

2024 MontanaFair Proposed Rules and Policy Change Form

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State old rule/policy: Page number 27  
Cat Show Special Rules  
1-3

Proposed new rule/policy: Add 4 more

- ① Current vaccinations are mandatory to show
- ② Claws must be tipped (sharp point removed) or clipped to show
- ③ Cats that pose a potential safety risk may be excused by the judge
- ④ Cats may be in carriers at the waiting area - but must be removed to show

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

- 1-3 Increase safety and clarify expectations
- ④ Increase comfort level of cats before show

Submitted by Ingrid Muddick Date: 9/25/24

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Vote \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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**State old rule/policy:** N/A

**Proposed new rule/policy:** Page number 33, Add New Division #151? Rabbit Agility

Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors may enter 1 rabbit into this division, rabbit must have been entered into another class and shown at fair to be able to compete in agility.
2. All rabbits must be at least 6 months of age to compete.
3. All rabbits must be properly socialized, secured in a proper fitting harness with a lead between 4 and 6 feet and able to move freely.
4. The rabbit must hop through the course at their own free will. Handlers may encourage or guide their rabbits forward vocally or with gentle touches/tickles. Treats will be allowed on the course.
5. Exhibitor may only attempt each obstacle three time then will be asked to place their rabbit over the jump and move on to the next.
6. Course will be judged on number of completed obstacles, how well them where executed, and time will be used to break any ties.
7. Exhibitors are required to wear long sleeved, collared, button up shirts and nice black or blue jeans. No open toed shoes.
8. Exhibitors must move up to the more advanced course once winning, but may all choose to advance if rabbits abilities are advanced.

**CLASS**

1. Beginner Straight Line Course (Maximum Time Limit 4 Minutes)
  - 6 jumps (height 4-10”) and 2 obstacles
  - Distance between jumps will be 4 feet
2. Intermediate Muti Course Design (Maximum Time Limit 3 Minutes)
  - 8 jumps (height 6-14”) and 3-4 obstacles
  - Distance between jumps will be 4-6 feet
3. Advanced Multi Course Design (Maximum Time Limit 3 Minutes)
  - 10 jumps (height 8-16”) and 4-5 obstacles
  - Distance between jumps is 6 feet.

**Amendment to the rule:** None New Rule.

Submitted by: Maverick Sorensen

Date: 10/10/2024

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**State old rule/policy: Page number 34-35, Division 98, Rule #2**

2. Poultry Market Breeds (Meat) includes Chicken (Jersey Giants, Plymouth Rock, Brahmas, Cochins (Standard), Cornish, Cornish Rock Crosses, Orpingtons and other dual-purpose chickens). Turkeys, Heavy Breed Ducks (Pekin, Muscovy) and Geese. If market birds do not make weight, they will be moved to a breed's class.

- Broilers (Fryers) 2.5 to 4 pounds hatched by June 24 – July 8, 2024
- Roasters 6 to 10 pounds hatched by July 2, 2024
- Female Ducks 4 to 8 pounds hatched by June 13, 2024
- Male Ducks 10 to 12 pounds hatched by June 13, 2024

**Proposed new rule/policy:**

2. Poultry Market Breeds (Meat) includes: Quail (Coturnix or Bobwhite), Chicken (Jersey Giants, Plymouth Rock, Brahmas, Cochins (Standard), Cornish, Cornish Rock Crosses, Orpingtons and other dual-purpose chickens) and Heavy Breed Ducks (Pekin, Muscovy). If market birds do not make weight, they will be moved to a breed's class.

Quai 156 grams/5.5 ounces to 198.5 grams/7 ounces M hatched by June 13, 2024,

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**Amendment to the rule:** Stated above to add in Market Quail.

Submitted by: Maverick Sorensen

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**State old rule/policy: Page number 29, Division 158, Rule #3 and 4 insert new #12**

**3. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one species, they may choose their competition area. Showmanship winners must declare what animal they will show in the Round Robin immediately after their last Showmanship class. The third-place winner in the area they don't choose will be offered participation.**

**4. The Small Animal Round Robin will consist of Cats, Birds (Poultry & Pigeons), Cavies, Pocket Pets. No minimum entries nor Exhibitors**

**Proposed new rule/policy:**

**3. If an exhibitor qualifies in more than one species, they may choose their competition area. Showmanship winners must declare what animal they will show in the Round Robin immediately after their last Showmanship class. The third-place winner in the area they don't choose will be offered participation, going down no more than five placings.**

