

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Fair Management reserves the right to exclude from the fairgrounds any person or persons whom it may deem undesirable, or who violate any of the rules laid down by the management, or who shall otherwise become offensive.
2. Exhibits erroneously entered may be transferred, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the Department in which they properly belong, if done prior to the awarding of premiums in the class which they are eligible.
3. Protests of judging decisions will be resolved by the Grievance Committee. Protests shall be made in writing and shall set forth the specific reasons for the protest. The written protests shall be submitted to the Fair Secretary, together with a \$20 cash deposit, no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day that the disputed judgment was made. (The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained by the Grievance Committee.) The protest will be resolved no later than the next regularly scheduled Fair Board Meeting.
4. Attach your tag(s) to your exhibit(s).
5. Proceed to interview judging area with all non-livestock entries to check-in. Helpers will be available in this area to assist you.
6. All entries must be recorded by judges to receive premiums.
7. Entries must remain on display until posted exhibit leave time. Written permission of the Division Superintendent must be secured before exhibits may be removed prior to exhibit leave time.
8. All entries must be picked up as per schedule or will be disposed of.
9. 4-H members will be responsible for bedding their own stalls. Bedding can take place any time after Superintendents have assigned stalls.

How to enter your Exhibit: **OPEN Class**

1. Make certain you use the entry form entitled **Open Class Entry Form** filled out carefully, including all information requested, sign your form, and take your completed form to the Fair Office or Lake County Extension Office by the deadline date. Make sure to write clearly and neatly.
 2. Bring your entries to the fair and check in at the Fair Office to receive your entry tag(s).
 3. Find the appropriate barn for your entry. If you have problems, go back to the Fair Office and they will assist you in finding the correct place for your exhibit. Take your exhibit to the superintendent and they will make certain it is placed on the appropriate table. **DO NOT PLACE YOUR EXHIBIT ON THE DISPLAY TABLE - IT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SUPERINTENDENT WITH ENTRY TAG SECURELY ATTACHED.**
 4. Entries must remain on display until the end of the fair. Pick up your entries from the appropriate superintendent by turning in the Claim Form portion of your entry tag.
 5. All entries must be picked up by end of fair as per schedule or will be disposed of.
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- ## PROCEDURAL RULES
- ### How to Enter your Exhibit: **4-H or FFA**
1. Make certain you use the entry form entitled **4-H, FFA**, filled out carefully, including all information requested, sign your form, **have your form signed by your FFA advisor or 4-H organizational leader**, and take your completed form to the Fair Office or Lake County Extension Office by the deadline date. Make sure to write clearly and neatly.
IF YOUR FORM IS NOT SIGNED BY YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER, YOUR ENTRY OR ENTRIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SHOWN IN THE LAKE COUNTY FAIR.
 2. 4-H project records/journals must be complete and up-to-date.
 3. Bring your entry to the Fair, check in at the Fair Office to receive your entry tag(s) as per schedule.

4-H, FFA & OPEN CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND CONTESTANTS

1. Only members of the 4-H clubs, FFA, and Youth-Groups of Lake County are eligible to exhibit and to compete in the 4- H, FFA & Youth Group section of the Fair. State 4-H policy states that projects, activities or entry items are to meet goals and objectives of that project, program or support material.
2. Exhibit only in projects in which you are enrolled. 4-H Enrollment Cards must be turned into the County Office. FFA members must have paid their dues and be in good standing.
3. All entries shall be listed on an official Lake County Fair Entry Blank that are properly filled out. Each entry form will have a specific area to list:
 - a. 4-H and FFA Exhibits
 - b. Open Class Exhibits
4. 4-H and FFA members may also exhibit in the Open Class Division at the Fair and must abide by the Open Class regulations in the Open Class Division.
5. Correct division, class & lots must appear on the entry blank. Entry blanks **must** have the signature of the exhibitor and **4-H organizational leader or FFA Advisor**.
6. Member must meet any other requirements as established by the local club or chapter. **4-H members must have current and up -to-date work completed in project manuals and project journal sheets/or project record calendars and entry forms signed by organizational leader.**
7. **One entry per lot number in any fair Division (exception of rabbit and poultry project).**
8. No exhibit may be entered in both Open Class and the 4H or FFA Division at the fair.
9. Special Citizens Division Rules:
 - a. Those competing must be physically or mentally handicapped.
 - b. Can enter article(s) under any of the categories. c. Entry tag will be designed with a special mark.
 - d. Entry blanks must be marked: SPECIAL CITIZENS DIVISION.



