



IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

L-5 (2009)

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 participating in and exhibiting at this and future activities and exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions as well as other disciplinary action.

In addition to the "Iowa Youth Code of Ethics", Jones County 4-H and the Great Jones County Fair also have rules and regulations which they impose on the county level including those designated in the Livestock Project Requirements (L-2), Iowa 4-H publication (4-H 202), and county fair book. Supervision of 4-H and FFA members and exhibitors at the county level in regards to the Code of Ethics as well as the rules and regulations mentioned above and below, will be under the jurisdiction of the County 4-H Youth Committee (including FFA Advisors, County Extension Education Director, and County Youth Coordinator) as delegated by the County Fair Board of Directors.

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.

Member's Signature (Required)		Date	Member's Name (Print)
Primary Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (Required)		Date	
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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), care and grooming of animals, etc. 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, property, facilities, hotels, and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I am responsible for my actions and exhibits, and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my participation in youth activities and entering an exhibit in a fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the youth committee or management of the fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of participation or competition without recourse against the committee, fair or exhibition.
5. I want my participation or exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer both, good and not so good, and how live with and learn from the outcome.
6. I will submit required participation forms and follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
7. 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.
8. 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 violative drug residue.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 to 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.
13. Jones County 4-H will abide by any disciplinary action sanctioned against me by other counties or levels of the organization and apply that action as appropriate to my participation in Jones County.
14. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, and will not use alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs during any youth event or activity.