

**SALINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
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GOALS OF THE SALINE COUNTY AG. SOCIETY

Promoting Good Sportsmanship is an important part of life and the competition a fair provides, in livestock, static, motorsports, and rodeo shows are great learning opportunities. Competitors enjoying what they are doing with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with other competitors make for great shows. If we approach the show to have fun and enjoy what we do, everyone will be a winner. There is no need to be a bad sportsman.

To Provide Entertainment for residents of Saline County and the surrounding area. For as long as anyone can remember the fair has provided some level of entertainment whether it be watching kids, grandkids, neighbors or professional acts. We aim to provide honest competitions, and enjoyable entertainment for most anyone. Enjoy your entertainment choice of music, motors, livestock or carnival.

Safe and Accessible Facilities are our goal for you. If you see something that needs addressing, please let us know so everyone can have an enjoyable experience at the fair.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The management of the Saline County Fair and Agricultural Society reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard here to or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to this Fair. Except 4-H exhibits are as the Extension Educators interpret the rules governing those entries.

Errors, additions, and omissions are apt to happen, correction may be necessary, but in no way is intended to mislead any participant.

Rules can be amended by a unanimous vote of the board of Directors present.

Open Class exhibits * may be from any Nebraska resident (See age limits on livestock entries below), with entry limits as outlined in junior rules unless specified differently. Special awards referring to Best of Saline County will be limited to entries from Saline County residents.

Exhibitor must demonstrate an ability to control the animal, upon second escape the animal will be excused from the ring.

All entries should be made with the proper authorities by the time or date stated in this supplement. Livestock and all other entries are due as stated in their respective areas in this supplement.

Superintendents reserve the right to reject any entries.

Premiums will be forwarded to exhibitors in a timely manner, (some will be available at closing of the fair). All premiums not

called for before October 31 will be forfeited to the association. All entries will be released on Sunday afternoon (TBA). All entries are to remain on exhibition until the proper release time. Exhibits leaving early will forfeit premium, and be subject to further penalties at the discretion of the Ag. Society.

The management will use diligence to insure the safety of articles or livestock after their arrival, but in no way will they be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur, nor will any officer or employee of the Fair be permitted to negotiate insurance or to make any guarantee whatsoever regarding the same. Property owners desiring insurance against fire or other protection must make their own arrangement.

The Saline County Ag. Society and Extension Office are not liable for any damage, disease, disappearance of/to any animal(s) exhibited.

PROTESTS

Protests shall be filed with the Agricultural Society Secretary within 24 hours of alleged infraction. A required \$20 deposit will be returned if sustained or forfeited if the protest is not sustained. The protest shall be filed in writing and notification of outcome will be given in written form. An informal protest hearing will be held with the accused offender, the protester, and the acting Superintendent each allowed to make a verbal statement. At the earliest opportunity to gather, the Protest Committee comprised of the Agricultural Society President, Ag. Society Vice President (or ranking officer not related to said infraction), 4-H Council President, a Saline County Extension Educator, and one of the County FFA Advisors, the protest will be resolved. The committee will meet no later than Monday immediately following the Fair. Decisions of the Protest Committee are final.

JUDGES

Judges are requested to read carefully the general and special rules under which this fair is managed, prior to entering upon their duties and to especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them. Ignorance of the rules on the part of any judge is inexcusable. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the management that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be adhered to whether there is competition or not.

Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibit or exhibitors who in any way, whether in person or by agent or servants, interfere with doing their work or shows any disrespect to them.

In case that three judges are needed in making an award, the decision of the two (majority) shall be conclusive.

The decision of the judge is final, no video replays.

CLAIM FOR INJURY

No claims for injury to any person or property shall be asserted, nor suit instituted or maintained, against the Saline County Agricultural Society, its officers, or their agents, representatives, servants or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupy space thereon.

