

4-H Fraud and/or Deception Rules



Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, violations of general or departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical, shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.

1. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to the breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (**For example**, with animal exhibits, this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling.)
2. UNETHICAL FITTING OF ANIMAL EXHIBITS is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or non-surgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. EXCEPTIONS that are allowed to #1 and #2 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
3. False switches and the use of artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in original location will be permitted. Exception - see Horses.
4. 4-H Market animals shall not contain any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including: drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the USDA or the FDA as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market. Drugs may not be administered to 4-H animal exhibits at the county fair except by a veterinarian, and after approval from the project superintendent or Extension Educator. This procedure must be witnessed by the superintendent or his/her designee.
5. The Jasper County 4-H Council and Fair Association reserve the right to conduct substance testing on any animal at any time. Refusing the tests will cause disqualification. Exhibitors of 4-H animals selected for random substance testing will be required to fill out and sign an 'Animal Affidavit.'