

# **4-H RULES**

- 1. No exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner, nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official. Penalties may include ejection from fairgrounds or loss of exhibition privileges the following year.**
2. See each project description for additional information.
3. Youth may become 4-H members when they enter the third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years.
4. For competition, a boy or girl must be enrolled in the Jasper County 4-H Program as a 4-H member by January 15 of the current year. Members have until May 15 to drop all projects, and to add all projects except the animal projects Beef, Dairy steers, Goats, and Sheep, (which have earlier identification deadlines) unless the 4-H Council sets an earlier deadline. The deadline for enrolling in these animal projects is the county weigh-in date.
5. Late enrollment policy: 4-H'ers may enroll after the January 15 enrollment deadline with the following provisions: Members may participate in all 4-H activities and workshops, but will have their exhibit reduced one ribbon level. They may not be considered for champion, and in the case of non-animal projects, are not eligible for State Fair competition. Requests for exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a grievance committee. First year members, never before in the Jasper County program, are exempt from the enrollment deadline of January 15.
6. Projects are to be completed in most cases by grade level. Grade level is determined at time of enrollment. If a 4-H member is repeating a grade, they should enroll in that grade level.
7. 4-H members must abide by all Indiana and Jasper County 4-H and Jasper Co. Fair Association rules.
8. 4-H non-animal projects must have been completed since last year's fair.
9. Projects must be the work of the 4-H member. Awards will be forfeited if it is discovered the non-livestock 4-H project was purchased or made by someone other than the 4-H member.
10. **The following completion rule applies to all animal projects:** The appropriate grade level activity sheet should be completed, along with the financial livestock record sheet. 4-H'ers should estimate weight of animal to complete livestock record sheet. The current market price will be printed in a summer 4-H newsletter. You may use this price to complete your records. Dogs, Cats and Poultry should complete the required activities in their manual each year.
11. Each exhibit must meet the minimum exhibit and project requirements for the year, or it will be lowered one ribbon grade.
12. Records - ALL completed record sheets and manuals/activity books must be turned in to the 4-H Club leader or the Extension Office by July 1, and will be checked by the 4-H Club leader. Record sheets must be securely attached in the green "Indiana 4-H Club Member's Record Book".
13. **Late records** will be accepted under the following guidelines: For non-animal projects, the records must be turned in prior to the start of judging (noon on Wednesday of pre-fair). For animal projects, the record sheets must be turned in before the start of the respective Show. The 4-H member who turns in a **completed** record sheet LATE, but before the project is judged, will have their ribbon lowered one placing. In order for 4-H projects to be completed, members must have turned in their record sheets and/or activity books. If a record sheet/activity book is not turned in at all, the 4-H member will not be allowed to exhibit and will be considered incomplete for that project.
14. Although project exhibition is not a requirement of completion, 4-H members are strongly encouraged to exhibit their projects at the county fair. 4-H exhibits arriving after the entry deadline may be judged and scored (if the judge is still present), BUT will have their ribbon lowered one placing. If the judge has already left, the 4-H'er will receive a GREEN COMPLETION ribbon. In both cases a completed record/manual must have been turned in. See schedule in front of fairbook for entry dates and times.
15. All non-animal 4-H projects must have 4-H member's name securely attached.
16. The Fair Board requires that all 4-H exhibits remain in place until release time. Project Check-out times will be from 7-10 a.m., Saturday following fair. *Ribbons and trophies will be forfeited if a project is removed before the published release time, without first obtaining permission from an Extension Educator or project superintendent.*
17. All exhibits must be picked up by 4-H members, leaders or authorized persons. The Extension Office is NOT responsible for exhibits left after check out time. **Exhibits not claimed by 10 a.m. Saturday are subject to being disposed of in the dumpster.**

18. In 4-H projects, the judge will place all exhibits in one of the following ribbon groups BLUE, RED, WHITE or GREEN COMPLETION, except Horse & Pony, which will have 1st thru 10th place. All exhibitors within any one group in a class will receive the same kind of ribbon except where indicated. In non-animal projects, the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will receive a plaque. Exception: Lawn and Garden and Tractor Operators will receive trophies. In the animal classes, the Champions will receive plaques, and the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will receive trophies. Exception: All Horse and Pony will receive plaques.
19. **In all 4-H classes, an exhibit must be BLUE ribbon quality (as determined by the judge) in order to be considered for division or class champion or reserve champion.** A Grand Champion will be named if there are exhibits in more than one division and a champion named in at least one division. Reserve Grand Champion will be named if there are two division champions or one or more reserve champions.
20. NO advertising will be allowed in any 4-H exhibit area or on any 4-H exhibitor unless it benefits all 4-H members equally in each appropriate project area.
21. No use of tobacco products by 4-H'ers is allowed during any 4-H activity or show.
22. Extension Educators and/or Project Superintendents have the authority to impose penalties if any rule is broken. The superintendents, Extension Educator, and/or grievance committee, may choose to impose any or all of the following penalties for any rule violation:
- verbal warning
  - forfeiture of ribbon and/or any awards
  - loss of eligibility in all showmanship classes
  - denial of right to sell in 4-H livestock auction
  - removal from fairgrounds
  - any other penalty deemed appropriate
23. Rules for staying overnight on the fairgrounds: **4-H'ers may stay overnight only when under direct supervision by their parents or other appointed adult, only in camping areas,** and must abide by all Fair Association rules for camping. Fair Association rules regarding overnight stays take precedence over any rules printed here. Camping reservations must be made prior to the fair with the Fair Association.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted.
  - No sleeping in barns.
24. **Any project member with an exceptionally large project which is made for display at the county fair should contact the Extension Office prior to the non-livestock judging date for logistics purposes.**