2027

Youth Small Stock & Ag Mechanics Show & Auction

To provide your animal's supporting documents:

1. **Upload <u>COMPLETE</u> documents using form on website*. <u>Incomplete documents will render entry invalid. When uploading documents, all fees must be paid online.</u>***
2. **If you are in question please call our office at 520-723-7881.**

<u>Arizona Department of Agriculture Regulations requires the following from Pinal County Fair Exhibitors:</u>

❖ **<u>Goats</u>**

- All goats must have official scrapie identification. Contact the Office of the State Veterinarian at (602) 542-4293, for more information on official scrapie identification.
- All goats transported within Arizona must have an Arizona Department of Agriculture Self Inspection SEASONAL PASS. To obtain those passes, contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at (602) 542-6407. Seasonal passes can be applied for online at https://agriculture.az.gov/animals/animal-services-inspections/livestock-inspections/seasonal-passes.
- Before Out of State goats may enter Arizona to exhibit, a Prior Entry permit must be obtained from the office of the State Veterinarian at (602) 542-4293, information on Health Certificates and any additional requirements or restrictions may be obtained at that time.

Pinal County FAIR

Youth Ag Mechanics & Small Stock Show & Auction

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

It is the responsibility of Exhibitor, Parent, Advisor and Leaders to read and understand all rules and regulations in all departments and areas that may apply. It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to have his/her entry in on time. See specific departments for entry deadlines.

1. All youth exhibitors in the Pinal County Fair must be residents of Pinal County and all exhibitors must be age EIGHT (8) by January 1, 2027, and must not have reached their nineteenth birthday by January 1, 2027. (See **General Youth Rules** for details)

2. Pinal County Fair, Friends of CAFA, and/or Central Arizona Fair Association (hereinafter "Pinal County Fair" or "Fair") reserves the right to interpret, amend or add to the Rules and Regulations as it may deem advisable in its sole discretion. Pinal 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 Pinal County Fair, must have the expressed written authorization of Fair Management.

4. The Fair reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of any animal or article, for any reason whatsoever.

5. Pinal 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.

6. 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 2027 Fair and possibly from future Pinal County Fairs. All decisions by the Fair are final and may be made by the Fair at its sole discretion.

7. 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.

8. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Friends of CAFA, Pinal County, Central Arizona Fair Association, Pinal County Fair, the Executive Director or any other employee, agent, director, representative, 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 Friends of CAFA, Central Arizona Fair Association, Pinal County, Pinal County Fair, the Executive Director or any other employee, agent, director, representative, 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.

9. Exhibitors are not allowed to stay in any livestock barn or exhibit building overnight.

10. There will be NO preparation of food allowed in barns on the fairgrounds by any exhibitor (including families and club leaders). Anyone found preparing food or using cooking appliances may
   a) not be allowed to participate in the auction (parents and club leaders risk their children's participation in the auction),
   b) have action taken by the Pinal County Health Department or fire department,
   c) be removed from the fairgrounds and/or
   d) lose the opportunity to participate in future Pinal County Fairs.

11. No youth exhibitor is eligible to participate (in any way) in the Pinal County Fair if one or more of the Exhibitor's parents or legal guardians are ineligible to participate in the Pinal County Fair until: 1. The status of eligibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) changes; or 2. The exhibitor reaches their 18th birthday; or 3. After being petitioned by the exhibitor, The Pinal County Fair reinstates the Exhibitor's eligibility after a minimum of 3 fairs.

12. All Signatures must be original, Photocopies not accepted.

Entry Requirements

It is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to review, understand and abide by all rules and deadlines associated with entering an exhibit in the fair.

1. All applications for entry must be made on-line in accordance with the specific rules for each department. **SMALL STOCK AND AG MECHANICS DEPARTMENT ENTRIES MUST BE DONE ONLINE**, and all supporting documents must be uploaded. **NO INCOMPLETE ENTRIES. IF YOUR UPLOADED DOCUMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETE, YOUR ENTRY WILL BE INVALID. NO SMALL STOCK ENTRIES, OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE MAIL.**

2. Dairy Goat exhibitors AND any exhibitor selling an animal in the auction for meat must complete the YQCA class prior to their entry deadline. The certificate must be valid from deadline through the end of fair.

