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**Southern RI 4-H Fair
ERI 4-H Country Fair
Foster Old Home Days
Washington County Fair**

WHY HAVE 4-H EXHIBITS?

1. To recognize 4-H members for their achievements and provide feedback to them regarding their accomplishments.
2. To provide a goal which motivates youth to achieve in their 4-H project work.
3. To provide educational experiences for 4-H members not available in other 4-H programs.
4. To provide the public a better understanding of 4-H work.
5. Any premium money or special prizes awarded serve as a reward as well as an incentive to encourage further learning and growth through 4-H work.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

4-H rules will be followed by any 4-H show and any 4-H classes in open shows. Individual fairs may have additional requirements, classes and events so please read the individual fair guidelines carefully.

1. All exhibits must be the result of the current year's work of the 4-H member exhibiting. The year includes the time from the previous year's event.
2. The 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled as a Rhode Island 4-H member, special interest or 4-H school group during the current 4-H year (October 1 of last year to September 30 this year). **Youth, age 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year, are considered Cloverbuds. Adding 4-H Cloverbud classes to district fairs and events is at the discretion of the chairperson/superintendent of the event. All Cloverbuds should receive green participation ribbons and should receive encouragement from the judge and feedback on how they can improve their project.**
3. Only articles made, produced, raised, etc., as a part of a 4-H project in the club, or individually by a 4-H member, can qualify for an exhibit. Exhibits will be accepted that were not exhibited for credit outside of 4-H.
4. **Deadlines stated for each event must be followed.** Entries entered after the deadline run the risk of not having the space available for exhibit. If, after sending an entry, a member is not able to show please notify officials of that fair so that space can be used by others.
5. 4-H will not assume responsibility for items stolen, damaged or lost. All possible precautions will be taken to safeguard items exhibited.
6. **Interpretation of rules and decisions about questions not specifically covered in the rules are the responsibility of the superintendent. If a situation can not be resolved, the superintendent should first contact the 4-H Fair Committee, then the Fair Committee should contact the State 4-H Office.**
7. Behavior of Exhibitors: Participation in 4-H Exhibit Events is a chance to show the public the best of 4-H. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed, and actions must be cooperative and helpful. The 4-H Superintendent has the authority to take such disciplinary action as may be necessary to enforce such rules.
8. Judges will place all worthy exhibits by the Danish award system; Blue ribbons for 85-100 points, Red ribbons for 70-84 points, and White ribbons for under 70 points. Judges may, at their discretion, recommend honorable mention awards (green ribbons) for worthy exhibits that do not meet requirements for regular placings. After the required Danish awards are presented to all participants, individual placings may then be awarded. The Danish System is further explained on the next page. **Decisions of judges are final.** Optional - "Best of Show" awards will be determined by a vote of the judges following an evaluation of all exhibits. Therefore, "Best of Show" winners may not necessarily have the highest score in points.

AWARDS IN 4-H

THE DANISH SYSTEM - THE BLUE, RED AND WHITE

When the work of 4-H members is judged in 4-H programs or events the Danish system of awards is used. Unlike other systems that select the one best, or rank the top winners, this system rewards all youth who reach a standard level of quality. Using the Danish system it is possible for all participants to receive blue awards if their work reached the "excellent" level of quality. On the other hand, all participants could receive white awards if the level of quality of each is only deserving of a "worthy" award. The red award is used to denote the middle, "good" level of achievement.

It is competing against this standard that provides the incentive for youth. It is a goal they all can reach. A youngster doesn't need to be concerned about doing better than their fellow member. They can also feel free to help others without fear of losing out themselves. Since the definition of a top quality exhibit is what judges will use for judgment, it is important that it be defined clearly for members in advance, as for judges. Information about score sheets, or judging criteria should be provided in advance. Information about the age, experience in the project and other situations faced by the youth are provided for judges so judging will take these factors into consideration.

CHARACTERISTICS OF JUDGING SYSTEMS

Danish (group award) System

- All participants are recognized for their level of achievement
- All who reach the level of excellence set by the standard are awarded recognition (blue, red, or white)
- Youth compete against their own record
- No one is left out

Individual Comparison System

- Only top performers are recognized, only one can be the best
- First place is selected in comparison with others competing.
- Nothing is learned about the level of quality that is reached.
- The best may be only slightly better or a great deal. All may be poor quality
- Youth compete with others.
- More problems arise with the element of human failure, bias and prejudice on the judges part.

RULES FOR EXHIBIT BUILDING

1. Exhibits must be set up by the 4-H members themselves or another 4-H'er of the same age group.--NOT PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS OR OTHER ADULTS. A diagram of the exhibit prepared by the exhibitor and approved by the superintendent must accompany the exhibit when set up by another 4-H member.
2. All exhibit materials for setting up the exhibit must be supplied by the exhibitor.

4-H EXHIBITS --- FUN TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND SHOW

Preparing an exhibit is an opportunity for youth to show the results of their work. Adults are not to work on the exhibits themselves, only provide guidance. Making a 4-H Exhibit can be fun! An exhibit is one of the best ways to tell the public about 4-H Projects, Activities and Achievements. 4-H Exhibits can...

- Give information about a subject by telling a story or by showing the results of what was learned in a 4-H project;
- Show how to do, or make, something by teaching a skill or method by showing the steps involved and then the finished project;
- Promote 4-H by showing what 4-H'ers can do!

A good exhibit will capture the attention of its audience and convey its message in only 60 seconds! Sound impossible? It can be done by following some basic guidelines in the planning and building of an exhibit.

STEPS FOR PLANNING THE EXHIBIT

1. Help 4-H Members to decide on the type of exhibit(s) they wish to enter.
2. Help them to choose a project area that they have enjoyed and is within their abilities and skills.
3. Review these guidelines with them, emphasizing general overall rules and those specifically applying to their project .
 - Check the pages that describe the fair you are entering for details about each event. It should list how much space will be allowed for each type of exhibit listed above. Space will vary from event to event. Always plan **to build an exhibit to fit the smallest area you will exhibit in during the 4-H year**, you can almost always add more to an exhibit if you have extra space, but it isn't too easy to cut down a backboard or poster after its made. If you have a question, call the building superintendent.
5. Now its time to put the exhibits "down on paper." Have each group or member write down the following information about each exhibit..
 - Subject and Type of Exhibit
 - Theme (or Title) The Theme should clearly identify the exhibit - it is usually short, simple, creative and attention getting. The theme is usually the focus of the exhibit - sometimes a poster is used, often cut-out letters - whatever the choice, the theme is followed through in considering what models to use, what props, decorations, etc.
 - Picture of the exhibit - a pencil drawing of the exhibit layout. This should include where posters, props, visuals, exhibit items - whatever will be used - will be placed. Note: A place near the front of the exhibit should be left

free for the placement of the score sheet. The plan/sketch is for member use, so it need not be fancy. Help the member(s) to evaluate the exhibit plan. Make sure the member(s) has kept within the exhibit space allotment.

