

# **COMPETITION RULES - LIVESTOCK**

## **IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS**

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.), 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 and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. 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 violate drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at 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 book of the fair 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 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 .
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 in 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/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 fair book.
14. Ownership – All animals and birds must be owned by the 4-H'er, or in partnership with a family member, and identified to an individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved (e.g. purebred beef heifer) the papers must be in the 4-H'ers name or show a logical family relationship. In classes where the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the 4-H'er, ownership of the animal is not required; however, the 4-H'er should take an active role in the care of the animal (e.g. horse classes, and the dog obedience classes when the 4-H'er is the trainer). Animals in this category still must be identified on the appropriate form. If a family includes more 4-H'ers than horses, more than one 4-H'er may identify a horse; however, in this situation a 4-H'er cannot identify more than one horse.
15. All 4-H exhibitors, parents/guardians must read and e-sign the Code of Ethics on 4HOnline.com and all FFA exhibitors must turn in form with Bremer County Fair entry form by July 1st in order to exhibit at current year fairs.
16. Failure to abide by the Code of Ethics at the Bremer County Fair will result in a 2-year suspension from showing livestock in Bremer County, AND, the violation will be reported to the IAFE and the Association of Iowa Fairs which will result in exhibitor being prohibited from all livestock shows in the US and Canada .

## **Bremer County Fair Rules**

1. Grade for exhibiting at the Bremer County Fair (these are based on the 2020-2021 school year) is:
  - Junior - 4, 5 & 6th grade
  - Intermediate - 7 & 8th grade
  - Senior - 9, 10, 11 & 12th grade
  - Clover Kids-youth who have been exposed to the 4-H experience in grades K-3.
2. In order to enter an exhibit an animal or crop project at the Bremer County Fair, a 4-Her/FFA must be enrolled in that general project by May 15, of current year. All livestock must be identified on a Livestock Identification form (FFA) or in 4-H Online (4-H) by May 15, of current year. FFA eligibility for enrollment and other non-livestock project identification is determined by the vocational agriculture instructor of the respective chapters. There will be no exceptions.
3. All animal entries, including pet, and crop must be completed on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> in [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com). Payment must be paid online or mailed to the Extension office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. There will be a limit of two entries per class by any exhibitor unless there is an exception stated under department rules.
5. 4-H and FFA exhibits must be the result of project work and outgrowth of work done to accomplish goals carried out during the current 4-H and FFA year. Exhibits done in school or partly in school are acceptable. A 4-Her should set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal. The intent is that a pre-determined goal has been set. The 4-Her must realize that

the evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be different and should prepare accordingly.

6. Each youth must show his/her own exhibits/livestock except in the case of sickness, injury, or military service. If more than one livestock entry is in the same class, he/she may substitute another 4-H or FFA member, holding membership in a Bremer County 4-H or FFA club, to show his/her animal/project. The substitute must be approved by the superintendent before the show. Conference judging is used for all judging with the exception of dog, sheep, dairy, goat, beef, horse, rabbit, poultry and swine. Members not present for conference judging cannot receive higher ribbon rating than considered for state.
7. All exhibits are on public display and are to be kept in a neat and orderly manner at all times. The Fair Board reserves the right to release any exhibit to other fairs or exhibitions provided the exhibitor gives 30 days' notice.
8. All entries/livestock should be on the grounds when designated and must be in place until the designated release time. This includes no tear down of stalls and signs. Entries removed early forfeit the premiums, ribbons, and plaques. Exhibitors who remove entries before the designated release will not be eligible to show in the next year's fair unless specifically authorized by the Bremer County 4-H/Youth Committee and the Bremer County Fair Board.
9. The Fair Board reserves the right to pro-rate premiums.
10. The decisions of the judges will be final in every instance. Exhibits which do not comply with Rules 9, 10, 11, and 12 will not be accepted for Entry, Evaluation, or Display at the Iowa State Fair.
11. Any project entered in the Bremer County Fair shall not have been shown in any other 4-H or FFA county show, excluding open shows.
12. The Bremer County Fair Board will not consider a protest, complaint or appeal based upon the statement that judge or judges are incompetent. When a protest is made as to the eligibility of an animal or article to compete in any class, it must be made in writing and filed with the Fair Board President before noon of the day following the one on which the class was shown or in the case of drug testing within 24 hours following receipt of the results, accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the party filing the protest. This money will not be refunded.
13. **TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. For more information about the process for filing a protest, see the fair board president. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Bremer County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and the exhibitor and the exhibitors' assistants who fitted the animal involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing or coloring hair; adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. The use of Clenbuterol and other illegal drugs is prohibited. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Bremer County Fair according to the Code of Ethics.

