

6. **INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** Abuse of animals in any form will not be allowed. No electric prods or muzzles will be allowed to be used on any animal at any time. Any violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification with no recourse.
7. The act of artificially filling of animals internally, which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per os (by esophagus), is prohibited.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of the official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
10. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
11. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
12. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMALS EXHIBITED

- Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
- Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show.
- Policy on Ringworm, Warts, and Abscesses:
 - ◆ Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Boone County Fair for exhibition.
 - ◆ The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area.
 - ◆ Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
 - ◆ Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- All sheep and goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA Official ID. This applies to both market ewes and breeding ewes, regardless of age.
- To exhibit non-terminal swine:
 - ◆ Have a negative Pseudorabies test conducted within 30 days prior to exhibition; or
 - ◆ Originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies free herd; and
 - ◆ Be individually identified with USDA official identification.
 - ◆ After exhibition, the Nance County Fair recommends that exhibited swine should be kept separate and apart from all other swine and retested negative in not less than 30 days following last exhibition, or shipped directly to slaughter.
- **YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS TRAINING** - All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, meat goat, dairy goats, sheep, swine, rabbits or poultry must have received YQCA training or testing through a Nebraska Extension based program prior to the county fair. Program attendance or completion of an online course is required by June 1. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

- **OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS & POULTRY**- All animals and poultry should be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, market goats, and meat goats must be certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. All market and breeding animals (beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats) must be nominated and have a hair sample for DNA testing on file at the AKSARBEN office by the appropriate dates (June 15 for all species) in order to be exhibited at the State Fair.

- **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS** - Any project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the livestock classes. A project animal that has been through a “premium only” auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A “premium only” auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.
- **ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION** - Any animal entered in classes is subject to any type testing at the discretion of either the superintendent or official show veterinarian. If the results of testing indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards. In the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal of the animals. An animal that is tampered with to change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.
- **REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK** - A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must indicate one of the following (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor’s family or (3) the family or ranch name or parent’s name. **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE.** Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. All commercial females can use 4-H or farm/ranch tag for identification. **All registered females will have their tattoos checked.** A calfhood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo. Original registration certificates must be presented at the check in chute when the females are led through for checking tattoos and entry papers. Only breeding females recognized as registered and eligible to show by their respective state Breed Associations will be allowed to compete in the breed classes.
- **ONLY PURPLES CAN BE CHAMPIONS** - Any beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, dog, cat, poultry, rabbit, or miscellaneous small animal entry must be awarded a first or second purple ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.

GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK:

1. **BLOW AND GO:** All beef, swine, sheep and goats (showmanship, market, and breeding) will be shown blow and go. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. Guidelines for the Blow and Go show:
 - The only people allowed to clip, groom, brush and comb 4-H/FFA cattle, hogs, sheep and goats at the Nance County Fair are Nance County 4-H livestock exhibitors and exhibitors’ immediate family (parents/guardian, siblings).
 - All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
 - Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through, or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include, but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail Adhesive, Natural Hold, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch Up, Black Finisher, black show foam, and baby powder.
 - Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colors are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom, Pink Oil, white show foam, Freshen Up, Silk, and Sudden Impact.
 - The first violation will result in the reduction of one ribbon placing for the exhibitor’s animal involved. The second violation of any of the above mentioned will result in disqualification for the show in that species.
 - The judge has the right to notify show management of any violation of said rules, therefore qualifying the animal to be lowered one ribbon placing.
 - One animal in wash rack at a time per exhibitor. Be courteous to other exhibitors.
2. All clipping of pigs should be completed prior to arriving at county fair.
3. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
4. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor’s animal involved may be lowered one or two ribbon placing(s) or maybe disqualified from the show.
 - **BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL** - The use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly forbidden. These types of materials must be used outside the building s only.
 - **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** - An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness or disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg). An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H or FFA member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showmen must be a 4-H or FFA member exhibiting in a current livestock show. All substitute showmen must be in official dress.
 - **DRESS CODE** - Exhibitors in all contests (shooting sports, beef, dairy, goats, dogs, cats, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, and miscellaneous small animals) are required to wear the county 4-H t-shirt, or a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron or FFA emblem attached, dark blue jeans, hard soled shoes or boots. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. Horse exhibitors wear official dress according to their rule handbook.

- **ALL FANS MUST BE MOUNTED!** (No butt fans)
- **DO NOT use washrack as feeding area.**
- Exhibitors must have completed the Nance County Fair Livestock Entry Form that is DUE in the Extension Office no later than Friday, June 30. A late fee of \$5.00 per project per day will be assessed after that deadline but entries will not be accepted after July 5 at 4:30pm.

DIVISION 9 - HERDSMANSHIP

- **HERDSMANSHIP RESPONSIBILITY** – Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of all club members and independent members rather than leaders and parents. Exhibitors are expected to keep their exhibit area orderly, neat, and attractive. They are also expected to be courteous and helpful to visitors. All club members and independent members are responsible for final cleaning of their own messes.
- All recognized 4-H/FFA clubs and independent members are eligible.
- **WHEN HERDSMANSHIP BEGINS AND STOPS** – Herdsmanship begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 21, and ends when livestock leave the premises and final cleaning is completed.
- **WHEN HERDSMANSHIP IS JUDGED** – Chore time and cleanup will be hours 7 to 8 a.m.; feeding and cleaning of stalls from 5 to 6 p.m.; with herdsmanSHIP judged at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- **DIVISIONS JUDGED SEPARATELY** – Each livestock division (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, poultry, rabbit, and goats) will be judged separately on a point-basis.
- **HERDSMANSHIP** will be judged as a family unit, not by club or individual. Ribbons and special awards will be presented at the 2022 4-H Achievement Night.
- **BASIS OF RATING HERDSMANSHIP** – Judges will use the following scoring guide in judging exhibits for herdsmanSHIP.
 - **Animals: (4 points)**
Clean at all times with proper grooming, feed, bedding and care apparent, properly penned and secured.
 - **Stalls: (4 points)**
Clean and neat, clean bedding, full water bucket, feed and feed pan and buckets clean and in place, no manure in stall area, exhibitors signs clearly in place.
 - **Tack/Feed Area: (4 points)**
Kept clean and neatly arranged, grooming and tie-out areas kept clean, personal items out of sight or neatly stored.
 - **Alleyways: (4 points)**
Exhibitors designated alleys and commons areas kept clean, free of equipment, loose dirt and dust kept under control with proper sweeping and/or sprinkling, no manure in piles.
 - **Exhibitors: (4 points)**
Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and in all places including with the public and other exhibitors. All exhibitors are expected to participate in HerdsmanSHIP.

Total Points
Purple: 18-20
Blue: 15-17
Red: 12-14
White: 0-11

Classes:

- G110001. **BEEF HERDSMANSHIP**
- G130002. **SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP**
- G135003. **SWINE HERDSMANSHIP**
- G140004. **DAIRY HERDSMANSHIP**
- G150005. **GOAT HERDSMANSHIP**
- G071006. **POULTRY HERDSMANSHIP**
- G082007. **RABBIT HERDSMANSHIP**