3. The Fair reserves the right to limit entries to the facilities available for entry display in each department.

4. Fair Management is not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibits, which have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Coordinator of the department, be transferred to their proper class before judging. If such classes have been judged, they will not be judged again.

5. Exhibitors are responsible to enter and to deliver items to proper departments and to **retrieve them at release**.

6. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all entry, receiving, and release time deadlines as posted on the fair schedule. Failure to meet these requirements may result in disqualification from the show.

Payments and Checks (Premiums and Auction)

1. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be returned to the exhibitor and charged a $35 fee. The entry form will not be considered complete until good funds are received, and entries may be rejected as a result.

2. Calculate fees carefully. Overpayment of any fees will not be refunded by the Fair.

3. July 1st following the fair is the deadline for reporting any error in premium checks or checks not having been received by exhibitor. After that no changes will be made nor checks issued.

4. Premium and/or auction checks not cashed within 6 months of issuance will not be re-issued and rights to funds will revert back to the Friends of CAFA.

5. Any fees still owed to the Fair will be deducted from the premium and/or auction checks.

Exhibitors

1. Every animal entered for exhibition will be placed in the charge of the Coordinator for the department in which it is entered.

2. Exhibit ear tags, stall cards, cage or exhibit tags will be given to the exhibitor by the department Coordinator on receiving day and will serve as claim checks on release day.

3. Exhibitors must be the bona fide owner of the exhibit unless otherwise specified. Management of the Fair, and/or Coordinators at the request of Management or the Board of Directors, may demand proof of ownership as deemed necessary in their judgment.

4. Any market animal entered in the Pinal County Fair that is shown, or entered, by another exhibitor, after the time of entry in the Pinal County Fair, at another show (where the rules for that show or the oversight organization would require

the exhibitor to own the animal being shown) will be disqualified from the Pinal County Fair, regardless of the enforcement of the ownership rule by the show or oversight organization.

5. Entries are entered and accepted under the condition that the Pinal County Fair is in no case responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.

6. 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 Pinal County Fairs.

7. The sale or exchange of animals or items exhibited at the Fair must be authorized in writing by the Management of the Pinal County Fair.

8. Only good condition, properly grounded appliances (i.e. clippers, blowers, heaters, vacuums, fans, etc.) that meet UL specifications may be used. No cooking appliances are permitted.

9. Exhibitors, entering online, also agree that in consideration of permission to use the facility and services of Pinal 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 livestock shall remain in the care, custody and control of the exhibitor. The exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Friends of CAFA, Pinal County, Central Arizona Fair Association, Pinal County Fair, the Executive Director or any other employee, agent, director, representative, or officer of the 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 livestock or caused by the livestock. Exhibitor agrees to defend any claim brought against the Fair as a result of the livestock.
    c) That this release shall be binding upon the exhibitor's heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and legal representatives.
    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 Pinal 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.

Leaders and Parents

1. RV Camping is intended as a convenience and privilege. Any youth staying in a RV (camper, motorhome, and trailer) must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Unlawful activity, by anyone staying at or visiting a campsite, including consumption of alcohol, use of drugs, harmful or illegal pranks, will not be tolerated and may result in the associated exhibitor(s) being barred from auction and/or be subject to legal prosecution.

2. Leaders, advisors, teachers or parents who bring exhibitors to the Fair shall maintain responsibility and supervision of minors and should display and enforce proper conduct. Exhibitors involved in illegal or disruptive behavior may be disqualified from current or future Fairs and may have their animals pulled from the auctions and/or be subject to legal prosecution.

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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Judges shall report to the coordinator 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 Coordinator 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.

8. 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.

9. The judge, coordinator 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.

10. The entry clerk or Coordinator 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 judge's decisions have been made and closed.

11. 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 judge or judges shall report the same immediately to the Department Coordinator.

12. 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 Coordinator 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.

13. In judging livestock, the decision of the coordinator and/or management and judge, as to unsoundness, shall be final.

14. 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.

15. Open nominations for livestock judges must be received in the fair office no later than December 1st, for future fairs. Judges will not be contracted more than 2 years in advance.

Protest and Appeals

1. All protests must be made to the Fair office and filed within five hours of the incident.

2. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a cash deposit of $50 in any of the 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. 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.

4. No protest can be made in reference to a judge's decision or a breed classification. Management will select an appropriate panel to review the protest. The panel's decision shall be final.

