

2021 Floyd County 4-H Fair General Rules and Policies

Membership

1. 4-H members should enroll in a project or division of the project for which he or she is best suited. A member always exhibits in the highest division completed.
2. A 4-H member living in one county may be a member in another county.
3. Youth may become 4-H members when they enter the third grade and continue through grade 12. They may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years. An individual will be considered in the grade they are classified regardless of the time of year they enroll in 4-H and will advance in grade when they enroll in school the next year.
4. Local clubs have their own requirements decided upon by the club members through a voting process.

Static Projects

1. Floyd County 4-H exhibits – All members will follow the instructions of their leaders for preparation of their projects for exhibit, transportation and release of projects. The project exhibit is prepared according to the 4-H manual and Floyd County Handbook.
2. Any project condoning or promoting the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will not be accepted.
3. Any projects submitted after judging can only receive a green participation ribbon.
4. Placing in all projects will be done on the Danish system. An exhibit may receive a blue, red, or white ribbon depending upon the quality of exhibits as indicated by the judge.
5. Judging will be based on project requirements, workmanship, preparation of articles for exhibit, suitability for purpose, beauty and originality of design as well as harmony of colors and materials.
6. No article can be shown with a FOR SALE sign.
7. Club Projects – A Champion will be given to a group or club exhibit but the exhibit will not be considered for a Grand Champion.
8. Recommended Proper Attire for 4-H Open (not valid for Fair 2021) Judging Exhibitors: Open Judging Exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in a manner

appropriated for your Open Judging Exhibit. The judge may take into consideration your attire when deciding final placings. Examples of such appropriate dress would include the following: Boys: Dress slacks or shorts, nice jeans, button down or collared shirt. Girls: Dress slacks or shorts, nice jeans, sundresses, skorts, skirts – all with appropriate tops. It is suggested that exhibitors NOT wear halter tops, baggy pants, cut-offs, midriff tops, or tops with spaghetti straps.

Livestock

9. All livestock exhibit classes will be placed first through final place, (Swine one thru ten) in addition to the Danish ribbon placing. In order for an exhibit to receive a Champion ribbon, an exhibit must be a blue ribbon exhibit and worthy of a Champion as indicated by the judge.
10. There must be three (3) entries in a section or class for a Champion to be selected unless the judge warrants a special Champion.
11. After Champion is selected, the second place exhibit in that same class automatically becomes eligible to show for Reserve; likewise a Reserve Champion to an exhibit selected for Grand Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.
12. Club Projects – A Champion will be given to a group or club exhibit but the exhibit will not be considered for a Grand Champion.
13. ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS. Exception: If the member has more than one animal in a class. 4-H'er must get permission from Species Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er show their additional animal.
14. Records must be complete to be eligible for State Fair entry or to be eligible for Champion selection. Prior to judging, 4-H leaders will notify the Extension Office of incomplete records from their club and the highest ribbon received will be a red ribbon. Also, those exhibiting livestock with incomplete records in addition to the above will be ineligible to participate in the livestock auction.
15. All unauthorized personnel will vacate premises by midnight.
16. Any exhibitor using excessive abuse on his exhibit animals will be eliminated from the show. Excessive abuse shall include burning, stabbing, gouging, punching, use of electric shocker, etc., which is considered cruel and inhumane treatment of show animals.

- 17.No alterations to the buildings will be allowed without prior approval of the Corporation Board.
- 18.No pets or livestock on the 4-H Grounds unless being shown. (Excluding practice times)
- 19.No riding of bicycles, rollerblades, or skateboards on 4-H Grounds.
- 20.No alcoholic beverages allowed on 4-H Grounds.
- 21.No smoking in any of the Buildings located on the 4-H Fairgrounds.
- 22.4-H members will be expected to follow the behavioral code of conduct.
- 23.Records must be complete to participate in the livestock auction.
- 24.4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 animal enrollment deadline at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment forms, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.
- 25.Recommended proper attire for 4-H livestock exhibitors to wear when exhibiting livestock in the show ring: Livestock exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in a manner appropriate to show livestock. Examples of such appropriate dress would include button down shirts, golf shirts with collar, jeans or long pants, and, if possible work boots or work shoes to protect feet. It is suggested exhibitors not wear tank tops, T-shirts (4-H t-shirts are allowed), midriffs, halter tops, baggy pants, tops with spaghetti straps, shorts, cut offs. Sandals or flip flops are not allowed. The judge may use these guidelines as criteria for final placings.
- 26.No clothing may be worn by an exhibitor that identifies farm name and/or breed during judged competition.

State Fair

- 27.All equipment being used at the Fair must be safe to 4-H members, livestock and the general public. Any individual using heavy equipment MUST have special permission by the Floyd County Corporation Board before use. Unsafe equipment will be removed from the 4-H Grounds.
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4-H Youth Development Liability -Please understand that participating in 4-H activities can involve certain risks to your child. Those risks may include injury or harm, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disability, exposure to COVID-19 and other viruses and or illnesses, and death. During virtual 4-H activities, understand that program staff are not providing supervision for your child during the online program, and the Released Parties do not have control over the information available through the internet or other electronic data sources beyond that which is a part of the 4-H activity. On behalf of your child, fully assume the inherent risks associated with your child participating in 4-H activities and assert that your child has chosen to participate in this program with your express approval. You hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the Floyd County Commissioners, the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims which your child or you might have for any injury or harm to your child, arising out of your child's participation in any activity related to the 4-H program, even if such injury or harm is caused by the negligence or fault of any of the Released Parties. You do not, however, release these individuals and entities from liability for intentional, willful or wanton acts and this release shall not be construed to include such acts.

For Food Competitions: Fillings, frostings, glazes, and meringues are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, or whipped cream if they are not fully cooked/baked. These items are allowed as ingredients in food products IF the final product is cooked/baked. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/egg whites that have been cooked to 160o F (i.e. pasteurized or included as part of a batter and baked) are acceptable. No home canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted as ingredients in food products. Fresh-cut, uncooked, fruits and/or vegetables are not permitted to

be used in food products or used as garnishes for the product. Foods should be transported to the competition in a way that minimizes contamination and maintains the quality of the food (i.e. foods that are judged as frozen should remain frozen at all times). Recipes must be provided that identifies all ingredients that were used in each part of the product. Any ingredient that could be a potential allergen must be clearly identified. Each food product must be labeled with the following information: • Name • Address • Contact information (phone and/or email address) • Date the food product was made Contestants should carefully wash their hands and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. If cuts are present, the wound should be bandaged and a single use food service glove worn on the hand during all stages of food production. Contestants should not be preparing food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness. People experiencing symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and/or jaundice should not be allowed to prepare food. Judges and individuals who will consume products from county and/or state competitions should be informed that they are at risk for foodborne illness since the established policy cannot guarantee that an entry has been properly prepared or handled before, during or following the competition. The food products for competitions are home produced and processed and the production area is not inspected by the Indiana State Department of Health. Tasting of a food product is solely at the discretion of the judge and consumers. Judges are NOT to taste any home preserved foods such as low-acid or acidified foods like green beans, tomatoes or tomato products, jams/jellies/fruit preserves or fermented products produced in the home.

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