



# BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2026  
North Thompson Agriplex  
Barriere, BC



## **4-H and OPEN GOAT RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Entry deadline for 4-H Goat Projects (including 4-H Carcass) is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for Open Goats; Youth Open Goats, Open Carcass is August 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. **All Goats must have an ear tag or tattoo for identification.** All Market Chevon will be tagged on the fairgrounds with BC Agricultural Expo Tags at time of weigh in.
3. **Carcass chevons** must meet a **minimum weight of 65 lbs**. Any carcass chevons that do not meet the minimum live weight requirement may be culled from the show.
4. A **bill of sale** is required for **all market animals** entered at BC Ag Expo and must accompany the entry forms. A bill of sale shall include the seller's name, address, phone number and the purchaser's name, address, phone number, date of sale, number of goats, breed, sex, tag# or tattoo and a description of the goat.
5. **All livestock manifests for transporting to and from the fair should include the North Thompson Fall Fair Premise # BC4469RH3**
6. **No refunds** will be given for withdrawal of any goat project entry prior to the show.
7. All carcass animals must be in the barn by 5:00 p.m. Thursday of the fair. All other goats must be on the BC Ag Expo grounds between **3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** on the Thursday of the Expo.
8. All Pens to have owners name, breed and name of goat displayed by Friday 9:00am. Other decorations and educational material is encouraged.
9. All Market Chevon and Doe Kid entries must be born on or after January 1 of the Expo year.
10. Market Chevon treated with any drug/antibiotic must be clear of the drug/antibiotic within the "number of days" before the sale as specified on the product warning information.
11. All 4-H and OPEN Dairy Goats and 4-H Market Chevon **must be disbudded/dehorned**. OPEN Market projects can have horns (provided the safety of both the participants and the animals is the first priority).
  - As per BC 4H Publication #702 the following rules apply at BC Ag Expo: Horns are not permitted on 4-H market animals. Horns are not recommended on 4-H breeding project animals, except for registered purebred goats from those breeds where horns are considered to be a desirable breed characteristic (purebred registration documentation to be provided by the member).

- Horn is defined as “any visual hardened bone-like projection that is attached to the skull”.
  - This would not disqualify any animal with a scur: “a small unattached growth of horn at the site of a normal horn”.
  - When horned breeding project animals are exhibited, safety of both the members and the projects animals must be the first priority
12. Unhealthy and/or Sick animals will be dismissed immediately from the Expo grounds without refund.
13. **No Bucks will be allowed on the Expo grounds.**
14. 4-H Pack, Miniature, Fibre Goat Projects & Open Goats do not necessarily have to be shaved, but must be presented in a clean state, trimmed where necessary.
15. Dress code for competitors is Clean jeans or Black pants and White Shirts. 4-H members may wear their club shirts.
16. All 4-H and Open entries must be weighed in and be inspected by the weigh in committee where a licensed vet may be called to be in attendance. Any entry found unfit will be asked to leave without refund.
- \*\*Note: -If clubs skip/miss their specified weigh in time – they will need to weigh in at the end of the time slots -If the any club member &/or club leader knows that they are going to be late for their club weigh in time, they must inform the Weigh In committee table (Leaders see the provided Fair Contact List for current contact numbers)***
- Weigh in procedure:** All 4-H and Open goat projects must be weighed and inspected by the weigh in committee.
- a. The committee will consist of three Livestock or 4-H Show people who will assess each animal independently and then compare notes privately at the end of weigh in before making a final decision if an animal is to be excused.
  - b. The committee will inspect entries for health issues and compliance with Ag Expo rules and regulations.
  - c. After all entries are weighed and stalled, if the committee has an issue with a 4-H entry, the division Leader of the 4-H member will be contacted and the issue explained. If the division Leader is not available the Club A Leader will be contacted. If it is an Open entry the Contributor or their Parent or Guardian will be contacted.
  - d. A Vet at Large will be available to the weigh in committee during the weigh in for any health concerns. Unfit or non-compliant animals will be asked to leave without refund.
17. All female projects to be weighed and tags or tattoos verified on the Thursday of the Expo.
18. Over-distended udders will be heavily faulted.
19. No milk is to be sold on the grounds.

20. The handler **MUST** be able to handle his/her own goat without assistance. This will be **STRICTLY ENFORCED**. Sifters will assist the handling and health of each animal at weigh in – therefore, handler must be present at that time.
21. Feeding, watering and stall maintenance shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor, or his representative, from the time of arrival until after sale day.
22. Pens must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each day and all refuse matter disposed of as directed. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to clean his/her pen at the end of the show.
23. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for having his or her animal ready when class is called. Any unnecessary delay may result in the animal being disqualified from the class. Any exhibitor not ready with his/her animal at the time it is called into the ring for the sale must wait until all other goats are sold before the animal may be brought into the ring.
24. Strict monitoring of grooming to eliminate parental help will be enforced. 4-H members must be the ones doing the grooming Adults can help at any time to meet safety concerns or emergencies. Adults can help, coach, advise or teach (at appropriate times) as long as they do not perform the tasks of the 4-H members during the 4-H section of the show. It is the responsibility of the 4-H leader to ensure the parents understand and adhere to these rules. Any breach of the rules is to be reported to the BC Ag Expo Grievance Committee via a green grievance form obtained at the BC Ag Expo office for them to handle.
25. All market stock entries must be sold through the sale ring. Female projects and their progeny may be sold at the member's discretion. The BC Ag Expo office must be notified at the intention of sale **by noon on the Friday of the Expo preceding the sale**. No withdrawals are permitted once the sale sheet has been printed.
26. All goats, including carcass, will be sold by the dollar. Six percent (6%) of the amount of each sale will be retained by the BC Ag Expo to assist them in meeting general expenses.
27. There will be no re-sales at this year's sale. All projects donated back will be rail graded with the proceeds going to the Charity of the Buyers choice.
28. Barn releases must be obtained for removal of all livestock from the barns, including all female projects. No animals are to be removed from the barns prior to 3pm on Sunday.
29. Purchasers must arrange to have animals shipped by midnight on the day of the sale and are requested to make the necessary arrangements with the office.