

Box Butte County Fair General Rules

Only those 4-H members enrolled in Box Butte County by May 1 shall be eligible to exhibit in the County Fair and receive premiums, rosettes or trophies or participate in any 4-H related fair sales. Creating exhibits for the County Fair is not the purpose of 4-H projects. The purpose of 4-H is to give youth and adults opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop life skills and strengthen values that enable them to become increasingly self directing, productive and contributing citizens. 4-H projects, fair exhibits and fair participation are simply tools that contribute to the 4-H mission.

4-H & FFA members must have been enrolled in the project Division and exhibit only those items that comply with their projects, except where otherwise designated.

- A. Unless specified elsewhere, each exhibitor is allowed only one entry in each class number.
- B. Where Classes are divided into three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) the age breakdown is as follows: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18. All ages will be determined as of January 1 of the current year. Where Classes are divided into two age divisions, (Junior and Senior) the breakdown is: Junior 8-11, Senior 12-18.
- C. Exhibitors who will participate in State Fair are responsible to check a State Fair Book to determine their eligibility. Exhibitors whose presence is required for exhibiting at State Fair (judging contests, etc.) must be 10 to 18 as of January 1 of current year.
- D. For 4-H, an asterisk (*) denotes exhibits eligible for State Fair. All exhibitors whose items are selected for State Fair are responsible to meet the State Fair regulations and requirements for that item.
- E. Superintendents will have rule books and will answer questions associated with projects. Superintendents of each animal division are responsible for the Showmanship Contests related to that division.
- F. Any specific problems or complaints should be directed to the 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educators & staff in writing so an inspection can be made at the fair grounds. If problems/complaints can't be resolved with 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educators & staff, FFA Advisors and superintendents, it will be taken to the 4-H Council. The Box County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee, and reserves the right to change classes and requirements where necessary. **Any suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be signed and submitted in writing to be considered.**
- G. All animal exhibit areas are expected to be kept clean and neat throughout the fair by the 4-Hers.
- H. The modified Danish system of judging will be used throughout the Fair with award designation being Purple, Blue, Red and White. Only Purples can be awarded as a Champion.
- I. Maximum money will be determined for each division by the 4-H Council and directors of the Fair Board. If the exhibits exceed the allotted amount, or if money is not available, the premiums will be prorated. Expected 4-H premium allotment will be: Purple \$3.00, Blue \$2.00, Red \$1.00, White \$.50.
- J. **Dress Code.** To exhibit at the Box Butte County Fair for 4-H members in beef, sheep, swine (includes market and breeding classes), market goat, dog and cat will be required to wear:
 - a. Blue Jeans
 - b. White shirt with collar. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt for a particular year, that approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year.
 - c. 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the white shirt with collar.
 - d. Appropriate shoes (No open toed shoes will be allowed).
- K. 4-H members in Dairy and Dairy Goat will be required to wear:
 - a. White pants. White shirt with collar. 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt. No

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- b. Appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes.
- L. Exhibitors showing poultry, rabbits and cats must wear:
 - a. Long-sleeved white shirt or blouse with a collar. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.
 - b. Blue Jeans
 - c. 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt
- M. Horse exhibitors must wear:
 - a. Blue Jeans
 - b. Long-sleeved white shirt with collar. No shirts that expose the midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed.
 - c. 4-H armband
 - d. Appropriate shoes or boots
 - e. Western hat
 - f. (See publication 4-H 373, *Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide*, for more detailed information.)
- N. **Large Animal Round Robin:** The Overall Champion Showman of each species (horse, beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, sheep, meat goat & swine) will represent that species in the Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. In that event, the Reserve Champion Overall Showman of that species will be the representative in Round Robin unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. If the Reserve Champion cannot be present or is ineligible for Round Robin, that species will be represented by the animal only. If the same exhibitor is Overall Champion of two species, he or she will choose which animal to show. The Reserve Champion of the other species will be the representative in the Round Robin. Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under each species.
- O. **Small Animal Round Robin:** The Overall Champion Showman of each species (cat, dog, poultry, rabbit) will represent the species in the Round Robin Showmanship, unless that person has won the Round Robin Trophy in the past. In that event, the Reserve Overall Champion Showman of that species will be the representative in Round Robin unless that person has won the Round Robin trophy in the past. If the Reserve Champion cannot be present or is ineligible for Round Robin, the next highest point purple ribbon showman will represent the species in Round Robin. If the next highest point purple ribbon showman cannot be present, that species will be represented by the animal only. If the same exhibitor is Overall Champion of two species, he or she will choose which animal to show. The Reserve Champion or the next purple of the other species will be the representative in the Round Robin. Showmen will be allowed five (5) minutes at each species before proceeding to the next station. Scoring for each species will be done on a score sheet specific for each species. The score sheets are then collected and totaled by a tabulator. Accumulative total points will be used to determine the Round Robin Champion. In case of a tie, the participants will answer the same question at each station until the tie is broken. Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under each species.