

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors **must be enrolled by February 1, 2021 as a member** of the Story County 4-H Program or an FFA Chapter that participates in the Story County Youth Fair. 4-H/FFA members may make exhibit entries for the 2021 Story County Fair that reflects their identified project areas. An exhibit is one component of a project. Exhibitors are responsible for selecting the appropriate class entry for their exhibits. Class changes will not be allowed after the late entry deadline, July 1.
2. **4-H and FFA YOUTH ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE (3) GRADE GROUPS BASED ON GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER 15 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** Juniors must be in grades 4, 5, or 6 as of Sept. 15th. Intermediates must be in grades 7, 8, or 9 as of Sept. 15th. Seniors must be in grades 10, 11, or 12 as of September 15th. The last year of eligibility for 4-H members to exhibit at the Story County Fair is the year of graduation from high school for a SENIOR member. FFA members may exhibit animals at the Story County Fair until they are 21 if they are in good standing with their chapter. They may not show in the showmanship classes.
3. All Story County Fair entries for 4-H and FFA members are due on or before **June 15 in <http://storyia.fairentry.com>**.
4. All youth exhibiting livestock in the Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Poultry, and Rabbit division are required to be Youth For The Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified by **June 15, 2021**. 4-Hers must supply a copy of the certificate to the County Youth Coordinator by **June 15, 2021**. Previous FSQA tests will not be accepted. Without a current YQCA certificate, exhibitors will not be eligible.
5. To ensure availability of space and participation by as many different 4-H and FFA members as possible at the Story County Fair, it is the policy of the Story County Fair Board, Story County Extension office, and Agricultural Education Department **that the exhibitors who are both 4-H and FFA members cannot enter a 4-H and FFA exhibit in the same division. A division is the sub-categories under the livestock department. (For example: the department would be Beef, the divisions would be Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Cow-Calf).**
6. **ENTRY FEE: All exhibitors will pay an entry fee at the time of entry. Entry is not complete without payment of the fee. Fee is \$ 1.00 per class (entry line). All animals and exhibits must be entered on a separate line for each class that they will enter. There will be an additional bedding fee of \$25.00 per head for all Beef (excludes bottle bucket). Cow/Calf pairs will also pay \$25.00 for bedding. There is a rabbit and poultry bedding fee of \$0.50 per animal and Pullorum Testing fee of \$0.50 per bird. There will be no refunds on entry fees.**
7. Late entries are defined as those Story County Fair entries made after **June 15. Late entries will only be accepted through July 1.** They will be accepted only on a "space available basis" and upon payment of a \$5.00 late charge per exhibit entry plus the regular entry fee (as described in Rule 5 above). **This rule applies to all divisions of the 2021 Story County Fair.**
8. **Alcohol** is not permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of alcohol is not promoted by the Extension Service/4-H Program or the FFA programs. The Story County Fair is an educational event for 4-H and FFA youth. Therefore, all exhibitors and their families are expected to abide by this rule.
9. Tobacco and smoking are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
10. **Firearms and other weapons:**
In buildings and on all property owned by the Story County Fair Association, the use of or possession of firearms (including air and gas powered pistols and rifles), blow guns, bows and arrows or crossbows, and any other implements designed to discharge missiles in the air is prohibited. The possession of such objects or implements is prohibited unless they are unloaded and adequately cased, or broken down or otherwise packed in such a way as to prevent their use while in the areas owned by the Association.
Exception 1: Authorized Federal, State, County and City law enforcement officers may carry firearms in the performance of their official duties.
Exception 2: 4-H members who are members of the Shooting Sports 4-H Club during supervised training, demonstrations, and competitions.
11. All exhibits are under the control of the department Superintendents. The fair management will use diligence to ensure the safety of all animals or articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage.

