

Owyhee County Fair 4-H and FFA Exhibitor Rules

FAIR BOARD. In no event will the Fair Board be responsible for loss or damage that may occur; however, the Fair Board will take every reasonable precaution to prevent accident or loss. The Fair Board reserves the right to change any or all departments; and, reject or increase any or all Fair Board prizes.

LIABILITY. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by or arising from any articles or animals exhibited. All entries are accepted with the understanding that neither Owyhee County, its Fair or Extension Office shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that might befall any livestock, equipment, or any loss or damage occurring or done to another, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article owned or exhibited by him/her, and will protect and indemnify Owyhee County, its Fair or Extension Office against all legal or other proceedings. Owyhee County, its Fair or Extension Office is not liable for compensation to any exhibitor or their animals which have been disqualified from the show. The exhibitors shall hold Owyhee County, its Fair or Extension Office harmless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings thereto. Only on this condition are entries accepted. The Exhibitor accepts full responsibility for any damage, loss, or injury done by the animals exhibited or the exhibitor. Owyhee County, its Fair or Extension Office assumes no responsibility for loss or injury to exhibits; however, every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of entries. By submitting online fair entries, the exhibitor acknowledges and accepts these conditions.

GENERAL YOUTH EXHIBITOR INFORMATION. The primary emphasis of youth participation in various exhibition and evaluation functions at the Fair is of an educational nature. As used in these rules, "youth" shall refer to both 4-H and FFA youth unless specifically defined as one or the other.

CODE OF CONDUCT. All Parents/Guardians, Volunteers, Advisors and Youth have agreed to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

Idaho families and youth trust the University of Idaho Extension system to provide educational programs in a safe environment for all participants. The opportunity to participate in and/or work with University of Idaho Extension's 4-H Youth Development program is a privilege and honor, not a right. Volunteers are to be positive role models. Youth and parents/guardians are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times. The following Code of Conduct has been established as the foundation for all individuals participating in University of Idaho Extension programs. All University of Idaho 4-H Youth Development program participants are expected to:

- Work with youth, families, volunteers, and Extension personnel in a cooperative, courteous, respectful manner demonstrating good sportsmanship and behaviors appropriate for a positive role model.
- Accept supervision from Extension personnel and cooperate with others; in addition, parents and youth will accept supervision from certified organizational and project volunteers.
- Maintain open, honest communication with members, volunteers, parents, and Extension personnel.
- Uphold every individual's right to dignity, appropriate self-expression, and individual development.
- Refrain from verbal, physical or emotional abuse of others (via bullying, texting, social media, etc.) and report such abuse, if observed. Any actions, such as a conviction for child abuse or neglect, violent crimes, unethical behavior, substance abuse, verbal abuse, physical abuse, mismanagement of 4-H funds, or other serious offenses will not be tolerated.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established at the county and state levels for the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Promote the spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of other individuals from all backgrounds. Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- The consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of tobacco products or an illegal controlled substance at 4-H youth events is prohibited.
- Inform Extension personnel of any incidents that may violate 4-H policies.
- Treat animals humanely and encourage all participants to provide appropriate and ethical animal care.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner when working with youth and adults participating in 4-H Youth Development programs.

- Ensure that 4-H participants are not required to purchase materials, equipment, animals, or services from any specific places of business.
- Comply with all applicable laws of the city, county, and state of residence and/or location of 4-H activity.
- Handle all concerns regarding county/area 4-H program management internally within the University of Idaho Extension system.

Violating the Code of Conduct shall be grounds for action up to or including immediate removal from the 4-H activity/program and termination. Decisions regarding immediate removal, suspension or termination will be made by the county 4-H Professional with subsequent notification of and consultation with the District Director and State 4-H Youth Development Director. Volunteers who wish to appeal a decision may do so through the Appeal Process.

[The Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians, Volunteers and Youth is signed at 4-H enrollment and during fair entry submission in order to participate. Electronic signature of acceptance when enrolling online via ZSuite constitutes acceptance and is binding. The Owyhee County Fair Board has adopted this Code of Conduct. It is implied that where only "volunteers" and "4-H" are mentioned, that "Advisors" and "FFA" are included.]

