

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport (conduct) themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. **Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows.** Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must be present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials. (Health Certificates are not required for the Johnson County Fair).
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.
If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

GENERAL ANIMAL RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS** - See GENERAL RULES, for eligibility requirements of exhibitors.
2. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY** - The responsibility for making proper entry rests with the 4-H member, not the club and/or project leader. The division superintendents will check all entries to ensure that animals are properly identified on the appropriate ownership/identification affidavit. The exhibitors of all animals shall conduct themselves with honesty, integrity, good sportsmanship, and abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development program, Johnson County 4-H Council, and Johnson County Fair Board.
3. **GENERAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION** - Beef (breeding & market), feeder/bucket calf, meat goat (breeding & market), rabbits (breeding & market), sheep (breeding & market), and swine need to be identified with a unique identification number and ownership certified on the appropriate Ownership/Identification Affidavit. Horses, dairy cattle, & dairy/pet goats must be identified on the appropriate Ownership/Identification Affidavit, photo identification is preferred, but drawings will be accepted. Poultry must be identified on the Johnson County 4-H Poultry Ownership Affidavit.

Affidavits must be submitted to the Extension Office by close on the deadline stated. Animals can be owned as a family unit, between immediate family members, provided the names and ages of all youth in the family are identified on the affidavit. See specific animal divisions for specific identification requirements. Only those animals identified on the ownership/identification will be allowed to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair. Please contact the Johnson County Extension Office for Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show entry requirements. DNA samples must be submitted for all market beef, meat goat, sheep, and swine to be eligible to compete at State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

4. **OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS** – Beef & dairy cattle, dairy/pet & meat goat, horse, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, dog or companion animal project may be owned solely by the 4-H exhibitor or in partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and/or other members of their immediate family (with an exception made for participants in the Rent a Rabbit program). All exhibitor family member names may be in the affidavit, but only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. 4-H exhibitors may show horses or dairy cattle & goats owned by someone outside the immediate family provided they manage (cares for, feeds, trains, grooms, etc.) and has use of the animal as a 4-H project animal at least 75% of the time during the project year; and permission for use of the animal is certified by the owner on the appropriate 4-H ownership affidavit. Animals must be identified on the appropriate ownership affidavits. Affidavits must be completed and turned into the Johnson County Extension Office by close on the deadline date (see below). The Extension Office will submit the affidavits to the State 4-H Office.

Deadline*

April 1	4-H Market Beef Ownership Affidavits
May 1	4-H Horse Ownership Affidavits
May 1	4-H Companion Animal Identification Affidavits
June 15	All 4-H Livestock Ownership Affidavits
	Rabbit Identification Affidavit
	Market Goat Identification Affidavit
	Breeding Heifer Ownership Affidavit
	Breeding Ewe Ownership Affidavit
	Breeding Doe Ownership Affidavit
	Market Lamb Ownership Affidavit
	Market Swine Ownership Affidavit
	Feeder Calf/ Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit
	Dairy Identification Affidavit
	Dairy Goat Identification Affidavit
	Poultry Ownership Affidavit

**If the deadline date falls on a Saturday or Sunday the deadline will be moved to the Monday immediately following the determined deadline date*

