

GENERAL RULES

4-H/FFA Department

(Any new rules or changes will be in **bold print**.)

1. All exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in Fairfield County during the current year.

2. All still projects must have been selected and started by June 1 of the current year.

3. Only active members in good standing of Fairfield County 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters are eligible to exhibit at the Fairfield County fair.

4. All livestock, unless otherwise stated under specific rules, must have been selected & started by July 1 of current year.

5. Eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child is age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade, or age 9 and in any grade, as of January 1st of the current year. Ohio 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19.

6. To be eligible for FFA exhibits, the individual must be a member of a Fairfield County FFA Chapter (minimum of 9th grade as of county fair time), and must not have reached his/her 19th birthday before January 1st of the current year. Exhibits must be a part of FFA SAE program. All possession times must be met.

7. No Exhibit – No Pass!

8. Separate and different projects must be taken if a member belongs to both 4-H and FFA or 4-H and FCCLA. The same project cannot be used for competition in more than one organization.

9. No Junior Fair exhibitor shall remain in the barns on the fairgrounds during the night, except with written permission from the Senior Fair Board Office.

10. The drinking of intoxicating beverages will not be permitted on the fairgrounds.

11. All grand & reserve champions animals will be released by the Senior Fair Board (or Sale Committee) on Saturday. Check with the Sale Office for times.

12. No scales other than the official certified scales are permitted on the fairgrounds.

13. Each of the following shows will be planned and conducted by a show committee consisting of a superintendent, assistants, 4-H Advisors, FFA Advisors and Junior Fair Board members: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Dairy/Angora Goats, Meat/Market Goats, Pygmy Goats, Llamas, Poultry, Rabbits, Dogs, and Companion Animals (Companion Animals- no FFA Advisor required).

14. Each show (above) will have a stewards committee composed of one FFA Advisor, two 4-H Advisors, and one Junior Fair Board member. They will be present at all show functions to assist the superintendent with show decisions.

15. All animals must be shown by the owner unless special permission is given by the Superintendent in Charge. If an animal is shown by someone other than the owner (with permission of the Superintendent), the showman must be an eligible 4-H or FFA member of Fairfield County.

16. Each division official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the exhibitors and their attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor). Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, fair managers, 4-H/FFA Advisors, 4-H Educator, Show Superintendents, show helpers

or fellow exhibitors or attendants (parents or person responsible for exhibitor) will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant withholding of any premiums won and eviction from the Fairfield County Fair. If any of the above occurs, the first violation the Show Superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisors. The second violation the Show Superintendent will discuss with the 4-H/FFA advisor present with the exhibitor along with the attendants (parents or person responsible for the exhibitor) and Junior Fair Director. Third violation would result in eviction.

17. Management aims to provide prompt and efficient removal of manure, garbage, rubbish and control of flies and mosquitoes. Full cooperation of concessionaires and exhibitors will make it possible.

18. No hay or straw will be permitted in the 4-H Display Barn.

19. Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock and Horse Housing Form with the Senior Fair Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal, as follows: Carcass Steers - Due at tagging/weigh-in (1st Saturday in March); Market Steers/Heifers - Due at tagging/weigh-in (1st Saturday in March); Horses - June 1st; Breeding Beef - July 1st; Dairy Females and Feeders - July 1st; Breeding Sheep and Market Lambs - July 1st; Goats - July 1st; Breeding Rabbits - July 1st; Breeding Poultry - July 1st; Market Turkey - after May 1st but before July 1st, within five days of hatch; Market Hog - July 15th; Beef Feeder Steer and Feeder Heifers - August 15th; Market Rabbits - Second Friday of September; Market Chickens and Market Ducks - September 1st.

- If the Livestock and Horse Housing Form is not on file by the date required for possession of the animal, and it is discovered that animals are being housed on property other than the owner's resident property, the animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show.

- If no Livestock and Horse Housing Form was filed and extenuating circumstances require you to move your animal, a Livestock and Horse Housing Form must be filed with the Senior Fair Office within 48 hours (subject to Senior Fair Board approval). The animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show if failure to file form for this situation.