6. The finishing touches to any exhibit are in the presentation - the appearance of the exhibit. Discuss with members the following basics of preparing visuals and arranging the exhibit...
- Keep all visuals simple in design
 - Make sure all exhibit items, pictures, props, lettering - everything in the exhibit is large enough for the audience to read/see clearly as they pass by.
 - Exhibits containing many items or a lot of materials should be put on several posters/charts or levels (Hang them up, raise items on covered boxes, etc.)
 - Label all items in an exhibit for Sections A & B; official labels are available from the 4-H Offices, but members may make their own to go with their theme as long as they contain the same information.
 - Keep lettering simple, clear and well spaced. Avoid "fancy" lettering. Use lower case letters, unless its a title or of course a proper name or the beginning of a sentence. Vertical letters are difficult to read - keep words on the horizontal. Avoid using typed pages/labels - they are usually too small.
 - Select a color scheme for the exhibit. Usually one color or at least the same pattern is selected for the overall background of the exhibit. This may in some cases mean covering the table and wall space. Fabrics, tablecloths, crepe paper, construction paper, wallpaper, sheets, etc. are all good background covers.

After the exhibit is complete, have the member(s) set up the exhibit(s) at home or at the club meeting. Evaluate the exhibit and make the necessary changes! Have the member(s) list all the items in the exhibit on a sheet of paper, and then list the "equipment" needed to put up the exhibit. This equipment might include: Scissors, Hammer & Nails, Tape, Pins/Tacks, Magic Markers, Staple Gun & Staples, Other?? Put this list, with the exhibit sketch, in a SAFE place and you're ready for the Fairs! Good Luck!

GUIDE TO RI 4-H EXHIBITS:			
TYPE	THEME EXHIBIT- A & B	SINGLE ITEM EXHIBIT – C	TOPIC EXHIBITS –D
DEFINITION	Exhibit of a grouping of items made or grown.	One item made or grown	Exhibit teaches or tells a story.
EXAMPLE	7 Photos taken by 4-Her with a poster that says Ocean Photos	One Photo taken by a 4-Her	Anatomy of a camera- with posters pointing out camera parts and functions.
BASICS	If you created all the items and you have a poster with a title you have a theme exhibit!	If you have 1 item, no posters or additional materials you have a single item exhibit!	If the exhibit explains something, shows how to make an item or teaches it's a topic exhibit!
CLASSES	CLUB THEME 1. "Variety Show" 2. Foods 3. Clothing 4. Crafts 5. Flowers and Potted Plants 6. Vegetable Garden 7. Other INDIVIDUAL THEME 8. "Variety Show" 9. Baked Goods 10. Clothing 11. Crafts 12. Food Preservation 13. Other	14. Baked Goods 15. Clothing 16. Crafts 17. Other 18. Flowers and Potted Plants 19. Food Preservation 20. Vegetables 21. Art 22. Poster Art 23. Photo Exhibit 24. Video Tape Exhibit	25. Club Topic Exhibit 25a. 4-H Promotional Exhibit 26. Individual Exhibit 27. Club Hands on Topic Exhibit 28. Individual Hands on Topic Exhibit

SECTION A: CLUB THEME EXHIBITS

DEFINITION:

Exhibits that show a grouping of items made, or grown by members of a club. Examples: foods baked, clothing made, crafts completed, vegetables grown, foods preserved. The Exhibit is actually a display of the results of this year's project work. **A theme is always used** with this type of Exhibit.

GENERAL RULES:

1. At least four members must contribute to form a club exhibit. No more than 1/3 of the items may be contributed by any one member.
2. A tag, giving name, age, etc., must be attached to each item or group of items.
3. All club exhibits must have a theme or caption such as, "Swing Into Spring" (clothing), "Tropical Treats" (foods), etc. Develop the exhibit around a central idea or theme to catch the public's attention.
4. The same items entered as club exhibits may not also be included as a part of individual exhibits.
5. No Limit on the number of entries per class.

CLASSES:

Class 1 - "Variety Show": At least 15 items made in any three (3) or more project areas. Items should show a variety of 4-H learning experiences; such as a "Home Economics" exhibit.

Class 2 -Foods: At least 10 items, including five (5) varieties. Definition – at least five (5) varieties of any one of the following products: breads, cakes, cookies, muffins or preserved products,. Recipes must be included for each item in the exhibit. Products requiring refrigeration, such as cream fillings, cheesecake, etc. must not be entered. If cake or bread is entered, bring only 1/4 cake, 1/2 loaf, or miniatures. If a variety is a miniature, 6 items are required. Wrap samples of product for judges to taste. Each item or group of items is to be covered with clear plastic wrap. Products from commercial mixes cannot be exhibited. . Jars must be uniform, properly labeled with the name of product and date prepared. The name of the exhibitor must be placed on the bottom. Any product preserved since last year's fair may be entered. USDA Guidelines must be followed.. Thirty five points will be removed from the score if not properly sealed.

Class 3 - Clothing: At least 10 articles made within the current 4-H year. Sewn accessories (bags, hats, slippers) may be included after the 10-article minimum is met. Note: Definition of an article: An article consists of one piece of clothing. A two-piece outfit counts as two (2) articles (example: top and shorts). Pattern envelope is required as part of the exhibit. Include instructions also if alterations were made.

Class 4 - Crafts: At least ten (10) items of crafts and hobbies such as leather work, metal work, embroidery, etc., made within the current 4-H year.

Class 5 - Flowers and Potted Plants: At least ten (10) items, including at least five (5) varieties of cut flowers and/or potted plants. Each vase of cut flowers must contain at least three (3) stems/variety.

