

4-H LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

- 4-H classes are defined as **Novice** is a first time exhibitor age 8–13 as of January 1 current year. **Junior** is 9–13 years of age as of January 1, current year. **Senior** is 14–18 years of age as of January 1, current year. **No one under 4-H age 8** will show in any 4-H animal class.
- **4-H Entry Forms must be postmarked by September 15, 2017 to:** UNH Cooperative Extension, Attention: Sandwich Fair 4-H Entries, PO BOX 1480, Conway, NH 03818. **No late or incomplete entries will be accepted.**
- **4-H Exhibitors must present Intent to Show, NH 4-H Health & Medication Form and Breed Registration Papers to Superintendent on Day of Show.**
- **All animals must be on the Fair Grounds by 8:00 AM on Saturday** and remain until 5:00 PM Monday or until dismissed by the superintendents. Exceptions will only be made only for those members who have received special exemption from the Carroll County Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development. *Special arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the fair.*
- Passes: Animals arriving prior to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, owner and driver will receive free admission passes for the remainder of the fair. **Passes should be picked up from the Livestock Chairman.** As with all 4-H shows, exhibitors are expected to be with their animals throughout the fair, while their animals are on the fair grounds.
- **NOTE: All animals may compete in the open classes. These must be entered separately and in advance with the chairman of the department.** Camper reservation forms must be sent to the Sandwich Fair office. **Do not send campsite requests to the 4-H Office.**

4-H Animal Shows Rules and Regulations

All animals exhibited must be animals, which are appropriately identified on current, valid 4-H approval forms. All exhibitors are responsible for presenting their own appropriate credentials, such as registration papers, approval forms and lease records at the proper time for their show. **Only original registration papers are acceptable.**

1. All ages are calculated as of 1/1 of the current project year. No youth under age 8 may exhibit in a large animal 4-H livestock show. This includes horses, cattle, sheep, swine, llamas, and goats and dogs.
2. **Age of animal:** any animal that will be shown in a 4-H class must have been born by and listed on the 4-H Intent to Show form by the specified date for that species.
3. 4-H members are solely responsible for showing and handling their animal in the ring. If a 4-H member has more than one animal entered in a breed or market class, he/she may ask another 4-H member to exhibit the second animal. All animals or groups of animals shown must be owned or leased by the 4-H member. No one but 4-Hers will be permitted to work on their animals after they arrive at the fair.
4. **Each member is limited to not more than one premium in any division per breed class.**
5. All youth must participate in Fitting and Showmanship in order to be eligible for premiums. They must use an animal that they will exhibit in a type, performance, or market class in the show.
6. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know what class they are supposed to be in and when that class will take place. Exhibitors who miss their class will not be allowed to exhibit in a class designated for another group. Exhibitors who miss their showmanship class may exhibit in the rest of the show, but will receive no premiums. Exhibitors missing a breed, market, or performance class will not receive premiums in the class missed.
7. In NH 4-H shows where type (breed) classes are stipulated for registered animals only, a youth may exhibit a grade FEMALE in the show if they own or lease no more than one other eligible animal of that species. A grade animal is ANY animal that is not registered. It may be a pure bred female with no papers OR a cross-bred female. It must meet the age requirement for at least one class in the show. The grade animal may be exhibited within its age group in the registered division or a separate class may be held at the superintendent's discretion. Grade animals will receive full premiums. Grade males may not be exhibited except in feeder or market classes.
8. It is expected that youth will wear appropriate attire at any time they are exhibiting in a 4-H show. The 4-H attire of white shirt, solid color skirt or pants, and safe shoes is always acceptable. **NO BLUE JEANS** may be worn in the show ring. Corporate sponsorship is unacceptable at 4-H shows.
9. Animal health should conform to current, applicable health standards as set by the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture and announced by the NH State Veterinarian, Dr. Steve Crawford. **In addition, to current health standards,** all animals exhibited at a 4-H event or show, must be immunized for rabies at least 30 days prior to and within one year of the 4-H event. Non NH 4-H livestock exhibitors will need an interstate permit, which is obtained by applying to the division of animal husbandry.

10. 4-H members are the sole responsibility of their parent or guardian during the entire duration of the fair.
11. 4-H members and parents or guardians shall conduct themselves appropriately, reflecting positively on the 4-H program.
12. Youth shall represent 4-H and their project to the general public in a positive way, helping to inform them about 4-H and agriculture. Actions must reflect the highest standards of honor and integrity and the best practice relating to their animal project. No type of animal abuse shall be tolerated. 4-H members shall not use or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or controlled substances. All premiums will be forfeited if a 4-H member is found to be in violation of any of the above.
13. Animals are shown at the risk of the 4-H owner or lessor. Any damages to persons or property are the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member and their family who owns and leases the animal.
14. Direct criticism or interference with the judge or fair/show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges and fair/show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
15. The superintendent may divide classes.