- If the Livestock and Horse Housing Form is on file and the animal is moved after the possession date, a new form and documentation (reason) for the animal moving must be submitted to the Senior Fair Board office within 48 hours. The animal will be ineligible to show in the current year's Junior Fair Show if failure to file form for this situation.

20. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds during the week of the fair. The only trailers allowed on the grounds will be those used for beef cattle tie-outs, or those with the approval of the Senior Fair Board.

21. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to care for the animals through Saturday when they are released. Any animal not being properly cared for will first receive a verbal warning from the superintendent. If the situation is not corrected, the exhibitor will be reported to the Junior Fair

Director and then the situation will be addressed. If the situation is still not corrected, the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting that particular specie at the following year's fair.

22. Tagging of market animals after the date set in the Junior Fair Rules for the Fairfield County Fair:

- A. Animals in question will be allowed to be tagged at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on a date of not more than five (5) working days after the tag-in date. Arrangements are to be made through the Senior Fair Office.
- B. Owners of animals must present to officials a bill of sale or proof of purchase for the animals at the time of tagging.
- C. The exhibit of the animals in question will be limited to the following conditions:
 - i. Animals will receive a grade only from the species show superintendent, and will not be eligible for competition in market classes.
 - ii. Exhibitors will be eligible for showmanship in their respective age divisions.
 - iii. Exhibitors will not be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Award.
 - iv. Animals must sell in the auction as part of weight groups, assigned by Show and Sale Committee.
- D. Exhibitors must complete other guidelines of the Junior Fair Rules (such as Quality Assurance & weigh-ins).
- E. A \$10.00 late fee per animal tagged must be paid at the time of tag-in, if the exhibitor has shown in this area in a previous fair.
- F. The \$10.00 fee will not apply to exhibitors who are showing that particular specie for the first time.

23. Grooming chutes may only be placed in designated areas. No chutes are to be placed in areas used for parking. If chutes are placed in a restricted area, they must be removed immediately. If chutes are not removed, participants will be disqualified from showing at the current year's fair.

24. Parents or Legal Guardians of 4-H/FFA participants with a recognized disability (physical or mental) may request assistance for their child.

Requests must be made in writing 30 days prior to the required function of the current year and must be accompanied by a Release of Information form (available at the OSU Extension Office). Winning 4-H Plan requests should be sent to the Fairfield County OSU Extension Office, c/o 4-H Educator, 831 College Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. A new request for accommodations must be made each year of the child's involvement. Please contact the OSU Extension Office for more information about the Winning 4-H Plan. FFA Requests should be sent to the Junior Fair Director.

Who: Students who currently have an active Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) or a 504 Plan on file with one of the Fairfield County or Lancaster City School Districts, or homeschooled students with documented physical or mental disabilities.

What: The letter should state specifically the accommodations that are needed to provide the child with an equal opportunity to fulfill 4-H/FFA obligations for completing projects or exhibiting in the current year's Junior Fair.

The OSU Extension Office and the Junior & Senior Fair Boards will work with the parents & the child to provide necessary accommodations. Should the child need specialized assistance (ex: language interpretation), the parents will be asked to assist in procuring it. Each request will be handled individually and every effort will be made to accommodate the child's special need in order to make their 4-H/FFA experience as beneficial as possible. Should the child need accommodations at club meetings, the OSU Extension Office and the club advisors will work with the parents to facilitate a workable solution.

25. If an animal leaves the fairgrounds for any reason, it may not return for the duration of the current Fairfield County Junior Fair. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that particular specie at the fair the following year.

26. Animals may not be weighed in after the scheduled fair arrival/weigh-in time, unless permission is previously granted by the Junior Fair Director. There will be NO re-weighs. The animal will be considered ineligible to show for class placing. The animal will not be unloaded after the scheduled arrival time has passed. The DUNF must be completed and signed before the animal is unloaded. Market animals and any species that requires a DUNF must be free from any/all drugs in their system on Fair weigh-in day.

27. Once a class has concluded and an exhibitor has been presented with an award, placement/ award cannot be changed. The only exception to this is if a rule has been broken by an exhibitor and premium/award is to be taken away.

28. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up hair clippings left on the ground (even if they are outside).

29. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their animals, especially if they are taken outside the designated area. (Example: manure, hair, straw, etc.)

30. All exhibitors of livestock must clean their pens at the end of fair (including cardboard, plywood, wire, etc. that have been added to pen), excluding dairy cattle, and horses.

31. The Fairfield County Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. These rules are available on pages following.

PREMIUMS

1. Premiums will be awarded only if the exhibitor has satisfactorily completed a 4-H project and/or complied with the FFA Chapter requirements.

2. The Fairfield County OSU Extension Office and FFA Advisory Committee assumes the responsibility for furnishing the necessary information for payment of all premiums. All prejudged project grades MUST be available to the Fair Board Office on or before August 20.

3. All grades for projects judged during the Fair MUST be available to the Junior Fair Office by **12:00 p.m.** following the day of judging.

4. Premiums will be paid on the fair exhibit grade.

5. Premiums on such projects will be paid on two (2) projects per 4-H/FFA exhibitor.

6. If paid on more than 2 projects, or projects are removed before the appropriate release time, premium money must be refunded.

7. All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting at the fair MUST collect their premiums from the Entry

Clerk's office trailer on the north side of the grounds (by Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena) fair week; Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Premiums will be forfeited if not collected on above mentioned times.

8. Premiums will be forfeited if aisles and pens are not kept clean.

ENTRIES

1. No member will be permitted more than one (1) entry per class (except in market lamb, dairy feeder, beef, market goat, market swine and breeding rabbit class).

2. Animals of different breeds as well as registered or grade may be considered in different classes. Other projects, if taken as part of different project books, will be in different classes, unless otherwise noted.

3. If satisfactory housing is not available, the Fair Board reserves the right to limit the number of entries in any category in which the exhibits exceed the amount of space available.

4. 4-H Advisors and Agricultural Education Instructors must make entries at the Senior Fair Board Office between the dates of August 19th and August 30th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; NO EVENING or SATURDAY HOURS. Entries may be mailed to: P.O. Box 945, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, but must be **received** at the Fair Board Office by August 30th.

VIOLATION OF RULES

1. If a Junior Fair Exhibitor is barred from the Ohio State Fair, an Independent or County Fair, the exhibitor will be barred from the Fairfield County Fair for the same amount of time.

2. The Senior Fair Board reserves the right to interpret all rules. Their decision is final.

3. Exhibitors who neglect their livestock at the fair will be barred from the fair for one or more years.

REPORTING OF RULE VIOLATIONS AND PROCEDURE

PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1st.

1. Rule violations should be brought to the attention of the Show Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

2. If the decision of the Show Superintendent is not satisfactory, then an appeal may be made to the Junior Fair Director.

3. If the decision of the Junior Fair Director is not satisfactory, then a formal protest may be filed with the Fair Manager, it must be filed in writing, signed by the party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board Office within 5 days of the decision by the Junior Fair Director, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 cash.

4. The Senior Fair Board and the Superintendent of the department involved will then consider the protest at a time set by the Fair Manager and voted on by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting of the board and report in writing the approved decision within 24 hours of that meeting to all parties involved including 4-H, FFA, protesters and individuals involved.

AFTER OCTOBER 1st AND DURING FAIR WEEK.

1. Rule violations should be brought to the attention of the Show Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent no later than two hours after the show and decision made no later than two hours after the show.

2. If the decision of the Show Superintendent is not satisfactory, then an appeal may be made to the Junior Fair Director no later than six hours after the show in writing with evidence and description of the violation. A decision will be determined in writing by 8 a.m. the next morning.

3. If the decision of the Junior Fair Director is not satisfactory, then a formal protest may be filed with the Fair Manager within four hours after the 8 a.m. decision.

4. Any violation concerning the sale of an animal should be referred to the Fairfield County Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee. They will report to the exhibitor their decision in writing and file it with the Senior Fair Office.

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY SUPERINTENDENTS/JUNIOR FAIR DIRECTOR

In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Superintendent or Assistant and/or Fair Officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent and/or Fair Officials will make recommendations to correct the situation based upon current rule book.

Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents will report their decision to the Junior Fair Director immediately. Superintendents will consult with their committee prior to making a decision.

Once the ruling has been made by the superintendent and you feel it is not made according to the rules, you must contact the Junior Fair Director within four hours of the ruling.

The Junior Fair Director, in consultation with assistant Junior Fair Director and Show Committee, will research the case based upon the provided information. The decision will be provided in writing by 8 a.m. the following day.

PROTESTS

1. If a protest of the Junior Fair Director's decision is desired, it must be filed in writing, signed by the party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board Office within four hours after the 8 a.m. decision by the Junior Fair Director, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 cash.

2. The Senior Fair Board and the Superintendent of the Department involved will then consider the protest at a time set by the Fair Manager.

3. A committee will be selected from a pool of all Superintendents, County Agriculture Teachers, members of the 4-H Advisory Committee not involved with that committee and no more than 2 Senior Fair Board Members. The committee will be composed of at least 5 people from this pool with all groups represented if possible.

4. The committee will interview, investigate and hold hearings with all parties involved within 12 hours of filed time. Failure to attend the meeting waives your rights in the hearing. The committee will make a recommendation based upon collected data.

5. The Senior Fair Board will report in writing the approved decision within 24 hours of the time the appeal was filed to all parties involved including 4-H, FFA, protesters and individuals involved.

6. All decisions of the Senior Fair Board are final. If the protest is granted, the \$100.00 fee

will be returned. If the protest is denied, the \$100.00 fee will not be refunded.

Rules Violation

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained that of rule violations, the exhibitor and/ or exhibitor's family will be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs for a period of 1 to 5 years. The minimum number of years for a livestock disbarment and the right to a review is 3 years. In the case any premium has been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Senior Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK TAMPERING and/or MISREPRESENTATION

1. Any tampering or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

2. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Agricultural Society (Fairfield County Senior Fair Board) reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and to disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animals involved.

Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail-heads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state. Only transparent grooming materials may be used.

3. The use of Clenbuterol and other unapproved drugs is prohibited.

4. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any junior fair and/or open class divisions.

Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Agricultural Society, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.

Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass divisions of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal shall be incurred by the exhibitor.

5. The Fairfield County Senior Fair Board shall have the right to require any suspected animal to be subject to examinations or tests prescribed by the fair officials to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal. The cost will be paid by the exhibitor.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

For the Duration of the Fair:

1. NO Exhibitor shall enter an animal in competition in the Junior Division of the Fairfield County Fair that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited at any time during the Fairfield County Fair by another person except a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or other junior exhibitor. Each exhibitor showing a beef, sheep, or swine market animal shall register with the Junior Fair Director or his designee (Show Superintendent) on the day of weigh-in at the Fairfield County Fair. The name of the person (if any) from the immediate family or another Fairfield County Junior Fair exhibitor who can assist the exhibitor in the preparation or grooming of the animal entered in a competition must be registered with Show Superintendent at weigh-in. Any person(s) meeting the definition of immediate family can be registered. 4-H and FFA Advisors can instruct only.

Immediate Family: Including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, or guardian.

2. NO exhibitor shall enter an animal in a Junior Division competition of the Fairfield County Fair that has been administered, fed, given, or injected a drug or any other substance including tranquilizers, natural or otherwise, except those drugs or substances that are administered, fed, given or injected by a licensed veterinarian. Animals of market class must have met withdrawal times and have a valid Drug Use Notification Form on file with the Show Superintendent. Market animals and any species that requires a DUNF must be free from any/all drugs in their system on Fair weigh-in day.

CODE OF PRACTICES

The following describes general responsibilities of the exhibitor and all persons in their authority, in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber:

1. To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of my animals.
2. To provide a safe and healthy environment for my animals, that is clean, well ventilated and provides ample space.
3. To provide a well planned disease prevention program to protect the health of my herd or flock. This includes a strong veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
4. To use humane and sanitary methods when it is necessary to dispose of my animals.
5. To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate the health and ensure that all basic requirements are being met.
6. To ensure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.
7. To provide transportation for my animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.
8. The willful mistreatment of my animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. In cases of mistreatment, the proper authorities will be notified.
9. To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of the animals.

