

2026 County Rule Changes

Number	Page #	Project	Rule #	Current Wording	Correction/Change Reason	Recommendations from Rules Committee	Decision based on recommendations from Rules Committee
1	103 & 105	Garden	Single Vegetable Option	Addition	Add "maximum of 5 different single plate exhibits per exhibitor"	Not recommended. Why limited the kids when space is not an issue?	Approved
2	103 & 105	Garden	Herb	Addition	Add "limit of 3 exhibits per exhibitor"	Not recommended. Why limited the kids when space is not an issue?	Approved
3	105	Garden	Chart	Tomato, 1	Change to Tomato, 3	Not recommended. Cannot change this because that chart is given by the State 4-H Office.	Approved
4	103	Garden	Exhibit Guidelines	Vegetable exhibits entered for state fair competition will not be displayed and instead will be donated to a central Indiana food bank.	Add "county", so it reads, "Vegetable exhibits entered for county and state fair competition will not be displayed and instead will be donated to a central Indiana food bank.	Recommended.	Approved
5	66	Collections	Exhibit Guidelines	Addition	Add "The physical items from your collection must be brought for judging. If you prefer not to have your collection on display, please provide a photo of your collection for displaying.	Recommended. On page 66, the "Note" needs to be changed to "Exception"	Approved

6	40	Collections	Schedule	12-12:45pm	Change entry time to earlier	Recommended. We will figure out an appropriate time that works with the judging schedule.	Approved
7	130	Small Engines	Exhibit Guidelines	Formatting change	Bold the wording about not having fuel and oil in the engines.	Recommended.	Approved
8	39	Wearable Art	Schedule	12-12:45pm	Change entry time to earlier	Recommended. We will figure out an appropriate time that works with the judging schedule.	Approved
9	58	Construction and Architectural Replica	Additional Johnson County Exhibit Guidelines	Addition	Add that youth can exhibit at least one exhibit in lego, one exhibit in diorama and one exhibit in all others.	Recommended.	Approved
10	56	Arts and Crafts	Separate judging areas will be offered for	Addition of category	Add cardmaking its own category.	Recommended. Need to add to judges list, project judging schedule, create check in in binder, project sign for display during the fair, sponsors for Grand/Reserve Grand.	Approved
11	122	Digital Scrapbook	Exhibit Guidelines, Scrapbook, Digital	Deletion	Delete project.	Recommended. We have never had an entry for digital scrapbook since adding the project.	Approved

12	191	Sheep	4-H Lamb Showmanship	Addition	Add "A ewe lamb shown in the market lamb show may not be used for showmanship in breeding show".	Not recommended. Lamb Showmanship is being recommended to go to one showmanship, not separate for market/breeding.	Approved
13	189	Sheep	1	Addition	Add "All breeding sheep must have scrapie tag".	Not recommended. This is already addressed in the animal identification chart on page 148 that comes from the State 4-H Office and BOAH. We don't need an additional statement about it.	Approved
14	189	Sheep	1, 10	#1 Ram lamb classes are available. A commercial ram lamb class is offered. Registered ram lambs must have an identification that matches their registration papers. Commercial ram lambs must have a flock ear tag. Ram lambs are not state fair eligible. #10 – Commercial ram lambs, ram lamb	Delete ram lamb classes. Due to limited space in the sheep and goat barn, it is suggested to eliminate the ram classes. Rams are very hard to manage and must have their own pen. We are probably the only county fair that shows rams.	Recommended to delete all ram classes, pairs classes and remove from Master Shephard award. The reasoning is because of space in the barn and lack of exhibitors that exhibit rams. Last year, there were 12 rams and they have to have their own pen. Space is an issue, so we need to delete rams so we can allow for space. Rams are not allowed to be shown at State Fair and many counties don't offer. If space wasn't an issue, then it would be a different story.	Approved
15	189, 190	Sheep	13, 14	#13 Lambs/yearlings shown in pair classes must be entered and	Delete pair classes.	Recommended. There are not very many exhibitors that participate in pair classes. It created a lot of	Approved

				shown by the same 4-H exhibitor. #14 Yearling ewes may be shown in the ring by two exhibitors. If two exhibitors are used, the 4-H exhibitor who owns the ewe being shown must hold the ewe's head. Pairs in ewe lamb or yearling classes may have 3 exhibitors.		confusion and most of the time the exhibitors don't know what pairs are actually supposed to go into the ring. In #14, the wording "pairs in ewe lamb or yearling classes may have 3 exhibitors.	
16	190	Sheep	Exhibit Classes	Single Ram Lamb Pair Ram Lambs Pair Ewe Lambs Pair of Yearling Ewes	Delete ram classes and pair classes.	Recommended.	Approved
17	191	Sheep	4-H Lamb Showmanship	Currently they have a market lamb showmanship and a breeding ewe showmanship, then there is a runoff between the two winners of each showmanship	Have one showmanship. You could show a market lamb or breeding ewe.	Recommended. In the past, there has been two showmanship's one for breeding and one for market. We do not have the exhibitor numbers to offer two separate showmanship's and most of the time the same exhibitor is achieving bot and some exhibitors are showing the same lamb in the showmanship's and not a lamb that is specifically be shown as breeding and a specific lamb that is being shown	Approved