5. **ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS** - Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible to show in Johnson County Fair 4-H livestock classes and any further 4-H livestock shows. A project animal that has been through a "premium only" auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben stock show, provided that it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. 4-H members may not enter the same animal in both the Johnson County Fair 4-H and open class shows, with the exception of horses.
6. **PRE-ENTRY** – All animal exhibits to be entered in the Johnson County Fair must be pre-entered on a Johnson County Fair Large & Small Animal Entry Form and/or Johnson County Fair Horse Entry Form due to the Extension Office by closing July 15 (if July 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday entries will be due to the Extension Office on the Monday immediately following July 15). All animal exhibitors must complete and submit a Johnson County Fair Stall Request Form indicating the number of exhibits being brought to the county fair and return it to the Extension Office by closing on the Wednesday before Fair Clean Up Day.
7. **CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF ANIMALS** – Unruly or questionable animals may be declared ineligible to show and dismissed from the premises by the appropriate authority after completing a Johnson County Fair 4-H Animal Release Form. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable or sick during the show may be declared ineligible and dismissed by the appropriate authority. No animals will be permitted to run at large on the County Fairgrounds during the fair. Once entered, animals may not be removed from the fairgrounds without the permission of the area and/or overall superintendent and the permission of Johnson County Extension staff and/or Johnson County 4-H Council President and/or licensed veterinarian. To remove animals before the scheduled dismissal time, a Johnson County Fair Animal Dismissal Form must be completed for each animal that is removed. Any animal removed before the official release time without completing a Johnson County Fair Animal Dismissal Form will result in forfeiture of all premium money earned by the exhibitor. All animals must remain in their assigned location throughout the duration of the fair. There is no appeal process for the dismissal of animals.
8. **GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS**
- Animals showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will not be allowed to show.
 - **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ANIMALS UNDER QUARANTINE BE EXHIBITED.**
 - Any animal found to be infected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease or is suspected of being infected or exposed to such disease shall be removed immediately and placed in quarantine as ordered and directed by an official licensed veterinarian. A Johnson County Fair Animal Release Form must be completed for each animal being removed.
 - **CASTRATION POLICY**
 - Cattle/goats/sheep/swine must have been castrated at least two weeks prior to the Johnson County Fair. If the animal has been banded the testicles must have dropped completely and the area must be healed before the fair.
 - **POLICY ON RINGWORM, WARTS AND ABSCESES**
 - Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts or abscesses, will not be allowed to remain on the premises and be exhibited.
 - The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun to regrow in the area.
 - Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to remain on the premises or be exhibited.
 - Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to remain on the premises or be exhibited.
 - Sheep that have active club lamb fungus as determined by the inspecting veterinarian, will not be allowed to remain on the premises or be exhibited.
 - **LARGE ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**
 - **BEEF AND DAIRY CATTLE** – NO Tuberculosis or Brucellosis tests are required to exhibit.
 - **SHEEP AND GOATS** – ALL sheep and goats being exhibited, must be tagged with an official scrapie USDA-approved eartag (for more information go to: <http://www.eradicatescrapie.org>). Under no circumstances may sheep and goats be exhibited which originate from scrapie-source or scrapie-infected flocks.
 - **SWINE** – All swine shall originate directly from any herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies and; 1.) A stage IV or V county; or 2.) A pseudorabies qualified herd; or 3.) Be individually tested and classified negative for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to exhibition.
 - **HORSES** – NO coggins testing required.
 - **POULTRY** – No testing requirements.

