

# LAKE COUNTY FAIR 4-H & FFA CATTLE DIVISION RULES

## General Exhibitor Rules

1. Fair Entries are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on the first Friday in August each year.
2. Lake County 4-H & FFA Staff reserves the right to:
  - a. Limit the number of entries from each club/chapter according to pen accommodations; reject, accept conditionally, and cancel any entry
  - b. Divide unusually large classes and/or add classes
  - c. Report evidence of violations of discipline to local school administration and other youth livestock show managers.
3. The decisions made by 4-H & FFA staff and Superintendents are final.
4. All 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors shall adhere to the Lake County Oregon 4-H and FFA Livestock Exhibitor Agreement. Any exhibitor violating fair rules or exhibiting undesirable conduct may be penalized by forfeiture of all premiums and awards earned at the discretion of 4-H & FFA staff, leaders, and Superintendents.
5. All 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors are reminded to review the County Fair Information for Livestock Exhibitors handout provided at spring weigh-in and available at the County Extension Office in Mid-August. This handout will capture important updates or changes which are important to livestock exhibitors.
6. All animals exhibited must be owned or leased for the program year. Animal leases must be on file in the County Extension Office by June 1st of each year.
  - a. Registered animals must be registered in the member's name, family name or partnership. Registration papers must be provided at the 12:00 pm breeding exhibitor meeting on Thursday of Fair. A copy of the registration papers must be available at the show ring.
7. The 4-H & FFA staff & Superintendents reserves the right to handle ethical violations in the following manners, depending on the severity
  - a. Withhold premium money and cancel awards
  - b. Remove exhibits and/or exhibitor and possibly ban from future shows
  - c. Report evidence to local school administration and other youth livestock show managers
8. All livestock exhibits will be received between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, except Beef, which are to be received by 10:30 a.m. Exhibitors who miss the weigh-in time for their species will be scratched from the market show, and subsequently will be ineligible to sell at the market sale.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing proper care to animals entered. If an animal or exhibitor area is not properly cared for, the Superintendent and 4-H & FFA staff have the authority to withhold premiums, awards, and/or require removal of animal from the grounds.
10. All animals should be in good general condition and must exhibit good health. Animals that are in an unhealthy condition shall be examined by a veterinarian and are subject to disqualification.
11. All animals must be fitted and trained for showing in the ring.

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12. 4-H & FFA members are required to care for their market animals until shipping begins Monday afternoon. Premium monies will be withheld at the discretion of the 4-H Leader, Superintendent, and County 4-H & FFA Staff for unsatisfactory care of animals.

13. All male market animals must be castrated or bands applied prior to spring weigh-in.

### **Judging**

1. The judge's decision is final.

2. All 4-H & FFA classes will be judged on the Danish system. Blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded according to quality:

Blue – excellent or superior; Red – good to excellent; White – needs improvement. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in all age divisions where the judge deems there is an entry of championship quality.

3. If there is no competition or an entry deemed worthy of the premium or award offered, it may or may not be awarded at the discretion of the judge(s).

### **Show Dress**

1. Required 4-H Show Dress: clean, neat apparel, closed-toe shoes, long pants, a 4-H clover visible on the member's shirt, and an exhibitor's number. No hats or sunglasses will be allowed in the show ring. 4-H Clover patches and pins are available for purchase at the county Extension Office.

2. Required FFA Show Dress: White collared shirt/blouse, official FFA tie/scarf, and official FFA jacket zipped to the top. Black pants/slacks or jeans and dark closed-toe shoes. White pants/slacks are strongly encouraged for goat and dairy exhibitors. Participants in any livestock show/auction must be in official dress. Superintendents have the authority to omit the wearing of jackets depending on weather conditions.

3. Recommended 4-H Show Dress (in addition to the Required Show Dress): boots, shirt tucked in, belt, and hair secured neatly.

### **Showmanship**

1. All 4-H & FFA members who exhibit livestock are required to participate in showmanship for that species.

2. The animal used for showmanship may be a market or breeding animal owned by the member and is entered in at least one other class (4-H Breeding, FFA, Open Class, etc.) at the current year fair.

3. In order to participate in the market sale, exhibitors must participate in showmanship for that species.

4. All animals entered for showmanship and breeding must be made available for use in Round Robin if selected by Superintendent.

