

# **Crook County 4-H Fair Book**

**“Let the Good Times Grow”**

**Crook County Fair  
August 5-10, 2024**

# 4-H DEPARTMENT

## GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION

### OSU Crook County Extension 4-H Staff

4-H Program Coordinator- Samara Worlein Rufener

Extension Program Coordinator- Carmin Shelton

### 4-H Superintendents

Beef/Dairy Cattle- Nancy Wiggins Condron

Sheep- TBD

Swine- Angela Ostrander

Rabbit and Poultry- TBD

Dog- Becky Kreachbaum

Horse- Charisa Hohman

Goat- Tana Sather

4-H Clover Building- TBD

### 4-H/FFA Rules

All 4-H and/or FFA Rules are ultimately decided upon by either the 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor depending upon the program area.

### 4-H/FFA Fair Schedule

The 4-H/FFA Fair Schedule may be subject to change as determined by the number of entries and judging schedule.

### 4-H Exhibits/Exhibitors

1. 4-H club members must be 9-19 years of age as of September 1, 2023 (and not have graduated high school) to exhibit at the Crook County Fair in the 4-H division. Members must be enrolled in their 4-H projects in Crook County by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in order to be eligible to exhibit.
2. Classes for all contestants and exhibitors are based on 4-H member's age during the current 4-H year. Juniors – 9-11 years, Intermediates – 12-14 years, Seniors – 15-19 years.
3. All 4-H Club members must be enrolled in the project and phase they exhibit in and have a completed project record for each project.
4. Each exhibit must be the work and property of the exhibitor. **4-H exhibits are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor.** The 4-H Youth Development Program accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. 4-H cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are

housed, and the great number of exhibits. Every exhibitor shall indemnify 4-H from and against any claims for damage to persons or property caused by them or by their exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to possible hazards of the fair.

5. When exhibiting in a project with multiple skill levels (i.e. Static Projects), a club member may enter one level only.
6. 4-H animal science members may show their animal in both 4-H and Open classes. 4-H exhibitors wishing to enter in Open Class must enter by the Open Class deadline. If there is conflict with the show times, 4-H class schedules will not be changed to accommodate Open Class exhibits. All animals exhibited in 4-H, must be housed, groomed, and fitted in the 4-H livestock area even when preparing for the open class shows. **4-H animals cannot be shown in FFA; likewise, FFA animals cannot be shown in 4-H classes.**
7. 4-H Exhibitors may exhibit only **one** market animal regardless of animal species or enrollment in other youth organizations (i.e. FFA). 4-H members are allowed only **one** market animal at the County Fair, and cannot show other market animals of a different species or other market animals in FFA. 4-H members who choose to take a market animal in FFA forfeit their opportunity to bring a market animal in 4-H.
8. No more than one entry shall be allowed in any one class (Exception: Some Static Projects).
9. When a 4-H member submits an exhibit to the Crook County Fair, the member is asking for a judge's opinion of that exhibit, be it an item or animal, on a given day.
- 10. "For Sale" signs are not permitted on any 4-H/FFA exhibits.**
- 11. All exhibits are to remain on display until official release time.** Any exhibit removed from the Fairgrounds before the official release date and time must be approved by the project superintendent and shall result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards on the exhibit.

### **Fair Board Rules**

The Crook County Fair Board allows roping only in the designated roping area during the County Fair. 4-H youth who rope any object or person outside the designated area will be asked to leave the grounds for the remainder of the week. This would forfeit their opportunity to participate in the 4-H shows and the 4-H/FFA livestock auction.

The Fair Board has a "no dog on the grounds" policy (unless a certified service dog). Any person with a dog on the fairgrounds during County Fair will be asked to leave.

Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking area - **NEVER AROUND THE BARNES.**

### **4-H Member Conduct**

Inappropriate behavior will result in dismissal from further participation in the program (see Crook County 4-H Member Code of Conduct). At Fair, this means the member may be asked to leave the fairgrounds, and thus not present or show their exhibits, sell in the Junior Livestock Auction, participate at State Fair or receive premiums. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the 4-H Agent. See member code of conduct for more information.