Class 6 - Vegetable Garden: Ten or more kinds of vegetables attractively arranged with varieties labeled. For number of specimens of each kind, see regulations below:

1. Avoid all blemishes - no dirt, decay, disease, insect marks, bruises, crust, scratches, marks, etc. Select only vegetables at the peak of perfection and avoid wilting. Spend time selecting. Use extreme care in cleaning to avoid scrub marks and damage, particularly on beets and carrots. Pack carefully for transporting to the fair.
2. Be sure each variety is correctly labeled - green bean, summer squash, is not enough. Record the variety name from the seed package, for example: Beans - Contender, summer squash - Early Prolific Straight-neck, etc.
3. Arrange as attractively as you can. Small paper plates or other items may be used to decorate and display vegetables.
4. Select the size, color and form which is normal for the variety being shown (use authorized rules).

Beans - 12 pods

Beets - 3, leave one inch of tops, roots not trimmed

Cabbage - One solid head, loose outer leaves removed

Carrots - 3, leave one inch of tops

Corn, sweet - 3 ears, husks off, tips not trimmed

Cucumbers - 3 slicing size

Onions - 3, do not completely peel, leave at least one dry skin on each

Peppers - 3, sweet or hot variety

Potatoes - 3, cleaned but not washed

Squash, summer - 3 specimens

Tomatoes - 3, remove stems to prevent injury to other tomatoes

Turnips - 3 small or 2 large specimens

Rutabagas - 3 specimens

Other - Other vegetables are, of course, grown by 4-H members, but those listed are most commonly exhibited and will hold up fairly well for the duration of the fair.

Class 7- Other: Any 4-H project not listed above. a minimum of ten (10) items made or grown. Describe the exhibit when the entry is sent in. Examples: Woodworking, Electricity, Photography

SCORE SHEET:

SCORE SHEET FOR CLUB THEME EXHIBITS	
	<u>Points</u>
Quality of Work. (Technique used or knowledge acquired)	40
Originality. (Uniqueness, method of display, choice of message) . .	20
Difficulty or Work	10
Aesthetic quality. (Pleasing to the eye and balance).	10
Public educational value	10
Keeping with entry requirements.	<u>10</u>
	Total: 100

SECTION B: INDIVIDUAL THEME EXHIBITS

DEFINITION:

Exhibits showing a grouping of items made, or grown by one individual - Examples: foods baked, clothing made, crafts completed, vegetables grown, foods preserved. The Exhibit is actually a display of the results of that year's project work. A theme is always used with this type of exhibit.

Individual members participating in a club exhibit may also have an individual exhibit in the same project. Items exhibited may not be the same as those entered in the club exhibit.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one (1) exhibit per class.
2. A score sheet with the 4-Hers name, age, yrs in this project, and club must accompany the exhibit.
3. A theme is required. Develop the exhibit around a central idea or theme that will catch the public's attention.

CLASSES:

Class 8 - "Variety Show": A minimum of seven (7) items made in any three (3) or more project areas within the current 4-H year. Items should reflect a variety of 4-H learning experiences.

Class 9 - Baked Goods: Minimum of five (5) articles. See Class 2 Section A for requirements. Recipes must be included.

Class 10 - Clothing: Minimum of five (5) articles. See Class 3 Section A for definition of an "article" and requirements.

Class 11 - Crafts: Minimum of five (5) items.

Class 12 - Food Preservation: Minimum of five (5) groups of three (3) jars. See Class 2 for requirements. May include fruits, vegetables, pickles, relishes, jams and jellies. Exhibit must include a theme. The Food Preservation score sheet allots 35 of the 60 points for quality to proper sealing. USDA Guidelines must be followed.

Class 13 - Other: Any 4-H project not listed above. Exhibit must include a minimum of five (5) items made or grown and a theme. Examples: 5 plates of vegetables, 5 houseplants, 5 Home Environment items, 5 Woodworking items, 5 Electric projects, 5 Photographs, etc. Class 14.2 Engineering/Electronics: Minimum of one article or item with a central idea or theme. Explain what it does, how it works, or principles of Electronics or mechanical science shown.

SCORE SHEET:

SCORE SHEET FOR INDIVIDUAL THEME EXHIBITS	
	<u>Points</u>
Quality of Work. (Technique used or knowledge acquired)	40
Difficulty or Work	10
Originality.	20
Aesthetic quality.	10
Public educational value	10
Keeping with entry requirements.	<u>10</u>
	Total: 100

SECTION C: SINGLE ITEM EXHIBITS

DEFINITION:

Exhibits of items made or grown by the individual 4-H Club Member. No theme, signs or special decorations are needed for this exhibit. Items exhibited should not be the same items as those entered in the club or individual exhibits described above (Sections A & B). Limited or no premiums are usually paid for single items.

Individual items made by a 4-H'er will be placed in exhibit space by the exhibit staff. Individuals participating in a club exhibit and/or individual exhibit may also have an individual item in the same project. Items exhibited should not be the same items as those entered in individual or club exhibit.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Up to three (3) entries per class.
2. A score sheet giving name, age, years in 4-H project, and name of club must be attached to each item.
3. No theme is required.
4. Work should be appropriate to age and experience.

CLASSES:

Class 14 - Baked Goods: See Class 2, Section I for requirements. No commercial mixes. Recipes must be included on paper not larger than 8 1/2" x 11". Wrap a sample in clear plastic wrap for judges to taste. Do not enter anything that requires refrigeration.

Class 15 - Clothing: See requirements in Section A Class 3.

Class 16 - Crafts: Attach a 3 X 5 card that describes your item and how it was made.

Class 17 - Other: Any 4-H project not listed in other classes. A maximum of three (3) entries. Must specify type of exhibit on entry form.

Class 18 - Flowers and Potted Plants: Each vase of cut flowers must contain at least three stems/variety.

Class 19- Food Preservation – Fruits, jams, jellies, pickles, relishes & vegetables: Three (3) jars any combination. See Class 2 for labeling instructions.

Class 20- Vegetables: One (1) plate per variety with a maximum of three (3) plates. See Class Section A, #4 for guidelines in selecting and exhibiting.

Class 21 - Art: One (1) item per category. All work must be original - no kits - and made within the current 4-H year. No copyrighted materials, such as Garfield, Snoopy, Ninja Turtles or Batman, may be used. All exhibits should be free standing for table top display. A 3" x 5" card or piece of paper with the following information must be attached to the back: Member's name, age, club name and art medium used.

Categories:

- A. Paintings (oil, acrylic, water color, tempera, mixed media)
- B. Drawing: (pastel, charcoal, pen and ink, crayon, pencil)
- C. Collages (any medium)
- D. Prints (block prints, silk screens, fabric prints)
- E. Other (mixed media, sculpture, batik, needlepoint, embroidery, creative stitchery, macramé...)

