



4-H & Open Class Department
General Rules



The following are NOT permitted on the Adams County Fairgrounds; Bicycles, Roller Blades, Roller Skates, Skateboards, Scooters.

Adams County Fair Management and Sheriff's Office will use reasonable diligence for safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage to property. Volunteers will be on duty to insure safety with all static exhibits.

The following rules are general in nature and apply to all departments. Refer to specific departments and division for special competition requirements. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be familiar with all competition requirements.

1. General

- a) Please read all rules and regulations carefully, important changes have been made throughout the 2023 Adams County Fair Premium Book. Premiums and awards may be held if rules are not complied with.
- b) The Fair will fund premiums and/or awards on those classes that indicate there are cash premiums or other specified awards offered. Please refer to Specific Departments, Sections and classes for specific premium/award information.
- c) Exhibitors may receive premium monies and/or award based on county budget and sponsorships.
- d) Checks are to be made payable to Adams County, unless otherwise indicated on entry form or in specific Departments.

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Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

- d) Every precaution will be taken to ensure safety of all exhibitors. However, the Adams County Fair and Extension office does not assume responsibility for loss, theft, or damage which may occur, from any cause, and upon this condition, are only entries accepted. Any insurance desired must be carried out by the exhibitor.
- e) No dogs are permitted on the fairgrounds at any time. Except for those dogs on leash going immediately to and from show and those dogs assisting as guide dogs.

2. Age and Residency Eligibility Requirements

Adult (Open) Departments:

- a) Are open to exhibitors of any age. Open Class departments are open to all without discrimination. Specific departments may have additional entry requirements.

4-H & Open Mini Departments:

- b) Adams County 4-H
 - 1. Only youth enrolled in 4-H in Adams County 4-H who are eight (8) years of age and have not reached their 19th birthday prior to December 31, 22.
 - 2. Age Divisions (as of December 31st, 22);
 - Junior: 8-10 Years of Age
 - Intermediate: 11-13 Years of Age
 - Senior: 14-18 Years of Age
 - 3. 4-H members showing large animal livestock must be 8 years of age and be enrolled in the project as of April 1, 2023 or Market Animal Weigh-in (if applicable)

c) Open Mini Shows:

- 1. Open to Youth ages 5-7 (as of December 31, 22).

3. Entries

- a) Open Entries - Please refer to specific departments for entry deadlines in Adult Departments.



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b)4-H Entries

- (1) Entries will be accepted in FairEntry until July 7, 2023. After this point they may be subject to a late fee. The late fee for entries received between July 8 and July 17 at 4:30pm is \$25 per person plus entry fees. The late fee for entries received between July 18 and July 26 at 4:30pm is \$50 per person. After July 26 entries will be accepted for \$100.00 per entry (5 entries maximum). Absolutely NO entries will be accepted or changed after check-in/vet checks for respective departments.
- (2) Entry Fees will be charged in departments, where specified. Unless otherwise stated, entry fees must accompany entry forms when filed.
- (3) No refunds will be permitted. Requests to move entries to different classes may be subject to late fees.
- (4) Entries must be made in the FairEntry system unless otherwise provided by specific department.
- (5) Entries must remain on exhibit for the duration of the fair unless other approval has been obtained by the Department Superintendent and Extension Agent.
- (6) Erroneous Entry: Animals/projects entered erroneously in incorrect classes may be transferred to the correct class under discretion of the Department Superintendent. However, the fair will not be liable for entries made in error and will not reopen judging to accommodate such errors.
- (7) Non-Livestock exhibits must have been made, collected, grown, or prepared solely by the exhibitor and completed within one year of the opening date of the fair, unless specified differently. Items must be clean and pressed, soiled articles will not be accepted.
- (8) Non-Livestock entry judging is not open for public viewing.
- (9) Conduct: Extension agents reserve the right to cancel entries and payment of premiums, cash awards, request the removal of exhibits from the grounds when and where exhibitors are found to be disorderly, immoral, unethical and/or endangering or disturbing public, staff and/or other exhibitors, or to be in violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- (10) Junior Department Entry Forms must have the signature of the exhibitor and parent-guardian before they will be accepted by the extension office.
- (11) Receipts: are made through FairEntry. This will be the exhibitors sole proof of entry should disputes arise. Receipt of entry forms received in the mail will not be accepted by the entry office.
- (12) Judging: Two forms of judging are used throughout the duration of the fair; please refer to specific departments for the judging system used.

