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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 competitions, static, motorsports, and rodeo provide 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 a great experience for everyone. If we approach the competitions to have fun and enjoy what we do, everyone will be a winner. Poor sportsmanship by exhibitors, parents, and spectators WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

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 almost 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 hereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incidental to this Fair, except 4-H exhibits whereas the Extension Educators and 4-H staff interpret the rules governing those entries.

Errors, additions, and omissions are apt to happen, and corrections 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.

ENTRIES

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

REJECTION OF ENTRIES

Superintendents reserve the right to reject any entries.

RELEASE OF ENTRIES:

All entries are to remain on exhibition until the stated release time(s) in this fairbook. Exhibits leaving early will forfeit premium and be subject to further penalties at the discretion of the Ag. Society

4-H, FFA, OPEN CLASS STATIC ENTRIES (NON-ANIMAL)

All 4-H, FFA, AND OPEN CLASS static entries will be released from 12:00 PM (NOON) on Sunday and must be picked up by 4 pm.

4-H, FFA, AND OPEN CLASS RABBITS & POULTRY will be released beginning at 12:00 PM (NOON) on Sunday.

ALL 4-H, FFA, AND OPEN CLASS BEEF, GOATS, SHEEP, AND SWINE WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION. TENTATIVE RELEASE TIME FOR THESE ANIMALS IS 3 PM ON SUNDAY.

LOSSES AND/OR DAMAGES

The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles, property, 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, or 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. The 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 judged 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 show any disrespect to them.

In the 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 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 to personal automobiles and stock trailers.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES (ATV AND SIDE-BY-SIDES)

Off-road vehicles such as ATV's and Side-By-Sides are illegal to be used at the fairgrounds as they are not licensed vehicles for public property. No Off-Road Vehicles (ATV's and Side-By-Sides) shall be used unless authorized by the Agricultural Society.

The Saline County Agricultural Society, Inc. is not responsible for any damage or injuries incurred from or to Off Road Motorized Vehicles (ATV's and Side-By-Sides), their drivers, passengers, or owners.

BICYCLES

Fair exhibitors are NOT allowed to have or ride bicycles on the county fairgrounds for safety purposes. The Saline County Agricultural Society, Inc. is not responsible for any damage or injuries incurred from or to bicycles, their drivers, passengers, or owners.

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND VENDORS

Parties desiring to erect buildings for exhibits or concessions must submit plans and specifications to the board of managers and receive approval before such buildings can be erected. Booths and lots for exhibitors showing machinery, appliances, etc. will not be reserved unless the application is accompanied with 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 participate, payment will be forfeited to the Saline County Agricultural Society unless the applicant notifies the secretary of the fair of their intentions not to participate five days in advance of the opening date of the fair.

The set up is Wednesday at NOON and MUST be set up and operational by 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Tearing down is done after 7 pm on Saturday.

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.

USE OF DRONES

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

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 like 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) in the Saline County Fair Buildings during the fair by P4-H and FFA 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 and Saline County 4-H Council.

4-H members and volunteers should refer to the Code of Conduct in this fairbook. This is the same document you sign when completing your 4-H enrollment.

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4-H AND FFA DIVISION (JUNIOR SHOWS) GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY:

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

4-H members must be enrolled in the project that they want to exhibit in. Members not enrolled by June 15 in said project will not be eligible for show.

FFA members must be listed on their FFA chapter's OFFICIAL membership roster at the time of exhibition with dues paid and in good membership standing.

The Saline County Extension staff reserved the right to verify any age/membership eligibility.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

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

4-H AGE POLICY

4-H members must not have passed his/her 19th birthday as of January 1, of the current year.

4-H rules apply to all junior show exhibitors, except where a specific age rule is in place.

FFA AGE POLICY

FFA age policy: FFA members are eligible until the age of 21 or the 4th National Convention after high school graduation.

