

ADULT'S CODE OF CONDUCT WHILE AT EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR

As the parent, guardian, leader or advisor of an animal exhibitor in the El Dorado County Fair:

I believe my child should demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder, fitter, and show person of a show animal. I understand that **no adult may participate in my child's duty of washing, grooming, fitting, handling, or showing of his or her animal while at the Fair.**

I will ensure that my child follows the competition rules, and does not use abusive, questionable or unethical techniques in the feeding, caring, fitting, or showing of any animals. I will ensure that my child does not resort to fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices while fitting or preparing the animal for show and will follow withdrawal protocol.

I have read and understood all the rules and regulations found in the Competition Handbook.

I realize that my child is responsible for:

- The proper care and humane treatment of animals before, during, and after the exhibition and sale.
- The production of wholesome food when the exhibited animal is designated for the market.

I will conduct myself at all times to be a credit to my child's organization, chapter, club, school, community, and family. I will **follow proper procedures and the chain of command if there is a conflict.**

I will not post negative comments or conflict on social media.

I am aware that **responsible alcohol use** is allowed on the fairgrounds and I will limit my use of alcohol so that I set a proper example for my child and the children of others and adults around me. I shall ensure that other adults are equally responsible in the use of alcohol around my child. I shall not use any drugs that are considered illegal at the federal, state or local level while on the fairgrounds.

I understand that direct criticism or **interference with the judge**, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. I will not allow any person connected with my child's project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official. Protest rules can be found in the Competition Handbook.

I understand and agree that **if I**, my child, my child's supervisor or leader or any other adult or minor connected with my child's project or animal(s) **break the rules**, and/or violate the Adult Code of Conduct, I will accept the final decision of the Fair Management regarding the disqualification of my child and or the animal, the loss of prizes, the forfeiture of auction participation, loss of future eligibility, and forfeiture of any monetary award(s).

I understand that my minor child will not stay overnight at the Fairgrounds without their parent or guardian present.

I accept that **these entries are subject to the rules** and regulations as published in the official Competition Handbook. I further declare that all statements made in connection with my child's entries are true.

I will remember **that youth participate to have fun while learning and that the competition is for their benefit, not adults.**

Exhibitor's Name (Printed) _____

4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Youth Group _____

Signature of Parents, Guardians

_____, Date: _____

_____, Date: _____

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_____, Date: _____

This document must be signed by:

*All parents or guardians of any child entering an animal in the El Dorado County Fair.