

IDAHO COUNTY 4-H RULEBOOK

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4-H Clubs

The 4-H Club program is just one delivery mode for 4-H Youth Development programs in Idaho and nationwide. The definition of a 4-H Club is an organized group of youth who meet regularly with adult volunteers or staff for a progressive series of educational experiences.

4-H Clubs and affiliates must be chartered through the local extension office. They must meet the minimum criteria for a 4-H Charter Club listed below, based on 4-H National Headquarters and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements. All 4-H Clubs must make and document reasonable efforts to integrate their clubs to avoid single-race or single-sex membership. Official 4-H Clubs and affiliates have the authority to use the 4-H Name and Emblem.

To be enrolled as an official charter club, the following criteria must be met:

Regular 4-H Club

- ♣ Must have at least five members from no fewer than three families
- ♣ Must be organized with youth officers
- ♣ Must meet six or more times per year
- ♣ Must be supervised by two or more certified 4-H volunteers
- ♣ 4-H Members must be enrolled and are expected to complete one or more projects
- ♣ Participate in at least one club community service-learning activity

Volunteers

Every leader is required to have 2 hours of training each year and complete University of Idaho State 4-H Volunteer requirements annually.

A minimum of 2 adult certified volunteers or Extension staff at a 4-H event is required.

Refer to the 4H Policies and Procedures guide, volunteer section pages 14-18

Participation

Contest participants must follow age and activity requirements for 4-H. Age Requirements: Classifications are based upon child's age as of January 1 of the current year. Age divisions for all contests, shows, and activities are as follows:

- Junior: ages 8-10 as of Jan. 1 of current year
- Intermediate: ages 11-13 as of Jan. 1 of current year
- Senior: ages 14-18 as of Jan. 1 of current year or in 12th grade
 - Cloverbuds: Age 5-7 as of Jan. 1 of current year

Enrollments are due to the County Extension Office by March 1st with payments.

No projects can be added after the Spring Show. Youth may drop projects, but no additional projects may be added after this deadline.

Participation in the 4-H youth development program by members, volunteers, and parents is a privilege, not a right. Individuals or formally organized groups who violate the 4-H Code of Conduct, 4-H Policies and Procedures, or whose criminal background or conduct is deemed detrimental to, or may put at risk, the program's best interests by extension personnel, or their appointed representatives may be subject to immediate removal without notice and/or exclusion from future involvement. Youth participants and their guardians are expected to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct document signed at the start of the 4-H season.

General Information

All market livestock animals intending to be eligible for sale at the Idaho County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale MUST be weighed in at their species project initiation weigh-in (on set date at the set location ONLY), at which the animal will receive official Idaho County 4-H identification.

Males intended for market projects are to be castrated prior to their project initiation weigh-in date.

Fair Weigh-In Rules:

- a. All animals weigh one time only. If reweigh is requested, the animal may be immediately backed off the scale, scale zeroed, and then immediately reweigh the animal. No additional reweigh options.
- b. Minimum qualifying weights for each species are listed below:
Market Beef - 1,100 pounds
Market Lamb - 105 pounds
Market Swine - 225 pounds
Market Goat - 70 pounds
- c. Animals that arrive after the designated weigh-in times will not be weighed or exhibited.
- d. Swine are to arrive to the grounds clean, no-caked on mud/manure; Beef Cattle, Lambs, and Goats are to have dry hair coats.
- e. No salting of animals. Oral drenching will only be permissible under veterinary guidance, for the purpose of animal wellbeing.

All market animals need to have a producer affidavit filled out and included in their record book.

All breeding stock needs to have Bangs/Scrapies tags in place prior to Fair.

If an animal loses their county ID tag, the Extension Office must be notified immediately.

Animals that don't meet weight requirements are still eligible to show in showmanship and may show in their non-qualifying lightweight/heavyweight class on quality day.

All market livestock animals must be able to walk on their own without pain. Animal mobility issues will be evaluated by a veterinarian to determine if, from an animal welfare standpoint, it is appropriate for an animal to enter the ring for showing purposes.

