

GENERAL 4-H & FFA EXHIBIT RULES & BUILDING INFORMATION

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE:

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Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects> to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

Must have completed the 5th grade to be considered and selected for State Fair.

GENERAL RULES:

For all exhibits in the 4-H/FFA Building (Grades 4th - 12th)

1. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'er's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
2. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified.
3. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters may not exceed 24" X 36" in size
 - b. 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.
 - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28" X 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
4. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (including insects), or song-bird feathers and nests may NOT be used in an exhibit.
5. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include remission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)
6. The 4-H'er's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects> along with "Judging Tip Sheets."

7. A written explanation, an audio cassette, or video tape is to be included as part of each exhibit. Photography exhibits will need a photography label that needs to be picked up at the extension office before exhibit day. 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?)
 - b. What steps did you take to learn this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned? *** Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food & nutrition, photography, and visual arts classes. *Judges have five to seven minutes to evaluate the exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.
8. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled with an official FairEntry tag, which includes the name of the club, class number, exhibitor's name, and official FairEntry barcode.
9. NUMBER OF EXHIBITS—There are no limits to the number of exhibits a 4-H'er can exhibit; however there is a limit on the number of photos an exhibitor can enter. See photography rules.
10. CONFERENCE JUDGING—Each exhibitor is encouraged to be present to exhibit her/his exhibits, and to talk with the judge about each exhibit.
11. PENCIL JUDGING - An option for static exhibits when the youth cannot be present on the judging day at the fair. This means that a judge will still judge the exhibit and write comments but the youth is not present to discuss the project with the judge. Pencil judged exhibits WILL NOT be eligible for State Fair consideration, however the pencil judged exhibit will still be judged and showcased at the county fair.
12. SCHOOL PROJECTS—If a 4-H'er has set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal, then it is okay. The 4-H'er must realize that the evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be different & should prepare the required support information accordingly.
13. Exhibits should not be set on the floor. It is suggested that you set exhibits on a rug or carpet squares.
14. Elements and Principles of Design - Reference should be made to the elements and principles of design in several project areas - Textiles & Clothing, Home Improvement, Visual Arts, etc. Your write-ups on this topic should be BRIEF! 4-H members will need to relate their project to the elements (color, line, texture, shape, space) and/or principles of design (rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, unity).
 - a. Clothing: Special Rule #1: When application of design elements and art principles must be explained, the following guidelines shall be used:
 - i. Members in grades 5-6 are responsible only for application of the design element line or color;
 - ii. Members in grades 7-8 are responsible only for application of two design elements;
 - iii. Members in grades 9-12 are responsible for application of at least one design element and at least one principle of design.
15. Due to security, we discourage 4-H'ers from bringing items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Union County Fair board and Union County Extension will use diligence to insure 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.

16. All exhibits must remain until 8:00 AM on Wednesday.
17. All exhibits must be picked up by 11:00 AM on Wednesday. If you cannot pick up your items, you must arrange for someone to collect them for you. Your premium money may be forfeited, if they are not picked up.
18. STATE FAIR EXHIBITS— Age for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair: Youth must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent). Exhibitors are limited to two exhibits to be sent to State Fair. Members having exhibits selected for State Fair should gather at 5:30 PM, Friday in the Commercial Building.
19. The Committee for this division can interpret rules and make other necessary rulings and changes, and its decision will be final. To appeal a decision of the committee, a request must be made in writing to the chairman of the Extension Council, or to a County Extension staff person.
20. DIVISIONS— (grades are as of the fall of 2017):
- a. CLOVER KIDS— Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade (non-competitive)
 - b. JUNIOR— 4th, 5th, & 6th grade
 - c. INTERMEDIATE— 7th & 8th grade
 - d. SENIOR— 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grade
21. PLACINGS AND PREMIUMS—Deserving exhibits will earn blue, red, and white placing according to quality. Premiums: Exhibits will be rated blue, red, and white ribbon groups. The amount of premium to be paid will be pro-rated.

Premiums will be forfeited on exhibits removed before official release time of 8:00 AM Wednesday. Clubs will also be expected to fulfill their obligations in the food shack and grounds cleanup or the fair board will withhold premiums from the club.