2027 Credential Policy

1. Any exhibitor entered in small stock departments will receive one Exhibitor pass good for the week of the fair.

2. Parents, family members, and exhibitors may purchase a week-long entrance pass for $25 (limits apply). **This does not include a parking pass.** Additional parking passes may be purchased for $15 each (limit of three (3) per family).

3. Pinal County Leaders, Advisors and Teachers who have members or students exhibiting in the fair will receive one complimentary 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 included at the time of entry.

4. **Exhibitor entry passes and parking passes are not available after February 6, 2027. After February 6, 2027, Day passes will be available at the gate for $10 each day and 5-day passes will be sold for $40, this includes lost credentials.**

5**. There will be no refunds or replacements.**

Small Stock General Rules and Limitations

Limitation on Entrant All Exhibitors showing as a member of an organized club must be a member in good standing. Any application for entry received from an unqualified exhibitor will be considered ineligible. Exhibitors must be a resident of Pinal County. Management of the Fair, and/or Coordinators at the request of Management or Request of the Board of Directors may demand proof of residency as deemed necessary in their judgment.

One of the purposes of this program is to provide all youth exhibitors the opportunity to show and sell their animals. The Fair wishes to strive to maximize the opportunity for Pinal youth to exhibit and sell their animals. There is a limited pool of buyers within the County of Pinal and limited facilities at the Fair. Participants in other counties have the opportunity to show and/or sell an animal within their respective county.

1. Therefore, no entries from applicants and no applications will be accepted from applicants who have exhibited and sold an animal at any other Arizona county fair in the same calendar year (this does NOT include the Arizona National Livestock Show or the Arizona State Fair). This means no such applicants are eligible to exhibit and sell at the 2027 Pinal County Fair. If Fair management becomes aware that a youth exhibitor has exhibited and sold an animal at any other Arizona county fair during the prior 12 months, and did not so advise management, the youth exhibitor must immediately remove his or her animal from the Fair facilities, the entry fee will be forfeited, and the youth exhibitor may be prohibited from participation in any future Pinal County Fairs.

2. Pinal County applicants who have exhibited during the prior 12 months, but not sold animals at any formally-sponsored Arizona livestock show, event, community fair, another county fair, etc., or program, such as one sponsored by the 4-H, FFA (with the exception of the Arizona National Livestock Show and the Arizona State Fair), or a similar youth organization, are eligible to exhibit and sell animals at the 2027 Fair. Applicants who have sold animals at such shows, events, auctions or programs (with the exception of the Arizona National Livestock Show and the Arizona State Fair) are eligible to exhibit but are not eligible to sell their entries at the 2027 Fair. If Fair management becomes aware that a youth exhibitor has sold an animal at any such show, event, auction or program and did not advise the management, the youth exhibitor must immediately remove his or her animal from the Fair facilities, the entry fees will be forfeited and the youth exhibitor may be prohibited from participation in any future Pinal County Fairs.

General Youth Rules

1. Small stock departments are open ONLY to youth residents of Pinal County.

2. If applicable, Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass/Ownership/Registration papers and hauling papers must be brought to the Fair for review by the coordinator as animals are received on entry day. Exhibitors who have both market and breeding animals need to have two sets of hauling papers.

3. 4-H, FFA, Association, or Non-Affiliated Youth must declare their affiliation at the time of entry and must be a member in good standing of same. Once the entry is complete, affiliations cannot change.

5. Youth are required to submit a record book by April 30, 2027, for their animal project. The record book format can be found online beginning January 1, 2027.

6. All Exhibitors must be age EIGHT (8) by January 1, 2027, and must not have reached their nineteenth birthday by January 1, 2027.

7. Any special needs/special education student in high school, who has reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1, 2027, and desires to exhibit an animal at the Pinal County Fair, *MUST* submit a special request in writing and include at least three letters from doctors, teachers, counselors, etc. who are not parents of the student. Other special circumstances will be considered under these same guidelines.

8. An animal shown in breeding cannot be shown in a market division.

9. The registry number and the name of your association/club must be shown prior to judging in any breed or registered class.

