

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

III. OPEN YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

- a. Show is open to all youth ages 5-18 by January 1st of the current year. Those youth ages 5-7 will be allowed to participate in given that an adult assists them and stays with them in the ring.
- b. Sioux County exhibitors will receive premiums based on their ribbon grouping.
- c. 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				
PeeWee & 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

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.

KNITTING AND CROCHET

RULES

- A. **Entry Tags:** Every clothing exhibit must be described on the appropriate entry tag accompanying it (for example: blue afghan, yellow sweater, crocheted gray elephant). Attach the entry tag securely to the exhibit using straight pin or safety pins (no paper clips).
- B. **Identification Labels:** Each item entered as a clothing, knitting or crochet exhibit must have a label attached stating: County, Exhibitor's name and age, project name and class in which garment is entered, and the number of years enrolled in the project exhibited. Wool entries must have the fiber content listed on the identification label. Attach a label on every component of the outfit using safety pins or by basting. Not responsible for unlabeled items.
- C. **Preparation of Exhibits:** Knitted and Crocheted exhibits should be entered in the most appropriate manner for the exhibit. **General:** Garments as listed may be made for self (4-H member) or another person. 4-H'ers enrolled in clothing projects should continue their skill development. Once you have exhibited in a higher level, you are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Ex. Once you exhibit in STEAM Clothing Knitting Level 3, you are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing Knitting Level 2.
- D. **Criteria for Judging:** Refer to the Nebraska 4-H website for current scoresheets at <https://go.unl.edu/ne4hknitting-crocheting>.

KNITTING

Criteria for judging knitting: Design and Color, Neatness, Knitting Mechanics, Trimmings, and Constructions Finishes. Score sheet SF60.

KNITTING INFORMATION SHEET

Information Sheet must be included for all classes in For Knitting. Each knitted exhibit must include the following information with the entry tag or exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing:

1. What was your goal(s) in making this exhibit (Example: Learn how to block a garment or learn how to use two different yarn(s)?)
2. What steps did you take as you worked toward your goal(s)?
3. What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
4. Gauge - Number of rows per inch; number of stitches per inch.
5. Size of needles, finger knitted, arm knitted, loom or machine knitted
6. Kind of yarn – weight and fiber content.
7. Names of stitches used.
8. Copy of directions.

KNITTING LEVEL I

Entries would include simple patterns using only knit and purl stitches

County Project Only – Not eligible for State Fair competition.

C224001	Slippers
C224002	Head Covering: Bands, Scarf, Hat
C224003	Mittens (not gloves)
C224004	Simple Pillow
C224005	Dish Cloth/Towel
C224006	Finger Knitted Item
C224007	Loom Knitted Item

KNITTING LEVELS II and III

- *C225001 **Level 2 Knitted Clothing** - (SF60) - (Garment eligible for State Fair Fashion Show) - Knitted item or garment using pattern stitches such as diamond, block, twist, or seed/moss stitches. Basic stitches [including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)] to form patterns
- *C225002 **Level 2 Knitted Home Environment Item** - (SF60) - Knitted Item using basic stitches [including: Knit (K), Purl (P), Slip Knit Pass Over (SKPO), Knit Two Together (K2tog), Yarn Over (yo)] to form patterns.
- *C225003 **Arm or Finger Knitted Item** - (SF60) - (Clothing or Home Environment Item)
- *C225004 **Loom Knitted Item** - (SF60) - (Clothing or Home Environment Item)
- *C225005 **Level 3 Knitted Clothing** - (SF60) - (Garment eligible for State Fair Fashion Show) - Knitted item or garment made from advanced knitting stitches such as pass slip stitch over, double-pointed needle knitting, cable, Turkish, tamerna, plait, germaine, feather and fan or knitting with one or more patterns such as Aran or Fair Isle. Made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches, and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- *C225006 **Level 3 Knitted Home Environment Item** - (SF60) - Knitted item made by using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to circular knitting, double pointed needle knitting, knitting with multiple pattern stitches, and changing colors throughout the garment such as argyle knitting and chart knitting.
- *C225007 **Level 3 Machine Knitting** - (SF60)

CROCHET

Criteria for judging crochet: Design and Color, Neatness, Crochet Mechanics, Trimmings, and Construction Finishes. Scoresheet SF61

CROCHET INFORMATION SHEET

Each crocheted exhibit must include the following information placed with the entry tag. (This information is in place of the information required for other clothing exhibits.)

1. What was your goal(s) in making this exhibit? (Example: Learn how to block a garment or learn how to use two different yarn(s).)
2. What steps did you take as you worked toward your goal(s)?
3. What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
4. Gauge and size of hook or type of crocheting tool.
5. Kind of yarn – weight and fiber content or other material used.
6. Names of stitches used.
7. Copy of directions.

Exhibits not having supporting information will be lowered one ribbon.

CROCHETING LEVEL I

Entries would include simple patterns.

County Project Only – Not eligible for State Fair competition.

- C224020 **Slippers**
- C224021 **Head covering: Band, Scarf, Hat**
- C224022 **Simple Pillow**
- C224023 **Dish Cloth/Towel**
- C224024 **Level 1 Crocheted Item**

CROCHETING LEVELS II and III

- *C226001 **Level 2 Crocheted Clothing** – (SF61) - (Garment eligible for State Fair Fashion Show) - Crochet garment using basic stitches [including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble] to form patterns
- *C226002 **Level 2 Crocheted Home Environment Item** – (SF61) - Crochet item using basic stitches [including: chain, single, double, half-double, treble] to form patterns
- *C226003 **Level 3 Crocheted Clothing** - (SF61) - (Garment eligible for State Fair Fashion Show) - Crochet garment using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick lace, hairpin lace, design motifs, and multiple pattern stitches.

***C226004** **Level 3 Crocheted Home Environment Item** – (SF61) - Crochet item using stitches learned in Level 2 while advancing to use afghan stitch, broomstick lace, hairpin lace, design motifs, and multiple pattern stitches.

Resources:

- Crochet – Learn basic to advanced crochet stitches; select yarn/thread for crocheting; learn about blocking and changing colors; design a new stitch or pattern; work with other media such as leather, wood, and beads. https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/44
- Knitting – learn about types of yarn and yarn weights; develop basic to advanced knitting skills; combine knitting with garment making; knit with double-pointed needles. https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/45