

4-H & FFA DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

All Youth Exhibitors for All Projects Must have a signed Code of Ethics by a Parent and the Exhibitor on File at the Extension Office by July 1

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc), and care and grooming of animals. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- 3 I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of volatile drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal or be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit at this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this code of ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its premium book.

2011 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT COUNTY FAIRS, 4-H AND/OR FFA EXHIBITORS

- Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, club lamb fungus, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.
- No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on animals or poultry exhibited at a County Fair, 4-H and/or FFA Exhibition, but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
- Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
- Swine exhibitors at local or county fairs that do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, must sign and present an owner affidavit that the animals being exhibited did not originate from a quarantined herd and to the best of their knowledge, swine dysentery has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months.
- All swine exhibited must be accompanied by a record of a negative pseudorabies test, the test having been performed within 30 days prior to show, regardless of status of herd.
- Swine returning from an exhibition to its home herd or moved to a purchaser's herd, following an exhibition or consignment sale, must be isolated and retested negative for pseudo rabies not less than thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days after reaching the swine's destination. (Code of Iowa 166D.13(2)).

PSEUDO EXCEPTIONS:

- No testing is required for swine at an exhibition that involves only market classes, provided all swine are consigned directly to a slaughter establishment from the exhibition.
- If counties have a split show and the breeding animals are exhibited and returned home before the market classes arrive, it will not be necessary to have a test record on the animals showing in the market classes.

POULTRY AND BIRDS:

- All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester.
- However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-high solid partition.

DOGS AND CATS:

- Dogs must be up to date on all vaccinations before starting training classes. These include Rabies-Parvo-and Distemper.
- Cats must present a current rabies certificate and distemper vaccination at Expo.

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

Eligibility

1. Exhibits are limited to active 4-H and FFA members enrolled in Keokuk County. All members must meet the eligibility requirements: 4th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) to show at Expo and 4-Hers are to be in 5th grade through 12th grade to be eligible to show at State Fair.
2. All projects must be under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor. All projects must have fully filled out (especially birthdates), livestock identification papers on file at the Extension Office by **May 15** to be eligible to show.
3. All livestock must comply with state health regulations on livestock health requirements.
- 4 All swine exhibitors must be certified FSQA or PQA Plus.
5. Swine exhibitors need to check the Exceptions on Pseudo in the Health Requirement section.
6. Registration papers will be checked and animals will be placed in the correct class for all livestock.
7. Premiums will be paid on the basis of ribbons awarded, including showmanship. Each Blue, Red or White ribbon will receive the following premium: Blue - \$3 Red - \$2 White - \$1.
8. All livestock is to be owned or leased by the exhibitor.
9. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump etc.) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
10. All livestock housed at the fair must remain penned until release time.
11. All cattle except feeder pens and cow/calf pairs must be stalled at halter.
12. All Exhibitors are responsible for the health and well being of their own Livestock. The Keokuk County Expo and Iowa State University Extension WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LIVESTOCK PROJECTS.
13. **All entries must be made on Class Entry Cards no later than July 1. See specie specific rules for class numbers. Late entries will be charged a \$25.00 Fee! Please note how many stalls you will need for specific animals in the boxes provided.**

SHOWING

1. All classes will be placed on the group basis of blue, red and white as deserving.
2. All exhibitors are required to groom and show their own animals except when more than one animal is shown in the same class or prior arrangements have been made with the head superintendent.
3. Livestock exhibited in any of the breeding classes are not eligible for the market classes or carcass contests.
4. It is REQUIRED that all exhibitors wear T-shirts or blouses with the 4-H or FFA emblem or patch. Exhibitor Numbers must be worn at all times while in the ring.
5. No false hair or fur shall be added to any animal on exhibit.

6. All protests must be presented to the superintendent in writing within 18 hours after the cause of the protest. Final decisions will be made by the Junior Livestock Show Committee, which consists of all livestock superintendents.

7. All classes will be divided by the Superintendents by age-sex-number and other relevant criteria.

8. Trophy for any breed class cannot be added after May 15.