Class 22- Poster Art: All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board of 22" x 28" dimensions. They may be horizontal or vertical, not 3-dimensional. Posters incorporating copyrighted material, like the cartoon character "Peanuts" will not be accepted. The 4-H member's name, age, and a brief artwork interpretative statement must be affixed to the back of the poster board in the upper left hand corner. Posters should make people stop, read and remember. Use large letters, keep it simple, print neatly, use dark ink, and two or three colors. Posters without a 4-H Clover or some 4-H promotion will lose 10 points.

Submit poster designs in any of these theme areas:

- A. We Learn By Doing in 4-H
- B. 4-H Teaches Responsible Citizenship
- C. Skills for Life Through 4-H
- D. Beef, Dog or Horse projects. These posters may be entered in the 4-H Poster Contests at these shows at the Eastern States Exposition. Posters for the horse contest must deal with safety around horses.
- E. Open Theme --This category allows 4-H members to create a poster and a theme to go with it.

Class 23- Photo Exhibit: (1 entry per category) Entries may be Black and White or Color Photos. All Photos and Photo Stories must: *Convey a message, or *Define a subject or mood, or *Tell a story All Entries must be labeled with a

short identifying caption on the front that conveys the message/meaning of their work's theme. Individual photos must be 5" X 7" minimum; 8" x 10" maximum. Photo Stories may use photos of any size, maximum of 8" x 10". Overall size with matt/frame cannot exceed 16" x 20". All entries must be matted or framed and be free-standing with members providing their own table easels. The exhibitor's name, age, club name, and caption must be on the back of each entry.

Categories:

- A. Black and White Photo
- B. Color Photo
- C. Black and White Photo Story
- D. Color Photo Story

Class 24 - Video tape exhibit: Videotapes must be no longer than 10 minutes and camera (s) work must be done by the exhibitor. Tape must be accompanied by a written explanation of the steps the exhibitor went through to plan and produce the tape, & labeled with the name of the exhibitor, age and title of the video production.

Categories:

- A. 4-H Promotion showing the value of 4-H experiences
- B. Instruction - teaching some aspect of a 4-H project

SCORE SHEETS:

<u>SINGLE ITEM EXHIBITS SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Quality of Work (Technique, knowledge shown, taste..)	40
Originality	10
Aesthetic quality	10
Difficulty or Work	10
Public educational value	10
Keeping with entry requirements	<u>20</u>
Total: 100	

<u>ART SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Artistic merit-quality, attention to detail, design, line form, color	50
Composition/Technical skill - use of medium to best advantage	20
Difficulty of Work - appropriate to age and experience .	20
Presentation of work - registration information, neat . .	<u>10</u>
Total: 100	

<u>VEGETABLES SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Uniformity in size, color, shape and maturity	25
Size - should be normal, eating size for the variety. .	25
Condition - free of damage, insect and disease	30
Freshness and cleanliness	<u>20</u>
Total: 100	

<u>FLOWERS & POTTED PLANTS SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Color and size and quantity of blossoms (if applicable) .	50
General appearance including blemishes	25
Appropriate difficulty of work for the age and experience of exhibitor	<u>25</u>
Total: 100	

<u>VIDEOTAPES SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Aesthetic quality- composition, camera angles, action .	30
Communication impact on the viewer - delivery of the Message.	30
Technical quality - clear picture, framing, motion of camera, lighting, quality of sound.	<u>40</u>
Total: 100	

<u>4-H POSTER SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
<u>INFORMATION GIVEN AND IDEA EXPRESSED</u>	
Educates the public (25), Simple (10), Original (15) . . .	50
Promotion of 4-H, 4-H Clover is visible (10)	10
<u>ART, DESIGN, LETTERING</u>	
composition, attractive, interesting (10) use of color (10). 20	
Eye catching (10), Neat, easily read lettering (10)	<u>20</u>
Total: 100	

<u>PHOTO SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Communication ability - conveys meaning, defines subject, etc. .	50
Aesthetic quality - uses visual elements, composition	20
Technical quality - clear, sharp, detail, exposure, framing.	20
Exhibit appearance & requirements – mounting, registration . .	<u>10</u>
Total: 100	

<u>FOOD PRESERVATION SCORE SHEET</u>	<u>Points</u>
Quality of Work Shown	10
Appearance and consistency	15
Container and Label	20
Difficulty of Work	20
Properly Sealed . .NO=0	<u>YES = 35</u>
Total: 100	

SECTION E: TOPIC EXHIBITS

(Club and Individual)

DEFINITION:

Topic Exhibits tell a story about a project or subject. It may be a collection of items made or grown, **BUT IT IS NOT JUST A COLLECTION**. Instead, in topic exhibits the 4-H Member uses pictures, graphs, drawings, models, etc. to convey a message. Hands-on Topic Exhibits are set up with no screen expressly to be touched by the public to enhance the educational message.

GENERAL RULES:

Topic Exhibits can be done in any 4-H Project Area. Entries may be made in either Club or Individual Exhibit Classes, but is limited to only one topic exhibit per project area. Topics, for example, could be: 4-H Cares, 4-H Develops Leaders, Servicing Small Engines, What I Learned from Collecting..., Safe at Home, 4-H Bridges the Gap, Counteract the Drug Problem, We are What We Eat, Halt Pollution, One "H" is for Health. Plan your exhibit around an idea that is within the interest and experience of the 4-H club members. The exhibit should quickly tell a story which will arouse interest, stimulate thought and get action. Sixty seconds is average viewing time. Keep your exhibit simple --- one idea --- have a message --- use color if possible --- use imagination

CLASSES:

Class 25 - Club Exhibits: One (1) entry per project area per club. No limit on number of entries as long as they are in different project areas.

Class 25A - 4-H Promotional Exhibit: Tell/show what your 4-H Club has been doing this past year. It could include pictures, drawings, posters, samples of projects, work in progress, newspaper articles, etc. Remember to present it as one central idea.

Class 26 - Individual Exhibit: One (1) entry per individual, per project area. Maximum of three (3) entries.

