

# 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT RULES

## Barn Superintendent:

1. **All members need to enroll as 4-H members and in their perspective, animal projects by May 15<sup>th</sup> in 4H Online. The animal identification deadline is May 15 unless otherwise noted in the individual species section of the project summary. Any animal not added to 4H Online by the required date will be withheld from the Howard County Fair and is ineligible for the Indiana State Fair. No switching of animals or adding of animals after the enrollment date is allowed.**
2. To exhibit any **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SWINE, SHEEP, MEAT GOATS, DAIRY GOATS, POULTRY, and RABBITS**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) training **OR** the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Any 4-H member not certified in QLC or YQCA by the required date will be withheld from the Howard County Fair.**
3. **All members must have completed entries in Fair Entry by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Any animal entry not registered in Fair Entry by the required date will be withheld from the Howard County Fair**
4. All livestock must be in the possession of the 4-H member and kept on their own farm where they can personally care for their animals by the appropriate deadlines listed in each species' rules. If a 4-H member can't keep enrolled animals on their farm, a 4-H member may keep their animals elsewhere. However, **ALL** 4-H members in the beef, dairy (cows & heifers), dairy feeder steers, goats (dairy, meat, & pygmy), horse & pony, sheep, and swine project **MUST** complete an Animal Location Form with appropriate signatures, and return by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. All animals must be owned by the 4-H member or owned in partnership either entirely or in part before the enrollment date and continuously until the date of the show. All breeding animals must be registered to show in a recognized breed class and must show registration papers. Crossbred breeding animals are not registered. Dairy animals may be registered or graded. 4-H animals in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted at the state fair that is registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons such as, "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe and William Smith", "Long Oak & William Smith", etc. Acceptable registrations for showing at state fair are: 1) in the 4-H member's name, 2) John Smith & Sons, 3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, 4) John Smith & Family (sons, daughters and legal guardian youth only), 5) family corporations where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, 6) family partnerships where only the 4-H's father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent and/or legal name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. Proof of same must be supplied on or before 5:00 P.M. the day preceding the show. Ownership of dairy animals at the state fair will follow the 1984 ownership rule which includes any partnerships. Horse and Pony members should use the lease agreement form, available from the Extension Office if they are leasing their animal, and it should be submitted to the Extension Office.
6. All animals intended for exhibit or show at the Howard County Fair shall be in good health and in good physical condition before being unloaded at the fair or being shown. If the superintendent is concerned about the health of the animal, he/she has the right to obtain an opinion from a veterinarian and the Extension Educator. If the animal is deemed to be in poor physical condition, the exhibitor will be asked to remove the animal from the fair or show.
7. **Livestock pen assignments will be made by the superintendent of each species. The Extension Educator will approve all plans made by each superintendent for the current Howard County 4-H Fair.**
8. If livestock cannot arrive at the fair at the designated check-in time, a written request for a special variance may be presented to the barn superintendent and educator.
9. After the animals are checked in at the fair for exhibition, they cannot be loaded onto a trailer at any time unless they leave the fairgrounds with prior approval of the 4-H Educator or 4-H staff.
10. The use of hotshots or similar devices on livestock before or during the livestock shows is prohibited.
11. Proper animal care is expected by all livestock exhibitors. If stalls/pens are deemed unfit by the livestock superintendent, the member will receive a warning. If they're still not cleaned up after warning, the livestock superintendent and Extension Office staff may ask them to leave the premises.

12. **Livestock should not be given anything that is deemed illegal to enhance performance. This includes abiding by the established drug withdrawal times, illegal drugs, or pumping. If it is determined that an animal owned by a 4-H member violates these guidelines the 4-H member will be disqualified and forfeit all awards for the project in question. (See penalty #1 in Determination of Violation of Rules & Regulations.)**
13. Club members having an entry in livestock classes must show their own animals unless: **1.** exhibitor is ill, **2.** exhibitor has more than 1 entry in the same class, **3.** an emergency has arisen (An emergency is an unforeseen situation that arises and makes it impractical or impossible to expect the exhibitor, in fairness, to show the animal or animals. Conflicts in extra-curricular schedules, activities, and events are not emergencies.). In case of emergency, the project superintendent, the Executive Committee of the Exhibit Association, and the Extension Educator must all approve. In the preceding cases only, the exhibitor may have the animal shown by another Howard County 4-H Club member, but must have approval from the superintendents in charge of the class in which the animal(s) is/are shown.
14. Any given beef, dairy, horses, ponies, goats, sheep, and swine MAY NOT be enrolled by more than one 4-H member except for brothers and sisters.
15. A 4-H member should exhibit his/her animal at the 4-H fair to complete the project. If he/she chooses not to exhibit an animal, a completed record sheet will be accepted for completion of that project.
16. Due to congestion at the unloading docks during different animal check-in times, livestock exhibitors are not permitted to use wash racks while livestock is being entered. This excludes the goat members due to their show times. (Look at check-in times of the fair schedule for clarification.)
17. Washing of animals outside of the wash racks is not permitted. All animals need to be washed inside the wash rack only.
18. Each 4-H exhibitor will be allowed to have one grooming chute/stand in the barn before show day. Chutes and stands must be set up in the stall space provided. Any additional chutes/stands may be brought in for show day only. Chutes and stands will not be allowed in the aisles at any time.
19. All livestock must be fitted inside the barn or within 75 feet of the livestock pavilion. No animals shall be permitted beyond the 75 feet.
20. Livestock aisles are to remain clear except for show boxes.
21. Entry procedures for the 4-H livestock shows will be communicated at a time closer to the fair.
22. Registration papers on all breeding livestock will be required when checking in at the fair. If papers are not presented at the weigh-in, animals will be shown in the crossbred class.
23. **NO ONE** except the 4-H member and his/her animals will be allowed in the make-up ring or show ring during the show along with parents, superintendents, volunteers with approved paperwork, and other officials with the superintendent's approval/discretion.
24. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the animal enrollment deadline and before the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.
25. 4-H animals are to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the county 4-H Exhibit Association from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the county. Animal Location forms and lease agreement forms are required.
26. Howard County 4-H livestock shows are not sanctioned and are not to be registered as such unless otherwise stated and voted by the Livestock Committee.