

4-H Sarpy County Fair

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS



At the Fair, we celebrate the successes of hundreds of youth who have learned and grown through 4-H. It is a prime opportunity for 4-Hers to cultivate skills they've learned in 4-H projects, put their life skills and good character to work, discover areas they'd like to learn more about, and meet other youth and adults.

General Information

- The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society reserve the absolute right to all matters of scheduling, use of the facilities or fairgrounds connected with The Sarpy County Fair.
- The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society will use every reasonable precaution for the protection of persons, exhibits, livestock and other property, but will not be responsible for injury, loss or damage that may occur.
- Exhibitors are responsible for any damage caused by their exhibit.
- Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.
- The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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 age: The age of the youth **before** January 1 of the current year, 2020. If your birthday is on January 1, your 4-H age is the age you were on December 31st.
- 4-H eligibility is determined based on the 4-H age
- Participation in the 4-H Clover Kids program is 4-H ages 5 -7.
- Participation in the regular 4-H program is 4-H ages 8 - 18.
- Certain programs designed for children with special needs/disabilities may establish age limits outside of those stated above. This decision will be determined locally.
- All 4-H'ers exhibiting in the Sarpy County Fair must be currently enrolled in the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H program. Enrollment is available at www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu under Join 4-H. The 4-H year runs from October 1 through September 30.

- The deadline for youth memberships for those youth who are participating in the horse program is May 6.
- For all other youth enrollments, the deadline is June 15, to be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.
- If a 4-H member is chosen to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair in classes where the presence of the 4-H member is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, public speaking, presentations, and fashion show, the 4-H member must be 4-H age 10.

Expectations of all 4-H Participants

- All exhibits must be the work of the member entering the exhibit.
- All 4-H exhibitors shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship and support all rules and regulations of the Douglas-Sarpy 4-H program.
- A “Thank You” is extended to firms donating special awards for encouragement and recognition of 4-H members. Any 4-H member receiving any special award is expected to send the donor a “Thank You.”
- Decisions of the judges are final. Complaints will be handled by an appointed 4-H Council Grievance Committee.

Animal Entries

Dog, Cat and Companion Animal contest entry forms are due July 10, 2020.

See the appropriate animal section of the fairbook for additional rules and divisions. Also refer to the 4-H Livestock Guide on the following page.

Animal ID/Affidavits and Sarpy County Fair Entry Forms can be found at this website

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/douglas-sarpy/sarpy-county-and-nebraska-state-fairs/>

Online Nomination Website: www.showstockmgr.com

Nebraska State Fair Entry Website: <http://www.statefair.org>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

- **Must be completed by June 15, 2020**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) <http://yqca.org/> is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

As a reminder, the Quality Assurance covers the following species only: beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry – animals that we consume or animals that produce a consumable product for us. It does NOT cover cats, dogs, horses, llamas, guinea pigs, hamsters, or other small companion type animals.

**2020 Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Guide for
Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy**

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<u>Beef</u>	<u>County Only</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
		<u>ID Sheets</u>	<u>Entry</u>
Market	Orange 4-H Tag	June 15th	July 15th
Breeding	Tattoo	June 15th	July 15th
Feeder	Orange 4-H Tag	June 15th	July 15th
Bucket	Orange 4-H Tag	June 15th	July 15th
<u>Swine</u>			
	Orange 4-H Tag	June 15th	July 15th
<u>Sheep</u>			
Market	Scrapie Tag	June 15th	July 15th
Breeding	Scrapie Tag	June 15th	July 15th
<u>Goats</u>			
Market	Scrapie Tag	June 15th	July 15th
Breeding	Scrapie Tag	June 15th	July 15th
Dairy	Scrapie Tag Or Tattoo	June 15th	July 15th
Pygmy	Scrapie Tag	June 15th	July 15th
<u>Poultry</u>	No requirement	No Requirement	July 15th
<u>Rabbits</u>	Tattoo	June 15th	July 15th

4-H Exhibit Hall Entries

- Entries will be entered, judged and displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Hall at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield NE.
- All static exhibits must be entered on **Tuesday, July 28** between the hours of **12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- Please bring a completed 4-H Exhibit Hall Entry Form. This is available on the website www.douglas-sarpy.unl.edu under County and State Fair or at either Extension office. From the entry form, a computer generated entry card will be made to accompany each exhibit. If you need help with the entry form, please contact any 4-H staff member before the fair at 402-444-7804. There will also be a help desk on entry day.
- Interview judging will be available from 12:00 - 7 p.m. on entry day.

- Please **PICK UP YOUR EXHIBITS** at the Sarpy County Fair **on Sunday, August 2** from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Exhibits may also be picked up on Monday, August 3 between 9 a.m. and noon. Exhibits will not be released early.
- There is no limit on the number of exhibits that a 4-H'er can enter in a single class or division.
- Unless otherwise stated, all static exhibits are premium level 5.
- **Classes numbered 900 or above are NOT eligible to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair.**
- On entry day, July 28, the 4-H Exhibit Hall is open from noon – 7:00 p.m. It will reopen on Wednesday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m. for public viewing.
- All 4-H exhibits are to be on display for the duration of the fair. Extension is not responsible for items left at the fairgrounds.

