

GENERAL RULES

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.

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.

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. To show in the FFA showmanship division, the animal has to be identified as an FFA project.

The guidelines set forth in this handbook are implemented to further the success of each exhibitor, their livestock projects, and the livestock show as a whole. Guidelines that are not followed will be cause for disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal for that class. If planning to show at the State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN, please consult their rule book as they may be different from the county rules.

TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, rabbit, and poultry must have received Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training through an approved Nebraska Extension program (outlined below) prior to **June 1st** of each year. Completion of training will be certified by County Extension Staff. Any exhibitor who does not complete the YQCA training on or before June 1st of each year is ineligible to show or sell livestock at the Sheridan County Fair.

The State YQCA Team provides a self-directed on-line course designed for Nebraska 4-Hers to complete their YQCA requirement. YQCA is divided into age levels. Each year youth will be required to complete their age level modules, and submit their certificate of completion to the Extension Office on or before June 1st of each year. An in person training may be available for members of all ages to complete. Intermediate or Senior members may complete and pass a level test. If a youth takes and passes he/she is done with training until they move out of their current age division. Tests will be given at the Extension Office by staff. They are not take home or open book tests, but can be taken as many times as necessary to pass with a 70% providing the testing is complete on or before June 1st.

ANIMAL PROJECT ID

All project animals which will be exhibited must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate Livestock Ownership Affidavit and on file in the extension office on or before June 1 of each year. The Livestock Ownership Affidavits are on-line at the Sheridan County 4-H website

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/educational-programs/northern-panhandle-4-h/> or available at the Extension Office.

All animals that require a tag, tattoo, EID tag, scrapies tag, drawing or ear notch will be checked against the Nebraska 4-H Ownership Affidavit sheet. If the identification numbers or drawings of the animals do not match what is on the Ownership Affidavit sheet, the animal will not be allowed to show. Any evidence of freshly tagged, tattooed, and notched identification will warrant not being allowed to exhibit that animal. Tagging needs to be done prior to coming to Fair. This will include market beef, breeding heifers, market lambs, breeding ewes, market swine, all goats, dairy cattle, rabbits, and horses. For Bucket Calves and Feeder Calves, the animal must be tagged. If not we will provide a 4-H tag to identify the animal.

Species Date Due Method of ID

- Market Beef weigh-in Forms at weigh-in or prior to April 1
- Market Lambs weigh-in Forms at weigh-in or prior to June 1
- Meat Goats weigh-in Forms at weigh-in or prior to June 1
- Market Swine tagging/weigh-in Forms June 1
- Breeding Heifer June 1 ID Form #4HF105
- Feeder Calf June 1 ID Form #4HF110
- Bucket Calf June 1 ID Form #4HF110
- Breeding Ewe June 1 ID Form #4HF105
- Breeding Meat Goat June 1 ID Form #4HF105
- Dairy Cow June 1 ID Form #4HF108
- Dairy Goat June 1 ID Form #4HF109

Note: Market Beef must be identified by April 1 of each year. All other species are June 1. Animals that are not able to attend the Sheridan County weigh-in may attend another county's weigh-in but they must attend a weigh-in in order to show. If you are not able to make another county's weigh-in, make up weigh-ins will be made on a case by case basis.

Note: British Classes including Shorthorn, Angus and Hereford will require a registration certificate **or** a breeder's certificate stating the animal being identified is purebred if attending State Fair. Breeder's Certificate forms are available at the Extension Office. Registration certificate or breeder's certificate must be submitted with ID sheets by June 1. In the event a registration certificate or breeder's certificate is not submitted, the animal will be shown in the crossbred class. No individual animal can be shown in both breeding and market class. They may be registered as both on the Animal ID sheets, but have to select breeding or market on the July 1st entry form.

Note: 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. This does not apply to Progress Shows, Breed shows, or State Fair.

Note: If you wish to exhibit Market Beef, Market Sheep, Meat Goats or Market Swine at the State Fair and/or AK-SAR-BEN, a DNA Sample will need to be collected at the time of weigh-in or tagging. An EID tag must also be inserted in the right ear of the animal. Cost for said sample and EID tag will be at the expense of the exhibitor.

AGE DIVISIONS

Unless otherwise indicated in the specific rules for each area, in areas where classes are divided into three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior), the age breakdown is as follows: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14 and up. All ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year. All ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year. Please note that exhibitors who will participate at State Fair are responsible to check a State Fair Book to determine their eligibility. Exhibitors whose presence is required for exhibiting at State Fair (livestock contests, etc.) must be 10 or older as of January 1st of the current year.

COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION

Fair registration information will be available prior to deadline date. Please remember that all exhibits, must be pre-registered with animal tag numbers written on the form. This includes all animals, clothing, cooking, cake & cookie jar auction exhibits, etc. The fair registration deadline is **July 1st**. If you have any questions please contact the office. All animal entries must have a 4-H Project Record Sheet completed at check-in.

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. FFA Dress Code – FFA T-shirt, blue jeans, and boots or hard shoes. **NO CAPS**.

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.

LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN

The top 2 Showman from each division (Horse, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Sheep, and Swine) will represent that species in the Round Robin Showmanship contest, unless that person has won the Round Robin in the past. In that event, the next top purple will be a representative from the species.

If an exhibitor is the overall winner in more than one species, the exhibitor will select the species they would like to represent and the next top purple in the other specie(s) will represent that specie(s). **Dress Code:** Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under dress code requirements.

HERDSMANSHIP

The purpose of Herdsmanship is for 4-H exhibitors to properly care for their livestock, pens & equipment, insure safety and to keep the animals and surrounding areas clean and attractive at all times. Educational displays and public relations are also an important component of Herdsmanship.

Herdsmanship judging begins when animals are entered on entry day and ends when the animal is loaded out on Saturday. Judging will be at times not to interfere with the time of that species being shown. Guidelines for selecting a herdsmanship winner include:

- 1) Animal clean at all times with grooming apparent.
- 2) Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, water, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate equipment and stalls.
- 3) Tack and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Fork handles and similar equipment hung, or kept in a secure and safe manner.
- 4) Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places. All exhibitors are expected to participate in herdsmanship.
- 5) Exhibitor's share of alley area kept clean. Wheelbarrows and equipment kept from aisle.

The 4-H Assistant will schedule volunteers to judge the barn. A score sheet will be provided to each of the volunteer judges.

Winners will be announced in the August newsletter.

Any animal not receiving proper care (feed, water, etc.) will be cared for by the specie superintendent after a verbal warning has been given and consulting the superintendent committee. The exhibitor will be assessed **\$50 per day with payment being deducted from livestock auction proceeds**. If the animal does not sell at the livestock auction, the \$50 assessment will be due and payable when the animal is checked out and before leaving the fairgrounds.

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.

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

*Exhibitors are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project (optional for extra points). Official rules and exhibit details can be found in the Animal Section of the Resource Book.

4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW

WEIGHTS

Market Beef Heifers minimum 900 pounds

Market Beef Steers minimum 1000 pounds

Market Lambs minimum 90 pounds

Market Swine minimum 200 pounds

Meat Goats minimum 50 pounds

Animals not meeting these weight requirements will be allowed to show in a special class but will not be eligible for championship consideration, rate of gain, and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. No re-weighs. Market Lambs are to be weighed without lamb blankets or covers on them. Market lambs **must** be slick shorn for inspection at fair weigh-in on entry day.

NUMBER OF MARKET LIVESTOCK THAT MAY BE EXHIBITED

An exhibitor will be limited to showing the following maximum number of market livestock:

- Beef - 2 market, 3 breeding, 3 feeder calves, 1 bucket calf
- Dairy cattle - 2 per class, up to 5 total
- Goats - 3 dairy, 3 breeding, 3 market
- Sheep - 3 market, 3 breeding
- Swine - 3
- Horse - 1 per class, up to 5 total
- Rabbits - 7
- Poultry - 7

All large animal exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting which will be called by their superintendents Tuesday afternoon.

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.

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:

1. Stall assignments
2. Barn Meeting with all exhibitors
3. Show order
4. Recording of official placements
5. Sale order
6. Final disposition of animals

Superintendents will have rule books and will answer most questions associated with projects. Superintendents of each animal division are responsible for the Showmanship contests related to that division. Any specific problems or complaints should be directed to the Extension Youth & 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educators & staff and presented in writing so an inspection can be made at the fairgrounds. If problems/complaints can't be resolved with Extension Youth & 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educators & staff, and superintendents, it will be taken to the 4-H Council.

The Sheridan County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee. *Any suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be signed and submitted in writing to be considered.*

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LARGE LIVESTOCK

- Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
- Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, Abscesses and Open Wounds

- Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Sheridan County Fair for exhibition.
- The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area and is so stated on a letter/health certificate from inspecting veterinarian.
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible signs of open wounds that do not appear to be healing will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Policy on Injured Animals

Animals that are injured or lame upon check-in/weigh-in will not be permitted to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

If an animal is injured after weigh-in the superintendent committee and a Veterinarian will determine whether or not the animal can remain on the premises, take part in the show and be allowed in the sale. Criteria to be considered will include but not be limited to comfort of the animal, carcass quality and public perception.

