

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.

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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.

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. 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 COMPANION ANIMAL SHOW

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

- Only those animals listed below will be allowed to show in the companion animal show.
- Any class with fewer than five entries will be combined into one “companion animal” class.
- Entries are judged on the overall health and appearance of the animal, and the exhibitor’s presentation and knowledge of the animal; not judged according to breed standards, with the exception of Cat. Mixed breed animals can be entered, and identification is not required.
- Rabbits shown in the pet rabbit class cannot be shown in the Sioux County 4-H Rabbit Show.
- Poster class can include entries covering any companion animal (including reptiles, companion birds, or others). Exhibitors should make a poster with information on the proper care of a companion animal they are not showing in another Companion Animal class. Poster should be the size of one full standard poster (should not exceed 22”X28”) board. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging and will be judged on quality of poster, accuracy of information provided, and ability of the exhibitor to explain information and answer judge’s questions.

SHOW PROCEDURES

- Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal’s normal habitat.
- Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short “showmanship presentation” on their animal. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be provided in this presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on knowledge of their animal and its care.
- Participant should bring animal, adequate cage, and accessories, and picture of normal display if appropriate.

HOUSING

- Cats must be brought in durable plastic or wire carriers (not cardboard). Cats will remain in carriers or other appropriate cage provided by the exhibitor except when being judged. The exhibitor may provide food, water, and litter for the cat in the carrier if necessary. Exhibitors may want to provide cover for the carrier to prevent their cat from seeing other cats. All cats must be shown on a leash and be on a leash at any time they are removed from the carrier/ cage.
- All other animals should be brought in appropriate housing, either their normal cage or a durable plastic or wire travel cage (not cardboard). Cages must be secure. Exhibitors should provide water and food for animals as appropriate. If a cage/enclosure is deemed inappropriate by the show superintendent, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show.

HEALTH & VACCINATIONS

- All animals should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal or external parasites, and infectious disease. If any signs of these external parasites or other contagious health conditions are presented, exhibitors will be asked to leave without being allowed into the show area. It is highly recommended that a veterinary check is performed, or preventative measures are taken prior to the show to ensure the animal is free of external parasites. All decisions of show officials are final. If any animal shows the possibility of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other animals in the show and will not be allowed in the building.
- Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations or rabies, panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus.
- Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies.
- If a cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition. No expectant or nursing mother animals may be entered in the show.

AGE OF ANIMALS

- All animals must be weaned prior to the show. Minimum age of animals to be shown:
 - Cats: Four months
 - Ferrets: Four months
 - Chinchillas: Seven weeks
 - Guinea Pigs: Four weeks
 - Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice, Rats: Four weeks
 - Hedgehogs: Five weeks
 - Pet Rabbits: Nine weeks

DRESS CODE

- Long jeans/pants are required for cat and small pet exhibitors. While hard soled shoes are not required for the cat and small pets' shows, exhibitors are required to wear closed toed shoes with non-slip soles. No hats, caps, or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. 4-Hers will be judged on the neatness of their appearance. This includes but is not limited to: shirt tucked in, appropriate size of clothing, tied shoelaces, etc. Individuals not meeting these requirements will be lowered one ribbon placing in showmanship.

1900001	Showmanship
1900002	Cat
1900003	Pet Rabbit
1900004	Ferret
1900005	Chinchilla
1900006	Guinea Pig
1900007	Gerbil
1900008	Hamster
1900009	Mouse
1900010	Rat
1900011	Hedgehog
1900012	Best Dressed Pet

SIoux COUNTY FAIR 4-H SMALL ANIMAL SHOW

RABBIT

***The non-pet Rabbits and Poultry will be shown during the Open Youth Livestock Show at the Sioux County Fair. Classes are open to Sioux County 4-H youth.**

Showmanship judging is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and merit of the rabbit. Showmanship is, primarily, the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge, the excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine. Pet rabbits may be shown in the Companion Animal division.

1800001	Showmanship
1800002	Single Fryer: 3 ½-5 ½ lbs. and under 69 days of age
1800003	Meat Pen: Three fryers, any sex 3 ½-5 ½ lbs. and under 69 days of age
1800004	Roaster: Over 5 ½ lbs.
1800005	Junior Breeding Doe: 1-6 months
1800006	Junior Breeding Buck: 1-6 months
1800007	Senior Breeding Doe: Over six months
1800008	Senior Breeding Buck: Over six months