Awards and Premiums

- Exhibits are judged against a standard and awarded a placing of purple (highest), blue, red or white. A green ribbon shows participation.
- Ribbon placings are based on a modified Danish System. The Danish system is used to divide the class. Then from the top group, a select few are designated for special recognition.
- Clover Kid entries are non-competitive and receive a special ribbon. Clover Kids do not receive any premium money. Clover Kid exhibits are not eligible for State Fair consideration.
- Ribbon placings:
 - **Purple** 100 – 95 points:
The exhibit is outstanding. There should be no obvious flaws in workmanship.
 - **Blue** 94 – 85 points:
The exhibit exceeds the minimum standards. It may have one or two areas that are not the very best they could be.
 - **Red** 84 – 75 points:
The exhibit is average. It meets all minimum requirements, shows honest effort has been made. While there are visible signs of needed improvement, the skill level of the 4-H'er is improving.
 - **White** 74 points and lower:
The exhibit does not meet the minimum standards. It DOES NOT mean that the exhibit isn't worthwhile. When a 4-H'er sees this ribbon on their exhibit, the first question to ask is "What have I learned and how can I make it better?"
 - **Green-** Given for participation in noncompetitive areas.
- Exhibit Hall entries must receive a purple ribbon at the county fair to receive a Judges Award of Merit ribbon, or to be considered for advancement to the Nebraska State Fair.
- 4-H animal show entries must receive a purple ribbon in order to be eligible for champion, reserve champion or plaques.
- 4-H contest participants must receive a purple ribbon to receive an Excellent or Outstanding award ribbon.
- It is the judge's discretion to award or not award champion, reserve champion, plaques, merit awards, or excellence and outstanding awards.

Premiums will be paid according to ribbon placing received and pay level for the class as indicated in each department. Any disqualified entry will not receive premium money.

Premium Pay Levels for 2020

Pay Level	Purple	Blue	Red	White	Green
1	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$0
2	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$0
3	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$0
4	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$0
5	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$.50	\$0

- Sarpy County Fair premiums are paid by check directly to the 4-H member. Premium checks will be distributed in early fall.

Special Recognition Award

Any 4-H static exhibit regardless of ribbon placing or state fair eligibility may receive a Special Recognition Award. This award consists of a ribbon attached to a certificate explaining what makes the awarded exhibit unique. Judges may use their discretion in choosing how many Special Recognition Awards to grant in each section. There is no premium money associated with this award.

Judge's Award of Merit Rosettes

This special award may be given to any purple ribbon static exhibit **regardless** of state fair eligibility. One award can be given per project area or division. In large areas with hundreds of exhibits, such as Home Environment, each judge will have a Judges Award of Merit Rosette to award. In areas that have limited entries, it will be the judge's discretion if any exhibit is eligible. There is no premium money associated with this award.

4-H Council Grievance Committee

- The respective superintendent or 4-H Extension Staff Person has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the 4-H Sarpy County Fair Rules and Regulations.
- All county fair protests must be submitted in writing with date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:
 - A. Names of persons involved
 - B. Nature of concerns
 - C. Situation description
 - D. Action or Rule in Question
 - E. Desired action
 - F. Persons to contact for further clarification
 - G. A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest.

- A \$25 non-refundable deposit must accompany the written protest, paid to Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Council.
- The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of a non-department superintendent, a teen 4-H Council member, an adult 4-H Council member, and a designated extension staff person.
- The grievance committee may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and official ruling.
- The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- 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.
- The grievance committee reserves the right to withhold any award. The exhibitor may be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placing or other evaluations will not be accepted.
- Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit or event/activity is completed/released.



Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Team – 2020

Brett Kreifels Extension Educator, 4-H Team Leader
Tiffany Sessions: Extension Educator
Cathy Raneri: Extension Assistant
Tayler Wickham: Extension Assistant
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Douglas-Sarpy 4-H Council – 2020



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Secretary: Patty Litz- Conradson

Vice President: Amy Rolle
Treasurer: Tracey Jones

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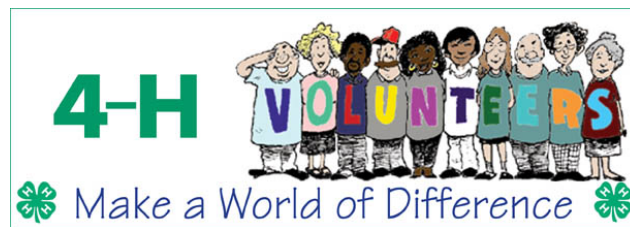
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Kim Parks

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Rachelle Tidwell
Justin Wagner

Youth Members

Ellie Ball
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4-H Royalty 2019 - 20



King: Quincey James, Queen: Makenna Parks
Princess: Jennifer Sedlacek

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to clearer thinking,*

*my HEART
to greater loyalty,*

*my HANDS
to larger service, and*

*my HEALTH
to better living, for*

*my Club, my Community,
my Country,
and my World.*