Box Butte County Fair General Rules

Only those 4-H members enrolled in Box Butte County by the annual deadline are eligible to exhibit in the County Fair and receive premiums, ribbons or awards or participate in any 4-H related fair sales. Creating exhibits for the County Fair is not the purpose of 4-H projects. **The purpose of 4-H is to give youth and adults opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop life skills and strengthen values that enable them to become increasingly self directing, productive and contributing citizens.** 4-H projects, fair exhibits and fair participation are simply tools that contribute to the 4-H mission.
4-H & FFA members must have been enrolled in the project division and exhibit only those items that comply with their projects, except where otherwise designated.

A. Unless specified elsewhere, each exhibitor is allowed only one entry in each class number.

B. Where classes are divided into three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) the age breakdown is as follows: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14-18. All ages will be determined as of January 1 of the current year. Where classes are divided into two age divisions, (Junior and Senior) the breakdown is: Junior 8-11, Senior 12-18.

C. Exhibitors who will participate in State Fair are responsible to check a State Fair Book to determine their eligibility. Exhibitors whose presence is required for exhibiting at State Fair (livestock contests, fashion show, etc.) must be 10 to 18 as of January 1 of current year.

D. For 4-H, an asterisk (*) denotes exhibits eligible for State Fair. All exhibitors whose items are selected for State Fair are responsible to meet the State Fair regulations and requirements for that item. See State Fair Book at https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook

E. ***In the event a policy is not covered in the county fair book, general rules, small animal or large animal handbooks the question shall defer to the State Fair Rules.***

F. Exhibitors are encouraged to be active members of both 4-H and FFA and can nominate separate animals in both organization for exhibition at separate county fairs. Exhibitors are not allowed to show in the same project area in 4-H or FFA at separate county fairs, ex. an exhibitor cannot show 4-H meat goats in both Box Butte County and Sheridan County fairs, even if it is separate animal. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, market goat, dairy, or dairy goat) may be identified in 4-H, in only one county. The same animal cannot be identified in FFA in another county and exhibited at another county fair. An animal (beef, sheep, swine, market goat, dairy, or dairy goat) cannot be shown in more than one county fair.

G. **For any missed deadlines, 4-H enrollment, Ownership Affidavits, YQCA Certificates the exhibitor will need to present to the 4-H Council during a meeting as to why they missed the deadline. Upon the approval of the 4-H Council to allow the exhibitor to participate in the project, the exhibitors' name will be added to a "One-Strike" list. If the exhibitors' name is on the list for any other missed deadline the exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in whatever was late in the current year's fair.**

H. **All** exhibitors in **beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry and meat rabbits** must have received Quality Assurance training through a national organization, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals prior to ***July 1 (for 2020 only)***. Completion of training will be certified by the YQCA organization. Any exhibitor who **DOES NOT** complete the Quality Assurance requirement on or before **July 1** of 2020 only is ***INELIGIBLE*** to show or sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair.

I. Superintendents will have rule books and will answer questions associated with projects. Superintendents of each animal division are responsible for the Showmanship Contests related to that division.

*A. Livestock Mandatory Parent and Exhibitor Meeting: ALL exhibitors and one parent must attend a mandatory livestock parent/exhibitor meeting on an every **other year basis** starting in 2020, to show and sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. If the meeting is not attended, **during the required year**, a recording will be available to watch at the Extension Office. This MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1 along with signing and returning, to the Extension Office, the Large or Small Animal Handbook Agreement, to be eligible for the fair.*

J. **ALL DECISIONS BY THE JUDGE(S) WILL BE FINAL!!** If there are discrepancies the issue must be brought to the attention of the Superintendents, 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educators, & staff **in writing**. If problems can't be resolved between the 4-H Assistant, Extension Educators, staff, superintendents & FFA Advisors, the issue will be taken to the 4-H Council.

K. Any specific problems or complaints should be directed to the 4-H Assistant, Extension Educators & staff **in writing** so an inspection can be made at the fairgrounds. If problems/complaints can't be resolved with 4-H Assistant, Extension Educators & staff, FFA Advisors and superintendents, it will be taken to the 4-H Council August Meeting. The Box County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee, and reserves the right to change classes and requirements where necessary. *Any suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be stated*

on the "Care to Share" form (available in 4-H Fair office) and submitted in writing prior to the August 4-H Council meeting immediately following the county fair to be considered.

L. During the static interview process, **only the exhibitor** will be allowed to communicate with the judge. The parents will not be allowed to be involved during the interview process.

M. All animal exhibit areas are expected to be kept clean and neat throughout the fair by the 4-Hers, a fine maybe assessed if animal areas are not kept clean.

N. The modified Danish system of judging will be used throughout the Fair with award designation being Purple, Blue, Red and White. **Champions will be selected at the discretion of the Judge.** *Champion selection in some Project areas may vary.*

O. Maximum money will be determined for each division by the 4-H Council and directors of the Fair Board. If the exhibits exceed the allotted amount, or if money is not available, the premiums will be prorated. Expected 4-H premium allotment will be: Purple $3.00, Blue $2.00, Red $1.00, White $.50.

P. **Dress Code.** To exhibit at the Box Butte County Fair for 4-H members in beef, sheep, market goat, swine (includes market and breeding classes), and dog will be required to wear:
   a. Blue Jeans
   b. Official 4-H t-shirt as approved by the 4-H Council. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.
   c. Appropriate shoes (No open-toed shoes will be allowed).

Q. 4-H members in Dairy and Dairy Goat will be required to wear:
   a. White pants.
   b. Official 4-H t-shirt as approved by the 4-H Council. No sleeveless shirts. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.
   c. Appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes.

R. Exhibitors showing poultry, rabbits and cats must wear:
   a. Blue Jeans
   b. Long-sleeved 4-H t-shirt as approved by the 4-H Council. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.

S. Horse exhibitors must wear:
   a. Blue Jeans
   b. Long-sleeved white shirt with collar. No shirts that expose the

midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.

c. 4-H armband
d. Appropriate boots
e. Western hat
f. (See publication *Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide 2019,* for more detailed information on dress code.)

T. **Large Animal Round Robin:** The Overall Champion Showman of each species (horse, beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, sheep, meat goat & swine) will represent that species in the Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. In that event, the Reserve Champion Overall Showman of that species will be the representative in Round Robin unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. If the Reserve Champion cannot be present or is ineligible for Round Robin, that species will be represented by the animal only. If the same exhibitor is Overall Champion of two species, he or she will choose which animal to show. The Reserve Champion of the other species will be the representative in the Round Robin. Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under each species.

U. **Small Animal Round Robin:** The Overall Champion Showman of each species (cat, dog, poultry, and rabbit) will represent the species in the Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin Trophy in the past. In that event, the Reserve Overall Champion Showman of that species will be the representative in Round Robin unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. If the Reserve Champion cannot be present or is ineligible for Round Robin, the next highest point purple ribbon showman will represent the species in Round Robin. If the next highest point purple ribbon showman cannot be present that species will be represented by the animal only. If the same exhibitor is Overall Champion of two species, he or she will choose which animal to show. The Reserve Champion or the next purple of the other species will be the representative in the Round Robin. Showmen will be allowed five (5) minutes at each species before proceeding to the next station. Scoring for each species will be done on a score sheet specific for each species. The score sheets are then collected and totaled by a tabulator. Accumulative total points will be used to determine the Round Robin Champion. In case of a tie, the participants will answer the same question at each station until the tie is broken. Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under each species.

V. SMOKING/ALCOHOL ABUSE: To safeguard exhibitors and livestock, smoking is prohibited in all barns and alcohol use is prohibited in all barns and campgrounds.