The superintendents reserve the right to have animal(s) remain on the trailer, until a Veterinarian arrives to examine said animal(s).

The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendents on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

LIVESTOCK SALE

4-H and/or FFA members may sell a maximum of two (2) animals at the annual market livestock sale. The animals have to be different species. **Only market animals shown will be sold. If the sell a cake or cookie jar only one animal can be sold.**

The weigh-in period for all market livestock will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week. Animals will be weighed only once, and weigh-in weight will be the official sale weight. Exhibitors will be responsible for having correct weights shown on official sale sheet. Market animals will be weighed as they are unloaded at the fairgrounds. The weigh-in weight taken on entry day shall be the official show and sale weight

for cattle, swine, meat goats and sheep. To qualify for the sale, animals must reach the weight requirements for the species.

Members must wear Official 4-H dress when selling animals in the sale and on weigh in day. (See page 5 on dress code for additional information) Photos for the sale will be taken on the same day as the weigh in.

The Sheridan County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction will be a Retained Ownership Option Auction. This offers an option to exhibitors in which ownership may be retained. The exhibitor must notify the sale committee of the intent to retain ownership when their sale cards are turned in before the sale list is compiled. The buyer therefore knows the ownership will remain with the exhibitor allowing the exhibitor to show the animal at other shows if they so desire.

Animals that go through a change of ownership sale are not eligible to show at State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and Western Junior Livestock Show.

Blank thank you notes will be distributed with sale cards at the Barn Meeting at the County Fair. These thank you notes must be signed and turned into the office prior to check out.

Deductions to be withheld from Exhibitors Livestock Sale Checks

Beef (per head sold) Swine (per head sold)

3% of total earned (to pay for picture, promotion, checkoff, buyer's bonanza)

Sheep (per head sold) Meat Goats (per head sold)

3 % of total earned (to pay for picture, promotion, checkoff, buyer's bonanza)

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

4-H exhibits will be released prior to resale and butcher animals. **If an exhibitor removes a 4-H animal from the Fairgrounds early, without approval from the Superintendents, the premium will be forfeited.**

Permission for early removal of livestock must be granted by superintendent committee. The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendent committee on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

CLEANING OF STALLS/PENS

Exhibitors must keep pens and stalls clean to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. Exhibitors must feed and care for their animals regularly and arrange to remove the animals at the close of fair. Failure to clean all stalls/pens at the Sheridan County Fair before 12 pm on load out day, will result in the 4-H members' livestock sale check receiving a \$10 fine.

Exhibitors must be present for cleanup by 11:00 am on the last Saturday of the Fair. After member has cleaned out their stalls/pens they must have the barn superintendent check the stall(s)/pen(s).

BEEF

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with bucket calves, stocker feeders, breeding beef and market beef are eligible for showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship.

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing. For Senior Showmanship the top 6 will be brought back to fit their animal in front of the judge. These animals are not permitted to be fit prior to Showmanship.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

BEEF SHOW

All market beef calves must have been ear tagged, weighed and identified in compliance with county and state rules on county beef weigh-in dates, to be eligible for rate of gain. All Market Beef animals must be tagged by April 1st of the current year. If tagged later than the county weigh-in day those animals are ineligible for county fair rate of gain competition. **Stocker feeders and Bucket calves need to be tagged with a 4-H tag prior to June 1st.**

Market beef will be weighed for class breaks. Classes will be divided by sex. Breed classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent.

An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of 2 market beef (total steers & heifers), 3 breeding beef, 3 feeder calves, and 1 bucket calf.

Breeding beef, Stocker feeders, and Bucket calves will be checked in at the scale the morning before the Breeding Show.

BEEF GROOMING

It is encouraged that all preliminary clipping of animals be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds.

Only immediate family members and 4-H members can assist exhibitors in the clipping, blocking, fitting and/or grooming of an animal. The exhibitor must be in attendance and actively involved in the process.

SHEEP

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with breeding sheep and/or market sheep are eligible for showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship.

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

SHEEP SHOW

An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of three breeding sheep and three market lambs. No individual animals may show in both breeding and market classes. Sheep dropped after January 1st are classified as lambs. Sheep dropped between January 1st of previous year and January 1st of current year are classified as yearlings. Breeding ewes may be mouthed for age.