12. Veterinary bills incurred from the animal examination at species check-in time and throughout the fair are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. The decision of the judge is final in placing exhibits. Livestock judges may choose to award Purple or Champion ribbons based on the judging standards and criteria of the class.
14. Trophies may be awarded with permission of the Fairboard, if a donor is available. A list is provided.
15. **The order of communication, should a question or concern arise, should be Superintendent, Fairboard Liaison for the department, Fairboard/Extension Staff. Protests of any nature must be written and submitted with a \$50 deposit during the fair to the Superintendent of the division from which the complaint arises.** Such protests must state the case plainly. The protests will be reviewed and acted on by the executive committee. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited, and any additional expenses incurred to act on the protest will be paid by the party filing the protest. If the protest is sustained, the deposit will be returned and any additional expensed incurred to act on the protest will be paid by the Story County Fair Association. Protest based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent will not be accepted.
16. Should an infraction occur for a Story County 4-H or FFA member and/or their family members (defined when the infraction consequence is applied) at a 2021 or future state or national event in which the 4-H and/or FFA programs are represented (Iowa State Fair, AKSARBEN, Clay County Fair, American Royal, etc.), then the disciplined consequence incurred from the infraction will be immediately recognized by the Story County Extension Council, 4-H Youth Development Committee, FFA Advisor, and the Story County Fair Board. The disciplined consequence will immediately apply to the next and forthcoming Story County Fairs. The 4-H and FFA programs are beneficial youth programs to be proud of at the local, state, and national levels. The mission of each program is defined the same at every level. Infractions will not be tolerated within either program at any level.
17. All **non-livestock** exhibits will be released on Sunday afternoon, July 25, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All **non-market** livestock exhibits will be released on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and all **market** livestock exhibits will be released on Sunday evening, July 25, immediately following the Ribbon Sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to claim their exhibits.
18. Premiums will be pro-rated based on unit value and ribbon rating point value. **YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE 2020 RIBBON AUCTION WILL FORFEIT ALL MARKET ANIMAL PREMIUMS. ALL PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ISSUE.** Checks cashed after 60 days from date of check will not be honored.
19. The executive committee must approve all bills before the treasurer can pay them.
20. Dress code for exhibition is a 4-H t-shirt or FFA t-shirt, unless other or additional requirements are set by department Superintendents with Fairboard approval. For specific dress code information, read division and department rules.
21. Removal of diseased animals is immediate by order of the official veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in exhibitor being penalized on a case-to-case basis as determined by the Fairboard.
22. Fairground quiet hours. 10:00 pm – 5:00 am. The horse arena will be closed to all participants at 10:00 pm with the lights out by 10:30 pm.

CAMPING REGULATIONS:

- a) The designated camping area is the area north of the beef barn and northeast of the Horse Arena.
- b) No camping is permitted anywhere else on the grounds including the livestock and horse barns.
- c) No ATVs, golf carts, or bikes are allowed in the campgrounds without prior fair board approval.
- d) Pets in the campgrounds must be up to date on current vaccinations, leashed or in the camper, and Fairboard must be informed that an animal is present.
- e) Chaperones are required and must be either a leader or a parent. The chaperones MUST stay at the camper overnight. (An 18-year-old person is not acceptable.)
- f) Camping fee is a flat fee of \$100.00 for campers and \$50.00 for tents paid by June 15. There is an additional \$25 late fee after June 15. Checks payable to The Story County Fair Association.
- g) Additional information will be emailed in July. For questions, email eileen@totalshowimage.com.
- h) Drawing electricity for camping purposes can only be done through the official campsite, not through barns.

PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

- a) The Story County Fair Association recognizes the First Amendment of the US Constitution relating to free speech.
- b) If confrontations or protests occur or appear likely to occur, notify the Story County Fair Association Manager and/or President of the Board immediately. Do not take personal or direct action.
- c) Media questions about protests, picketing or issues related to animal care should be addressed by the Fair Operations Manager, the Fair Board President, or their designees.

Rules for protests/demonstrations on property of the Story County Fair Association:

- No individual or group may interrupt the normal activities of the Fair or other events of the Story County Fair Association.
- Handing out literature of any type must be from a rented booth or similar facility.
- A protest/demonstration must be arranged with Management of the Story County Fair Association.
- Amplified methods are not allowed at any protest/demonstration.
- Protesting/demonstrating group or individual shall be responsible for the proper disposal at their expense of any or all debris resulting in their event.
- Protesting/demonstrating group or individual shall be responsible for the actions of all persons involved during their event and shall be held responsible for the actions of all persons.
- Location of a protest/demonstration shall be on the tennis courts on the west side of the fairgrounds.
- A protest/demonstration shall be allowed between 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- The Story County Fair Association shall not be held liable for any actions or activities brought forth by and group or individual participating in a protest/demonstration.
- The Story County Fair Association reserves final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding protesting/demonstrating at any event/activity of the Society.