

EL PASO COUNTY CATCH-IT LAMB PROGRAM RULES

1. The 4-H Catch-it Lamb Program is available to 4-H youth who:
 - a. Are at 8 to 17 years of age as of January 1
 - b. Each participant may catch only once per age category
 - a. Junior: 8-10 years; Intermediate: 11-13; Senior: 14-17
 - c. Are officially enrolled and active in 4-H for a second year or more
 - d. Have the facilities to house the lamb and sufficient finances to successfully complete the program
 - e. Have parent and Catch-it Lamb Committee approval
2. The program will be limited to a maximum of six members and six lambs per age group.
3. The Catch-it Lamb program will be a one-year lamb finishing project.
4. Applicants will be screened by the El Paso County Catch-it Lamb Committee.
5. Participants will sign a contract with the Catch-it Lamb Committee and will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the Catch-it Lamb program. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations will result in the lamb being taken from the member and awarded to an alternate if the infraction occurs prior to first weigh-in, if past the weigh-in it will be taken by the committee. The alternate will be selected from those who did not catch at county fair by means of drawing names.
6. Ownership of the lamb will remain with the Catch-it Lamb Committee until the end of the program. Transfer of ownership to the Catch-it Lamb participants when sale release forms are handed in at the fair prior to the Junior Livestock Sale. Participants must sell their Catch-it Lambs at the El Paso County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. All proceeds from the sale of the lamb will go to the Catch-it Lamb participant except under circumstances outlined in the Catch-it Lamb Participant Rules.
7. Entries are due by the 4-H fair entry deadline.

APPLICATION FOR CATCH-IT LAMB CONTEST

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CLUB _____

YEARS IN 4-H COMPLETED (including this year)

PREVIOUS 4-H PROJECT(S) COMPLETED:

_____ Date _____

Signature of Contestant

_____ has my consent to enter the Catch-it Lamb Program.

Print Participants Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian

This contract is pending approval from the El Paso County Catch-it-Lamb Committee and the CSU Extension Office in El Paso County.

Please answer the questions on the backside of this page. You may use additional pages if you wish.

LAMB CATCHING RULES

1. Contestants will use a rope halter with no more than 6 (six) feet of rope attached to it.
2. The halter or rope may not be used as a lariat. To establish ownership, the contestant must halter and lead, drag or push the lamb up to or across the finish line.
3. The halter must be placed on the animal in the normal way. During the actual lamb catching, it will not matter if the halter is placed on the animal so that it can lead from the right or left.
4. While one contestant has hold of a lamb, no other person may touch the animal or take the contestant's halter to the member who has hold of the lamb.
5. If two or more contestants take hold of the same lamb at the same time, it will be returned to the middle of the catching area and released.
6. If a lamb gets away from a contestant with the halter attached, it may then be caught again by any other contestant; however, the halter of the contestant who lost the lamb must not be used to catch it. Furthermore, the second, third, etc. contestant who catches the lamb must remove the halter on the lamb and place his or her halter on the animal.
7. If a contestant cannot halter the lamb and get it to or across the finish line within 20 (twenty) minutes after taking hold of the animal, the lamb will be returned to the middle of the catching area and turned loose for other contestants who have not caught.
8. Participants will be required to catch their own lamb. Permission may be given for another 4-H member of the same sex and age to catch in place of the actual participant in cases of illness, injury or hardship. However, the participant must submit a formal letter of explanation to the Committee requesting permission to do this and stating the reason for the request. The Catch-it Lamb Committee reserves the right to permit or deny any requests on the basis of their merit.
9. I understand that at least one of my parents or guardians must be present at the time requested by the committee just prior to the Catch-it Lamb Contest before I may enter the ring to catch, unless otherwise excused.
10. Participants that catch a lamb will select their Catch-it Lamb in the order in which they cross the finish line.

By signing below I hereby agree to abide by all of the rules set forth above:

