

# Master Showmanship Rules Buchanan County Fair 2023

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## RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. **4-H/FFA Members need not pre-enter on the livestock entry form for showmanship.** Large animal showmanship includes beef, dairy cattle, meat goats, dairy goats, horse, sheep, and swine. Small animal showmanship includes poultry, rabbits, cat/pet, and dogs.
3. In addition, there will be a second, third and fourth placing in each division of each species. Selection of the showmanship winners will be made during the various shows. The decision of the showmanship judge is final. There will be no interference, and no one is allowed in the ring.
4. 4-H/FFA members must show their own animal for both the species shown in showmanship and in the Master Showmanship contest, and animal must have been shown in the particular show. For safety on health or extenuating circumstances animals for Master Showmanship may not be substituted. If the champion showman cannot be present for the contest, the reserve champion showman or next placing in line will participate.
5. Buchanan County Master Showmanship does not recognize any state 4-H or FFA rule language from any state species rule handbook. All rules are finalized by Master Showmanship Committee, Youth Advisory Committee and Extension Council. If the exhibitor wishes to appeal, they must meet with the superintendent of that species who in turn will bring to Extension staff's attention. If warranted, Extension staff will convene a meeting of the joint Fair Board Livestock Committee, Youth Advisory Committee, species superintendent and Master Showmanship Superintendent.
6. **The large and small animal divisions now have separate shows.** If a 4-H/FFA member wins showmanship in more than one species, the member will select only one species from each show to enter in Master Showmanship.
7. The Master Showmanship Contest will be held in the Black Pavilion.
8. There is a contest for each age division – Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.
9. **No coaching is permitted during Master Showmanship, and the participant will be disqualified if caught doing so.**
10. An individual exhibitor may win the Master Showmanship Contest only once in each age division. Once an exhibitor has won the contest in his/her age division, they cannot participate again until they have reached the next age division. They may however, continue to participate in the showmanship contest in the individual livestock shows and are eligible to be named the Champion Showman.
11. After an exhibitor is selected TWICE as champion showman of their main species, they will have ONE HOUR to decide which species they would like to exhibit so ample time is given to reserve showman and programs can be completed.
12. Only FFA members who have graduated high school in the current year are eligible for Master Showmanship.
13. The top 2 winners will be placed with grand champion and reserve grand champion. The grand champion winner will be ineligible to show in master showmanship again, until they are in the next age division.
14. Dress for showmanship will be a t-shirt that is provided, and blue jeans.
15. **Exhibitors will not need to obtain individual information on each species, but just know general questions for large and small animals depending on which showmanship they are participating in.**
16. The show will be a timed event, with 2 minute intervals per animal, with an additional 2 minutes when explaining your own animal.
17. Animals do not need to be fitted for the show. Just general cleanliness and grooming is expected.
18. Judges will choose or identify what pattern of animals exhibiting they would like at the beginning of the show.
19. No scores will be given out to participants; they may talk individually with the judges after the show to learn what they could improve upon.
20. Questions are pre-selected by the superintendent and evaluated by the judges before the show.
21. Master Showmanship meeting will be held on Saturday night to go over expectations.
22. **Unruly or misbehaving animals can be excused from the ring by the judge's discretion.**