SPECIAL 4-H RULES

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for 4-H Cloverbud membership begins when a child is enrolled in kindergarten and has reached age 5 as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds is a non-competitive, activity-

based program. Membership to the Traditional 4-H club program begins when a child is enrolled in 3rd grade and is age 8 as of January 1 of the current year. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H Club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. 4-H membership ends December 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

MEETING ATTENDANCE, CLUB SIZE, & PROJECT BOOKS

Unless excused by the 4-H club advisor, 4-H members must attend a minimum of 3/4 of the 4-H club meetings in which their enrollment lies (minimum of eight meetings) during a single project year, in order to receive a completed grade in their project.

Traditional 4-H Clubs: must have at least five youth members from three different families. A Project Book or Record Book is required of all members for each project. No club member may change clubs after enrollment changes are submitted.

Cloverbud Clubs: a minimum of three members are required to constitute a club in Fairfield County. Because Cloverbuds are activity based, project and record books are not required for these members. Cloverbud Advisors should put what curriculum they are using on the enrollment sheets in the project area. Cloverbud groups should be a part of a Traditional 4-H Club.

MEMBERSHIP ACROSS COUNTY LINES

Youth are expected to affiliate with the 4-H program in their county of residence. However, in some circumstances, it is appropriate for a youth to participate in 4-H in a county other than their county of residence, which can be done with the approval of the 4-H professionals in both the county of residence and the county of request. Once granted, the permission for membership across county lines is expected to be permanent and stable, for the duration of the youth's 4-H membership. However, once granted, the 4-H family can request changes again, using the same process. This privilege is extended only for those youth who maintain membership in good standing. Procedures Ohio State University Extension administers the Ohio 4-H Youth Development program whose mission is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Each county in Ohio conducts the 4-H youth development program to accomplish this goal. In order to affirm Ohio State University Extension's position concerning cross county (and/or cross state line) 4-H membership and to establish guidelines in this area to fulfill the above mission, the following philosophy and process statements are provided.

1. 4-H membership in two counties simultaneously is not permitted.
2. Cross state line membership will be considered the same as for cross county membership.
3. In situations where the county of residence does not have a 4-H program (due to financial or other reasons), youth may not join 4-H in another county; previously approved cross county or cross state membership will be revoked.
4. In situations where membership in a county other than the county of residence is desired, the Educators in both counties must be in agreement regarding the application. The agreement will be based upon their professional judgment in accord with the

- mission of the organization and is not to supersede #3.
5. Consideration for membership may not be motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage in another county, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations.
 6. Should families own multiple residences in more than one county, the permanent county of residence will be determined by the public school system in which the youth would be enrolled.
 7. Parents, guardians, and/or youth should become familiar with all policies, procedures, and guidelines for the county in which they wish to be members. Some Ohio counties may limit participation in the county Junior Fair to those that reside in the county.
 8. Any consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, within the limits of this policy and not addressed by the above statements should be brought to the attention of the County Extension Director by the County Extension 4-H Educator. This team will work with the Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development or

Associate State 4-H Leader to identify a course of action in these special situations.

9. The decision to allow or deny Cross County Line Membership will be made by the county 4-H professionals in the County of Request and the County of Residence, and fully supported by State.

4-H PROJECTS AND PARTICIPATION IN FFA, FCCLA, SCHOOL, SCIENCE FAIRS, SCOUTS, ETC.

Eligible youth may be members of both a 4-H club and any other group. When a member belongs to two or more organizations, projects carried, in all cases, must be separate and different (also different animals and/or products) in an effort to broaden the member's experience and learning. The following examples will be considered separate and different projects - Dairy Cows & Management (cows in production), Dairy Calves & Heifers (not freshened); Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs; Beef Breeding, Steers; Swine Breeding, Market Hogs; Market Goats, Breeding Goats; Horse Production, Horse Riding; Laying Flock, Broilers, Fancy Poultry, Pigeons; Market Rabbits, Breeding Rabbits; Agronomic crops such as corn, soybeans, wheat and specialty crops such as vegetable gardening,

strawberries, other specialty animals, crops; electric and woodworking; which must also be separate and different. When project selection is a problem, a conference should be held with the member, the teacher or leader involved, the 4-H Extension Educator, the 4-H Advisor, and the parents to discuss the situation and resolve the problem for the benefit of the member involved.

