



# RULES AND REGULATIONS

If you are unable to reach the department superintendent please call the Fair office at 602-252-0717

## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the Maricopa County Fair must be residents of Maricopa County or an active member in a Maricopa County FFA, unless specific department rules allow entries from other counties.
2. Maricopa County Fair reserves the right to interpret, amend or add to the Rules and Regulations as it may deem advisable in its sole discretion. Maricopa County Fair will settle all matters, questions and differences in regard to, connected with or arising out of the Fair. Exhibitor agrees to abide by all rules established by the Board of Directors, published and non-published.
3. All exhibits, contests, advertising, awards, sales or other activities related to the Maricopa County Fair, must have the expressed written authorization of Fair Management. The Fair reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of any animal or article, for any reason whatsoever.
4. Maricopa County Fair does not guarantee the payment of premiums and awards offered by merchants or other organizations. These prizes are secured with a promissory statement in good faith and must be contested under these conditions.
5. Any person who violates any of the General or Specific Rules and Regulations will forfeit all entry fees, privileges, premiums and may face expulsion from the 2009 Fair and possibly from future Maricopa County Fairs. Any decision by the Fair is final and maybe made by the Fair in its sole discretion.
6. The exhibitors will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from his/her animal or article being exhibited.
7. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Maricopa County Fair Board, the Executive Director or any other employee or officer of the Fair from any and all losses, damages or injury, including death, as a result of exhibitor's participation in the Fair, including attorneys' fees and court costs incurred by the Fair to defend any related legal proceeding or threatened legal proceeding. The Maricopa County Fair Board, the Executive Director or any other employee or officer of the Fair is in no way responsible for loss, damage or injury of any person, property or article caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, terrorism or an act of God during any time or at any place while on the fairgrounds.
8. Exhibitors are not allowed to stay in any livestock barn or exhibit building overnight.
9. **There will be NO preparation of food allowed in the fairgrounds by any exhibitor (including families and club**

**leaders). Anyone found preparing food or using cooking appliances may 1. not be allowed to participate in the auction (parents and club leaders risk their children's participation in the auction), 2. have action taken by the Maricopa County Health Department or fire department, 3. be removed from the fairgrounds and/or 4. lose the opportunity to participate in future Maricopa County Fairs.**

## Entry Requirements

1. All applications for entry must be made on official entry forms or online, in accordance with the specific rules, for each department. Entry form may be duplicated; however, separate entry forms must be used for each department in which the exhibitor participates.
2. Each department lists the correct entry form to be used. Forms must be filled out **completely**. The completed forms with entry fees must be **received** in the Fair office no later than the date & time specified for the closing of entries in each department. (Postmarks are not accepted.) Mail or deliver entry forms with cash or checks payable to: Maricopa County Fair, 1826 West McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85007. Delivery of entry to a club leader or superintendent does NOT constitute delivery of entry to the fair.
3. The County Extension Office will review all entries from exhibitors entered as 4-H members to verify enrollment.
4. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be returned to exhibitor and charged a \$35 fee. The entry form will not be considered delivered to the Fair until good funds are received.
5. Overpayment of any fees will not be refunded by the Fair.
6. The Fair reserves the right to limit entries to the facilities available for entry display in each department.
7. Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibits which have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department, be transferred to their proper class before judging. If such classes have been judged, they will not be judged again.
8. Exhibitors are responsible to enter and to deliver items to proper departments and to retrieve them at release.

## Exhibitors

1. Entry of items exhibited in prior Maricopa County Fairs, is strictly prohibited and will result in forfeitures of all entry fees and expulsion from the Fair.
2. Every animal entered for exhibition will be placed in the charge of the Superintendent for the department in which it is entered.
3. Exhibit ear tags, stall cards, cage or exhibit tags will be given to the exhibitor by the department Superintendent on receiving day and will serve as claim checks on release day.

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4. Registry number and the name of your association/club must be shown prior to judging in any breed or registered class.
5. Exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of exhibit unless otherwise specified. Superintendents may demand proof of ownership as deemed necessary in their judgment.
6. Entries are entered and accepted under the condition that the Maricopa County Fair is in no case responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.
7. Exhibits will be released as stated in each individual department and exhibitors are expected to abide by their release times. Taking exhibits early without permission could result in exclusion of participation in future Maricopa County Fairs.
8. The sale or exchange of animals or items exhibited at the Fair must be authorized in writing by Management of the Maricopa County Fair.
9. **Leaders, advisors, teachers or parents who bring exhibitors to the Fair shall maintain responsibility and supervision of minors. Every effort must be made to maintain proper conduct.**
10. All exhibitors are required to use only appliances that are properly grounded and that meet UL specifications. (i.e. clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.). **No cooking appliances are permitted.**
11. Exhibitors, by signing the entry form, also agree that in consideration of permission to use the facility and services of Maricopa County Fair:
  - a. That exhibiting animals is a physical, strenuous and potentially dangerous activity, as animals are unpredictable, and are fully aware of the risks and hazards in or arising from the exhibitor's presence around animals and the exhibitor's presence upon the fair premises. Exhibitors will hereby assume any and all risks involved in or arising from the use of or presence upon the facility, including without limitation, the risks of bodily injury, including death, from exhibiting animals, physical contact between the exhibitor and animals, or another person or a stationary object, or the neglect or deliberate act of another person or an animal.
  - b. That the large livestock shall remain in the care, custody and control of the exhibitor. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Maricopa County Fair and all of its successors, assigns, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents for any injury, property damage and any real, incidental, or consequential damages resulting from the large livestock or caused by the large livestock. Exhibitor agrees to defend any claim brought against the Fair as a result of the large livestock.
  - c. That this release shall be binding upon the exhibitor's heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and legal representative.
  - d. That to waive the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect at the time of executing the release.
    - e. That if the exhibitor ignores this agreement and brings a claim, the exhibitor will be held responsible for all attorney fees and costs incurred by Maricopa County Fair or its agents or employees.
    - f. That the exhibitor has read and understands this agreement and that by signing the exhibitor entry form, surrenders valuable rights, including but not limited to the exhibitor's right to bring a claim.

