

GENERAL RULES

Southern Plains Extension Unit County Fairs

ALL DEADLINES WILL BE ENFORCED.

The shows and events of the Nuckolls & Thayer County Fairs will be under the direction of the designated Extension staff and superintendents. The Extension staff and superintendents will make all on-the-spot decisions necessary for the operation of the shows. In case of a complaint or a disagreement with the show, the exhibitor should discuss it with the Extension staff and superintendent **within one hour** after the show. If an agreement cannot be reached, then the exhibitor and/or the Extension staff and superintendent should request a grievance committee meeting. Grievance must be submitted in writing. The grievance committee will consist of: two (2) 4-H Council members, two (2) Fair board members and (1) neutral superintendent. The decision reached by this committee is final.

Rules:

1. **Eligibility Requirements-** Competition in the county 4-H Fair is open to youth who are enrolled in Nuckolls or Thayer County 4-H projects in which he/she is exhibiting. The youth must be 8 years old on January 1 of the current calendar year and under the age of 19 years of age on January 1 of the current calendar year. CloverKid members are 5-7 years old on January 1 of the current calendar year.
2. **Pre-Entry-** Pre-entries are required for ALL fair exhibits.

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINES:

Nuckolls – Paper Entries Only – July 8th - 4:30 PM

Thayer – Online Entries Only- July 19th - Midnight

Absolutely NO late entries accepted!

3. **Number of Entries-** Unlimited entries per class number may be made per exhibitor with the exception of a limit of 2 entries per class in Horticulture. **See General Animal Rules for livestock entries.**
4. **Entry Tags-** Exhibits other than livestock contest must have entry tags attached to the exhibit at the time of entry. Tags are printed through your local Extension office.
5. **Exhibits Released-See fair schedule.** All fair exhibits are expected to be at the fair during scheduled times. Premium and support/booster payments will be forfeited for early removal of show animals with the exception of animals released for the animal's welfare by written approval from a veterinarian or for legitimate reason with written approval from the specie's superintendent and a representative of the 4-H council livestock committee. In case of emergencies, contact the office staff. The Extension staff is not responsible for items left at the fairgrounds after scheduled times.
6. **Exhibit Space-** Space will be assigned by the department

superintendent(s). All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles or animals on exhibit, but fair management will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.

7. **Disclaimer of Responsibility**-All persons participating in the Thayer or Nuckolls County Fairs, either as exhibitors or as spectators, agree to make no claim against said Thayer or Nuckolls County Fair Association/Board, its officers, employees, volunteers, or any other exhibitors for any loss or damage to persons or property in connection with the activities of the Thayer or Nuckolls County Fair and said participants agree to hold said Association and persons harmless from any such claims. Individuals will be held personally responsible for his or her actions and the Fair Association will not be accountable or responsible for any injury. Exhibitors are responsible for the health of their animals.
8. **Ribbons & Premiums Awarded**- All exhibits will be divided into groups according to merit.

Purple.....	Excellent	Blue.....	Good
Red.....	Fair	White.....	Needs Improvement
	Rainbow.....		Non-Competition

Equal exhibits will be given ribbons of the same color in each class. Only worthy exhibits will be awarded ribbons and/or premium money. **Trophies/banners/medals will only be awarded to purple & blue-ribbon exhibits.** NO red or white ribbon entries will earn trophies. Unused trophies will be recycled. In case there are insufficient funds to pay premiums in full, they will be prorated and paid accordingly.

9. **State Fair Eligibility**-An exhibitor must be a 4-H member enrolled in the county which she/he represents and must be 8 years old by January 1, with the exception of program specific age requirements for Shooting Sports and First Lego League.
10. **State Fair Exhibits**- The Extension staff deliver many exhibits to the State Fair as a courtesy to exhibitors. However, exhibitors may be asked to arrange transportation of some articles that are large or heavy.
11. **State Fair Rules will apply when County Fair Rules are not adequate.** In case the general rules conflict with department rules, the department rules govern.
12. **Interview Judging- Clothing Judging**- See interview information involving Clothing and Fashion included with the Clothing & Fashion show rules. *Static Exhibit*-Interview judging is encouraged, but not required for all other static exhibits. 4-Hers can interview once per project for a total of 5 interviews. Sign up for interview judging will occur at exhibit check in, in each of the project areas. Interviews will be

scheduled according to project and class. If the 4-Her can't make a certain time, we will try to work with them, but we cannot guarantee that they will get to interview with all of the projects they want.

13. Exhibits entered by 4-H members with special needs will be marked for the judge's information only. Families will provide this information.
14. **Identification-** In addition to entry tag, a label with the exhibitor's name, item's department, division, and class should be attached to each separate piece of the exhibit.
15. **Scoresheets-** Scoresheets used for classes in divisions are listed by the corresponding division or class. View county and state fair scoresheets at: <https://4h.unl.edu/county-fair/scoresheets>
PLEASE NOTE: County Fair scoresheets are denoted with CF numbers whereas State Fair scoresheets are denoted with SF numbers. Many county classes will use state fair scoresheets. **For example:** Heritage scoresheets begin with letters SF therefore will be found on the scoresheet website listed above. If any entire division uses the same scoresheet, the scoresheet number will be listed under the division title.
- 16.* **Classes-** All classes with a star (*) after the class number are not eligible for state fair competition.