

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

\*\*Notice: Throughout the 4-H Fairbook the phrase "past year" will mean 2019 and the phrase "present year" will mean 2020.

**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. The 4-H Cloverbuds class is for youth ages 5-7, as of September 1, 2019, enrolled in a DeKalb County 4-H Cloverbud group. Enrollment in a 4-H Cloverbud group must have been made on or before April 15 of the current year to be eligible to participate in this division. 4-H Cloverbud members must be enrolled in the Cloverbud Project. An opportunity for sharing will be provided. Refer to page 10 for more information.
3. 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, 2019 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 contact the Extension office about their lack of attendance. A leader, parent or junior leader may substitute for a 4-H'er with general projects in conference judging with a 4-H'ers written report.
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 15**
2. **Family Instructions to Enroll in Exhibits**
  1. Go to <http://dekalb4-hfair.fairentry.com>
  2. Click on Sign in with 4H Online
  3. You should see a list of family members eligible to exhibit.
  4. Click Edit next to the name of the individual. You will see the information about this individual. If any of the information is incorrect, log into 4-H Online and correct the information.
  5. Click on Continue to Entries
  6. Select the appropriate Department. Then you will see a list of Divisions within that Department.
  7. Select the desired Division. This will show a list of classes in the Division.
  8. Select the Desired Class. Some classes may require additional information.
  9. Click on Continue. You will then be prompted to confirm which club for this exhibit. It will choose the club where you are enrolled in the project. Click Select this club and choose Continue.
  10. Answer any questions that come up. Click Continue.
  11. **If you wish to add another Entry, choose either Add another Entry, or Add another Entry in this Division. Add another entry would allow you to choose another entry in any division. Add another entry in this division would allow you to add another entry in the same division, for example Visual Arts.**
  12. Decide if you would like to register another exhibitor (sibling) OR continue to payment (choose this option when you have entered ALL of your family's entries.

13. Once you Click Continue to Payment after you are done. Follow any instructions regarding payment. In DeKalb County, we do not require a registration fee, so the Invoice will be \$0.
14. Choose to Submit your entries.
15. You will receive an email from Fair Entry stating that your entries were submitted. Once you hit submit, you cannot edit your entry or add entries until after your entries have been approved.
16. 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 beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, 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.**

\* Articles lost, stolen, or damaged are not the responsibility of the University of Illinois Extension DeKalb County.

## 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege and not a right. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff – who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Illinois 4-H program and conduct themselves according to the following standards. These standards also apply to online 4-H activity, including social media and internet presence. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to: race, color, religion, political beliefs, national or ethnic origin, immigration or citizenship status, sex, gender identity and expression, transgender status, sexual orientation, age, marital or family 108 status, educational level, learning style, pregnancy, physical appearance, body size, and individuals with disabilities.

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H contests with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems., . Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. Do not attend 4- H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others’.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons who participate in 4-H programs.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not engage in romantic displays or sexual activities in either public or private situations. Be kind and compassionate toward others. Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile activities. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge. Respect the integrity of the group and the group’s decisions.
- 7. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others. Have fun!
- 8. Watch What You Wear.** Use good judgment. Wear clothing suited for the activity in which you will participate. Dress in a manner that is respectful to yourself and others. Clothing that displays or promotes violence, obscenity, illegal activities, discrimination, or intimidation is prohibited. Do not wear revealing clothing, such as short skirts or shorts, midriff-baring tops, or anything showing undergarments.
- 9. Be a Positive Role Model.** Act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing you are role models for others and that you are representing both yourself and the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Be responsible for your behavior, use positive and affirming language, and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all 4-H activities.

**CONSEQUENCES** Any of the following may be used, depending on severity of the situation:

1. Participant will receive a verbal warning.
2. Participant may remain at the event/activity, but may be barred from future events.

3. Participant may be asked to leave the event/activity. If the participant is a youth, the parent(s) will be called and the youth will be sent home at family's expense.