









4-HFCS GENERAL FAIR BOOK







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General Information

Cooperation: The Larimer County Fair & Rodeo is held in cooperation with the Larimer County Board of Commissioners, The Ranch, the Larimer County Fair Board, the PRCA Rodeo Board and the Larimer County Office of Colorado State University Extension.

Executive Committee: Made up of a County Commissioner, CSU Extension Director, The Ranch Director, The Fair Board President, and the Rodeo Chairman.

4-H Fair Show Management: The Ranch Fair Staff, specifically the Competitions Coordinator, specifically 4-H Agent and volunteer Superintendents.

Fairground Location: The Larimer County Fair is held at The Ranch. The mailing address of the Fair Office is 5280 Arena Circle, Suite 101, Loveland, Colorado 80538. Phone 970-619-4000; Fax 970-619-4001.

Responsibility: The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board, Fair Show Committee and Extension staff will use reasonable diligence to insure safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement. Under no circumstance will the parties listed be responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from any animals or articles on exhibition. The exhibitors shall indemnify The Ranch, Larimer County Fair Board, the Livestock Oversight Committee, Extension staff and volunteers of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The entry of any exhibits on the fairgrounds by any and all exhibitors shall signify his or her agreement to abide by this rule.

Leash Law: Larimer County and the City of Loveland require all dogs to be on a leash at all times on public property. Bringing dogs to the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo is discouraged except for the 4-H Dog Project and/or licensed service dogs.

First Aid and Emergencies: Every effort will be made to have Emergency Medical Services personnel on site during the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

McKee Exhibition Hall Schedule

Interview Judging will be on Tuesday, August 1, 9:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Bring projects at the time of your interview.

The McKee 4-H Building is open for public viewing:
Friday, August 4 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 5 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 6 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, August 7 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 8 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Larimer County Fair Congeniality Award

The Ted and Mabel Thompson Fair Congeniality Memorial Award will be presented to a Junior Fair exhibitor who works "above and beyond the call of duty" at the 2023 Larimer County Fair. Nominations are to be made via letter to the Extension Office, postmarked no later than **September 18**, and should include a brief description of what the individual did to make the 2023 Larimer County Fair a better event. Anyone can nominate an exhibitor. The award will be presented at the county 4-H Achievement Program.

Exhibitor General Rules and Regulations

- 1. Entries Prior Entry is required in all departments. Entry through FairEntry http://larimercountyfair.fairentry.com must be completed by 11:30 p.m., July 7.
- 2. Late Entries Fair Entries received after 11:30 p.m. July 7 are subject to a \$25 late charge per class. No late entries will be taken after 3:50 p.m. on Monday July 10 for exhibits.
- 3. Premiums and Special Awards: Exhibitors who win a placing ribbon, i.e., Blue (1^{st}), Red (2^{nd}), White (3^{rd}) receive a cash award (premium). Exhibitors may collect payment for premiums and special awards during the following times in the **Administration Office**,

The Ranch and the McKee 4-H Building

Wednesday, August 10: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. McKee 4-H Building

Thursday, August 11: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Friday, August 12:** 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Award Money not collected before noon, Friday, August 12 will be forfeited. No Exceptions.

4. Judging —See the judging schedule posted on the website. The decision of the judges will be final. No exhibitor shall be permitted to follow the judges about while the awards are being made. No exhibitor, parent, or superintendent shall try to influence the judge, or in any way hinder the progress of judging. Any discourtesies to the superintendents, judges, or fair officials by the exhibitor, parent, or other person shall be reported to the Superintendent or Extension staff person with responsibility for that particular class or area. Violators of this rule will be barred from one or more future Larimer County Fairs.

Any spectator that is interfering with the judging of any event will be asked to leave the area.

