

**Elk. Co. 4-H Poultry Club
Leadership and Advisory Board**

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Treasurer/Secretary: Andrea Klotz

Members at Large: Jennifer Newcomer, Adam Noffsinger, Andrew Hicks

Junior Board Members: To be elected at the October Meeting each year

Important Dates:

- Mid May: Fair Entry will open for Registration of animals. This will close July 1.
- 2 Saturdays prior to Fair will be Exhibition Banding, for all Exhibition animals. (excludes: Turkeys, call ducks, pigeons and guineas) 7am-1pm at the Poultry barn.
- The Saturday prior to the fair will be weigh in for Roasters, Broilers, Duck and Goose, any animal that will be for commercial classes. Turkeys will be excluded from this banding. 7am -1pm at the Poultry barn.
- All Turkey's exhibition or commercial will be brought to the fair the Thursday prior to the start of the first Friday of the Fair. Commercial turkey's will be weighed in upon check in and banded.
- All Poultry being exhibited will be brought in the Thursday prior to the first Friday of the Fair at assigned time. 10am-8pm (subject to change)
- Barn Set up will be the Monday prior to the first day of Fair. This will also be the July Meeting. Club will not be meeting the 2nd Monday of the month like typical mtgs. There will be a second set up on Tues prior to Fair that will cover the same information. Monday's meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Tues meeting will begin at 6pm and start with awards for the carcass show.
- Birds must be removed from the Barn on the last Friday of the Fair after auction and before 5:30pm. All paperwork must be turned into the Leader by this time. No early check out unless you are leaving for state fair.
- Exhibition Show will be held the first Friday of the fair starting at 8am. Showmanship will follow directly after the show. There will be a meeting at 7:30 am for updates to show.
- Commercial Show will be held the first Saturday of fair at 8am. There will be a meeting at 7:30am for updates to show.
- The last Friday of fair will be the Auction. You will need to tell leadership upon banding the commercial poultry what you plan to auction. This will be able to be changed depending on how you place. This needs to be told to the Organizational leader by the end of the first Saturday of fair.

Times will be enforced. There will not be any reminder calls placed that day for weigh in or banding. Please put these dates on your calendar.

Contest Dates:

Showmanship: First Friday of the fair, after the show, at the Poultry Barn

Judging: Exhibition Show will be the first Friday of the fair, 8am. The Commercial Show will be the first Saturday of Fair 8am. Meetings both days at 7:30 am for all members

Angry Birds Style Flying Contest: Monday 2:30pm between Rabbit and Poultry Barns

Rooster Crowing: Tues 10am

Poultry Imitation Contest: Tues following the Rooster Crowing Contest

Costume Contest: Tuesday 3pm

Egg Cooking Competition: Wednesday 10:00 am 4-H and Open Class

Chicken BBQ Competition: Wednesday 4:30pm 4-H and Open Class

Chicken Flying Contest: Thursday 2pm between the Rabbit and Poultry Barns

Small Animal Round Robin: Thursday 5:30pm in Beef/Dairy Arena Senior Showman participates

4-H Parade of Champions: Thursday 6:30pm at Beef/Dairy Arena.

Auction Set up: Thursday approximately 9 pm in Sheep/Swine Arena

Auction: Last Friday of the Fair at 11:15am, meeting at 1030am. Check out begins right after auction.

Barn Clean Up: Last Saturday of fair; 7am until done

Battle of the Barns: Last Saturday of fair-2pm Saddle Club arena, 8-12th grades. Sign up is only in the office, not online.

Coop Clean Up: Sunday after fair 9 am.

For Contests: Members may register on 4-H online when registering animals for any of the contests listed above when registration opens. Registration will close July 1. After July 1 members will be able to sign up for any contest via a paper form located in the 4-H Poultry Club office announcement board.

