

# 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.

## FAIR ENTRIES

### 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 DOG SHOW

- A. Procedures – Those procedures described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Rules 4H421.
- B. **Advancement Levels in Obedience Classes:** The following definitions and rules apply to advancement in obedience classes:
  - A youth will move up to a ‘transition year’, after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may complete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluation skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.
  - Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for details.
- C. **Advancement in Showmanship Classes:** Classes are divided into age divisions.
- D. **Disqualified Dogs:** Females in season will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
- E. **Age of Dogs:** Dogs that are exhibited must be six months or older.
- F. **Baiting:** Baiting with food or toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has authority to disqualify violators.
- G. **Vaccination:** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo, and rabies. The Nebraska State Fair Show Vaccination Record Form (SF263) must document all vaccinations within 1 year or 3 years depending on the vaccine given. All required vaccinations must be given within 1 to 3 years of the show date based on label guidelines. All vaccinations must be in effect at the time of the Dog Show. Explanation: Some vaccinations are viable for one year and some vaccinations are viable for three years but are specifically designed and administered according to their label.
- H. Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show, both in and out of the ring.

## SHOWMANSHIP

- I700001 **Clover Kid Showmanship:** Ages 5-7 years old by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700002 **Junior Showmanship:** Ages 8-10 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700003 **Intermediate Showmanship:** Ages 11-13 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.
- I700004 **Senior Showmanship:** Ages 14-18 year olds by Jan. 1 of the current year.

## OBEDIENCE

- I701010 **Beginning Novice Division A:** Handler and dog being shown are both in their first year of county or state 4-H, or other dog show experience. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. During the sit and down exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.
- I701020 **Beginning Novice Division B:** exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. During the sit and down exercise, the leash must be held by the handler.
- I701025 **Beginning Novice Division C:** exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.
- I701030 **Novice A:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and are in first year of Novice Class competition. Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash; heel free; come on recall off leash; long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash with handler across the ring.
- I701035 **Novice B:** exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of Novice Class competition. Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash; heel free; come on recall off leash; long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash with handler across the ring.
- I701040 **Graduate Novice:** Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure eight; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight. Dogs must heel on leash, stand for examination off lead, heel free including figure 8; drop on recall off leash, long sit off leash for 3 minutes and long down off leash for 5 minutes both with handler out of sight.

- I701045**      **Advanced Graduate Novice:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice. Dogs must heel on leash and figure 8 (off leash), drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, recall over broad jump, and long down.
- I701050**      **Open:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice. All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure eight; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight. Refer to Guidelines for Nebraska 4-H Dog Shows for jump heights/distances.
- I701055**      **Graduate Open:** exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open. Includes signal exercise, scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand and examination, go out and directed jumping.
- I701060**      **Utility:** Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open. The dog will perform five exercises: the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal object; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examinations; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for directed retrieve.