

GENERAL 4-H ENTRY RULES

Any boy or girl currently enrolled in the 4-H program in Colfax County may exhibit at the Colfax County Fair. This includes youth who live in adjoining counties but are enrolled in Colfax County. This also includes individual 4-H club members and youth involved in a 4-H school enrichment project.

An exhibitor may not exhibit in the same project area or contest in more than one county. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and the product of the current year's work.

In the case of livestock entries, each species of livestock is considered a "project". Thus, an exhibitor can only exhibit in a given species of livestock in one county. (Example: Exhibitor enrolled in two clubs, one in County A and one in County B. If you exhibit in a Beef project of any kind in County A, you cannot exhibit in a Beef project of any kind in County B.)

The act of artificially filling an animal's stomach is prohibited, which includes drench tubes per esophagus.

Use of Copywritten Images - Copyrighted writing, artwork, videos, and images may be used in 4-H educational exhibits under Fair Use for educational purposes of Copyright Law. In order to qualify for Fair Use, 4-H'ers must: 1) only use a small amount of the copy-written work, 2) add new meaning to the work to make it original, 3) rework it and use it in a totally different way, and 4) use it for nonprofit purposes (not to make money). Giving credit to the original creator is also recommended.

No Firearms, Items with a Blade (broad heads, knives, saws, etc.) or related items of any kind, may be exhibited. This applies to actual items, replicated items and item parts. Shooting sports accessories are permissible as described in the Conservation, Wildlife and Shooting Sports fair book.

Entries in the 4-H division shall not be eligible to compete in the open class division.

Judges will place awards on the basis of merit. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be given to each exhibit. The judge's decision in all cases will be final.

Late entries and Livestock ID's will be lowered one ribbon placing after judging and the exhibits will be ineligible for awards.

Grand Champions, Reserve Champions and trophy/banner/award winners must be from purple ribbon exhibits, unless the judge deems them worthy.

All Clover Kid exhibits will receive participation ribbons.

The executive committee reserves the right to make interpretations and to revise the premium list should the situation warrant.

An incomplete exhibit (e.g. wrong number of items for exhibit, lack of information card, incorrect size of poster, etc.) will be judged on its merit and then lowered one ribbon placing. It is ineligible for awards other than ribbon and premium money.

All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury but the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.

All exhibits in the 4-H building must be labeled with exhibitor name. This is separate from the entry tag.

Trophy/banner/award winners must turn in a written thank you note, for their trophy/banner/award sponsor, to Extension Staff to receive their premium money. This includes fair premiums and livestock support fund checks.

APPEALS/PROTESTS

Any person who feels that a violation of the rules or regulations of the Colfax County Fair 4-H/FFA competitions has occurred, must go through a protest/appeals process. This appeals process covers all 4-H contests, static exhibits, and livestock exhibits/shows. The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H/FFA Premium Book. When needed, the protest committee (consisting of respective superintendent, Ag Society representatives, 4-H Council representatives, FFA instructor and Extension Educator) will meet to act upon concerns. The FFA instructor will be asked to be present only when the situation involves FFA livestock or static entries.

Protests for pre-fair contests/competitions must be submitted no later than 7 days after the contest/competition. Protests for fair exhibits/shows will not be accepted after the exhibit release time. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the filing party in the time specified. The written protest must be submitted to the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and must include: 1) Name of person(s) involved, 2) Nature of concern, 3) Situation and documentation, 4) Recommendations for corrections, 5) Specific action, rule, etc. in question, 6) Additional person(s) committee may contact for further clarification, 7) Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of protest to the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator and/or FFA Advisor.

The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with the affected persons and show/contest/exhibit officials/superintendents. Recommendations will be developed, followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or the individual(s) affected.

In cases of protest, the exhibitor(s) may be allowed to exhibit/show/compete but results of exhibiting/showing/competing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process. This allows for the smooth operation of the shows/competitions and facilitates appropriate processing.

The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor(s) may also be excluded from the show/exhibit hall/contest if action warrants. **Protests related to the judges' integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will NOT be accepted.**

PRE-REGISTRATION

All livestock must be pre-entered by June 12, 2026.

All exhibits in the 4-H Building must be pre-entered by June 12, 2026. The pre-entry forms are due by 4:30 p.m. in the extension office. Any items not pre-entered will not be accepted on entry day in the 4-H area.

* All entries must be listed on the master sheet. This master sheet will be sent to each 4-H'er in June - be sure to watch your mail. If you have not received your form by June 3, please contact the Extension Office.

* Be sure to complete all parts of the master sheet. The 4-H newsletter will have examples of how to fill out the master sheets.

* Entry tags need to be attached to exhibits when entered on entry day.