Class 27 - Club Hands-on Topic Exhibit:

Class 28 - Individual Hands-on Topic Exhibit:

SCORE SHEET:

TOPIC EXHIBITS SCORE CARD	
	<u>Points</u>
Choice of Message - one central idea or a specific practice, (20) accurate information, (10)	30
Appropriate to abilities and experience of members (10)	10
Visualization - Gain attention (10), original in design (10), balanced, unified, simple (10)	30
Effective use of colors and graphics (10)	10
Quality of Materials, Products: words easy to read, background material, products in good condition	<u>20</u>
	Total: 100

SECTION F: ANIMAL CLASSES

RULES FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITS (See rules for each species on later pages)

1. **4-H members must do their own work to prepare their animal for show and show their own project animal.**
EXCEPTION - when the safety of a 4-Her or the animal is in question, it is appropriate for an adult to intervene. During the period when the animal is a part of the member's 4-H project, only the 4-H member is allowed to show it at 4-H shows. When a 4-H member has two animals entered in a class, another 4-Her may show the second animal. This applies to those who manage an animal as well as those who own their animal. Members who manage someone else's animal must be sure that this is part of the agreement. **The assistance of adults must be limited to guidance and instruction.** Grooming the animal will be considered a **violation of this rule and may lead to forfeiture of awards.**
2. Any animals that show signs of sickness or disease will not be admitted. All animals must be in compliance with the DEM/Division of Agriculture, Animal Health Regulations. Any questions, contact the superintendent for your particular show or the state 4-H office. **Inspection of animal and health papers occurs before unloading the animal by superintendent or state vet.** Superintendents reserve the right to refuse any animal for health reasons.
3. Animal exhibitors must be able to control their animal. Animals with any horns are not allowed. (Exception is made for Working Steers, Hereford heifers, Scottish Highlander heifers, Texas Longhorn heifers, sheep and young dairy heifers under 5 months of age). Absolutely no beef class steers are allowed with horns. The superintendent has the authority to disqualify a member from showing any animal that would present a danger or is unmanageable. Livestock exhibitors must wear shoes at all times to reduce the chance of injury from animals. All animal exhibitors should wear leather work shoes or boots, except those showing dogs, rabbits, and poultry.
4. 4-H members are required to enter the showmanship (or fitting and showmanship) class of any 4-H animal show in which the member is entered. The superintendent **may** split a class by age when there are more than 10 entered in a class. Novice Showmanship classes are meant to be learning experiences for beginners who have never shown that species of animal (see Horse rules for Novice Class at 4-H Horse Shows. These 4-Hers will be eligible to compete in the Novice class for the current show season.
5. **Youth, age 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year, are considered Cloverbuds. Adding 4-H Cloverbud classes to district fairs and events is at the discretion of the chairperson/superintendent of the event. All Cloverbuds should receive green participation ribbons and should receive encouragement from the judge and feedback on how they can improve their project. For safety reasons it is strongly recommended that a Cloverbud be accompanied by an older 4-H member or adult when showing livestock.**
6. All teen leaders and alternates applying for ESE will submit an application to the State 4-H office and will be chosen by the State 4-H office and head chaperone, based upon the highest points earned (or other requirements) during the current 4-H year. All applications are to be submitted prior to August 20. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. Exceptions are horse, which is due August 1st and Beef which is due Feb 1st/May 1st.
7. ESE Chaperones:
 - a. The State 4-H office will appoint all head chaperones for ESE animal programs.
 - b. The State 4-H office, in consultation with the head chaperone, will appoint all assistant chaperones and barn managers. All applications (when applicable) are due in the state 4-H office by August 20th (horse by June 15th) of the current year. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Chaperones and barn managers will be notified of their appointment in August of the current year.

4-H BEEF SHOW

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

All steers must have been owned by the 4-H exhibitor before February 1st of the current year. Copies of signed management agreement forms must be on file in the 4-H office by May 1st for heifers for a member to show at fairs. Proof of ownership or management agreement forms must be presented upon request.

To be selected for Eastern States Exposition 4-H members must be 12 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H year. Beef Show steers must be owned and ear tagged by **February 1st** of the current year and have entry papers filed at Eastern States through state 4-H office. Heifers may be managed. Heifers must have entry papers filed in the state office by May 1st for ESE. The registered animal must be shown in the ERI 4-H Fair, the Foster Old Home Days 4-H Beef show, the SRI 4-H Leaders Fair Beef Show or the Washington County 4-H Beef Show to be eligible for selection for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Beef Show.

NEW THIS YEAR: to be eligible for ESE, a 4-H member must attend 5 of the 10 RI 4-H Beef Education Programs. The Junior Leader for the ESE 4-H Beef Program will be chosen by the RI ESE 4-H Beef Committee based on participation and enthusiasm during the current 4-H year.

Any member may exhibit an animal of any recognized beef breed or cross breed being raised either for meat or breeding purposes. Members must show their own project animal at 4-H fairs. In the event that a 4-H'er has two animals in the same class, another 4-H'er may assist with the 2nd animal. There will be separate classes by breeds for steers and also for breeding stock. A general knowledge test may be given for all exhibitors. Please note: When a 4-H project animal is shown in a youth or open show, it should be clearly stated that the animal is owned by the 4-H member.

Health requirements:

1. All animals must have a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before the show. Vaccination certificate must be presented at the fair.
2. All animals shown are to be from a TB accredited herd or to have passed a TB (tuberculin) test within 12 months prior to the opening of show.
3. Cattle must be calfhood vaccinated for Brucellosis:
 - A. Vaccinated animals 24 months of age and under must be accompanied by a vaccination certificate stating that the animal was vaccinated between the ages of four and eight months of age.
 - B. All vaccinated animals over six months of age and all vaccinated animals over 24 months of age must have been negative to an agglutination blood test within 90 days prior to the opening of the fair.
4. Shipping fever inoculations are recommended, but not required.

Beef Fitting and Showing

All exhibitors must enter Fitting and Showing. This contest is limited to 4-H exhibitors who show in the breed classes. Members will compete in their own age division. Only 4-H members may work on the grooming of their animals.

Clothing: Whites and khakis are optional. Dungaree pants and tee shirts, clean without patches. Exhibitors should be clean and neat appearing and wear a plain white shirt. Sneakers, sandals or bare feet are not allowed. Classes will be divided equally by superintendent based on age of exhibitor.

Class 1 - Novice: members 8-18 but not 19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year in their first year of showing this species.

Class 2 - Junior Division: members 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.

Class 3 - Senior Division: members 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1 of the current year.

Breed Classes

Class 4 - Breed Classes

Class 5 - Steers - Light Weight

Class 6 - Steers - Medium Weight

Class 7 - Steers - Heavy Weight

Class 8 - Females - Entries will be divided by age. All breeds and cross breeds shown in same class

Bulls - There will be NO classes for bulls

Calves born after April 1, may be shown at sides with dams, but will not receive ribbons or premiums.

