GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. To be eligible for this show the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's or the vocational agriculture student's project since last state fair.
B. Any exhibitor who has been enrolled in Nebraska 4-H (ONLINE SYSTEM) in a 4-H club (or as an individual) that has been organized prior to the Enrollment Date (DEADLINE: JUNE 1 for horse projects & JUNE 15 for all other projects).
C. 4-H Clover Kids Animal Entry Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 at 4:30 p.m.
D. Vocational Agricultural (FFA) Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to exhibit:
   1. Enrolled in high school located within Dodge County.
   2. Not older than eighteen years on January 1 of the current calendar year.
   3. Completing a project under supervision of the vocational agriculture instructor of the school.
E. All animal exhibits must be numbered according to 4-H procedures. Contact the Nebraska Extension Office, 402-727-2775 for a complete set of requirements.
F. Exhibitors may show in 4-H and/or FFA, but cannot use the same projects in both.

ENTRY DEADLINES

A. CONTESTS: Shooting Sports Contest Entry Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 by 4:30 p.m.
B. CONTESTS: Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods Day Contest Entry Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 by 4:30 p.m.
C. 4-H Clover Kids Animal Entry Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 by 4:30 p.m.
D. 4-H Club Booth (static exhibits) Request Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 by 4:30 p.m.
E. Animal Stall/Pen Request Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15 by 4:30 p.m.
F. All other entries (except those listed above) will be entered at the Dodge County Fair during their respective check in dates and locations. Exhibitors are encouraged to pick up entry forms and all entry information at the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont or at http://dodge.unl.edu/dcexhibitorguide

ENTERING / EXHIBITING ENTRIES

ANIMAL EXHIBITS: For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair guide.

ENTRY LIMIT:

A. Static Exhibits: Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class in each of the categories: Communications & Expressive Arts; Consumer & Family Sciences; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Education & Earth Science; Healthy Lifestyles; Leadership & Citizenship; Plant Science; Science, Engineering & Technology
   EXCEPTION: Exhibitors are limited to TWO entries per class in the Woodworking Department/Division.
B. 4-H Clover Kids Entries: For entry limitations, refer to the 4-H Clover Kids Department in this exhibitor guide.
C. Animal Entries: For entry limitations, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair guide.

LABELING ENTRIES: All exhibitors of static exhibits must securely attach (sew or paste) their NAME and ADDRESS to EACH ARTICLE EXHIBITED.

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS: All static exhibits (Clover Kid; Communications & Expressive Arts; Consumer & Family Sciences; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Education & Earth Science; Healthy Lifestyles; Leadership & Citizenship; Plant Science; Science, Engineering & Technology Departments) displayed in 4-H Exhibit Hall can be delivered between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2 AND between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3.

EXHIBITING ENTRIES: 4-H clubs will be provided a booth space. Each 4-H club is responsible for setting up and displaying their static exhibits. Club Booth (static exhibits) Request Forms are due to the Nebraska Extension Office by office closing on Friday, July 15. For more information, refer to the 4-H Club Booths guidelines found in the “CONTEST” section in this exhibitor guide.

INTERVIEW JUDGING: 4-H members are encouraged to participate in interview judging. Interview judging allows 4-H members to discuss their 4-H exhibits directly with the judge. This will give 4-H members the opportunity to discuss the process they took preparing their project. In addition, interview judging will give judges the opportunity to provide positive input and helpful suggestions to the 4-H member.

A. REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:
   - Department Superintendents are to be notified when a 4-H project is entered by a 4-H member intending to be interviewed.
   - Entry cards of 4-H exhibits must designate Interview Judging Request by checking the “INTERVIEW” BOX at the upper right corner (above “Dodge County Fair”) of the entry card.
B. TIME: (Optional) Interview Judging / Wednesday, August 3 by appointment / 4-H Exhibit Hall
   - Exhibitors will make appointments (9:30 am-5:00 pm) with superintendent at time of check in.
C. DEPARTMENTS/PROJECT AREAS INCLUDE:
   - Aerospace
   - Clothing
   - Foods & Nutrition
   - Home Environment
   - Photography
   - Woodworking
D. Exhibitors are limited to ONE interview entry per department (project area).
E. Interview Judging is OPTIONAL. Projects are not required to be interview judged. Therefore, no projects will be deducted a ribbon placing for not interview judging.
F. FAVORITE FOODS DAY CONTEST INTERVIEW: Exhibitors are REQUIRED to interview and make appointments with superintendent at time of check-in/set-up on Wednesday, August 3, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Interviews will be scheduled on Wednesday, August 3 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. For more information, refer to the Favorite Foods Day Contest guidelines found in the “CONTEST” section in this exhibitor guide.

