

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- To be eligible for the Washington County Fair 4-H contests and events, 4-H exhibitors must be 8-18 years old on January 1 of the current year. Participants in the Clover Kids division/classes must be 5-7 years old on January 1 of the current year. The age divisions are as follows:
 - Senior 14-18 years old as of January 1
 - Intermediate 11-13 years old as of January 1
 - Junior 8-10 years old as of January 1
 - Clover Kid 5-7 years old as of January 1
- To be eligible for the Washington County Fair, the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's project since last state fair.
- 4-H members must have been enrolled (4-HOnline) in a 4-H club or as an independent member prior to the Enrollment Deadline JUNE 15.
- 4-H members may enroll in more than one county 4-H program. However, 4-H members may NOT enroll in the same project in more than one county. Therefore, 4-H members are limited to exhibiting a project in only one county.
- All animals must have been identified according to 4-H Animal Identification Procedures - Washington County. For a complete set of requirements, go to: <https://go.unl.edu/wc4hidresources>
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- Anyone trying to misrepresent project work will forfeit premium money and will be ineligible for any awards for that year. The Washington County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension and/or the Washington County 4-H Council reserves the right to declare exhibits ineligible for exhibiting.

STATIC EXHIBITS - ENTRY DATES & TIMES:

- **Pre-entry required:** Tags & Summary Cards to be completed prior to check-in.
- **Exhibit Entry:** Friday of Fair from 3:30-7 p.m. & Saturday of Fair from 8-9:30 a.m.
- **Judging:** Saturday of Fair beginning at 10:00.
- All static exhibits are required to be entered on the Washington County Fairgrounds in the RYBIN BUILDING on Friday of Fair from 3:30-7:00 p.m. AND Saturday of Fair from 8-9:30 a.m.
- **No exhibits will be accepted after 9:30 a.m. Saturday of Fair**
- All exhibitors of static exhibits must securely attach their NAME and ADDRESS to EACH ARTICLE EXHIBITED.

ENTRY LIMITS:

- **STATIC EXHIBITS:** Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class in any division.
- **CLOVER KIDS:** Exhibitors are limited to ONE entry per class with a limit of EIGHT TOTAL static entries per Clover Kid member.
- **FASHION SHOW:** 4-H members are eligible to compete in more than one Fashion Show class provided they are enrolled in two or more project areas with a maximum of THREE entries. However, the 4-H Member is limited to model one outfit per project area.
- **ANIMAL ENTRIES:** Refer to the specific department/division information in this exhibitor guide.
- **Classes that are "900" are COUNTY ONLY and are NOT state fair eligible.**

STATIC EXHIBIT DEPARTMENTS / DIVISIONS

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Veterinary Science

COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Photography | Communications | Posters | Theatre

CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCES

Clothing | Consumer Management | Heritage
Home Design & Restoration | Visual Arts
Human Development | Knitting & Crochet | Quilt Quest

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & EARTH SCIENCE

Conservation, Wildlife & Shooting Sports
Entomology | Forestry

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Food & Nutrition | Safety

LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Citizenship | Entrepreneurship | Leadership

PLANT SCIENCE

Agronomy | Horticulture | Range

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH

Rockets & Drones | Computers | Electricity | Energy
Geospatial | Robotics | Welding | Woodworking

INTERVIEW JUDGING OPPORTUNITY:

- 4-H members are encouraged to participate in interview judging.
- Interview judging allows 4-H members to explain their 4-H exhibits directly with the judge.
- This will give 4-H members the opportunity to discuss the process they took preparing their project, successes, setbacks, etc.
- In addition, interview judging will give judges the opportunity to provide positive input and helpful suggestions to the 4-H member.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:

- Department Superintendents are to be notified during exhibit entry of a 4-H member intending to Interview Judge.
- Sign-up sheets will be available at entry/check-in.
- Entry cards of 4-H exhibits must designate Interview Judging Request (i.e. check box, sticker, etc).
- **Exhibitors are limited to TWO interview entries per department.**

INTERVIEW JUDGING TIME:

- Saturday of Fair by appointment / Rybin Building
- Exhibitors will make appointments (10:00 a.m.-2:00 pm) with superintendent at time of check in.
- Considering the many events being held on judging day, efforts will be made to best accommodate the schedule of the 4-H exhibitor.

INTERVIEW JUDGING IS OPTIONAL:

- Projects are not required to be interview judged. Therefore, no projects will be deducted a ribbon placing for not interview judging.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:

- All departments/project areas are eligible for Interview Judging **except Home Design & Restoration**. Please use the Supporting Information Tag to explain the project to the judge.

RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS:

All 4-H exhibits will be released on Wednesday of Fair at 7:00-10:00 a.m. Extended-release time from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Exhibits left after 6:00 p.m. will solely be the responsibility of the member/family.

EXHIBITING ENTRIES/4-H CLUB BOOTHS:

- **4-H Club Booth Requests for Static Exhibits:** Sign-up online by PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE at 5:00 p.m.
- Each 4-H club will be provided with booth space. 4-H clubs are responsible for setting up and displaying their 4-H members' static exhibits.
- 4-H members not requesting booth space will have their exhibits placed into a combined display area (booth space). 4-H members are still responsible for displaying and setting up their own 4-H exhibits.
- **4-H CLUB BOOTH SET-UP (4-H Exhibit Hall)**
To be completed by 4-H clubs/members/leaders
 - Friday of Fair from 12 noon-9:00 p.m. and/or
 - Saturday of Fair from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**Set-up must be completed Saturday of Fair by 6:00 p.m.**
- **TRANSPORT OF EXHIBITS AFTER JUDGING:** Volunteer runners will place 4-H exhibits directly into designated 4-H club booths upon completion of judging. 4-H exhibits will be transferred from the Rybin Building to the 4-H Exhibit Hall.
- At the completion of the 4-H static exhibit judging on Saturday of Fair, it is the responsibility of the 4-H clubs to check for missing exhibits in the Rybin Building.
- Booths must identify 4-H club name and 4-H members' names.
- All judged 4-H exhibits MUST be on display during the entire Washington County Fair otherwise awards and premiums will be forfeited.

EXHIBITS IN GOOD TASTE:

All 4-H exhibits are expected to be in good taste and promote the mission of the 4-H Program. Exhibits glorifying or promoting lewd conduct, substance abuse, profanity, violence, hate, or other forms of discrimination or other negative behaviors will not be accepted.

CLUB REQUIREMENT - PIZZA STAND:

- The Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand serves as one of the major fundraising opportunities for the Washington County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council provides funds to support the Washington County 4-H Program.
- Each 4-H club is **REQUIRED** to work one or more shifts in the Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand.
- The Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand is located directly west of the Rybin Building and there are several volunteer shifts available.
- Depending upon the staffing requirements of the shift, 4-H clubs will need to provide TWO to THREE adults (19 years old and older) and FOUR to SEVEN youth (11 – 18 years old). Youth ages 8-10 years old may help in the food stand, however each youth must be accompanied by one adult. It is important that the volunteers do not exceed the number of staffing requested as too many volunteers in the 4-H Pizza Stand becomes unproductive.
- **Sign up will be available after May 1 thru PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE through:** <https://go.unl.edu/wcfsignups>
- **INCENTIVE:** For each shift that a 4-H club works in the pizza stand, their 4-H club name will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Pizza Hut. The drawing (2 - \$25 gift cards) will be held during the Washington County 4-H Achievement Celebration.

4-H FAIR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

- The 4-H grievance process provides a means by which to respond to 4-H members' concerns relating to all 4-H activities.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee may be convened for
 - Alleged wrongdoing.
 - Rule violations.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will **NOT** be convened for
 - Decisions made by judges, which are final;
 - Issues related to deadlines for membership enrollment, livestock identification, and/or county fair pre-registration; due process will be provided by Extension staff;
 - Code of Conduct-related violations, which will be addressed by staff according to the established process.
- Grievances may be submitted by any 4-H member, parent/guardian, or leader.
- All grievances must be submitted within 24 hours (1 day) of the situation to the Washington County Fair 4-H Office.
- The written grievance should include:
 - Date, Time and Signature (of person(s) of grievance);
 - Name of persons involved;
 - Nature of concerns;
 - Situation description;
 - Desired action;
 - Persons to contact for further clarification;
 - \$50 Deposit (The money will be returned if the decision is ruled in favor of the person(s) filing the grievance.)
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will include THREE Washington County 4-H Council members and TWO Washington County Fair Board members. In addition, at least one Extension 4-H staff member and the project area superintendent (project area of grievance) will be available for comment and clarification of grievance.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will review the written grievance in a timely manner. The committee may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and the official ruling. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated both verbally and in writing to the individual or group affected.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

4-H exhibits at the Washington County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. Washington County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension, and the Washington County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed, and the great number of exhibits. Exhibitors 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.