

# MOHAVE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS EXHIBITOR QUALIFICATIONS

1. Only members who are enrolled in the current 4-H or FFA year, and currently enrolled in a 4-H Club OR Agri science class and are under the supervision and instruction of a 4-H Leader or Agri-Ed Instructor, and who are in good standing, may compete in the Mohave County Junior Livestock Auction Divisions.

**ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:** To participate in the Mohave County Fair, Youth Livestock Exhibitors (Market Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine and Small Animal projects) must have a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Certification PRIOR TO THE ANIMAL OWNERSHIP DEADLINE. This certification must be completed each year.

### EXHIBITOR DIVISIONS

2. **JUNIOR MEMBERS:** 8 – 10 years old as of 11:59 pm 12/31/2022  
**INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS:** 11 – 13 years old as of 11:59 pm 12/31/2022  
**SENIOR:** 14 – 18 years old as of 11:59 pm 12/31/2022  
Exception FFA Members immediately following graduation from High School.

### ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

3. **ENTRY DEADLINE:** All entries must be **RECEIVED ONLINE by Friday, August 18, 2023.**
4. Exhibits entered must be checked in by the registered Exhibitor by the deadline for their division or they cannot be exhibited. Exhibits incorrectly entered may be exhibited, but not judged. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, check with Division Representative or bulletin board for stall assignment.
5. Only one entry per Lot, unless otherwise stated. All exhibits must be the work of the Exhibitor. More than one animal may be shown if they are in different Lots, i.e., light wt., heavy wt., etc. in Market Classes (see AUCTION). To participate in Market Class and qualify for Auction, Exhibitor must also enter and participate in the Showmanship Class in the same project.
6. Only exhibits to be judged may be brought to the fairgrounds. **Each Exhibitor must bring their own exhibit to Judging Class/Auction**, except in unusual circumstances, such as sickness, family emergency, conflict in show schedule, or having more than one entry in a class. Extra-curricular activities will not be considered as an exception. Each Exhibitor must use his/her own exhibit in the Showmanship competition unless permission is granted from the Division Representative and said exhibit must be entered in the Fair for judging. Only the animal's owner will be allowed to sell animal through the Auction unless prior arrangements have been made with the MCYLA.
7. All exhibitors will abide by the MCYLA decisions.
8. Every effort will be made to protect and care for entries, but in no case will the Fair management, including its officers, commissioners, servants, agents and/or employees, be responsible for any damage or loss which may occur. Each Exhibitor must furnish his own food and water equipment. All exhibits will be cared for during the hours of the Fair. If extra care is needed contact appropriate Project Representative.
9. Entries must represent the project work the 4-H or FFA member is caring for this year, and not have been previously exhibited at the Fair (except breeding stock and Prospect Classes). Exhibitors may enter only in the Class which corresponds to the projects enrolled in. Exhibitor may not show another person's animal unless the Division Representative designate otherwise. **ANIMAL REGISTRATION** must be on file no later than 5:00 PM THE BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE OWNERSHIP DEADLINE. Members MUST be the PRIMARY care giver (including feeding, cleaning & training of animal) by the OWNERSHIP DEADLINE.

