4-H GENERAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY

- Participation in 4-H fairs and contests is limited to Jackson County 4-H members who were age 9 or older on or after September 1, 2018 and enrolled in their project area by February 15, 2019 unless otherwise specified. Cloverbuds (ages 5-8) can participate but will not compete.
- Adult involvement is allowed when it pertains to safety of the animal or member. Adult involvement is strongly discouraged when it involves training, grooming, coaching, and other project activities at fair.
- The intent of the 4-H program is to allow 4-H members to demonstrate skills they have learned and perfected within their project area. Youth who receives/accepts assistance during a 4-H show or uses unethical practices during the 4-H fair may be dismissed from the class, show or 4-H fair and lose awards.
- Animal projects have additional eligibility requirements – see Animal Rules section.
- All members who need an accommodation or assistance in order to compete should contact the County Extension 4-H Educator three weeks prior to the event to discuss options.

2019 4-H COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- Food Preparation Contest: March 16 & 17
- Presentation Contest: April 27
- Shooting Sports Fair:
  - Rifle/Pistol - May 4
  - Shotgun - May 5
  - Archery - May 11
- Spring Fair (sheep, small animals, dog rally): May 31-June 2
- Fashion Revue: June 12 & 13
- 4-H Dog & County Fair: July 5-14
- Market Goat Fair: September 13-15
- Record Book Contest: September 30

ENTRIES

1. Pre-entries for all exhibits, contests and displays must be made by the registration deadline on official 4-H forms to the OSU Extension office. Forms and registration dates can be found online or at the Extension office.

2. **All entries must be registered with the 4-H office NO LATER THAN:**
   - Spring Fair Registration: 4-6:30 pm, Wed. May 8
   - County Fair Registration: 2-7:00 pm, Wed. June 19

3. All class entry numbers will contain nine (9) digits, and are in bold throughout the Fair book.

4. A 4-H member may enter only one exhibit (item) per class number, unless otherwise specified.

5. **Age divisions of 4-H members as of Sept. 1, 2018:**
   a. Cloverbuds: 5 to 8 years of age (non-competitive)
   b. First Year Junior: 9 – 11 years of age AND taking the project for the first time.
   c. Juniors: 9 – 11 years of age
   d. Intermediates: 12 – 14 years of age
   e. Seniors: 15 – 19 years of age

6. **ENTRY FEES of $2.00 for each exhibit (class number) must be paid at registration time.** Pay by cash or check payable to “Jackson County 4-H Association Fair Account.” There are no refunds.

7. For static exhibits: Register for the number of items you want to bring even if you are unsure of project area or class. Substitution requests can be made on judging day. Class quotas still apply.

8. To warrant the setup and conduct of a contest, at least five members must sign up to participate.

9. Entry forms and project records can be dropped off prior to the registration date, however the benefits of coming in person to registration day are 4-H Leaders are available to review and return the project records and assist members in listing the correct classes.

10. Project records must be completed as much as possible for each project area entered. Items to be evaluated include project goals & things learned, 4-H activities, feed records and appropriate advancements.

11. Record book checks are conducted on different days:
   - Rifle/Pistol Fair: April 28th
   - Sheep: Spring Fair Registration
   - Rabbits, Cavies, Poultry: Spring Fair, Friday
   - Horse, Swine, Goat, Home, Arts, Sciences, Horticulture: County Fair Registration Day
   - Beef, Dogs, Market Poultry: County Fair
JUDGING DAY

1. Check the schedule of events for dates and times of County Fair contests and competitions.
2. Exhibitors must be present to exhibit (show) their animals, participate in a contest or sell in the auction.
3. **Static Exhibit Interview Judging will be held on Saturday, July 6, 10 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 – 5:00 pm. Horticulture: 2 – 5:00 pm.**
   Location: EXPO’s Padgham Pavilion. Please arrive 20 minutes early to prepare your items with exhibitor tags prior to judging. Interview judging occurs on a first come, first serve basis.
   a. Because of time constraints, only 2 exhibit items per project area per member will be allowed to interview judge. Additional items are at the judge’s discretion. Choose interview items beforehand.
4. Other exhibits entered will be judged without an interview.
   b. During the interview, the club member and judge will visit about the exhibit. Parents and leaders may observe but not participate.
   c. 4-H members are urged to participate in static interview judging, however, if it is impossible for the 4-H member to be present, the exhibit will be judged without the member. Drop off hours are 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Call the 4-H office prior to Friday, July 5, to request alternate arrangements. Not all requests are granted.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

1. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed as part of the current year’s project. Work done after county fair but prior to October 1 and not previously exhibited may be included in the next project year.
2. No exhibit may be entered in both 4-H and FFA (with exception of the horse project). Static projects cannot be carried in both 4-H and Open Class.
3. The 4-H project manuals and State Fair Rules shall be the guide for requirements not specified in this Fair Book.
4. Only registered and approved exhibits may be on the Expo fairgrounds.
5. All exhibits and/or presentation topics should be age appropriate and in good taste. The County Extension 4-H Educator reserves the right to not display items that might be considered disrespectful or controversial.
6. A completed 4-H exhibit tag shall be securely attached to each static exhibit. They will be available on judging day.
7. A required explanation card must be fully completed and securely attached to each exhibit.
8. 4-H exhibits at the Jackson County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. 4-H and the Jackson County Fair, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. They cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the number of exhibits. 4-H’ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the Fair.
9. “For Sale” signs are not permitted.
10. All exhibits must remain on display until the official Fair release time unless special arrangements have been made with 4-H Staff ahead of time. Official release times are indicated on the schedule page. Static exhibits are to be picked up on the last day of County Fair, Sunday 6:00 – 7:30 pm. All exhibits not picked up will be donated.

METHOD OF JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. The Modified Danish Merit method of judging is used for all exhibits and contests unless otherwise stated. Exhibits will be placed in one of three categories according to the merit of quality of each exhibit. No ribbons will be awarded to those that do not qualify for the class.
2. Ribbon categories shall be Blue, Red, White, Champion and Reserve Champion.
3. Determination of number of ribbon awards in each category will be made by the judge based upon the quality and the established standards for the class. All 4-H judges’ decisions are final.
4. Award Descriptions: Blue Award - excellent quality; Red Award - good quality; White Award - acceptable but needs improvement.
5. Reserve Champion and Champion will be selected only when the judge deems there are entries that meet those standards. Reserve Champion is a superior exhibit that exceeds the top established standards and Champion is an outstanding exhibit that far exceeds the top established standards. See the animal science rules for specific animal science championships.
6. Exhibits without required explanation cards, labeling or other specific class requirements will be dropped a
6. Purple and Lavender Ribbons indicate the top two blue ribbon winners in a class subdivided due to high participation. These exhibits will be brought back for the championship round.
7. The Conventional Method of judging will be used in Beef and Shooting Sports. Placings will be on a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. basis.
8. Premium points totals will be calculated on the highest ribbon awarded, per paid exhibit entry, as indicated in each section of the Fair Exhibitors Handbook. Points will be accumulated from each throughout the year. All ribbons earn premium points except Cloverbuds and Participation-Only. The monetary value of the points is determined by the total number of points awarded and funds available. Premium checks will only be written to those exhibitors earning more than 5 points for the year. Checks are available in Fall.
9. Selection of Special Award winners will be made by the judge and superintendents during the Fair.
10. Judging contest teams will be selected by member’s scores in local contests.

4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The well-being of all 4-H program participants is important. Everyone has responsibilities.

