

4-H Sarpy County Fair

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society reserve the absolute right to all matters of scheduling, use of the facilities or fairgrounds, and premiums connected with The Sarpy County Fair.
2. The Board of Directors of the Sarpy County Agricultural Society will use every reasonable precaution for the protection of persons, exhibits, livestock and other property, but will not be responsible for injury, loss or damage that may occur.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for any damage caused by their exhibit.
4. The University of Nebraska Extension abides with the non-discrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

ELIGIBILITY

All 4-H'ers exhibiting in the Sarpy County Fair must be currently enrolled in the Douglas/Sarpy 4-H program.

Enrollment deadline for horse projects is May 15 and for all other projects is June 15.

In order to exhibit a project the 4-H member must be enrolled in that project for the current year.

4-H exhibitors must turn nine during 2009 (4-H age 8 as of January 1 of current year) and must be turning nineteen during 2009 (4-H age 18 as of January 1 of current year).

Clover Kid 4-H exhibitors must be ages 5-8 years and turn at least six during 2009 (4-H age 5 as of January 1 of current year). 4-H'ers turning nine during 2009 have the option of exhibiting as a Clover Kid or a 4-H Exhibitor.

For State Fair classes where the presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations, and fashion show, the 4-H member must be 4-H age 10 by January 1, 2009, or becoming 11 years of age during 2009. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. (Eligible birth date range is January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1998.)

EXPECTATIONS OF ALL 4-H PARTICIPANTS

1. All exhibits must be the work of the member entering the exhibit.
2. All 4-H exhibitors shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship and support all rules and regulations of the Douglas/Sarpy 4-H program.
3. A "Thank You" is extended to firms donating special awards for encouragement and recognition of 4-H members. Any 4-H'er receiving any special award is expected to send the donor a "Thank You".
4. Decisions of the judges are final. Complaints will be handled by an appointed Grievance Committee.

PRE-ENTRIES

This includes pre-fair events, contests held during the fair, and all animal entries.

1. Pre-entry forms are posted on the web site. Use one form per exhibitor. Photocopies are acceptable. **Pre-entries for the Fashion Show are due July 2, 2009. All other pre-entries are due at either extension office by 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2009.** Send or deliver all pre-entries to either:

Douglas/Sarpy Central Office
8015 West Center Road
Omaha, NE 68124

Douglas/Sarpy South Office
1261 Golden Gate Dr., Suite 4E
Papillion, NE 68046

2. Pre-entries for small pets, cats and dogs must be made on FORM A..
3. Pre-entries for all livestock (beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy cattle, goats, bucket calf and sheep lead) must be made on FORM B .
4. Pre-entries for the fashion show must be made on FORM C.
5. Pre-entries for rabbits and poultry must complete FORM D.

Once again, fashion show pre-entries are due July 2 and all other pre-entries are due at either extension office by 4:30 p.m. on July 15, 2009.

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

1. **Sarpy County Fair Book** entry rules and regulations can be found at the local web site at <http://douglas-sarpy.unl.edu> go to the 4-H section. Each section contains listings for all projects. Classes numbered 900 or above are NOT eligible to be considered for the Nebraska State Fair.
2. Each static exhibit must be accompanied by a computer generated entry card.
3. All static exhibits must be entered on **Tuesday, July 28** between the hours of **noon - 7 p.m.** Entries will be judged and displayed at the 4-H Building on the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield.
4. **Interview judging will be available from 12:30 - 7 p.m. on entry day.**
5. 4-H'ers entering exhibits eligible for state fair consideration must meet requirements as stated.
6. There is no limit on the number of exhibits that a 4-H'er can enter in a single class. There is a limit on the amount of premium money per class. If four entries for the same class would be entered by a 4-H'er, all four would be judged, have a comment sheet and ribbon, but premium money would only be awarded for the highest ribbon. **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS, UP TO THREE CLASSES PER DIVISION, WILL RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL STATIC EXHIBITS ARE PREMIUM PAY LEVEL 5.**
7. All 4-H exhibits are to be on display for the duration of the fair. Exhibits will not be released early.

8. Release time at the Sarpy County Fair is Sunday, August 2 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Exhibits may also be picked up on Monday, August 3 between 9 a.m. and noon.
9. Extension is not responsible for items left at the fairgrounds.
10. Read and follow any additional rules on the web in the State Fair Book for intermediate and advanced projects. Read and follow any additional rules on the web in the Sarpy County Fair Book in each department introduction for beginning and special county only projects.

AWARDS AND PREMIUMS

1. Clover Kid entries are non-competitive and receive a special ribbon. Clover Kids do not receive any premium money.
2. Premiums will be paid according to ribbon placing received and pay level for the class as indicated in each department. Refer to the Pay Chart below for premium pay levels. Any disqualified entry will not receive premium money. There is a limit to premium money. If more than one entry per class, the highest ribbon will receive premium money. **PREMIUM AMOUNTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**
3. Ribbon placings are based on a modified Danish System. Exhibits are judged against a standard and awarded a placing of purple, blue, red or white. A green ribbon shows participation.
4. Sarpy County Fair premiums are paid by check directly to the 4-H primary club leader. **If a 4-H'er is a member of more than one club, premium money will be paid to the leader of the primary club listed on the enrollment form.** Premium checks are distributed all day on Sunday or Monday morning at the 4-H fair office on the fairgrounds to each club organizational leader.
5. Four-H exhibits must receive at least a blue ribbon in order to be eligible for champion, reserve champion, judge's award of merit or plaques. It is the judge's discretion to award or not award champion, merit awards or plaques.
6. **Special Recognition Award** - Any 4-H static exhibit regardless of ribbon placing or state fair eligibility may receive a Special Recognition Award. This award consists of a ribbon attached to a certificate explaining what makes the awarded exhibit unique. Judges may use their discretion in choosing how many Special Recognition Awards to grant in each section.
7. **Judge's Award of Merit Rosettes** -This special award may be given to any blue or purple static exhibit regardless of state fair eligibility. Each county fair judge may use their own discretion in choosing a unique exhibit that may or may not be the "best" exhibit in the division. One award can be given per project area or division. In large areas with hundreds of exhibits, such as Home Environment, each judge will have a rosette to award. In areas that have limited entries, it will be the judge's discretion if any exhibit is eligible. There is no premium money associated with this award.

PREMIUM PAY LEVELS FOR 2009

<u>Pay Level</u>	<u>Purple</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Green</u>
1	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$0
2	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$0
3	\$6	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$0
4	\$4	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$0
5	\$3	\$2	\$1	\$.50	\$0

4-H GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

1. The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the 4-H Sarpy County Fair Rules and Regulations.
2. All protests must be submitted in writing with date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:
 - A. Names of persons involved
 - B. Nature of concerns
 - C. Situation description
 - D. Desired action
 - E. Persons to contact for further clarification
 - F. A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest
3. The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest within 24 hours. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
4. The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of the department superintendent, a teen 4-H Council member and an adult 4-H Council member, and a designated extension staff person.
5. In cases of protest the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
6. Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

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