

ATCHISON COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibits must be in place by 11 a.m. on Wednesday of Fair Week unless otherwise stated under department rules. Check department rules. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and follow all general, youth and department rules.**
2. Exhibits are released from 8:00 pm on Saturday or Sunday from 1 to 2:30 pm of Fair Week. Fair Association is not responsible for any exhibit left after 2:30pm Sunday. Check with Atchison County Extension regarding lost exhibits.
3. No exhibitor will receive more than one premium money in one class. In case of discrepancy, youth division rules take precedence over general rules as some youth classes allow multiple entries.
4. The directors reserve the right to pro-rate the payment of premiums providing the tax levy is insufficient.
5. Entries must be from current year's work.
6. Any person making an entry of any animal or article, misrepresenting the same in anyway, will forfeit the premium and be excluded from any competition.
7. In classes with no competition, the judge will decide which prize shall be given to the exhibit.
8. The decision of the judges will be final.
9. The superintendent of each department has the authority to disqualify any entry for violation of the rules in open class and in consultation with extension agents for youth division. No rule in the youth division shall be in conflict with Kansas 4-H Policies. **Kansas 4-H Policy- K-State Research & Extension Role at Fairs and Shows. April, 2013.**
10. There will be no admission charge to grounds.
11. No one will be permitted to sleep in the fair building.
12. No person will be allowed to set up a booth, or engage in anything whatsoever for a profit, without first paying for the same, and all materials, fixtures and supplies shall be held by the Fair Association for any unpaid portion or privilege.
13. The fair board will distribute premium checks by mail following the fair. Checks without addresses may be picked up at the Extension Office.
14. Liability: The Atchison County Fair Board will use diligence in promoting the safety of visitors and exhibits. In addition, every person on the grounds is asked to use judgment and caution in the interest of their safety, as well as the safety of other fair visitors. The fair board will not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur. Under Kansas Law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities, pursuant to K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004. Exhibitors and their associates assume all risk of participating in this domestic animal activity.

General Livestock Rules

UNETHICALLY FITTED LIVESTOCK: The showing of livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, or the misrepresentation of breeding or milking status is prohibited. Unethical fitting will be

deemed to consist of changing the normal conformation of any part of the animals' body or using drugs, including over the counter and/or extra-label, or mechanical devices to alter the physical makeup and/or performance of the animal. This includes but is not limited to the following:

Animals that are in milk due to an unnaturally induced lactation. Balancing the udder by any means other than leaving naturally produced milk in any or all quarters.

Treating or massaging any part of the animal's body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counterirritant, or other substance to alter conformation.

Minimizing the effects of cramping by feeding or injecting drugs and depressants or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment except normal exercise.

Blocking the nerves to prevent limping or switching of the tail. Striking the animal to cause swelling in a depressed area.

Surgery or other practices performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide, or hair, except the removal of warts or horns and the permitted clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.

Insertion of foreign material under the skin.

Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body. Any grooming material that allows color to come off from any animal will not be allowed at the show.

The act of artificially filling animals internally.

The use of alcoholic or carbonated beverages in the feed or administered as a diuretic.

The use of diuretics.

Ethical use of wholesome and reasonable animal husbandry practices such as electrolyte drench in hot weather, may be exercised provided permission is granted in advance by Show management and the application is observed by Show management.

Atchison County Fair Board recommends that all Beef Cattle be tied out at night south of barn in space provided.

All market steers, lambs, swine and goats must be tagged and weighed in or identified at an official spring weigh in with an official 4-H tag by May 1 before the fair. Horses need to be identified and reported by the same date.

Youth Division Rules

Special Awards:

Bunge Milling, Inc. provides \$4 per youth exhibitor in the Youth Division.

1. Exhibitors in this division will be governed by open class rules except as herein stated. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and follow all general, youth and department rules.**

2. For the safety of youth, Kansas 4-H policies shall be followed during all youth division events and activities.

In accordance with Kansas 4-H policies no alcoholic beverages may be consumed during a 4-H event. Fair officials will ask adults of legal age to correct the situation or leave the premises. Kansas laws will be followed in regard to underage drinking. Both youth exhibitors and youth and adult spectators shall exhibit qualities of good sportsmanship at all times. 4-H youth may be banned from future participation and required to forfeit all awards and prizes. Youth members of other organizations shall follow the established guidelines of said organization. Adults exhibiting unsportsmanship-like conduct will be asked to leave and may be banned from future 4-H and fair events. At no time is foul language appropriate or the demeaning action or disrespectful conduct towards any person (fair officials, judges, extension staff, other exhibitors or the general public) appropriate at youth events. Kansas 4-H Policy-K-State Research & Extension Role At Fairs and Shows. April, 2013

3. All youth division entries must be accompanied by a completed green exhibit card. Cards are available at the Extension Office.

