General county fair rules and regulations

1. Exhibitors must be in the 4\textsuperscript{th} – 12\textsuperscript{th} grade and members of a 4-H or an FFA chapter within the county and subject to all club, county and chapter rules and regulations.

2. All exhibits must be 4-H or FFA projects of the current 4-H year.

3. All livestock projects must be identified in 4-H Online by June 1. FFA Members must have paper identifications to the Extension Office by June 1.

4. All livestock exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry online entry program by June 15. All FFA members must have paper entries and payment at the Extension office by end of business day June 14. If paying by check, all payments will be due on June 20. All static exhibits, communications, clothing event and working exhibits must be entered in Fair Entry online entry program by the Thursday before fair. Livestock registration opens May 1 at https://sioux.fairentry.com and static registration opens June 1.

5. A 4-H'er or FFA member may exhibit at the fair the one consecutive summer following high school graduation. Exhibitors must have completed the 4\textsuperscript{th} grade to be eligible to exhibit in any competitive show.

6. All 4-H members must attend a minimum of 4 club meetings to participate in the county youth fair.

7. All care will be exercised to insure safety of exhibits after arrival; however, the show management will not be responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.

8. Decisions regarding interpretation, application or questions regarding failure to follow rules are to be decided by representation from the extension council, extension staff, 4-H Youth committee, appropriate superintendents and fair vet (if needed).
   a. Any potential violations must be brought to the committee by a superintendent
   i. Refer to project area specific rules for superintendents’ contacts.
   b. The 4-H committee will meet as a group, along with Extension staff, pertinent superintendents, and the fair vet, every day of the fair at a set time agreed to by the 4-H committee. The purpose of this meeting will be for conflict resolution and/or updates.
   c. A hard copy of any 4H committee decision will be delivered to the affected parties by the respective superintendent. The parties will be given the opportunity of one appeal directly to the 4H committee if they so choose.
   d. In the case of an appeal, any decision of the 4H committee will be considered as final.

9. Static and livestock exhibitors must exhibit their own project unless the 4-H Committee approves a substitute showman. Substitute showmen are granted for extreme cases such as serious injury or illness at the time of the show preventing the 4-H'er from attending, involvement in another Sioux County Youth Fair activity with a non-flexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory, family crisis or emergency. Participation in school or school activities, family or church activities, will not be considered. Absentee showman forms may be obtained from the Extension Office. These forms must be filled out completely and approved in advance before showing.

10. All Static exhibits will remain in place until 9:00 p.m. Thursday. Livestock exhibitors can remove tack after the Super Showmanship contest, but all Livestock exhibits must remain on the fairgrounds until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday. All animals and non-livestock/static exhibits must be removed by 7:00 a.m. Friday, July 17th.

11. ALL 4-H clubs and participating FFA chapters MUST be represented for fair clean-up days.

12. 4-H Ribbon Premium money will be paid out at the following times:
   a) Entry cards of static exhibits required to verify judging results.
   b) Premiums paid on two exhibits per class.
   c) Premium amounts are: Blue - $6, Red - $5, White - $4
   d) Premiums NOT claimed during these hours will be forfeited. NO late premiums will be paid
   e) Ribbon premium will be paid on Static exhibits, pets, flower arranging/houseplants, livestock judging contest, communication events and fashion revue/clothing selection
   f) No individual ribbon will be paid on livestock exhibits.
   g) Horse, Dairy, Sheep, Beef, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry and Dog exhibitors are allowed to participate in the Livestock Ribbon Auction on Monday.
   h) Champion and Reserve Champion Static exhibits will be recognized with Champion (Dark Purple) rosette ribbons, and Reserve Champion (Light Purple) rosette ribbons. Any other special recognition awards will be listed in the Fair Book with each project area.
Livestock/Animal Entry Fees: payable to Sioux County Youth Fair

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General Livestock Rules

1. All 4-H and FFA animals must be in the member’s care from the time the animal becomes the project until exhibit time. (Care is defined as feeding, grooming and training.)

2. **Age of Exhibitors:** To be eligible for the Sioux County Youth Fair a 4-H’er must have completed the 4th grade. To be eligible for state or interstate show (including Iowa State Fair) a 4-H’er must have completed 5th grade prior to the event. A 4-H’er becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. Note: In the event that a 4-H’er has dropped out of high school and is still in good standings with school or is taking non-traditional education courses, the 4-H’er is eligible to exhibit livestock only through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.