### **4-H Parent/Leader Conduct**

The 4-H mission is to teach subject matter and life skills through a process that helps young people meet key developmental needs. To do this, 4-H must create an environment that is conducive to learning and growth. Crook County 4-H adheres to a Code of Conduct for members, volunteer leaders, and parents at all 4-H functions. At Fair, this means parents and/or guardians of youth who are enrolled in the Crook County 4-H program are expected to adhere to the Crook County 4-H Parental/Leader Code of Conduct. Inappropriate behavior at any 4-H activity, including Fair, will result in dismissal from the event and/or further participation with the 4-H program. Actions which break federal, state, or local laws could result in criminal charges. See parental/leader code of conduct for more information.

### **4-H Dress Code**

When participating in 4-H activities, you represent yourself, club, county, and the state 4-H program. Therefore, appropriate dress is required of members (and leaders) at all times.

The following guidelines shall be in effect at *all* 4-H events:

- Clothing is to be neat, clean, and appropriate for the activity.
- Sturdy shoes are required when showing any livestock (no sandals).
- Judges will be aware of the above guidelines and will evaluate members accordingly.
- T-shirts are not allowed in the show ring.

Not adhering to the dress code will result in dismissal from the show ring and/or lead to dismissal from the County Fair, therefore forfeiting all premiums, awards, and sale checks.

### **4-H Record Book Policy**

All 4-H youth must submit a complete record book for judging by the last Friday in July at 5:00 pm to the Extension Office. If youth receive below a white ribbon on their record book, they will not be eligible to participate at the Crook County Fair. Youth will be notified if their record book scores below a white ribbon. Each member will be allowed one opportunity per 4-H career to make changes and resubmit their record book for re-judging. Record book guidelines and scoring rubric can be found on the extension website: [extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/crook/record-books](https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/crook/record-books)

## **4-H Ribbon Awards**

1. The “Danish Merit” method of judging will be used for *all* exhibits, contests and divisions within the 4-H Department. The exhibits will be placed in Blue, Red and White award groups according to quality or grade.
  
2. Ribbon award definitions:
  - Blue** - Excellent to Superior, meets or very nearly meets top standards.
  - Red** - Good to Excellent, but still one or two major improvements needed.
  - White** - OK, but much improvement needed to meet top standards: market animals that do not grade Good or Better (sheep), USDA No.2 or Better (swine), or USDA Select or Better (beef), Acceptable (rabbits, poultry & goats).
  
3. White ribbon animals do not sell in the 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Auction.
  
4. High Point Determination  
It is required that youth participate in a minimum of one pre-fair contest to qualify for the High Point award. Examples of pre-fair contests are, judging, knowledge, or presentation contest. Each 4-H project area has different categories with corresponding events in which youth may participate to achieve a high point award; meaning the highest cumulative ribbon scores for their division in that project. The calculation for high point includes the highest ribbon score from each category; showmanship, conformation or breeding and pre-fair contest. The youth having the highest totaled cumulative score is awarded the high point award for their division (Jr, Int., Sr.). The All-Around winner is whomever has the highest high point score between juniors, intermediates, and seniors for a specific project.  
  
The value of a given ribbon will be the same for all exhibits, contests and age divisions for which points are provided. Ribbon point values are:
  - Grand Champion - 15 points
  - Res. Grand Champion - 12 points
  - Champion - 10 points
  - Res. Champion - 8 points
  - Blue – 6 points
  - Red – 3 points
  - White – 1 pointTies are broken by the highest showmanship placement. If there is still a tie, the tie will be broken by highest conformation placement. The Static and Horse project areas are unique and are calculated slightly differently than livestock, however, the same qualifications are true. If you have questions about high point, contact the Crook County Extension Office.
  
5. If there is no competition or the entries are deemed unworthy of the award offered, the premium will be awarded at the discretion of the judge.
  