For each project carried, the 4-H member must complete all project requirements, which include:

- ♣ Attend at least six scheduled club meetings. In addition, attend most of the project meetings scheduled by the project volunteer. (The Idaho 4-H Youth Development Program does not require a specific number of project meetings; however, counties, project volunteers, or projects may require a specific number.) If the meeting requirement is not met by fair time, that member will not be allowed to participate in any 4-H activity (showing animal, exhibiting project, etc.)
- ♣ Give an oral presentation (speech, demonstration, or illustrated talk) related to this project.
- ♣ Complete the designated project record book outlined in the Idaho 4-H Project Requirement Handbook (#93000). 10
- ♣ Exhibit the project

Cattle

All female cattle over six months of age exhibited shall have an official, legible Brucellosis tattoo and an official Brucellosis tag or silver USDA tag.

All cattle must be dehorned.

All cattle must be tied with a halter and neck rope. Clubs are responsible for checking on their animals regularly.

Bulls are not eligible for the show, except for bull calves 6 months and younger being exhibited in the bucket calf project or as part of a pair for breeding projects.

Max payout weight for cattle is 1650 pounds both in the ring and on the floor.

4-H market beef cattle eligible for Idaho County Fair Market Animal Sale should not be over 30 months of age by Fair. It is recommended that potential 4-H Market Beef project animals be approximately 1 year old when weighed in for project initiation.

Swine

Any swine with evidence of pigginess, stagginess, scars, hernia, foul sheath, sores, bruises, and/or any other blemish that impairs the carcass, such as lice, mange, erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, or any other infectious disease will be ineligible to show or sell.

Market hogs may be barrows or gilts only.

Any pig over 325 pounds at fair weigh-in is disqualified from showing in a regular quality class but may show in a non-qualifying, heavyweight class. Pigs over 325 pounds cannot be grand champion, win rate of gain, or be eligible to sell.

Sheep

All sheep must be inspected for any indications or symptoms or signs of Blue Tongue, contagious Ecthyma/sore mouth, foot rot, sore sheath, ringworm, club lamb fungus, including unhealed lesions, or any other infectious disease.

Prolapse is defined as a portion of the rectum permanently protruding outside of the anus. If a lamb prolapses while in the show ring it will be immediately dismissed and disqualified. The prolapsed animal will be required to be removed from the grounds immediately. If a lamb prolapses at any other point in time, while on the grounds, the youth will be responsible to work with a veterinarian to remedy the prolapse. The lamb may be excused from participating based on veterinarian recommendation.

Sheep and goats must follow National Scrapies laws. Sheep Scrapie tags must be properly attached to the ear according to federal regulations. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the fair.

- Section 201, Rule 3: Time of Identification. All owners or possessors of breeding sheep and goats in Idaho will identify all breeding stock in the flock of any age with a premises/flock identification number before transfer of ownership or possession, show, sale, or other movement unless the animals are under eighteen (18) months of age and are in confirmed slaughter channels. (page 9)

Wethers showing evidence of staginess shall be disqualified.

Market lambs must be slick shorn before fair weigh-in.

Ram lambs will be disqualified from the market animal show.

Goats

Animals that endanger exhibitor(s) will be removed from the show.

Exhibitors will be allowed to use collars or halters in the show ring.

Goats may have horns, but they must be tipped with tips no smaller than a nickel diameter in size. It is preferred that the goats be dehorned.

Non-livestock project Animals

Birds

All animals must be the property of the exhibitor. Only exhibitors, or their agents and authorized show personnel will handle poultry.

All poultry must be health checked at check in. HEALTH RULES: a. Any bird showing signs of illness will be removed from the show. No bird may be entered that has leg mites, lice, parasites, C.R.D., or any other health problem. b. No poultry will be admitted that have been recently vaccinated for any diseases.

Birds/poultry may be taken home after the show or may be exhibited in the Bird & Bunny Barn.

Rabbit

All rabbit exhibitors will be required to participate in the showmanship class with an animal that is in their record book.

Rabbits may be taken home after the show or may be exhibited in the Bird & Bunny Barn.

Dog

Please remember dogs are not allowed on the Fairgrounds before or after the Dog Show. They must be kept on a leash before and after his/her performance. Please do not let your dog roam freely.

Exhibitor must notify the Extension office of intact dogs being in season during the show, for safety of participants and animals.

Dogs must wear well-fitting collars of leather, fabric, or chain.

Physical or verbal discipline of dogs shall not be permitted except in case of an attack on a person or another dog.

Any 4-H/FFA member who cannot control his/her dog in the Group Exercises will be excused from the class.

Remember that dogs or pet animals will not be permitted on the grounds, unless they are involved in competition. We ask that you take your dog(s) home immediately after the show.

