

GENERAL STATIC RULES

OBJECTIVES OF FAIR

Exhibiting at the County Fair is not the purpose of 4-H projects. The purpose of 4-H is to give youth and adults opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, provide leadership opportunities, and strengthen values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens. 4-H projects, fair exhibits, and fair participation are simply tools that contribute to the 4-H mission.

ENROLLMENT

All ages stated for county events must be the age prior to January 1st of the current year. 4-H members who were age 8 to 18 prior to January 1st of current year are eligible to exhibit at the fair. FFA members are still in high school are eligible to exhibit at the fair. The Clover Bud members who were 5 to 7 prior to January 1 of current year are eligible to exhibit at the fair in the Clover Bud division. Only those 4-H members enrolled in the Sheridan County 4-H program by **June 1st** of the current year shall be eligible to exhibit in the County Fair and receive premiums, rosettes, or awards or participate in any 4-H related fair auctions. 4-H members must have been enrolled in the project area and exhibit only those items that comply with their projects. Members may show in 4-H or FFA, but cannot use the same project in both. Exhibits must be the result of a 4-H club member's current year project or an FFA member's current school project. Records must be up-to-date on all articles submitted.

COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION

Fair registration information will be available prior to deadline date. Please remember that all exhibits, must be pre-registered on the form. This includes all animals, clothing, cooking, cake and cookie jar auction exhibits, etc. The fair registration deadline is **July 1st**. If you have any questions please contact the office at (308) 327-2312. Bring your completed Project Record sheet for each project area entered to check-in at the fairgrounds. It will be reviewed and you'll have a chance to talk about things learned that year. Closely review the Fair schedule in your newsletter for exhibit check-in dates and times. Static exhibits are checked-in and judged at the same time. Static judging includes a youth interview; youth must be present wearing 4-H attire. 4-H members who have shown or are entered to show in a neighboring county fair in a particular category will be ineligible to exhibit in the same category at the Sheridan County Fair. Exhibitors showing static, exhibits must complete an in-person interview with the judge. If the exhibitor cannot be present for any reason, the article will be judged with comments given, but will receive an automatic white ribbon. (sf) in front of the entry number, denotes that it is also a State Fair Class. Rules for State Fair may be different and require additional entry procedures. The State Fair book can be found on-line.

DRESS CODE

Required dress code for showing at the Sheridan County Fair:

1) 4-H members in beef, sheep, meat goat and swine (including market and breeding classes) will be required to wear blue jeans without holes, white shirt with collar, and the 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt or Sheridan County 4-H t-shirt and appropriate shoes. No open toed or tennis shoes will be allowed while showing or selling livestock: beef, swine, sheep, and goats. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. Exhibitors may wear tennis shoes when exhibiting cats, dogs, poultry, rabbits, static exhibits, or during the cake and cookie jar auction. Tie-dye Sheridan County T-shirts are not allowed. FFA Dress Code – FFA T-shirt, blue jeans, and boots or hard shoes. **NO CAPS**. Exceptions would be the Horse Show (see Horse Show rules), Life Skills Revue (4-H'ers are expected to dress

nically or 4-H Dress code, soft shoes or sandals may be worn), or 4-H Speech Contest (4-H dress code or dress clothes)

2) In **All Classes**, 4-H members will be dropped a ribbon placing for improper attire.

MONEY

Premiums will be paid in check and presented to the exhibitors at the End of the Year banquet. This normally occurs on the last Sunday in October. The sale checks will be mailed to the exhibitor after all bills have been collected. This normally is around a month after fair. Violation of the rules render the exhibit subject to loss of premium, ribbon, other awards and/or elimination from the show.

DUTIES DURING FAIR

All 4-H clubs and Independent members will be responsible for raising flags, picking up trash and keeping eating area and bathrooms clean as scheduled. Schedules will be in the newsletter and in the 4-H Fair Office.

PROTESTS

The respective superintendent committee has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Resource Book and this Handbook. When needed the 4-H Council will be convened to review the protest.

- 1) All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
- 2) The written protest must be submitted to a 4-H Council member and must include:
 - a. Names of people involved
 - b. Nature of Concerns
 - c. Situation and Documentation
 - d. Recommendations for correction
 - e. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
 - f. Additional person the committee may contact for further clarification
 - g. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of the protest.
- 3) The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials. Any action will be communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- 4) In case of a 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. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing. The management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may be excluded from the show or sale if action warrants.
- 5) Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Fair.
- 6) Protest related to Judges' integrity, decisions, placing, or evaluations will not be accepted.

PLACING AND CHAMPION DESIGNATIONS

The modified Danish system of judging will be used throughout the Fair with award designation being Purple, Blue, Red and White. Where appropriate, a champion and reserve champion will be selected at the discretion of the Judge. Blue ribbon winners are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Awards. Violation of the rules render the exhibit subject to loss of premium, ribbon, other awards, and/or elimination from the show.

RULES

Any rules, regulations, or qualification not set forth in this book shall be determined by the State Fair Rules in the appropriate section.

Any person or persons that confronts or otherwise harass judges hired for the Sheridan County Fair may be asked to leave the fairgrounds, at the discretion of the Sheridan County Agricultural Society.

Adults caught contributing alcohol to minors on the fairgrounds will be turned over to the proper authorities.

Every rule as directed by the Sheridan County 4-H Council will be adhered to and no exception made.

STATIC 4-H SALE

- The Static sale will start on Tuesday of Fair week and will run until Friday at 6 pm.
- It will have a Silent Auction format.
- Youth will be eligible to sell one static item that is not a cake or cookie jar.
- It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to connect with the buyer to receive the money and deliver the project.
 - It is not the responsibility of the 4-H Council
- When 4-H members check into their project area, they will need to let the Superintendent for that area know what item is for sale, the minimum bid you will take, and the item's value.
- If the project is selected to attend State Fair, the item will not be delivered until after Labor Day.
 - If the item is damaged at the State Fair, the 4-H member will fix or make a new item for the buyer.
- Note: Just because the item is up for sale does not mean the item will receive the deserved bid. It does not have to be sold, if the last bid is not above the youth's minimum bid.

JUDGING SCORE SHEETS

4-H judging score sheets are available on the web at <https://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/static> or at the Sheridan County Extension Office.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

No one will remove any exhibit from the fairgrounds prior to release time. If exhibits are taken before release time, premium is forfeited, unless written approval from the 4-H Council is received prior to entry.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS AT THE SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR

4-H exhibits at the Sheridan County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Sheridan County 4-H, in cooperation with the Sheridan County Agricultural Society accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the Extension Office and Fair Board cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-Hers 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. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the Sheridan County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury or damage as a result of exhibition. While the greatest possible care will be taken by the management to protect patrons of the Sheridan County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his or her own action. The management will not be responsible for any injury.