- 9. ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION** – Any animal entered in 4-H classes at the Johnson County Fair is subject to any type of testing at the discretion of the area superintendent, overall livestock superintendent, and/or official show veterinarian. If the results indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by the FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the specified withdrawal requirements of the FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for completion and awards. In the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal method for the animal. An animal that is tampered with the change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by the division and/or overall superintendent.
- 10. QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING** – All exhibitors in beef (breeding, bucket/feeder calf & market), dairy cattle, goats (dairy, meat & pet), poultry, rabbits (breeding & market), sheep (breeding & market), and swine must have received Quality Assurance training or passed the appropriate test through UNL Extension prior to exhibiting in the 4-H shows at Johnson County Fair. Training must be completed by June 15.
- 11. DESIGNATED SHOWMAN** – All animals must be shown before the judge by an eligible 4-H member. Only animals exhibited by their owner(s) will receive ribbons and/or prizes unless the owner(s) are excused by the division and/or overall superintendent. When animals are entered on County Fair entry day each 4-H member of a family holding their animals in joint ownership must designate who is going to show each animal. Animals held in joint ownership will normally be shown by the designated member except when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.
- 12. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** – An animal must be shown before the judge by the 4-H member who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the division and/or overall superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury, or conflict with other classes in a 4-H show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another eligible 4-H member to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showman must be capable of assisting with showing a specific animal species **and completed the required testing/training for the species being shown (Quality Assurance training or Horse Level testing)**. The substitute does not have to be enrolled in project but should be knowledgeable of the particular species they are showing. The substitute is required to check in with the area superintendent or designated ring assistant and adhere to all showmanship and dress code rules.
- 13. ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS** – Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for an animal that has been pre-entered, identified on the appropriate affidavit by the deadline, and meets all ownership and eligibility rules, is acceptable and does not require prior approval. Substitutions between divisions, except within breeding beef, dairy, and goats is not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry, etc.). For breeding beef, dairy, and goats, whereas breed is listed as a separate division, substitutions between divisions is allowed (i.e. an Angus heifer can substitute for a Charolais heifer, etc.).
- 14. GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK**
- Caring for and grooming the animals is primarily the responsibility of the 4-H member; however, their parent(s)/guardian(s) or another adult (in special cases and with the prior approval of the superintendent) may assist. The 4-H member must be present for all grooming unless he or she is in the show ring. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the dropping of one ribbon placing.
 - Swine must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder, or any other coat dressing compound. Only unadulterated water is permitted. Pigs found in violation will be disqualified.
 - Exhibitor shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
 - Horse Tails (found in Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (4-H 373))
 - Western horse tails should be long and combed out.
 - Upper part of tail on three-gaited American Saddle horses may be roached while the upper tail of the hunter and jumper may be braided. Five-gated American Saddle horses and American Saddlebred Pleasure horses are shown with a full mane and tail and must be carried naturally.
 - Other breeds of light horses should be shown with tails grown out and well brushed.
 - Tails may be lengthened by hair-to-hair attachment, but no attachment of any kind to the tailbone.
 - Beef shows including Showmanship, Market Beef, and Breeding Beef will be “Blow and Go”; animals may be clipped, blown, and brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. Blow and Go show guidelines are as follows:
 - Beef animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products.
 - Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. These products include (but are not limited to commonly used adhesives and colorants such as): Prime Time, EZ Comb, Tail adhesive, Ultra White Touch-Up, Black Touch-Up, Black Finisher, and black show foam.
 - Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water- or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities or artificial colorings are permitted. These products include conditioners and commonly used sprays such as: Kleen Sheen, Revive, Final Bloom and white show foam.
 - Paint will be allowed on the hooves and dewclaws only.
 - If an exhibitor is found to be violating any of the above stated rules, the exhibitor and their involved animal will forfeit their placing, awards, and premium money.
- 15. FEED AND BEDDING** – Exhibitors, at their own expense, must furnish feed and bedding. All stalls must use approved bedding. The sale of feed and bedding to exhibitors on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
- 16. STALLING** – All animals must remain in their assigned location throughout the duration of the fair. Each horse exhibitor must stall at least one horse at the fair, unless room is limited or doing so would endanger the animal and/or public. In these cases, the superintendent may allow 4-H members to take their horses home.
- 17. EQUIPMENT** – Livestock area and overall superintendents have the authority to dictate where blocking chutes, generators, etc. are to be located. When determining locations for equipment, superintendents must consider the safety of exhibitors, volunteers, animals, and the public.
- 18. STATE FIRE MARSHALL** – The use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly forbidden; these materials must be used outside of building only. Smoking and all open flames are prohibited inside the barns.
- 19. DRESS CODE** – All exhibitors exhibiting at the Johnson County Fair 4-H shows or premium sale are required to meet the dress code standards for the specific species being exhibited.
- HORSE** (found in Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide (4-H 373))
- A western hat must be worn and should stay on during the performance. Hats are optional only in barrel racing and pole bending. If the rider enters the arena wearing a hat, the hat must stay on in barrel racing and pole bending (two-second penalty for losing hat). Feathers, if present, may not protrude beyond the outer edge of the brim nor above the top of the crown.
 - Shirts and blouses must be all white, including buttons, thread, etc., with convertible collars (one that is meant to be folded at the seam line and may or may not be button up at the base of the neck). Tuxedo, turtleneck, or other stand-up collars are not permitted. No rhinestones, silver collar tips, or similar embellishments on blouses are permitted. Sheer, see-through blouses are inappropriate and not permitted. Sleeveless shirts and blouses are not permitted. Long sleeves are recommended, although short sleeves are permitted. Rain or cold weather may alter dress code when approved by the area superintendent(s) and the judge.
 - Dark blue denim jeans must be worn and a belt is recommended. Heavy contrasting threading, fringes, rhinestones, or other excessive embellishments are not permitted.
 - Color of hat, gloves, boots, chaps, etc. is the exhibitor’s choice.

- Hard-soled shoes or boots are considered safe and appropriate. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will not be allowed in riding classes.
- A 4-H armband is required at the Johnson County Fair 4-H horse show. Armband is to be worn on the left arm above the elbow.
- Spurs are permissible but must be dull and rowels must be free moving.
- Exhibitor numbers will be assigned to all exhibitors and must be worn in the ring during the show.

LARGE & SMALL ANIMAL (Beef, bucket calf, dairy cattle & goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine)

- An approved 4-H t-shirt must be worn (State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben shirts will not be allowed).
- Dark blue jeans are required and a belt is recommended. Excessive embellishments are not permitted.
- White pants are allowed instead of dark blue jeans for dairy cattle and goat exhibitors.
- Shoes or boots must provide adequate protection and comfort for the exhibitor. Exhibitors showing in the beef, bucket calf, and dairy divisions are required to wear hard soled shoes or boots.
- No hats, caps, or other types of headgear are allowed to be worn in the show ring (accommodations will be made for an individual's religious beliefs.)
- Exhibitor numbers will be assigned to all exhibitors and must be worn in the ring during the show.