Alpacas

Alpacas are to arrive on the fairgrounds the day of the show and leave after the show is complete. They are not to be housed on the fairgrounds.

All animals must be free of any evidence of clinical disease. Any animal that has evidence of disease, including but not limited to, coughing, excessive oral or nasal discharge, open sores, lameness, hernia, diarrhea or external parasites, may be isolated for further examination or entry may be refused. In all cases the decision of the Extension Staff, and/or Veterinarian will prevail.

No intact males are allowed in the show. If an animal is leased, a copy of the lease agreement should be listed in the members' record book.

Horse

No 4-H member or horse may show unless they are enrolled in a bonafide 4-H horse project. The horse shown at the 4-H Horse Show must be the same horse that was identified at the beginning of the 4-H year with the Horse ID form, certified by the County Extension Educator.

No exhibitor may show more than one horse in any one class.

In the event of a serious performance-inhibiting injury to a qualifying, enrolled project horse, the exhibitor may, at the discretion of the Idaho County Extension Office, be entitled to a medical exclusion and may use a different enrolled project horse owned by the immediate family. The individual must notify the Extension Office in writing and submit a letter written by a licensed veterinarian stating the horse was indeed injured and unable to perform on the day of the show.

Age divisions for horse events shall correspond to 4-H age requirements.

The Idaho County Fair Board, and the University of Idaho 4-H program will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to or be caused by any horse or exhibitor at the show, or for any article of any kind that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged. Exhibitors and observers participate at their own risk. Collection of exhibitor number shall be deemed acceptance of these terms.

Good sportsmanship and ethical behavior are required.

Members, observers, show committee members, and/ or parents being verbally or physically abusive and/or exhibiting objectionable behavior will be excused from the grounds. Exhibitors may be disqualified.

Use of performance altering drugs on horses is prohibited. Suspicion of drug use may result in a veterinarian's review and/or blood test, the cost of which may be deducted from any premium.

Only the entered rider(s) of a horse(s) may ride the horse(s) on the day of competition.

Disqualifications: The judge, Extension Educator, gate official, or ring steward has the authority to dismiss an exhibitor from a class or from the show for:

- Unnecessary roughness
- Abuse of a horse
- Unsound horse
- Unsafe horse
- Fall of horse or rider
- Use of performance altering drugs on horse
- Failure to follow pattern and/or judge's instructions (only the judge may disqualify for this)

Awards are based on the merit of the exhibit. The judge may disqualify an exhibitor or award the exhibitor any ribbon at his/her discretion.

Horse Projects

1. The 4-H member must own/lease the horse(s) used and provide primary care, feeding, and management of the horse(s) at least 90 days before exhibiting.
2. Horse ID forms are due to the County Extension Office by April 1st. If a 4-H member leases a project animal, a complete written and signed copy of the lease agreement must be returned to the county or local program extension office by the required ownership date.
3. No stallions over one year old may be exhibited by a 4-H member in any 4-H Youth Development sponsored event. However, stallions under one year of age may be exhibited in halter.
4. All youth participants in Idaho 4-H horse activities or events must wear an ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmet with an appropriate expiration date whenever mounted on an equine or are in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) being pulled by an equine. Helmets should be replaced after an impact or after five years.
5. All horse record books are due by 9:00 A.M. on the day of the Horse Show.

Fair Rules

4-H member must be currently enrolled in projects that he/she exhibits

Record books are required on all projects and must be judged or evaluated. Each animal shown must be listed in the exhibitor's record book. All animal record books must be turned into the fair office by the times listed in the fair newsletter. All non-animal record books must be turned in with their project at the time and place listed in the fair newsletter. Record books must be fully completed at the time when they are turned in. Failure to turn in livestock record books disqualifies members from being able to sell at the livestock sale. Failure to turn in other record books results in an incomplete project.

Any 4-H/FFA member who fails to abide by Idaho County 4-H & Fairgrounds rules will forfeit premiums.

Premium Payout: Blue = 3.00, Red= 2.00, White= 1.00

All decisions, recommendations, and comments made by the show chairman and judge are final and cannot be disputed. Unacceptable or disruptive behavior by spectators and participants can result in being removed and disqualified from the show.

By participating in the Idaho County Fair 4-H/FFA shows you agree to abide by and follow the rules. Any violation may result in immediate dismissal from the Idaho County Fair and 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock events for the current year, being placed on probationary status, and if violations continue, may then result in exhibitor being prohibited from further participation at the Idaho County Fair.

