



As of December 2023 (livestock) and February 21, 2024 (rest of book)

TO: Clinton County 4-H/FFA Exhibitors
FROM: Clinton County Extension and Outreach
RE: 2024 Updates/Changes to Fair Book

GENERAL CHANGES FOR 2024

Format – now e-accessible! Easier for general public and those who use screen readers
Update 2023 to 2024 throughout
Schedule – updated with fair board approval
Club Show Groups and Officials – updated with current list
Auditorium Host – updated with new schedule, clubs are not abbreviated anymore
Booth Decorating – updated theme to “Spy Your Potential”, added Sunday time
Fairgrounds Clean Up – updated help to DeWitt FFA and Goose Lake Jr. Feeders

STATIC 4-H EXHIBIT CLASS CHANGES FOR 2023

General Rules

- .#7 – updated link to correct one
- #8 – added “Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube.”
- #9 – spelled out “inches” instead of using “”, for accessibility
- #18 – changed the rule to align with Iowa State Fair. Links also added. Rule: “Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)”

Conference Judging Day Schedule – updated with correct steps and new judging schedule. One club moved to afternoon to help with flow.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

10230: Horticulture and Plant Science - added clarification at the end, (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the Horticulture Department. Reach out with questions.)



Creative Arts Division

10310: Music – added “If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.”

10320: Photography – spelled out “inches” instead of using “, for accessibility

10340: Creative Photography – spelled out “inches” instead of using “, for accessibility

Family and Consumer Sciences Division

10410: Child Development – added to description “An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.”

10445: Food and Nutrition – updated year to 2023

10490: Thrifty Meal Challenge – description updated.

Personal Development Division

10520: Communication – added “If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.”

10530: 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit – updated themes to include

- I <3 4-H (2023 National 4-H Week theme)
- Explore the Jungle of Opportunities in 4-H (variation of 2024 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- 4-H Fever (variation of 2024 Iowa State Fair theme)

10540: Digital Storytelling – added “Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.”

Added Personal Development Special Rule:

1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?
2. *Reason: Judges look for this information in the member’s write-up in this department. We should state this up front for members.*

Iowa State Fair Static Exhibitor Information

Updated expectations to include photo.

Removed specifics that are included in the mailed letter after recipients are selected.

Added entire rules section.

Horticulture Department

Added clarification about entries in this division.

Added rule #1 – “Entries in this department are NOT eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair. Entries are allowed to receive a purple ribbon classification at the discretion of the judge.”

Bucket of Blooms – updated date

Communications Department

General

#4 – added “Tentative date options for Clinton County are 8/8, 8/12, 8/13, 8/17.”

#10 – added “At the Iowa State Fair, stickers are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.”

#11 – added “If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2024 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>.”

Working Exhibit

#6 – added “4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.”

4-H Communications Poster

#10 – updated themes to include:

- I <3 4-H (2023 National 4-H Week theme)
- Explore the Jungle of Opportunities in 4-H (variation of 2024 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- 4-H Fever (variation of 2024 Iowa State Fair theme)

Added clarification: In Clinton County, Posters can also be judged on Conference Judging Day. The exhibitor can talk with a judge about their poster to receive a second opinion. State Fair selections will be made during the pre-fair communications day.

Awardrobe Clothing Department

#1 – updated date/time to Tuesday July 9, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Moving an hour later because many exhibitors couldn't attend before 4:30 before.

New #2 – clarified and combined with former rules #3-4 to better convey judge expectations and required documents.

#3 – added “It is expected that exhibitors will attend.” In reference to the Fashion Show.

#8 – added “Exhibitors may only have one entry per class. Example, one \$20 challenge entry and one Clothing Selection entry.” This is due to scheduling needs and exhibitors should be bringing their best work for each class.

Removed former rule #7 about design elements and principles. These are not included on the updated forms and are no longer needed.

CLOVER KIDS SECTION CHANGES FOR 2024

Schedule change for 2024 – moving the Clover Kids show to the beginning of the 4-H/FFA show. Time as listed on the fair schedule. Go oldest to youngest so 3rd grade, 2nd grade, etc. After Clover Kids, move into the 4-H/FFA show.

Update dates/times/locations to match fair schedule.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT CLASS CHANGES FOR 2024

Most approved October 2023.