4-H CLOVER KIDS

Are defined as youth ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year who have officially enrolled in the Saline County 4-H Program. 4-H Clover Kid members may show livestock, rabbits, or poultry in open class only if officially enrolled in Saline County 4-H, an animal identification was completed on age-appropriate and/or weight-appropriate animals by June 14, and officially entered for the fair by the entry deadline.

OPEN CLASS

Open Class animal and livestock exhibitors must be 5 years of age and older to participate in any open class or 4-H Clover Kid animal events/shows.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year. Example: Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, market beef, and breeding beef) are among those listed within the beef project area, clothing, horse, foods, etc.) Exception: Youth may enroll in shooting sports projects in more than one county. Enrollment should occur by discipline (i.e., shotgun, BB gun) based on available certified instructors. Youth may not be enrolled in the same discipline in more than one county. If a member is enrolled in more than one county, a member may not duplicate specific 4-H experiences by participating in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: public speaking, presentations, Diamond Clover).

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

(YQCA): ALL 4-H and FFA exhibitors of beef, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit must have completed the YQCA training by June 15 of the current year. Exhibitors must have received Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training through a Nebraska Extension-based program. A Completion Certificate of the requirements must be on file at the Extension office by June 15 of the current year. Questions regarding YQCA completion and requirements should be directed to the Saline County Extension Office 4-H staff.

PROPER SHOW ATTIRE

4-H animal exhibitors must wear proper show attire which shall consist of the grey Saline County 4-H T-shirt, or a white button shirt with the 4-H chevron, with dark wash blue-colored denim jeans (no shorts without permission).

FFA animal exhibitors must wear proper show attire consisting of the grey-colored FFA T-shirt and dark wash blue-colored denim jeans.

Proper show attire shall be worn by all exhibitors, during all 4-H and FFA show contests. NO HATS are permitted in the show ring except for horse exhibitors.

Hats and long-sleeved shirts worn under your grey show shirt are NOT allowed to be worn during the Market Livestock Premium Auction.

Hard-soled boots or shoes are considered safe and appropriate for most large species shows. NO OPEN-TOED SHOE SUCH AS SANDALS ARE PERMITTED WHILE EXHIBITING ANIMALS.

RIPPED, LIGHT-WASH, OR EMBELLISHED JEANS ARE NOT TO BE WORN WHILE EXHIBITING ANIMALS.



4-H AND FFA OFFICAL SHOW SHIRTS MAY BE ORDERED THROUGH THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY PLACING AN ORDER BY MAY 15. AN INVENTORY IS NOT KEPT ON HAND.

DAIRY GOAT EXHIBITORS

Dairy Goat Exhibitors will wear blue jeans instead of the standard dairy "white," an official grey 4-H or FFA show shirt, and hard-soled shoes.

HORSE EXHIBITOR SHOW ATTIRE

A western hat or protective headgear is optional but should stay on during the performance classes. 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 (can be purchased at the Extension Office) is to be worn on the left arm above the elbow. Dark blue denim jeans must be worn, and a belt is recommended.

Hard-soled boots are recommended. No tennis shoes or open-toed shoes.

The official grey 4-H and FFA t-shirts are optional only for timed events.

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 excellent exhibits.
Red will denote good exhibits.
White will denote an acceptable exhibit.

Exhibits must receive a PURPLE ribbon to qualify for trophies/banners/plaques in static and animal competitions.

Awards will be given on merit. Awards will not be awarded to animals deemed not worthy of an award by the judge.

Premium money will be paid only where indicated in the fairbook.

Showmanship entries are not paid premium.

OWNERSHIP AND IDENTIFICATION OF BEEF, GOATS, HORSES, SHEEP, SWINE, AND RABBITS

All animals in the Junior Show (4-H and FFA) must be owned by the exhibitor or family with ownership verified where required on the appropriate identification forms and on file at the Saline County Extension Office by the specified identification deadline. All Beef, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Rabbits must be identified with the official form of identification (EID tag or tattoo).