CODE OF BEHAVIOR. All 4-H Parents/Guardians, Volunteers, and Youth have signed and agreed to abide by the following UI Protection of Minors Code of Behavior:

Our program provides the highest quality services available to minors. Our commitment is to create a safe, nurturing, empowering environment for minors, promoting growth and success for the minors who participate in our program. Any abuse will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from the program and/or the University of Idaho (UI). UI will fully cooperate with authorities if allegations of abuse are made and investigated.

To accomplish this mission together, employees, volunteers, and other adults participating in programs, events, and activities involving minors:

1. Will treat minors with respect at all times.
2. Will treat minors fairly regardless of race, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, or gender expression.
3. Will adhere to uniform standards of affection as outlined in any applicable university or program-specific policies.
4. Shall not use or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the presence of minors or during activities or events involving minors.
5. Shall not discuss their sexual encounters with or around minors or in any way involve minors in their personal problems or issues.
6. Shall not date or become romantically involved with minors.
7. Shall not make pornography in any form available to minors or assist them in any way in gaining access to pornography.
8. Shall not have secrets with minors.
9. Shall not have private displays of affection with minors.
10. Shall not swear or tell off-color jokes.
11. Shall not stare or comment on the minors' bodies.
12. Shall not engage in inappropriate electronic communication with minors, as may be further defined by specific program policies.
13. Shall avoid outside contact with minors, which may be further defined by specific program policies.
14. Shall not shower, bathe, or undress with or in the presence of minors.
15. Will not take any photographs or videos of minors or posting photographs or videos on a digital, electronic, hosted media, web-based service, or any other medium without first obtaining a release from the minor's parent or legal guardian.
16. Shall not abuse minors in any way, including the following:
 - Physical abuse: hitting, corporal punishment, spanking, shaking, slapping, unnecessary restraints.
 - Verbal abuse: degrade, threaten, cursing.
 - Sexual abuse: inappropriate touch, exposing oneself, sexually-oriented conversations.
 - Mental abuse: shaming, humiliation, cruelty.
 - Neglect: withholding food, water, shelter.

17. Shall not allow minors to engage in hazing, bullying, derogatory name-calling, games of "Truth or Dare," ridicule, or humiliation.
18. Will report concerns or complaints about other adults or minors in accordance with all reporting policies.

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RULE COMPLIANCE. Anyone failing to comply with the Owyhee County Youth Exhibitor Rules may be prohibited from participation in the Owyhee County Fair the following year. A rule is defined as an established guide or regulation for action, conduct, method, or arrangement. A grievance is defined as a circumstance or condition thought to be unjust and grounds against a wrong, real, or imagined, inflicting injury or hardship. A rule violation is not a grievance and cannot be brought to the Grievance Committee. Each family is ultimately responsible for reviewing and following the rules as they pertain to their child or children. Any exhibitor who violates any rule or regulation will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty, up to and including immediate dismissal from the Fair. Rule changes can be proposed at the Post-Fair Meeting. If the proposed rules are approved by the Fair Board, Livestock Sale Committee, Leaders/Advisors, and Extension Office, they are in place for the entire year. The only exception would be for rare, unforeseen circumstances such as an animal health directive.

CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION AT FAIR. Youth → Parent/Guardian → Leader/Advisor → Superintendent → 4-H Program Coordinator/Extension Educator → Fair Grievance Committee

The Fair Grievance Committee shall be comprised of one Extension Office member, one 4-H leader, one FFA advisor, one Fair Board member, and one Sale Committee member (if a market animal is involved).

APPEAL PROCESS. After following the Chain of Communication outlined above, all decisions of the Fair Grievance Committee are final.

AGE. "Age" is the age of the youth on January 1 of the current year. Age classifications for youth exhibitors are defined as: Cloverbud, 5-7 years; Junior, 8-10 years; Intermediate, 11-13 years; and, Senior, 14-18 years.

RECORD BOOKS. For 4-H youth to exhibit a project, a 4-H project record book must be completed, signed by the respective 4-H Leaders, and turned in at their interview evaluation prior to Fair. Records also must be kept on each spare animal. If a member's incomplete record book is returned to them, they will have until 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following Record Book Interview Evaluations to return the record book to the Owyhee County Extension Office and schedule a make-up interview to still be eligible to exhibit the project at Fair and, if it is a market livestock project, participate in the Junior Livestock Sale. Record books of FFA members must be current as certified by their advisor.