Signature of Contestant

Date

CATCH-IT LAMB PARTICIPANT RULES

1. Ownership of the lamb will remain with the Catch-it Lamb Committee until the end of the program. Transfer of ownership to the Catch-it Lamb participants when sale release forms are handed in at the fair prior to the Junior Livestock Sale. Participants must sell their Catch-it Lambs at the El Paso County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. All proceeds from the sale of the lamb will go to the Catch-it Lamb participant except under circumstances outlined elsewhere in this document.
2. It is the sole responsibility of the participant to seek answers to any questions he or she has about any aspect of the total Catch-it Lamb program. The participant takes responsibility to feed and care for the lamb with utmost care and diligence. The participant agrees to follow the suggestions of the extension agent, 4-H Catch-it Lamb Committee and local 4-H club leader in feeding and showing this lamb.
3. Participants are responsible for paying their share of the insurance (approximately \$40) for the purchase price of the lamb, purchased by the Catch-it Lamb Committee for the lamb he or she is awarded payable when lamb is selected and picked up. Participants must call their 4-H leader, committee sponsor and veterinarian if the lamb is sick. If the lamb should die for any reason while in the possession of the participant, the insurance money remaining after the sponsor is reimbursed may, at the discretion of the committee, be given to the participant to help cover the costs incurred in caring for the lamb.
4. Each participant is required to write monthly to his or her sponsor in addition to sending copies to the extension agent and committee contact starting April 1 to Aug 15, telling how the lamb is doing, what care has been given and what has been learned that month as a result of the program. Information about school, 4-H, activities, goals, etc. can also be included. Also, inform your sponsor where you live and invite him/her/them to see the lamb. A copy of each letter is to be sent to the extension office and committee contact, postmarked by the end of the month except in August which must be postmarked by Aug. 15th.
5. Each participant will maintain a record book and submit a rough draft to designated committee member at fair weigh-in. The completed record book must be handed in to the extension office for judging by the designated deadline as set forth in the general rules of the 4-H livestock program. This record book is in addition to the participant's 4-H lamb project record book that is turned into the participant's 4-H leader. It should be a record of just the Catch-it Lamb project, not any additional lamb projects the participant may also have participated in.
6. If the lamb does not meet a minimum required gain of .30 per day for the duration of the project the committee has the right to remove the lamb from the participant's possession. If the lamb is removed the participant shall not receive any remuneration for expenses incurred.
7. The Catch-it Lamb Committee or its members reserves the right to inspect the lamb and the facilities at any time, at the discretion of the committee. This inspection may be unannounced and participants will be informed if inadequate facilities or evidence of abuse, neglect or mismanagement are found. If any problems are found, they are to be corrected prior to the next inspection. If the participant has initiated no corrective action after two inspections, the lamb will be confiscated by the committee providing the action is approved by a two-third majority vote of the voting committee members with no reimbursement to the participant.

8. Participants will exhibit their lambs at the county fair under the 4-H market lamb rules and will compete in the regular market lamb and showmanship divisions as well as the Catch-it Lamb Showmanship and Market Show.
9. The lamb must make the minimum weight as set by the 4-H Livestock Show Committee. If the lamb does not make this minimum weight at time of final weigh-in at the fair, the participants will not receive full payment from the sale of the lamb. The participant must continue to care for the lamb throughout the remainder of fair and show in the required showmanship classes. The Catch-it Lamb Committee will take possession of the lamb on the last day of the El Paso County Fair and then sell the lamb and return fifty percent of the proceeds to the sponsor. The participant will be allowed to keep the remaining 50% of the sale proceeds.
10. Checks from the sale of the project at the El Paso County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale will be issued to the El Paso County Catch-it Lamb Committee following the participant's completion of a "Buyers Thank You Letter" being submitted to the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee. The participant will receive the full sale amount minus the amount deducted by the Jr. Livestock Sale Committee (commission and other sale costs) providing all of the above rules and requirements have been met. If the participant fails to comply with the above rules and requirements they will forfeit half of the sale amount to the Catch-it Lamb Committee. The sale checks will be mailed out to Catch-it Lamb participants the first full week of September after verification of rule compliance has been established.

Statement of Understanding and Agreement with the Participant Rules, Regulations, Terms and Conditions of the Catch-it Lamb Program

Having qualified to try to catch a lamb at the El Paso County Fair, should I be successful in catching a lamb, I understand and agree to the attached rules.

If I do not live up to the aforementioned rules, regulations, terms and conditions, I will submit to having the lamb removed from my possession by the 4-H Catch-it Lamb Committee. I understand that if the lamb is removed, I shall not receive any remuneration for expenses incurred.

I understand the Catch-it Lamb Committee reserves the right to issue a waiver to the above rules if there is a valid reason the committee so deems necessary.

All participants enter the 4-H Catch-it Lamb contest at their own risk. I recognize that there are certain inherent dangers and hereby indemnify and agree to hold harmless the El Paso County 4-H Catch-it Lamb Committee, the Colorado State University Extension Office in El Paso County and its Agents/Volunteers and the El Paso County Fair Board against all claims or demands of any kind or nature that may grow out of any injury or loss to person or property.

In signing below I hereby agree to abide by all of the rules set forth above:

4-H Member Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date _____