Club Rules:

1. Club Dues are \$20.00 and are to be paid by the April Meeting. 10-year members will have this fee waved as a gift from the club. With families that have more than one 4-H member the dues will be as follows: 1st and 2nd child will be \$20 each, the 3rd child or more will be \$10 ea.
2. All birds being purchased for the commercial auctions, (roasters, broilers, turkeys, ducks, or geese) that will be exhibited must be purchased from the club on a designated date, and same birds exhibited. They will be distributed randomly when the member picks them up. Members will pay on the day of pick up with a check. If members family can not pay with check on that day, they will be billed for the total due.
3. All birds except commercial Turkey, Duck, Goose and Meat Bird classes are to be in your possession as of April 1 of current year. The Commercial Turkey, Duck, Goose and Meat Birds will be purchased on a pre-determined date and distributed.
4. Members must register birds on Fair Entry (faireentry.com) by July 1 in order to exhibit birds. There will be no changes in birds registered after the July commercial banding unless to delete from exhibition.
5. Feed Records will need to be completed and turned in by the July Meeting either on Monday or Tuesday.

6. Birds are to be brought to the fair Thursday prior to the start of fair 9am-9pm. A health check will be performed; if unhealthy, the birds will be sent home.
7. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to feed the birds every day, twice daily. If you cannot feed twice in one day you must make arrangements with another family in club or club leadership.
8. All birds to be exhibited must meet State Health Requirements. Any birds showing signs of illness/disease or parasites will be sent home. All birds will be Pullorum Tested by a certified tester at a predetermined date if they are over 1 year of age or hatched from their home flock. This will be done no later than the Saturday before fair.
9. All poultry cages, feeding cups, feed and watering system will be furnished by the club while the birds are at the fair. You will bring your own feed for the pigeons; you will need to have it in a small container with your name. You may store this in the office at a pre-determined space.
10. There will only be one entry (single, or pair) per class.
11. Classes identified starting with a letter (A100) are local classes only and are not eligible for state fair.
12. Exhibitors must be present for judging and auction of their birds in Show Attire. Show Attire is as follows, no exceptions: Blue Jeans with no holes, Poultry Shirt, tennis shoes, or show boots. If this show attire is not worn you will not be allowed to show or auction unless determined acceptable by a leader. Again, absolutely no shorts or holes in the jeans. No hats or lanyards are to be worn while at the show table, or at the auction table. Showmanship attire will be the same. No show coats will be used. An exhibitor number will be issued for showmanship competition. If a member chooses to wear a show coat, they will be allowed to participate, but they will not be allowed to win the showmanship competition.
13. The 4Her will be responsible for getting the bird to the show table. If necessary to have help, make prior arrangements with another 4-H member. There will be adults in the back to help get the birds out of the cage. No parents are allowed in the cage areas during show. If birds are not on show table after two calls, they will be scratched from exhibition or commercial show. 4-H members are expected to stay in the barn or let leaders know if you are leaving. If you place in an honor group, you are expected to stay in barn until the top 5 are named in each class. If you have a bird in the top 5 you are expected to stay until Grand and Reserve Grand Champions are chosen.
14. All birds to be auctioned must be of commercial weight. Birds will be weighed on a certified (certified by someone that is employed by the Extension office) scale provided by the poultry club. Weights will be as follows: **Roasters 6-10 lbs, Broilers 3 lbs 8 oz-5 lbs, Hen Turkeys: 13-25 lbs, Tom Turkeys: 20-38 lbs, Pekin Ducks: 8-10 lbs; Embden Goose: 10-20 lbs.** Weigh in shall occur the Saturday prior to the start of the fair, except for turkeys which will be weighed in on Thursday prior to the start of fair when they are weighed in and banded.
15. Each exhibitor may auction two transactions. Unless Poultry Club is your only Livestock club that auctions, and then you will be allowed 3 transactions. **This is to be reported to the leader no later than commercial banding day for Meat birds, geese and ducks. Turkeys will be reported on Thursday of check in.** The exhibitor or parent must initial the registration slip and check off what they will be auctioning. If an exhibitor has not initialed the paperwork by noon Monday of the fair that exhibitor will not be allowed to

auction on Friday. Changes to what is being auctioned will need to be made by the end of the day of the commercial show.

