ARIZONA NATIONAL Livestock Show

2026 Summary of Rule Changes

	Summary	New / Updated Rule	Department	Page
1	Speech Contest schedule	move start time of Speech Contests to 8:00 a.m.	schedule	
2	No RV's in DPS lot	RV's will not be allowed in DPS pre-staging lot on load in days.	general	16
3	Tack/chase vehicles allowed staging lot	Early Bird passes cover one trailer per exhibitor. Additional vehicles and trailers, including tack trailers and chase vehicles, require a separate pass to access the grounds during Early Bird load-in. As always, no additional pass is needed during regular load-in day.	general	14
4	Animals requiring medical treatment at show	Animals requiring medical treatment at the show must be seen and treated exclusively by the show veterinarian. Prior to any treatment, a urine sample will be collected from the animal for testing. Animals treated with a fast-withdrawal antibiotic will remain eligible to show provided all other eligibility requirements are met. Animals treated with any other medication will be ineligible to show.	animal welfare	20
5	No additional outside sheep/goat fitting spaces will be sold	Outdoor tack space for lamb and goat exhibitors will be assigned upon arrival based on the number of animals checked in. Additional outdoor tack spaces may not be purchased.	sheep/goat	14
6	Mouth ewes	Registered ewes may be mouthed to verify age.	sheep	90
7	Market Lamb show schedule	Market Lamb breed divisions to show on 12/29 (2:00 p.m.)	sheep	
8	Dorper breed clarification	Working with breed association regarding clarification – updated rule to be posted	sheep	TBD
9	Market Steers and Prospect Cattle - reweigh	Market Steers and Prospect Cattle - may be reweighed prior to Grand Drive	cattle	70
10	8' panels in cattle barns	Stall space is limited to four (4) feet per head. Exhibitors showing one or an odd number of animals may not use eight-foot panels in cattle barn stalling or bedding areas unless they are willing to	open and junior cattle rules	14

		share that panel space with an adjacent exhibitor.		
11	Cattle stalled in tie outs	Cattle barn stall space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. When barn capacity has been reached, exhibitors may be required to house their cattle in outdoor tie-out areas.	cattle	14
12	Slick Sheared Market Steer Division	Slick Sheared division added to the Market Steer Show, (any breed, any color)	cattle	87
13	Clarify swine show paint rule -	All pigs will be wiped with a cloth in the holding pen; if color transfers from the pig onto the cloth, the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the holding pen to be cleaned and then return for competition. Neither the show nor the class will be delayed to accommodate the cleaning or return of the animal. If the pig cannot return to the ring in time for its designated class and was originally entered in a purebred division, it may be reclassified as a Crossbred. If reclassification is not possible, the pig will be scratched from the show.	swine	101 and 106
14	Gilt sale commission	Gilt Sale commission will be 15%	gilt sale	110
15	gilt sale clarification	Top 5 purebred gilts automatically qualify for Gilt Sale. Top purebred gilts will be identified in the show ring at the completion of the purebred gilt show.	gilt sale	110
16	MIG welding divisions	MIG Welding contest divisions – Junior, Senior and Adult	Ag Mech	132
17	Tool ID divisions -	Tool ID contest divisions – Junior, Senior and Adult	Ag Mech	133
18	Greenhand definition	FFA Creed - Open to any Greenhand FFA members (7th, 8th or 9th grade)	FFA creed	128
19	Max # of entries in fitting contest	max entries for fitting contest - swine 20 jr/20 sr - sheep 40 - goat 40 - cattle 40	fitting contest	120-123

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20	Skillathon contest requires $100 refundable deposit	A $100 refundable deposit (or valid PO) per team/$25 refundable deposit (or valid PO) per additional individual entry will be required. Fee must be included with entry. Fee will be refunded for teams/individuals that enter and compete in the Livestock Skillathon Contest. Teams/individuals who enter and do not compete will forfeit deposit(s)	Contests	116