

## GENERAL RULES

1. Interpretations of all 4-H General Rules and Project Rules will be made by the Extension Agents.
2. All 4-Hers must follow the 4-H Code of Conduct. Violation of this conduct may result in removal of his/her exhibits from the fairgrounds, forfeit all premiums, and be prohibited from fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair. Final decision will be made by a Leavenworth County Extension Agent and Extension Executive Board.
3. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. 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.
4. 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.).
5. All LVCO Fair 4-H Classes will be entered through the online FairEntry System starting June 1. **There will be no paper entries available.** FairEntry System will close at 11:59pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>. No entries will be accepted after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. Exhibits must be products of the current 4-H or FFA year.
7. All entries are exhibited at the sole risk of the owner.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. If Cash premiums are available for that 4-H year, they will be pro-rated in all exhibit classes except where noted.
12. All 4-H/FFA exhibitors in all departments are also subject to general open class rules and regulations.
13. 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 Extension Executive Board.
14. 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.
15. **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 and certified volunteers are bound by the Code of Conduct they signed when enrolling. Any 4-H member and certified volunteers 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.**

### **Static Exhibits (Building Exhibit)**

1. 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.
2. Building exhibits will be released according to the Fair Schedule on the last Sunday of fair week.

### **Animal Exhibits**

1. Violations of any of the general rules and project rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. All 4-H exhibitors must have a current "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals" (YQCA) certification to show at the LVCO Fair.
3. Family Identification Worksheets are **NOT a LVCO Fair Entry.**
4. An exhibitor in 4-H/FFA and Open Class can have no more than 4 animals total within the same project. (i.e Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Sheep) on the fairgrounds per Leavenworth County Fair Board. Poultry and rabbit are exempt from this rule.
5. Beef, goats, swine and sheep will be designated as market or breeding on the Family Identification Worksheet. An animal may not be moved from breeding to market or market to breeding after the worksheet is turned in.
6. If an ear tag is lost, notify the Extension Office as soon as possible to get it replaced.
7. Substitutions will be allowed up to fair weigh-in/check-in if the animal is listed on the Family Identification Worksheet for that species. Once the animal crosses the scale, all decisions are final and cannot be changed. **Rule 7 Clarification: "All decisions are final and cannot be changed includes weight. This means no re-weighing will be allowed.**
8. Animals used for showmanship must be owned by the exhibitor and entered in the market or breeding classes. In the final showmanship drive, all showmanship finalists must show the animal they were showing when selected. Showmanship classes will be limited to a maximum of 15 animals.
9. The Judge is not required to award a champion in each class.
10. Stall assignments are the responsibility of that species superintendent. No changes to stall assignments are allowed without approval of that species superintendent.
11. Each exhibitor is personally responsible for the care and showing of his/her animal.
12. 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.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their pens and tack areas clean and neat.
14. 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 each project.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed, equipment, and bedding. The soring 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. Health and wellbeing of all animals brought to the fairgrounds is at the exhibitor's risk.
20. If exhibitor becomes unable to control the animal while in the ring, the attendant in the ring will help exhibitor get control of the 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 member or project leader to assist exhibitor. If animal continues to be uncontrolled, exhibitor will be told to leave the arena.
21. All animals shown and housed shall receive care that is humane, healthful, and stress free. 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 with sound husbandry practices and with rules and regulations set by the Leavenworth County Extension Board and Leavenworth County Fair Board.
22. Professional veterinary care will be provided by the appointed fair vet at the owner's expense. Exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that all Kansas breeders have for livestock.
23. Extension Agents reserve the right to disqualify any animal for unethical practices including but not limited to the following: A: The giving of an oral or injected diuretic, growth promotants or other medication not approved for any domestic animal. B: The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the animal's confirmation. C: Any stomach pumping without authorization from a licensed veterinarian. D: Excessive use of steroids not authorized by a licensed veterinarian. E: Using artificial filling internally. F: Covering of white hair, artificial hair. Extension Agents reserve 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 unethical practices will forfeit all prizes and premiums, and may be barred from future competition at the fair.
24. Livestock exhibitors must follow the 4-H dress code guidelines for showing their specific species. All livestock exhibitors are expected to wear closed toed shoes, long pants (clean and no holes), neat shirt/blouse/top (NO spaghetti straps, very low-cut necklines, shirts with inappropriate pictures/wording, undershirts or altered clothing) and no hats. Those exhibiting dairy animals should wear all white but at minimum a white shirt.
25. Animal stalls are to be thoroughly cleaned when animals are released. Animal exhibits will be released according to the Fair Schedule on the last Sunday of fair week unless arrangements have been made with locker plants by the fair board auction committee.
26. All livestock shows will be blow and go shows whereby adhesives, paints, and powders are not allowed. This includes any sprays or washes that change or alter the coloring of the animal's hair; such as whiteout and baby powder.

**Rule 26 Amendment:**

**All livestock shows will be no fit shows, "Blow and Go". "No Fit," is defined as using no adhesive, glue or paint. Nothing stiff or sticky may be used, including hairspray. You must be able to run a comb through the hair. If the product doesn't fit within these guidelines, then don't use it. The use of twinning hair and/or dying the animals coat to change the natural integrity is prohibited. Each exhibitor must care for and groom his or her own animal during the fair and may use only the assistance of an immediate family member (mother, father, stepparent, legal guardian, brother or sister) or another 4-H or FFA member from the respective county fair who is also an exhibitor at this year's county fair. Forfeiture of premiums and exclusion from the auction will result from infractions of this rule.**