LIVESTOCK HOUSING RULE

Youth housing an animal in a location other than their own home or farm need to file a Livestock & Horse Housing Form with the Fairfield County Senior Fair Board Office.

4-H COMPLETION AND EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS

Project completion requires that all the above rules must be followed and that the advisor be satisfied with the project. Anything less than this should be considered **INCOMPLETE**.

Exhibition is an option beyond completion.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES FOR SPECIES

Exhibitors must complete ALL activities for every specie!

Quality Assurance Training

GENERAL RULES

Exhibitors that are enrolled in following areas (breeding and market) are required to participate in a Quality Assurance (QA) Training: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy/Angora Goats, Meat/Market Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits (not including Pet Rabbits), and Poultry.

Clubs and Chapters have the opportunity to host their own Quality Assurance Clinic. Club/Chapter QA Clinics must be taught by trained and Certified Assistant Instructors (for a complete list of Fairfield County Certified QA Assistant Instructors, contact the OSU Extension Office). Members are required to attend one Quality Assurance Clinic taught by a Certified Assistant Instructor. Clinics may be set up at the club or chapter level by the Advisor. For additional Clinic options contact the OSU Extension Office. Junior Fair Exhibitors must complete the Quality Assurance requirement by June 30th of current year (all documentation from Club/Chapter QA Clinics is due to the OSU Extension Office on June 30th). If a Junior Fair exhibitor's club or chapter does not host a QA Clinic or they miss their Club/Chapter QA Clinic, there will be two countywide make-up dates for exhibitors. These make-up dates are Sunday, May 5th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 18th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. When an exhibitor attends one Club/Chapter QA Clinic, s/he has met the QA requirement to exhibit at the fair in all species listed above for the current year. (So, if Chris Clover is taking Beef, Dairy, and Market Goats, he only needs to attend one QA Clinic). Exhibitors will be asked to mark all species they plan to exhibit to the County Fair when completing their documentation form at the conclusion of the Club/Chapter/ Countywide Make-up QA Clinic. Exhibitors also have the option of attending approved out-of-county events (see below) to meet this requirement. If exhibitors do not attend an approved QA Clinic, they will be ineligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair that year.

Quality Assurance Test-Out Dates

Once again, there will be an opportunity for any Fairfield County youth who are ages 12-14 and 15-18 (as of January 1st, 2018) to test out of Quality Assurance. A youth may test-out when reaching the age of 12-14. Once 15 years old, youth may again test-out of Quality Assurance until s/he completes their 4-H/FFA career. Test dates are May 7th through May 11th by appointment at the OSU Extension Office. If youth try to test-out and do not pass, youth must complete a QA clinic by June 30th of the current year to meet the QA requirement. Please contact the OSU Extension Office for questions and to setup an appointment.

Additional Quality Assurance Training Options

There are opportunities at different clinics, meetings, and livestock shows around the state that office approved Quality Assurance Training. Examples of these types of sessions that would fulfill an exhibitor's Quality Assurance requirements are: The Ohio Beef Expo, OSU Junior Swine Day, Bi-State Youth Poultry Clinic and other counties countywide Quality Assurance Clinics. For a list of approved QA Training events throughout the state, contact the OSU Extension Office. If a club member chooses to attend one of these types of sessions, they need to provide the OSU Extension office with proof of attendance by June 30th so accurate records will be available for verification if necessary.

Premier Exhibitor

If an exhibitor is interested in competing for Premier Exhibitor, s/he must take a 'Premier Exhibitor Test.' The test will be no more than 50 questions and will be objective (multiple choice, true/false – NO short answer). **Date options to complete this test at the Fairgrounds – Rickett's Hall, July 27th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Rickett's Hall, August 25th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and Dining Hall, September 14th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** An exhibitor must take a test in ALL species s/he wishes to compete for Premier Exhibitor. If the exhibitor does not take the specie-related test, s/he will be ineligible for the Premier Exhibitor in that species. An exhibitor can take

the test only once per species each year. If an exhibitor is found with a book during the test or caught cheating on the test, s/he will receive no points for the testing option for Premier Exhibitor for that particular specie and will not have an option of re-taking the test. QA requirements must be met to qualify for Premier Exhibitor Award.