- 5. Release of Exhibits No exhibit shall be released until 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 9. All exhibits in the 4-H Building must be picked up between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 9. Removal of any exhibit before the designated time will cause the forfeiture of award money. Early removal requires a written approval from the affected Coordinating Superintendent or Department Extension contact person.
- 6. Rule Violation A report of a rule violation may be communicated by any means to a member of the Show Management Committee or Superintendent with responsibility for that particular class or area. All reports regarding conduct or activity during the County Fair shall be made immediately. Any reports of violations of Fair rules 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. A Show Management Committee member or Superintendent with responsibility for that particular class or area will communicate final decisions with appropriate parties.
- 7. Protest A protest is an allegation that a specific rule of the Larimer 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 Larimer County Fair rule has been

violated on the Appeal Form. A protest must be accompanied by \$100.00 for protests. Said protest fee shall be paid in cash or check and will be returned if the protest is sustained. All protests shall be submitted to the **Show Management Committee** with responsibility for that particular class or area immediately after the occasion for such protest, up to 2 hours after the decision or incident being protested. No protest of the Judge's decision will be considered.

A **Show Management Committee** has been established and will include 2 recruited Superintendents with knowledge of the issue/topic to support making an unbiased and informed decision.

A final decision will be made and communicated in writing to the protester and individual in question from the **Show Management Committee.** Any exhibitor, 4-H parent or legal guardian, or 4-H leader who violates any rule or regulation may be subject to forfeiture of all privileges, awards, and premiums and to such other penalty as agreed to by the **Show Management Committee.**

In the event that the exhibitor is not satisfied by the protest resolution, the exhibitor may appeal the protest resolution to the Fair Executive Committee. The appeal must be in writing, on an Appeal Form, and accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 in cash or check. The appeal shall plainly state the matter being appealed and shall be delivered to a member of the **Show Management Committee** with responsibility for that particular class or area within 2 hours of the protest resolution was communicated. The decision of the Fair Executive Committee is final. The fee(s) imposed above shall be refunded if the matter is resolved in favor of the person bringing the protest or appeal. The forms and policy further explain the protest and appeals procedure.

The Fair Executive Committee has the final and absolute opportunity to evaluate the appeal of the review committee. Any exhibitor, 4-H parent or legal guardian, or 4-H leader who violates any rule or regulation may be subject to forfeiture of all privileges, awards, and premiums and to such other penalty as agreed to by the Executive Committee.

8. Unsportsmanlike Conduct – When an exhibitor, parent or leader is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and/or inhumane/unethical treatment of an animal, the privilege of that person to participate in future Larimer County Fairs may be revoked.

9. Alcohol/Drug Restrictions:

- a. Pursuant to Colorado Statute 12-47-901(1)(h)(I), it is illegal to bring any outside alcoholic beverages onto the Larimer County Fairgrounds and Events Complex, including parking lots and camping areas.
- b. Alcoholic beverages not purchased on the premises will be confiscated immediately and may result in fines and/or ejection of parties with alcohol from the premises.
- c. Alcohol use is discouraged as it violates the 4-H Youth Development Program philosophy.
- d. The use of Marijuana/CBD or other illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- e. The use of Marijuana or CBD in any display, food item, or exhibit is prohibited. Exhibits with such use will be disqualified and exhibitor may be barred from showing at fair.

4-H Rules & Regulations

- 1. Eligibility: Only members in good standing regularly and actively enrolled in the Larimer County 4-H program who have carried out and completed all required project work to date, are eligible to exhibit and show in the 4-H fair classes. (Members must have passed their 8th birthday but not their 19th birthday on December 31, 2022. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting. 4-H Cloverbuds must have passed their 5th birthday on December 31, 2022.
- Prior Entry: Prior entry is required in all 4-H departments. See section 1 under Exhibitor General Rules and Regulations above.
- Adding Classes: Classes may be created by Extension Agents for emerging youth development programs under auspices of Larimer County Office of Colorado State University Extension.
- 4. Code of Conduct: The Larimer County Fair and Rodeo is a family event environment. Patron's behavior is expected to be consistent with this family atmosphere. Any violations of rules at The Ranch, local ordinances, or State Statutes may result in eviction from the facility and/or the filing of criminal charges. All 4-H members, parents and leaders must abide by the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct.

Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct

- 4-H Members, Leaders, Parents, and other Adults participating in 4-H Programs will:
- Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
- 3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco including e-cigarettes and vaping device during 4-H events and activities.
- 4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
- 5. Respect others' property and privacy rights.
- Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders, and Extension Agents.
- 7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
- Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
- 10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H

events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene, when necessary, to enforce the rules.

Colorado 4-H Dress Code

The following dress code has been developed for 4-H members and leaders to exhibit their best appearance during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. Planning ahead will save you the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all 4-H members attending 4-H events and activities.

- Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
- Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
- Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
- Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or short shorts allowed.
- Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
- Shoes must be worn at all times deemed appropriate.

General Division & Family Consumer Science Division

(Static Projects)

General Coordinating Superintendent – Cindy Buckardt Assistants – Brent Buckardt, Curtis Buckardt Family Consumer Science Coordinating Superintendent – Kara Rudnick

Extension Contact - Bailey Schilling

Rules

1. Entries - Prior entry is required in all departments. Entry will be made through FairEntry: http://larimercountyfair.fairentry.com/
Entry deadline is 11:30 p.m. July 7.

Late Entries – Fair Entries received after 11:30 p.m. July 7 are subject to a \$25 late charge per class. No late entries will be taken after 3:50 p.m. on Monday, July 10 for exhibits.

All project areas will be Judged: Every effort should be made to participate in the interview judging process, but it is not mandatory.

Interview Judging Procedures

- A. Information will be sent to you with instructions for signing up for Interview Judging.
- B. Exhibits will be checked in at time of the interview.
- C. Interviews will not be assigned for members who do not schedule a time. If an exhibitor is unable to participate in interview judging, the exhibit may be brought to the 4-H Building on Tuesday, August 1, between 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. and picked up between 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9.
- 3. Ages for the Junior and Senior classes are as follows: Junior – members ages 8 - 13, as of December 31, 2022. Senior – members 14 and over, as of December 31, 2022. When classes include Junior, Intermediate and Senior, class divisions are as follows:

Junior - 8 to 10 years, as of December 31, 2022 Intermediate - 11 to 13 years, as of December 31, 2022 Senior - 14 years and over, as of December 31, 2022

- 4. Entry labels will be available at check-in. Label will need to be attached to the upper right hand front outside of the binder/notebook and on the exhibit, usually the back of the exhibit or on the flap. Department Superintendents will be able to assist with applying these at the time of interview judging.
- 5. Exhibits will be released and must be removed between 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9. No exhibit will be released prior to that time. All articles MUST be checked out with the Superintendent(s) in charge. Superintendents and Extension Office are not responsible for exhibits after check-out time.
- 6. Completed records must accompany all 4-H General projects. Members are to fill out an e-record and include the proper project information and present it in a sturdy binder/notebook. You may find the e-record at:

https://larimer.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-home/4-h-projects/ Select your project from the list and find your e-record or you can obtain one from the Extension Office.

- 7. Members enrolled in more than one unit of the same project may exhibit in both units. An exhibit made for more than one project cannot be entered in more than one department or class. The exhibitor must make the choice. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the project unit they are exhibiting in and must follow exhibit requirements. No live bees, live ammo, broad heads, knives, or functional firearms are allowed to be displayed in any project.
- 8. Projects will be evaluated on the quality of information completed in the manual and e-record (25 percent) and quality of exhibit (75 percent). Ribbons will be awarded on the Danish system. A champion and/or reserve champion will be awarded in each class if there are entries of championship quality and will be selected from the blue award exhibits only, except where otherwise indicated.
- 9. **Picking up Award Money:** Please see the Exhibitors Rules section on **page 2**, #3 for the procedure.
- 10. The champion exhibit in each class will represent Larimer County at the State Fair, except where otherwise indicated. All exhibits qualifying for State Fair must be checked in by exhibitors and/or parents in the Fort Collins Room during check-out time. Exhibits will be taken to State Fair on Wednesday, August 16. Exhibitors must check in with the Extension Agent during checkout time if they wish to take their project home to pack prior to State Fair. If an exhibitor does not check in with the Extension Agent, their opportunity to compete at the State Fair may be offered to next eligible member.

