Variances

Any time a member wishes to deviate from any of the county or state rules or guidelines, the variance process must be used. These are the steps that must be followed:

1. The member must fill out a variance request form. These are available at the County Extension Office or at the 4-H Office during fair. Only the member may ask for a variance and the variance request must be filled out by the member.

2. The variance request form must be turned into the County Extension Office or 4-H Agent by the stated due date. Fair requests are due by the August Leaders Association Meeting.

   If a variance situation arises after the above due dates, or during the fair or a show the member may still request a variance. A form must immediately be filled out by a member and turned into the 4-H Agent.

3. Pre-fair, fair variance requests will be handled by the Leaders Association. Animal project variance request filled during fair will be reviewed by the 4-H animal project leaders immediately after the FFA/4-H 7:00 a.m. meeting. It is at the 4-H Agents discretion on which leaders will be appointed to the variance committee to handle all other events variance request.

4. Members will be allowed to present their request in person, at a set time. The member may bring a parent or leader to this meeting if desired; however the member needs to be the one who addresses the variance committee or Leaders Association. Members and parents will be excused during the discussion.

5. The variance committee or the Leaders Association will discuss the request and make a decision. The decision will be written on the variance request form as well as given verbally to the member.

There are three possible outcomes for variances request. The request can be denied, approved, or approved with conditions. An example of approval with conditions would be allowing the member to show at County Fair, but not at State Fair and not being eligible for high point awards. Decisions reached by the variance committee or the Leaders’ Association are final.