Youth Division Rules

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.

3. To prevent the potential spread of Covid, all participants and spectators who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to follow current CDC recommendations regarding masking, personal hygiene, social distancing and other safety precautions.

4. Both youth exhibitors as well as 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 un sportsmanship-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 nor 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

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. All entries must be the property of a bonafide 4-H club member or a youth participating in an Extension sponsored 4-H activities as defined by USDA, 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. The exhibit is the result of the knowledge and skills learned within the 4-H project experience in the local club (or county level project experience), 4-H group, 4-H event, or 4-H enrichment program or individual participation in 4-H project work. (Kansas Department of 4-H Youth Development Policy Guide. Revised April, 2013). Student school work is welcomed for fair exhibition in the appropriate open class division. Youth enrolled in bonafide 4-H school enrichment program may enter in in Department H: Section XIV-STEAM.

9. 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. If numbers do not merit such divisions, there will be a junior (7-13) and senior division (14 & older) only. In some departments, there will be no age divisions. Project exhibits will be judged according to the phase the 4-H member is enrolled.

10. All livestock entries must be listed with the Extension Office by July 26.

11. 4-H club members must attend at least 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.

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

13. 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.

14. For the safety of everyone, there are to be NO show boxes, tack boxes, fans or chairs in the aisles of livestock barns.

15. 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 entries.

16. **State Fair 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 providing exhibit criteria has been met. Some projects do not offer exhibit opportunity. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to contact the Extension Office for entry information for non-livestock State Fair exhibition by August 9.