6. Champion, Reserve Champion, Special Awards (trophies, plaques, certificates, etc.) and State Fair participation must be of blue ribbon quality.

### **4-H/FFA Fair Policy Committee**

The 4-H Variance Committee will be composed of:

1. Crook County 4-H Educator
2. All Project Area Superintendents
5. 4-H/FFA Livestock auction committee President or board member (if deemed necessary).

**Variance Process** - The purpose of the variance procedure is to provide an opportunity for any 4-H member to express their grievance to the 4-H Variance Committee who in turn help interpret regulations listed in the Fair book and address the member's grievance.

The procedure for filing a grievance is as follows:

1. Complete a written variance form and return to the species or project superintendent and 4-H Educator.
2. The Variance Committee will meet as soon as possible with the 4-H member and other involved parties to make a recommendation to either the 4-H Educator.

### **4-H Fair Camping Policy**

Campers are expected to show maturity, good judgment, and common courtesy and to follow the RV Park rules and regulations. The same goes for campers who are camping in the "in-field" of the rodeo grounds.

### **Early Load-out**

Barn superintendents oversee their species with assistance from the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale Association. **New for 2024:** Youth will be able to load out breeding/under or overweight animals on Saturday after **11:00 pm**. Members will need to walk/lead animals from the barns over the foot bridge or out back to load. No trucks/trailers allowed up or out of the main drive and no load out before **11:00 pm**. Animal load out only, no tack, stalls or décor.

### **4-H Premium Payout**

Premiums monies will be paid out **August 19-23, 2024** in the Crook County Extension office. Premium money will only be distributed during these days. If you know in advance you will not be able to pick-up your premiums during these days, **contact the Crook County Extension office on or before August 23, 2024** to make special arrangements.

## Additional 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES

**NOTE: Rules in the “GENERAL 4-H INFORMATION” section of the state 4-H Exhibitors Fair book apply to Animal Science Exhibitors also. Those rules can be found on the state site here: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/animal-science-exhibits>**

### **Small Animal Possession Deadline**

The possession deadline for all poultry (turkeys & chickens), waterfowl, and rabbits is 30 days prior to the Fair weigh in date. This year it is: **July 7, 2024**

### **4-H Breeding Project Possession Date**

The possession date for breeding animals is June 1 of the current year (same as State Fair). Members must have the date accurately recorded in their Record Book for the species. 4-H members must own (or lease) the animals they exhibit.

### **LEASED ANIMALS**

Members may lease animals as long as:

- a. Copies of leases specifying responsibilities of lessee and lessor are on file at the county Extension office by June 1. (horses, 90-days prior to the County Fair)
- b. Members have the care responsibility as of June 1, (horses, 90 days prior to the County Fair). Members are expected to be the only person handling, training, and preparing/fitting the leased animal for show. Members must have a clear understanding of the feed and care regimen, as well as actual time spent feeding and caring for the animal. Owners or others may not exhibit the leased animal(s) at any show during the period of the lease. At a minimum, the lease must run from June 1 – Sept 1 or through State Fair.

This does NOT mean animals must reside at the member’s residence or facility.

### **4-H/FFA Livestock Pen Fee**

The Crook County Fair Management will assess a Pen Fee to help defray the increased costs of bedding materials and transportation of penning materials. For more information, contact the Crook County Fairgrounds at (541) 447-6575.

## **4-H Animal Welfare**

1. We support and encourage the humane treatment of all animals. Exhibitors will treat their animals with respect and provide for their continuous well-being through proper feeding, watering, handling, disease prevention, sanitation and attention to their safety. Muzzles are not allowed unless prescribed in writing by a veterinarian.
2. Abuse of an animal can be reason for member's dismissal from the show ring or the Fair. Dismissal will be at the discretion of the 4-H Educator or 4-H Program Coordinator. No animal may be tranquilized or drugged with any substance, natural or synthetic. The animal is the responsibility of the 4-H member throughout County Fair. Any treatment deemed inhumane, be it on the part of the 4-H member or not, is the ultimate responsibility of the youth member. Abuse of a 4-H animal by anyone is grounds for criminal charges.
3. Exhibitors agree they have reviewed and will abide by the [Oregon 4-H Animal Science Ethical Standards](#) and they understand that a violation of these ethical standards will be treated, including potential disciplinary action, just as any other violation of expected conduct.
4. Drenching is NOT allowed except as prescribed by a veterinarian.