***approved December 2023.*

Updated 2023 to 2024 as relevant

General Livestock Rule #9 – added “...AND the Fair Board Club Show Committee...” to state “The Livestock Superintendents, in consult with the Clinton County Club Show Veterinarian AND the Fair Board Club Show Committee, may approve or deny requests for livestock to be released early.”

**Add rule “Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drenching, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.”

**FFA Youth will use FairEntry to identify their animals by May 15th. This will be changed throughout the book. *(Please note, we previously used a Google Spreadsheet but FairEntry has made updates to make this process easier. Advisors all agree to use this for 2024.)*

**General Livestock old rule #13 was eliminated – “No 4-H or FFA members may remain on the grounds between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m.” *(Nobody was policing this rule.)*

Beef Department

**Added Rule #16 - Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drenching, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

Cow-Calf Classes

#2 – updated calf birthdate “...January 1, 2024...”

#4 – added “2nd year bucket bottle calf...” to state “*To be eligible for a cow-calf class, the cow must have been identified to show at a previous Club Show as a 2nd Year Bucket Bottle Calf, commercial breeding, or registered breeding heifer by the exhibitor.*”
+1 to each of the class years

Commercial Breeding Heifer Classes

#1 - Updated year to 2023



Registered Breeding Heifer Classes

#2 – +1 to each of the class years

#3 – +1 to year

Market Beef Division

#2 – Updated date “...December 16, 2023...”

Bucket Bottle Calf General Rules

#3 – +1 year for birth years

#5 – updates interview dates “...July 8, 2024...”

#6 – added in “*Exhibitors are required to follow the grooming/fitting rules according to either beef or dairy, and follow the General Health rules for livestock listed on page 39.*”

#12 – updated date “...July 31, 2024.”

Clover Kids Bucket Bottle

#13 – updated date “...July 31, 2024.”

Moved to Clover Kids section.

Dairy Department General Rules

Removed intermediate dairy cattle showmanship class, added grades

Classes - +1 year for birth years

Dog Department General Rules

Agility Division – changed all “rally” to agility in class descriptions

Horse, Pony and Mule Department General Rules

#25 – New rule – “Like at the Iowa State Fair, Horses completing a run must be brought to a full stop in the area between the entry gate and time line prior to the exhibitor dismounting. Failure to do so with any part of the horse recrossing the time line between or outside the time line markers shall result in a broken pattern and “no time” given.”

#26 – New rule – “Exhibitors must participate in a showmanship class (510:12 or 510:13) in order to participate in performance or speed division classes (511: and 512:).”

#27 – New rule – “For speed events, exhibitors must walk their horses/ponies into the arena and mount/dismount in the arena.”

Halter Division

Removed former class 500:01 Yearling and under class.

Adjusted remaining class numbers accordingly.

Classes – +1 year to all years listed



Performance Division

Added Class 511:26 Jr. Ranch Pleasure/Rail and 511:27 Sr. Ranch Pleasure/Rail
Adjusted remaining class numbers accordingly.

Speed Division

Correct class numbers for obstacle race, jr. flag race, sr. flag race.

Pet Department General Rules

No changes.

Poultry Department General Rules

#1 – removed “For 2023”

#3 – updated broiler order date “*April 19, 2024*”

Rabbit Department General Rules

No changes.

Sheep and Goat Department General Rules

**Added #13 - Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drenching, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

Commercial Sheep Division

#2 – updated weigh in date and retinal scan date “*...May 4, 2024*”

**Change class 11 to class 10

**Add new class 11, Speckle Face Ewe Lamb

**Add new class 12, Speckle Face Yearling Ewe

Market Sheep Division

#1 – updated weigh in date “*...May 4, 2024...*”

Meat Goat Division

#1 – +1 to years

+1 year to class dates

**Update rule 2 to “...official tag (4-H or scrapies) or tattoo... from “...4-H ear tag OR tattoo...”

Swine Department General Rules



#4 – updated date to March 30, 2024

**#7 added - Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drenching, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

Derby Division

#1 – updated weigh in date to March 30, 2024

Breeding Division

#2 – +1 to the year to read “...January 1, 2024 or after.”

Obstacle Course Division

Eliminated due to time constraints.

Please remember:

If you would like to submit a rule change request, please fill out the form before September 1st annually. The appropriate committee will review your request then submit the request for approval by the Extension Council.

Forms can be found online at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>