



Official Event Rules

Below is the Official Event Rules for the 2022 Arizona 4-H Stock Show and Expo on March 4th-6th at the Pima County Fairgrounds. All rules are subject to change at any time without notice. We will keep you updated on any change that may come up.

Eligibility

The Arizona 4-H Stock Show and Expo is open to all Arizona Exhibitors, Arizona 4-H Members are highly encouraged to attend

Age Requirement

Exhibitors from ages 8-19 as of the date of the show are eligible to participate in the Livestock Exhibition portion of the event, knowledge contests eligibility will be determined by individual official rulings by their respective coordinators

- Showmanship Age Groups
 - Juniors: 8-13
 - Senior: 14-19

Dress Code

All exhibitors shall display themselves in a manner appropriate to their respective organizations. Arizona 4-H Members shall be in official uniform according to regulation, club leaders are in encouraged to check all members before any class participation to assure proper club representation. FFA members shall be in full Official Dress under the organization's Field Dress Code. Open exhibitors shall carry themselves in the same manner with appropriate attire and footwear. No exhibitor shall wear any of the following clothing items:

- Open Toed Footwear
- Profanity carrying clothing
- Reveling or Suggestive attire
- Ripped or Torn clothing

The list of forbidden dress not limited to the above points; instances will be dealt on an individual case by the AZ4-HSSE Staff. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiting of all awards/prizes and you will not be allowed to participate.

Please see your organizations official dress code as reference!

Large-Stock Market Requirement

The Arizona 4-H Stock Show and Expo 2022 will be weight based for Market. Livestock will arrive at weight-in where they will be weighed in and organized into their respective classes. Weights will be final and cannot be changed, no re-weights will be allowed even on the same day. Our goal is for a fast and efficient check-in for all exhibitors

Swine Division

- Market: 200 lbs. and up
- Prospect: up to 199 lbs.

Sheep Division

- Market: 100 lbs. and up
- Prospect: up to 99 lbs.

Goat Division

- Market: 60 lbs. and up
- Prospect: up to 59 lbs.

Cattle Division

- Market: 1000 lbs. and up
- Prospect: 700 lbs. - 999 lbs.
- Feeder: up to 699 lbs.



Large Stock Rules and Limitations

All exhibitors will be subject to the Nations Show Ring Code of Conduct (Next Page). This policy will be highly enforced by all AZ4-HSSE Team Members and Coordinators. Exhibitors should take this opportunity to practice preparing their project the same way they would for their fair or end-show. This is a zero tolerance ruling that is taken seriously to assure a fair and safe environment. Exhibitors will be able to bring as many show projects as they wish to participate, only one project will be counted towards their points (if applicable).

- **Each exhibitor will be responsible to attend each class on time with each project they bring. No late arrivals will be allowed to allow a smooth and fast flow of classes.**
- **Announcers will call out absent exhibitor's name twice if they are not present at the time of roll call. If an exhibitor has not arrived by then, they will be disqualified for that class. No Exceptions!**
- If an exhibitor has multiple projects, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to alert a AZ4-HSSE Team Member of a schedule conflict with ample time to correct the conflict. AZ4-HSSE Team Members will be reviewing schedule to assure this does not occur, should this happen then we will see what is possible. There is no guarantee that a solution is possible, but we will do our best withing fair and reasonable means. This serves as a warning about bring multiple animals, if no fair and reasonable solution is found then unfortunately exhibitor will have to forfeit one of their conflicting classes. No refunds will be issued
- **Our goal is for a smooth and fast transition of classes!** AZ4-HSSE will not allow a delay in classes to wait for an exhibitor, this would cause all other classes to be delayed and the event to last longer than expected which would not be fair to all other exhibitors. Constant announcements will be made to assure timing is well planned out

4-H Point System

In addition to the awards each individual competition will have available, the Arizona 4-H Stock Show and Expo will be awarding 4-H Members awards to participating Arizona 4-H Members only. At the time of submitting entries, members must select and make sure that they are enrolling as a "4-H Member" to participate in this point system. Each 4-H Member will gain points during this event based on how they place and how many activities they participate in.

Point groups are as follows:

	Available Points	First	Second	Third	Forth	Fifth
Large Stock	2 to 8	Grand=8	Reserve=6	Callback=4	Everyone Else=2	
Small Stock	2 to 8	Grand=8	Reserve=6	Callback=4	Everyone Else=2	
Livestock Judging Individual/Group	1 to 5	5	4	3	2	Everyone Else=1
Quiz Bowl Large/Small Stock	1 to 5	5	4	3	2	Everyone Else=1
Horticulture	1 to 5	5	4	3	2	Everyone Else=1

Awards will be handed out at the Award Ceremony on Saturday and Sunday (March 5th and 6th)! We encourage all 4-H Members, supporters, and staff to attend for a fun filled afternoon to recognize exemplary members and their accomplishments. If awarded member cannot attend, we will contact club leader and find a way to ship it.



National Show Ring Code of Ethics

This code of ethics applies to anyone exhibiting animals at livestock shows in the United States. It includes Juniors as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. All classes of livestock offered at the livestock event are included: Cattle (Beef and Dairy), Goats (Angora, Boer, Dairy, Meat, Cashmere), Equine (Donkey, Horses, Mules) Llamas and other specialty animals, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, and any other livestock classes offered. This "National Show Ring Code of Ethics" will be enhanced with additional rules and regulations which individual fairs and livestock shows impose on the local, county, state regional and national levels.