### **Exhibits**

1. Each livestock exhibitor may enter and stall as many species as desired with a maximum of 10 (ten) livestock (sheep, goats, cattle, swine) combined across species and program (4-H, FFA, Open Class). Members who wish to house more than 10 livestock must acquire prior approval from 4-H, FFA & Open Class. There is no entry limit for rabbits, poultry and cavy. The member must be currently enrolled in

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the applicable project area. For market exhibitors who are showing more than one market species, the highest-placing market animal will be sold through the market sale.

2. Members with more than one animal in a class must make arrangements for other club or chapter members to help show.
3. Animals must be waiting and ready at the entry gate at the time of a given class or will be scratched from the class by show personnel. Youth may arrange for a gate hold if required between classes with the species superintendent.
5. For breeding livestock classes that require production records, one copy should be located in the member's record book and one copy should be brought to the show ring by the exhibitor for judge review. Members who fail to produce copies of production record at the start of the class will be disqualified.
6. Feeding, caring for, and grooming/fitting is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member. Younger members may receive assistance, if needed, preferably from an older member. Parents are not permitted to assist in these activities unless approved by the species superintendent, FFA Advisor, or 4-H Staff for safety reasons. Verbal instruction is permitted, physical assistance is prohibited.

Hired fitter/non-youth fitting: If adults or paid fitters are discovered fitting/grooming, the consequences will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Warning (at the discretion of 4-H & FFA staff)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Loss of premiums
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Loss of award eligibility
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense: Dismissal of member (and adult if necessary) from show and fairgrounds

7. No drenching of any animal is allowed unless done under the direct supervision of a veterinarian and with the knowledge of the 4-H & FFA Staff.
8. Cable halters are not permitted in any species.
9. Muzzles are not permitted in any species (with the exception of dog).
10. All livestock must remain in their designated areas.
11. Fitting of livestock in the fairgrounds parking lot or rodeo grounds/camp grounds is prohibited.

### **Entry & Removal of Animals**

1. All animals are subject to inspection by the veterinarian upon admission to the exhibition grounds. The veterinarian has full authority to deny entry to animals if they exhibit signs of lice, disease, or poor health. There is no recourse to the veterinarian's decision - his or her decision is final.
2. The veterinarian may cause removal of animals from the fairgrounds at any time if the animal shows symptoms of poor health.
3. All Cattle Division animals must enter the fairgrounds within the prescribed time parameters. Special circumstances may be allowed with the approval of the Superintendents and 4-H Agent/FFA Staff.

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4. No animals shall be removed from the fair prior to 3pm on Monday without permission from the Superintendent and 4-H Agent/FFA Staff.
5. All livestock exhibitors will remove and clean shavings and debris from their pens on Monday. Failure to do so will result in sale checks being withheld from the exhibitor and/or ineligibility to participate in the following County Fair.

### Unruly Animals

1. Members are encouraged to work with their parent or guardian and 4-H leader/FFA Advisor to decide if their animal is gentle enough and safe enough to participate at fair.
2. Animals that are unruly at fair will be discussed and a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent, 4-H Leader (if applicable), County 4-H Staff, FFA Advisors, and Market Sale Committee President. The species superintendent and judge retain authority to dismiss unruly animals from the show ring. Animals deemed unsafe will be removed from the grounds by the member.

### From the Sale Committee

1. Participant Guidelines:
  - a. To be eligible for the 4-H & FFA Market Sale, youth must be in good standing in the 4-H & FFA program. The last year a youth is eligible to sell through the Market Sale is immediately preceding their high school graduation.
  - b. Exhibitors may register for sale one market lot. A lot is one goat, one hog, one lamb, a pen of three chickens, a pen of three rabbits, one steer, or one turkey.
  - c. If an exhibitor shows more than one market animal, the highest placing animal will be sold at the market sale.
  - d. Transportation slips and a Bill of Sale must be presented at the time of arrival to the fair.
  - e. All market animals must meet established withdrawal times.
  - f. A market animal determined to be unsafe to be presented in the sale ring will be handled through the Variance Process.
  - g. Animals are required to be cared for until shipping begins.
  - h. The Market Sale Committee is not responsible for shipping of animals that have been sifted.
  - i.
2. Sale Information:
  - a. The sale will be held Saturday starting promptly at 12:00 pm
3. Market Sale Guidelines:
  - a. Judging and Grades
    - i. All animals in sale were judged by qualified individual and estimated to yield the following carcass quality. Beef: Select, Choice or Prime. Goats: Choice or Prime. Lambs: Choice or Prime. Poultry & Rabbits: No established quality grade. Swine: U.S. #1 & #2. All market swine must meet minimum commercial industry market standards. Heritage type breeds such as, but not limited to, Kune Kune, Red Wattle, Magalista are ineligible to be tagged as market animals and will not be accepted by the Lake County 4-H & FFA Market Sale Committee.

