

# MOHAVE COUNTY FAIR 4-H AND FFA DIVISION

## 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 4-H and FFA Divisions. Record Books must be current and turned into the Extension Office by Friday, August 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM (Excluding Cloverbuds).

### 4-H Youth Development Program

Cloverbuds: 5 - 7 years old prior to Jan 1 of the current club year.

4-H Club: 8 - 18 years old prior to Jan 1 of the current club year.

A member in "Good Standing":

- a) 75% attendance at Club level.
- b) A demonstration given at the Club or County level.
- c) Participate in at least one County event prior to the County Fair.
- d) Submit an up-to-date Record Book by fair entry due date.

### FFA

FFA members may exhibit through the Mohave County Fair immediately following graduation from High School.

### FFA Members:

- Must be passing ALL classes.
- Must be participating in fundraisers.
- Must attend 50% of all FFA meetings.
- Must have an FFA Record Book checked by Advisor.

## EXHIBITOR DIVISIONS

2. JUNIOR MEMBERS 4-H age 8-10  
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERS 4-H age 11-13  
SENIOR MEMBERS 4-H age 14-18  
4-H age is determined by the age of a member at 11:59 p.m. on December 31 of the current 4-H year (October 1 through September 30)

## ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

3. ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be **RECEIVED** by Friday, August 23, 2024
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 Project Director 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.
6. Only exhibits to be judged may be brought to the fairgrounds. **Each Exhibitor must bring their own exhibit to Judging Class**, except in unusual circumstances, such as sickness, family emergency, conflict in 4-H/FFA 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 Project Director and said exhibit must be entered in the Fair for judging.
7. All 4-H/FFA members will abide by the 4-H/FFA Fair Committee decisions. The 4-H/FFA Fair Committee will consist of the current 4-H Leaders' Council Executive Officers, Project Directors and FFA Advisor.
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 the appropriate Project Director.
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 Companion Animal classes). Exhibitors may enter only in the Class which corresponds to the projects enrolled in. Exhibitors may not show

another person's animal unless the Division Project Directors designate otherwise.

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.

*No Ball Caps*

**ALL SHOWMANSHIP, CONFIRMATION AND COMPANION ANIMAL Classes**

**4-H Exhibitors:** long-sleeve, white or green collared shirt (or combination), dark long pants and close-toed shoes and belt

**FFA Exhibitors:** must wear Official dress during all shows.

**ALL GENERAL PROJECTS**

**4-H AND FFA Exhibitors:** collared shirt, long pants, and close-toed shoes.

11. Not all Lots may be eligible to exhibit at the Arizona State Fair.
12. Exhibitors must FIT and SHOW their own animals with help from other members of Mohave County, & P.D. **IMPORTANT!** Parents and Leaders are reminded that all work pertaining to cleanliness of areas and to the educational exhibits 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. **Exhibitors will be disqualified from the Showmanship Event if the rule is violated, excluding situations that are deemed to be unsafe.** (Refer to PROTEST AND APPEAL).
13. All non-animal entries will be released anytime on Sunday, September 15, 2024. All exhibits MUST stay in place until 2:00 PM Sunday. Parents or family members may help with tearing down and cleaning up. **Clubs not meeting their time commitment or not cleaning up after themselves in the Exhibit Hall will be fined \$25.00.**
14. ALL Exhibitors, Parents, Leaders, Advisors and Agents will abide by the **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS, NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.**
15. All animals will be clean, healthy, in manageable condition and proper weight for animal prior to arrival at the fairgrounds. If needed, the condition of health will be addressed at a 4-H/FFA Fair Committee 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 checked in.
16. Members not properly caring for their animals may be charged a \$25.00 penalty fee.
17. Only Members in good standing, with the help of certified leaders, may assist other members from Mohave County in the handling of animals. It is the members' 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

18. 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 the Judge(s) is final.  
B. All Non-Animal exhibits and contests will be judged by Club Member's age and year in the project by the Danish system. Blue, Red or White Ribbons may be awarded. In Lots where there is no competition, the judges may decide which award, if any, is merited. In all cases, the Judges' placing will be final. Exhibit building will be closed to Exhibitors during judging. The various skills, craftsmanship and designs will be the basis for evaluation on judging. Size of article will not be considered, unless applicable.  
C. Award is considered final when ribbon has been placed.
19. 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.

## PROTEST AND APPEAL

20. The 4-H/FFA Fair Committee will decide on any complaints or grievances that come about during the Mohave County Fair 4-H and FFA Division. **CODE OF CONDUCT** - All Exhibitors, Parents, and Leaders will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. DISCOURTESY or UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct will NOT be tolerated.
21. All protests must be made to and filed with the 4-H/FFA Fair Committee 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.
22. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00. Deposit will only be returned if protest is upheld. Protests 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 proof is to be made.
23. 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 4-H/FFA Fair Committee, whose decision shall be final.

**CLUB EXHIBITOR PARTICIPATION AWARD**

A Club Exhibitor Participation Award will be presented to the Club with the highest number of non-poster exhibits displayed in the Exhibit Building pro-rated by the number of non-Animal related project members officially enrolled in the club. A point value will be allotted for each exhibit; 3 Points, Blue Ribbon; 2 Points, Red Ribbon; 1 Point, White Ribbon.

Total Points / # Members=Score

AWARDS: 1ST PLACE \$50.00; 2ND PLACE \$35.00; 3RD PLACE \$15.00

**DEPARTMENT 500- CLUB EXHIBITS**

1. The Club Exhibit provides Members with an opportunity to acquaint the public with a specific phase of their Club or Chapter Program. The exhibit can show what they have learned, the activities in which they have participated, or the contributions of their Club to the community. Judges will insist upon high quality products and materials used in the exhibit. A high scoring exhibit will be artistically arranged, colorful and attractive.
2. Club exhibits shall be limited to one entry by a Club or Chapter.
3. Exhibit must be designed, constructed, and installed by Members.
4. Exhibitors must plan to replace all fruit and vegetables which deteriorate during the Fair.
5. Moving parts or mechanical devices in the exhibits must be kept in operation during the entire time of the Fair.
6. Clubs or Chapters wishing to compete must submit an entry by Deadline.

**CLASS 1 CLUB EXHIBIT**

Lot 1 Club/Chapter Exhibit - Exhibits must not exceed 4'Dx4'x7'H.

AWARDS	1ST PLACE.....	\$50.00
	2ND PLACE .....	\$35.00
	3RD PLACE .....	\$15.00

- Lot 2 Club Banner ..... Ribbons ONLY
- Lot 3 Group Project..... Ribbons ONLY
- Lot 4 Clover Bud Group Exhibit Participation Ribbons ONLY