Direct criticism, confrontation, threatening behavior, or any other type of interference with the Idaho County Fair Board, Extension Faculty and Staff, Livestock Superintendents, the judges, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the competitive events is prohibited. Physical violence will result in a permanent ban from Idaho County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock events.

Disrespect shown to any judge by an exhibitor will result in forfeiture of all awards made to them.

The Idaho County Fair Board, Sale Committee and the Idaho County Extension Office make the final decision on all rule violations, grievances, and other issues.

Illegal, off-label, and/or extra-label drug use is prohibited. Any violation results in immediate dismissal from fairgrounds.

All exhibitors will advise the Extension Office in writing of any drug and/or medication administered to an animal in the 7 days prior to the fair. Failure to report this information accurately may result in severe penalties and/or disqualification. Any use of drugs or substances not approved and labeled by the FDA is strictly prohibited.

All medications administered to animals enrolled in a market class must meet their labeled withdrawal date by the date and time of the market animal sale. Withdrawal is the time that must elapse between the last administration of a veterinary medicine and the slaughter or production of

food from that animal, to ensure that the food does not contain levels of the medicine that exceed the maximum residue limit. This also applies to medicated feed products.

During the livestock event, in the case of an animal requiring treatment, all medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian and the Extension Office staff must be notified.

All livestock must meet the following health requirements:

- a. All animals must be free of any evidence of clinical disease.
- b. All animals entered are subject to inspection at the fairgrounds by the Extension Staff, Fair Board, and/or the Veterinarian during that species weigh-in/check-in.
- c. Any animal that has evidence of disease, including but not limited to, coughing, excessive oral or nasal discharge, open sores, lameness, hernia, diarrhea or external parasites, may be isolated for further examination or entry may be refused. In all cases the decision of the Extension Staff, and/or Veterinarian will prevail.
- d. Animals that develop clinical evidence of disease after entering the fairgrounds may not be shown and shall be subject to quarantine or expulsion, depending on the seriousness of the disease symptoms.
- e. The Extension Staff will make the final decision regarding animal health violations.
- f. Any animal disqualified for health reasons must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.

Animals must be treated humanely. Any egregious acts such as animal abuse, rule infractions and other noncompliance of any rules by the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian will not be tolerated.

The Idaho County Fair Board, Extension Staff, or Livestock Superintendents reserve the right to refuse admittance or remove from the fairgrounds all unmanageable animals that may endanger public safety or damage property that may arise while livestock are on exhibition or involved in the sale.

Market animal exhibitors will be required to show proof of ownership (Brand inspection or recorded iron brand for market beef, bill of sale, or lease agreement) and Producer Affidavits. Producer Affidavits must be included in all market animal record books.

Required ownership timeline:

70 days for market lambs and meat goats

90 days for breeding sheep and goats

100 days for market hogs

90 days for dairy heifers and breeding beef

150 days for market beef

The length of time will be measured from the date of the Idaho County Fair final weigh-in. Every animal entering the sale must be owned by either a 4-H or an FFA member and weighed at the official weigh-ins.

4-H or FFA members can only weigh-in, exhibit, and sell one market animal project. Members are allowed to have a market and breeding project. All 4-H or FFA exhibitors can show only one animal in Showmanship. Youth are REQUIRED to show their own breeding project or their own market project animal in Showmanship. All animals shown must be a 4-H/FFA breeding or market project and be owned by the exhibitor. If for a qualifying reason the 4-H member cannot be at the fair on quality class or sale day, another 4-H/FFA member may be permitted to show their animal, however, it must be pre-approved by the 4-H office and with valid reason. This approval must be done at least 7 days prior to the fair. This exception is intended for graduating seniors who are departing for school or similar QUALIFYING reasons.

DRESS CODE: Exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved shirt with a collar and long pants or skirts in order to show and sell. No sweats, tennis shoes or open-toed shoes are allowed. FFA exhibitors must be in official FFA attire to show and sell.

Neither the Idaho County Fair, Idaho County Extension Office, Sale Committee, or the sale officials shall be held responsible for any damage or loss that may arise to livestock on exhibition or sale. It is the recommendation of the Sale Committee that youth consider self-insuring animals as animals that may perish on the fairgrounds prior to the livestock sale are still under the ownership of the youth.