Identification forms can be obtained at the Saline County Extension Office and on the Nebraska Extension in Saline County website – 4-H page.

IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE

The identification deadline for Beef, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Rabbit is June 15 of each year with the EXCEPTION OF WHEN JUNE 15 FALLS ON A WEEKEND. If June 15 falls on a Saturday, the identification deadline will be June 14. If June 15 falls on a Sunday, the identification deadline will be on June 16.

SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN

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, age eligible to exhibit said livestock, will show the additional animal in the class. Only 4-H or FFA members, who are eligible and exhibiting at the Saline County Fair may be used as substitute showman. 4-H Clover Kids CANNOT serve as substitute showman. All substitute showman will follow show attire rules like any other exhibitor as they apply to the specie they are showing.

Substitute showman MUST wear the back-tag (exhibitor number) of the exhibitor they are substituting for.

ANIMAL HEALTH

All exhibitors must comply with their respective livestock health requirements. All livestock and animals are subject to examination upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases. If such evidence is found, they will not be allowed to stay on the grounds or exhibit at the fair.

Animals that have active ringworm, fungus, or visible warts, will not be allowed entry into the Saline County Fair for exhibition. Ringworm and fungus 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.

The final decision rests with the respective Livestock Superintendent and the Saline County Extension staff. At any time, a licensed veterinarian will be called to confirm any disease.

SCRAPIES

In accordance with Federal & State Health regulations all female & breeding sheep and goats for exhibition must have a Scrapie Identification Tag present in the animal's ear.

SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

Sick animals that need care will be the responsibility of exhibitors. If the exhibitor cannot be contacted or refusal to treat, a veterinarian will be contacted to use his discretion in the treatment of the animal, with the exhibitor responsible for any costs incurred. The Saline County Ag Society, superintendents, any fair volunteers, or Saline County Extension staff are not responsible for any loss, damages or veterinarian costs incurred.

SALINE COUNTY FAIR 4-H, FFA, STATIC AND ANIMAL ENTRIES

All entries are made online on or before midnight of June 15 at <http://salineco.fairwire.com>. Beef, Goats, Horse, Sheep, Swine, and Rabbits must be properly identified with the Saline County Extension by the specified identification deadline. **See IDENTIFICATION DEADLINE.**

Only animals that have been identified by the deadline and entered the respective deadlines are eligible for entry and to show at the Saline County Fair.

Animal identification will be verified during the respective species check-ins.

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

Classes offered at the Saline County Fair are not necessarily offered at other 4-H or FFA shows or the Nebraska State Fair. These classes have been added to this show only to provide other learning opportunities.

OPEN CLASS ANIMAL ENTRIES

All entries are made online on or before midnight of June 15 at <http://salineco.fairwire.com>.

STALLS, PENS & TACK

Stalls and pens will be assigned by the Extension Office and posted in their respective barns.

Stalls are expected to be identified with stall cards for herdsmanship judging, the superintendents, and Extension staff purposes.

Stall space is assigned according to the number of animals entered into <http://salineco.fairwire.com>.

Entry of animals you do not intend to exhibit WILL NOT GUARANTEE EXTRA STALL SPACE. Those found in violation of entering extra animals will be asked to move animals to make room for other exhibits.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY EXHIBITOR TAKE MORE STALL OR PEN SPACE THAN ALLOTTED ON THE STALLING/PEN MAPS.

Feeder Calves intending to stall for the duration of the Saline County Fair MUST specify at entry time if the animal is stalling or will be brought the day of the feeder calf show. Stalls will not be reserved for feeder calves arriving the day of the feeder calf show and returning home after the feeder calf show.

STALL AND PEN ALLOTMENTS

Beef: 1 head per stall. Except for Cow/Calf entries will be allotted two stalls.

Goats: 3 per pen depending on age/size of animal

Sheep: 3 per pen depending on age/size of animal

Swine: 3 per pen

If exhibitors have animals on different feed plans, the exhibitor MUST provide their own pen dividers.