14. All decisions of the Fair Board are final. Youth found breaking the Code of Ethics outside of a 4-H/FFA exhibition show during the Bremer County Fair may be asked to leave and forfeit awards and premiums by the Bremer County Fair General Manager.
15. Stalls, pens, or exhibition space will be assigned to all exhibitors by the superintendent.
16. FFA members beyond fair after their graduation year can no longer exhibit at the fair or help fit other 4-H/FFA member's animals unless they are an immediate family member.
17. 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, drench guns, or IV) will be allowed. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals are not allowed. Projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. Transparent grooming material may only be used, including on hooves. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Bremer County Fair.
18. No drugs or medication of any kind may be administered except by the order of a licensed veterinarian. All animals are subject to drug testing. All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
19. All exhibits must meet state health requirements as stated elsewhere in this booklet. A veterinarian will check animals at the fair.
20. Animals that have become injured or sick on the fairgrounds during the fair must have the superintendent of that department and fair manager permission to be removed from fairgrounds. The superintendent and fair manager may require a veterinary inspection.
21. While exhibiting animals, exhibitors should appear clean and presentable at all times. The dress should be a clean white or light-colored shirt or blouse or 4-H/FFA t-shirt and dark colored jeans or slacks. Sturdy leather shoes or boots are preferred. The exception is: All dairy exhibitors must wear white pants and white shirt. Proper dress is considered to be part of the showmanship judging criteria. All horse exhibitors must wear a 4-H/FFA arm band.
22. Hay may not be stored above alleys or animals. Arrangements should be made to bring additional hay during the fair. Limited tack space will be provided.
23. The superintendent may divide or combine any class he/she feels is too large or small for proper judging. Breeding classes are to be divided by age and market classes by weight.
24. All classes within each division will be judged in numerical order by class number, except when the superintendent deems it necessary to change.
25. See also specific rules listed under each department.
26. For public safety: all fans must have protective screen and safe wiring; no fans allowed in aisles; NO BUTT FANS, only overhead hanging fans allowed in front half of stalling area; one fan per exhibit.
27. Exhibitors must be prepared to have Livestock ID checked by superintendent at time of check in.
28. Common bedding material will be provided for beef, swine, horse, sheep, goat, and dairy barns in an effort to minimize manure removal expense. Wood product bedding material will be used in the barns and straw is not allowed.

29. All livestock exhibitors must perform barn duty and are responsible for prompt removal of manure from the stalls during and at the end of the fair.
30. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair officials, show coordinators, superintendents, volunteers, staff, or other exhibitors before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. Parents shall not enter the show ring during the event unless it involves the health and safety of the exhibitor. In furtherance of their official duty, these officials, volunteers, and staff shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. If this rule is broken the parent will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the rest of that show. If the confrontation continues, the exhibitor may be disqualified from the fair and asked to leave the fairgrounds and forfeit all premiums. This will be determined by Youth Committee, Extension & Outreach staff, Extension Council and Fair Board. This could result in the family being banned from exhibiting at other state and interstate exhibitions as well.

*\*Immediate family members include guardian, siblings, parents, stepparents, grandparents, and/or Aunt/Uncles.*

