

Fair General Rules and Regulations

Entries:

1. All exhibitors must be 4-H or FFA members of Polk County. 4-H'er or FFA member must be enrolled by May 15 of current year.
 - Clover Kids – K thru 3rd Grade
 - Junior – Grades 4th thru 6th
 - Intermediate – Grades 7th thru 8th
 - Senior – Grades 9th thru 12th
 - FFA – Grades 9th thru 12th or until age 21
2. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of a project or program through 4-H or FFA.
3. All fair entries including Open Livestock are to be made in [FairEntry](http://polkcountyfair.fairentry.com) (<http://polkcountyfair.fairentry.com>) before or on July 1 by 11:59 pm. No Paper forms will be accepted.
4. Late entries can be made for 2 business days following July 1. A \$50.00 per day fee will be assessed for late entries. After the 2-day late registration period, youth must contact the Fair board President to attend the Fair board meeting and ask permission to exhibit at the fair. Upon the Fair board's decision, a final fee will be decided.
5. All late entries have to be filled out in office. Late entries must be paid in cash or check.
6. All exhibits will be under the control and general direction of the Department Superintendents.
7. The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board will use every precaution to insure the safety of animal or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to the same.
8. The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board requests use of special precautions while using fans, radios, and other electrical equipment. All fans must have protective covering or will not be allowed.
9. The only animals allowed in sheep barn, horse barn and Jacobson arena are animals being exhibited and certified service animals. All animals need to be contained or under control. Certified service animals need to be marked as such. This is in accordance with Iowa State Fairgrounds rules.

Behavior & Conduct

1. All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous and respectful 4-H or FFA representatives while on the fairgrounds and participating in fair events.
2. The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board has adopted a policy of no alcoholic beverages or illegal substances at the County Fair by Exhibitors. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs or smoking by exhibitors at the fair will result in disqualification of the exhibitor's entry(s) and/or discontinued participation by the exhibitor.
3. 4-H and FFA members will NOT be allowed to remain at the fairgrounds overnight without adult supervision on the grounds.
4. Any cause for concern should be verbally addressed to the Department Superintendent. If complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, a protest should be given, in writing, to the Department Superintendent from which the complaint arises. The Executive Committee on the grounds reserves the right to interpret all rules and their decisions will be final. All protests and Executive Committee action will be reviewed by the Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board at their next regular meeting.
5. No bikes, scooters, roller blades, skate boards, water balloons or water fights are allowed in barns or 4-H building at any time. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed on the fairgrounds.
6. Any violation of the General Rules and Regulations or anyone who engages in unruly acts, vandalism, malicious treatment of livestock, or any other behavior that could cause injury to people, animals or property, or disrupts fair activities should be reported to the general superintendent and action will be taken by the review committee on all cases. This will result in the forfeiture of all privileges, special recognition, and premiums. Livestock will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
7. Iowa Youth Code of Ethics will be enforced. Each youth agrees to these terms when they enter classes through FairEntry.

Premiums & Awards

1. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded on the merit of the exhibit, regardless of the number of exhibits in the class. Decision of the judge shall be final. Participation ribbons will be given in the "Fun" and "Open" Classes.
2. Any premium check not submitted for cash within 90 days **will not** be reissued.

Livestock

1. Livestock and animal projects must be identified using the 4-H LS106 series by May 15, including Breeding Beef, Sheep, Dog, Dairy, Dairy Goat, and Horse.
2. Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goats - County weigh-in dates.
3. No animal will be allowed in the barns before 5:00 AM Sunday. All livestock must be checked-in and weighed-in according to the Livestock Weigh-in and Check-in Schedule. All exhibits (livestock and non-livestock) must be in their assigned area and will be released Thursday, at 5:00 PM the only exception will be cats, dogs, pets, open class animals, and animals shown as a pet during conference judging. They are released immediately following their respective shows.

Livestock Rules and Regulations

(Also see fair general rules & regulations)

1. All exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding, feed and water buckets for their exhibits, NO STRAW ALLOWED. Cattle will use wood chips only for bedding, and it is provided by the Beef Department. All pens will be cleaned out on dismissal or premiums will be withheld. It is important that all bedding material be removed from your pen and from underneath adjoining pens. A locked box for show equipment is recommended. Please mark all equipment for identification. Advertising, such as personal names, name of club, etc., is not allowed on show ring equipment.
2. All market animal weigh-in weights will be final once the animal has left the scale.
3. Only white Polk County Fair T-shirts, white 4-H T-shirts, white FFA T-shirts, or plain white shirts and long jeans may be worn by exhibitors in show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed. *(Exception: Horse department rules regarding dress and helmets.)*
4. All livestock must be shown by the exhibitor who enters it, except in cases of illness or two exhibits in the same class. Substitutes must be Polk County 4-H or FFA members and be reported to the Department Superintendent before entering the show ring.
5. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the show ring at time of judging.
6. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in animal giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
7. All entries must be in place as noted in "Livestock Weigh-In and Check-In Times".
8. All exhibits must remain in assigned pen, cage, stall, or booth until release time of 5:00 PM Thursday unless stated otherwise in department rules.
9. All beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be YQCA certified in order to show. Contact Extension Office for YQCA certification.
10. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have Drug affidavit turned in at fair weigh-in. Health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at a County 4-H/FFA Fair

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Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.

Individual Certificates of Veterinary Inspection will be required on livestock or poultry exhibited at a county 4-H/FFA fair, and must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by a livestock superintendents. Superintendents will require health certificates at check-in time or the animal will be removed from the fair grounds. Each show must have an official veterinarian. Health Certificates must be issued within 30 days (14 days for sheep) of the county fair.