

**GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS  
FOR  
DEKALB COUNTY 4-H SHOW & FAIR**

\*\*Notice: Throughout the 4-H Fairbook the phrase "past year" will mean 2021 and the phrase "present year" will mean 2022.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Each exhibitor in the DeKalb County 4-H Shows must be officially enrolled in a DeKalb County 4-H Club in the present year. Member must be enrolled online in the project by **April 15**, present year.
2. Any exhibitor who individually or in groups is responsible for any disturbance during a 4-H show shall be required to leave the premises with their exhibits and shall forfeit their premium money.
4. A minimum age of 8 as of September 1, 2021 is eligible to participate in all State Fair Junior Department livestock, horse and pony, and general projects classes.
5. 4-H members unable to attend the 4-H General Project Show should sign-up to drop off their project and written report to be judged.
6. All animals must be exhibited in the show ring by 4-H owners. In cases of sickness, two entries, or a judging conflict, another 4-H member may be secured to help.
7. 4-H'ers are limited to receive one premium per class exhibited in premium eligible projects.
8. **If you need reasonable accommodations to participate, please contact the Extension office at 815/758-8194. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.**

**ENTRIES**

1. Deadline to enroll in the General Project Show, Livestock Shows, Horse & Pony Show is **June 13**

**2. Family Instructions to Enroll in Exhibits**

1. Go to "<http://dekalb4-hfair.fairentry.com>"
2. Click on Sign in with 4H Online
3. Click on "Register an Exhibitor"
4. Click to Register an Individual and Select the name of the first exhibitor (if more than one)
5. Click on Continue to Entries
6. On the next screen you can review the exhibitor's information
7. Click on "Continue to Entries AND click on "Add an Entry"
8. Select the appropriate Department. Then you will see a list of Divisions within that Department.
9. Select the desired Division. This will show a list of classes within the Division.
10. Select the Desired Class. Some classes may require additional information.
11. After selecting the class, click on create entries
12. Answer any questions that come up. Click Continue.
13. **If you wish to add another Entry, click on "Add another Entry" and you will return to the "Choose Department and Division" screen and select the appropriate department to select the class to enter.**
14. If you would like to register another exhibitor (sibling), Click on "Register another Exhibitor" **OR** if you are done with entries, Click "Continue to Payment". Follow any instructions regarding payment. In DeKalb County, we do not require a registration fee, so the Invoice will be \$0.
15. Choose to Submit your entries.
16. You will receive an email from Fair Entry stating that your entries were submitted. **PLEASE NOTE -** Once you hit submit, you cannot edit your entry or add entries until after your entries have been approved.
17. The Extension Office will then approve or reject your entries. You will be sent another email accordingly.

3. **ENTRY FEES** – The 4-H Show & Fair require no entry fees.

**4. ENTRY RULES**

- A. Entries may be made only in project areas in which the 4-H member is enrolled in.

B. All entries MUST be the current work of the member making the exhibit or entry.

5. **LIVESTOCK RULES** - All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must be owned by the 4-H member. Professional fitters **will not be allowed** to assist in the 4-H Fair. 4-H'ers may be assisted by a family member (mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardians) or by another 4-H'er from DeKalb County.

## **JUDGING**

### **1. RATING & PREMIUMS**

- A. 4-H General Projects are evaluated on an individual basis through conferences between the 4-H'er and the judge. 4-H livestock exhibits are evaluated on an individual basis within their classes. All 4-H exhibits receive a blue, red, or white rating.
- B. 4-H exhibitors will receive their 4-H premium checks if/when money is received from the state for this purpose. 4-H premiums will be paid using an x-factor. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors.
- C. Grievances/Protests - The 4-H Grievance Committee shall consist of the 4-H Fair Superintendent and 4-H Extension staff. Judging concerns/questions should go to the appropriate department superintendent first. If the concern cannot be resolved, then the department superintendent may refer the concern to the Grievance Committee. All grievances must be filed in writing. Grievances should be submitted to an Extension staff member. Complaints must be brought before the Grievance Committee within 24 hours of the incident.

#### **Tax Implications for Prizes, Gifts, or Awards**

Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift, or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift, or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.

**All first time 4-H'ers showing horses, rabbits, cats, dogs and poultry will need to complete the QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS PROGRAM over the internet. This should be completed by May. Failure to complete this program will result in the 4-H'ers being dropped from the project and ineligibility to show at the fair.**

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