Premium money will be: Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.00; White - \$1.00

Displays for County Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are the only boards that can be used for 4-H projects.

- 1. Display boards are made of lightweight cardboard and are sturdy, attractive, inexpensive, and available at most local stores. They come in several colors. When opened, the 1 foot wide winged sides provide a surface to help the exhibits stand alone on a table top. The standardized display board size of 4' x 3' is to be used for 4-H projects.
- 2. No headers. No attachments are allowed on the display boards that would prevent the board from lying flat.

Tips

- 1. Boards must be easily read from a distance of 3-to-5 feet. Use large, bold letters (at least 3" high) for exhibit title or captions.
- 2. Design the exhibit, keeping in mind the size and shape of the open show board (three surfaces including the wings).
- When mounting items on the display board, avoid things that are bulky or heavy which could cause the display board to collapse. Mount items securely so they won't fall off. Tape will not work.
- 4. You have only $60-90\ seconds$ for the message to be read; be concise.
- 5. Tell your story with visuals.
- Avoid putting too much in the exhibit. It should never have a crowded look.
- 7. Dark lettering on a light background is most visible.
- 8. Do not use headers or attachments on your display board.

Binder: (For e-Records, additional materials, and manuals)
1. Use a sturdy binder to hold the e-Record, manuals, supplements, and other materials securely. Use the smallest width binder option that can accommodate your materials.

- 2. Stacks easily and lies flat.
- Do not use the slider-type binders as the e-Record, manuals, supplements, and other materials will not stay secure in these types of binders.

Shooting Sports

Superintendents –Rod Bergstrom, Jerry Clausen, Mike Conley, Chuck Cross, Karley Fitzgerald-Rivera, Jeremiah McConnell, Rob Noyer, Dennis Rinebarger, Rex Rogers, Paola Webb, Ian Webb, Samantha Webb, Jordan Zick

Project Exhibit Rules/Requirements

- 1. A member may only exhibit in one skill area/discipline of the shooting sports project. Therefore, youth enrolled in multiple shooting sports disciplines should choose only one skill area to complete a display board/stand-alone item and record book in. The display boards' topics should stay in close relationship with the discipline chosen. Please do not use topics outside the scope of your 4-H project. (Example; .22 Rifle Project should not use the topic of different types of military machine guns.)
- 2. Completed e-Record that contains the inventory sheet and the discipline log record for all disciplines the exhibitor participated in, in a sturdy binder/notebook.
- 3. Display may be a display board or a stand-alone display. The standardized display board size of 4' x 3' is to be used. No additional items may be included on or in front of the display board. No wooden display cases. No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone classes. No humanoid targets are allowed in any form, including within photographs or drawings.
- 4. All Stand Alone Exhibits are requested to attach a page explaining:
 - A. What the project is?
 - B. How is it used?
 - C. How was it made?

Please use a large enough font or handwriting large enough that an audience can read it from a distance when displayed.

- 5. No live ammo, or projectiles including pellets, round balls, or arrows, (with or without field points, broadheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms or bows will be allowed as an exhibit. Cardboard, paper cutouts or décor resembling firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes in the display or stand-alone classes.
- 6. Exhibits showing safety violations will result in a lower placing ribbon level. Do not use the word <u>weapon</u> when creating your display. Make sure that there are no safety violations in your display. (Example: no earplugs visible, member not wearing safety glasses on a photo of a youth firing his/her firearm.) Do not use pictures of primarily tactical in design firearms in your display, (example: AR platform or military type firearms.
- 7. In order to represent Larimer County on a State Shooting Sports Team at the State Shooting Competition, the 4-H member MUST exhibit a display board or stand-alone item and record book at the Larimer County Fair and earn at least a red ribbon placing.
- 8. **Display Board and Stand Alone Exhibits:** Display items illustrating something learned in the project this year. Exhibit may be a display board or a stand-alone item, such as gun stocks, decoys, etc. Display items are to be entered in specific discipline that the exhibit relates to (i.e., .22, air rifle, shotgun, etc.).
- 9. Stand Alone Exhibits and Decorative Items chosen for State Fair: There is a maximum size of 3' in width and depth and 7' in height. The item must be stable when standing in order to be displayed within the 3' x 3' space. Stand Alone Exhibits chosen

for State Fair, heavier than 35 lbs. will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to take to the State Fair. If an exhibit is larger than this, a notebook can be used as an exhibit showing how and what was made.