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- ii. Grading is at the discretion of the judge. Final carcass grades may vary. Animals that receive a blue or red ribbon are eligible to sell. Animals that receive a white ribbon do not meet the carcass quality criteria and are not eligible to sell. Decision of the judge is final.
  - b. All market swine must meet minimum commercial industry market standards. Heritage type breeds such as, but not limited to, Kune Kune, Red Wattle, Magalista are ineligible to be tagged as market animals and will not be accepted by the Lake County 4-H & FFA Market Sale Committee.
  - c. Each 4-H & FFA member will show his/her own animal through the sale unless an exception is made through the Variance Process.
  - d. All animals are intended to go to slaughter. The Lake County 4-H & FFA Market Sale Committee does not allow anyone to purchase resale animals other than the "specified" resale buyers. Once an animal is declared for resale by the buyer, it must go to the resale buyer. Any multi-party sale after ownership is transferred to said buyer is prohibited.
  - e. Shipping destination of animal must be declared at time of purchase. Animals are to be removed from the grounds ONLY by shippers/processors approved by the Sale Committee. Changes will not be allowed after 6:00pm on sale day.
  - f. No gifts are permitted in the sale barn.
  - g. Funds expended for the purchase of animals through the sale may not be considered a donation to 4-H, FFA, and Market Sale Committee. However, if an individual buys an animal and resells it for a lesser price, the difference may be deducted as a business or advertising expense (IRS Regulations).
4. Market Sale Fees:
- a. Resale prices will be determined just prior to the sale.
  - b. The market sale commission will be determined by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
  - c. Additional expenses/fees may be deducted from the exhibitor's sale check if approved by the Sale Committee.
5. Pre-Fair Weigh-In:
- a. All animals must be tagged and weighed at the Pre-Fair weigh-in. these dates, times and locations will be determined by the Sale Committee.
  - b. This information will be available at the Extension Office.
6. Fair Weigh-In:
- a. If a question occurs during the Fair Weigh-In concerning the weight of an animal, it must be declared while the animal is on the scale. The animal will be led off the scale, scale balanced, and the animal re-weighed. Once the animal leaves the weigh-in area, no re-weights will occur.
  - b. All 4-H & FFA market animals must weigh-in at the following minimum weight requirements:

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i. Goats: 75 pounds, Sheep: 105 pounds, Swine: 220 pounds, Beef: 1100 pounds, Rabbits: Fryers: 3.5-5.5 lbs, Roasters: 5.6-9.0 lbs, Chickens: Fryers: 4-6 lbs, Roasters: 6.1 lbs and higher, Turkeys: no minimum.

ii. Animals not reaching the minimum requirements will not sell during the market sale. However, members will be allowed to participate in showmanship class. 4-H & FFA members may put up signs to sell after the conclusion of the market sale.

### 7. Backup Animals:

- a. Backup animals must be owned by a single exhibitor or a family.
- b. Backup animals must be declared, tagged and weighed at pre-fair weigh-in.
- c. Use of the backup animal, so long as it is tagged and declared according to the rules above, may be conducted at any time prior to Fair Weigh-In. Exhibitors are required to notify the Extension Office or FFA Advisor of the change.

### 8. Variance Process:

- a. If a member wishes to deviate from a county or state rule, they may appeal by using the variance process.
- b. Please visit the Lake County Extension Office, the 4-H & FFA Fair Office, or the Lake County Extension Office webpage ([beav.es/lake4h](http://beav.es/lake4h)) to obtain more information about the variance process or to obtain a variance form.