10. ***PLEASE NOTE: ALL ANIMALS MUST REMAIN IN LIVESTOCK AREA. ANY EXHIBITOR FOUND WITH AN ANIMAL OUTSIDE OF THEIR SPECIFIC LIVESTOCK BARN AREA WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUCTION. SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE MADE BY SPECIES COORDINATORS AT THEIR DISCRETION.***

11. Muzzles are permitted. Muzzles should be made of a nylon/mesh material. Any other type of muzzle will not be allowed.

12. Small stock will be weighed one time only. Protest or request for re-weigh must be made while the animal is on the scale. Animals will be taken off the scale and stay in the scale area. The weigh master and scale man will then balance the scale (the scale will be reset to zero) and the animal will be put back on the scale and re-weighed. This is the official weight.

13. In the event of an Exhibitor's inability to show due to court order, the Exhibitor's name on a qualified entry may be changed, by authorization of Executive Management, to another individual.

14. Exhibitors not coming into the show ring when called will be dropped from the class and subsequently from the auction.

15. A veterinarian or County Fair Official may at their discretion, inspect any animal. Any animal injured, sick, diseased, with lice, ticks, or any other visible signs of parasites, lesions and/or abnormalities (this includes any sores, ringworm, lamb fungus, sore mouth, **severe sunburn,** etc.) will be rejected and/or removed immediately, at the owner's expense.

16. In case of communicable diseases in any class, the show may be canceled or become a terminal show upon recommendation of the State Veterinarian and/or Fair Board.

17. **All exhibitors MUST participate in showmanship for every species entered by that exhibitor, regardless of their intent to sell. Exhibitors must show their own animals in showmanship.**

Code of Conduct

All exhibitors, parents, and club leaders must follow the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics. Show Ring Ethics are available at the end of this rule book and must be read. Proper conduct is expected at all shows and youth activities by exhibitors and their families.

1. **Adults may assist in the fitting of any animal as long as the exhibitor is actively engaged in the fitting of the animal. Exhibitors may receive instruction from another Pinal County Youth Livestock Exhibitor. No fees may be charged for such assistance.**

2. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless they have more than one in the same market or breed class. If so, they must have other youth in proper show attire who are livestock exhibitors of the current Fair, show their additional animals.

3. If applicable, Self-Inspection Seasonal Pass/Ownership/Registration/ papers and hauling papers must be brought to the Fair for review by the coordinator as animals are received on entry day. Exhibitors who have both market and breeding animals need to have two sets of hauling papers.

4. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING WHOLESOME MEAT ACT AND THE FOLLOWING RULES:

a) The use of any drug or chemical compound that is not approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in meat animals is prohibited. The illegal administration of approved drugs and compounds is also prohibited. All animals shall be subject to tests for substances that exceed the acceptable levels established by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, The Food Animal Residue Avoidance Databank and the Environmental Protection Agency. A positive test will result in disqualification.
b) The owner shall assume full responsibility for any violation of the FDA regulation concerning withdrawal time on all medication.
c) By entering this show, the exhibitor states that the animal is drug-free. Any exhibitor who falsifies this information will be denied entry into competition at the Fair.
d) In the event an animal is found in violation of the Wholesome Meat Act and/or other rules, the exhibitor shall be disqualified and shall pay the cost of the testing. Disqualification will result in the forfeiture of all class and sale premium monies, trophies, special awards and other consideration earned. If the animal is disqualified because of a positive test and/or the carcass is condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not be changed.
e) Any alteration of appearance, physical change by removal or injection, or any other means is prohibited. You cannot change the color of any animal by any means.

Ownership, Care and Custody

1. Exhibitors must own animals entered by entry deadline and all registered stock must be in member's name (or family name) by the entry deadline. National Breed Association registration and transfer papers must accompany animals to the Fair. Provisions will be made for checking these papers with the Coordinator. If papers are being processed by registry, exhibitor must present a statement from the organization to verify papers are pending. Copies of these documents will be presented to coordinators at time of check-in.

2. **Market animals must reside in Pinal County from the time of entry until the time of auction.** The Pinal County Fair reserves the right to on-site inspections at any time without prior notice.

3. All animals must be cared for by the exhibitor. Animals boarded outside of the custody of the exhibitor must be boarded within a geographical proximity so as to allow the exhibitor to provide the animals' primary care.

