divisions will be as follows (age as of January 1 of the current year): Cloverbuds (ages 5-7., Junior (age 8 to age 13), and Senior (age 14 to but not graduated from high school), and FFA (High School Freshman – Graduated Senior).
5. Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate but are not eligible for any awards outside of their division.
6. All Junior, Senior, and FFA participants will give oral reasons on one livestock class that is announced. The oral reasons should be under 2 minutes in length. All reasons will be scored. The reasons scores will count towards the overall score for an individual.
7. Youth found talking during the contest will have judging card pulled and not scored.
8. Notes may be taken during judging, but they are not to be used when speaking to the judge during the oral presentation. Use of notes will result in a max score of 25 points for Senior and FFA Division.
9. There will be one questions class. This involves reviewing an animal class thoroughly, being taken to a separate area and asked 10 questions regarding the class. The Questions Class will have the same point value as the animal and reasons classes and will be counted in a participant's overall score.
10. All exhibit animals are subject to being selected for use as animals to be evaluated. Signage will be posted on the pen/stall of animal being used in the contest, inviting people to come watch them in the contest. If youth do not wish to have their animal selected, they need to notify their barn superintendent prior to the contest.

#### 4-H Scoring and Advancement:

1. Youth must receive an oral reasons score at the Gem/Boise County Fair Contest to be eligible for advancement to the State Contest.
2. Contest Superintendent and Extension Staff will tabulate scores to form teams and determine which contestants are eligible for advancement to the State Contest.
3. Individual scores received at the Gem/Boise County Contest will be used to select the team(s) that are eligible to represent Gem and Boise Counties at the Idaho 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest at the Eastern Idaho State Fair (September 2024).
4. Alternates will be designated in order of highest placing scores. Alternates may be called upon with very

short notice.

5. Youth selected for the State Contest will be expected to help with fundraising efforts to cover travel expenses.

6. All 4-H youth from Gem and Boise Counties are encouraged to participate in the Western Idaho Fair Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest. Please notify the Extension office by August 1, 2024, if you intend to participate in the Western Idaho Fair contests.

#### Awards

High individual reasons (Junior, Senior & FFA)

High individual (Junior, Senior & FFA)

1st place team (Junior, Senior & FFA)

2nd place team (Junior, Senior & FFA)

### **ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP**

Small Animal Round Robin Superintendents: Michelle Cobb and Bess Hoelzer

Large Animal Round Robin Superintendent: Beth Kienitz-Carter

**SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024, AT 3:30 PM, 4-H BUILDING**

**LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024, AT 5:00 PM, PAVILION**

#### Event Information and Rules:

1. SMALL ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN: Grand Champion Showmanship winners of Dog, Rabbit, Poultry, Cat, Pet/Pygmy Goat, and Pocket Pets are eligible to participate in this contest.

2. LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN: Grand Champion Showmanship winners of Llama/Alpaca, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Market Goat, and Dairy Goat are eligible to participate in this contest.

3. Participants must dress in show attire for the animal species they are representing.

4. The Grand Champion Showman in each class must immediately declare their intent to participate in the Round Robin Class. In the event the Grand Champion Showman does not wish to participate, the Reserve Champion can participate. If the Reserve champion does not wish to participate, there will be no representation for that species.

5. If a participant is eligible in more than one species in one competition, the participant must choose one species to compete with. This decision must be told to the Superintendent of that barn and to the Extension Office.

6. Judging will be done using a point system of one to ten at each station. The highest score is deemed the winner.

### **SUPER ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP AT WESTERN IDAHO FAIR**

**SHOW TIME: SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024**

Check Extension Office for exact dates, times, and locations.

The Grand Champions of the Gem/Boise County Round Robin contests are eligible to enter the Southern District Super Round Robin Showmanship Contests at the Western Idaho Fair if they are 13 years old or older as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. If the Grand Champion is unable (or ineligible) to attend, the Reserve Champion may attend if eligible. Gem-Boise County Fair contest winners must let the Extension

Office know ASAP if they plan to attend. Further information regarding this contest is in the Western Idaho Fair Junior Exhibitor Handbook.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Contest information:

1. One youth in each of the following species will be recognized for their Sportsmanship during the Fair: Alpaca, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, & Swine.
2. One overall winner will also be chosen.

