JACKSON COUNTY 4-H GENERAL RULES FOR SPRING and COUNTY FAIR

PARTICIPATION
1. To participate at the Fair, members must have been at least 9 years old by 9/1/2016.
2. Classes for all contestants/exhibitors are based on the 4-H members’ age levels since 9/1/16 and are as follows: Junior: 9-11 years; Intermediates: 12-14 years; Senior: 15-19 years & did not graduate the previous year; Juniors who have not previously shown or entered fair are First Year Juniors.
3. Members must have been officially enrolled in all 4-H projects by Mar. 15 in order to exhibit at the Fair. A new exception to this rule applies to “new, never-before-enrolled” 4-H members for their first year only: New-to-4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H at least 30 days prior to the Fair contest in which they wish to participate, except animal project areas (unless by special permission from the superintendents). All other animal possession dates still apply.
4. Some project leader groups have established attendance rules for their monthly meetings for representation by each club (leader, parent or member) that must be met or there will be consequences for the club leaders. These consequences can be found in the meeting minutes of the Horse leaders and the Swine leaders.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS
1. Project record forms must be completed for the current year up to registration time, for each project area entered. (What are they?) County Fair: Members must submit these for inspection on Registration Day (home, arts, sciences, horse, goats and swine) or on Fair Entry Day (beef, goats, dogs & market poultry).
2. The same animal may not be entered in more than one class (except when another animal is added). The same project cannot be carried in both 4-H and FFA.
3. All 4-H exhibits must be the work of the 4-H member only, and it is the member’s responsibility to see that their project is clean and properly cared for.
4. A member enrolled in an animal science project (and wishing to exhibit that animal at the Jackson County Fair) should own and be providing daily care for their animal(s) by the county possession dates (see Ownership of Animals) in order to compete in a county fair contest. Members/parents/guardians with special circumstances who wish to appeal this ruling should contact the Jackson County 4-H Association’s Board of Directors, 569 Hanley Rd, Central Point OR 97502.
5. All exhibits must display completed entry tags or stall cards in a legible manner (without members address). Ribbons or equivalent placement stickers won by the exhibitors must be on display during the time that the Fair is open to the public.
6. The 4-H project manuals shall be the guide for requirements not specified in this Fair Exhibitors booklet.
7. Only properly entered, registered, and approved exhibits may be on the grounds.

ENTRIES
1. All entries must be registered with the 4-H office NO LATER THAN ________. No entries will be accepted at Fair that have not met the above registration requirements.
   a. **Sheep:** Forms Due (DATE). Animal science records, Entry/Code of Conduct forms, fees, and Market Animal Code of Ethics/COOL forms must be submitted 5-7 pm in the Extension Classroom.
   b. **Rabbit, cavy and poultry** entry forms and fees must be turned into the Extension Office by 5 pm. Rabbit records must be turned in BEFORE Fair entry day; Cavy and Poultry records must be turned in ON Fair entry day.

2. **ENTRY FEES of $2.00 for each entry must be paid at registration time. PAY BY CASH OR CHECK TO “4-H/FFA FAIR COMMITTEE”** Sheep Exhibitors must also include a $5 per member pen set-up/tear-down fee. (Exceptions: Horticulture and Shooting Sports entry fees must be paid by Fair Entry Day or prior to judging; see Horticulture & Shooting Sports sections). No refunds will be given. Substitution, within project areas only, may be allowed ONLY by permission of the project superintendent.

3. Members may make only one entry in a class or subclass (except where noted), as indicated under project rules.

4. A maximum of 20 entries may be made per project area. Pens, herds, & group entries are considered as one entry.

5. **Exhibitors must be present to exhibit (show) their animals or to participate in a contest. Exceptions may be granted by the Superintendent.**

6. All entries must have been completed during the current 4-H year.

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

8. Any entry not meeting exhibit requirements as stated in this Fair Book and 4-H Project Manuals will not be accepted.

9. **The Fair Management assumes no responsibility for the loss or injury to animals, equipment, exhibit, participants, or spectators.**

### REGISTRATION DAY

1. Registration Day will be held June XX, from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Extension Auditorium.

2. Members MUST fill out the correct Entry Forms by listing all fair entries/exhibits and contests (with the 9-digit class numbers from this exhibitor’s book) and submit them on Registration Day.

3. **Project records for horse, swine, and all Home, Arts, and Science projects MUST be brought in/made available for review at the same time fair entry forms are submitted.**
   Superintendents/project leaders at designated tables will review the records, check the entry forms for accuracy, and assist members and/or their parents/leaders in listing the correct classes for the various exhibits. Everyone is strongly urged to submit forms during the Registration Day event.

4. Project records for Dogs, Beef, Goats, & Market Poultry will be reviewed on Fair entry day.

5. Pre-scheduled Interview judging for Home/Arts/Science entries will be available on Registration Day. Sign up for time slots at the “Scheduling table.”

### DELIVERY AND REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS
1. Members are responsible for the transportation of exhibits to (and from, except for auction animals) the fairgrounds at designated places and times: All static exhibits (see separate divisions for exceptions) to Padgham Pavilion on Saturday, and all animals to buildings (see schedule, for time, day and place.