4. Raffles or charging to pet any animals is prohibited.

Herdsmanship

1. All exhibitors must keep stall and animals presentable at all times, including walkways in immediate areas. Entry fees paid to the fair do NOT include maintaining exhibitor stalls, tack pens, and walkways. Parents, Leaders, Advisors or other youth exhibitors may feed animals and clean pens on days when youth exhibitors are not required to be on the grounds showing their animals. **Exhibitors shall be responsible for the complete care of their animals until the official release time at the end of fair.**
2. Coordinators reserve the right to remove animals from the Fair and Auction if proper care of animals is not taken during the event. Written warnings will be given and on the 3rd warning, the animal and exhibitor will be expelled from the event.

Dress Code:

Exhibitors will wear appropriate dress to show professional pride in the show ring and auction. Appropriate dress for exhibitors in the show ring AND at the Auction is required. No hats. T-shirts and polo shirts are not acceptable.

a) **Youth** - Clean dark blue or black jeans, belted, white collared, sleeved shirt, solid color other than green tie or scarf. Shirts are to be tucked in. Closed-toe shoes only.
b) **4-H** - Clean dark blue or black jeans, belted, solid green, or solid white collared and sleeved shirt, and tie or scarf. Club vests are permitted. Shirts are to be tucked in. Closed-toe shoes only.
c) **FFA** – Allow Field Dress (black pants vs skirt) Clean black jeans, belted, white collared and sleeved shirt, dark blue or black tie or scarf, and official jacket. Shirts are to be tucked in. Closed-toe shoes only.
d) **Rabbit/Cavy**-Exhibitors may choose to wear show jackets or aprons over the appropriate attire listed above.

Release:

1. Animals will be released beginning at noon on the Sunday of the Fair. **All animals must be removed by 8 p.m.** Animals taken out before the official release date and time must be at the discretion of the Coordinator. Exhibitors will be banned from the following year's fair if they do not abide by this rule.

2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitors with 2 animals to make private arrangements to pick up their animals. Only animals sold through the auction will be allowed onto the processor's trucks.

Small Stock Auction Rules

Purchasing a livestock project does not guarantee the project will be eligible to exhibit at the Fair. Exhibiting does not guarantee the animal will be sold at auction and selling animals at the Auction does not guarantee a profit will be made. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to secure his/ her own buyer.

1. Exhibitors will be allowed to auction one animal (or meat pen) each.

2. No exhibitor may sell the same animal more than once, at more than one Pinal County Fair (e.g. same rabbit sold at the 2026 fair and the 2027 fair by the same exhibitor).

3. Buyers will have three destination options when purchasing animals through the small stock auction: 1.) Buyer Pick-up 2.) Donate animal back to exhibitor or 3.) Packer pick-up. **No exhibitor will ask the buyer for their animal to be donated back at the risk of facing expulsion from future Pinal County Fairs. Exhibitors caught doing this will have their funds forfeited for the current year as well as face possible expulsion from future fairs.**

4. There will be no selling or trading of animals except through the auction.

5. The Pinal County Fair specifically reserves the right to remove and/or bar from sale any exhibitor/seller or any animal if the Committee deems it necessary in the best interest of the fair and /or auction.

6. Authorization to Purchase forms are available at the Fair office. The signer of the Purchase of Sale contract shall assume responsibility for payment.

7. **When an Exhibitor has more than one eligible animal a Sale Declaration Form must be filled out and submitted to the department Coordinator for signature within one hour of the conclusion of judging. If no Sale Declaration Form is submitted the highest placing animal will be placed on the sale list. When an Exhibitor enters more than one animal and declares them for sale, they must declare the animal they want to sell within an hour after judging ends.**

8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that his/her animal is at the auction ring according to SALE ORDER. If the exhibitor misses her/his turn, they will not sell. Exhibitors must be in the sale ring with his/her own animal unless excused by the livestock committee. Exhibitor MUST provide, in writing, to the fair office the reason for not being able to attend the Auction. The request MUST be turned in to the fair office NO LATER than noon on Friday, March 19. Besides a death in the family or exhibitor illness, an exception may be made for an organized youth event that the exhibitor would not have been aware of at the time of entry (i.e.: championship game, etc.). Exhibitors will be notified of the Committee's decision. The animal will not sell if exhibitor is absent and unexcused. Exhibitors not complying with this regulation may be barred from future shows.

