

## Fair Rules

The Hall County Fair Board will assume responsibility for the conduct and management of the 4-H Fair. The rules and regulations governing 4-H club work as outlined by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will be followed unless otherwise stated. The Hall County 4-H Council has the right to make additional rules and regulations when needed. In case of a dispute, the decision of the Hall County 4-H Council Protest Committee is final. Protests will not be accepted more than 24 hours after the conclusion of the 4-H activity/event. Protests regarding a fair exhibit will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Hall County fair. The Protest Policy is available from the Hall County Extension Office or online at [www.hall.unl.edu](http://www.hall.unl.edu). In lieu of a formal protest, comments and concerns are welcomed by superintendents and Extension staff anytime.

### Hall County 4-H Protest Policy

The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Hall County 4-H Premium Book and Nebraska 4-H Policy. When needed, a 4-H Council Protest Committee shall be appointed to serve as a protest review group. They will meet when needed to act upon concerns.

The Protest Committee will be comprised of an Extension Educator, three 4-H Council members (one familiar with area of concern), and the superintendent(s) of the department where the dispute arose, and fair board member (optional, depending on the issue).

- All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the protester. The written protest must be submitted to a Hall County Extension Educator or staff member.
- Protests will not be accepted more than 24 hours after the conclusion of the 4-H activity/event. Protests regarding a fair exhibit will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Hall County fair.
- Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings, or other evaluations will not be accepted.
- The written protest must include:
  1. Names of persons involved
  2. Cause of complaint or appeal
  3. Situation and documentation
  4. Recommendations for correction
  5. Specific action, rule, etc., in question
  6. Additional persons committee may contact for further clarification
  7. Procedures and /or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of the protest to the 4-H Council Protest Committee.
  8. A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. The deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
- The committee will review and respond to the written protest in a timely manner. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated to the group or individual affected.
- In cases of protest the 4-H member/parent/leader may continue to participate, but results of participation will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
- The 4-H Council Protest committee and Event Leadership reserve the right to withhold any award. The 4-H member/parent/leader may be excluded from 4-H if action warrants.