ENTRIES & EXHIBITS.

- Fair entries are required for youth to participate at Fair. Online entries open June 15 and close at midnight on July 15. There is no charge for on time online entries. A \$100 late fee will be charged for any entries submitted after July 15.
- All youth exhibitors must be a member of an Owyhee County 4-H club or FFA chapter and enrolled in 4-H or FFA when beginning and throughout the project to its completion.
- Sheep and goat projects must be in place by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday. All other livestock projects are to be in place no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Animals must remain in place, in their assigned pen in the barn, and be maintained until animal leaves the fairgrounds — except for dog projects, cat projects, and underweight animals.
- No animal is eligible to enter in both market and breeding classes.
- No market animal may be entered for competition more than one year.
- Only one market animal of each species may be displayed and exhibited.
- Entries in all animal classes will be limited to one entry per exhibitor per class.
- All livestock exhibitors must fit their own animals for show. Adults may assist, only if needed (due to young age or inexperience of exhibitor).
- Artificially changing the conformation or appearance of an animal for show is considered to be unethical and inhumane and is prohibited.

DRESS. Clean long pants, preferably black. Dress shirt with sleeves, preferably white, short or long sleeved, buttoned appropriately. No logos other than 4-H or FFA. No bare midriffs. No visible undergarments. Hats are allowed if required for a project (such as horse showmanship) or at judge's discretion. Appropriate closed toed shoes or boots for showing. No sandals allowed in livestock or small animal barns. FFA members are to wear Official Dress per standards or approved chapter showing attire.

COMPETITION. Competition is defined as "a contest supremacy between two or more animals, products or articles owned by separate exhibitors." Two exhibits made by the same person do not constitute competition. When a community interest in the ownership of animals or articles is apparent in the judgment of the board Superintendent, competition will be considered NOT to exist, although the actual ownership may be separate.

- No awards will be given for Champion or Grand Champion where there is no competition.
- Champion awards and ribbons will be awarded where competition exists and where quality warrants such awards.
- Classes may be combined at Superintendent discretion.
- All awards will be given on merit as determined by the judges' evaluation of each individual entry. The decision of the judges will be final in determining awards.

SHOWMANSHIP. All Youth exhibiting animal projects at the Owyhee County Fair must participate in Showmanship. Animals used for showmanship must be entered in a market or breeding class. Animals shown must be recognized as the member's own animal by 4-H/FFA.

THANK YOU NOTES. Youth must write thank you notes. Ensuring that the generous donations of award donors and livestock sale buyers are acknowledged is of utmost importance.

SUPERINTENDENTS. Display space, assignment of stalls, barn management, and show order will be determined by the respective Superintendents. All exhibits, when assigned space, become subject to the control of the Department Superintendent.

OWNERSHIP. All breeding animals must be owned by the exhibitor. If purebred, registration papers must be in the name of the club member. All breeding animals must be declared via Google Form. Submission deadline for declaration forms will be the required ownership date, 90 days prior to exhibiting at Fair. Breeding animals must also be checked-in at Fair by their department superintendent, for market animal species, this will occur at their specie's respective final weigh-in. All sellers must have proof of ownership, and brand inspection for beef, before they can go across the scale at weigh-in. Youth must show and sell an animal they weighed at initial weigh-in. Exhibitors may weigh in two animals, a primary and a spare, or can weigh in one animal and declare a family spare, that can be weighed in and shared between siblings.

NO ADVERTISING. "For Sale" signs for any animal will not be allowed to be posted at any time.