No dogs allowed on fairgrounds property except for Certified/Licensed Service Dogs, and dogs participating in the dog show. Dogs are not allowed in any livestock areas, including show arena, or livestock barns. Dogs that are participating in the dog show are to be on a leash until they enter the arena. After the show they need to leave the fairgrounds.

No smoking in any of the livestock barns or fair buildings.

No bicycles, skateboards or scooters allowed on the fairgrounds. Anyone caught using these items will have them confiscated by the Idaho County Fair Board management or 4-H staff.

Every exhibitor of livestock is expected to keep their pens and stalls clean and sanitary. Barn areas, including wash pen areas, must be kept clean and neat at all times. Exhibitors are responsible for the daily care and cleanliness of their pen/stall through 6:00 p.m. on Saturday after the sale. Stalls/pens must be cleaned each day.

Stall assignments will be assigned by the Extension Office and sent to clubs prior to the fair. No switching of any stalls without approval from the Extension Office.

Ribbon Premium Checks are to be deposited by participants by the 90-day check expiration date. After this deadline, checks will no longer be valid, and the value of check will be reabsorbed by Idaho County Fair.

Projects with less than 5 entries will be awarded trophies or ribbons at the discretion of the judge.

Sale Committee – Livestock Sale

Exhibitors will be allowed to sell one animal.

Once an animal has gone through the auction, ownership has changed.

No market animal may go through the sale if the member hasn't completed and turned in their record book.

No livestock check will be released to the member without proof of buyer and add-on thank you(s) submitted to the Extension Office.

Buying of re-sale animals will not be allowed during the auction.

The Sale Committee sets species floor prices based on current market values and industry trends. To remain reflective of livestock industry parameters, the Sale Committee reserves the right to modify floor prices on turned animals for various traits that would typically cause a price reduction i.e. confirmation, mobility issues, unfinished, etc.

Individuals utilizing Farm Service Agency Youth Loans will be issued checks that are also payable to FSA, who hold a lien on the livestock animal(s) and are entitled to repayment.

Livestock Sale Checks are to be deposited by the participants by six months from the date of issue. There will be a \$20.00 fee per check for any checks that need to be reissued.

Fashion Show

The purpose of the Idaho County Fashion Board is to provide an educational activity for experienced 4-H members to develop leadership, public presentation and organizational skills. This opportunity allows 4-H'ers the forum in which they share their expertise with others and develop their creativity and artistic ability. Fashion Board members are expected to participate fully as an active member, demonstrate a positive attitude and be respectful of other members and their ideas. Members will respect and abide by the rules of the Fashion Board Advisor.

To be eligible for membership on the Idaho County 4-H Fashion Board 4-H'ers must:

1. Be enrolled in and complete a 4-H Clothing project or Making the Most of Me project.
2. Have modeled in a previous Idaho County 4-H Fashion Show.
3. Be in eighth grade or above.

The Idaho County Fashion Board will meet under the guidance of the Idaho County 4-H Fashion Board Advisor. This person will serve as the primary advisor. An additional adult may serve as the Fashion Board's secondary advisor.

Prior to Fair:

1. The Fashion Board will meet on a schedule set by the Fashion Board Advisor.
2. Fashion Board members are expected to attend at least 80% of all meetings. If a member is unable to participate in a meeting, they should notify the Fashion Board Advisor.
3. The Fashion Board will determine the theme for the fashion show. The theme that is selected must be approved by the Fashion Board Advisor.
4. The Fashion Board is responsible for decorating the fashion show stage area based on the selected theme.
5. The Fashion Board will determine what the Creative Activity will be based on the theme they have selected.

Monday of Fair Week:

1. The Fashion Board will ensure that every 4-H member enrolled in a Clothing and/or Making the Most of Me project is assigned a mannequin in the 4-H building. A list of these members will be provided to the Fashion Board Advisor by the 4-H Program Manager.
2. The Fashion Board will help other 4-H members dress mannequins.
3. The Fashion Board will be prepared to hold a modeling workshop for younger 4-H members before the judging of the models begins on Monday morning.
4. The Fashion Board will have prepared an opening number for the 4-H fashion show.
5. The Fashion Board will have prepared the creative activity routine and will teach the other models the routine for the 4-H fashion show.
6. The Fashion Board will have the 4-H fashion show music selected and prepared to use, making sure that the music is appropriate.

Fashion Show

1. The Fashion Board will provide leadership for the other 4-H models during the fashion show. They will also help members display their garments after the Fashion show before the building is opened for public viewing.