If any damage, loss or injury to persons or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person, firm or corporation or their agent, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said fairgrounds, or occupy space thereon, the Saline County Ag. Society shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it is subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore, shall indemnify the Saline County Agricultural Society.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING

All automobiles will be required to park in the place designated by those in charge of parking. The fair management assumes no obligation and no liability for any theft or damage that may occur.

OFF ROAD VEHICLES

Off Road Vehicles are illegal to be used at the fairgrounds as they are not a licensed vehicle for public property. No Off Road Vehicles shall be used unless authorized by the Agricultural Society.

The Saline County Agricultural Society, Inc. is not responsible for any damages or injuries incurred from or to Off Road Motorized Vehicles, their drivers, passengers, or owners.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Parties desiring to erect buildings for exhibits or concessions must submit plans and specifications to the board of managers and receive approval before such building can be erected. Booths and lots for exhibitors showing machinery, appliances, etc. will not be reserved unless application is accompanied by the required fee. All applications for booths and lots should be sent directly to the Secretary of the fair. In the event the applicant fails to show, payment will be forfeited to the Saline County Agricultural Society unless applicant notifies the secretary of the fair of their intentions not to show five days in advance of the opening date of the fair. Tear down is done after 3 p.m. Sunday.

No Drones are allowed to be in use during the fair or any Ag. Society sponsored events.

No space may be reassigned or sublet without the written permission of the secretary of the fair.

The Saline County Fair management reserves the right to move an exhibitor or concessionaire to a different location, should it prove necessary because of previous commitments or for the best interest of the fair.

The Saline County Agricultural Society will in no way be held responsible for any debts acquired by an exhibitor or concessionaire.

SUPERINTENDENTS

All superintendents are required to furnish the secretary with reports of receipts and expenditures of their departments.

SECURITY

The management shall have supervision of this department at all times. Any person who shall fail to perform the duties assigned him or who shall leave post of duty without permission to do so shall be immediately discharged and forfeit such part of their salary as the board may direct. All officers and policemen shall be sworn in as conservators of the peace and it shall be their duty to arrest any person creating a disturbance or violating any of the rules and regulations of this fair or the laws of the state. Fast or reckless operation of any form of transportation is strictly forbidden. The police department has been requested to deal severely with any person or persons violating this rule.

Any exhibits reported missing without the advance knowledge of the Ag. Society will be handled as any other crime.

SOLICITORS

No soliciting or begging of any nature whatsoever will be permitted on the grounds.

ALCOHOL/DRUG POLICY

The use and/or possession of alcohol in any form (beer, wine, hard liquor) or other MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES (not under physician's prescription) at Saline County Fair Buildings

during the fair by program participants is prohibited. Infraction of the rules may result in dismissal from the event, the withholding of premiums, or other disciplinary action as decided by the Saline County Ag Society.

4-H and FFA (Junior Show) Division

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A1. EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

Any bona-fide Saline County 4-H member or vocational agriculture member is eligible to compete.

4-H members must be enrolled in the project that they are wanting to exhibit in. Members not enrolled by May 1 in said project will be eligible for show but will forfeit their claims to any premiums and trophies.

Where 4-H age is specified, it is the age on January 1, of the current year.

4-H rules apply to all junior show exhibitors, except the age rule. 4-H age policy: 4-H member must not have passed his/her 19th birthday as of January 1, of the current year. FFA age policy: FFA member is eligible until the age of 21 or the 4th National Convention after high school graduation.

The NE State 4-H rules will apply to those classes where no local rule is in force.

Cloverkid members may show livestock in open class only if enrolled in 4-H, identification was completed on age appropriate animals by June 15, and entered for the fair by the early entry date. All other open class exhibitors must be 8 and older to participate in the show arena.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING: Effective 2008, exhibitors in beef, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance Certification through a UNL Cooperative Extension based program prior to the fair. Completion of the requirements must be on file at the Extension office.

