

# GENERAL RULES

1. **ELIGIBILITY** — Only bona fide Morgan County 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA members are eligible to compete in regular project areas. Youth must be 8 years old or not have had their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. 4-H/FFA members that participate at the Morgan County Fair cannot (or will not) have exhibited a project in another county fair during the same calendar year. Youth must reside or attend a school in Morgan County. Fair Board shall review extenuating circumstances annually on a case-by-case basis.
2. Any person convicted of a criminal offense committed on the fairgrounds during the Morgan County Fair or found to have violated the rules of the Morgan County Fair may be disciplined by being required to forfeit a portion or all of any trophies, awards, or premiums which were awarded subsequent to the offense or by being prohibited from future participation in the Morgan County Fair. conviction shall mean a plea of guilty or no contest to the originally charged offense or a lesser charge, a verdict of guilty to the originally charged offense or a lesser charge, or entering into an agreement for a deferred sentence. Under certain circumstances, violations of Fair rules may also be a criminal violation which may result in a fine or incarceration or both.
3. Any Exhibitor withdrawing an animal from sale after being designated for the sale will forfeit all sale privileges for any and all other eligible animals for that year's market sale, and will be ineligible to exhibit any projects at the following year's Morgan County Fair.
4. **LOSS OR ACCIDENT** — The county, city, or anyone connected with committees from any organization are not responsible in any way for loss, accident, or damage. Precautions will be taken to prevent loss or accident. Exhibitors are responsible for their own property.
5. **ENTRIES** — Entry forms for all 4-H, FCCLA, and FFA youth exhibitors are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, to the Extension Office. Livestock pen assignments will be made by superintendents based on these entries. If you do not have an entry form, notify the Extension Office.
6. **ANIMAL RECORD BOOKS** — Completed record books are mandatory for 4-H/FFA youth to exhibit an animal project at the Morgan County Fair. Record books should be in to the Extension Office, Wednesday, July 15 by 5:00 p.m., and be complete according to guidelines established by Livestock Council. Livestock record books (including Catch-It-Animal records) should not be in any kind of cover.
7. **INTERVIEW JUDGING RECORD BOOKS** — All Interview Judging record books and dog obedience records will be turned in with the exhibit at Interview Judging, Wednesday, July 29. Records may be in pencil, ink, or completed on the computer. Content is the main consideration in judging. Interview judging records should be in a sturdy protective cover or binder. Clear plastic covers with sliders are NOT to be used as they are not allowed on records exhibited at State Fair. Records should be signed by the project or club leader.
8. No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed on the Morgan County Fairgrounds.
9. **BEHAVIOR** — Fair Board reserves the right to take action against any misconduct on the fair grounds during the Fair. Misconduct or violation of rules can result in forfeiture of premiums. Participants must follow the 4-H Code of Conduct found in the Colorado 4-H Handbook. Further sanctions may take place after a meeting with the Morgan County Fair Board.
10. **PREMIUMS** — All youth receiving any award and/or selling market animals **MUST** turn in a stamped, addressed, ready-to-mail thank you note OR a copy of a note that has already been mailed **before receiving premiums.**  
Premium money will be available at the Extension Office from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 18 through Friday, October 30. Premiums not picked up by October 30 will be returned to the Fair Board.
11. **The fairgrounds will not open prior to 6:00 a.m. during the fair.** No unauthorized persons are allowed on fairgrounds ½ hour after completed evening programs. No exhibitors may stay on the grounds overnight. Custodial care of grounds is provided.

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12. ANIMAL EXHIBIT RELEASE — Animal exhibits are released on Wednesday evening between 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., continuing on Thursday, August 6, between 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Horses are released after showing. Goats are released after the show or by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 2. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning pens.

13. EVENT CENTER EXHIBITS — All exhibits in the Event Center are released on Thursday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**All 4-H projects, except sale animals, must be picked up during release time or exhibitors awards and premiums can be forfeited. Further sanctions may take place after a meeting with the Morgan County Fair Board.**

14. CLEAN-UP — Animal Superintendents must verify that pens and cages are left clean by exhibitor before exhibits may leave the fairgrounds on Thursday. Failure to leave facility clean can result in the assessment of a clean-up fee of \$15.00 per pen, to be deducted from premium money.

15. Superintendents and Extension Agent in charge may add or take away classes as needed.

16. All items must be the exhibitor's own work, completed since the 2008 Morgan County Fair.

17. Judges' decisions on all exhibits will be final.

18. No raffles or drawings will be permitted on fairgrounds without permission of the Fair Board.

19. GRAND CHAMPION Awards for all projects that are interview judged, Community Pride entries, scrapbooks, and secretary books will be placed on display in the Event Center. All other awards will be given at the time of judging.

20. PROTESTS —

Investigations - Any possible violations of Morgan County Fair Rules or protests should be immediately reported to Fair officials. Any reports of violations of Fair rules and protests will be promptly, impartially, and fully investigated. The identity of the individual(s) making reports of possible violations or protests and the identity of individuals against whom allegations have been made will be confidential and only revealed as is necessary to investigate the allegations and for any disciplinary hearings.

Reports- A report is information that a rule of the Morgan County Fair may have been violated and may be made by any person. A report may be communicated by any means to a Morgan County Extension staff person or Superintendent with responsibility for that particular class or area. All reports regarding conduct or activity during the County Fair shall be made immediately. Whenever possible, a report should be in writing and signed by the person making the report.

Protests - A protest is an allegation that a specific rule of the Morgan County Fair has been violated and must be made in writing and be signed by the person making the protest (and signed by at least one adult). Such protest must set out the particular allegations in detail and state which specific Morgan County Fair Rule has been violated. A protest must be accompanied by \$100.00 for protests regarding livestock competitions, (including rabbits, poultry and dogs) and \$25.00 for all other competitions. Said protest fee shall be paid in cash, certified check or money order and will be returned if the protest is sustained. All protests shall be submitted to the Morgan County Extension staff person with responsibility for that particular class or area immediately after the occasion for such protest. No protest of the Judge's decision will be considered.

21. BILLS -- All bills connected with the Morgan County Fair should be presented to the Fair Board prior to September 1, 2009 or they will be void.