TREATMENT AND CARE OF ANIMALS. The Owyhee County Fair encourages a practical interest among youth in the responsibilities and practices of feeding and raising livestock. In order to foster fair competition, provide a level playing field and protect the safety of our food supply, exhibitors, parents/guardians, and leaders/advisors are expected to adhere to the following rules:

- All animals shall be handled in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with accepted modern animal husbandry and scientific practices. Any individual treating an animal in a manner deemed inappropriate will be asked to leave the grounds.
- Exhibitors are required to attend to their animals while on exhibit. Exhibitors must provide adequate care, including watering and feeding by 9:00 a.m. each day.
- Pens must be checked throughout the day to ensure that food, water, and comfort are appropriately provided for all animals throughout the fair. All livestock pens and stalls must be kept clean and neat for the public to view each day during the fair.
- Exhibitors, their parents/guardians, and leaders/advisors have a responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the USDA to assure that the animal product customers are receiving is safe and wholesome food.

SUBSTANCE POLICY. Any drug, antibiotic or substance which may have been administered by the exhibitor or any other person must be done in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements. The use of any tranquilizer or other non-approved substance, or the improper use of approved substances is strictly prohibited. All animals must meet health and other project requirements, rules, and regulations. Animals that have not met these standards will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and will not be covered by the Owyhee County Junior Livestock insurance program.

BASIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. To exhibit any animal at the Owyhee County Fair:

- Animals must be sound, in good health, and free of any communicable diseases or parasites. All animals are subject to inspection at the fairgrounds.
- Livestock or poultry of any age or class showing clinical evidence of disease and/or parasites shall not be permitted to enter the fairgrounds. Any animal or fowl developing clinical evidence of disease after entering the fairgrounds may not show, and shall be subject to isolation or expulsion, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease. In either case, the decision of the species superintendent and Extension personnel will prevail.
- Any animal with stitches present or that exhibits a prolapse during the Owyhee County Fair will be ineligible for exhibit or sale and, upon notification by Extension personnel and the Superintendent, be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
- Out of state animals shall meet all requirements for entry into the state as established by the Idaho Department of Agriculture of Animal Health.
- With the exception of market goat breeds and pygmy goats, no animal with horns will be shown.
- The owner of the animal is responsible for all veterinary calls and treatment for their animal.

SPECIFIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.

- Horses. Horses must be vaccinated for 4Way and Rhino. Evidence must be provided to club leader that these vaccinations were done within 90 days prior to Fair, but no earlier than May 15. It is strongly recommended that horses be vaccinated for West Nile Virus, and that the Coggins Test for EIA be administered.
- Cattle. Female breeding animals older than 4 months of age must be inoculated for Brucellosis (Bangs). It is strongly recommended that breeding cattle be vaccinated one month prior to Fair for IBR, BVD, BRSV, Lepto, PI-3 and Red Water.
- Swine. It is strongly recommended that breeding swine be vaccinated for Erysipelas 15 days prior to the Fair. It is also recommended that all breeding swine that return home be kept isolated from the rest of the herd for a period of 30 days after returning from Fair. Additional requirements for all swine may be mandated by the Idaho State Veterinarian.
- Goats. All female goats will be checked for Scrapies tags at check-in/weigh-in and that tag number will be recorded. Those without a Scrapies will not be able to participate in the show or sale. ADGA registered tattoos can be used. Those with microchipped goats must provide the reader. All goats in milk must be milked at least once per day into a pail or bucket. No milking directly onto the ground. Over uddering will not be tolerated. At the Superintendent's discretion, exhibitors will be asked to relieve any dairy goat that is over uddered. No dairy goats with horns are allowed.
- Sheep. Sheep shall be free from any evidence of Foot Rot, Blue Tongue, and Lip and Leg Ulcer. All female sheep will be checked for Scrapies tags at check-in/weigh-in and that tag number will be recorded. Those without a Scrapies tag will not be allowed to participate in the show or sale. Idaho State 4-H Policies and Procedures Guidelines endorses the American Veterinary Medical Association recommendation that all lambs should be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold.

SAFETY. All animals must be under the control of and shown by the Exhibitor. Uncontrollable animals will be removed from the fairgrounds. All cattle must be completely halter broke and be able to be led safely. No cable halters are permitted. For safety and as a courtesy towards other exhibitors, animals that get loose two times and disrupt the class in the show ring will be dismissed from the show ring and receive a white ribbon. Upon consultation with the leaders, parents, and Extension personnel, the Superintendent has the authority to deem an animal unsafe to show. The Superintendent will provide a written explanation of his/her ruling.