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024, AT 10:30 AM, PAVILION**

General information:

The Gem/Boise County Market Livestock Sale Association, often referred to as the Sale Committee, are volunteers, receiving no salary or monetary compensation for the work they do for the 4-H and FFA livestock members of Gem/Boise County.

The objectives and purposes of 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Sale are:

- To provide an outlet for market stock raised in a 4-H/FFA project.
- To provide youth, their parents, and leaders an experience in one method of marketing & selling.
- To encourage members to learn a marketing process.
- Through participation in an auction, improve the livestock enterprise by encouraging excellence in management and economical production.
- To provide awareness by the general public of the efforts expended by 4-H and FFA members in connection with the livestock project.
- To be part of the consumer education efforts of 4-H/FFA with focus on marketing at the proper weight, quality grade and producing a desirable carcass from a consumer and producer standpoint.
- To provide an opportunity for recognition of the members and the buyers who support the members.
- To provide a way for citizens of the community to participate in the 4-H/FFA experience.

## **WHAT ARE FLOOR AND PREMIUM BUYERS?**

### **FLOOR BUYER:**

Your animal is given a **floor price** by a set **floor buyer who will take all animals not purchased outright in the sale**. The **floor price** is an amount per pound based on current market value.

### **PREMIUM BUYER:**

The “other buyers” **pay the premium price you make on your animal above the floor price**.

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE RULES**

1. Only enrolled 4-H/FFA members who meet the 4-H/FFA requirements for exhibit are eligible to sell animals in the livestock sale.
2. All 4-H and FFA market animals that meet the sale criteria based on weight and quality are automatically

eligible to be entered in the livestock sale.

3. Members will be allowed to sell only one market animal.

4. If a 4-H or FFA exhibitor has sold or will sell a market animal in any fair's market animal sale other than the Gem/Boise County Fair within 2024, he/she may not participate in the 2024 Gem/Boise County Youth Livestock Sale.

5. If a 4-H or FFA exhibitor has more than one animal eligible to be sold in the market sale, he/she must complete a Sale Declaration form to designate which animal they will be selling. Sale Declaration forms are due immediately after animals are judged for quality and no later than the end of show day. Sale Declaration forms are available from the Extension office and will be available before, during, and after the shows.

6. All male market animals must be neutered completely before reaching breeding age. NO RAMS, BULLS, OR BOARS WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW OR SELL AS MARKET LIVESTOCK.

7. To be eligible for either the show or the sale, all animals must be properly trimmed and fitted for show. The decision of the Project Superintendent is final.

8. In order to be eligible for the sale, animals must have been weighed at the initial and final weigh-ins of each species as set by the county Extension Educator and must have an official Gem/Boise County weigh-in tag in the ear. For initial and final weigh-in dates and times, please see schedule. Transportation, brand inspection slips, and Bills-of-Sale must be presented when animals are weighed.

9. If there is a question of weight, scales will be re-balanced, and the animal will be re-weighed immediately. Once the animal leaves the scale weigh-in area, there will be no re-weighs.

10. All animals must meet the following weight guidelines:

Initial Weigh In

BEEF	Suggested Weight 750-850 lbs.
SWINE	Recommended 90 lbs. maximum
SHEEP	Recommended 100 lbs. maximum
GOAT	Recommended 75 lbs. maximum

Final Weigh In

BEEF	1100 lbs. minimum (Ideal: 1250-1350 lbs.)
SHEEP	110 lbs. minimum (Ideal: 130-140 lbs.)
SWINE	230 lbs. minimum (Ideal: 240-270 lbs.)
GOAT	70 lbs. minimum (Ideal: 90-100 lbs.)

11. Any animal below minimum weight at final weigh-in will show in a feeder class and will not sell in the youth livestock sale.