## **4-H Animal Science Rules**

1. Animals not trained, broke to lead or controllable by owner will be excused from the fairgrounds.
2. Animals should be washed prior to arrival at Fair (except sheep wool breeds). Animals may be re-washed in the designated area if necessary. Animals must be dry.
3. Livestock will be placed only in stalls previously assigned.
4. All beef and dairy animals must be double tied (safety rope or chain plus halter).
5. Registered animals must be registered in the name of the exhibitor.
6. Breeding Animals – breed papers are not required unless a specifically stated in class description.
7. Generally, animals must be polled or dehorned; it's an appropriate safety measure for herd health and transportation.
  - At Fair, the requirement is that animals be *safe* and manageable with a lead.
  - **ALL** dairy goats must be dehorned: No exceptions.
  - Horned animals make sense if dehorning is detrimental to their herd for show or breed standard purposes.



- If animals show any sign of being unsafe because of their horns, exhibitors may be asked to cap or tip horns or remove the animal from exhibition.
  - All horned cattle must be able to be safely and humanely tied, and exhibit showmanship on a halter, like all other beef/dairy cattle (this means horned Herefords are allowed, but Texas Longhorns are not).
  - If horns are not part of the breed standard, members must strongly consider dehorning at an early age. **Review your breed standards for clarification.**
  - Regardless of exhibitor age, these animals (as well as any other animal) must be completely safe to handle and may be removed or disqualified at judge, 4-H staff and/or superintendent discretion.
8. All hay and other feed will be furnished by the exhibitor.
  9. Club members must clean out stalls, pens, and tie outs each day of the fair. Failure to do so will forfeit members' right to premiums.
  10. All animals shown in conformation and/or showmanship must have been owned/leased and cared for in a 4-H project by the club member exhibiting the animal (even if kept at another location). Any Lease agreements need to be on file at the OSU Extension office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. See **Leased Animals** for more information.
  11. All market livestock exhibitors must participate in the appropriate showmanship and conformation contest to be eligible for participation in the 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock Auction.
  12. All sheep and goats participating in *any* conformation and showmanship class must be shown with front feet on the ground.
  13. Fitting (See also 19, Fitting Products) - The Crook County 4-H Division is a youth show. It is a continuation of the educational efforts that are made throughout the year. Crook County 4-H club members must fit and show their own animals. They may receive help from active Crook County 4-H member(s), or current Crook County FFA exhibitors. All adults (including parents, leaders and professionals) and non-members are not allowed to fit animals. Any 4-H animal fitted for any 4-H show by adults, professionals, or non-members will not be allowed to participate in the show and will be dismissed from the fairgrounds (dismissal will be at the discretion of the 4-H Agent and/or FFA Advisor).
  14. Novice Participation- Only first-year Junior 4-H youth are eligible to participate in novice showmanship classes.
  15. Showmanship - Animal Science exhibitors are required to participate in showmanship contests relating to their exhibits (animals exhibited in showmanship class must also be shown in a conformation class). 4-H members must show their own animals unless excused by the superintendent. Abusive language, un-sportsman like conduct, or abuse of an animal in any contest can be reason for dismissal from the show ring at the discretion of the show superintendent and 4-H agent.

- 16.** Youth are expected to be able to exhibit their animals on their own. This includes leading it to the ring, in the ring, and getting it back to the pen. Potential safety issues arising from nervous, disruptive, or misbehaving animals should be brought to the superintendent immediately.
- 17.** Fitting Products - All fitting products that are used must be acceptable and safe products to be used on livestock.
- 18.** Market animal projects cannot be shown in breeding classes.