**4. The Small Animal Round Robin will consist of Dog, Cats, Birds (Poultry, Quail, Ducks & Pigeons), Cavies, Pocket Pets. No minimum entries nor Exhibitors are required.**

**12. The Small Animal Round Robin will only be offered to Yellowstone County Exhibitors.**

**Amendment to the rule:** Stated above to correct Small Animal Round Robin and limit it to our in county kids.

Submitted by: Kayla Koivu

Date: 10/09/2024

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Vote \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no



Rule Change proposal for Montana Fair  
- No current Rule

①

Div. 60 Market Goat Ultra-sound Pg 21  
New Rule

Market Goat will be ultrasounded  
at the end of the Breeding Meat Goat  
Show if the date is scheduled on  
the same day as the show.

Intent for rule

So Kids showing in breeding class  
have time to take pictures and take their own  
goats to the ultrasound and so breeding  
goat entries don't get taken by mistake

Michael Wehrman 10-11-24

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②

Goat Obstacle/Trail Course Div 67.  
Scheduling Change -  
Change the time to 5:00pm or to follow  
Small animal Round Robin.

current time is 2pm, round robin has  
lasted until after 5 for a few years.

Heather Arkell 10-11-24

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State old rule/policy: Page number \_\_\_\_\_ *Div 60, Page 17+18, 21*

*Current Rule.*

*Back kid from 1/1 → Fair  
yearly  
2 year old or 3rd.  
~~3 year old.~~*

Proposed new rule/policy:

*→ Make Buck class the same as Does*

*~~0-6 mo~~ → 12mo + younger  
~~6-12 mo~~ 12mo → 24mo  
~~12-18 mo~~  
~~18-24 mo~~ → 3yr 2yr or 3yr*

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

*so Buck under 12mo show again 12mo  
→ Old Rule a Dec<sup>4mo.</sup> Born Buck could show  
again a Feb<sup>14mo.</sup> born Buck 16mo age differed.*

Submitted by Michael Wehrman Date: 10-1-24

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State old rule/policy: Page number ?

Senior showmanship top 5 fit their cattle.

Amendment to the rule:

The senior showmanship finals will be run like a traditional showmanship contest.

Intent or reason for change:

The addition of the fitting contest to the Senior showmanship finals adds too much time to the Beef show on Monday. Most of the time this aspect of the show adds an extra 45 minutes to an hour to show that is not necessary. With this additional time spent on showmanship, cattle get tired and the kids showing breeding beef have to stay later in the day. Additionally, this means that less people want to stay for the duration of the breeding beef show because of the time of day that it runs until.

Not to mention, that

In addition, the fitting aspect of the contest does not allow enough time for kids to really show off their skills as fitters, but rather basic fitting ability and with time constraints already being an issue, the negative aspects of the fitting component of this contest far outweigh the positives. It is not a true showcase of showmanship ability and needs to be changed.

Submitted by Claire Murnin Date: October 11, 2024

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State rule/policy: Page number 16  
E. Market Swine will compete in divided classes. Classes will be determined at the time of the show based upon weight (not gender) and the number of entries. Gilts and Barrows will show together in the same class. Weights will also be made available to the judge. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place will be selected in each weight class. Grand and Reserve Overall Champion will be selected from the 1st and 2nd place winners in each of the weight classes, and then continue to place the top five market animals. If the Grand and/or Reserve Overall Champions are not from Yellowstone County, the judge will also choose a Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine from Yellowstone County. No additional premium money will be paid out for the Grand or Reserve Overall Yellowstone County Champions.

Proposed new rule/policy:

Will have gilt/barrow together & have light weight, Grand/Reserve; Middle weight G/R + Heavy weight Grand/Reserve. Overall a Top Grand/Reserve selected per # of show.

Amendment to the rule:

pt. 16 #5 light, medium, ~~heavy~~ weight.  
#6

Intent or reason for change:

\*more awards for 4H+FFA kids its not just Grand/Reserve Swine. This gives vs option to award a kid G/R light, G/R middle, G/R HW. We would still have buying gilts G/R (if doesn't effect that) Gilts can still enter market & show w/ Barrows for a shot of G/R Reserve light, middle HW.

Submitted by: [Signature]

Date: Oct. 11th, 2024

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Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_

yes \_\_\_\_\_

no \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Swine top Grand/Reserve have to sell, but by winning a banner as light, med Heavy weight doesn't have to sell, but if they choose sale order based on order. →



I would add instead of top 5 overall some species  
there will be 2 hd pig 2 light, 2 middle, 2 HW  
& top overall is chosen out of this group.