3. **The 4-H/FFA exhibitor must OWN all livestock.** When registration papers are involved, the papers must either be in the 4-H/FFA member’s name or show a logical family relationship. “Family” definition” father, step-father, mother, step-mother, legal guardian, siblings or step-siblings, grandparents or step-grandparents. 4-H/FFA members need registration papers to be eligible to exhibit in the breed divisions at the Iowa State Fair. Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H/FFA animals for the current 4-H year. (Official Iowa 4-H rules are printed in the general rules for each species. Summary of Livestock Show Requirements can be found at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/2020_health_requirements_for_livestock_exhibition.pdf](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/2020_health_requirements_for_livestock_exhibition.pdf)

4. **Two-part requirements for enter livestock:**
   a) All LIVESTOCK MUST BE IDENTIFIED by June 1 of the current year. All 4-H animals must be identified in 4-H Online and FFA members must have their animal identification forms on file at the Extension and Outreach Office to be eligible to enter ANY 4-H livestock show, including out of county shows such as: Iowa State Fair or Clay County Fair and any other district or state shows. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to check specific identification and entry rules for EACH livestock show.
   b) All FAIR ENTRIES are to be entered online at FairEntry.com, [https://sioux.fairentry.com](https://sioux.fairentry.com). Entries and payment can be made on this website for 4-H members. FFA members will still need to submit paper entry forms to the Extension and Outreach office. Entries are due on June 15. No entries will be possible after June 15. No entry fee refunds will be made in any division. Exhibits will be placed in classes according to entry classification. No paper entries will be accepted from 4-H members.
   c) A location check will be made of all the livestock divisions for the purpose of maintaining correct livestock identification.
   d) LIVESTOCK NOT CORRESPONDING WITH THE IDENTIFICATION IN 4HONLINE (4-H Member) OR ON THE PROJECT IDENTIFICATION FORM (FFA Member) WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIR GROUNDS.

5. **Exhibitors with livestock NOT housed on the exhibitor’s premises (or home address) are required to file a Livestock Location Form with the Extension office by June 1.** The form can be found [HERE](#)
   a) Random livestock identification checks will be made yearly.
   b) Livestock NOT found on the designated site will NOT be eligible to show at the fair.
   c) Livestock location changes should be reported to the Extension and Outreach office to avoid penalties.

6. The superintendent reserves the right to limit project numbers when stalling space is filled. Superintendents will assign stalls and pens.

7. Grooming chutes for livestock will be put in designated areas.

8. Exhibitors will bring any feed, hay bedding or equipment needed.

9. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care, feeding and watering of their animals until livestock are released.

10. No unshielded fans (blades or belts) are allowed on the fairgrounds.

11. **Responsibility for grooming animals for show is primarily the responsibility of the exhibitor.**
    a) In keeping with this fact, if assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H’er learn new skills and the following will be enforced: clipping, trimming, grooming (excluding washing and blowing) at the fair shall be done only by the exhibitor or a family member of the exhibitor.
    b) “Family” definition: father, step-father, mother, step-mother, legal guardian, siblings or step-siblings, grandparents or step-grandparents or a current Iowa 4-H or FFA member.
    c) If a violation is reported Extension and Outreach staff will meet with appropriated superintendents and 4-H Committee members to act on these issues on a case by case basis. Action taken (including withholding of ribbon premium money and banning from current or next year’s show) will be based upon cooperation with the guideline.

12. **4-H’ers working with an Extension approved and appointed mentor for specific livestock species, for the purpose of learning about a new livestock project, may have reasonable assistance with clipping, grooming and showing before the fair, accept advice during the fair, but not in the show ring, unless it is a pre-approved safety reason.**

13. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in all species of animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. Hair color cannot be altered. Evidence of such treatment will result in the
animal being barred from the current show or the exhibitor barred from showing the following year as is appropriate.

14. In the case of species divided into class by weight, and an exhibitor having more than one animal in the same class, the exhibitor may choose to have another current Sioux County 4-H’er or FFA member show the animal for them OR choose to show the heavier of the two animals in the next heavier weight class. Some exceptions will apply, see Swine Rules.