10. It is our intent that all Exhibitors present themselves in appropriate and professional dress. Therefore, these GUIDELINES should be used in determining appropriate dress.  
**ALL Livestock Classes (Showmanship & Conformation)**  
**4-H Exhibitors:** long-sleeve, white or green shirt (or combination), dark long pants, close-toed non-cloth shoes and belt during shows. *No Ball Caps.*  
**FFA Exhibitors:** must wear Official dress during all shows.  
**Livestock Judging, Parade of Champions & Auction**  
**4-H AND FFA Exhibitors:** long-sleeve shirts, long pants and close-toed non-cloth shoes and belt. *No Ball Caps.*  
**ALL Small Animal Classes (Showmanship & Conformation)**  
**4-H Exhibitors:** long-sleeve, white or green collared shirt (or combination), dark long pants and close-toed shoes and belt. *No Ball Caps.*  
**FFA Exhibitors:** must wear Official dress during all shows.  
**Weigh-In**  
Exhibitor must be in long pants and close-toed non-cloth shoes.
11. MCYLA exhibits may not also be entered in the Open Classes of the Mohave County Fair (exceptions: miniature goats and breeding and feeder class animals). No Market animals may be shown in Open Class. Animals entered in both Divisions, if stalled, must be stalled in the 4-H/FFA Division area. Any 4-H/FFA Market animal shown in any Open Division Class will be disqualified from the 4-H/FFA Market Classes.
12. No Market animal can be entered into a Breeding class Lot.
13. Exhibitors must FIT and SHOW their own animals with help from other Exhibitors from Mohave County and/or Project Directors. **IMPORTANT!** Parents and Leaders are reminded that all work pertaining to cleanliness of stall/pen areas during the Mohave County Fair must be done by the Club Members. The educational value of such activities is lost if Members are not allowed to be responsible for their part in the activities. **Exhibitor will be disqualified from Showmanship Event if rule is violated, excluding situations that are deemed to be unsafe.** (Refer to PROTEST AND APPEAL).
14. No vehicles will be allowed in stall area between the hours of 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM, except hours and days when livestock is scheduled to be received or released. The stall area will be open to vehicles from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM for the purpose of loading or unloading feed and tack. The stall area will close at 10:00 PM and only authorized persons will be allowed in the stall area after 10:00 PM. There will be a guard on duty from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM in the stall area. Barns must always be manned by a leader between the hours of 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM. All livestock Exhibitors should use designated livestock gate.
15. Auction animal entries will be released at 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 17, 2023. Private Sale and all other animal entries will be released at 12:00 PM, Sunday, September 17, 2023. All stall exhibits MUST stay in place until 10:00 AM Sunday. Deadline for cleaning pens is 5:00 PM, Monday, September 18, 2023. Parents or family members may help with tear down and clean up. A \$25.00 fee will be billed to each Club concerned for each stall left uncleaned.
16. Livestock Exhibitors must have a properly dated Seasonal Show Pass.
17. No stock is to be tranquilized before or during Fair. No drugs or medicated feeds are to be given to slaughter animals 30 days prior to the sale, unless a written release from a veterinarian is obtained indicating that the medication has dissipated satisfactorily for slaughter. (See Swine Division for additional regulations regarding Paylean). The USDA Wholesome Meat Act applies to all animals to be sold. All sick, lame, diseased and unmanageable animals will be disqualified at the discretion of the Sifting Committee, Livestock Representative, or Judge and may have to be removed from the fairgrounds.
18. All Market animals must be weighed on official scales at the fairgrounds. Exhibitor must bring own animal to that scale. All "Declaration of Sale" must be turned in prior to weigh-in. No one will be allowed at the scales during weigh-in except the Livestock Representatives, Exhibitor, Weighmaster and Officials. There will be no animal re-weighing. Exhibitors will rank their declared Market animals if they have more than one. If the first declared animal is underweight, the second would be eligible for auction.
19. MCYLA Officials will be at the scales and animals must meet weight, cleanliness, health, and manageability requirements. All animals deemed

uncontrollable, or a safety concern will not be permitted to show and must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.

20. All animals will be clean, healthy, in manageable condition and proper weight for animal prior to weigh-in at the fairgrounds. If needed, condition of health will be addressed at a MCYLA meeting, will then be determined if veterinarian on-call needs to be called, animal isolation, or unfit for Fair. Animals not in show condition (clean, healthy, in manageable condition) will not be weighed.
21. Exhibitors not properly caring for and/or delivering their animals to the designated location when called for may be charged a \$25.00 penalty fee. Manure and bedding must be hauled to manure pile behind stalls to collection area.
22. NO "FOR SALE" signs may be posted on any animals until the conclusion of the Mohave County Youth Livestock Auction. Sales requiring livestock inspection must be final by 9:00 AM exhibitor meeting on Sunday.
23. **No livestock will be permitted outside of the Livestock area or Show Arena area.**
24. Only Members in good standing or Certified Leaders may assist other members from Mohave County in the handling of livestock. It is the member's responsibility to be ready for each class they are showing in. The Class will be called "On Deck", and then called "To the Ring", 2 minutes later the "Last Call" and after 1 minute the gate will close and the class will start. No late entries.

### **JUDGING**

25. A. All animal exhibits and contests will be judged on the Danish system of awards. Entries may be placed in Blue, Red or White Ribbon category. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be named from the Blue award group, if the competition merits. The decision of Judge(s) is final.  
B. Weight Sifted animals will be kept with their Club and may be shown in Showmanship Class. Animals not making weight will not be shown in Market Classes but may be shown in Prospect or Breed Conformation Class, if class is available.  
C. Award is considered final when ribbon has been placed.
26. The Showmanship Contest will be judged on the Exhibitor's ability to show his/her animal to its advantage and his/her knowledge in handling, fitting, and selecting animals for production and show. The Judge may also ask questions pertaining to the project. Separate classes will be held for judging Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship. No ribbons from Showmanship Contest will be displayed on person or animal during Conformation classes.
27. Other entries not listed in the Fair Book may be shown and judged by approval of the MCYLA. (See Rule 7).

### **PROTEST AND APPEAL**

28. The MCYLA will decide on any complaints or grievances that come about during the Mohave County Fair. All Exhibitors, Parents, and Leaders will abide by the **NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)**.
29. All protests must be made to and filed with the MCYLA within five (5) hours after the decision has been made. It being considered that a decision is made when the notation of the decision of the Committee or Judge is entered in the department record book.
30. All appeals must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00 to the MCYLA board. Deposit will only be returned if appeal is upheld. Appeal must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated, naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proofs are to be made. NO protests of weights will be allowed.
31. No protest or appeal based upon a statement that the Judge(s) is incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the MCYLA, whose decision shall be final.