MARKET SHEEP

Each class will be broken into at least three classes according to weight.

Lambs weighing 89 pounds or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

All market lambs must have been weighed at lamb tagging day, to be eligible for rate of gain. Market sheet must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. When you are purchasing your lambs make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your flock/herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. We will check all market ewe lambs for the official USDA scrapies tag at sheep weigh-in. If they don't have the tag, one scrapies tag will be placed in their ear!

BREEDING SHEEP

Breeding sheep are encouraged to be identified according to Breed Association rules. **Breeding sheep will be required to have a scrapies tag.**

SHEEP GROOMING

MARKET SHEEP

All market sheep must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in on entry day.

BREEDING SHEEP

All registered and commercial "meat breed" breeding sheep must be slick shorn within 10 days of fair weigh-in on entry day. All registered and commercial "wool breed" breeding sheep may be shown in the fleece.

SCRAPIES

All 4-H & FFA Market Ewes, Breeding Ewes & Rams must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. When you are purchasing your ewes, or rams make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your flock/herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. If they don't have the tag, we will add a scrapies tag at weigh-in.

SWINE

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship.

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

SWINE SHOW

The Sheridan County Show is not a terminal show.

A club member is limited to exhibiting three market swine. Swine weighing 199 pounds or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

SWINE GROOMING

Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder, or any other coat dressing compounds considered objectionable by the packer. Only plain water is permitted. Swine need to be tagged before they are unloaded at the fairgrounds for fair.

To provide uniform appearance trimming long hair growth is acceptable.

No clipping of swine will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

DAIRY CATTLE

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

DAIRY SHOW

An exhibitor is limited to showing two animals per class for a total of 5. If a junior herd is shown, the three animals in the junior herd may be shown in individual classes. Registered and Grades will show together.

A junior herd shall consist of three females with at least one cow that has freshened (2 years old or over) and at least one of the three to be bred by exhibitor, and all to be the same breed. Breed classes may be shown together at the discretion of the superintendent.

Option: Cows in milk can be taken home after one day or if there is space, can remain at the Fair the entire week. If removed, the cow will be returned for the Round Robin Showmanship.

DAIRY GOATS

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Only female goats may be shown. Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

CLASSES: Ages are as of January 1st of current year. All milking goats must be milked out by 8:00 a.m. and no earlier than 6:00 a.m. the day of showing (If animals are being shown in the afternoon). No individual may exhibit more than four goats total or more than two entries in one class. Specify breed of goat being shown. Classes may be shown together at discretion of superintendent.

Best Dressed Goat Contest: Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Dairy Goat. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.

DAIRY GOAT GROOMING

Clipping standards shall be appropriate for the breed being exhibited.

Dairy goats may be shown with a collar or chain, at the preference of the exhibitor. No spiked collars or spiked chains will be allowed in the show ring.

SCRAPIES

All Dairy Goats must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. When you are purchasing goats make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. Dairy goats will be checked by the superintendents before unloading at the fairgrounds. If they do not have a scrapies tag, one can be picked up at the Extension Office and must be used on their ID sheet.

MEAT GOATS

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with breeding and/or market meat goats are eligible for showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship.

Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit animal for showing.

Showmanship divisions are: Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor on January 1 of each year.

MEAT GOAT SHOW

An exhibitor is limited to showing three breeding meat goats and three market meat goats.

MARKET MEAT GOATS

Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds and can be up to 14 months in age. Market goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth. Goats weighing 49 pounds or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS

Breeding meat goat classes will be does only. No intact male meat goats may be exhibited.

Breeding meat goats will be checked in at the scale on fair weigh-in/entry day.

Best Dressed Goat Contest: Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Goat. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.

MEAT GOAT GROOMING

Market meat goats must be slick shorn with 3/8" of hair or less prior to fair weigh-in on entry day. Legs may have hair up to the hock and knee only. Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred

Breeding meat goats will be allowed to be unshorn and groomed according to the breed standards. They may have horns but, the horns must be blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

SCRAPIES

All meat goats must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. When you are purchasing your goats make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your flock/herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. We will check all goats for the official USDA scrapies tag at sheep/market goat weigh-in. If the goats do not have a scrapies tag from the breeder, one can be picked up from the Extension Office and put on their ID sheet prior to June 1st. This is also required for Breeding Sheep. Breeding Sheep must be checked by the Superintendent upon arrival to the fairgrounds.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structure classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.

Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. 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.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expositions* and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
12. Adults caught contributing alcohol to minors on the fairgrounds will be turned over to the proper authorities.