

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE - 4-H Councils will act as a Grievance Committee who will delegate power to the Committee of Division superintendents to make necessary decisions at County Fair show time. Their decisions will be final. All grievance thereafter will be presented in writing and person at the first meeting of the 4-H Council following the Fair. The suggested Superintendent's Committees are as follows:
  - a. LIVESTOCK - Supt. of Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Horse and Small Animals
  - b. HOME ECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE, POSTERS AND OTHERS - Entry Superintendent and Display Superintendent.
2. 4-H and FFA members are eligible to compete in the County Fair of the county where they are a 4-H or FFA member. Any exception or modifications of this rule must be approved by the respective 4-H Council.
3. Exhibitors must reach their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year and must not have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of Jan. 1 of the current year. Exhibits must be from the current year's 4-H or FFA projects.
4. Clover Kids - Any exhibitor who reaches their 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year are eligible to become a Clover Kid member of the county 4-H program. It is strongly suggested that these Clover Kid members enroll in only one or two projects.

*Animals and animal subject matter can contribute to Clover Kids objectives, provided the following parameters are met; however, for safety, liability, and competitive reasons often associated with livestock shows, some restrictions are necessary to maintain Clover Kids program objectives. The Clover Kids program will be developmentally appropriate and involve the following components:*

- *Encourage involvement of parent or significant adult*
- *Focused on self-esteem and provide positive feedback*
- *Sharing through cooperative learning*
- *Emphasizing fun and success of every child*
- *Recognizes individuals for participation*
- *Recognition and incentives are to be presented without rank or placing.*

Specific reasons for being cautious with direct large animal involvement are as follows:

- *Children of eight and under often lack the mental and physical skills for controlling and understanding the strength of large animals (Livestock Conservation Institute, 1994).*
- *Young children may lack the strength, balance and attention span to adequately manage large animals (American Medical Equestrian Association, 1993).*

Because of these reasons, Clover Kids programs involving live animals must adhere to the following guidelines:

- ❖ *Exhibition includes discussions with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.*
- ❖ *Exhibitors "show" in a non-competitive setting for participation only.*
- ❖ *Age, size and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.*
- ❖ *Horse projects are not appropriate for this age group.*

Suggested guidelines for all animals including livestock species (beef, sheep, dairy, swine) are as follows:

- ◆ *The adult/teen volunteer to child ratios during Clover Kids exhibitions of animals will be a minimum of 1:2, i.e. there will be one adult/teen volunteer present for every two Clover Kids that are handling or exhibiting animals. This applies to all animal projects.*
- ◆ *Livestock animals should be no more than six months of age and no more than 350 pounds at time of show.*

Clover Kids are not permitted to sell their animals in the Livestock Premium Auction.

5. Any 4-H or FFA requirements or work substituted for the same, not listed, will be eligible to be considered for ribbon award according to the quality of work.
6. 4-H and FFA will follow the 4-H rules for animal identification and eligibility. All rules will pertain to both 4-H and FFA.
7. Exhibitors who belong to both 4-H and FFA can exhibit in both 4-H and FFA but each individual animal or exhibit must be identified as either 4-H or FFA by the identification deadline and must show or exhibit under that division for the current fair or show year.
8. 4-H members may exhibit **one article per entry number** except where noted. Members may exhibit only projects in which they are enrolled.
9. Exhibits with a class number beginning with C are NOT eligible for State Fair. The C represents County ONLY!
10. All exhibits will be judged according to quality regardless of the number of exhibits in a class. Ribbons will be purple (P), blue (B), red (R), white (W), Rainbow (RBW). Rainbow ribbons are for Clover Kid or Beginner Mini Camp entries.
11. Exhibits must be of blue or purple quality to be considered for a trophy.
12. No animal or articles exhibited will be removed before the release time set by each fair, without permission of the superintendent of the division.
13. Exhibits must be picked up and removed from the fairgrounds by the date and time specified by the respective county fair.
14. Exhibitors are requested to pay particular attention to their article(s) on exhibition and at the close of the fair take charge of the same. The Garfield County Fair Association, Loup County Fair Association and Wheeler County Fair Association will take every precaution for the safekeeping, but will not be held responsible for any damage, injury, or accident that may occur. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.
15. While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury. Any injury incurred at County Fair must be reported to the G-L-W Cooperative Extension staff within 24 hours of the incident. The notice must be written and include:
  1. Names of persons involved
  2. Nature of incident
  3. Situation and documentation
  4. Additional persons Extension staff may contact for further information.
16. The County Fair Association reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the above rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the FAIR.
17. Regulations not covered in the County Fair rules will be governed by State Fair 4-H rules and regulations.
18. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion or handicap.
19. DRUG-ALCOHOL use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the 4-H section of the County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.
20. **Livestock, Horse & Small Animal clean-up is MANDATORY within 2 days or NO Premiums will be given out.**

SEE ALSO: LIVESTOCK RULES AND GENERAL RULES PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS  
AND DIVISIONS

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