

General Fair Rules

1. To be eligible to exhibit, you must be currently enrolled as a Chickasaw County 4-H'er or FFA member from the Nashua-Plainfield, New Hampton, Sumner-Fredericksburg, or Turkey Valley Chapters. Exhibitors must have completed the 4th grade and only FFA members are allowed to exhibit one additional year after they graduate high school. FFA eligibility is at the discretion of FFA Advisors of the respective chapter.
2. Youth in grade K-3 may also exhibit in their respective Clover Kids Classes.
3. Unless stated otherwise, the age breakdown is as follows:
Clover Kids: K-3rd grade, Juniors: 4th-6th grade, Intermediates: 7th-8th grade, Seniors: 9th- 12th grade and one-year FFA after high school.
4. Youth must be in the 5th grade or above in the current year to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.
5. **ALL Exhibitors must have a signed Code of Ethics form on file at the Extension Office by June 15th.** Members of 4-H will have completed this as a part of their 4-H Online Enrollment.
6. Exhibitors are expected to treat all authority figures with respect and common courtesy. Name-calling, threats, or disrespectful actions will result in the exhibitor being disqualified from an activity or event. Spectators are also expected to follow this policy and can be asked to remove themselves from the event.
7. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, vaping, tobacco, or drugs by **ANYONE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS** will not be tolerated except in designated areas during Fair Board-Sponsored Grandstand Events. **ANYONE** (including 4-H'ers, parents, guardians, and friends) using/abusing these substances will be disqualified/removed from the event and continued participation in the fair. According to state law, **NO SMOKING** is allowed on the fairgrounds. This includes e-cigarettes, vaping, and smokeless tobacco.
8. Pets and Dogs are only to be on the grounds during the day of their judging and must stay out of **ALL** other buildings.
9. All premiums earned will be paid directly to the 4-H or FFA member.
10. No exhibitor will stay in the barns overnight. Family campers are encouraged to use the designated campgrounds, but a parent or guardian **MUST** accompany the 4-H/FFA member. Anyone staying overnight at the fairgrounds during the 4-H & FFA Achievement Show **MUST complete a liability release form by July 1.** Registered campers may stay overnight and must be on the grounds by 10 PM. Fair staff or security will call parents or law enforcement officials to remove rule violators from the fairgrounds.
11. Barn light will remain on overnight. Barn gates will be closed from 10 PM to 5 AM.
12. No one can be riding their horses, in or around the Horse Arena after 9:00 PM.
13. **PROTEST POLICY:** A written explanation of a protest may be submitted along with a \$100.00 cash deposit, which will be forfeited if the protest is found to be invalid. Complaints must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and be submitted to the Chickasaw County Extension Staff in the Fair Office within 12 hours of the incident. The Grievance Committee will meet to review the protest and visit with the person(s) involved. The committee will not consider a protest, complaint, or appeal based upon the statement that a judge is incompetent. The person(s), exhibitor, or agent of the same, who the protest decision is rendered against, shall pay all costs incurred in resolving the protest, including fees paid to persons hired by the board to test, investigate, and evaluate the animal or article that has been protested. **The committee's decision shall be final.**

THE EXTENSION SERVICE ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR THE OVERNIGHT HOURS.