4. All entries in the youth division will be judged according to the modified Danish system. All entries will be judged according to an established standard. All entries shall receive a ribbon placing. Exhibits needing improvement will be awarded a white ribbon; entries meeting standard shall be awarded a red ribbon; exhibits above the standard shall receive a blue; and outstanding exhibits a purple. Exhibits in the division are compared to the standard and do not compete against other exhibits. Exhibits will be judged in competition with other exhibits for the purpose of champion and other awards only. There shall be no limit to the number of ribbons awarded.

5. The naming of champions and the awarding of special awards is a privilege and not a right. In the youth division, a project standard shall be used to determine purple rating eligibility for championship honors. The decision to award will be determined by the judge whose decision shall remain final. In cases of no competition, the same rules shall apply. A purple ribbon must be awarded prior to an exhibit being considered for recognition as a champion or reserve champion awards.

6. All entries must be the property of a bonafide 4-H club member, vocational agriculture student, Boy or Girl Scout in Atchison County to be eligible to compete for prizes or participate in this division. All work exhibited must be completed in current year. To be eligible to exhibit, youth must be enrolled in the project. School work is not a substitute for 4-H project work or youth organization efforts related to badges/degrees.etc. in said youth organization. Those desiring to exhibit school work should enter in the appropriate open class division of fair. Projects requiring the use of special equipment such as woodworking may exhibit such work if youth organization staff (extension agents, FFA advisor or

Scout troop leader) is notified at the beginning of the enrollment year of said plans.

7. At the County Fair, 4-Hers are often divided into Beginner, Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories. Ages shall be 7-8 years old for Beginners, 9-11 for Juniors, 12-13 for Intermediates and 14 and older for Seniors for non-livestock projects. Project exhibits will be judged according to the level the 4-H member is enrolled.

8. All livestock entries must be listed with the Extension Office by August 1.

9. 4-Her must attend 3 project meetings for the project exhibited to receive premium in the project and/or to be in livestock sale. (Atchison County 4-H PDC/Extension rule adopted Sept. 1999). Scouts and FFA must meet the rules of their organization.

10. State/Interstate Rules -Any 4-H member age 9 and older who receives a purple placing on their exhibit will be eligible to participate in the State Fair exhibition in Hutchinson providing exhibit criteria has been met. Interstate exhibits will be selected by judges and superintendents based on Interstate rules. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Extension Office for entry information for Non-livestock State Fair by August 14.

11. Department superintendents in consultation with County Extension Agent have the authority to disqualify any entry.

12. Copyright and/or trademark materials utilized in banners, displays, demonstration posters, artwork or other activities for endorsement or promotion will be disqualified and will not be displayed, receive ribbon, reward or premium. No commercial advertising permitted.

13. There are to be NO show boxes, tack boxes, fans or chairs in the aisles for the safety of everyone. NO Alcohol at 4-H Events.

14. All names must be presented on the 4-H Livestock Cards (available in the extension office) NO breed cards or farm cards except for open class only.

Livestock Sale Rules

Committee: Chairman-Spider Shell, Jim Ryser, Jim Wilson, Lance Larson, Lonnie Coder, and Joe Taliaferro.

1. All livestock entries must be to the Extension Office by Monday preceding the fair to reserve stall space.

2. Weighing-The sale weight of steers, lambs, and meat goats will be the beginning fair weight. Market steers and lambs will receive two percent shrinkage. Steers/heifers must weigh at least 1000 pounds, lambs at least 90 pounds and Market goats at least 50 pounds to sell. Hogs will weigh Friday morning and must weigh 220 pounds to sell. Any weight may show.

3. Animals sold in livestock sale must be animals shown in the youth market division at the fair.

Animals going through the sale may not be shown elsewhere. The livestock sale is a terminal sale.

4. All male animals must be castrated and healed.

5. Sale will start at 4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

6. There will be a charge of \$5 for hogs, sheep and goats and \$6 for steers sold in the livestock sale. The same charge will be assessed those animals selling at floor price. This fee will be used to advertise the buyers, ribbons, and species check-off.

7. All proceeds of the sale will be handled through the Atchison County Livestock Sale. Buyers will be instructed to make checks payable to "Atchison County Livestock Sale."

8. Two plans are available for buyers to use: Plan 1 - Buyers pay premium and ship animals to packer at floor price. Plan 2 - Buyers keep animals for private use.

9. It is permissible for 4-H members to feed and water their animals. However, animals are subject to severe cuts in floor price at the discretion of the buyer.

10. The order of sale will begin with Grand and Reserve Champions of each species. All others will be sold in the order resulting from a drawing.