4-H DAIRY GOAT SHOW

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

1. All animals being shown must be owned by the 4-H member or being raised under a management agreement properly filed in the State 4-H office prior to June 1st of the current year.
2. If any 4-H'er wishes to attend the Eastern States Dairy Goat Show, it is necessary that he or she participate and be judged in two 4-H goat shows in Rhode Island during the summer of the year they would like to participate in the Big E. ESE applications are due in the State 4-H office by August 20th.
3. All animals must have a current health certificate and will be checked before unloading. Any animal found to have a serious health problem will not be allowed to unload. The show committee reserves the right to reject any animal for health reasons if advisable. The dam's health papers may be used if a kid is under 6 months of age.
4. NO HORNED ANIMALS. . . NO BUCKS.
Wethers are accepted in showmanship and fitting classes only; but without horns.
5. The original certificate of registration is required for all animals 6 months of age or older. The original certificate of registration or the stamped copy is required for all animals under 6 months of age. Registration or stamped duplicate, management agreement and health papers must be shown to the secretary before the show.
6. No more than 2 animals owned by the exhibitor in the same class.
7. There will also be a class for unrecorded (unregistered) animals.
8. All animals (registered or unregistered) must be identified by permanent identification (tattoo or permanent ear-tag). All animals must be under exhibitor's name, otherwise management papers are needed. Farm Registered animals must be managed by 4-H member showing even if owned by a family member.

4-H DAIRY GOAT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

FITTING

1. Senior 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1st
2. Junior 8-13 years old as of January 1st) - class may be divided by superintendent
3. Novice 8-18 but not 19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year in their first year of showing this species.

SHOWMANSHIP

4. Senior 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1st
5. Junior 8-13 years old as of January 1st - class may be divided by superintendent
6. Novice 8-18 but not 19 as of Jan. 1 of the current year in their first year of showing this species.

CONFORMATION CLASSES

	<u>Nubian</u>	<u>Ober- hasli</u>	<u>Rec. Grade</u>	<u>All Other Purebreds</u>	<u>Unrecorded Grades</u>
0-3 mos. Class #	1	10	17	24	31
4-6 mos.	2	11	18	25	32
7-11 mos.	3	12	19	26	33
12-24 mos.	4	13	20	27	34

Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion

MILKERS

Under 2 years	5	14	21	28	35
2-3 years	6	15	22	29	36
4-5 years	7	16	23	30	37
Over 5 years	8				
Dry Senior Doe	9				

Each fair may include champion classes and make requirements for showing in each of them.

Class 37 - Herdsmanship - Points based upon cleanliness of the animal, exhibit area, equipment and supplies. Cooperation and attitude of the member are also considered.

DAIRY

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

All Dairy animals exhibited must be owned or managed and cared for by the 4-H members since May 1st this year. Copies of signed management agreement forms must be on file in the 4-H office by May 1st for a member to show at fairs. All animals must be registered with registration available or pending. For 2 year old and older classes, ownership and registration or lease agreement must have existed on or before May 1 of the year in which the animal was a senior yearling. Registration and management agreement must be available to the superintendent upon request.

Selection of animals for the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dairy Show requires participation in a district 4-H Dairy Show or Washington County Fair Youth Show this year, and other requirements as listed on the 4-H Dairy Activities score sheet. ESE applications are due in the state 4-H office by August 20.

Health Requirements:

1. All animals must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before the show. Vaccination certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be presented at the fair.
2. All animals should have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious disease or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms to qualify for participation at the Eastern States Exposition.

DAIRY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Show uniform is strongly recommended: White or khaki pants or skirt and a white shirt with collar. Sturdy shoes or boots. Delegates may not appear barefoot or wearing extremely brief shorts. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a farm or breed, or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event. Members will compete in their own age division. Only 4-H members may clip and groom their own animals.

CLASSES:

1. Junior Division – members 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year..
2. Senior Division - members 14 - 18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.

A novice class of 4-Hers in their 1st year of showing this species may be formed at the discretion of the superintendent.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP SCORE CARD	
	<u>Points</u>
1. Showing animal in ring	60
2. Grooming and fitting animal	30
3. Personal appearance of the showman	<u>10</u>
	Total: 100

4-H DAIRY BREED CLASSES

3. Spring Heifer Calf - Born on or after March 1, 2009 (over 4 months)
4. Winter Heifer Calf - December 1, 2008 to February 29, 2009
5. Fall Heifer Calf - September 1, 2008 to, November 30, 2008
6. Summer Yearling - June 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008
7. Spring Yearling Heifer - March 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008
8. Winter Yearling Heifer - December 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008
9. Fall Yearling Not in Milk – September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007
10. Junior Champion
11. Reserve Junior Champion
12. Dry Cow – any age that has had one calving

13. Fall Yearling in Milk – September 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007
14. Junior 2 Year Old – March 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007
15. Senior 2 Year Old – September 1, 2006 to February 28, 2005
16. Junior 3 Year Old – March 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006
17. Senior 3 Year Old – September 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006
18. Intermediate Champion
19. Reserve Intermediate Champion
20. Four Year Old – September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005
21. Five Year Old – September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004
22. Six Year Old and Older
23. Senior Champion
24. Reserve Senior Champion
25. Grand Champion
26. Reserve Grand Champion

DOG

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

Rules for RI 4-H Dog Shows:

1. Dogs must be kept on leash or in a crate except when indicated.
2. No females in heat.
3. Dogs need not be purebred ("All American" are welcome).
4. Dogs must be six months of age by the date of the show.
5. A dog that shows any aggression toward another dog or a person may be asked to leave.
6. 4-H members should familiarize themselves with AKC obedience guidelines.
7. Dogs requiring more personal space will be asked to wear an orange bandana or large orange ribbon tied to their dog's collar in such a way that it is visible to the public. It is important for all members to understand that some good dogs do not react well when another dog invades their space and this should be respected.
8. Member must submit management papers to the state office by June 1 of the current year.

Suggested classes for 4-H dog shows:

Knowledge Quiz: A written quiz based on information from: The AKC Complete Dog Book 20th Edition, www.akc.org, The AKC Agility Rules and Regulations, The AKC Dog Care and Training Book, AKC's Complete Dog Book for Kids, (www.akc.org), American red Cross Book Dog First Aid, Safety Series, Volume 2, and Petedge Catalogue (or www.petedge.com) used for visual clues. Animal poison control websites: 1) aspc.org, 2) mspca.org, 3) hsus.org. Questions may also come from the ESE 4-H Dog Activity General Rules and Regulations.