12. All animals meeting the weight guidelines will be evaluated by a judge (during quality classes) who will estimate if:

- Beef will grade Select, Choice or Prime
- Sheep will grade Choice or Prime
- Swine will grade US 1 or 2.

The decision of the judge shall be final. The animals meeting the above-estimated carcass grades will be eligible for sale. Those animals that do not meet these grades will not be eligible for sale and they will receive a White ribbon.

13. Youth Livestock Sale Order Rotation:

**THE GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONS WILL BE SOLD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH INDIVIDUAL SPECIES.**

2024 Goat-Beef-Sheep-Swine

2025 Beef-Sheep-Swine-Goat

2026 Sheep-Swine-Goat-Beef

**2027 Swine-Goat-Beef-Sheep**

14. The order of sale within each species will be determined by show-ring placing. Blue then Red. Animals not qualifying for the sale, under the rules of the sale, may be shown in the proper classes. The fair assumes no responsibility for marketing those animals.

15. Exhibitors must be present and prepared to sell at the time set in the sale order.

16. Any animal exhibited in any market class that receives Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion must be sold in the Livestock Sale. In the event one exhibitor owns both the Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion, the Grand Champion is to be sold and the Reserve Grand Champion will not.

17. In the event an exhibitor has the champion in two or more species or the reserve champion in two or more species, the exhibitor must designate one animal from the two or more species that they wish to sell. Others will be removed from the sale order.

18. Floor prices will be announced at the sale. The Youth Livestock Sale Committee cannot guarantee a flooring price for the animals.

19. Four percent (4%) will be deducted for sale expenses, promotion, and recognition to buyers.

20. A single check for floor and Blue Sky monies will be mailed **once all money is collected**. “THANK YOU” LETTERS MUST BE VERIFIED WITH THE YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE SECRETARY PRIOR TO MARKET ANIMAL SALE CHECKS BEING ISSUED. To do this: please take your completed thank-you letter in a **sealed** and stamped envelope, with the address of your buyer, to the Fair Office, not the Extension Office. All thank-you letters must be into the Gem County Fair Board Office by September 15, 2024.

21. Subject to the approval of the Youth Livestock Sale Committee, no monies will be given above the sale price of any market sale money prior to sale.

22. The Youth Livestock Sale Secretary will collect all sale monies.

23. The University of Idaho Market Animal Project policy states that the following is a condition of the project: A formal change of ownership occurs, such as selling the animal in a youth market project sale. For example, a 4-H project animal sold through a county market animal project sale (or other sale) cannot be returned to the 4-H Member (Seller) and continue as a 4-H project in the current 4-H year.

24. When a person purchases an animal for his/her use and the carcass does not grade on the rail as estimated by the judge, it will be the purchaser’s responsibility to accept the carcass as graded on the rail.

25. If a carcass is condemned, it is the seller’s loss – NOT THAT OF THE BUYER.

26. All exhibits must remain on the FAIRGROUNDS until final checkout time Sunday morning unless otherwise specified under that department. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the loss of premium money and the possibility of suspension from exhibiting in the project area for 1 year.

27. In addition to the youth livestock rules listed here, members must abide by the general rules and regulations set forth by the Fair Board, University of Idaho Extension and the 4-H/FFA Livestock

Department.

28. Sellers/exhibitors will be present at the sale unless prior approval has been obtained from the Youth Livestock Sale Committee.

29. Youth exhibitors wishing to buy back their own animal at market value must complete a “Exhibitor Purchase Request” form available at the Extension office (new in 2022). This form must be returned with the Sale Declaration form. There is **no** guarantee that completing this form will result in a particular animal being returned to the youth.

30. Buyers purchasing animals during the sale are given first priority for what happens with that animal after the sale.

31. Individuals wishing to purchase animals at market value must contact the Sale Secretary to be placed on the “floor buyer” list. This list does not guarantee receiving an animal for purchase.

32. All decisions regarding dispersal of animals are at the discretion of the sale committee.