A2. PROPER SHOW ATTIRE

Proper show attire shall consist of the gray Saline County 4-H T-shirt, or a white button shirt with the 4-H chevron, with blue colored denim jeans (no shorts without permission). FFA showmen also must wear proper show attire consisting of the gray colored FFA tee-shirt and blue colored denim jeans. Proper show attire shall be worn by all showmen, during all 4-H and FFA show contests. NO HATS in the show ring except for horse exhibitors.

Hard soled boots or shoes are considered safe and appropriate for most large specie shows.

Any Dairy Goat Exhibitors will wear blue jeans instead of the standard dairy "white."

Horse Exhibitors: A western hat or protective headgear is optional but should stay on during the performance classes. 4-H and FFA t-shirts are optional only in timed events. The hat/headgear must stay on in timed events if rider crosses the starting line wearing it, or a 2 second time for losing the hat/headgear will be assessed. Shirts and blouses must be all white, including buttons and thread. Sleeveless shirts or blouses are not permitted and long sleeves are recommended, although short sleeves are permitted. A 4-H arm band is to be worn on the left arm above the elbow. Dark blue denim jeans must be worn and a belt is recommended.

A3. RIBBON POLICY

The Danish system of judging will be used. 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.

Exhibits must receive a purple or blue ribbon to qualify for trophies or plaques.

Awards will be made on merit. Awards will not be awarded to animals deemed not worthy for an award by the judge. Premium money will be paid only where indicated.

4-H and FFA premium checks will be available after submission of a completed Career Portfolio for the current 4-H year. Checks will not be available until after September 1.

A4. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY

All animals in the Junior Show must be owned by the exhibitor or family and ownership verified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. Market Beef must be identified by April 15, Horses by June 1, and other livestock by June 15.

A5. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMEN:

An animal must be shown by the 4-H or FFA member who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury or conflict with other livestock classes held at the same time. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class should notify the superintendent that another Saline County 4-H or FFA member, eligible to exhibit livestock, will show the additional animal in the class. Only 4-H or FFA members, who are eligible and exhibiting at this fair may be used as substitute showmen. All substitute showmen will follow show attire rules like any other exhibitor as they apply to the specie they are showing.

A6. ANIMAL HEALTH

Animals that have active ringworm, or visible warts, will not be allowed entry into the county fair for exhibition. Ringworm will be judged to be inactive if the ringworm lesion area is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area.

Animals with warts that are not visible by a hands off inspection will be allowed to remain on the premises and can be exhibited.

In accordance with Federal & State Health regulations all female & breeding sheep and goats for exhibition must carry a Scrapie Identification Tag.

Sick animals that need care will be the responsibility of exhibitors, if unable to contact or refusal to treat, a veterinarian will be contacted to use his discretion in treatment of the animal, with the exhibitor responsible for any costs incurred. Ag Society or any fair volunteers are not responsible for any loss or damages.

A7. ENTRIES

All entries made online are due on or before June 26 at <http://salineco.fairwire.com>. Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Goats, and Rabbits must be properly registered with the County Extension Office by June 15.

Only animals that have been identified by the deadline and entered by June 15 are eligible to show at the fair. I.D.'s will be checked at the fair.

Weights will stand as recorded 30 minutes after scale closes for each specie.

Identification forms and or entries may be submitted up to 5 days past the specified due date (for County Fair only), with a

\$10 fee per member, per infraction, paid at time of submission of paperwork. ID forms and entries will not be accepted after this 5 day period.

Classes offered at the Saline County Fair are not necessarily offered at other 4-H or FFA shows, they have been added at this show only to enhance the learning opportunities.

A8. STALLS, PENS & BEDDING

Stalls and pens will be assigned by the Superintendent and posted in their respective barns. Stalls should be identified (stall cards). Stall space is not guaranteed for late entries. Clubs are highly encouraged to discuss and plan livestock and tack space appropriately. Stall space is assigned according to number of animals with a small allocation for tack.

A second, security tie, is encouraged on beef animals.

Bedding for beef, sheep, swine and dairy is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Refer to each area for specific bedding details.

Switching or trading pens: The superintendent must be notified of any change in pen assignments. This will help insure that herdsman points are being given to the correct club or chapter.