When I participate in 4-H programs, I agree to...
1. Engage fully with a positive attitude and creative energy.
2. Be courteous to others, even if they’re different from me.
4. Be willing to ask an adult for guidance to make good decisions and take appropriate actions.
5. Use language that is respectful to others. (Swearing, harassment, and bullying are not allowed.)
6. Take care of the property I interact with, and assume responsibility for purposeful damage I may cause.
7. Wear appropriate clothing for program activity(s). Follow the specific dress code, if provided.
8. Be present and on time for all parts of the program. (I will notify the appropriate supervisor if I have a health or schedule problem.)
9. Use technology (cell phones, computers, tablets, mp3 players, game devices, etc.) during free time, or in ways that contribute to the goals of the program.
10. Treat animals humanely and provide them appropriate care.
11. Not engage in Personal Displays of Affection (PDA). (It is distracting and inappropriate.)
12. Know and follow federal, state and local laws that apply to my age (e.g., tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, fireworks).
13. Know and follow safety policies of the Oregon State University, Extension Service, and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program. (Such as: not leave the program area without permission from the program supervisor; be in assigned lodging and not trade rooms during overnight activities; abide by curfew hours; remain in gender specific areas [no boy in a girl's room / no girl in a boy's room]; handle firearms only in secured, designated areas under the direct supervision of a trained 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer; and, any other additional safety policies established by a specific event or program.)

OREGON STATE FAIR

1. Only Intermediate and Senior 4-H members are eligible to go to the Oregon State Fair; Junior members may send static exhibits.
2. All State Fair entries need to be done through the county 4-H office; members cannot register on their own. A special county entry form is used for exhibits eligible for State Fair. State Fair entry forms are due to the Extension Office by August 1.
3. Livestock members receiving Blue or better may enter the corresponding State Fair classes of their choice.
4. All contest participants receiving Blue or better may enter the same State Fair Class.
5. Static exhibits selected for State Fair will receive a special State Fair sticker during County Fair. It is the member’s choice to send their item to State Fair. Entries are free but must meet State Fair requirements. County can send 4 exhibits per class.
6. All exhibits/classes entered in State Fair must meet the requirements outlined in the Oregon State Fair Rule Book available on the state website.
7. All entries need approval of the County 4-H Educator.

4-H DRESS CODE
During the county fair and throughout the 4-H year, all 4-H members, volunteers, and parents will find a variety of opportunities to represent 4-H. Whether you are fundraising, interviewing, doing community service or some other 4-H activity, your clothing is expected to be appropriate. "Appropriate attire" always brings with it a diverse definition depending on whose definition you are using.

Whether you are a youth or an adult, parent or volunteer, if you are representing yourself at a 4-H event or representing 4-H at a community event, please use the following guidelines:

1. **Best is:**
   - Clean jeans / slacks / skirt/dress (depending on the venue).
   - Clean and pressed shirt/blouse. 4-H club shirts are often a good choice.
   - Clean shoes or boots.
   - Clothing free of rips, holes and tears (even if it is the fashion of the times).

2. **Body parts and undergarments**
   - Ladies, underwear or bra straps should be covered.
   - Gentlemen, underwear should be covered.
   - Sleeveless shirts should be buttoned up, have a collar, and arm holes that do not reveal undergarments.
   - Tank tops must have wide straps, with arm holes and a neckline where we cannot see your chest. Camisoles or spaghetti strap tops are not tank tops.
   - Shirts must be long enough to cover the whole body; no belly-button view.
   - Shorts should be roughly mid-thigh in length and long enough to cover your rear-end when you are feeding, bending to pick up trash, or sleeping on a hay bale

3. **Recommended youth show ring dress:**
   - Dress Code for Livestock members: Exhibitor will enter market class, showmanship and auction ring dressed in showmanship attire (clean and neat apparel, shirt with sleeves, boots or shoes, and a visible exhibitor’s number).
   - No baseball caps or sunglasses will be allowed in the show ring.
   - No costumes will be allowed on exhibitor or animal.
   - 4-H staff, superintendent, assistant superintendent or show ring management may deem clothing inappropriate. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of privilege to show and/or sell now and in the future.
   - Please ask a project leader for animal specific show dress guidelines. For safety in the barn, shoes are to be closed, solid toed, and hard soled. No flip flops.

Youth who are not “making the best better” may be asked to change into a more appropriate attire. We encourage everyone to wear clothes that are long enough and fit well enough to cover your top, belly, and bottom regardless if you’re sitting, standing, leaning, or sleeping in the sawdust on your animal.

### PENALTIES

Penalties may be applied as a consequence for members, volunteers, or their families, as deemed necessary and appropriate by the 4-H staff and/or the 4-H Program Advisory Committee.

