

DODGE COUNTY FAIR

Sportsmanship Code of Conduct

The mission of the Dodge County Fair and Dodge County 4-H Program is to promote a positive youth environment for the exhibition of 4-H projects. Although competition may become intense, we expect our exhibitors, leaders, mentors, parents, staff, and spectators to maintain good sportsmanship and conduct up to, during, and after the completion of all events. Livestock shows are filled with judgment calls and, as a result, differences in opinion may occur. However, it is important that participants and spectators respect and handle all decisions that may occur in a civilized manner. Please remember that our superintendents and ring help are volunteers. All participants and spectators are prohibited from confronting superintendents, judges, staff, and volunteers, especially in front of youth, during or after the show. Any issues with proceedings of a specific show should be submitted to the Dodge County Fair Grievance Process.

We expect all participants and spectators to follow the Dodge County Fair Code of Conduct, listed below, as well as the 4-H Code of Conduct. Individuals who fail to follow these codes may be asked to leave the show and exhibitors may be disqualified from the show. Appropriate action will be taken by the Dodge County Fair and Dodge County 4-H Program for violations to the code of conduct.

By attending/exhibiting in the Dodge County Fair I will:

1. Refrain from any behavior which would negatively affect any individual's participation in the event or the overall positive environment of the event.
2. Avoid and prevent putdowns, insults, name calling, swearing, and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
3. Refrain from any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or wellbeing of any participant, judge, staff member, parent, exhibit or spectator.
4. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
5. Respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

- The code of conduct was created and approved by the Dodge County Fairboard, Dodge County 4-H Council, and Dodge County Extension Staff.