Dog Knowledge test questions will be as follows: Non-Sporting Group; American Red Cross Book Dog First Aid, Safety Series, Volume 2 – Chapter 6 (Emergency First Aid, A-M) Rally, Basic Dog Care & General Knowledge.

Showmanship: Junior: members 8 - 13 as of January 1, of the current year.

Senior: members 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.

A novice class of 4-Hers in their 1st year of showing this species may be formed at the discretion of the superintendent.

Obedience:

1. Pre-novice A- For first time exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs will be on leash and scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for 1 year.
2. Pre-novice B- For first time exhibitors who have previously trained a dog in beginner or more advanced levels of training, or have shown this dog at the Pre-novice level in previous years. Dogs will be on leash and scored on the basis of 200 points.

3. Novice A- For exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels of training. All of the exercises with the exception of the heel on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for one year.

Health Requirements: Exhibitors must present a certificate signed by a veterinarian showing that the dog has a current rabies vaccination. Vaccination must be at least 30 days before the show. Vaccinations are also recommended for distemper, parvo, corona, bordetella, and leptospirosis

Qualifications for Eastern States Exposition:

1. The 4-H member must take a Dog Knowledge Quiz at one RI 4-H dog show.
2. Member must show their dog in both Obedience and Showmanship in at least one RI 4-H dog show.
3. Member must declare their project dog and substitute dog by June 1 of the current year.
4. Member must be 12 to 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
5. Applications to ESE are due to the state 4-H office by August 20th.

HORSES

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

District and State 4-H Horse Show Rules

1. New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all 4-H horse shows. ESE applications, rules and guidelines and detailed information on RI 4-H Horse Shows is available on the RI 4-H Horse Program website <http://www.freewebs.com/ri4-hhorseprogram/index.htm> . All RI 4-H riders and drivers must be an active 4-H member (currently enrolled) prior to registering for a District or the State 4-H Horse Show.
2. Age of riders and drivers:
 - i. Senior - members 14-18 as of January 1, of the current year.
 - ii. Junior - members 7-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
 - iii. Novice (Showmanship) – first or second year showing in a district or state 4-H show
3. Animal Health: All horses must have had a rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before a show and present a vaccination certificate at the show. Proof of negative Coggins test is required (within 12 months for in-state and 6 months for out of state horses) and must be presented at show time. No stallions or nursing mares may be shown by a 4-H member in any 4-H event or show and are not permitted on the grounds.
4. Walk/Trot riders may not participate in any other division requiring a canter.
5. **All riders must participate in Fitting and Showmanship** – this applies to both district and state shows.
6. Riders must complete the Trail Class, at a time of their choosing, between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (State 4-H Horse Show only).
7. In order to qualify for participation at the Eastern States Exposition, a 4-H member must participate at the Rhode Island State 4-H Horse Show and 2 of the 3 District 4-H shows either as a rider, driver and/or volunteer. To receive points on the application form, 4-H members applying as a Teen Leader must volunteer at the State 4-H Horse show and 2 of the 3 District 4-H Horse Shows. Should you participate as a volunteer at the state or district shows, you must sign in at the Secretary's Booth where you will receive your assignment for the day.
8. On the day of the show, classes may be split, combined or cancelled at Secretary's discretion. If classes should combine, individual rider points will be assigned to the appropriate year end division.

9. Any and all coaching from the rail is **prohibited**.
10. ASTM-SEI approved hard hats are required for all riders and drivers regardless of discipline.
11. Proper dress attire is required at the state and requested at district shows. Chaps are not allowed in equitation classes. **Neat attire and proper boots are required of exhibitors at all RI 4-H Horse Shows .**
12. Martingales are prohibited in flat classes.
13. No person/rider/driver shall approach the judge without the permission of the ringmaster.
14. **All decisions of the Judge are final.**
15. Exhibitors must have their horses under control at all times. Unruly/dangerous animals will be excused from the grounds.
16. Dogs must be under the owners control at all times.
17. ESE riders and drivers must assume sole management of their program horse at district and state shows.
18. Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon on tail.
19. The URI CELS Cooperative Extension/State 4-H Office, 4-H Show Management, property owners, volunteers, and employees shall not be held liable for injury to or death of animals or persons or damage or theft of property of such. **All participants and spectators enter at their own risk.**
20. Entry fees are non-refundable.
21. Only 4-H Carded Judges will be used at the RI District and State 4-H Horse Shows.

HORSE CLASSES:

The following list of horse classes will be offered at all District and State 4-H Horse Shows. It is the decision of the district horse show's management as to whether non-RI 4-H members will be allowed to compete in 4-H classes. 4-H members from other states will be allowed to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show. Open show classes may be added. Review the specific district and state horse show information posted on the RI 4-H horse website <http://www.freewebs.com/ri4-hhorseprogram/index.htm> for what will or will not be offered.

CLASS LIST

1. Senior Fitting and Showmanship
2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
3. Novice Fitting and Showmanship
4. Fitting and Showmanship Championship
5. Reinsmanship (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)
6. Senior Equitation
7. Junior Equitation
8. Walk-Trot Equitation 11 and over
9. Walk-Trot Equitation 10 and under
10. Pleasure Driving (limited to 2 wheel driving vehicles)
11. Senior Pleasure
12. Junior Pleasure
13. Walk-Trot Pleasure 11 and over
14. Walk-Trot Pleasure 10 and under
15. Bridlepath Hack
16. Working Hunter Under Saddle

17. Senior Command
18. Junior Command
19. Walk-Trot Command 11 and over
20. Walk-Trot Command 10 and under
21. Western Handiness (Pattern on page 42 of NE Horse Show Rules and Guidelines)
22. Hunter Over Fences (fences not to exceed 2'6")
23. Equitation class with pattern for ESE delegate qualification – State 4-H Horse Show Only
24. Senior Trail
25. Junior Trail
26. Walk-Trot Trail 11 and over
27. Walk-Trot Trail 10 and under

POULTRY

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

Ribbons will be awarded according to quality of the exhibit, regardless of the competition in the classes. Birds showing any sign of sickness, or with external parasites, such as lice or mites, will be disqualified. "Although not required by state officials, with the high number of birds and degree of comingling, it is highly recommended by the State 4-H Office that all birds being exhibited be tested for Avian Influenza." When transporting poultry in warm weather, allow circulation of air around the birds, and provide them with water. Do not close them in a box, or leave them in a car in warm weather.

