

4-H/FFA GENERAL RULES

The Cheyenne County Fair is conducted under the direction of the Cheyenne County Fair Board appointed by the County Commissioners and provided for under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect the patrons of the fair, each will be held personally responsible for his or her own actions and the management will not be accountable or responsible for injuries or accidents that occur.

The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations, and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences regarding them or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the fair.

All possible diligence and care will be used to prevent extortion in any form practiced on patrons. All possible diligence and care will be used to prevent loss or injury of articles or animals on exhibition, but it is hereby expressly stipulated that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss occur.

The respective superintendent(s) and the 4-H Council President/FFA Advisor or if personally involved, a representative of the 4-H Council of the Executive Committee (Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer) has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H Fair Book.

All exhibits will be on display and will remain on display throughout the County Fair except as noted in class rules. In special circumstances, written permission for early release can be requested from the respective superintendent and the Extension Educator(s). Exhibits removed before release time without permission will automatically result in the forfeiting of premiums, ribbons, and trophies due to that exhibit.

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

The modified Danish system of judging will be used throughout the fair with award designations being Purple, Blue, Red, and White. In the 4-H Section, exhibits will be judged according to research-based standards that indicate level of performance or quality of work. Purple ribbons designate an exhibit of superior quality that has met and exceeded all the standards. Blue ribbons denote an above average exhibit that has met almost all the standards in a way that surpasses the norm. Red ribbons indicate average quality and indicate that the exhibit has met most standards in such a way that the benchmark was reached, but not exceeded. White ribbons indicate that the exhibit has not met most of the standards. The judge's decision will be final.

4-H Premium monies will be paid after all record books are completed and submitted to the Extension Office by the deadline. Where only one entry is made in a class, and there is no competition, awards will be made strictly on merit basis at the discretion of the judge. Only purple ribbon winners may compete for Grand Champion. Exception, horses.

Special Recognition - An award is given to recognize youth who have exhibited exceptional creativity, originality, or interview skills in a specific project area. This award is not dependent on ribbon placing and will be given at the judge's discretion; however, the exhibit should stand out from other exhibits. steps in the scientific methods and engineering design process. Examples can be found at the link above.

INFORMATION FOR 4-H/FFA EXHIBITORS

- A. Any exhibitor who is called three times for an event and does not respond will be disqualified.
- B. In all classes, an asterisk (*) indicates articles are eligible for State Fair. There are restrictions to the number of articles eligible in some project areas.
- C. 4-H emblem should be worn at all 4-H events.
- D. Many exhibits require additional information attached. The directions for this information are listed under each project section.
- E. You may exhibit up to 2 entries per class unless otherwise noted. (3 entries per class: Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat)
- F. Exhibits will be dropped one ribbon placing if they do not comply with rules stated in the fair book.
- G. State Fair: In classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 9 by January 1, 2023. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. For classes where presence of the 4-H'er is not required, the exhibitor must be 8 years of age by January 1, 2023.

- H. ***ALL STATIC EXHIBITS MUST RECEIVE A PURPLE RIBBON AT COUNTY FAIR TO ADVANCE TO STATE FAIR. Only one exhibit from each class will advance to the State Fair. Sending delicate, breakable, or valuable items is highly discouraged.***
- I. Grievance Procedure-Regulations and problems arising not covered in this book will be decided by the 4-H Protest Committee. The committee is composed of two 4-H Council representatives, one FFA Advisor, the Extension Educators (non-voting ex-officio members), a representative of the Extension Board and the Superintendent(s) of the respective department in which the problem arises. Representatives of the 4-H Council and Extension Board will be identified by their organizations at least 30 days prior to the start of the Fair. One of the 4-H Council representatives will be selected to chair the committee.

The Protest Committee reserves the right to withhold awards. The 4-H Protest Committee will deal with actions that occur during the County Fair events only. They will meet when needed to act upon concerns.

- A. All protests must be submitted to a Nebraska Extension Educator in writing and signed.
- B. The legible written protest must include:
 - 1. Names of persons involved
 - 2. Nature of concerns
 - 3. Situation and documentation
 - 4. Specific action, rule, etc., in question
 - 5. Recommendations for correction
 - 6. Additional persons that the committee may contact for further clarification
- C. The Protest committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons (i.e. 4-H/FFA member and parent or guardian) and show officials. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- D. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.
- E. Protests will not be accepted after a 24-hour period from the time of occurrence or after the exhibit is released from the County Fair.
- F. Actions of the 4-H Protest Committee will be completed no later than 10 days following the last day of the county fair.
- G. The Protest Committee decision is final.

Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placing, or other evaluations will not be accepted.