



NEW HAMPSHIRE 4-H ANIMAL SHOWS Superintendents' Guidelines for Show Day

Exhibitors Ages:

All ages are calculated as of 1/1 of the current project year. No youth under age 8 (cloverbuds) may exhibit in a large animal 4-H livestock show. This includes horses, cattle, sheep, swine, llamas and goats.

Novice - age 8-13 in first year of showing a specific species of animal.

Junior - age 9-13 - Some shows may further divide the junior class.

Senior - age 14-18 - Seniors in their first year of exhibiting a species of animal show in the senior class.

Youth with disabilities:

Accommodations will need to be made for any member indicating on their entry form they have a disability requiring accommodation. Superintendent will work closely with their county/state 4-H office to insure proper arrangements are made.

Show Ring Attire:

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. Fairs may accept other appropriate attire as printed in their show rules. Corporate sponsorship is unacceptable at 4-H shows.

Show Procedure:

It is the 4-H member's sole responsibility to handle their animal in the ring. Superintendents may only approve the assistance of other 4-H members in group classes or to assist with a disability.

Members with multiple entries in the same class may enlist the assistance of another 4-H member in showing their entries.

4-H members are responsible for preparing and caring for their own animal(s) for the duration of their 4-H exhibit. Youth who do not abide by the above guidelines may have their premiums forfeited.

Fitting and Showmanship:

General: All youth must participate in Fitting and Showmanship. They must use an animal that they will exhibit in a type, performance, or market class in the show.

Missing a Class:

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.

Unruly Animal/Excusing an Animal:

Any animal who is posing a hazard to any exhibitor or other animal in the ring may be excused by the superintendent or judge and receive no premiums in that class. Any exhibitor choosing to leave the ring will receive no premiums in that class.

Grade Animals:

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 full-blooded female with no papers OR a cross-bred female. The animal must be properly identified and must be listed on the 4-H member's approval form. 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. Some grade animals are NOT eligible for Eastern States Exhibition. Grade males may not be exhibited except in feeder or market classes.