Bremer County Fair Rules

1. Grade for exhibiting at the Bremer County Fair (these are based on the 2015-2016 school year) is:
   Junior - 4, 5 & 6th grade   Intermediate - 7 & 8th grade   Senior - 9, 10, 11 & 12th grade
   Clover Kids-youth who have been exposed to the 4-H experience in grades K-3.

2. In order to enter an exhibit an animal or crop project at the Bremer County Fair, a 4-Her/FFA must be
   enrolled in that general project by May 15, 2016. All livestock must be identified on a Livestock
   Identification form (FFA) or in 4-H Online (4-H) by May 15, 2016. FFA eligibility for enrollment and
   other non-livestock project identification is determined by the vocational agriculture instructor of the
   respective chapters. There will be no exceptions.

3. Entries will be required for Static (non-livestock) projects by July 15th in FairEntry.com. Entries fees
   will be paid when you check in, but you will only pay for the projects you bring. Swine entries and
   payments are required by July 15th in FairEntry.com. All other animal (including pets) and crop must
   complete on or by June 15th in FairEntry.com. Payment must be in the Extension office by June 15th.

4. There will be a limit of two entries per class by any exhibitor unless there is an exception stated under
   department rules.

5. 4-H exhibiting eligibility at the 2016 Iowa State Fair will include: 4-Hers who have completed 5th
   grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent).

6. 4-H and FFA exhibits must be the result of project work and outgrowth of work done to accomplish
   goals carried out during the current 4-H and FFA year. Exhibits done in school or partly in school are
   acceptable. A 4-Her should set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment
   and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal. The intent is that a pre-determined goal has been set. The 4-
   Her must realize that the evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be
   different and should prepare accordingly.

7. Each youth must show his/her own exhibits/livestock except in the case of sickness, injury, or military
   service. If more than one livestock entry is in the same class, he/she may substitute another 4-H or
   FFA member, holding membership in a Bremer County 4-H or FFA club, to show his/her
   animal/project. The substitute must be approved by the superintendent before the show. Members
   not present for conference judging cannot receive higher ribbon rating than considered for state.

8. All exhibits are on public display and are to be kept in a neat and orderly manner at all times. The Fair
   Board reserves the right to release any exhibit to other fairs or exhibitions provided the exhibitor
   gives 30 days’ notice.

9. All entries/livestock should be on the grounds when designated and must be in place until the
   designated release time. This includes no tear down of stalls and signs Entries removed early forfeit
   the premiums, ribbons, and plaques. Exhibitors who remove entries before the designated release
   will not be eligible to show in the next year’s fair unless specifically authorized by the Bremer County
   4-H/Youth Committee and the Bremer County Fair Board.

10. The Fair Board reserves the right to pro-rate premiums.

11. The decisions of the judges will be final in every instance. Exhibits which do not comply with Rules 9,
    10, 11, and 12 will not be accepted for Entry, Evaluation, or Display at the Iowa State Fair.

12. Any project entered in the Bremer County Fair shall not have been shown in any other 4-H or FFA
    county show, excluding open shows.

13. The Bremer County Fair Board will not consider a protest, complaint or appeal based upon the
    statement that judge or judges are incompetent. When a protest is made as to the eligibility of an
    animal or article to compete in any class, it must be made in writing and filed with the Fair Board
    President before noon of the day following the one on which the class was shown or in the case of
    drug testing within 24 hours following receipt of the results, accompanied by a $100 cash deposit.
    The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the
    party filing the protest. This money will not be refunded.
TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION as to breeding, age, owner-ship and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. For more information about the process for filing a protest, see the fair board president. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Bremer County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and the exhibitor and the exhibitors’ assistants who fitted the animal involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing or coloring hair; adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. The use of Clenbuterol and other illegal drugs is prohibited. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Bremer County Fair according to the Code of Ethics.

14. All decisions of the Fair Board are final. Youth found breaking the Code of Ethics outside of a 4-H/FFA exhibition show during the Bremer County Fair may be asked to leave and forfeit awards and premiums by the Bremer County Fair General Manager.

**Specific Livestock/Crop Rules**

15. Stalls, pens, or exhibition space will be assigned to all exhibitors by the superintendent.
16. FFA members beyond fair after their graduation year can no longer exhibit at the fair or help fit other 4-H/FFA member’s animals unless they are an immediate family member.
17. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drench guns, or IV) will be allowed. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals are not allowed. Projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. Transparent grooming material may only be used, including on hooves. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Bremer County Fair.
18. No drugs or medication of any kind may be administered except by the order of a licensed veterinarian. All animals are subject to drug testing. All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
19. All exhibits must meet state health requirements as stated elsewhere in this booklet. A veterinarian will check animals at the fair.
20. Animals that have become injured or sick on the fairgrounds during the fair must have the superintendent of that department and fair manager permission to be removed from fairgrounds. The superintendent and fair manager may require a veterinary inspection.
21. While exhibiting animals, exhibitors should appear clean and presentable at all times. The dress should be a clean white or light colored shirt or blouse or 4-H/FFA t-shirt and dark colored jeans or slacks. Sturdy leather shoes or boots are preferred. The exception is: All dairy exhibitors must wear white pants and white shirt. Proper dress is considered to be part of the showmanship judging criteria. All horse exhibitors must wear a 4-H/FFA arm band.
22. Hay may not be stored above alleys or animals. Arrangements should be made to bring additional hay during the fair. Limited tack space will be provided.
23. The superintendent may divide or combine any class he/she feels is too large or small for proper judging. Breeding classes are to be divided by age and market classes by weight.
24. All classes within each division will be judged in numerical order by class number, except when the superintendent deems it necessary to change.
25. See also specific rules listed under each department.
26. For public safety: all fans must have protective screen and safe wiring; no fans allowed in aisles; NO BUTT FANS, only overhead hanging fans allowed in front half of stalling area; one fan per exhibit.
27. Exhibitors must be prepared to have Livestock ID checked by superintendent at time of check in.
28. Common bedding material will be provided for beef, swine, horse, sheep, goat, and dairy barns in an effort to minimize manure removal expense. Wood product bedding material will be used in the barns and straw is not allowed.
29. All livestock exhibitors must perform barn duty and are responsible for prompt removal of manure from the stalls during and at the end of the fair.