Horses exhibited in the 4-H Horse show will not stall as the fairgrounds is not equipped with horse stall space.

TACK AND FEED

A small allocation for tack which will most likely be a tack area shared with another exhibitor or a shared club tack space will be allotted IF space allows. If stalls and pens are needed for animals, tack will need to be kept in your trailer.

It is a good idea to coordinate items such as rakes, shovels, hoses, and other supplies with members of your club to avoid duplication of items occupying stalls or pen space for animals.

SWITCHING OR TRADING STALLS OR PENS

The superintendent must be notified of any change in stall or pen assignments. This will help ensure that herdsmanship points are being given to the correct club or chapter.

USE OF TUBE WATERERS IN SWINE BARN

Tube waterers are highly discouraged as this water can become very hot when allowed to sit in the tube which may lead to the pig(s) not drinking the needed amount of daily water. These types of waterers may drip causing wet bedding which may draw flies and other insects into the barn. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep bedding dry and utilize wash racks for feeding or watering with less wet bedding drawing flies in the barn.

USE OF SELF-FEEDERS IN SWINE BARN

Exhibitors are not to bring in self-feeders for swine.

BEDDING AND CLEAN UP OF BEDDING

Bedding for goats, sheep, and swine is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Woodchips or shaving are required. NO STRAW.

BEEF BEDDING

Beef bedding will be provided by the Saline County Ag. Society. A \$10 fee per head will be assessed based on the head of beef PRE-ENTERED at entry time. Exhibitors will receive an invoice before the county fair and must be paid immediately as no bedding fees will be managed at beef check-in. The fee will be used to obtain the beef bedding and pay volunteers to remove the bedding after the conclusion of the fair. Beef exhibits may bring their own woodchips or shaving to top-dress if desired. NO STRAW IN BEEF STALLS.

Refer to each species section for specific bedding guidelines.

Exhibitors MUST completely remove all bedding from goat, sheep, and swine pens.

Beef exhibitors must pull all bedding away from the tie-rail.

BEEF TIE-OUTS

Straw may be used in Beef tie-out areas. Club/exhibitors are responsible for providing tie-out bedding.

Beef tie-out areas are not assigned. First-come, first-serve. ONLY TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, SAVING ROOM FOR OTHERS.

It is recommended to use a second, security neck-tie when tying out beef animals.

WASH RACKS

Please respect the time of other exhibitors when using the washing racks. DO NOT LEAVE ANIMALS IN THE BEEF, GOAT, SHEEP, AND SWINE WASHRACKS FOR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES AT A TIME.

ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY

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

All exhibitors are limited to the same number of entered livestock.

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.

*Beef can be entered into the Open Class Beef Show.

Exhibitors are recommended to identify any animals that have a possibility of being shown, animals cannot be added to an identification form because of sickness or injury at fair time

YOUTH WHO ARE BOTH 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

A youth may show both 4-H and FFA animals if he or she is an official member of both 4-H and FFA.

An animal must officially be identified as a 4-H or FFA project animal by the identification deadline.

Animals that have been exhibited as either 4-H or FFA projects at another county fair **CANNOT** be shown as junior livestock projects at the Saline County Fair. The same is true for 4-H or FFA projects shown at the Saline County Fair. You **CANNOT** exhibit an animal shown at the Saline County Fair at another county fair.

Age-eligible youth can exhibit animals at another county fair **IF the animal is an animal that has NOT been exhibited at another county fair and if the animal is properly identified and entered with that respective county fair.**

Example: A 4-H youth who exhibited a 4-H identified animal at the Saline County Fair CAN exhibit at another county fair as a FFA exhibitor IF you are exhibiting AN ANIMAL THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXHIBITED AT ANOTHER COUNTY FAIR AS A 4-H PROJECT AND VISA-VERSA.

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If you are physically able to exhibit your animal/project, then YOU are also expected to prepare your project for all showing.