10. **Decorative Item Exhibits:** Items to be exhibited in this class are items that are used to decorate a room, building, etc. This item would be considered a decorative item (board with antlers, using feathers to make an item, jewelry, etc.)

Display Board Exhibits Archery

Class

Class 1301. Archery - Display Board – Junior 1302. Archery - Display Board – Intermediate 1303. Archery - Display Board – Senior	
Air Rifle	
Class 1304. Air Rifle - Display Board – Junior 1305. Air Rifle - Display Board – Intermediate 1306. Air Rifle - Display Board – Senior	
Shotgun	
Class 1307. Shotgun – Display Board – Junior 1308. Shotgun - Display Board – Intermediate 1309. Shotgun – Display Board – Senior	
.22 Rifle	
Class .22 Rifle - Display Board – Junior 1310. .22 Rifle - Display Board – Intermediate 1311. .22 Rifle - Display Board – Intermediate 1312. .22 Rifle - Display Board – Senior	
.22 Pistol	
Class	
Black Powder Muzzleloading	
Class 1316. Muzzleloading - Display Board – Junior 1317. Muzzleloading - Display Board – Intermediate 1318. Muzzleloading - Display Board – Senior	
Air Pistol	
Class 1319. Air Pistol - Display Board – Junior 1320. Air Pistol - Display Board – Intermediate 1321. Air Pistol - Display Board – Senior	
Western Heritage	
Class 1322	

Outdoor Skills

Class	
1325	Outdoor Skills - Display Board – Junior
1326	Outdoor Skills - Display Board - Intermediate
1327	Outdoor Skills - Display Board - Senior

Stand Alone Exhibits

These classes are for stand-alone items only. No display boards or decorative items are allowed in the Stand-Alone classes.

Please check out rule #3 on page 24.

Archery

Class	
1328	Archery - Stand Alone - Junior
1329	Archery - Stand Alone - Intermediate
1330	Archery - Stand Alone - Senior

Air Rifle

Class	
1331	. Air Rifle – Stand Alone – Junior
1332 Air F	Rifle – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1333	. Air Rifle – Stand Alone – Senior

Shotgun

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Class	
1334	Shotgun – Stand Alone – Junior
1335	. Shotgun – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1336	Shotgun – Stand Alone – Senior

Air Pistol

Class	
1337	Air Pistol – Stand Alone – Junior
1338	Air Pistol – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1339	Air Pistol – Stand Alone – Senior

.22 Rifle

Class	
1340	22 Rifle – Stand Alone – Junior
1341.	22 Rifle – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1342	22 Rifle – Stand Alone – Senior

.22 Pistol

Class	
1343	
1344	.22 Pistol - Stand Alone - Intermediate
1345	

Western Heritage

Class	
1346	Western Heritage – Stand Alone – Junior
1347	Western Heritage – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1348	Western Heritage – Stand Alone – Senior

Outdoor Skills

Class	
1349	Outdoor Skills - Stand Alone - Junior
1350	Outdoor Skills – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1351	Outdoor Skills – Stand Alone – Senior

Black Powder Muzzleloading

Class	
1352	Muzzleloading – Stand Alone – Junior
1353	Muzzleloading – Stand Alone – Intermediate
1354	Muzzleloading – Stand Alone – Senior

Decorative Exhibit Items

Decorative items are items that are made from materials from the different disciplines but are for aesthetic value in decorating a room. All items from all the disciplines that are decorative will be in these classes.

Class	
1355	Shooting Sports Decorative Item – Junior
1356	Shooting Sports Decorative Item - Intermediate
1357	Shooting Sports Decorative Item – Senior