## **Herdsmanship**

1. The purpose of this contest is to develop knowledge and skill in the proper handling and stabling of livestock and in care and use of equipment, as well as monitoring exhibitor cooperation. It is judged on a club basis.
2. Awards will be provided in each species division; Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry.
3. Basis for Scoring (50 points possible per day): Exhibitors – appropriate clothing and footwear, manners and attitude; Decorations – safe, neat and appropriate, stall cards completed and visible; Animals – clean, secured, adequately watered and fed; Barn Areas, Wash Racks, and barn aisles – pens completely cleaned each morning and kept up throughout the day, tack areas orderly and clean, tack marked with owner's ID, wash areas, aisle ways and walkways free from debris, etc.
4. A copy of the scoring sheet is available from the County Extension Office.

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## Cattle Division Rules

1. The general cattle rules will incorporate by reference the Code of Conduct, the 4-H/FFA General Rules, the 4-H/FFA Animal Science Rules and the Market Sale Policies, if applicable. In addition, the State Fair Rules will supersede any rules at the county level when applicable. State Fair rules are available online.
2. No actions shall be taken involving the Cattle Division without involvement of the Cattle Superintendent(s). Decisions regarding division rules will be made by Superintendent(s), 4-H Staff, FFA Staff, and Market Sale Committee as necessary.
3. In the event of a complaint or problem, the Cattle Superintendent(s) will be notified first. If the Superintendent(s) deems any action is necessary, it will then be taken to the 4-H Agent/FFA Staff to determine options in addressing the situation. If the Cattle Superintendent(s) is the subject of the complaint, the second (if applicable) Superintendent will present the issue to the 4-H Agent/FFA Staff for resolution.

## **Tagging and Weighing**

1. All prospective market auction animals must have been owned and be in the possession of the 4-H/FFA member by April 1. "Possession" of all species will be identified by designated ear tags and will be committed to a specific member, including the backup animal(s). A family back up animal can be listed on multiple family members if that is a shared animal.
2. All market steers, including back up steers, must be weighed at the mandatory weigh-in in the month of April. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirement at spring weigh-in.
3. Approximately two to three weeks following the weigh-in, a list will be sent to each leader with their members and the tags that were assigned to their steers. All tags must be checked at this time to ensure they are correct. If tags have not been assigned correctly, the leader must make the correction to the Extension Office.
4. In the event that a steer loses an official tag, the member must immediately notify their leader/advisor to obtain another tag through the 4-H Office.

## **Fair Rules**

1. 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 would be allowed, but Texas Longhorns are not.) If horns are not part of the breed standard, members should strongly consider dehorning at an early age. Review your breed standards for clarification. Only polled or dehorned market steers are allowed. Any steer having a scur or horn more than two inches long will not be admitted to the show.
2. Permanent and temporary nose clips are allowed until 4pm on Thursday.
3. Water buckets will not be left unattended in the barn unless they are fastened to the fence/wall. Grain buckets/pans must be removed from the stalls when animal is finished eating. No feeding will be

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permitted in the show rings. Each club/chapter is responsible for cleaning their feed area daily. Animals are not to be fed in the wash racks (swine only).

4. Fitting is allowed in designated areas (barn and fitting area) ONLY. Unethical fitting will not be permitted. This is defined as, but not limited to, altering color of natural color with dyes, paints, or colored foams. Colored adhesives or like colored products to the animal's natural color may be used below the hock and on tail head and switch.

5. Do not block any alleys with fans, butt fans, wheelbarrows, displays etc.

6. Rancher's Choice Steer rules can be found in the current year's Rancher's Choice Market Beef handout.

7. Market, breeding, and showmanship classes will be judged on the Danish system (purple, blue, red, white).

8. Placement in the auction lineup is determined by market class placing. White ribbon steers shall be sifted and will not be allowed to sell in the auction.

9. Unattended cattle will be secured with a neck rope in addition to halter tying.

10. All animals must be a minimum of 30 days old. Calves must be broke to tie. Bred cows will not be eligible for entry within 30 days of estimated calving date. Exceptions for calves not broke to tie may be made on a case by case basis.

11. Only steers are permitted in market classes.