*Immediate family members include guardian, siblings, parents, grandparents, and/or step parents.

Specific Non-Livestock Rules

30. All exhibitors must be enrolled in an active 4-H club or be a member of an active FFA chapter. Each exhibit must be the work of a 4-H or FFA member during the current 4-H/FFA year. The articles may have been made for use by someone other than the exhibitor. FFA members may exhibit only in the following Departments: ANIMALS; AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES; CREATIVE ARTS – Photography; and SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – Mechanics, Woodworking, and Science, Engineering & Technology, and must follow rules listed for those Departments. FFA exhibits are not eligible to be selected for State Fair. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. See also “4-H Department General Rules and Regulations”. 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.

31. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-Hers are encouraged to use project guides and manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent a part of or all that has been learned in a project or program. The County Extension Office has more information on exhibiting.

32. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of 4-Hers participation in the selected project or program. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video tape, audio cassette, etc. (Note: If video tape is to be part of exhibit, notify extension office.) Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, quality of work and techniques and general appearance and design.

33. A written explanation or video tape is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor 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 as you worked towards your goal(s)?
   Also include in write-up steps used to make exhibit, where purchased, where you got ideas for exhibit from, etc. The information requested should be well organized and brief.

34. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, club name, class number, and exhibitor’s name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, note books, and/or cards, on the bottom of jars, and in an inconspicuous place on all 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.

35. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:
   • Posters may not exceed 24” x 36” in size.
   • 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 recommended size is 28” x 22” in height or width and 12” in depth. Exception: see 10503: Communication Posters

36. Conference judging is used for all judging with the exception of dog, sheep, dairy, goat, beef, horse, rabbit, poultry and swine. Exhibitors have the opportunity to talk with the judge regarding their exhibit. Parents are asked not to participate in the discussion. All judging will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sunday July 24th. Clubs are assigned times for judging. Leaders and parents are welcome to observe the conference; however, the conference is between the judge and the exhibitor only.

37. Due to security, we discourage 4-Hers from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Bremer County Fair and Bremer County Extension will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.

38. Duplication of copyright material or design should not be used in a 4-H exhibit that is presented as original artwork by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without the permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When permission has been granted by the owner of the copyright, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those without permission cannot be displayed. To learn how to cite Pinterest, call the Bremer County Extension Office at 319-882-4275.

39. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects) should NOT be used in any exhibit. Wildflowers taken from parks should NOT be used. It is illegal to possess songbird feathers or nests. Game animals “legally taken”, such as pheasant goose, duck, or quail are acceptable. Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) is a plant that should not be planted in gardens. It has the potential of becoming noxious in Iowa. Other dried established noxious weeds are acceptable to use in exhibits.

40. All items will be displayed in the 4-H building in the club booths. Release time for exhibits in the blue building is Sunday, July 31st, from 7-9:00 a.m. exhibits may not be removed before hand.

41. For projects exhibited by a group, each member should pay the entry fee and will receive the designated premium.

42. A maximum of one (1) Best of Show rosette ribbon will be awarded in each of the following exhibit categories:

   Animals, Ag & Natural Resources   Creative Arts
   Family & Consumer Sciences   Personal Development
   Science, Mechanical, Engineering & Technology

The selection will be made from 4-H/FFA State Fair exhibits. The judges within each of the exhibit categories will collectively determine the winner in their respective areas. The Best of Show ribbon will signify the highest quality. The judges’ decision will be final. Best of Show ribbons are sponsored by Tri-Rivers Trendsetters 4-H Club.

43. All exhibitors selected to advance to State Fair should check with Extension personnel to receive information on preparing the exhibit for State Fair. State Fair entries will be chosen from 4-H projects. All FFA entries participating at state fair must be made prior to July 1st through the chapters FFA Advisor.

44. The Extension Office reserves the right not to provide transportation of State Fair exhibits to the State Fairgrounds if dimensions are greater than 16” x 16” x 32” and/or transportation is limited.

45. Exhibits selected for State Fair must be brought to the Extension Office the week of August 1 to 5th. Food and Nutrition exhibits may be brought to the Extension Office between 8 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9th. Extension staff will be bringing exhibits back to the office on Monday, August 22, and will be available for pick-up after Tuesday, August 23.