CARE OF EXHIBITS: All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles, animals and exhibitors. But, it is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 7 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. NOTE: Fair management is NOT responsible for projects picked up after 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 7.
STATE FAIR 4-H ENTRIES

A. State Fair 4-H Premium Information is available on the web at: http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairbook. Exhibitors need to read and follow ALL entry requirements.

B. Exhibits from the Exhibit Hall must be selected for State Fair by the Dodge County Fair Judges.

C. Intermediate and Advanced Exhibits from Communications & Expressive Arts; Consumer & Family Sciences; Entrepreneurship; Environmental Education & Earth Science; Healthy Lifestyles; Leadership & Citizenship; Plant Science; Science, Engineering & Technology Departments where the 4-H member need not be present, may be entered in the State Fair by any age (8 - 18 years on Jan 1 of current year) 4-H member so long as the county fair judge considered the entry state fair quality, received a purple ribbon and has been selected to be exhibited at the State Fair.

D. All 4-H members that are 10 - 18 years old on Jan 1 of current year will be eligible (as well as meet the required qualifications) to exhibit animals, give presentations or participate in contests, where the presence of the member is needed.

E. 4-H ANIMAL ENTRY PROCESS: Nebraska State Fair 4-H animals will be entered through an on-line process done directly by the 4-H member/family. The on-line entry and fee deadline is August 10. Animal entries will NOT be done by the Nebraska Extension Office. Upon request, assistance will be provided by the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont or at the 4-H office in the Exhibit Hall during the Dodge County Fair.

TRANSPORTATION OF STATE FAIR (STATIC) EXHIBITS:
Static exhibits (perishable and nonperishable) must be brought to the Nebraska Extension Office (1206 W. 23rd Street, Fremont) on Monday, August 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, August 23 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS
A. In the event of eligibility of an animal, or article in any class, notice must be filed regarding the protest, with the superintendent of the department before the class is judged. The judge may be instructed to temporarily place the classes, so premiums (within the department) can be awarded.

B. Protests will be referred to the Dodge County Fair Grievance Committee. The committee will consist of THREE Dodge County 4-H Council Members and TWO Dodge County Fair Board Members.

C. Procedure:
   1. All protests must be submitted in writing with date, time and signature, and accompanied by a deposit of $5.00. (The deposit will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.)
   2. The written protest should include:
      1) Name of persons involved;
      2) Nature of concerns;
      3) Situation description;
      4) Desired action; and
      5) Persons to contact for further clarification.
   3. The written protest must be filed with the Secretary of the fair by 12:00 noon of the last day of the fair.

PREMIUM PAYOUT CATEGORIES
NOTE: For Premium Payout Category information, refer to specific division information within the fair book.

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AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION:
A. All exhibits will be divided into groups according to merit. PURPLE ribbons will denote SUPERIOR exhibits. BLUE ribbons will denote EXCELLENT exhibits. RED ribbons will denote GOOD exhibits. WHITE ribbons will denote LESSEUR QUALITY exhibits.
B. Each entry will show its own scale of awards under each class. Each exhibit/entry will be judged on the ribbon scale according to its division and class.
C. Within the departments, each division/class will designate the premium payout category awarded.
D. Equal quality of project/exhibit will be given the same ribbon and premium awards within its department/division/class.
E. An exhibitor who is found to have tampered with, or entered an exhibit that is not his or her work, will forfeit the premium ribbon and cash prize.
F. Only purple ribbon winners are eligible to compete for championships.

AWARDS TROPHY & PREMIUM PAYMENT:
A. **ALL premium awards** will be **paid by check**. Checks will be **mailed** to exhibitors **after the Dodge County Fair**.
B. All trophies and medals are made possible through donations by area businesses and individuals to the Dodge County 4-H Council Awards Committee Fund.
C. Best of Show Medals for Static Exhibits Pick-up / 4-H Office on Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 7 from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
D. 4-H medals not picked up by closing on Sunday, August 7 will be available at a later date at the Nebraska Extension Office in Fremont.

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