Project/Record Books

Exhibitors are required to complete a 4-H project or record book/FFA record book each year. Project/**record** books are to be checked by club/chapter advisors on an annual basis. If an exhibitor does not complete a project/**record** book and turn it into the advisor prior to the fair, she will be ineligible to receive a premium for that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the advisor's responsibility to notify the entry department of this ineligibility.

Dog Check-In Day

All dog exhibitors (with the exception of members taking All About Dogs – 4-H Project #200) are required to attend Dog Check-In Day on Saturday, August 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds (Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena). All exhibitors will complete interview judging in You and Your Dog and 4-H PetPALS (for dogs). Only these dog projects will be judged for grade and placement on this date. To be eligible to show at the Fairfield County Junior Fair, all exhibitors are required to bring to Mandatory Dog Check-In Day: 2019 Ohio State Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate (signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian), License Registration Paper, 2019 Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show Entry Form, and dog they plan to show at the fair. This will be a day to complete interview judging (for grade and award placement), check-in all required paperwork, practice going through the show rings, an opportunity to ask questions, and submit Fair Dog Show Entry Forms. Vaccinations are to be given by July 1st of the current year. Anyone who cannot be in attendance on this date must complete the required Dog Check-In Day Waiver Form (by completing an approved activity to be eligible to exhibit a dog) AND Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show Entry Form. The Dog Check-In Day Waiver Form and Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show Entry Form can be found on the Fairfield County 4-H website: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfield4h>. The approved waiver options include: Showing your dog at the Ohio State Fair which includes a vet check with registration or taking your dog to the vet for a check-up during the month of August (paperwork of appointment, copy of license receipt, and tag must be submitted along with the form). Exhibitors participating in one of the alternative events/activities listed above must have the Dog Check-In Day Waiver Form and Fairfield County Junior Fair Dog Show Entry Form turned in or postmarked to the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23rd, 2019. Refer to Book 14 – 4-H/FFA Dogs for more information.

Horse Clinic GENERAL RULES

Exhibitors that are enrolled in Horse projects are required to participate in the Mandatory Horse Clinic held on Sunday, August 25th at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who cannot be in attendance on August 25th must fill out the required waiver and complete an approved alternative event/activity to be eligible to exhibit a Junior Fair Horse project. This waiver is available from an FFA Advisor, online at the Fairfield County OSU Extension webpage (<http://fairfield.osu.edu>), or from the Fairfield County Extension Office.

The approved alternative options include: State Fair Skill-a-Thon (held sometime in July/August); Demonstration Contest (on the particular specie) (held in July); Public Health & Safety Speaking contest (on the particular specie) (held in June); FFA Advisor Approved Event (held at a state or local FFA event); State Horse Hippology Contest (held in June); State Horse Bowl Contest (held in Spring), Spring Horse Clinic (held in April).

Members participating in one of the alternative events/activities listed above need to have their advisor postmark or turn in their waiver form to the OSU Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. the Friday (**August 23rd**) prior to the Clinic. If the Horse Clinic is missed on **August 25th**, and a waiver is not postmarked or turned in by 4:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the Horse Clinic (**August 23rd**), the exhibitor must contact the OSU Extension Office by **August 23rd** at 4:00 p.m. for another possible alternative option. This option is taking a 100 question exam. Note: ONLY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (i.e. death in the family, automobile accident, etc.) WILL BE CONSIDERED. Excuses are determined by the Junior Fair Director, Assistant Junior Fair Director, 4-H Educator, and an FFA Advisor. Anyone not meeting these requirements by **August 26th** will be ineligible to exhibit at the current year's fair. For more information regarding specific dates of Horse Clinic alternative approved activities/events, refer to OSU Extension's website, 4-H Advisor's Redbook, or contact your FFA Advisor.