16. Birds will be removed from the Poultry Barn after auction and before 5:30pm and final paperwork done on the last Friday of the fair. There will be no checking out until this time unless other arrangements have been made prior to this date and only for leaving for Indiana State Fair. Leadership of the club will not be responsible for any birds in the barn after 5:30pm.
17. All 4-H members should arrive for Barn Clean Up on the last Saturday of the Fair at 7:00am.
18. Exhibitors should not take birds back to their home flocks unless the birds are isolated for two weeks and recommend putting 7-dust, or equal product to eliminate parasites on them so you don't bring home parasites into the flock.
19. If an exhibitor decides that he/she does not want to exhibit but they would like to complete in 4-H Poultry Club, they have the following options: You will choose one.
 - a. You will complete an essay on what you have learned in your 4-H career and what skills you have learned to help you in your future. Because there is no project to see at the fair, you will not get a fair pass for the season, but you will complete your year in 4-H.
 - b. You will be required to complete a poster to display in the ECCC. There are two categories. You will need to ask leadership for the requirements of this project. Since you will have a poster on display, you will receive a pass for the season.
20. The Poultry Club Leaders and Advisory Board will rule on any special situations arising and this decision will be final.

Elkhart Co. 4-H Livestock Rules:

1. Grooming Rule. The grooming rule that was passed last night reads: Anyone can assist with livestock grooming as long as the 4-H member is actively participating in the fitting process as well.
 - a. First Violation: A warning is given.
 - b. Second Violation: Falls under the fraud, deceit/cheat policy in the handbook that falls under the grievance process.

Medication Policy violation

1. First Violation: Warning, file the paperwork
2. Second Violation: falls under the fraud, deceit/cheat policy already in the 4-H Handbook as part of the grievance process.

Missed Fair Entry Deadline:

Exposition only Animals:

If a 4-H member doesn't have anything registered in fair entry they will be placed in an exposition only class. If it is a commercial animal the member can still auction.

Rules for Contests within the Club

Showmanship

1. 4-H member may use the following in showmanship: chicken (bantam or standard), commercial meat bird, (Broiler) or a duck. If you show Turkey or Goose and would like to participate in showmanship, you will have the option to use no animal, or a stuffed animal to describe to the judge how you would show the animal. You may also use another 4-H member's animal if you have worked with it prior to show.
2. You will be expected to wear the following for showmanship: jeans, poultry t-shirt, tennis shoes or show boots. No hats, lanyards, or show coats. An exhibitor number will be issued to you before showmanship begins as a reference for the judge.
3. There will be three skill levels for showmanship.
 - a. Beginner: 3rd-5th grade
 - b. Intermediate: 6th-8th grade
 - c. Senior: 9th-12th grade
4. Once you win your grade level you will not advance to the next level, you will only advance to the next level when you are in the appropriate grade.
5. Showmanship will consist of questions asked by the Judge, as well as an oral exam of the bird. You will be expected to know about your breed. There is also an expectation that you will know body parts. Questions will be at their discretion.
6. You will be asked to put the bird in the cage, and then out of the cage. Be sure to close the cage after putting the bird in and taking the bird out.
7. The top 5 will be placed in the competition.
8. In the senior showmanship the first place will advance to the Round Robin competition to compete against the other small animal clubs. If the participant wins Round Robin, they will not be allowed to participate in showmanship for Poultry Club in any remaining years in club. If the participant receives the Reserve Champion placement in Round Robin, they will be allowed to come back the following year to participate in the Senior Showmanship for Poultry Club as long as they are not aging out of 4-H.
9. The Senior Showman will be expected to be available to instruct the other small animal representatives to show how a chicken is shown.
10. The chickens that will be taken to the Round Robin will be determined by the leader. The leader will choose exhibition bantam birds that have been worked with and are not flighty. Pullets or Hens will be used when they are available. Leadership will attempt to get birds from the different bantam classes. These breeds will be marked, and they will need to be shown to the Round Robin participants from the other livestock clubs as they will be expected to know the breeds for Round Robin.
11. Scoring will be done by the judge.
12. For any Round Robin questions, please see the 4-H handbook for rules.

