

2022 SIOUX COUNTY FAIR BOOK



SIoux COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DIVISION

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Revised: 2022

I. ELIGIBILITY: Youth Division

- a. ALL 4-H DIVISIONS except OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK CLASSES and FFA CLASSES.
- b. Must be enrolled in the Sioux County 4-H program
- c. Must be enrolled in the appropriate project.
- d. Non-4-H youth can enter in the Open Class division.

II. SIOUX COUNTY 4-H YOUTH HORSE SHOW

- a. Open to 4-H Exhibitors from any county.
- b. Show will adhere to Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Rules

FAIR ENTRIES

I. LIVESTOCK

- a. All animals must be owned by the youth exhibitor or by the family or in the name of the ranch or farm.
- b. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for herdsmanship of their own exhibits, stall, or pen space and alley space.
- c. No professional groomers are permitted to help exhibitors.
- d. Animals should be shown by the exhibitor when possible. Substitute youth showmen must be approved by the show superintendent. Only animals entered by the exhibitor can be used for showmanship contests.
- e. Dress Code – Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goat, sheep, and swine are required to wear western clothing and hard sole shoes or boots. Horse exhibitors: See Horse Show Section.

II. GENERAL

- a. Any exhibitor who is found to have tampered with, doctored, or entered an exhibit that is his not his/her work will forfeit any premium, ribbon, and cash prizes and exhibitor will be placed on probation. A second offense will cause disqualification from further competition or participation in the youth division of the Sioux County Fair.
- b. All entries must be entered and in place by the deadlines set by each division. This information is available at the County Extension Office and it will also be publicized BUT it is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain information.
- c. The judges will place all creditable exhibits in each class into four ribbon groups according to excellence. These ribbon groupings include:
 - i. Purple – Superior
 - ii. Blue – Excellent
 - iii. Red – Good
 - iv. White – Satisfactory

- d. In case of no competition, the judge will decide which ribbon placing the exhibit deserves. Trophy winners and/or exhibits designated for State Fair should be purple ribbon quality.
- e. Fair prizes will be awarded to 4-H members at the Annual Fun Feed. Prizes will be considered for the following categories: Family and Consumer (home environment, heritage, consumer management, human development), Healthy Living (cooking, safety, food preservation), Clothing (shopping in style, beyond the needle, sewing), Visual Arts (photography, sketchbook crossroads, portfolio pathway), SET (entomology, welding, wood science, conservation, computers, robotics, rockets, etc.), and Plant Science (horticulture and range). Final discretion is up to the 4-H Council.
- f. For livestock shows, 4-H prizes will be awarded to Sioux County 4-H members at the Annual Fun Feed. The ribbons received will be turned into a point value (Champion 5 points plus points for ribbon color, Reserve 3 points plus points for ribbon color, Purple =5, Blue =3, Red =2, and White=1) then added together for a total and divided by maximum points possible to create a percentage. The Champion and Reserve Champion points will be added if a youth member receives a Champion or Reserve Champion designation for the division. For example: Champion Stocker Feeder, Breeding Heifer, Breeding Bull, Market Beef, Bucket Calf, Breeding Lamb, Market Lamb, Top Bird, etc.). The member with the highest percentage will receive the prize. If there is a tie, the member that placed the best in Showmanship will be the recipient.
- g. The superintendent will determine eligibility/ineligibility of an exhibit in their division. All ineligible items will not be judged or displayed.
- h. A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year.
- i. State Fair Eligibility Requirements for Exhibitors: Only classes with an asterisk (*) in front of the number are eligible for State Fair entry. An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the project in which they are exhibiting in the county which he/she represents. In classes where presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be age 10 by January 1st of the current year. For classes where the presence of the 4-Her is not required, the exhibitor must be age 8 by January 1st of the current year.
- j. Interview Judging will be conducted on all 4-H Static Exhibit Projects.

III. NUMBER OF EXHIBITS PER CLASS

- a. Livestock and Horse – No limit on number of entries BUT an exhibitor cannot earn more than two premiums in each class.
- b. Home Economics – No limit at county level, but State fair entries are limited by the State Fair rules.

IV. EXHIBITOR RELEASE TIMES

- a. Art Hall – Released at 3:00 pm on the Sunday of Fair.
- b. Horses, livestock, and other animals released after respective shows.

V. PREMIUMS

- a. Premiums will be paid at the following rates to county youth.

Division	Purple	Blue	Red	White
Beef	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Horse	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Dairy Cattle	\$15.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$3.00
Sheep & Goats	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Swine	\$8.50	\$6.50	\$3.50	\$2.00
Small Animals	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Static Exhibits	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00

Clover Kid Exhibits will each receive a \$1.00 premium.

VI. Protest Committee

- a. The respective division committee has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the Sioux County Fair book, and these will be adhered to by all.
- b. A committee shall be appointed to serve as a grievance committee. They will meet when needed, to act upon concerns. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
- c. Written protests must be submitted to the county fair division committees.
- d. The written protest must include:
 - 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 person committee may contact for further clarification
 - vii. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission to the fair superintendent
- e. The committee will review the written protest. They may discuss the situation with affected persons and show officials to include County Fair management, if appropriate, prior to making a final decision. The committee will recommend appropriate action to management in writing. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
- f. 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. This allows for smooth operation of the show and facilitates appropriate processing.

- g. The management reserves the right to withhold premiums and/or awards. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.
- h. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the Sioux County Fair.

