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2015

**Grant County 4-H Rules & Classes
General Rules (All Projects)**

A. Eligibility:

1. Grant County 4-H members who are enrolled as of March 15th, 2015 Market Projects, June 1, 2015 all other projects and who submit a completed Fair Entry Form are eligible to participate. A 4-H exhibit must be the work of the 4-H member and completed as part of the current year's project. Work done after county fair but prior to Oct. 1 and not previously exhibited may be included in the next year project. Record Books are required to be completed and submitted before 4-H member participates in Fair.

2. Exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H during the current 4-H year. Age classifications (as of Sept. 1).

- Junior 9-11 years old
- Intermediates 12-14 years old
- Seniors 15-19

(not graduated from high school)

B. Entries:

3. Record Books Are Required: Due Sept. 1, 2015
Record books will need to be up to date at the time of fair. Each member before the fair entries can be processed will need to have their record book project area initiated by a designated 4-H leader or agent before the member may participate in the fair contest. Record books Due Sept. 1, 2015. 4-H members not complying will only participate in 4-H classes for educational purposes. They will receive no awards, no premium money nor can they sell in the auction.

• Leaders are responsible for seeing that club members have their record books up-to-date, including required records for all projects, permanent record.

1. The exhibitor must follow all project guidelines and requirements for the division in which the exhibit is entered. **If these are not followed, the award will be LOWERED ONE PLACING.**

2. All exhibits must be complete to be eligible for judging. A complete exhibit includes all the items listed for that class.

3. The exhibitors are responsible for getting their exhibits to and from the fair. All members are encouraged to work with their 4-H club leader to determine which class to exhibit and to make all arrangements for exhibits. Parents are reminded that all work is to be the responsibility of the participating member.

4. All entries for contests, including Horse Show, Ranch Horse Contest, and Fair exhibits (including static exhibits) **MUST BE REGISTERED BY Monday, July 20th 5:30 P.M.**

C. Exhibits:

1. 4-H members may exhibit only what is carried in 4-H projects they are **currently enrolled in AS OF MARCH 15th, or JUNE 1st, 2015.** Exhibits must be completed in this 4-H year.

2. A 4-H member may enter only one (1) exhibit in any project, except where noted. If more than one phase of a project is carried, the exhibit must be

from the upper division.

3. 4-H exhibits at the Grant County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Grant County 4-H program in cooperation with the Grant County Fair accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. 4-H members who have exhibits of sentimental and/or monetary value, should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the Fair.

4. INTERVIEW JUDGING is for all projects **except horse and livestock**; however, the livestock and/or horse judge reserves the right to ask participants questions. Interview Judging is an opportunity for the judge to talk to the exhibitor on a one-to-one basis. **THIS IS FOR THE MEMBER.** Parents are not allowed in the area where the interview judging is taking place. Leaders may be present and listen if so desired. The best education takes place when the members feel free to talk about their project without other adults hovering. Parents and leaders may consult with the judge after all the judging has been completed (if appropriate and if time permits). Members who are unable to participate in interview judging may have their exhibits (except animals) brought to the Judging area by leaders, parents or friends. The exhibits will be judged after all interviewing has been completed. Written comments will be given.

5. All exhibits are released in accordance with the General Fair Rules.

6. Unless otherwise stated, exhibits are judged and placed into one of three categories: Blue, Red, or White. Judging is done by the Danish system. Ribbons throughout the program will be uniform in size.

7. Premium value for 2015: **Blue = \$2.00, Red = \$1.00, White = \$0.**

8. In case of shortage of funds at the close of the fair (or causes beyond the control of the management) funds available will be distributed to all 4-H exhibits on a proportionate basis. 4-H exhibitor premiums, if any, are paid at the Pavilion by the Fair office for 4-H and FFA members on Sunday, August 9th, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

9. All classes (including showmanship), phases and skill levels receive Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons if the quality is so warranted by the judge. There is only **ONE CHAMPION PER CLASS.** The Champion/Reserve Champion **MUST** be selected from "blue quality" exhibits. Grand Champion/Outstanding exhibit will be selected if such quality is determined by the judge. Grand Champion/outstanding exhibit will be selected from the Champions. (In the class from which the Grand Champion was selected, the Reserve Champion will then be eligible to compete for the Grand Reserve Champion.) Age divisions **do not** compete against each other in Fashion Revue.

D. Fair Admission:

1. All 4-H members pay \$10.00 for the Fair admission season pass, 5 and under are free. 4-H and FFA members have the option of working at the fairgrounds for up to 5 hours at \$1 per hour to reduce their fair entries fees from \$10 to \$5. Leaders make arrangements with the fair grounds to identify projects available. Members and leaders are responsible for obtaining their own passes at the Grant County Extension Office.

E. State Fair Entries:

1. The judge designates exhibits of State Fair quality after exhibits are judged. Grant County is allowed three entries per class.

2. Only intermediates and seniors are eligible for State Fair participation which requires their attendance at the Fair. Livestock and horse exhibitors at the State Fair must have completed the 7th grade.

3. A member may enter up to five different contests, but only one presentation, one food preparation contest, one mini-meal contest and one class in the fashion revue.

4. Qualified exhibitors may request a State Fair book at the Grant County Extension office.

5. 4-H members with qualified State Fair exhibits will receive specific instructions.

6. All members staying in the State Fair 4-H/FFA Dorm must be accompanied by a **responsible adult chaperone** All chaperones of dorm residents must register at the dorm office and are **required** to stay in the dorm. Members are not allowed to stay in the dorm without a resident chaperone.

7. Breaking the rules or causing damage to State Fair property will not be tolerated. For a first offense the participants, chaperone and parents will receive a verbal and/or written reprimand. For a second offense, parents are called to pick up the participant. For offenses involving theft, alcohol or drugs, second chances are not given.

8. Except for guide dog puppies, no animals are allowed in the dorm at any time.

F. All rules, classes and contests dealing with 4-H exhibits, livestock and the Auction are **subject to change by the 4-H Association Executive Committee.**

G. 4-H Resolution Process:

The purpose of the 4-H Resolution Process is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members who feel they have been wronged during the fair to air their issue. No issue will be accepted that deals with a fair judge's decision. The judge's decision is final and not open for discussion. The 4-H Resolution Committee will be appointed by the Extension agents and will include two senior 4-H members, two 4-H leaders and the Extension agents. The procedure for presenting the issue is:

1. Talk to the 4-H superintendent in charge of the exhibit area to resolve the issue.

2. If the issue cannot be resolved, the 4-H member submits (in writing) a letter about the issue to the Extension staff. The letter will be shared with the 4-H Resolution Committee.

3. The 4-H Resolution Committee will meet as soon as possible with the 4-H member, 4-H member's parent/guardian, the superintendent, a member of the fair board and other involved parties

H. Dress Code:

When participating in 4-H activities, you are representing yourself, club and the county 4-H program. Clothing is to be neat, clean and appropriate for the activity. At no time are low-cut tops, t-shirts with offensive language, or short skirts, short-shorts, or short tops appropriate.

Project areas marked with "" are exhibited at Grant County only; there is no State Fair division.