Parade of Champions: (envelopes to be given with details)

1. There will be 3 eligible entries for the Parade of Champions.
 - a. The Grand Champion Commercial Bird(s)
 - b. The Grand Champion Exhibition Bird

- c. The Grand Champion Commercial Production Bird(s)
2. If for some reason the Grand Champion Animal or 4-H member can not participate in the Parade of champions the spot will be vacant. No replacements will be allowed.
3. The Parade of Champions is between the Small Animal Round Robin and the Large Animal Round Robin Competition on Thursday evening of the Fair.
4. See County handbook for any further details on this activity.

4-H member of the Year

1. All 4-H members will be eligible for the award of 4-H member of the Year
2. Members will accumulate points based on activities they participate in, committees they sit on, geranium sales, as well as basket sales. Doing a demonstration, holding an office, or helping at meetings, attending meetings, attending clinics, or running a clinic to name a few.
3. Points will be appointed according to the set points on the list.
4. If an activity is not listed, then a committee of 3 leaders will determine the appropriate number of points that will be issued for that activity.
5. The point system will be managed by no less than 2 leaders, and/or and Advisory Board member at large.
6. Extra points can be achieved by helping set up at meetings, helping during show, or helping during a banding. Set up/tear down day outside of what is asked of the club in general. Any member may ask to help at any of these times outside of club meetings to help leadership.

Points as listed: Leadership will assign points. These are just a few ways to earn points.

Attending meeting/clinic:

Geranium sales: There will be a scale for points

Basket sales: There will be a scale for points

Demonstration/Running a clinic:

Holding an office:

Participate on a committee:

Participate on Jr. Advisory Bd for Poultry:

Helped at a meeting/coop without being asked:

Participate in Showmanship:

Participate in skill a thon for Poultry:

Participate in skill a thon for other Livestock club:

Participate in activities at fair:

Visiting a breeder and hand in essay:

4-H and Open Class Chicken Barbecue Rules

1. Each participant must bring a copy of your recipe to be turned in for club recipe book.
2. Each participant must be 10 years or older (under 12 must have adult present).
You need not be in the Poultry Club to participate.

3. Each participant must use chicken provided by the 4-H Poultry Club for the contest. Two halves will be provided and will be weighed prior to and after the barbecuing. Open class may marinate but must inform the judge of their intent.
4. Each participant will provide his or her own grill (may share grill if big enough for 2 chicken halves per person), briquettes, starting fluid, matches, water for containing fire, shovel or towel or such equipment needed. All participants may use any form of grill.
5. Each participant must provide their own sauce, apron, dauber, tongs, gloves, foil, or other equipment needed. Each participant must also provide a plate and fork for the judge.
6. Be ready to light your fire at least 1 hour before barbecuing.
All chickens will be placed on grill at 4:30 for 4-H members and 5:00 for Open Class.
7. Each participant will put their own coals into hole dug by club and clean their own cooking area.

Egg Cook Off Rules

1. Contestants will be divided into two Groups:
 - a. 4-H (any 4-H member not just Poultry Club)
 - b. Open Class (all others)
2. Contestants will provide a copy of the recipe.
3. Recipes must contain a minimum of 4 eggs and a maximum of 12 ingredients (all eggs count as one ingredient)
4. Recipes may be appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, snacks, or desserts
5. Recipes will be judged on good use of eggs, taste appeal, presentation, and originality.

Competitions during Fair week

1. After July 1 you will need to sign up in the Poultry office on the paper copy for the competition.
2. Paperwork for competition will open 30 min before competition starts and will end 5 min before competition starts.
3. Awards will be given based on activity.