

GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors in 4-H and FFA departments must be at least 7 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. They must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must have met the enrollment deadline of the current year and meet project requirements to exhibit at the county fair. Classes will be determined by age as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Cloverbuds will only be allowed to participate in the 4-H Cloverbud department. Only participation ribbons will be given to all, NO awards or premiums.
3. Exhibitors who are members of both 4-H and FFA must choose how they will exhibit in each department. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit as both 4-H and FFA in any one department. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit as 4-H in one department and FFA in a different department (i.e., 4-H beef, FFA swine, 4-H rabbits, etc.).
4. All LVCO Fair 4-H Classes will be entered through the online FairEntry System. **There will be no paper entries available.** If help is needed, please come into the office to complete your on-line entry. The online FairEntry System is open for entries starting June 1st and will close at 11:59pm on June 30th. No entries will be accepted after June 30th.
5. Exhibits must be products of the current 4-H or FFA year.
6. All entries are exhibited at the sole risk of the owner.
7. Copyrighted and/or trademarked materials used without written permission in banners, displays, demonstrations, posters or other activities will be disqualified and will not be displayed or receive ribbons or premiums.
8. The Danish evaluation system will be used to place exhibits in one of the following classifications:
 - PURPLE - given to a few outstanding exhibits.
 - BLUE - specifies excellent quality work, far above average.
 - RED - designates average exhibits.
 - WHITE - indicates exhibits meet requirements for fair, but below average quality.Judges may award as many ribbons of any color as they feel is justified in any class. Judges' decisions are FINAL. Purple awards receive same premium as blue awards. Judges are not required to select Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, or Reserve Grand Champion if no entry qualifies for the award.
9. Kansas State Fair exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Members with qualifying entries may pick up the State Fair rules in the Extension Office.
10. Cash premiums will be pro-rated in all exhibit classes except where noted.
11. Where judging is by consultation evaluation, the leader and parent may not sit at the table with the exhibitor. They may stand behind as an observer, **AND they may not have conversations with judges.** All others are to remain away to ensure a private conference.
12. Animal stalls will be kept clean and presentable to the public at all times.
13. No fans will be allowed in aisles or alleyways in the barns. This is a safety violation and will be monitored by the Fair Board and superintendents of departments.
14. The superintendent has the authority to have any animal exhibit inspected by the Fair Board appointed veterinarian. If the fair veterinarian determines evidence of infection or disease the animal will be removed from the fairgrounds.
15. All livestock animals must be owned by the exhibitor. All animals must be entered and exhibited in a class. No exhibit space is available for display purposes.
16. Livestock exhibitors must follow the department rules for wash rack and tie out/night time.
17. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed, equipment, and bedding. The storing of hay and the use of straw will not be allowed in the barn.
18. If an exhibitor has more than one animal entered in one market class, one animal is to be shown by the exhibitor and the other by another Leavenworth County 4-H or FFA member enrolled in the same project.
19. Animal stalls are to be thoroughly cleaned when animals are released. Exhibits will be

- released according to the Fair Schedule on last Sunday of fair week.
20. If exhibitor becomes unable to control the animal while in the ring, the attendant in the ring will help exhibitor get control of animal. If exhibitor loses control a second time, the ring attendant will help control the animal and request will be made for other 4-H members, family members or project leader to assist exhibitor. If animal continues to be uncontrolled, exhibitor will be requested to leave the arena.
 21. **Only those 4-H and FFA members exhibiting 4-H/FFA projects are allowed to stay overnight at the fairgrounds. LVCO Fair Board overnight rules apply to everyone. All 4-H members are bound by the Code of Conduct they signed when enrolling. Any 4-H member found breaking the rules will be asked to leave the fairgrounds immediately. They will forfeit any premiums or awards received at the fair and could be subject to further restrictions in participation or future awards according to the 4-H Code of Conduct. An adult must stay with the members.**
 22. Interpretation of 4-H General and Project Rules will be made by the Extension Agents.
 23. All 4-H/FFA exhibitors in all departments are also subject to general open class rules and regulations.
 24. Each exhibitor is personally responsible for the care and showing of his/her animal. Members may be assisted, if needed, only by a family member or available Leavenworth County 4-H/FFA member or leader. Ethical fitting practices will be observed.
 25. The Leavenworth County Fair and Livestock Show is the showplace for animal agriculture and animal care for Leavenworth County 4-H and FFA members. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is humane, healthful, stress free, and consistent with public expectations. Cruelty, neglect, or indifference to animal comfort and welfare will not be tolerated and will constitute grounds for removal from the premises. Ample feed and clean water will be provided to all animals consistent with sound husbandry practices and with rules and regulations set by the Leavenworth County Extension Board and Leavenworth County Fair Board. The environment in which animals are kept will be kept clean and sanitary at all times. Professional veterinary care will be provided as needed. Animals experiencing illness, injury, or discomfort will be professionally attended by a veterinarian authorized by the Fair Board. Exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that all Leavenworth County and Kansas breeders have for livestock.
 26. ALL LVCO 4-H members enrolled in Livestock/Production Animals (Includes large and small animals, poultry and meat pen rabbits) MUST complete a "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals: class to be eligible to show in 4-H Classes at the LVCO Fair.
 27. Market livestock will not be allowed to show without a completed Kansas 4-H/FFA Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (COOL form) signed by an exhibitor and parent or guardian. All products administered to an animal must be noted on the COOL form which is required to be turned in when bringing an animal to the LVCO Fair.
 28. The giving of an oral or injected diuretic, growth promotants or other medication not approved for any domestic animal constitutes an unethical practice. The fair reserves the right to have a blood and/or urine laboratory analysis made on any animal entered in competition. An exhibitor of an animal producing an analysis with a quantity of diuretic or any unapproved medication will forfeit all prizes and premiums, and may be barred from future competition at the fair.
 29. Any product administered internally or used externally to alter the conformation and/or appearance of an animal for exhibition is prohibited. This includes the covering of white skin, any false hair, steroids, or artificial filling internally. Any animal found to be in violation will be barred from showing. In the carcass evaluation any animal exhibiting violations of meat quality standards will be subject to non-payment.
 30. Destruction of property is strictly prohibited. If 4-H member is found guilty - he/she will be asked to remove their exhibits from the fairgrounds, forfeit all premiums, and

be prohibited from fairgrounds for remainder of fair. Final decision will be made by a Leavenworth County Extension Agent and Executive Board.

31. All exhibitors must follow the 4-H Dress Code Guidelines when participating in 4-H events during the LVCO Fair. This includes but not limited to showing, auction, consultation classes and food stand/ building watch duties. Note-Some projects have specific dress codes for their classes. In general, when showing animals- Closed toe shoes, long pants (clean and no holes), neat shirts/blouses/tops (NO spaghetti straps, very low cut necklines, shirts with inappropriate pictures/wording, undershirts or altered clothing) and no hats. Remember you are representing 4-H.