4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES

NOTE: Junior Livestock AUCTION RULES are on the last two pages of this document. Rules in the “GENERAL 4-H RULES” section of the Exhibitor Information apply to Animal Science Exhibitors also.

1. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member. It is the member's responsibility to ensure there is daily care provided for their animals at home and at fair.

2. The 4-H and FFA Division is a youth show. All handling, care, and fitting must be done by a Jackson County 4-H or FFA member. Involvement of adults must be limited to: advising, holding a lead temporarily, opening and closing gates, and intervening if animals become unsafe. Adult involvement that is not allowed includes: training, feeding, leading/carrying, grooming, washing, tacking, cleaning stalls and general care of the exhibits.

3. Exhibitors shall furnish all feed, watering devices and bedding.

4. Any animal deemed unsafe by the judge, division superintendent, 4-H staff, or Fair Management shall be immediately removed from the show and/or Fairgrounds. All awards, state fair eligibility, and sale privileges associated with that animal will be forfeited.

5. No animal may be entered in 4-H and FFA (with the exception of the horse project). Members may show the same animal in 4-H and Open Class.

6. Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation and supervision of their children during Fair participation.

7. Market classes will be divided according to weights. If less than 5 animals are entered in a single class, they may be combined with other classes. All class groupings are at the discretion of the division superintendent.

8. To show in a specific breed class, sire and dam of the exhibited animal must be the same breed and exhibited animals must follow the class's breed standards. All other must exhibit as a crossbred.

9. Padding and zip ties are needed on new panels when you hang feeders or tack boxes, not wire.

10. During County Fair, livestock and equipment will be unloaded immediately, and vehicles moved from barns as soon as possible before 9 am. Vehicles left unattended will be towed at owner's expense.

11. Animals must be well maintained throughout fair, including pen cleanliness. All pens/stalls must be cleaned out daily and again after all animals have left the fairgrounds. Manure and bedding must be placed in designated areas. Poor pen maintenance will result in a loss of premiums, a denied auction or denied auction check.

12. Show Ring and Livestock Judging Schedule as printed and posted in the barns, will be followed to the extent possible, but please allow flexibility for special or unforeseen circumstances. Be present well in advance of scheduled times for last minute changes.

13. All animals must be fitted and fed within the 4-H and FFA barn area of that species; no tampering at ring side.

14. Products used with animals must be licensed/labeled for that specific species of livestock, in their original containers, and within the withdrawal guidelines of that product.

15. Exhibitors agree they have reviewed and will abide by all exhibitor rules including the Oregon 4-H Animal Science Ethical Standards. A violation of these ethical standards will be treated, including potential disciplinary action, just as any other violation of expected conduct will be.

16. There is to be no coaching from outside the show ring during the show.

17. Each exhibitor is to handle their own animals(s) in all classes. If a member has multiple animals in the same class, the additional handler must be a current exhibitor from the Jackson County 4-H program. Medical circumstances or special accommodations preventing the member from handling their animals must be approved by the division superintendent and 4-H staff several days prior to the show.

18. Abusive language, unsportsmanlike conduct or animal mistreatment at fair can be reason for dismissal from the show arena or barn at the discretion of the division superintendent and the County Extension Educator. Members, parents and leaders will all be held to this standard.

19. The decision of the judge is final.

20. No soliciting, raffle or For Sale signs in the barn.

21. Rule disputes will be settled by the division superintendent and 4-H staff. If necessary, a committee of 4-H and FFA advisors from the specific animal science division will be called for rule interpretation. See the Exception to the Rule procedure in General Rules.

22. All animals exhibited must remain on the fairgrounds until the specified release time, unless directed by the division superintendent, veterinarian, or County Extension 4-H Educator. This includes pen decorations and club equipment.
23. Animal exhibits receiving Blue or better in breeding, market & showmanship classes are eligible for State Fair competition.

24. 4-H members are not allowed to share an animal at State Fair. Exception: Two or more members of the same family may share a dog.

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

1. Members must own the animals they exhibit and provide a bill of sale if necessary (exceptions: leased animals). Leasing is allowed with documentation. A copy of the lease should be on file with the 4-H Office 90 days prior to fair.

2. All breeding animals exhibited must have been owned or leased and carried in a 4-H project by the exhibitor by the possession date.

3. All prospective market auction animals must be owned and in the members’ possession by the species specific tagging & weigh-in date. Typical dates include: Beef – third Saturday in February; Sheep – first Saturday in March; Swine – third Saturday in April; Goat - April. For all other animals, see project area for possession or birth date. Tagging dates and times are subject to change, therefore it is the members’ responsibility to communicate with their leader and comply with any changes.

4. Possession of all market species will be identified by designated ear tags and will be committed to a specific member or family. See species specific tagging requirements for details.

5. All Horses (leased or owned) need to be declared to the Horse Advisory Committee by Declaration Day, usually in April. Verify date and time with leader.