VII. Disclaimer of Responsibility for Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair

- a. Exhibits at the Sioux County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Sioux County, in association with the Sioux County Agricultural Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension or the Sioux County Agricultural Society or the Sioux County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the number of exhibits. People who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of fair.
- b. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the county fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

VIII. Drugs and Alcohol Policy

- a. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the youth section of the Sioux County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

SIoux COUNTY FAIR 4-H HORSE SHOW

ELIGIBILITY: 4-H YOUTH DIVISION

- A. Open to 4-H members from any county 4-H program. Must be 8-18 as of Jan. 1 of current year.
- B. No limit on number of entries BUT an exhibitor cannot earn more than two premiums in each class.
- C. All animals must be owned by the youth exhibitor or by the family or in the name of the ranch or farm unless approved by show superintendent.
- D. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the health and safety of their animals, and they shall maintain good showmanship and respectful behavior while in the area that their tack/trailer resides.
- E. Animals should be shown by the exhibitor when possible. Substitute youth showmen must be approved by the show superintendent. Only animals entered by the exhibitor can be used for showmanship contests.
- F. Contestants (including their family members) can and will be disqualified if their behavior fails to coincide with the expectations of a 4-H program or is deemed inappropriate.

PREMIUMS

- A. Premiums will be paid at the following rates to county youth.

Division	Purple	Blue	Red	White
Horse	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

- B. Out-of-county exhibitors will receive premiums based on their placing within a class. Premiums will be paid at the following rates:

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Showmanship				
Junior	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Intermediate	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Senior	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
Other Classes	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

- C. The judges will place all creditable exhibits in each class into four ribbon groups according to excellence. These ribbon groupings include:
 - a. Purple – Superior
 - b. Blue – Excellent
 - c. Red- Good
 - d. White – Satisfactory

In case of no competition, the judge will decide which ribbon placing the exhibit deserves.

- D. Prizes will be awarded in the different age divisions in three different sections: halter classes, performance classes, and speed events. Youth will receive points for each class they participate in according to the ribbon they received in the class. (Champion = 5+points for the color of the ribbon, Reserve =3+points for the color of the ribbon, Purple =5, Blue=3, Red=2, White = 1) For example Purple Champion would get 10 points, 5 for Champion and 5 for purple.
 - Halter classes consist of: This Year's Foal, Yearling, Two-Year-Old, 3-4 Year Old, Aged Halter, and Showmanship.
 - Performance classes consist of: Western Pleasure, Green Broke Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Reining, Trail, in-hand trail, and Green Broke Trail.
 - Speed Events consist of: Barrel Race, Pole Bending, and Flag Race
- E. All around is determined by the exhibitor's total score for the Halter Classes, Performance Classes, and Speed Events.
- F. Unless a description is given, all classes will be run in accordance with the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (4-H 373), except for attire. Attire should conform to the following rules:
 - Hats are optional, however, if worn, it MUST stay on during the performance. Helmets are allowed.
 - Shirts should be long sleeved, western style. Jackets may be worn in rainy or cold weather.
 - Blue or black denim jeans must be worn, and a belt is recommended.

- Hard soled cowboy boots are considered safe and appropriate. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8" will not be allowed in riding classes.
- Spurs are permissible but must be dull and if roweled must be free moving.

G. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year. Age breaks are as follows:

- Junior 8-10 years
- Intermediate: 11-13 years
- Senior: 14-18 years

SHOWMANSHIP

G060001	Junior Showmanship
G060002	Intermediate Showmanship
G060003	Senior Showmanship

HALTER

G061001	This Year's Foal
G061002	One Year Old
G061003	Two Year Old
G061004	Three-Four Year Old
G061005	Aged (Five and Over)

PERFORMANCE

G062001	Junior Western Pleasure
G062002	Intermediate Western Pleasure
G062003	Senior Western Pleasure
G062004	Green-Broke Horse Western Pleasure: Horse may be two or three years old by January 1st of the current year. Horse may not be ridden in another Western Pleasure class. Open to youth ages 11 and up.
G062005	Junior Horsemanship
G062006	Intermediate Horsemanship
G062007	Senior Horsemanship
G062008	Junior Reining
G062009	Intermediate Reining
G062010	Senior Reining
G062011	Junior Trail
G062012	Intermediate Trail
G062013	Senior Trail
G062014	Green Broke Horse Trail: Horse may be two or three years old by January 1st of the current year. Horse may not be ridden in another Trail class. Open to youth ages 11 and up.
G062015	In-Hand Trail: Open to horses of any age, but horse may not be shown in another Trail class. The purpose of the class is to encourage youth to practice safe and effective horse handling skills on the ground and with young horses (at least one year of age). Preferred equipment is a long lead rope and stick and string.
G062016	Working Ranch – exhibitors will move an animal through a course with 4 to 7 obstacles. Rider will be scored on each obstacle and will have 2 to 4 minutes to complete the obstacle course.
G062017	Dummy Roping – Each participant will rope a dummy on horseback. Participants will have the opportunity to throw 5 throws at the head. Participants will be judged on how they position their horse, how they handle their rope, and how many catches they make.

SPEED EVENTS

G063001	Junior Pole Bending
G063002	Intermediate Pole Bending
G063003	Senior Pole Bending
G063004	Junior Barrel Race
G063005	Intermediate Barrel Race

G063006	Senior Barrel Race
G063007	Junior Flag Race
G063008	Intermediate Flag Race
G063009	Senior Flag Race