- e. Entries in this division will be judged separately.
- f. All other rules apply.
10. Exhibits which are unruly or a danger to others can be removed from the Fair. A committee made of the Fair Manager, Superintendent, Extension Agent and Fair Board Member will make a decision when a problem is identified.

AWARDING PREMIUMS & SPECIAL AWARDS

11. All 4-H exhibits will be judged on the Danish or group system placing, in addition grand and reserve will be awarded in each class based on the judge's decision.
 12. Only purple ribbon entries will be eligible for grand and reserve awards. The judge may use his/her discretion in placing the champions award with Fair Manager's approval. **The Judge's decision is final.**
 13. Superintendents may group lots for judging, at their discretion.
 14. The following plan of awarding premiums in 4-H, & FFA under the Danish system will be based on: Purple Ribbon (not rosettes) - \$4.00; Blue Ribbon - \$3.00; Red Ribbon - \$2.00; White Ribbon - \$1.00.
 15. Cloverbud premium is \$1.00 for each ribbon.
 16. In addition to these requirements, exhibitor must comply with regulations listed under each department.

4-H & FFA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND CONTESTANTS

Fair Play

All 4-H & FFA club members must observe the regulations listed herein to receive prize money or awards.

As a 4-H & FFA club member, it is your responsibility to exhibit projects which you have developed yourself. You should not, for example, enter a clothing exhibit if you did not do all the work on it. When you exhibit and receive your award, the real sense of accomplishment is in knowing that you and only you were responsible for your project.

4-H, FFA & OPEN CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS AND CONTESTANTS

JUDGING OF THE 4-H EXHIBITS

Judging 4-H exhibits is structured to be a positive learning experience for our 4-H members. Evaluating each exhibit based on merits and making a determination of how much education has taken place throughout the year in order to complete the project for the Fair. The Danish system of judging is used for all 4-H entries which means every exhibit is ranked on its own merit. For example, all exhibits are of the same ranking within a lot number. If there are multiple entries in a lot number, they may all receive blue ribbons or white ribbons or any combination of ribbons, because each exhibit is evaluated on its own and not in competition with the other entries. From there the entries are then evaluated to determine the grand champion of the class (purple rosette ribbon) and reserve grand champion (lavender rosette ribbon), if any of the entries merit that rating, which means they need to have been Danish system judged to qualify for a purple ribbon.

Premium monies will be earned based on the merit awarded under the Danish system of judging. Special Grand and Reserve Champion Awards in each class are sponsored by businesses, individuals or community organizations through the efforts of the 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee. Cloverbuds (4-Her's 5-8 years old) are non-competitive and all receive a ribbon with a base premium.



INTERVIEW JUDGING

The learning experience of a boy and girl is greatly enhanced with the opportunity to evaluate their own work. Interview judging is one method of helping 4-Hers evaluate their work. To do this, they need adults who are understanding, empathetic and supportive. Member and Judge(s) sit down together and discuss the exhibit. At interview judging each member must be neat and clean and in proper attire.

Identify what new skills were learned. Discuss the strong and weak points of the exhibit. The role of the adult is to listen and help members explore possible solutions or make suggestions to avoid future problems and recognize accomplishments.

The 4-H member takes his/her own exhibit to the judge(s) at the Fair at the scheduled time. Non-livestock exhibits will be interview judged at time of entry.

Market Livestock members will be interview judged on their work within their market project as well during the Interview Judging time. The 4-H or FFA member must be present for the interview Judging and must be neat and clean. If unable to attend, the exhibit must be accompanied by an absentee form signed by the exhibitor, parent and leader, explaining about the exhibit and why the member is unable to be present for the Interview Judging. Forms can be obtained from the MSU Lake County Extension Office.

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