In the Swine barn automatic waterers and feeders are highly discouraged, exhibitors are encouraged to keep bedding dry utilize washracks for feeding or watering with less wet bedding drawing flies in the barn. Please be aware of and remedy wet bedding and flies if using automatic devices, you may be asked and loose premiums/awards if you don't provide quality care for your animals. Please note the water in an automatic device warms to the outdoor temperature and will not provide the cooling effect desired.

A9. ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

Project animal identification numbers will be checked according to 4-H and FFA identification requirements.

All exhibitors are limited to the same numbers of livestock. A youth may show both 4-H and FFA animals if he or she is a member of both 4-H and FFA. An animal must be identified as a 4-H or FFA project for the entire year. Animals that have been shown as either 4-H or FFA projects at another county fair cannot be shown as junior livestock projects at the Saline County Fair. No animals may be shown in both the open and junior show except beef. No animal can be shown in both a market and breeding class. No beef can be shown in both a feeder calf and breeding heifer class. Calves of the Cow/Calf classes are the only animal that may show as part of the cow/calf and individual Feeder calf.

Animals that are to be exhibited at the Saline County Fair must be properly identified at the Extension Office. Exhibitors are recommended to identify any animals that have a possibility of being shown, animals will not be added because of sickness or injury at fair time.

A10. FITTING AND SHOWING ANIMALS

If you are physically able to exhibit your animal/project, then YOU are also expected to prepare your project for all showing. Grooming animals for show is primarily the responsibility of exhibitors. However, assistance from immediate family members, fellow exhibitors, and 4-H and FFA leaders/advisors is permitted as a learning tool for future shows.

In the beef show false tails will be allowed, but no twining, air or other methods of altering the body shape are allowed. Bucket calves can only be washed and have their hair combed in its natural direction. (No changing of the natural direction.)

In the swine show, pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oils, powder or any other coat dressing

compounds. Water is permitted.

Animals found to have had compounds applied do have the opportunity to wash out before their class if time allows. Classes will not be delayed. If found in violation after entering the arena they will be lowered 1 live ribbon placing (i.e. purple lowered to blue).

A11. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is open to bona-fide exhibitors of that specie at the Saline County Fair. If numbers indicate Divisions may be split into preliminary and finals.

Beef and Swine

SENIOR: 14 years and over (as of January 1)

INTERMEDIATE: 11 to 13 years of age (as of Jan. 1)

JUNIOR: under 11 years of age (as of Jan. 1)

(No Bucket calves in Junior or Intermediate showmanship divisions.)

BUCKET CALF SHOWMANSHIP: (Friday Night Only)

OVERALL: All current division winners.

Horse (pre-entry required)

SENIOR: 14 years and over as of January 1

JUNIOR: under 14 years of age as of January 1

GROOM & CARE: First year horse project members, not eligible for other showmanship classes. (Bring grooming supplies in easy to carry container.)

OVERALL: All current division winners.

VIRTUAL: Showmanship for exhibitors not able to attend show, not eligible for champion or overall. Video must be submitted one week prior to horse show.

Sheep, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, & Cat

SENIOR: 12 years and over as of January 1

JUNIOR: Under 12 years of age as of January 1

OVERALL: All current division winners

4-H and FFA members may pre-enter, or enter the day of the show, except horse where pre-registration is required, and will be rated on showmanship in their respective age divisions. Each competitor must show his/her own animal. An animal can only be shown once except in horse if a shared animal. An animal with an official entry in an exhibitor's name is considered to be their own animal.

Overall division is available in nine specie areas. All current division winners may compete for the overall award given by Saline County Farm Bureau.

The Showmanship Contest often is held preceding the respective classes of animals, those where it may be different include beef, poultry, and rabbit. Please check the show schedule the morning of the show. Cat and Dog are often judged in combination with the animal presentation.