6. Members unable to house an animal at their residence are expected to provide care and be fully responsible for their project, no matter where it resides.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. We support and encourage the humane treatment of all animals. Animals showing any evidence of prolapse or mechanical repair will not be allowed at the show or in the barn. Exhibitors are expected to treat their animals with respect and provide for their continuous well-being through proper feeding, handling, disease prevention, sanitation and attention to their safety.

2. Due to ever-changing requirements on various species and disease outbreaks, owners and prospective animal owners are advised to check with a veterinarian and their project leader for the latest information on the species of their animal prior to transport to Oregon.

3. Some animals are subject to inspection by the veterinarian or inspection committee in attendance upon admission to the exhibition grounds. Any animal showing evidence of infectious or contagious diseases or unsightly conditions, as determined by a designated licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed to stay on the grounds. Veterinarian’s decision is final.

4. Should an animal become ill during fair, the exhibitor or owner should tend the animal, call their veterinarian, or emergency services, and notify the project superintendent of the situation. The owner will be responsible for any fees sustained in the effort to diagnose or treat an animal.

5. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation of animals such as lifting or filling under the skin, cutting ties or flanks, etc. will be considered fraud and barred from exhibition.

6. No medication may be administered at the County Fair, except under direct veterinary supervision, as well as notification to the 4-H staff member and superintendent in charge.

7. If you suspect an animal to be unhealthy, or have a contagious or infectious disease, be respectful and ask the right people to follow up. 1) Share your concerns with their club leader. 2) Share your concerns with the division superintendent. 3) Remember, they may follow up and a veterinarian may disagree with your diagnosis, the on-call veterinarian’s call is final. 4) Contact the 4-H staff member in charge if you have additional concerns or feel action has not been taken. 5) Refrain from spreading rumors, opinions or disparaging the 4-H member or volunteers; please.
4-H SHOWMANSHIP

1. All animal exhibitors must participate in showmanship contests relating to their exhibits. Animals exhibited in showmanship class must also be shown in a conformation class, such as market or breeding in livestock. The same animal must be used for all champion showmanship classes.

2. Contestants must show their own animals at the Fair, and must do their own fitting and training, including clipping and blocking. Contestants may be asked to demonstrate their abilities when asked by the judge.

3. Judges may ask questions of the contestant regarding any of their project work.

4. The purpose of 4-H Livestock Showmanship is to teach courtesy, good grooming, poise, and knowledge of nutrition, housing, disease management, fitting, training and handling of animals.

5. The Dress code must be followed or the exhibitor forfeits the ability to earn ribbons and auction. Decisions on dress code are made by the County Extension 4-H Educator in conjunction with the superintendent.

6. Placing in market or breeding class does not affect showmanship placement.

7. Showmanship Award placement: Purple or Lavender (95-100 pts), Blue (85-94 pts), Red (70-84 pts), White (69 pts and below)

8. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in each age division are expected to compete in Grand Champion Showmanship contests where available in their exhibit areas.

9. Grand Champion Showman from the meat and milk production projects of Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat are invited to participate in Round Robin Showmanship.

4-H/FFA CLUB HERDSMANSHIP

Remember: Keep alleys, stalls, and pens attractive for public; feed and equipment safely stored; stall cards displayed and filled out; fitting stands and tack areas neat and clean for the club. All animal projects will be judged for herdsmanship.

Basis for Scoring by Herdsmanship Judges:

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1. 4-H/FFA Livestock Herdsmanship Contest is to help members learn skills in making a safe and presentable exhibit for the public as well as practice skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness, and proper care of animals.

2. Blue, Red, White and “unacceptable” award announcements will be made daily at the exhibitors’ meeting, with the daily score compiled to determine the winner. (Blue: 100-85 pts; Red: 84-70 pts; White: 69-51 pts; Unacceptable: 50 or below)

3. Any club receiving an “unacceptable” will meet with the 4-H/FFA Fair Committee and may be removed and premiums withheld for exhibitors in that club, at the discretion of the committee.

4. The 4-H club or FFA chapter in each specified animal division that wins the overall herdsmanship award for the week will be awarded. Dates and times will be announced at fair.

5. Small and Large Clubs have the opportunity to win herdsmanship awards. Small clubs consist of 5 – 7 members and large club have 8 or more members.

6. Judging will take place several times a day, any time from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Barn stalls must be kept clean and neat at all times.
4-H/FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALES
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WHOLESALE MEAT ACT

The United States Department of Agriculture Wholesome Meat Act applies to the sale of market livestock sold during the Junior Livestock Show as follows:

a. Animals must be in good health and the carcass free of drug or chemical residue.
b. Antibiotics and sulfonamides have required withdrawal periods.
c. Drug label directions for use and withdrawal periods must be followed.
d. If drug or other chemical residue is found in the tissue of carcasses, the entire carcass may be condemned.

If drug or other chemical residues are found in the tissue of carcasses of animals sold through any sale connected with the Jackson County Fair Junior Livestock Show, said show will in no way be liable or responsible for condition of carcass or sale price of animal. Exhibitor forfeits all rights to the sale price and shall refund it to the buyer.