4. Cash Awards/Premiums

- a) Checks will only be prepared after all judging results are turned into the Extension Office.
- b) All checks must be cashed within SIX months of the fair.
- c) Checks will be issued under the name filed on the entry form.
- d) No checks will be re-issued.
- e) Premium ribbons, tags or cards have no value as to payment. Final payment is determined upon class placing as based upon judging sheets. Results will be posted online.

5. Trailers and Campers

- a) Will only be permitted to Parents/Guardians of current Adams County 4-H Fair exhibitors. Permits will only be given to those wishing to stay on the fairgrounds between the hours of 12 midnight and 5:00 a.m. from Saturday, July 29th through, Sunday, August 6, 2023. No exhibitor under 18 years of age will be allowed to stay overnight without a parent or guardian staying with them. NO EXCEPTIONS. All space requests require the completion of a camping permit. The deadline to submit permits to the Adams County Fair office by the 4-H entry deadline.
- b) A curfew will be imposed from approximately 12 midnight to 5 a.m. The ONLY exception is when early show preparation is required by exhibitors. Any youth staying on the grounds must be residing in a camper/trailer, and be inside camper/trailer by the time curfew is imposed for that evening. There will be no camping or staying in stock trailers or tents. Any infraction of the rules could result in forfeiture of premiums or even disqualification.
- c) The 4-H Camping area, as designated on the map, is a no alcohol zone for the entire duration of the Adams County Fair and all its events. C.R.S. 12-47-901, all 4-H policies relating to alcohol and code of conduct will be strictly enforced. The Adams County Sheriff's Office will be issuing warnings and citations per C.R.S. 12-47-901.



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6. Golf Carts/ATVS

- a) Under no circumstances will such a permit be administered to any Adams County Fair Exhibitor or Family. For any special needs requests or circumstances, please contact the Adams County Fair Management.
- b) Proof of Insurance is required to receive a permit for a Personal Golf Cart/ATV and must be given to Adams County Fair management so that it may be kept on file.

7. Vehicle and Pedestrian Access

- a) The grounds are accessible throughout the duration of the fair. Access to barns and designated vehicles areas are ONLY accessible with proper permits and credentials.

8. Passes

- a) Families of 4-H exhibitors will be given the option to purchase one vehicle pass that is valid for a 4-H lot the duration of the fair.
- b) Additional general admission vehicle passes may be available for purchase at the Extension Office.

9. Conduct

- a) Any flagrant display of poor sportsmanship or affront to the judge or ring steward by or on behalf of the exhibitor may result in forfeiture of awards, premiums, cash awards and possibly disqualification.
- b) Fighting, consumption of alcoholic beverages, hot rodding, immoral conduct, and use of illegal drugs will be reason for removal from the grounds. Any individual failing to obey a lawful order of a security officer would also be grounds for removal from fair facilities. Parents and leaders will be notified of any violations of curfew or conduct. Penalties may include revocation of all awards, permanent disqualification from showing and/or forfeiture of sale money (market divisions).
- c) Any questions of violation of conduct should be communicated to an Adams County Extension Staff member immediately so that proper steps can be taken to ratify a solution for the infraction.

10. Protests

- a) Investigations - Any possible violations of Adams 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.

(1) Reports- A report is information that a rule of the Adams County Fair may have been violated and may be made by any person. A report may be communicated by any means to a Adams 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 and by at least one adult.

(2) Protests - A protest is an allegation that a specific rule of the Adams 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 Adams 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 Adams 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.

11. Additional

- a) In the instance of community health concerns/restrictions and/or agricultural health concerns, some rules may change as the fair approaches.