

## COMPETITION RULES

### **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. 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. The use of alcoholic beverages or alcoholic material in the preparation or production of 4-H exhibits is NOT permitted.
5. 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. 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 15th in order to exhibit at current year fairs.

### **Bremer County Fair Rules**

1. Grade for exhibiting at the Bremer County Fair (these are based on the 2017-2018 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. Entries will be required for Static projects by July 15th in FairEntry.com. Entries fees will be paid when you check in, but you will only pay for the projects you bring. There will be a limit of two entries per class by any exhibitor unless there is an exception stated under department rules.
3. 4-H exhibiting eligibility at the 2018 Iowa State Fair will include: 4-Hers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent).
4. 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.

5. 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. Members not present for conference judging cannot receive higher ribbon rating than considered for state.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Fair Board reserves the right to pro-rate premiums.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. All exhibitors must be enrolled in an active 4-H club or be a member of an active FFA chapter. Each exhibit must be the work of a 4-H or FFA member during the current 4-H/FFA year. The articles may have been made for use by someone other than the exhibitor. FFA members may exhibit **only** in the following Departments: ANIMALS; AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES; CREATIVE ARTS; and SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – Mechanics, Woodworking, and Science, Engineering & Technology, and must follow rules listed for those Departments. FFA exhibits are not eligible to be selected for State Fair. *Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. See also "4-H Department General Rules and Regulations". Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.*
14. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-Hers are encouraged to use project guides and manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent a part of or all that has been learned in a project or program. The County Extension Office has more information on exhibiting.
15. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of 4-Hers participation in the selected project or program. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video tape, audio cassette, etc. (Note: If video tape is to be part of exhibit, notify extension office.) Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, quality of work and techniques and general appearance and design.
16. A written explanation or video tape is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
  - a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
  - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
  - c. What were the most important things you learned as you worked towards your goal(s)?Also include in write-up steps used to make exhibit, where purchased, where you got ideas for exhibit from, etc. The information requested should be well organized and brief.
17. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, club name, class number, and exhibitor's name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, note books, and/or cards, on the bottom of jars,

and in an inconspicuous place on all other items. A completed entry tag should be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location.

18. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:
  - a. Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
  - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - c. Display boxes recommended size is 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth. Exception: see 10503: *Communication Posters*
19. Conference judging is used for all judging. Exhibitors have the opportunity to talk with the judge regarding their exhibit. Parents are asked not to participate in the discussion. All judging will take place from noon – 4:00 pm, Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Clubs are assigned times for judging. Leaders and parents are welcome to observe the conference; however, the conference is between the judge and the exhibitor only.
20. Due to security, we discourage 4-Hers from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Bremer County Fair and Bremer County Extension will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
21. Duplication of copyright material or design should not be used in a 4-H exhibit that is presented as original artwork by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without the permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When permission has been granted by the owner of the copyright, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those without permission cannot be displayed. To learn how to cite Pinterest: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/bremer/Copyright.pdf>
22. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects) should NOT be used in any exhibit. Wildflowers taken from parks should NOT be used. It is illegal to possess songbird feathers or nests. Game animals "legally taken", such as pheasant, goose, duck, or quail are acceptable. Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) is a plant that should not be planted in gardens. It has the potential of becoming noxious in Iowa. Other dried established noxious weeds are acceptable to use in exhibits.
23. All items will be displayed in the 4-H building in the club booths. Release time for exhibits in the blue building is Saturday, August 4, from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Exhibits may not be removed before hand.
24. For projects exhibited by a group, each member should pay the entry fee and will receive the designated premium.
25. A maximum of one (1) Best of Show rosette ribbon will be awarded in each of the following exhibit categories:
  - Animals, Ag & Natural Resources      Creative Arts
  - Family & Consumer Sciences      Personal Development
  - Science, Mechanical, Engineering & Technology

The selection will be made from 4-H/FFA State Fair exhibits. The judges within each of the exhibit categories will collectively determine the winner in their respective areas. The Best of Show ribbon will signify the highest quality. The judges' decision will be final. Best of Show ribbons are sponsored by Tri-Rivers Trendsetters 4-H Club.

26. All exhibitors selected to advance to State Fair should check with Extension personnel to receive information on preparing the exhibit for State Fair. State Fair entries will be chosen from 4-H projects. All FFA entries participating at state fair must be made prior to July 1st through the chapters FFA Advisor.
27. The Extension Office reserves the right not to provide transportation of State Fair exhibits to the State Fairgrounds if dimensions are greater than 16" x 16" x 32" and/or transportation is limited.
28. Exhibits selected for State Fair must be brought to the Extension Office on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> between 8 am and 4:30 pm. Food and Nutrition exhibits may be brought to the Extension Office between 8 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Extension staff will be bringing exhibits back to the office on Monday, August 20, and will be available for pick-up after Tuesday, August 21.