Only overall grand/serve required to sell. Or

Discussion: on how we keep Top 5 for sale purpose

Divisions = choosing top 5 out of  
Light = 5  
Middle = 5  
Heavy = 5

\* Overall serve is max 15 swine

Thincross  
top 5 to  
feed  
forward

choose Top 5

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State old rule/policy: Page number Pg. 17, Division 54, Class 1

Purebred Market Swine born after January 1, 2024 – You must have registration papers in order to compete in this class and bring them to the 4-H MontanaFair Office. If the 4-H MontanaFair Office (in the Expo) does not have your purebred papers **by 5:00pm on Friday, July 5, 2024**, your purebred entry will be moved into the Crossbred Market Class. There must be 5 or more purebreds exhibited in this class, if not, exhibitors will be moved into the Crossbred class.

Proposed new rule/policy:

Move the deadline to the Friday following the late entry deadline. This year the deadline would have been July 12, 2024.

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

To allow more time to get the paperwork turned in while still allowing the office enough time to make changes and move classes if necessary. It will also be the same deadline that small animal market animals have to turn in photos making it less deadlines for everyone to keep track of.

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State old rule/policy: Page number 17

(crossbred / purebred) gilts / barrows  
Jan 1st Born

Proposed new rule/policy: Move to Dec 1st of the year.

Example: Show/Fair Aug 2025

Swine Born: Dec 2024 - onward to Jan/Feb 2025 Born

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

More options for 4-H/FFA kids to make min.  
weight of 230 lbs, no way to enforce w/ a Jan pig  
& some kids don't make weight.

Submitted by Brandon Masher Date: Oct 11, 2024

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State old rule/policy: Page number Pg 5 #23

Proposed new rule/policy: \*\*\*No change – just clarification\*\*\*

Amendment to the rule:

Add "Current 4-H/FFA members showing at this year's MontanaFair may help with cleaning/fitting animals provided the member showing the animal is present, helping and learning. All others would be considered the same as "adult involvement".

Intent or reason for change:

To clarify who may be working to get the animal ready to show at fair.

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**State old rule/policy: Page number 37, Livestock Auction Sale, Special Rules #3 and #5**

3. Only one market animal per exhibitor can be sold unless the exhibitor has the Grand and/or Reserve Champion Beef, Lamb, Swine, Goat or small animal or if a Yellowstone County exhibitor has multiple animals and/or species in the top 5 overall, they will be allowed to sell any and/or all of them that are in the top 5. Grand and Reserve Grand must sell. Clarification: If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. However, only the Grand and Reserve Grand are required to sell. The 3rd – 5th animals MAY sell but are not required to. This Does Not include Out of County exhibitors.

5. A maximum of six small animals (Grand and Reserve Rabbit and Turkey and Chicken) will be chosen to sell. Small market animals that receive Grand or Reserve Champion MUST sell. Animals will be selected from the Market Breed Class. The animal may be sold only once during its lifetime. Small Animal contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt with nice black or blue jeans and close toed shoes.

**Proposed new rule/policy:**

3. Yellowstone County Exhibitors that show in both large and small market animal projects will be allowed to sell both in the sale if they meet the sale requirements. Only one large market animal per exhibitor can be sold unless the exhibitor has the Grand and/or Reserve Champion Beef, Lamb, Swine, Goat or if a Yellowstone County exhibitor has multiple animals and/or species in the top 5 overall, they will be allowed to sell any and/or all of them that are in the top 5. Grand and Reserve Grand must sell. Clarification: If a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. However, only the Grand and Reserve Grand are required to sell. The 3rd – 5th animals MAY sell but are not required to. This Does Not include Out of County exhibitors.

5. A maximum of six small animals (Grand and Reserve Rabbit, Turkey/Gesse and Quail/Chicken/Duck) will be chosen to sell. Small market animals that receive Grand or Reserve Champion MUST sell. Animals will be selected from the Market Breed Classes. The animal may be sold only once during its lifetime. Small Animal contestants are required to wear a long sleeved, collared, button up shirt with nice black or blue jeans and close toed shoes.

**Amendment to the rule:** Stated above to allow exhibitors to sell their small market animal project along with one large market animal. We hope this rule will increase the number of entries in the small animal market classes.

