

2018 Rules and Regulations 4-H Division

1. To provide recognition for achievement.
2. To provide new experiences for youth, leaders and staff who participate.
3. To provide leadership opportunities for 4-H youth and adults.
4. To provide learning awareness opportunities for the public who visit the 4-H exhibits.
5. To add to the public understanding about the scope of 4-H.
6. To inspire the adoption of approved practices and new ideas.
7. To help build a better Pierce County Fair.

Rules & Regulations 4-H Division Pierce County Fair

All boys and girls regularly and currently enrolled in the Pierce County 4-H Program and under the supervision of the University of Nebraska Extension are eligible to compete in the Pierce County Fair. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and the product of the current year's work. Members are eligible to exhibit at the Pierce County Fair if their 9th birthday is during the current year and have not reached their 19th birthday as of January 1, of the current year.

ENTERING EXHIBITS (Time & Place)

- ✓ All clothing exhibits must be entered and interview judged on Thursday, July 26.
- ✓ Unexcused late entries will be lowered one ribbon placing. All other static entries will be entered on Wednesday, August 1st.
- ✓ All items in the Home Environment, Ag Misc., Photography, Food, and Cake Decorating will be interview judged.
- ✓ Interview judging will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 1st. Interview Judging is first come first served.
- ✓ Exhibits that are not interview judged must be entered by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 1st.
- ✓ Livestock entries will be accepted until 7:00 pm on Wednesday August 1st. This also applies to rabbits and poultry.
- ✓ Any exceptions need prior approval.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

The following animals will be entered and released the same day as shown:

Dogs (Thurs. August 2nd), Cats (Thurs. August 2nd), Bucket Calves (Sat. August 4th), Household Pets (Friday August 3rd) Companion Goat (Sat. August 4th) and lactating dairy (Sat. August 4th).

Dairy may only be released if there is another dairy animal present at the fair. These exhibits will be released at the conclusion of judging.

All other 4-H exhibits will be released at 4:30 pm on Sunday, August 5th. This includes all other livestock and horses. Neither entries nor any animals will be released before this time. If a 4-H'er is unable to be present when required or must remove any exhibit or animal before this release time, the 4-H

exhibitor MUST submit in writing a letter explaining his or her circumstance and request permission for such an exemption. The letter must be presented to the Pierce County 4-H Council before their July 24th meeting. The Pierce County 4-H Council will notify the 4-H'er of approval/ disapproval of the request.

LIMITS ON EXHIBITS

One exhibit/entry per class per exhibitor unless specified. Only exhibits mentioned in the premium list will be given a place in the exhibit areas.

Materials and space will be available for displaying exhibits and will be assigned by the superintendent.

NOTE: 4-H'ers must be enrolled in a specific project to exhibit items within that project at the County Fair.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Any person showing an animal or static exhibit (foods, photography, etc.) where the presence of the 4-H'er is required (during show or interview judging) must wear the official 4-H t-shirt or other approved 4-H dress and/or identification. See "Guide for Livestock Showmanship Contest" for more details on dress.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

Livestock exhibitors will have stalls furnished but they must bring feed, feed boxes, water containers (except livestock watering at the water tank) and wood chips for bedding. Exhibitors and their leaders will make their own transportation arrangements.

Each exhibitor of livestock must show and exhibit his or her own livestock unless excused by the superintendent or unless he or she is exhibiting more than one animal in one class.

4-Hers are eligible to take two entries per class in each of the following areas: Market Steers, Market Heifers, Stocker Feeder Calves and Breeding Heifers.

In the dairy classes, two animals per class per breed may be shown. If all animals in the Dairy Herd are producing cows, then 3 cows can be shown by one exhibitor. Each exhibitor is limited to one dairy herd.

The livestock superintendents will examine all entries in their respective divisions. If there are any symptoms of any disease, a veterinarian will be called to help the project area superintendent determine if the animal can be exhibited.

No changes, including birth date, can be made on any livestock identification sheet/ownership affidavit after June 15.

DAMAGES OR LOSSES

4-H exhibits at the Pierce County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the 4-H member.

Precautions will be taken to protect and care for articles and animals exhibited, but the Pierce County 4-H Council and the Pierce County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for any losses, injuries, or damages that may occur. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

RIBBON AWARDS

All exhibits will be divided into groups according to merit. Purple will denote superior exhibits, blue will denote an excellent exhibit, red will denote a good exhibit, and white will denote an acceptable exhibit.

STAYING ON FAIRGROUNDS

Anyone staying overnight on the Fairgrounds will need to be registered with the Fair Board at the Headquarters building.

STATE FAIR ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ The mark “+” listed in the Fair Premium book indicates that entries may be eligible for the Nebraska State Fair.
 - ✓ Classes numbering in the 900s are not eligible for exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair.
 - ✓ In State Fair classes where the presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 10 by January 1, of the current year.
 - ✓ The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. (Eligible birth date range is from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2010).
 - ✓ For classes where presence of the 4-H'er is not required, the exhibitor must become 9 years of age during 2018. Therefore, they must be 8 as of January 1.
 - ✓ The State Fair premium booklet rules and regulations apply to all State Fair exhibits.
- UNL Extension offers educational opportunities for all. 4-H membership is not restricted on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, or national origin.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

- A. The respective division superintendent, with the approval of the Extension Educator, has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 4-H Premium Book, and these will be adhered to by exhibitors.
- B. The 4-H Council shall be appointed to serve as a protest response group. They will meet daily if needed to act upon concerns – all protests must be submitted in writing and signed.
- C. Written protests must be submitted to the County Fair Extension Office.
- D. A \$50 refundable fee must accompany the written protest.
- E. Written protest must include:
 - 1. Names of persons involved
 - 2. Nature of concerns
 - 3. Situation and documentation
 - 4. Recommendations for correction
 - 5. Specific action, rule, etc. in question
 - 6. Additional persons that the 4-H Council may contact for further clarification
 - 7. Procedures and/or steps carried out by person involved prior to submission of the protest to the County Extension Office
- F. Anyone who files a protest may request a hearing before the protest committee. This may also include the superintendent and other involved parties.
- G. Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings, or other evaluations will not be accepted.
- H. The 4-H Council 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.
- I. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may at the discretion of the superintendents, Extension Educators, and 4-H Council members 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.
- J. The 4-H program management reserves the right to withhold premium and/or award. The exhibitor may also be excluded from the show if action warrants.

- K. Protests will not be accepted after the exhibit is released from the 4-H Division of the County Fair.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All 4-H Exhibitors of Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Dairy or Meat Goats, Poultry and Rabbits must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a qualified trainer certified by the Extension Office prior to the County Fair.

DRESS CODE

Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, dogs, cats, poultry, rabbits and pets or being interviewed with static exhibits are required to wear a 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt or blouse with the 4-H chevron attached or a 4-H armband. Long pants or solid blue jeans and closed-toed shoes (no flip flops or sandals) are required when showing large or small animals. Dark solid-colored blue jeans are preferred. Please note additional dress code requirements in each section of the premium guide.