2. All exhibits must remain on display until scheduled or official Fair release time. Exceptions may be granted with the advance written approval of the Superintendent(s) in charge and fair management. Official release times are indicated on schedule page.

3. Those in violation of this rule will forfeit premium points, and may not be allowed to exhibit in the future at the Jackson County Fair.

LIVESTOCK RULES
1. Animals not maintained in a creditable manner may forfeit possible premium points and may be removed from the grounds by action of the Jackson County 4-H Association Fair Policy Committee and/or Fair Management.

2. All exhibits shall be ready for viewing by 9 a.m. each day of the Fair.

3. All exhibits shall stay in their stalls, pens or cages except when showing, preparing for showing, or judging contest animals on judging day.

4. Exhibitors shall furnish all feed & bedding.

5. All swine and goat pens must be cleaned out prior to leaving the fairground. Any club failing to do so will have their sale checks held. All horse stalls must also be cleaned prior to leaving fair, or premium money will be held on any club failing to do so.

6. Manure and bedding must be placed in designated areas.

7. The breed of sire will determine breed entry classification.

8. In order to determine classes there must be five in a class or they will be regrouped in “other classes” at the discretion of the Superintendent.

9. 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 will be barred from exhibition.

10. Oregon law requires the owners of beef and dairy cattle to provide a transportation certificate to the carrier.

11. All market animal owners must have a bill of sale.

12. Private livestock scales will not be allowed on the grounds.

OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS
1. Swine, Beef and mature Small Animals must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor as follows—Swine: the third Saturday in April; mature Small Animals: April 15; Market Beef: Beef Field Day.
2. Horses – see ownership/leasing rule in Horse Section.
3. Goats - leasing is limited to one animal - one Dairy Goat, or one Meat Goat (Breed Class entry only). The time length of the lease is unlimited. The lease must be supported by documentation, i.e., have filled out contract with owner and show, with animal, by the third Saturday in April.
4. Sheep must be owned/leased and cared for by the exhibitor by the 3rd Saturday in April of the current year. An exhibitor may lease 1 breeding sheep and it must be declared as their project on 4-H Breeding Sheep Declarations form to be handed in on the 3rd Saturday in April at lamb tagging. All market lambs must be owned by the 3rd Saturday in April and tagged at Lamb tagging that day. Possession date for mature small animals is April 15, current year. All sheep must have a Scrapie tag.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
1. All animals are subject to examination by a veterinarian.
2. Any animal showing signs of infectious diseases or unsightly conditions, as determined by a fair/4-H/FFA designated licensed veterinarian, will not be allowed on the grounds.
3. Due to ever-changing requirements on various species and disease outbreaks, owners and prospective animal owners MUST check with a veterinarian for the latest information on the species of their animal prior to transport to Oregon.

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 (except horse and dog).
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. Abusive language or abuse of animal in any contest can be reason for dismissal from the show ring at the discretion of show Superintendent.
5. Classes will be subdivided by member classification and not by breed of animal shown.
6. The purpose of 4-H Livestock Showmanship is to teach courtesy, good grooming, poise, and confidence and how to fit, train and handle animals.
7. Placing in market or breeding class does not affect showmanship placement.
8. Basis for scoring:
   Club Member (clean, neat, courteous, attentive, confident) 25
   Animal Appearance (clean, feet trimmed, properly groomed, etc.) 25
   Showing (ability to show the animal to its best advantage & to move the animal as directed by the judge)..........................50
Total Score....................................100
9. See specific project sections in this premium list for entry and additional details.
10. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman in each age division are expected to compete in
    Grand Champion Showmanship contests where available in their exhibit areas.
11. Grand Champion Showman from the meat and milk production projects of Beef, Sheep, Dairy,
    Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat are invited to participate in Round Robin Showmanship.

SHEEP DIVISION
Any sheep fit by an adult will be pulled from the Fair and premium points forfeited.