15. Dress code for all 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors will be the 4-H/FFA T-shirt for the current year, appropriate jeans or pants of any color and appropriate footwear. Sandals, tennis shoes and shorts are discouraged when exhibiting livestock for safety reasons.

16. All 4-H/FFA swine, sheep, beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must be certified through the Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program.

17. Iowa 4-H no longer collaborates with the AkSarBen Stock Show. For all information regarding AkSarBen, please see this link: https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/

2019 Health Requirements for Exhibit of Livestock and Birds at Local 4-H and FFA Exhibitions

1. Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, mites, draining abscesses or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate animals from show

2. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on animals. But rabbits, poultry, meat goats, sheep and swine exhibited at a County Fair, 4-H and/or FFA Exhibition, must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

3. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

4. Swine exhibitors at local or county fairs that do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, must sign and present an owner affidavit that the animals being exhibited did not originate from a quarantined herd and to the best of their knowledge, swine dysentery has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months. Affidavits will be turned in to the Extension office by June 15.

5. YQCA certification is required for all food producing livestock exhibitors. Evidence of certification must be submitted to the extension office by June 15.

6. Stage V Counties (at the time of printing in 2012 all swine originating in Iowa and Sioux County are Stage V) do NOT need to show proof of a negative herd test for Pseudo rabies. Swine originating outside of Iowa must submit a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating they are from a pseudorabies free herd.

7. All reproductively intact sheep (ewes, rams) must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag before being shown or sold. All reproductively intact goats (does, bucks) must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official USDA registered tattoo before being shown or sold. This includes feeder animals, market animals or breeding animals. 4-H’ers who purchase ewe lambs should be sure they are tagged by the original owner and that an Owner’s Statement with flock information is provided.

8. All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. EVIDENCE OF VACCINATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15.

9. All poultry (including pigeons) exhibited must come from US Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must be performed by an authorized tester. A distance of 10 or more feet and/or an 8-foot high solid partition must separate “Market classes” of poultry from all other poultry. (Exempt in 2020, due to a lack of antigen)

10. The official fair veterinarians must approve the use of any drug used during the fair. This includes tranquilizers, medications and more. To get approval, a form (available at the extension office or fair office) must be completed by the exhibitor and signed by the official fair veterinarian. Failure to get approval for administration of any drug will disqualify the animal in question from the respective show and livestock sale. Ribbon Auction money will also be withheld.

11. By entering an animal in this fair, exhibitors give consent to the management of the Sioux County Youth Fair to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal(s) either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent(s) and/or guardian to prove otherwise. If test results are negative or show no evidence of inappropriate action, expenses will be paid by the Extension Office. If results indicate inappropriate or illegal handling of the animal, all expenses will be paid by the 4-H’er and/or the family or legal guardian.

12. Positive tests, except for residues which are within FDA tolerance levels, will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, plaques, premiums and sale prices. Extension staff, fair board, 4-H Committee, appropriate superintendents and the fair vet will make the decision whether or not the exhibitor of that animal and
11. the exhibitor’s family may be barred from participation in future Sioux County Youth Fairs. A re-test may be done at the exhibitor’s expense. THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE ABOVE LEGAL TOLERANCE LEVELS IS PROHIBITED. Exhibitors may not use food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

   a) Participants (going forward participants include any and all participants in any and all events described in this Fair Book) hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event.
   b) Participants hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete and that the participant shall abide by and is subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this Fair Book.
   c) Participants acknowledge the following as an express condition of their voluntary decision to participate.
   d) The protest procedures and remedies set out in this section of the Fair Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any protest, discipline or complaint regarding any action of the Sioux County Youth Fair arising in any way from participation.
   e) Participants expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any protest, discipline or complaint brought under the provisions of this fair book.
   f) Participants shall have 24 hours from the conclusion of the show involving the class in question to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this fair book which involve any issue other than the results of the drug testing.
   g) Participants shall have 10 days following the receipt of testing results to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this fair book involving the results of drug testing.
   h) Protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing using the Sioux County Youth Fair Official Protest Form and shall be filed with Extension Staff. Extension Staff will bring any complaints to 4-H Youth Committee and Sioux County Extension Council immediately after a Protest Form is completed.
   i) Protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a deposit of $100 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Deposit must be filed with the Sioux County Extension Council, staff or 4-H Youth Committee contemporaneously with any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints.
   j) The Extension Council, Fair Board, 4-H Committee, appropriate superintendents and the fair veterinarian shall consider any protest, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph as speedily as possible and their decision may be appealed exclusively using the appeal procedure set out in this fair book.