Submitted by: Rex Koivu                      Date: 10/09/2024

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State old rule/policy: Page number 17

18. Family Animal

3. DIES: The family must notify the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent, superintendent, or division chairman within 24 hours of the animal's death and verify with a photo of the animal and tag I.D. This family member may then show the "Family Animal" at MontanaFair in the market and showmanship classes the animal qualifies for. This animal WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL in the Jr. Livestock Sale at MontanaFair.

Proposed new rule/policy:

Amendment to the rule:

"The family animal is a one-to-one swap for the deceased animal."

Intent or reason for change:

To clarify how a family animal may be swapped in for a dead animal regardless of the status of the child second tagged pig.

Submitted by Brooke Rienhart

Date: 10/9/24

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> by \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no



## Roni Baker

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**From:** Tenille Oedekoven <tenilleoedekoven@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 9:51 AM  
**To:** Ronibaker@montana.edu  
**Subject:** Rule changes.

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Hey Roni,

I have a few rule changes I would like to submit.

1st rule: On page 17 rule 18. It states just one kid need to tag the "family pig" and can use it however. The only way another kid can use it is if their pig dies or is deemed unfit by a vet. I would like to get the rule changed to if the other child's pig doesn't make weight they can also use the "family pig". This year we had to do 4 pigs and it is not cost effective. Making weight is sometimes super hard with our summers. We made weight with 3 of the 4 pigs this year.. thank goodness we had the extra one or Carlee wouldn't of been able to show. Having just 1 extra pig to cover the kids would be so much better then 2.

2nd rule: On page 37 special rule #2 it says that if you take grand or reserved you must sell the animal. Then says if a Yellowstone County exhibitor has 2 animals of ANY species in the top 5, they are allowed to sell both of those animals. I would like large and small animals not be combined. Many kids don't partake in market poultry/rabbit because it is a bit easier to get grand or reserved in these classes. If they take grand or reserve it really limits their chances of selling their large animal. It truly isn't worth the risk. I would like the rule to state if you place grand or reserved in small animal market you can also still sell a large animal.

That is it for this year I feel these are both super important. Please let me know if you need anything else to submit them to be voted on. Thanks so much Roni!!

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State old rule/policy: Page number 15 & 16

- 2 yr. old Colt to Maturity and Green Horse Level 1 must be direct reined only, no shank bits permitted.
- 3 yr. old Colt to maturity and Green Horse Level 2 may use a snaffle bit using two hands or neck reined with a curb bit using one hand.

Proposed new rule/policy:

- 2 yr. old Colt to maturity and Green Horse Level 1 do not show against ~~2~~ 3 yr. old Colt to Maturity and Green Horse Level 2 in the same class.

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

- 2 yr. old Colt to Maturity and Green Horse have one choice of bit to use, ~~and~~ and are just getting started with possibly only 60 to 90 days of training before fair. 3 yr. old Colt to Maturity and Green Horse Level 2 has bit options and have been shown and ridden for a whole year more.

Submitted by Michael Kennedy Date: 10-10-24

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State old rule/policy: Page number 6

<sup>Classes</sup>  
What ~~Colt~~ - to - maturity and greenhorse can enter.

Proposed new rule/policy:

Clarification so everyone is on the same page.

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

Submitted by Michael Kennedy Date: 10-10-24

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State old rule/policy: Page number 24 fair rules

# 32 Free style riding - Western Horsemanship levels  
3-7

Proposed new rule/policy:

Add coat to maturity + green horses are not  
eligible.

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

Clarification

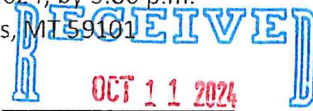
Submitted by Arena Prose Date: 10/11/24

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State old rule/policy: Page number \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed new rule/policy:

*Add section to horse & colt policy specifying what mini's can participate in - clarify larger mini's that are rideable + showmanship rules*

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

Submitted by *Gina Hoese* Date: 10/11/24

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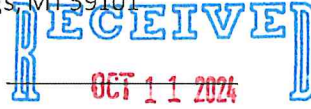
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State old rule/policy: Page number 23 class list  
Bareback level 1/2 walk trot

Proposed new rule/policy:

Bareback level 1  
✓ Beginner

Amendment to the rule:

split 1/2 to level 1 only

Intent or reason for change:

level 2 lopes

Submitted by Arena Rose Date: 10/11/24

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State old rule/policy: Page number 3

Meeting months

Proposed new rule/policy:

No meeting in February

Amendment to the rule:

Intent or reason for change:

No horse activities going on yet.

Submitted by Bina Hoese Date: 10/11/24

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