### Judges and Judging

1. No person shall act as judge in any division in which he or she is a member or member of a group of exhibitors, or his or her immediate family is an exhibitor.
2. Judges may disqualify or transfer any exhibit that is not truly representative of the class or division, to a correct class. Judges may disqualify any animal not in proper show condition, is uncontrollable for the safety of the judge and exhibitor, or one showing visible evidence of disease, deformity, or infirmity.
3. During judging, judges will stress the educational value of the judging process. Judges will be expected, whenever possible and reasonable, to give reasons for their decisions, embracing the values and desirable qualifications of the articles, products and animals for which awards are made.
4. The judges shall read carefully the general rules and all special rules under the heading of the department or class in which they are to serve; and especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them.
5. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether or not there is competition.
6. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitors who, in any way, whether in person or by agents or servants, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The Superintendent may, at his discretion, demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or exclude him from further competition. The Fair may withhold from such exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and expel him from further exhibiting at the Fair.
7. The judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care, after the award has been made, to see that the same is properly entered in the award book, for it is upon this entry that awards or payment of premiums is made.
8. The judge, superintendent and clerk recording the awards of the department, must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in the given class have been made.
9. The entry clerk or Superintendent shall, under no circumstances, allow the award records to be inspected by anyone except authorized officers, or be out of his possession until entry of the judges decisions have been made and closed.
10. If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot, the

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judge or judges shall report the same immediately to the Department Superintendent.

11. A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required. When in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the Superintendent in charge shall construe the same. This opinion, when required by either exhibitor or judge, must be reduced to writing and returned to the Fair office with the award book.
12. In judging livestock, the decision of the official veterinarian and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.
13. The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is apparent. In such cases the judge may make a decision or, with his approval, the decision there can be no appeal.

### Protest and Appeals

1. All protests from a decision of a judge must be made to the Fair office and filed within five hours after the award has been made. An award is considered made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered in the department record book.
2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$50 in any of the livestock departments and \$20 in any of the other departments, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. This deposit is to cover administrative costs in handling the protest. Protests must state plainly cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of the facts relied upon or the rule violated. This protest must include names of witnesses and their addresses of those to which proof is to be made.
3. The right of an exhibitor to appeal to the Fair the decision of a judge may only take place when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing

the exhibit. An appeal may also take place only when it is charged that the judge has been influenced or interfered by another.

4. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article, will be considered.

All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred in writing within 24 hours of the incident to the Board of Directors or their representative, whose decision shall be final.

### 2009 Credential Policy

1. All non livestock or small stock department exhibitors will receive a one day pass.
2. Any exhibitor entered in either livestock or small stock departments will receive one "Run of the Fair Pass" and one parking pass good for the week of the fair.
3. Parents, family members and exhibitors may purchase a "Run of the Fair" entrance pass for \$15.00 each (limit of six (6) per family). **This does not include a parking pass.** Additional parking passes for the south (17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and McDowell Road) lot near the animals may be purchased for \$15.00 each (limit of three (3) per family). Maricopa County Leaders, Advisors and Teachers who have members or students exhibiting in the fair will receive one complimentary "Run of the Fair" entrance pass and one parking pass per club, school or chapter. The parking passes do not guarantee a parking space. We recommend arriving early in the day to get a space. These fees should be sent to the office at the same time the entry form is mailed. **Run of the fair and parking passes are not available after April 14, 2009.**
4. **There will be no refunds or replacements.**

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## TWO GREAT AUCTIONS

### Small Stock

**Friday, Apr. 17**  
**6pm Buyer Registration**  
**7pm Auction**  
**check in at the**  
**Small Stock Building**

**Goats**  
**Cavies**  
**Poultry**  
**Rabbits**  
**Pigeons**

### JR. Livestock

**Saturday, Apr. 18**  
**7am S.P.A.R.K. Breakfast**  
**9am Auction**  
**check in at the**  
**Ag Center**

**Beef**  
**Swine**  
**Sheep**  
**Meat Goats**  
**Futurity Heifer**