14. Appeals of Disciplinary Action
The appeal procedures are as follows:
   a) Participants have 10 days from the entrance of a decision concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this fair book to file an appeal of said decision.
   b) Appeals of any decision concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this fair book shall be in writing and shall be filed with Extension Staff. Extension Staff will bring any complaints to 4-H Youth Committee and Sioux County Extension Council immediately after a Protest Form is completed.
   c) Appeals of any decision concerning any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this fair book shall be accompanied by a deposit of $100 which will be forfeited if the appeal is not sustained.
   d) Deposit must be filed with the Sioux County Extension Council, Extension staff, or 4-H Youth Committee contemporaneously with any and all appeals.
   e) The Sioux County Extension Council, Extension staff, 4-H Youth Committee, appropriate superintendents and the fair veterinarian (as needed) shall consider any and all appeals of any decision concern any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Fair Book filed pursuant to this paragraph as speedily as possible and their decision in the matter shall be final.

15. Early release of livestock is prohibited EXCEPT and ONLY for animal health concerns and AFTER examination and recommendation from the fair vet and permission from the 4-H Committee, superintendents, and Extension Staff.
16. HE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL FAIR VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.
General Livestock Showmanship

Showmanship refers to the exhibitor’s:
- Personal appearance (proper show attire) cleanliness, attitude interest
- Presentation of the animal – leading, posting, response to directions, use of equipment
- Preparation of the animal – condition, cleanliness, grooming/clipping.

1. To be eligible for premiums, the owner, except in cases of sickness or injury, must show all livestock, or where the club member has two exhibits in the same class, in which case another Sioux County 4-H/FFA Exhibitor may help.
   - Substitute showman application forms are available online (www.extension.iastate.edu/sioux/page/all-4-h-forms-including-enrollment-forms-fair-and-record-keeping) and at the extension office. And must be completed and submitted to the extension staff or 4-H Committee prior to the show for a substitute showman to be eligible to participate in any 4-H show (livestock or static)
2. If an animal is unmanageable in the ring, the superintendents and/or fair vet will make a decision whether the animal may continue to be exhibited.
3. Exhibitor numbers are issued from the fair office for exhibitor identification
4. Exhibitors may only use an animal that they have identified and have shown at the fair in another class.
5. Exhibitors may only show in showmanship if they exhibited an animal in that species.
6. An animal may be shown ONCE by ONE individual in any showmanship show.
7. All livestock exhibitors will be signed up for showmanship in FairEntry. If the 4-H’ers decides to opt out of this class, they can do so at county fair check-in, with the exception of those showing horse or sheep. This allows superintendents to prepare for classes that have a large number of participants and insures a fair and safe showing experience.
8. Showmanship will take place at the beginning of each livestock show (exceptions may apply) and show order will be Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. Inexperienced and younger showmen are encouraged to watch the senior showmanship class and listen to the judge’s comments for helpful advice.

Super Showmanship Contest
1. The top senior showman from each species (horse, dairy, sheep, beef, swine, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit and poultry) will be expected to participate in the Super Showmanship Contest held on the Thursday of the fair at 3:00 p.m. (or immediately following the Swine Show) in the Farm Bureau Show Ring.
2. The top showmen choosing not to participate, unless excused by the 4-H Committee (as per substitute showman exceptions) will be listed in the last spots in the ribbon auction.
3. If a senior showman is excused from participating, the second place senior will be asked to fill that position, until all positions are filled for each species.
4. Exhibitors who place at the top in more than one species will begin showing in the species in which they qualified first.
5. Super Showmen will bring their own animal in the ring (with the exception of swine – superintendents will choose these animals). If exhibitors have more than one animal in their species, it should be the animal that was shown originally for showmanship, unless there are extenuating circumstances. If so, they need permission from a superintendent to substitute another of their own animals.
6. Animals should be washed (not groomed) and ready to show one half hour prior to the contest.
7. The event will begin with a written evaluation, which will hold 2-3 questions from each species’ judge. After the written evaluations, exhibitors will travel to each species and be evaluated on their showmanship skills. No questions will be asked with the judge face to face; only the written evaluation will hold questions.

Champion and Reserve Champion Super Showmanship