

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS. Exception: If the member has more than one (1) animal in a class, then one (1) of the animals for that class may be shown by another Hamilton County 4-H member. All showmen must be Hamilton County 4-H Members. 4-H'er must get permission from Barn Superintendent to have another Hamilton County 4-H'er show their additional animal.
2. All exhibits must remain in place until officially released which will be on **JULY 22** from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 5:00-7:00 p.m. This does NOT include non-sale livestock which are released from 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on **JULY 22**. Non-sale swine release July 20, from 7-10 p.m. Llamas release immediately after Royal Showmanship. Cats, dogs, and pocket pets are released after judging.
3. EARLY RELEASE PENALTY- A 4-H'er who chooses to take their 4-H animals home prior to the fair animal release time, will incur the following penalty: 4-H'er will not be allowed to participate in the 4-H livestock auction of the current fair and will not be allowed to exhibit in the project at the next year's fair but will be allowed to complete the project the next year. Exception is Waterfowl- all will be released (except Grand and Reserve Grand Champion) immediately following judging.
4. All unauthorized personnel will vacate premises from midnight to 5 a.m.
5. Any exhibitor using excessive abuse on his exhibit animals will be eliminated from the show. The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon, or any other refrigerant to the hide of any animal is strictly prohibited. This deceptive, fraudulent practice will cause the exhibitor and their animal(s) to be disqualified immediately.
6. No animal is to be in designated vehicle parking areas or out past the horse barn, north, east or south side of arena, food court, swine barn, llama barn, horse barn/arena or crops tent, with exception during cattle tie out walking time.
7. No exhibit will be released before the published release dates and times.
8. No article can be shown with a for sale sign.
9. Livestock Rule: This rule will apply to all Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors. No 4-H animal exhibit may be maintained at a professional fitters facility. A pre-approved committee of Hamilton County volunteers will be available during the Fair for each species for those 4-H members wanting to learn, needing advice and/or assistance in preparing their animal for exhibit. **Contact the species superintendent for assistance.**
10. Recommended proper attire for 4-H livestock exhibitors to wear when exhibiting livestock in the show ring: Livestock exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in a manner appropriate to show livestock. Examples of such appropriate dress would include button down shirts, golf shirts with collar, jeans or long pants, and, if possible work boots or work shoes to protect feet. It is suggested exhibitors not wear tank tops, T-shirts (other than those approved by the club), midriffs, halter tops, baggy pants, tops with spaghetti straps, shorts, cut offs, sandals or tennis shoes. The judge may use these guidelines as a criteria for final placings.
11. No clothing may be worn by an exhibitor that identifies farm name and/or breed during judged competition.
12. 4-H Livestock exhibitors who wish to sell an animal in the 4-H Auction must lead and or hold the animal being sold in the auction ring.
13. The 4-H livestock auction is a SLAUGHTER ONLY sale. This means that 4-H'ers are NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE HOME THEIR SALE ANIMALS AFTER THE FAIR! See the current Hamilton County 4-H Fairbook for a complete set of auction rules.
14. Any one (1) animal may not be enrolled by more than one (1) 4-H member in 4-H Online, except for brothers and sisters. Llamas are exempt from this rule to show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.
15. Each 4-H member must continuously own his/her own exhibit from the state enrollment date until show day at the county and/or State Fair.
16. **4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (May 15) at any show by anyone other than the person whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal on the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the County Fair or Indiana State Fair.** This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing **county or** state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without **an ID deadline**, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the **owner** of the animals.
17. No pets or livestock are allowed on the 4-H grounds unless being shown with the exception of practice times and nursing animals.
18. If an unborn offspring is to be exhibited at the fair, the pregnant mother must be enrolled using [in.4honline.com](http://in.4honline.com) by **May 15**.
19. All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirement.
20. Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificates; a.) in a members name, b.) John Smith and Sons, c.) John Smith, Sons and Daughters, d.) John Smith and Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), e.) Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister), f.) Family corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, g.) Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be in file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline.

21. To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.
- 22. Tent Safety: Follow manufactures recommendations. Monitor the weather. Lower or take down tent if strong winds or thunderstorms are forecasted. Consider using more robust stakes. Tents must be placed in designated areas only. No personal tents larger than 12x12 allowed on Fairgrounds. Exception to this rule: grooming tents installed on the day of that species show are exempt from size restrictions. No couches, refrigerators, or microwaves will be allowed. All personal tents and belongings must be removed by 12 noon on Wednesday, immediately after the fair. There will be a \$500 charge per family for all items left behind that have to be removed.**
- 23. 4-H Families are permitted to bring generators for animal care only. Generators are not allowed for personal use. County EMA and Risk Management state that generators must: not be under tents or awnings; be outside of tent; have no straw or hay around them; have nothing flammable around them; and be properly maintained.**
24. Animal Showmanship: All 4-H exhibitors are eligible to compete for showmanship. Showmanship divisions:  
 Grade in school on of January 1 of the current year.  
 Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades are eligible.  
 Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible.  
 Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible.

In Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Pygmy Goat, Sheep, and Swine, once an exhibitor is the overall junior or intermediate winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the next higher level of showmanship classes in future years.