The following practices or procedures are unacceptable and are defined as being deceptive, fraudulent, unethical, and inhumane in the care, fitting, preparation and showing of all classes of livestock. The use of any illegal drugs is prohibited. Legal or illegal substances used to phenotypically alter the appearance of an animal entered in livestock events is prohibited. (See rule #4). Use of illegal drugs is considered a pre-meditated act! Furthermore, any information obtained in the practice of illegal alteration of an animal will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution. **THIS IS A ONE STRIKE YOU ARE OUT POLICY!** Exhibitor will forfeit any premium, awards, or auction proceeds and will be prohibited from further competition at shows in the United States as well as being subject to criminal prosecution if proven guilty.

The following is a listing of guidelines all exhibitors must follow to enter livestock at organized competitive events.

1. All exhibitors must have viable proof of ownership available to prove length of time animals have been owned. Market animals (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats) must be owned and under exhibitor's daily care according to established rules and regulations for the fair or livestock exposition. This also includes all small market animals (rabbit and poultry). The official ownership date is the date shown on the bill of sale, unless the animal was bred by the exhibitor, in which salving or births records must be shown. (Local rules may determine ownership requirements for nonmarket animals). Registered breeding livestock must show the exhibitor as the sole owner of the animal on the breed association paper or certificates.
2. No exhibitor may show an animal which has been previously sold at an auction or sale as a market animal through another fair, livestock show, whether or not there is an actual change of ownership (progressive level shows excluded). Any method used to misrepresent the age of an animal for a class in which it is shown is deceptive and considered illegal. Showing an animal for another individual by claiming ownership in order to show in a specific livestock class or event is prohibited. False ownership is illegal.



3. Junior exhibitions are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fair or livestock show. (Individual consideration will be given in extenuating circumstances). Adults will not be allowed to physically assist in the preparation of the animal while at the show. Verbal instruction will be allowed, but no physical assistance is permitted. Physical assistance may be rendered by other junior aged members in good standing in the 4-H and FFA programs. Any violations of this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the show.
4. Treating an animal internally or externally, with any irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance used to artificially change the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered unethical, inhumane and is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of graphite powders, hemp, artificial hair coloring, common products such as fly spray, ointment, or liniment used to the point that it is irritating (unless required to reduce edema at time of calving) or similar type products. The use of dyes, spray paint or other artificial coloring which result in altering an animal's true and natural appearance and/or color is prohibited. Adding false hair or hair-like material, fleece or skin at any point, spot, or area of the animal's body is illegal and will result in immediate disqualification. Any liquid or substance not considered, part of an accepted and normal diet for livestock is deemed illegal and inhumane. For example: the use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages as a drench or filler, etc.
5. The use of tranquilizers, sedatives, or depressants which alter the physical or physiological state of the animal is illegal. Exceptions to this rule would be a licensed, certified veterinarian's treatment for a recognized disease or injury, or recommendation for tranquilizing breeding animals in heat that might compromise the safety of others. The drugs must be approved by The Food and Drug Administration for use in meat producing animals. All exhibitors shall advise show management of any drugs and/or medication administered to an animal that might be detected at the time of showing or at meat inspection. The name of the drug, its purpose, the person who administered the drug, time and date of administration shall be presented to show management prior to the showing and sale of the animal. Failure to report this information to the show management will result in severe penalty and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA. During the livestock events, in the case of animals requiring treatment, all medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the livestock show officials shall be notified.
6. Surgery, injection, or insertion of foreign material under the skin and/or into the flesh of an animal to change the natural contour, conformation or appearance of an animal's body is illegal. This includes vegetable oil, silicon or any other substance used to alter the shape of the animal. Acceptance practices of physical preparation which are allowed included, clipping of hair, trimming of hooves, dehorning or removal of ancillary teats.



7. The balancing of the udder by abnormal means that includes the use of a mechanical contrivance or the injection of fluid or drugs, setting the teats and/or occluding (sealing the ends) with a mechanical contrivance or with the use of a chemical preparation is illegal. Treating or massaging the udder or its attachments with an irritant or counter-irritant is prohibited.
8. The use of inhumane fitting, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be tolerated. For example: breaking of tails, striking of the animal to cause swelling or for bracing purposes, use of an electrical contrivance, or use of overly severe bits is not acceptable.
9. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.
10. Show management reserved the right to require animal health certificates. Health inspections and diagnostic tests may be made before or after animals are on the livestock show premises for exhibitor and animal safety, or to inaugurate disease control procedures which may become necessary in emergencies as determined by animal health officials.

Any violation of "The National Show Ring Code of Ethics" or specific rules as designated by individual fairs and livestock show will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and may result in probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future participation in organized livestock competition. Possible civil penalties may be imposed by the proper authorities based on evidence provided by the livestock show or exhibitors in violation of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic act/or the animal mistreatment, neglect, and abandonment laws that apply on the local, state, and national levels.

The decision of the livestock show management will be final.

Other cooperating shows will be notified of the action taken by the show management, which may affect the eligibility of the individual, group, or sponsoring organization for participation at other shows who are also members of these organizations.

By making entry in a livestock show or event you are verifying you have read "The National Show Ring Code of Ethics" and understand the consequences of the penalties involved for illegal, unethical, inhumane, and unfair practices of competition. You also verify that you and your family may be prohibited from future participation in organized fairs and livestock shows in the United States, and could face possible criminal prosecution and/or civil penalties if implicated in any of the aforementioned acts.