

What is 4-H Project Evaluation?

Every coach and player looks forward to playing in the championship game. You and your members will have the opportunity to participate annually in 4-H's championship round "4-H Project Evaluation".

Evaluation can take place at several levels: self, club, county, and state. Every 4-H member needs attention and deserves [recognition](#) for their personal achievements. Your members may choose a single evaluation method or a combination. Regardless of the method, 4-H Project Evaluations should:

- Provide the member with a sense of belonging to the club and the 4-H program;
- Encourage independence enabling member's free expression of personal work;
- Challenge the member with new experiences to expand skills and knowledge;
- Offer positive and constructive verbal and written feedback to aid member's personal growth and skill improvement; and
- Give [recognition](#) for achievement and success.

How Can You Prepare Your Members for Project Evaluations?

Start with remembering that 4-H is all about Champion Kids not Champion Projects. Focus on preparing members, not projects, for evaluations to insure members leave judging with a smile on their face regardless of the ribbon color received. Review your county's project requirements and prepare members to participate in interview judging, skillathon, and/or project book judging based on your county's guidelines.

How Does Project Exhibition Differ from Project Evaluations?

Project Exhibition is your members' competitive sharing of project work with the greater community. Members may exhibit at local fairs, festivals, shows, and Fashion Reviews and even sell their projects. For many 4-H families, the [Junior Fair](#) experience is the final round of the 4-H championship.

During project evaluation, each member can achieve 4-H excellence, but project exhibition usually ends with an overall winner. Members look forward to placing with their project, competing in showmanship, and achieving Outstanding or Premier Exhibitor status. [County 4-H winners](#) can represent their county at the [Ohio State Fair](#) in August. Your members may choose to enter in the [Ohio State Fair](#), with some projects, without first qualifying as a winner.

Will all your players make it to the 4-H Championship Round - Project Evaluation?

You can help members prepare for judging and families keep competition in perspective by using "[4-H Project Lingo](#)" and "[What Did You Learn](#)" at a club meeting.