

## 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 June 1 of current year.
  - Clover Kids – K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
  - Junior – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Intermediate – Grades 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>
  - FFA – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Fair Rules and Procedures for 2020

1. Each exhibitor will receive wristbands for the day of their show. 1 wrist band for exhibitor and 3 additional.
  - a. Those not wearing wristband for that days shows will be escorted from the grounds.
2. **NO** Polk County Fair t-shirts will be provided in 2020.
  - a. Only previous years' white Polk County Fair T-shirts, white 4-H T-shirts, white FFA T-shirts, or plain white shirts and long jeans must 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.*)
3. There will be no printed show books distributed. Books will be posted in barn or online.
4. Masks are recommended to be worn when 6 ft social distancing cannot be maintained.
5. No food or meal organization is allowed by clubs or groups of people.
6. No bottled drinking water will be supplied by the Polk County Fairboard.
7. High contact surfaces will be sanitized frequently.
8. Restrooms will be cleaned 3 times daily.
9. Hand washing stations and hand sanitizer stations will be provided.
10. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning out their stalling area at the end of each show. For horses and cattle manure and heavily soiled chips need to be removed.
11. Stalling area will be sanitized daily after animals are gone.
12. No equipment can be brought onto the grounds prior to the show day.
13. Families should supply their own equipment. No sharing between families.

### 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.

### 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. NO premiums will be awarded in 2020

### Livestock

1. Livestock and animal projects must be identified using the 4-H LS106 series by June 1, including Breeding Beef, Sheep, Dog, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse, Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goats.

## 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.
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3. 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.
4. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the show ring at time of judging.
5. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in animal giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
6. Please see check in times and procedures for each species.
7. 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.