1. **Minor violations of club, barn or fair rules or failure to comply with fair duties or schedules will be handled by the club members or volunteer involved. Penalties may range from a verbal warning or community work project (such as Fairgrounds clean up).**
2. **Other rule violations can cause forfeiture of ribbons, awards, premiums or expulsion from the Fair. Forfeiting a ribbon on a market animal means the animal will not sell at the 4-H/FFA livestock auction. 4-H Staff and Program Superintendents will be involved.**

3. **Major violations regarding member and volunteer conduct are grounds for immediate expulsion from the Jackson County Fair. These include, but are not limited to: under-age drug and alcohol use (including tobacco), physical abuse or verbal abuse towards people or animals, any unethical practices, etc. A Fair Management Committee may be convened.**

4. **If legality of lease or ownership arises, ribbons will be held until reviewed by 4-H staff.**
5. **If the leased animal is shown by a person other than the lessee within the contract period, member will forfeit the right to show the following year.**
6. **Members and volunteers may have their complaint reviewed by the 4-H Variance Committee if the 4-H staff approves this process.**

### EXCEPTION TO THE RULE
4-H members who believe they have a situation deserving special allowances or who wish to appeal a decision, may have the opportunity to appeal to the 4-H Variance Committee and 4-H staff. The committee is made up of appointed members from several project advisory areas, youth and adult. They make recommendations based on the information they have for the best interest of the 4-Her, the 4-Her’s family and the 4-H program. The process is as follows:

1. Submit your issue in writing to the 4-H Agent or staff. This statement should include all pertinent information and what the 4-Her hopes the solution to be.
2. The 4-H Agent and/or staff will determine if it is an issue appropriate for review.

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3. If the issue is a 4-H Variance Committee issue, the staff member will gather the members for a meeting and notify those involved.
4. The 4-Her, his/her leader and parents should try to be present during the meeting.
5. The committee will ask questions of all involved. Those involved will leave and the committee will discuss the issue, research if necessary, and make a recommendation.
6. The committee submits its recommendation to 4-H staff. The 4-H staff member’s decision is final.
7. The 4-H Agent or staff member will notify the 4-Her as soon as a decision is made.

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**FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION**

4-H Fair: Friday, July 5 - Sunday, July 14, 2019

**County Fair (with rides and entertainment)**
Wednesday & Thursday,
July 10 & 11 -- 2:00 pm – 12:00 am
Friday & Saturday,
July 12 & 13 -- 11:00 am to 1:00 am
Sunday,
July 14 -- 11:00 am to 7:00 pm (Family Free Day)

2019 Fair Season passes ($25) and daily passes ($10) are available (no limit) online at TheExpo.com or at the Expo Fairgrounds office during Monday-Friday, 9-5 pm before Fair begins. Children 12 and under are free. Limited complimentary daily passes are available to those who volunteer 2 hours of their time prior to or during Fair. Contact the 4-H Office to sign up for a specific task, day and time.

4-H Wristbands: 4-H wristbands give members entrance to the fair all week long. Leaders must have been enrolled by the February re-enrollment deadline to receive this benefit. Wristbands will be distributed to currently enrolled members/leaders (in person) during the designated times below (includes VIP Parking pass for Gate 4 exhibitor parking area). Please notify the office if you cannot pick up your wristband during the designated times BEFORE Friday, or you may not receive your wristband.

Saturday, July 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
(Padgham Pavilion)
Sunday, July 7, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 4 p.m.
(4-H Fair Office)
Monday, July 8, 2019 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
(4-H Fair Office)

Vehicle Access through Gate 5 & 6 at the Fairgrounds will be allowed from 11 p.m. to 9 a.m. for deliveries. The VIP/exhibitor parking credential is necessary to access Gate 6 and the perimeter gravel road. All vehicles must be moved to the VIP/Exhibitor Parking Area (Gate 4) by 9:30 a.m. No access will be allowed after 9 a.m.

Vehicles on the grounds after 9:30 a.m. will be towed at owner’s expense.

Golf Carts must be pre-approved by the Fair Office and will be issued a permit. Note: No outside food is permitted through Entrance Gates during County Fair hours. This means NO ICE CHEST or other forms of food delivery is allowed.