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

AUCTION SALES
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.
   For Market Animals” have been combined on one piece of paper. All members must turn in
   a completed & signed copy of this page before Fair or at the scales. The COOL form is
   required by federal law for each market animal or bird (rabbits are exempt) they plan to sell
   at auction. Forms are available at the Extension Office and on the county website.
4. Auction animals must have been owned, entered, shown, and taken through the sale ring by
   the member.
5. Only animals that are finished and ready for market will be accepted for sale. The judge’s
   decision is final.
6. Market animal exhibitors are responsible for weighing their animals at the times specified in
   the schedule.
7. Any exhibitor whose animal is deemed ineligible during the weigh-in process by either the
   health check proctor(s) or the weigh master (minimum/maximum weight or rate of gain) may
   weigh in their back-up animal as long as the second animal: a) meets all required criteria for
   possession, health, and tagging; b) can be weighed within the time that the scales are
   scheduled to be open; c) Species specific guidelines are reflected in project area leader
   meeting minutes; d) this is a one-year trial for 2016. Weigh master’s decision is final.
8. Animals may not be withdrawn from the sale. All animals listed in the sale catalog will sell.
9. Late lots will sell at buy back price and not go through the ring.
10. The Auction Committee will not transport private treaty animals; please do not ask.
11. A 6 1/2% 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.
12. There shall be no by-bidding.
13. All sale animals shall be barred from entry in other market shows.
14. 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 Fairgrounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.
15. There will be only one Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand of the Show in Swine, Beef, and Goats. Grand Champions will be declared by the appropriate judges between 4-H and FFA animals.
16. Animals to be sold in the auction will be cared for by the member until claimed by the owner after the sale or until delivered to slaughter.
17. 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 chemical residues are 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. BEFORE administering antibiotics and/or sulfonamides, consult a licensed practicing veterinarian, or label directions of the drug.
18. 4-H 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 office. 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.
19. Additional auction rules specific to projects of Beef, Swine, Market Goats, and Poultry can be found in the individual divisions.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
1. Classes may include: beef, sheep, swine, meat ID, grain ID, forage & other subjects pertaining to livestock production.
2. Members are divided into 3 groups - Junior, Intermediate & Senior.
3. No premium will be paid.
4. 4-H members will be ranked based upon their percentage of points at the local judging contests (last year’s County Fair, and the current year’s Spring Fair). Invitations for the county team will be presented to the top individuals in both the senior and intermediate age levels. Members will be given a practice schedule and budget for attending the state contest. Official team members will be selected prior to the state contest based upon performance, practice attendance. A committee consisting of the county team coach, assistant coach and an executive board member will determine the final team members.
5. Intermediate and Senior members not chosen for the official team may attend the state contest to compete for individual honors.

OREGON STATE FAIR
1. All entries made in the 4-H Division at the Oregon State Fair must be approved by the Jackson County Extension 4-H Agent.
2. All exhibits entered in State Fair must meet the requirements outlined in the Oregon State Fair Rule Book available on the state website.
3. County Fair static exhibits will be selected by the judge where quality permits.
4. Judging contest teams will be selected by member’s scores in local declared contests.
5. Livestock members receiving Blue or better may enter State Fair classes of their choice, but should make their interest known at the 4-H Fair Office or Extension Office before Aug.1.

CODE OF CONDUCT
1. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent to the principles common to the 4-H programs.
2. Dress Code for Livestock members: Exhibitor will enter market class, showmanship and auction ring dressed in showmanship attire. No costumes will be allowed on exhibitor or animal. An Extension agent, 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.
3. At all times be courteous, clean and display good manners. Language must be appropriate and respectful of others. No swearing.
4. Participants will not use tobacco, alcohol or drugs (except those directed by doctor). Fireworks and firearms are prohibited except by those sanctioned by the Fair.
5. Shoplifting or theft of public or personal property will not be tolerated.
6. Avoid roughness, damage to facilities.
7. 4-H events are to encourage interaction among all members of the group, but not exclusively with another person. Kissing and other sexual displays of personal affection distract from the group and are not appropriate behavior.
8. Members not abiding by Code of Conduct rules will: a) have an opportunity to explain actions to staff in charge, b) forfeit their rights to exhibit and/or all premiums. Parents/guardians will be contacted. Decisions on misconduct will be made by the Jackson County Fair Policy Committee.

4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE
HERDSMANSHIP
1. All animal projects will be judged for herdsmanship.
2. The objective of the Herdsmanship Contest is to not only help teach members courtesy, responsibility and proper care of their animals, but to present a clean and safe environment to the public which supports the fair.
3. Scoring will be done by members of the Herdsmanship Committee as determined by the show management.
4. Scoring will be as follows:
   - Members..........................25
   - Appearance, Cooperation,
     Courtesy, and Conduct .....15
   - Members’ Work...............10
   - Animals .......................50
   - Clean.............................20
   - Care .............................20
   - Secured .........................10
   - Barns ................................25
   - Alleys and Pens ..............10
   - Feed and Equipment .........10
   - Stall Cards ........................5
   - Total Score ....................100
5. 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: 85 - 100 pts; Red: 70 - 84 pts; White: 51 - 69 pts; Unacceptable: 50 or below)
6. Any club receiving an “unacceptable” for herdsmanship will meet with a management committee and may be removed and premiums withheld for exhibitors in that club, at the discretion of the committee.
7. The 4-H club or FFA chapter in each specified division that wins the overall herdsmanship award for the week will be awarded.
8. Divisions to be awarded will be as follows: Small and large clubs of Market Beef, Market Swine and Horse. Small club is 5 or less members, large club has 6 or more members. There will be no awards given for breeding divisions of Beef or Swine.
10. Rosette Ribbons will be awarded for the “Best Display” in the same divisions as for overall herdsmanship. Clubs are eligible to win both overall herdsmanship and best display awards if judges deem appropriate. Awards for the winning Swine Large Club is the Golden Shovel, and for the winning Beef Large Club, the Golden Pitchfork.

11. Judging will be restricted to hours from about 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., but barn stalls must be kept clean at all times.

12. Awards will be announced and awarded for swine herdsmanship/best display at the swine auction; for beef herdsmanship/best display on Sunday, and for horse herdsmanship/best display at the Horse award ceremony.