




GENERAL STATIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. EXHIBITS

1. Static exhibits are non-livestock projects.
2. 4-H projects exhibits are based off of support curriculum. Classes are created based off of activities completed or skills learned in curriculum manuals.
3. It is recommended that youth identify the class their exhibit will fit into BEFORE starting on the project. Items which do not fit into a class will NOT be allowed to be entered.
4. Entries are allowed in only one unit/level of competition. Those enrolled in a Middle or Advanced unit may not exhibit in a less advanced unit.



B. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Each youth will need to complete his/her entry tag(s) prior to coming to the County Fair entry day.**  Tags are available at the Extension Office.
2. Entries made by special needs individuals may have a note attached, written by the parent or leader explaining the child's disability for the judge's information and consideration. Any entry involving special needs individuals should be adapted to their special circumstances by the Extension Staff and/or the superintendent.
1. Exhibits may require supporting information in order for the judge to know how the exhibit was completed. Check the appropriate area in the Fair Book to see if that applies to your exhibit.  **Entries which do not include required information or formatting requirements will be lowered one ribbon placing.**
3. It is recommended to include an explanation of your project, or the techniques involved in the form of a project write up.  **See Appendix F for "Project Write Up" template.**

GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all departments. Rules which apply specifically to a particular department will be listed under rules for that department.



A. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

1. An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project he/she is exhibiting. Exhibitors must be enrolled by June 15 in the project in which they wish to exhibit. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.
2. Accommodation for exhibitors with special needs will be granted and the superintendent, 4-H Council and/or Extension Educator will be made aware of the exhibitor's special needs.
3. A 4-H member must be 8 to 18 years of age inclusive on January 1 of the current year. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19.

B. EXHIBIT ENTRIES

1. General
 - a. Youth may exhibit one entry per class unless otherwise noted. No entry can compete in more than one class.
 - b. Youth may not show the same animal or static exhibit in two separate counties. In addition, 4-H members are not allowed to show multiple Large and Small Animal exhibits under the same project in more than one county.
2. **Exhibits Released**
 - a. The release times for the County Fair will be listed on the County Fair Schedule. No exhibitor is allowed to remove any article or animal on exhibition until the scheduled time without the permission of the area superintendent.
 - b. To remove animal(s) before the scheduled time the Animal Dismissal Form must be completed for each animal that is removed. **See Appendix A for "Animal Dismissal Form".**

C. DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY AT COUNTY FAIR

1. Exhibits – 4-H exhibits at County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. The University of Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development, in cooperation with the County Ag Society accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, 4-H and the County Ag Society cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage that may occur to exhibits or exhibitors. 4-H members who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.
2. Patrons/Participants – While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the County Ag Society to protect patrons/participants of the County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury, accident and/or loss.
3. Substance Abuse – Use of possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in 4-H at the County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.
4. Insurance – Accident insurance (medical) is carried on 4-H members in the Johnson 4-H program. A report of all accidents must be made to the 4-H Office on the Fairgrounds or the Extension Office at the Courthouse within 24 hours after the accident. Your claim must be filed with the Extension Office within 10 days after the accident. **See Appendix B for "Accident Report Form".**

D. PROTEST OR APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. The superintendents of each division at the County Fair have the authority to make the appropriate decisions based on the rules and regulations of the County Fair.
2. The division superintendents and designated members of the Ag Society will serve as the Protest and Appeals Committee. They will meet when needed to act upon any protest or appeals.
 - a. All protests or appeals must be submitted in writing and signed. Written protests or appeals must be submitted to the County Extension Staff. The staff person will convene the committee for their deliberation.
 - b. Written protests or appeals must include the following:
 - i. Names of persons involved
 - ii. Nature of concerns
 - iii. Situation and documentation
 - iv. Recommendations for correction
 - v. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
 - vi. Additional persons committee may contact for further clarification.
 - vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of the protest to the Extension Staff person
 - c. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with anyone they feel has knowledge of the situation. The committee's recommendation or decision will be communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individuals affected. The committee will recommend appropriate action to the Extension Staff in writing prior to communicating with the affected group or individual.
 - d. In cases of protest the exhibitor may be allowed to show pending the results of the committee's decision. Results of this showing may be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
 - e. The show management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may be excluded from the show if action warrants.
 - f. The appeals process is limited to the 4-H exhibitor, parent and/or volunteer leader.
 - g. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the County Fair. Protests related to judges'

integrity, decisions, placing and/or other evaluations will not be accepted.

h. **See Appendix C for “Protest and Appeals Committee Form”.**

E. RIBBONS AND PREMIUMS AWARDED

1. Exhibits are judged according to research-based standards that indicate level of performance or quality of work. Purple will denote superior exhibits, blue will denote an excellent exhibit, red will denote a good exhibit, and white will denote an acceptable exhibit. Clover Kid ribbons denote participation and will receive a participation ribbon.
2. Exhibits must be purple to be named champion or reserve champion and/or qualify for related special awards. Special awards include trophies, plaques, medals, and medallions.
3. All static exhibits must have received a purple at county fair to advance to the state fair.

F. SPECIAL AWARDS

1. No special awards will be presented unless they have been approved by the 4-H Council.

G. FORFEIT OF PREMIUM

1. Exhibitors will forfeit their ribbon premium money under the following situations if not previously approved by the 4-H Council.
 - a. Late 4-H Enrollment and/or Project Enrollment
 - b. Late Pre-Fair Entry Sheets and/or Late Animal Identification Forms
 - c. Failure to Meet Dress Code Requirements

H. VIOLATION OF RULES

1. Exhibitors are subject to loss of premium monies, ribbons, other awards and/or elimination from the show.
 - a. No person except the judges on duty, ring assistants, officers of the County Ag Society and exhibitors will be allowed inside the arena during the judging of entries.
 - b. No person shall be allowed to interfere with a judge; any exhibitor who, by letter or otherwise, does so will be excluded from competition.
 - c. If the County Ag Society is provided with satisfactory information that a premium has been obtained by fraud, then such premium shall be withheld for disobedience to the rules.

I. DISQUALIFICATIONS/JUDGING

1. Area superintendents have the authority to determine eligibility/ineligibility of an exhibit entry in their division. All ineligible items will not be judged and will not be displayed.

J. ADVERTISING

1. The distribution of advertising matter is strictly prohibited and tacking of advertising matter on buildings will not be permitted. Exhibitors may distribute advertising matter from their place of exhibit only.

