

## **GENERAL RULES FOR STATIC EXHIBITS**

(OTHER THAN LIVESTOCK, FIELD CROPS, AND HORTICULTURE)

1. **All entries (including Horticulture exhibits) must be submitted through FairEntry by 11:59 pm on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Static exhibits entered after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be judged but will not be eligible for anything higher than a blue ribbon.**
2. **Exhibitors that plan to bring an oversized project (tractors, trailers, etc.) must notify the Extension Office by July 1<sup>st</sup> so that arrangements for displaying projects can be made.**
3. 4-H members who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2023 are eligible to have their exhibit chosen to represent Chickasaw County at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4<sup>th</sup> grade members. All group members must be present at judging time.
4. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
5. Exhibits done in school or partly in school are acceptable as long as they had a goal before the work began.
6. 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.
7. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified, the judge and will NOT be put on public display. The exhibitor will receive written or verbal feedback on why the exhibit was disqualified.
8. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
  - 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.
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
9. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Wildflowers taken from parks should not be used. Game animals "legally taken," such as pheasant, duck, goose, and quail are acceptable. Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum sanitarium*) should not be planted in Iowa gardens. Other dried established noxious weeds are acceptable to use in exhibits.
10. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. For display purposes, exhibits will then be labeled "Copyright permission granted." (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.) You do not need to request permission to use the 4-H emblem. This is granted to you as a member of the 4-H program, as long as you are not making money from its use and follow emblem guidelines.
11. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits.
12. The 4-H'ers goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Exhibits are evaluated through conference judging on the following criteria: demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets).
13. All exhibits, activities, and projects must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and during the evaluation process.
14. The content of all exhibits, activities, and projects must reflect the philosophy and objectives of a positive 4-H Youth Development program as the public display of exhibits reflects the image of 4-H and its exhibitors. (For example, exhibits and activities should not encourage the use of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, or violent behaviors.)
15. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor (5<sup>th</sup> grade & older) 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?

**Note:** Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food & nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communications classes.

16. All judges' decisions are final.
17. All video/audio tapes must be limited to 5-7 minutes in length. (Note: Judges may not have time to listen to complete tapes due to time restrictions.)
18. There will be no parental participation allowed in the judging of entries, except with prior approval from Extension Staff in cases of mental or physical disability.
19. All judges' decisions are final.
20. Exhibits will be awarded with one of these ribbons: State Fair Purple Rosette, State Fair Alternate Pink Rosette, Considered for State Fair Dark Blue Ribbon, Outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibit Lilac Ribbon, Blue Ribbon, Red Ribbon, and White Ribbon. Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon. Ribbons earned should remain attached to exhibits for display throughout the fair.
21. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the 4-H club or FFA chapter name, class number, and exhibitor's name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters and cards, and in an inconspicuous place on 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.
22. Due to security, 4-H'ers are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
23. Chickasaw County Extension will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, water, fire, theft, etc.
- 24. Exhibits, including State Fair and Honorable Mention exhibits, may not be removed from display prior to the scheduled checkout time which is Sunday at 3:00 pm. In addition, all exhibits must be checked out of the exhibit building no later than 5:00 pm Sunday. If an exhibit is checked out early or is left behind without prior arrangements, the exhibitor will lose the premium associated with that exhibit.**
25. If chosen for the State Fair and at the discretion of ISU Extension and Outreach staff, a 4-H member may be responsible for the transportation of their own project to the Iowa State Fair. If the family chooses not to transport the project, an alternate will advance.
26. Club booths will be assigned by membership. Booths should be decorated no later than Wednesday at noon and will be judged sometime after that. The criteria used to judge each booth includes creativity, use of the current fair theme, cleanliness/visibility of display, use of club officers'/members' names, and use of 4-H/FFA emblems. Grand and reserve winners will get ribbons.

\*Special Note: Exhibits and exhibitors must comply with the Iowa State Fair General Exhibit Rules to be eligible for the Iowa State Fair.\*