



Dixon County General 4-H Rules

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE PRE-ENTERED AND DUE IN EXTENSION OFFICE JUNE 15, 2024.

THIS INCLUDES LIVESTOCK AND EXHIBITS IN THE 4-H BUILDING. SEE ALSO “LATE ENTRY FEE POLICY”.

GENERAL 4-H INSTRUCTIONS ELIGIBILITY

- 4-H is open to all youth between the ages 5 and 18 (4-H Age), regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or family status as determined by the following age criteria: 4-H members 5-7 years of age on January 1 of current year may exhibit in the Clover Kid area, regular 4-H age by January 1 of current year 8-year-old. To exhibit at county fair, 4-H members had to be enrolled in the project area by June 15 of this year.
- **ASTERISKED (*) CLASSES ARE FOR COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS THEY ARE NOT STATE FAIR ELIGIBLE.**
- Exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor working under Extension 4-H club rules or be part of a Vo-Ag department program.
- Any boy or girl living outside of Dixon County but is a member of a Dixon County 4-H club is eligible to show at the fair. Youth that belong to a Dixon County School District-FFA chapter and/or a 4-H member of the Dixon County program are eligible to exhibit at the Dixon County Fair.
- **Multiple County: A 4-H'er can only exhibit a project in the county of enrollment of said project. A 4-H'er is allowed to be enrolled in the 4-H program in more than one county, however, must be in different and specific project areas in each county, i.e. beef in only one county not in two counties.**
- The exhibit entry must be the result of a 4-H or FFA project started after last year's fair.
- FFA exhibits must be part of the exhibitor's supervised farming program or have been completed as part of the shop program during the past year. Records are required by the Vo-Ag and FFA State Association and must be complete, accurate and up to date.
- Only articles mentioned in the premium list will be judged. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project to be eligible for exhibiting. Except where indicated otherwise, a member may exhibit only one animal or article under each premium number.
- Livestock exhibits must be owned or in the possession of the exhibitor on or before June 1 of the current year.
- Purebred animal entries must be confirmed with an animal registration certificate or number of Dam or Sire.
- 4-H and FFA exhibitors may enter the fairgrounds by presenting their current year 4-H identification cards.
- 4-H eligibility rules for State Fair: 4-H exhibits which are not starred and do not require the accompaniment of the 4-H members at State Fair are eligible for selection for State Fair. State Fair livestock exhibits are eligible between 9 to 18 (4-H age). Contests (speech, presentations, etc.) are eligible between 10-18 (4-H age). A 4-H'er becomes ineligible when he/she at the 4-H age of 18.

PRE-FAIR FAMILY PACKETS

- containing project entry tags, back tag numbers, purchased T-shirts, and miscellaneous paperwork, will be available at the fairgrounds during Fair Cleanup on June 27, during Static judging on July 5, or at the extension office. Horticulture entry tags will be available before the beginning of Static judging on July 5.

ENTRIES (Unless otherwise stated in the fair schedule.)

- CHECK IN ENTRY TIMES FOR FCS AND AG STATIC EXHIBITS are on Friday, July 5, at 8 AM for exhibits not to be interview judged. Interview judging will begin at 8:30 AM all exhibits need to be checked in by 10:30 AM.
- CHECK IN FOR LIVESTOCK: Market beef will be weigh-in on Friday, July 5, from 4:00-5:00 PM.
- Livestock, including poultry and rabbits, check in is on Friday, July 5, from 5:00-6:00 PM, with your respective superintendents.
- Check-in entry means confirmation by the show superintendent, not just being on the fairgrounds.

- If you do not check in with your livestock superintendent, you will not be able to show your livestock.

LATE ENTRIES

- See the “*LATE ENTRY FEE POLICY*” new for 2022.
- FFA exhibitor numbers will be assigned when the entries are made.
- All perishable foods should be entered in a self-sealing re-closeable bag.
- Label all Ag and Static exhibits, with the exhibitor’s name, age, and county on the back or bottom of the exhibits. Some categories (such as clothing, home environment, photography, etc.) will drop a ribbon placing if the label is not attached to the exhibit. Suggested ways to label exhibits are twist ties, string, strong tape and safety pins. **DO NOT LAY ENTRY TAGS IN THE BAGS OR BOX OR BY THE EXHIBIT.**
- All livestock and judging contest regulations will apply to 4-H and FFA members.

ONLY ONE YOUTH AND ONE ANIMAL PER ENTRY/CLASS

- No open class cats or dogs.
- Livestock ear tags should be healed by fair, or be ineligible to exhibit.

4-H CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE

- Only articles mentioned in the premium list will be judged. Members must be enrolled in the project to be eligible for exhibiting. A member may exhibit one article only under each premium number, unless otherwise noted.
- Entry day for all consumer and family science exhibits (except Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting, and Photography) will be Friday, July 5, judging will begin at 8:30 AM.
- Fashion Revue, Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting, and Photography entries will be judged on Saturday, June 29, location to be announced soon. The Public Revue for clothing will be held on Saturday, June 29 during the judging and will be recorded. All exhibits need to be checked in by 10:30 AM to be judged.

4-H INTERVIEW JUDGING

- 4-H'ers have the option to visit with the judge about their exhibits in the Exhibit Hall.
- Parents are welcome to be present but they are **NOT** to provide input or answer the questions.
- Official 4-H t-shirts are encouraged to be worn for interview judging 8:00 - 10:30 A.M.
- Please state to the Superintendent whether the exhibit will or will not be interview judged. Interview judged exhibits will be labeled to be saved for interview judging.

JUDGING OF EXHIBITS

- All exhibits, except where noted, will be placed by the judge on a ***Danish System of Recognition*** and will be judged on individual merit. 4-H and FFA livestock exhibits will be judged together.

PUBLIC FASHION REVUE

- The 4-H Public Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, June 29th (during the judging) and will be recorded.

TROPHIES/AWARDS

- All awards for contests will be awarded at the respective contest. All awards in livestock will be presented at the respective shows except Herdsmanship, which will be awarded during the fall achievement program. All exhibit hall trophies and awards will be presented on Sunday prior to the Bonus Auction.
- Trophies are awarded based on results of show -whether 4-H or FFA winner. Trophies will only be awarded to Purple or Blue ribbon winners in all classes. Only Purple ribbon winners are eligible to go to State Fair.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

- Release time will be Wednesday, July 10, at TBA for Livestock entries and for all other entries. Superintendents and the Fair Board are not responsible for exhibits left after 6:00 P.M.
- No perishable products (food, garden, produce, etc.) will be saved after 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 10, 2024.