WHO CAN ASSIST WITH GROOMING

Grooming animals for show is primarily the responsibility of exhibitors. However, assistance from immediate family members (parents or siblings), fellow Saline County 4-H and FFA fair exhibitors, and 4-H and FFA leaders/advisors is permitted as a learning tool for future shows. Saline County 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors who have youth exhibitors at the Saline County Fair are allowed to help any 4-H or FFA fair exhibitor regardless of club or chapter affiliation. Ex: A club leader can help any 4-H youth in their own club, another youth in a different club or even an FFA exhibitor. An FFA advisor can help any FFA member from their own chapter, another chapter or 4-H exhibitor. Those in violation of this rule will receive one verbal warning. If violations continue, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the respective classes in which the violations affects.

Animals found to have had compounds applied and in violation of fitting rules after entering the arena they will be lowered 1 live ribbon placing (i.e., purple lowered to blue).

The goal is to show your animal's natural qualities not using enhancements or other false pretenses to make them appear better. Specific examples include: Twining, air, water, or other methods of altering the body shape are not allowed. False Beef tails allowed.

Bucket calves can only be washed and have their hair combed in its natural direction. (No changing of the natural direction.)

Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oils, powder, or any other coat dressing compounds. Water is permitted.

See individual specie rules found in this fairbook.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship is open to bona-fide 4-H and FFA exhibitors of that species at the Saline County Fair. If numbers indicate Divisions may be split into preliminary and finals.

Showmanship entries must be with your own 4-H or FFA project animal. This means the same 4-H or FFA member will be showing this animal in live division class. Each competitor must show his/her own animal. An animal can only be shown once except in horse if a shared project animal. An animal with an official fair entry in an exhibitor's name is considered to be their own animal. No animal is to be shown in any showmanship division by 2 different youth.

4-H and FFA members must pre-enter showmanship classes by the fair entry deadline.

All current division winners in all species may compete for the overall award within their specie division.

The Showmanship Contest often is held preceding the respective live 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.

Lottery Pig, Bucket Calf & Performance Calf exhibitors will participate in showmanship two times as showmanship is part of the overall scoring for these 3 areas of judging. Lottery Pig, Bucket Calf, and Performance Calf exhibitors may also participate in their respective showmanship age group. Youth must pre-enter their respective showmanship age group.

Appropriate showmanship attire is expected.



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4-H CLOVER KID SHOWMANSHIP

4-H Clover Kid Showmanship for youth ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year who are officially enrolled in Saline County 4-H, have the appropriate identification forms on file at the Saline County Extension Office and have made the official fair entry will participate in 4-H Clover Kid Showmanship following the Junior Showmanship events in their respective entered specie.

Youth ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year who are NOT enrolled in Saline County 4-H can use an animal already at the fair (use a sibling's animal or one from another member) and sign up the day of the respective show for Clover Kid Showmanship only.

4-H Clover Kids CANNOT participate in a live class with an animal that is not identified or entered in their name.

All Clover Kids animal must weigh under 350 lbs at weigh-in to be used as a Clover Kid Showmanship animal.

4-H Clover Kid Showmanship is considered a non-competitive event and will result in participation ribbons only.

CARE OF YOUR ANIMAL EXHIBITS

It is expected that the exhibitor will care for their animal exhibits for the duration of the fair (from entry time to release time). Any exhibitor found to not be adequately caring for their animal will receive a verbal warning. If the warning is ignored, the Saline County Ag. Society, superintendent, and the Saline County Extension staff reserve the right to ask you to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.

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 and Saline County Extension 4-H staff, 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.

DISCLAIMER

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

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.
- No pronged or spiked collars allowed.

Swine

- The use of hairdressing compounds such as oils, powder, or any other coat dressing compound on an animal in order to enhance the animal's 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.
- Use of prohibited products outlined in the Beef section of this fairbook.

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 or practice the superintendent feels is inappropriate or abusive to the animal will be reported.

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 with the policy stated in this fairbook.

