

4-H & FFA

SHOWMANSHIP

Superintendents: 4-H Livestock Superintendents, Youth Committee

1. Exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship.
2. The showmanship contest is to be divided into three age divisions, unless the species superintendent(s) determines fewer divisions are necessary, thus combining two or more:
 - Junior Showman – 4th-5th-6th grade by September 15 of last year
 - Intermediate Showman – 7th-8th grade by September 15 of last year
 - Senior Showman – 9th grade and up by September 15 of last year.
3. Showmanship will be judged during the species show, either as a separate class, or as part of the other classes within the species. This will be determined by the species superintendent(s) and the judge.
4. A champion showman from prior year(s) will automatically move into the next age category for that species.
5. The responsibility for grooming any 4-H animal for exhibition is primarily that of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to develop the skills necessary to groom for competition prior to the fair. During the fair, all grooming must take place on the fairgrounds. If assistance is needed, the exhibitor must be present and actively involved. Assistance should be provided by a Fremont County 4-H member or volunteer who is committed to helping the exhibitor develop their grooming skills. Grooming is defined as any act of preparing the animal for the show-ring (trimming, clipping, shearing, blocking, etc.)
6. Premium money will not be awarded in showmanship classes.
7. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal, unless there are extenuating circumstances, and superintendent approval is granted.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- *Junior*
- *Intermediate*
- *Senior*

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP EVENT

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1. *The Round Robin Showmanship event is for 4-H and FFA members who have won the Senior Showmanship contest in a livestock class. Livestock classes eligible for participation in the Round Robin Showmanship event are beef, goats, sheep, and swine.*
2. *If the senior Showmanship winner of any class is unable or declines to participate in the Round Robin Showmanship event, the Reserve Champion in that class is eligible to compete. Superintendents shall go down the line until each class of livestock has a representative in the Round Robin Showmanship event.*
3. *Exhibitors can win the Round Robin Showmanship event only once in their 4-H or FFA career. Therefore, if an exhibitor who has already won the Round Robin Showmanship event wins the species showmanship class, the Reserve Champion in the class will be eligible to show in the Round Robin Showmanship event.*
4. *Exhibitors in the Round Robin Showmanship Event will demonstrate their ability to show livestock “in general” by competing with animals in each of the four (4) qualifying species. Specific areas Round Robin contestants will be judged on include:*
 - a. *Appearance-shirt tucked in, belt*
 - b. *Eye contact*
 - c. *Confidence and poise*
 - d. *Communication and knowledge*
 - e. *Control of the animals*
 - f. *Animal maneuvering*
 - g. *Competence in setting up the animals*
 - h. *Confidence in animal control*
5. *Exhibitors in the Round Robin Showmanship event cannot show their own animal. The 4-H Livestock Superintendents will choose animals to be used. The superintendents will also provide the necessary show halters and equipment needed to exhibit each species.*
6. *Exhibitors will not be judged on fitting/grooming of animals.*
7. *Round Robin Showmanship event participants will meet on Saturday following the beef show (time TBD) for a brief demonstration on exhibiting each of the four qualifying species.*