RULES FOR 4-H & FFA LARGE ANIMALS

To help pay for judges, some projects will charge an entry fee. These fees are due at the time your entry form is completed and turned in. Fees vary, so please check with your club or project leader.
Make checks payable to Gallatin County 4-H.

- Sheep — $3.00 per animal or fleece
- Swine — $3.00 per animal
- Horse — $2.00 per lot ($12 max/member or $20 max/family)
- Stock Fee — $7.00 for Ranch Horse Lots 117, 118, 119, 120
- Poultry — $5.00 per exhibitor
- Rabbit — $5.00 per exhibitor
- Goats — $5.00 per exhibitor
- Beef — $7.00 per head

or

CODE OF ETHICS: Montana 4-H is based on principles of positive youth development. We believe that all producers and exhibitors of livestock have an interest in maintaining a reputation of integrity, as well as an interest in presenting a positive and progressive image at livestock shows. Because we believe that all livestock producers want to produce a wholesome, safe, and reliable source of food for the public, we have adopted the following "Livestock Code of Ethics". Violations of this code are considered unethical in the raising, showing, and exhibiting of livestock for shows and fairs.

Sportsmanship All exhibitors and their families are encouraged to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during shows. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors, or the public.
- Misrepresenting the age of an animal for the lot in which it's shown.
- Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while at the show or fair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the show.

Treatment of Animals All animals are to be treated in a humane manner with adequate feed, water, and shelter provided. Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animal(s), for whatever reason, will be disqualified from the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited**.**

Administration of Drugs of any kind or description, internally or externally, except for treating a recognized disease or injury is prohibited. For the purpose of this code, "drug" shall mean any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions that affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal. Only those drugs approved and labeled for use on animals can be administered and proper dosages and withdrawal times must be observed. Exhibitors own and manage livestock and are ultimately responsible to see that they follow appropriate and approved practices.

In addition, the following practices are prohibited and unethical:

- The use of any diuretic on any animal.
- The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administrated as a drench.
- Treating or massaging any part of the body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counter- irritant or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
- Minimizing the effects of cramps by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants, or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise.
- Administration of human tranquilizers to calm down animals.
- Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, teeth, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats or horns, clipping or dressing of hair, trimming of hooves.
- Insertion of any foreign material under the skin.
- Any attempt to change the natural color of any animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color of or adding false hair, fleece, or skin at any point, spot, or area of the animal's body.

Violations of the rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized group(s) the exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the Fair Board and County Extension Agent will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the Fair Board and County Extension Agent may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future shows. The Fair Board and County Extension Agent reserves the right to interpret rules and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions not adequately addressed by the above Code of Ethics.