5. Any animal entered at 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Exhibitors must demonstrate an ability to control their animal(s) at all times in the showring. Upon the second escape the animal will be excused from the ring.

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 age-eligible 4-H or FFA member exhibiting a **market** animal of the previously mentioned species is eligible to consign ONE sale animal, regardless of how many species are exhibited. 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. **LATE REQUESTS FOR AUCTION ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

4-H and FFA market auction exhibitors AND their parent(s) MUST sign up to help with either a pre or post-auction duty.

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 volunteer committee, with additional 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.

PREMIUMS

Premiums due to exhibitors will be forwarded to exhibitors in a timely manner as the 4-H Extension Staff and Saline County Ag. Society has time to prepare the premium checks, (some will be available at the closing of the fair). All premiums not called for before October 31 will be forfeited to the Saline County Ag. Society.

Premium Auction question should be directed to Michael Pesek at 402-300-0172 or Greg Hollman at 402-450-6858.

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4-H PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. As a 4-H Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration, and compassion. Avoid and prevent putdowns, insults, name calling, swearing, and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

Youth participants/Parents/Guardians who do not abide by the above code of conduct will be subject to the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to the 4-H Educator.
- Be dismissed from an event at own expense.

- Further disciplinary action determined in cooperation with the local Extension Educator, the District 4-H Coordinator, the State 4-H Program Administrator, and as warranted, the Dean of Extension and IANR Administration. Disciplinary action may include:
 - becoming ineligible to participate in specific 4-H activities,
 - becoming ineligible to participate in the Nebraska 4-H program.
- Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.
- Multiple violations of the code of conduct may result in:
 - Suspension for a period of time,
 - Becoming ineligible for 4-H participation in their county.
- Parent/Guardian violations may also result in:
 - Restriction from contacting 4-H families, volunteers, donors, and/or sponsors pertaining to any 4-H matter.

VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

Your primary goal as a 4-H volunteer is to help children and youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections in their community, and sound character. As a 4-H volunteer, you are to help kids do what they are capable of doing. You are to promote teamwork and leadership while helping the 4-H'ers learn and have fun.

Everything you say and do should be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, and citizenship. This Volunteer Code of Conduct sets forth expectations of 4-H volunteers:

1. Act to encourage and justify trust. Teach 4-H'ers the meaning and importance of trustworthiness.
2. Treat members, parents, Extension staff, judges and others with whom I come in contact with respect, courtesy and consideration. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling, and other verbal or non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt, or set a bad example.
3. Inform myself about youth and their positive development. Fulfill my responsibilities by striving to improve my performance as a volunteer and a mentor of young people. Attend volunteer training sessions when I can and seek out and use books, videotapes, and other educational materials.

4. Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all young people have skills and talents, which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and demand teamwork and discourage selfishness.
5. Teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others. Make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or disability. Make all decisions fairly and treat all members with impartiality.
6. Teach and model the importance of obeying laws and rules as an obligation of citizenship. Obey the laws of the locality, state, and nation. Promote the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
7. Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or being responsible for youth, or allow youth to do so while under my supervision.
8. Provide a safe environment. I will not harm youth or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

- Restrictions from contacting 4-H families, volunteers, donors, and/or sponsors pertaining to any 4-H matter.



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4-H Volunteers who do not abide by the above code of conduct may receive the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to the 4-H Educator.
- Be dismissed from an event at own expense.
- Further disciplinary action determined in cooperation with the local Extension Educator, the District 4-H Coordinator, the State 4-H Program Administrator and as warranted, the Dean of Nebraska Extension and IANR Administration. Disciplinary action may include:
 - becoming ineligible to serve as a volunteer for specific 4-H activities, becoming ineligible to serve as a volunteer for the Nebraska 4-H program.
- Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, the guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.



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Multiple violations of the code of conduct may result in:

- Suspension for a period of time.
- Becoming ineligible to serve as a volunteer for the Nebraska 4-H program.



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