						as market. In the past several years there hasn't been a "show off" between breeding and market because the same exhibitor is achieving both. I am not sure what needs changed in the handbook other than the fact there will only be one lamb showmanship. The handbook never has reflected there were separate showmanship's.	
18	191	Sheep	Master Shepard Award	A. Ram Lamb – maximum credit 1 animal – 5points	Delete if we are eliminating ram classes.	Recommended.	Approved
19	194	Swine	Exhibit Classes	Barrows & Gilts	Show as market hogs and breeding gilts so that gilts could be shown as market hogs. If a gilt is shown as a market hog it cannot be shown as breeding also.	Not recommended.	Approved
20	149	General Animal Rules and Information - Animal Exhibition	15	Grooming Rules	Delete all grooming rules.	Recommended. This is incredibly hard to police with no consequences if someone continues to do it after being told they can't. If we can't police it then why have it? We are not here to police or control who an exhibitor	Approved

						receives help from when the time dealing with these situations is better spend elsewhere. We do not know who an exhibitor receives help from with sewing, baking, electric, etc projects, so why do we care more about it in the animals' projects than static projects?	
21	149	General Animal Rules and Information - Animal Exhibition	15	Addition	Add a rule that all farm/breeder tags must be removed or covered with electrical tape before entering the show ring.	Recommended.	Approved
22	149	General Animal Rules and Information - Animal Exhibition	16	Addition	Add a statement that says you cannot change from a crossbred/commercial to a purebred after May 15. You can always go from a purebred to a crossbred/commercial after May 15, but not the other way around.	Recommended.	Approved
23	45	Rabbits	Friday Schedule	Addition	Add "3:30 pee-wee rabbit showmanship"	Recommended.	Approved
24	188	Rabbits	Other Classes	Other Classes Showmanship/Rabbit Ambassador - Novice	Change to – Other Classes Breed ID	Recommended.	Approved

				- Junior - Intermediate - Senior - Master	Showmanship/Rabbit Ambassador - Novice - Junior - Intermediate - Senior - Master		
25	156	Aquatic Science			Delete project.	Not recommended. We are going to give it a couple more years.	Approved
26	146	Animal Enrollment Chart - Beef Steers/Commercial Heifers	Schedule	March ____ - 9:00am	Add the ending time of 1:00pm. 9:00am-1:00pm	Recommended.	Approved
27	157	Beef - Rules	#9	Addition	Add rule that states dairy feeder steers that are coming back as dairy beef steers must come to the March identification day even if all tags are still in place from the previous year. We have to visually see and identify the animal and tags.	Recommended.	Approved
28	157	Beef	Beef Breeds Chart	Addition	Add Highland breed.	Recommended. This breed was added to the recognized breeds in the 4-H show at ISF.	Approved
29	157	Beef - Rules	#5	Steers must be dehorned. (Scurred Cattle Accepted.)	Change to "Steers must be dehorned, except for the purebred highland breed. (Scurred Cattle Accepted.)	Recommended.	Approved

30	154	4-H Livestock Sale	2	Rabbit and Poultry sale entries are due in the fair office by noon, Monday July 14. All other sale entries must be turned in Wednesday by 9:00pm or one hour after last specie show. Entry fee of \$10 will be charged to cover sale expenses for steers, barrows, market lambs, goats, rabbits (meat pens or fryers) and poultry (roasters and broilers).	Second sentence needs changed to: lamb sale entries must be turned in by 6:00pm, Tuesday, July _____. Goat sale entries must be turned in by 8:00pm, Tuesday, July _____. Steers and Barrow sale entries must be turned in by 8:00pm, Wednesday, July _____.	Recommended. Changes are below – Second sentence needs changed to: lamb sale entries must be turned in by 6:00pm, Tuesday, July _____. Goat sale entries must be turned in by 12:00pm, Wednesday, July _____. Steers and Barrow sale entries must be turned in by 8:00pm, Wednesday, July _____. If an exhibitor shows multi-species and their animals qualify to participate in the livestock auction and they want to change their species after they have submitted their initial sale entry by the deadlines listed above those exhibitors have until Wednesday, July _____ at 8:00pm to make any changes. Only reason to make changes is if an exhibitor wins with another species. Example - Chloe Clover showed a lamb and steer. Chloe turns in a lamb sale entry by Tuesday, July _____ at 6:00pm, but then	Approved
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						she wins Grand Champion Steer on Wednesday. She decides she wants to sell her steer instead, she has until Wednesday, July ____ at 8:00pm to make that change or switch. Add a question to FairEntry asking if they are participating in the livestock auction and what specie do they “think” they might sell.	
31	147-148	Animal Identification Chart - Goats	Formatting	See chart.	We are going to restructure the organization of the goat id requirements, we aren’t changing any of the requirements, just reorganizing them in the chart to hopefully make it make more sense.	Recommended. It is not a rule change, but a formatting/organizational change to make things hopefully clearer.	Approved

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