

A Message from the President

Hello Exhibitors and family members, Our 2024/25 show season is underway. Can you believe there is only 7 months until fair? I am so excited that you are reading this Letter. One of our top committee goals is to be better partners with you and your family. I will try and update this letter from time to time (hopefully monthly) in order to try and better communicate with you. My phone number is in the rule book, which I hope everyone takes time to read before the fair.

All questions that may arise will be answered by the rule book. So please take the time to read.

Talking about the rule book I want to highlight 4 rules that have changed from last year.

1. Fitting rule here is the current rule

Sec: E. Only immediate family members, current Pinal County Jr. Livestock Exhibitors, or approved PCJLC Leaders within the exhibitor's division (4H, FFA, Assoc) are allowed to ASSIST the exhibitor in fitting and overall care of their project animal(s). The exhibitor must be present and physically engaged at ALL times while assistance is being offered. (Physical presence is NOT considered active participation or physically engaged.) Absolutely no outside fitters, feeders, or consultants will be allowed. The intent of this rule is to have the exhibitor, their family, more experienced exhibitors, or approved leader help the exhibitor along with their learning process. Those deemed trying to violate the intent of the rule shall be penalized as outlined in section E, rule #2

RULE #2 Upon violation of this rule, the exhibitor will be immediately disqualified from all PCJLC activities to include market/showmanship and auction and the animal must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.

Why this rule? The Committee has taken up this topic many times over the past few years. This is a county fair, not a state or national Show. We want this Organization to help people learn how to fit and feed their own animals so they potentially can go on and show in those National shows. I believe it also drives teamwork and friendships between each other which is what makes great champions. Hard work makes the dream work.

Volunteer forms are due at animal check in. These forms can be found on the PCJLC website. This year, the forms will be signed off by the species superintend and PCJLC executive Board for approval.

2.Lamb and Goat teeth

Sec 13.3 B. Market goats must be 12 months of age or younger and must have all of their milk teeth at the time of receiving at the fair. All market goats must have their goat's teeth or show no eruption of yearling teeth at time of weigh-in at the fair

Sec 14.2 A. All market lambs must have their lamb's teeth or show no eruption of yearling teeth at time of weigh-in at the fair.

Why do we have a teeth rule? You can tell the age of an animal by their teeth. Goats and lambs' milk teeth tend to fall out at about 1 year of age. We want your consumer to have the best quality of meat possible. In lambs, after about a year, the meat starts to take on a different flavor, which people like to call mutton. Although still very edible, it is an acquired taste. Sometimes, although rare, these animals can lose their milk teeth as early as 10 months. Additionally, the teeth could be knocked out due to injury. Therefore, the committee felt that as long as there were no eruption of the yearling teeth, meaning coming through the gums, the animal would be considered to be under 12 months of age and still be allowed to show.

3. Ceiling At Auction

G. The sale price received for the Grand Champion Market animal of that species will set the maximum sale price. In determining the MAXIMUM SALE PRICE for the remaining animals in the sale. Champion market animals for each species; ALL ADD-ON BIDS, for the Grand Champion Market animal, received by the PCJLC prior to the start of the Reserve Champion sale will be added to the total price per pound. Thus increasing the maximum sale price possible for the remaining animals in the sale.

In the past, the rule was very confusing and difficult to implement at time of auction. We have simplified the process while still maintaining the value of our Champions. The Champion Auction price plus all addons' shall be the ceiling price for the remaining market animals.

4. Auction is Sec 9: K

K. NO BARN SALES of non-auctioned animals will be allowed. No solicitation of buyers for non-auctioned animals during the fair and auction. No solicitation of buyers for add-ons or any other fund-raising efforts DURING the auction

Buyers love hearing from Exhibitors about their projects, however, this past year we had exhibitors asking buyers in the crowd for add ons after their animal had sold. Kudos to the kids trying to think “outside the box” however, this is just not the place to be asking for those add ons.

Buyers come to support you based on your letters you have written or interactions you have had with them prior to the fair Auction. By all means, we would like for you to interact with all buyers BEFORE the sale and based on their impression of you they will decide to complete an add on donation

This has gotten much longer than I intended it to be, however, the topics covered are very important. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE RULE BOOK. My goal for us this year is to be better partners. We are here to help you so please reach out to us. Our numbers are in the rule book. I look forward to and am very humble to be your President for the 2024-25 show season.

Gary Dale