20. **ARRIVAL DEADLINE** – Arrival and entry deadlines for all animals are listed on the Johnson County Fair 4-H Schedule of Events. Division superintendents may make exceptions for certain situations provided arrangements are made in advance and approved by the overall livestock superintendent.

21. **REQUIREMENTS FOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** – Any animal entry must be awarded first or second purple in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.

22. **4-H PREMIUM SALE** – 4-H market livestock, must be shown at the Johnson County Fair in the appropriate 4-H show to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale and must meet the Premium Sale weight requirements for a market animal. The sale is a “premium only” auction in which change of ownership is never the intent. Each 4-H member is limited to selling a total of 2 market animals. They may sell 2 market beef, 2 market swine, 2 market sheep, 2 market meat goats, 2 market rabbits, a pen of three market broilers (considered one unit), or a combination such as: 1 beef and 1 swine, 1 swine and 1 sheep, 1 meat goat and 1 pen of broilers, etc. Exhibitors must indicate their intentions in regards to premium sale participation when animals are entered and weighed-in. Appropriate 4-H attire must be worn for the 4-H premium sale (see DRESS CODE). Substitute showmen will be allowed for 4-H members who need to leave early to travel to college. If a 4-H exhibitor needs to utilize a substitute showman they must notify the Extension Office prior to the beginning of the Premium Sale.

PREMIUM SALE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

SPECIES		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Beef	British Breed, Crossbred & Other Breeds (Steers & Heifers)	950 lbs.	None
	Miniature/Heritage Breeds & Bucket Calf +1 (Steers & Heifers)	600 lbs.	None
Dairy	Dairy Steers	850 lbs.	None
Goat	Market Meat Goat	50 lbs.	None
Poultry	Market Broiler Pen of 3*	3.75 lbs. average for pen	None
Rabbit	Fryer	3 lbs.	5 lbs.
	Roaster	8 lbs.	None
Sheep	Market Sheep	80 lbs.	None
Swine	Market Swine	200 lbs.	300 lbs.

* Market Broiler Exhibitors must participate in the Interview (Q&A), Record Book, and Pen of Three portions of the project to be eligible for the 4-H Premium Sale.

23. **FAIR CLEAN UP (DAILY AND AT CLOSE)** – Exhibitors failing to clean their stalls, alleys, and assigned areas each day of the fair and at the close of the fair will forfeit all of their premium money.

24. **AUTHORITY** – Each division superintendent with the approval of the overall livestock superintendent shall have the authority to make all decisions within their respective area of responsibility in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Johnson County Fair 4-H Fair Book and the policies put in place by University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development program and the Johnson County 4-H Council.

GENERAL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS** - All 4-H members, who are exhibiting their own animals in beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine divisions are automatically entered as participants in the showmanship division and are strongly encouraged to participate.
2. **ELIGIBILITY** – An exhibitor may only show animals in showmanship that are identified on the proper affidavit and entered under their name; one or more member of the same family may not use the same animal.
3. **DIVISIONS** – 4-H exhibitors will be divided into three divisions according to their age as of December 31st of the preceding year.
 - Senior Division – 14 years of age and older
 - Intermediate Division – 11 to 13 years of age
 - Junior Division – 8 to 10 years of age
 Winners of these divisions will not compete against each other for selection of an overall showman.
4. **BASIS FOR JUDGING** – Showmanship judging is based on preparation of the animal for show, their apparent training, and the appearance and behavior of the showman. Primarily, the showmanship division evaluates the skill of the exhibitor presenting the animal before the judge, not the animal's individual excellence.
5. **DISQUALIFICATION** – The division and/or overall livestock superintendents may disqualify any 4-H exhibitor from showmanship for any violation of rules or unsportsmanlike conduct during the Johnson County Fair.

HERDSMANSHIP

GENERAL RULES – HERDSMANSHIP

1. **PURPOSE** - Animal exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and exhibit area clean, neat, and attractive as possible. The entire area in the case of club exhibits must also be clean and presented in an attractive manner to the public at all times.
2. **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** – Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the 4-H members, **NOT** leaders and parents.
3. **CLUB RESPONSIBILITY** – It is the 4-H member's responsibility to assist their club with feeding and general care of animals, cleaning of pens and walkways, and presenting their 4-H exhibit to the public. The 4-H members shall show proper courtesy and conduct at all times. All poultry and rabbits require food and water at all times. The 4-H member or a member of their club is responsible for their care. The area superintendent and/or overall superintendent reserves the right to release 4-H exhibits that are not properly cared for and have not followed the herdsmanship rules.