9. **Only animals sold through auction will be hauled as arranged by the Pinal County Fair. No contract shall be made to an auction buyer in regards to any animal as potential purchase at the fair by an exhibitor, parent or leader, seeking the sale of a second or sifted animal.**

10. Appropriate dress is required at the auction. (See General Rules for appropriate dress.) Exhibitors not in appropriate dress for the auction will not be allowed to participate in the auction.

11. In the event an animal is found in violation of the Wholesome Meat Act and the animal carcass or meat is condemned the seller will forgive or refund to the buyer the purchase price of the animal. Additionally, the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of commission charged by the fair based on the full sale price of the animal.

12. Exhibitor/seller checks will be issued no sooner than May 31, pending buyers' full payment and only after the Fair has received the on-line completed record book and proof of thank you note sent after fair. Thank you cards during fair are appreciated by buyers but it is important to send a thank you note after fair to reiterate your appreciation. Mail the original thank you letter with stamped envelopes to the fair or email a picture of the completed thank you letters to misti@pinalfairgrounds.com.

13. In the event of a buyer default, the maximum amount an exhibitor/ seller will be paid will be an amount equal to the lowest sale amount in that breed. A buyer may be declared in default when no payment has been made within 90 days of the auction or upon review by the board of directors. Should payment be received from the buyer after they have been declared in default, an equal payment will be made to the exhibitor/seller less the stipulated auction fees. These payments will be made on the first business day following the month the fair receives payment from the buyer. See general rules regarding checks.

14. Checks will be sent to the exhibitor at the address on file after confirmation that thank you letters have been sent to the Fair.

15. **SELLERS** will be responsible for soliciting and obtaining prospective buyers prior to the fair. Write letters and make contact with at least 10 potential buyers for your animal prior to the fair. Buyer brochures are available in the fair office. Please contact your Leader or Advisor for additional help.

16. **No soliciting of buyers and/or advertising of auction animals on sale day by exhibitors, club members or parents is permitted.**

17. Once the auction book has been posted there will be no changes made except to correct a clerical error.

18. The Danish system for judging will be used. Purple, Blue and Red ribbon animals are eligible for auction.

19. The method of animal rotation used to set the sale order will be determined at the discretion of the Auction clerk and Committee.

20. **WARNING**: All animals may not sell and not all animals with the same placing may sell.

21. Department placing list/judging records must be submitted by Coordinator to Auction Clerk upon completion of judging. Judging sheets must be signed by the judge.

22. **RELEASE:** of animals sold through the auction will be on Sunday of the Fair, at noon. It is the responsibility of the seller and buyer to make arrangements for the pickup or delivery of animals sold. The exhibitor is responsible for the animal until the transfer of possession.

23. **PURCHASED:** Animals must be paid for at the time of sale.

24. **COMMISSION:** A 6% commission will be charged on animals sold through the auction. Commission will also be charged on add-ons. All payments for auction animals or add-ons must be processed by the Pinal County Fair. Any Exhibitor found to have directly accepted payments or add-ons will be banned from future Fairs and auctions.

25. The Annual Small Stock Auction will be held at the Pinal County Fair. **At time of each entry, exhibitors must declare each animal they may want to sell in the auction, if eligible. Animals not declared for sale at entry are not eligible for sale. If the exhibitor does not declare an eligible animal for sale within an hour after the show, the auction clerk and committee will make the final determination of which animal will sell.**

Ag. Mechanics "Silent Auction"

The Ag Mechanics "Silent Auction" will be held at the Pinal County Fair, beginning Wednesday, March 17, 2027, at 10:00am and bids will close on Saturday, March 20, 2027, at 3 pm. **EXHIBITORS:** Exhibitors MUST list an opening bid. There will be no "for sale" signs posted on projects. There will be no private treaty sales of projects at the fair. Exhibitors not complying with these requirements may be barred from participation in future fairs.

BIDDER/BUYER: The last bidder listed on each exhibit's bid sheet will be expected to make payment to the Pinal County Fair, at bid closing. Exhibits sold that can be hand-carried out will be released to the buyer on Saturday beginning at 6:00 pm, once payment has been made.

COMMISSION: There will be a 6% Commission deducted from the purchase of each project. All payments for auction items must be processed by the Pinal County Fair. Any Exhibitor found to have directly accepted payments or add-ons will be banned from future Fairs and sales. Checks will be sent to the exhibitor at the address on file after confirmations from leaders/advisors that thank-you letters have been sent.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7) 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 and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.