Exhibitors found to have used fraudulent, illegal or deceptive practices will be barred for life from participation in the livestock shows of the Jackson County Fair. Before administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions for the drug. All 4-H/FFA members must turn in a completed copy of a Market Animal Code of Ethics Statement. The Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) Affidavit/Declaration statement is also required by law for each market sheep or goat sold at auction. The member, parent, 4-H leader and/or FFA advisor must all sign and submit the form prior to the animal being admitted to fair.

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H/FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. A member may sell a maximum of three lots in the 4-H/FFA auctions in one year, but not more than one animal (sheep, beef, swine, goat) and one specialty animal (rabbit or poultry) per Fair.
2. Youth are limited to nine years, with a maximum of four high school years of participation in the 4-H and FFA Jackson County Junior Livestock Auction, with no participation beyond the summer of high school graduation or equivalent.
3. Auction animals must have been owned, cared for, entered, shown, and taken through the sale ring by the member.
4. Only animals that are properly finished and ready for market will be accepted for sale. The judge will evaluate the animal in the ring and their decision is final. No white ribbons animals will sell.
5. Market animal exhibitors are responsible for weighing their animals at the times specified in the schedule. Exhibitors may weigh one animal.
6. Animals may not be withdrawn from the sale. All animals listed in the sale catalog will sell.
7. Late lots will sell at buy back price and not go through the ring.
8. The Auction Committee will not transport private treaty animals; please do not ask.
9. A 6½% deduction from the sale of the animals will be withheld and placed in the Jackson County 4-H/FFA Auction Committee Indemnity Fund for reimbursement of condemned animals or losses and promotion of auctions & programs as determined by the Committee.
10. There shall be no by-bidding.
11. All sale animals shall be barred from entry in other shows thereafter.
12. All market animals carrying an Auction Sale tag must be accompanied by a livestock release form, signed by the Release Superintendent, before they can be removed from the Fair-grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.
13. No animals will be available for sale out of re-sale pen under any circumstances. No person shall approach buyers about re-purchasing sale animals.
14. There will be only one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand of the Show in Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goats, Rabbits, and Poultry. Grand Champions will be declared by the appropriate judges between 4-H and FFA animals.
15. Market animals sold in the auction will be cared for by the member until claimed by the owner after the sale or until delivered to slaughter.
16. 4-H/FFA youth who exhibit and sell a market animal during the Jackson County Fair must bring an UNSEALED handwritten thank you letter in an addressed stamped envelope to the 4-H or FFA office during the designated times. The letter will be read for content (relative to age of youth), grammar and punctuation before the exhibitor can receive his/her sale check. Those exhibitors not complying with this rule risk losing all premium points and/or being barred from exhibiting market animals at future Jackson County Fairs.
17. There will be no private treaty sales. No for sale signs are allowed.
BEEF RULES

1. Steers must have been weighed at Beef Field Day to be eligible for the sale. They must have been dehorned, castrated, healed over and broke to lead prior to the Field Day.
2. Steers must weigh a minimum of 1100 pounds when officially weighed to be eligible to sell at the Auction.
3. Only steers grading select or better may sell. Animals will be graded in the ring.
4. Steers must have gained 1.5 lbs. per day since Beef Field Day.
5. The steer auction is a terminal sale.

SWINE RULES

1. Market hogs must have been tagged at Swine Field Day to be eligible for the sale. They must have been properly castrated.
2. Market hogs must weigh between 230 and 280 lbs. and be of acceptable composition to sell in the regular sale.
3. The swine auction is a terminal sale.
4. Any hog that has consumed ractopamine (Paylean) feed additive, at any time, will not be allowed to auction.

SHEEP RULES

1. Market lambs must have been tagged at Sheep Field Day to be eligible for the sale. They must have been properly castrated and tail docked.
2. All sheep will go through a Vet check at the time of weigh in before entering the barn. Lambs must be 12 months of age or less and still have “lambs teeth”.
3. Market lambs have to be compliant with the Oregon Department of Agriculture’s Regulations for Scrapie Identification.
4. Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. and a maximum of 150 lbs. and shall have been slick shorn to not exceed 1/8-inch at Fair weigh-in.
5. The sheep auction is a terminal sale.

GOAT RULES

1. Market Goats must weigh a minimum of 65 lbs. and shall have been slick shorn (when they cross the scales).
2. All Goats will go through a Vet check at the time of weigh in before entering the barn.
3. Market Goats must have been tagged at Goat Field Day to be eligible for the sale. They must be castrated, and disbudded (an electric hot iron at one to two weeks of age is recommended.) prior to May 1st.
4. Market Goats have to be compliant with the Oregon Department of Agriculture’s Regulations for Scrapie Identification.
5. The goat auction is a terminal sale.
6. In 2020 all goats will be shown and sold in September Goat Fair.

SPECIALTY/SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION RULES

1. In order to sell the Champion animal/pen there must be at least five 4-H or FFA entries in the division: Market Poultry (all poultry classes combined). There must be at least ten entries in the divisions for two to sell. Thus, if there are adequate 4-H and FFA entries in the market divisions, a maximum of four lots will sell in each division.
2. 4-H and FFA exhibitors will show against each other only to determine sale order.