Pointers which the judge will consider include a member's skill in handling the animal and proper grooming and training of the animal. Individual animal excellence will not count. Appropriate dress will also be rated. Show Attire: See A2, General Rules. Information on livestock and showmanship contests is found in 4-H 357, "Guide for Livestock Showmanship Contests," available at the Extension Office.

A12. CLOVER KID SHOWMANSHIP

See 4-H Clover Kids Exhibits under Dept. - Special Contest Division. Clover Kid 4-H is non-competitive, and primarily serves as an introduction to 4-H for those youth 5-7 (as of Jan. 1).

A13. EXHIBITOR ETHICS STATEMENT

The following has been agreed upon by the Saline County

Agricultural Society and deemed policy for the Saline County Fair.

1. The right to interpret rules in the best interest of 4-H/FFA work is reserved for the Superintendent, whose decision will be final.

2. Any exhibitor who inhumanely abuses an animal or alters an animal's appearance through unnatural actions or procedures will forfeit any premium, ribbon or prize won, during the fair at which the abuse(s) or alteration(s) took place.

3. The Saline County Agricultural Society Board has agreed that abuse or alteration of appearance will be defined as the following actions which have occurred or were attempted on/to an animal present at the Saline County Fair. Defined by species:

Sheep/Goats--

Beating, slapping, using an electric prod, or physically forcing a lamb/goat into a solid object in an attempt to make the animal brace more firmly.

The use of cold water wraps or ice in or on the body of an animal in an attempt to make the animal brace more firmly.

Swine--

The use of hairdressing compounds such as oils, powder, or any other coat dressing compound on an animal in order to enhance its appearance.

Beef/Dairy--

Changing the major color pattern of an animal by painting or dyeing of the animal. False hair (other than tails) with twining.

The following definitions of abuse and/or alteration apply to all livestock shown at the Saline County Fair--

Forced consumption of water to increase the weight or enhance the look of an animal.

The use of unnatural means, such as drugs, to reduce the weight of an animal.

The use of a compound(s) or drug(s) on a species other than the species it was approved for by the FDA.

The use of a drug or compound beyond the specified withdrawal requirements of the FDA.

The use of air or any other artificial method to alter the body shape of an animal.

Any action the superintendent feels is inappropriate or abusing treatment of an animal.

4. In cases that are not specifically addressed in this statement one warning will be issued by the Superintendent before action is taken in accordance to the policy stated above in section 2.

5. Any animal entered in the Saline County Fair is subject to both urine and blood testing at the discretion of the superintendent. If blood and/or urine testing is requested, the cost of the test(s) will be incurred by the exhibitor of the animal, if the results of the test(s) indicate a Saline County Fair Drug Use rule has been violated. If the results indicate that no Saline County Drug Use Rule has been violated, the cost of the test(s) will be incurred by the Saline County Fair.

A14. MARKET ANIMAL PREMIUM AUCTION

A Market Animal Premium Auction, has been established for exhibitors of Market Goats, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Market Beef, Pen of Three Broilers, and Market Rabbits to help offset the expenses of such projects, and the lack of future value contributing valuable genetics to future generations of livestock as breeding animal exhibits have.

Each 4-H or FFA member exhibiting a market animal of the previous species is eligible to consign one sale animal, regardless of how many species exhibiting. The only exception would be if one exhibitor has more than one Champion or Reserve Champion, in which all Market Champions and Reserve

Champions are to be consigned. 4-H and FFA members sign up via online entry by 2 pm on Saturday, or no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Jr. Beef Show.

The Market Auction Event is scheduled for Sunday morning of the fair beginning at 11:30. (Parents and youth have duties for setup that begin at 9 a.m.)

Potential buyers/supporters will only be purchasing the premium for the animal offered, no actual transfer of animal ownership takes place, and the purchase price is a monetary donation to the exhibitor of said animal.

This Auction is organized by a committee, with committee members welcome. (Each club with participants should have at least one committee member.) If committee members are not forthcoming the Auction may cease with all funds disbursed. For more information the Extension Office can provide a contact number.