



4-H / FFA Rules for All Exhibitors



- Fair Guidelines.** Reasonable care will be taken of all exhibits, but liability will not be assumed by the Boone County Agricultural Assn., Boone County ISU Extension Council, 4-H Youth Committee, and/or the Fair Superintendents. The groups named above will not be responsible or liable for accidents on the Fairgrounds.
Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to animals, persons or property which may occur.
No exhibitors will be allowed to stay overnight in buildings on the Fairgrounds but may stay in camping area with parents.
Camping permits are available from the Fair Board office for a charge.
No alcoholic beverages will be permitted in any buildings or outdoor show arenas during the Fair. No smoking is allowed in any building on the Fairgrounds.
An exhibitor who violates rules or takes exhibits before release time will forfeit premiums and may face other consequences as determined by the situation.
Dogs are not allowed on the fairgrounds (including Campgrounds) during fair. Small pets and cats come only for judging and are not allowed in the barns.
- Eligibility of Exhibitors.** Only members of Boone County 4-H clubs who have filed an enrollment form in the EO and paid the program development fee by May 1st and Boone County FFA members in good standing will be permitted to show in the 4-H/FFA classes. 4-H members may enroll in projects at any time unless earlier deadlines apply (i.e. May 15 for animal projects.)
 - The summer of the calendar year following high school graduation is the last year a FFA or 4-H member is eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
 - Rules and regulations made by the 4-H Youth Committee will govern the eligibility of exhibits and exhibitors.
- Entries.** Exhibits must be entered on the appropriate entry blank and submitted to the EO by the date indicated on each form. This is important in order to make pen, stall, and class assignments and award premium money. Signatures are required.
Any 4-H'er submitting a late fair entry must pay a late fee in the amount of \$5 per Extension Office workday (with paper work and bedding fee, if applicable). If animals show up at the Fair without having been pre-entered, the 4-H'er must either pay the accumulated fee on the first day of the Fair or take the animals home (except swine).
- Iowa Youth Code of Ethics.** The Iowa Youth Code of Ethics is printed on the other side of this page. Signatures of 4-H/FFA exhibitors and parents on entry forms will confirm that they have read, understand, and agree to follow this code of ethics and any rules of competition of the fair as printed in this fair book.
- 4-H Protests/Concerns** – All 4-H judge's, superintendents, and committee members shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Any complaints stating that a 4-H judge was incompetent will not be considered.
 - Protests/concerns regarding fair shows/events/rules should first be brought to the attention of an Extension staff member or superintendent for that division within 24 hours of the event.
 - If not resolved, the concerns should be presented in writing to a Boone County Extension staff member within one week of the event. Include in writing details of the concern (who, what, when, where, how, why.) An Extension staff member, a 4-H Youth Committee member, and a superintendent will review the concern and make a decision based upon the guidelines in this fairbook and ISU Extension 4-H Youth policies.
 - An appeal in writing of this decision may be submitted to an Extension staff member who will convene a committee of representatives of Boone County 4-H Youth Committee and Extension Council. Keep in mind that this will take time and will probably be after fair.
- Disruptive Spectator.** Exhibitors, family members, or spectators who unreasonably question in public the decision of a judge, superintendent and/or committee, Fair Board, or Extension staff member and causes a disruption of any 4-H/FFA show will be asked to leave the judging area for the duration of the show.

If a person refuses to cooperate, he/she will be escorted from the Fairgrounds and not allowed to return for the remainder of the county fair. If the violator still does not cooperate or returns, police will be called.

If an exhibitor is the violator, his/her exhibits will be released (except swine), and any fees and premium money will be forfeited.
- Judging.** Judges' decisions will be final, and awards will be made on their decisions. In any class, if in the opinion of the judge no exhibit is worthy of a trophy, first place, purple or blue ribbon, the judge can give the awards as he sees fit.

Red or white ribbon exhibits cannot be considered for state fair (static exhibits) or show for Champion or Reserve Champion or receive a trophy.
- Total Premiums.** The Boone County Fair Board awards premium money to 4-H members for exhibits at the County Fair, for participation in Fashion Day, and for Communications Division. Premium money earned is to be distributed only after the club member has completed his or her records or an evaluation of the 4-H year. If premium money is withheld, it should be designated for the club treasury.

Premium money will be withheld from exhibitors removing exhibits before 5:00 pm Sunday.