Meat and Egg Production Classes:

1. Ducks- all breeds competing. A. Single drake B. Single hen
2. Meat Birds - Broilers Entry must give date chicks were started. Group of 3 birds per entry.
3. Meat Birds - Fryers and Roasters Entries must give date chicks were started.
Judging will be on live meat standards. Group of 3 birds per entry.
4. Egg Production - all breeds, varieties, and crosses competing A. Single pullet B. Single hen
5. Fancy Breeds and Varieties- Standards
Any standard breeds and varieties may be entered. Only mature birds will be accepted.
A. Single male B. Single female C. Trio-consisting of one male and two females.
6. Fancy Breeds and Varieties- Bantams
A. Single male B. Single female C. Trio
7. Pigeons: Entry must state breed and variety. Only mature, healthy birds will be accented.
8. Eggs- One half or full dozen small, medium, large or extra large eggs. Judged on uniformity of size, cleanliness, shell and interior quality.
9. Poultry Showmanship

Members will show their skills in raising, selecting, conditioning, evaluating and handling poultry. Members age: 8-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year. Request Poultry Showmanship Guide from the 4-H Office.

RABBITS

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

All animals must be healthy. Any animals showing signs of sickness or disease will not be admitted by the Superintendent. If warm weather occurs on the day that you take your rabbits to the fair, be sure not to close them inside a box or the car. Allow for circulation of air. Exhibitors must present their animals during judging for all breed and showmanship classes. The exhibitor must wear a long sleeved shirt while showing. There are a few breeds that, because of their excellence in more than one category or class, provide the exhibitor with some discretion as to which class they should enter. Each animal may be entered in only one class (1 through 5).

If a member is not able to handle their rabbit because the member is too small, the Superintendent may allow the member to use a rabbit other than their own in the showmanship class.

Class 1. Meat Breeds:

- A. Meat (small) - Chinchilla (Standard), Commercial, Sable, Silver, Silver Martin, Florida.
- B. Meat (standard) - American, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme D'Argent, Chinchilla (American), Commercial, Hotot, Lop (English, French), New Zealand, Palomino, Rex, Satin, Silver Fox, Havana, Harlequin, Lilac, Siamese Sable.
- C. Meat (giant) - Checkered Giant, Chinchilla (Giant), Commercial, Flemish Giant.

Class 2. Wool & Fur Breeds: American Fuzzy Lop, Angora, Jersey Wooly, Rex, Satin.

Class 3. Mini/Dwarf Breeds - Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, White, Himalayan, Jersey Wooly, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish or Britannia Petite, Tan, Belgium Hares.

Class 4. Lop Ear Breeds - American Fuzzy Lop, English, French, Holland, Mini.

Class 5. Pet - Any rabbit that does not meet requirements of classes 1 - 4. Judging will include condition, handleability, and structural correctness. Color pattern will not be considered.

Each of the classes 1 - 5 may be divided into the following sections:

- A. Junior Doe - under 8 months, not less than 4 months.
- B. Junior Buck - under 8 months, not less than 4 months
- C. Senior Doe - 8 months and over
- D. Senior Buck - 8 months and over

Class 7. Rabbit Showmanship. Some breeds are not suitable for showmanship (for the welfare of the rabbits). These are the Rex, Mini-rex and the other Fur breeds. It is recommended that the member should arrange to show another rabbit in this class. A detailed guide for rabbit showmanship is available from the 4-H office (874-2959).

- A. Novice Showmanship - member showing for the 1st time in this species.
- B. Junior Showmanship - members 8 to 13 as of January 1 of the current year.
- C. Senior Showmanship – members 14 to 18 and not 19 as of January 1 of the current year.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP SCORE CARD	
	<u>Points</u>
A. Appearance and Condition of Rabbit	10
B. Appearance and Attitude of Showman	10
C. Carrying the Rabbit to and from the Judging Table.	6
D. Examination of Rabbit in the Sitting Position	15
E. Examination of Rabbit in the Underarm Position	15
F. Examination of Rabbit in the "Bottoms Up".	16
G. Examination of Rabbit in the Posing Position	8
H. Posing the Rabbit	7
I. Overall Control of the Rabbit.	7
J. Oral Question	<u>6</u>
Total: 100	

Class 8. Knowledge test. This class may be offered at some fairs. Questions will be based on information in the “Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits...” which is available online at <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/curriculum/projects/animalsci/rabbits.htm> or contact the State 4-H Office.

CAVY (Guinea Pig)

Class 9. Junior - animal up to 4 months, 12 to 22 ounces.

- Class 10. Intermediate - animal from 4 to 6 months; weight 22 to 30 ounces.
Class 11. Senior - animal 6 months and over; weight, over 30 ounces.
Class 12. Cavy Showmanship.

4-H SHEEP

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and the beginning of Section F.

Animal Health: All sheep must have proof of rabies vaccination within one year and at least 30 days before the show. Exhibitors MUST present their rabies certificate, health papers and registration papers for all their animals entered to the show superintendent upon arrival at the fair.

Exhibitor will provide necessary bedding, hay, grain, feeder(s) and bucket(s) as required by his or her own sheep project. The Exhibitor is expected to care for his or her own sheep or to make arrangements with another Exhibitor to care for his/her animals in the Exhibitor's absence. Sheep should have water at all times. It is Exhibitor's responsibility to clean out his/her pens at completion of show, if that is required of them at a particular fair.

Ear-tags: All sheep must be identified by at least one official USDA identification ear-tag or tattoo. In addition, all sheep must have a farm tag, tattoo or an association/registry ear-tag. One of the tags must match the registration papers for each registered animal. Both tags must match the health papers.

Ownership: Exhibitors must have owned or managed their sheep on or before July 1 of this year, with one exception: Delegates may show one (1) sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 of this year, IN ADDITION TO their 4-H project animal(s) provided that: (1) proof of purchase, ownership and health papers are shown upon arrival at fair, (2) the animal has been approved as part of the Exhibitor's project by their club leader (verbal verification to show superintendent is accepted), AND (3) the Exhibitor is still limited to show one animal per class per breed. The Exhibitor must show at least one other sheep in addition to the purchased one sheep. The Exhibitor MAY NOT show the purchased animal in his/her Fitting and Showmanship Class.

Fitting and Showmanship: All 4-H Sheep Exhibitors MUST enter and show in the Fitting & Showmanship class appropriate for their age and experience. The judging of Fitting and Showmanship Classes is based on:

- * Appearance of sheep: blocking & fitting for the show, cleanliness and condition of animal;
- * Handling – showing, holding, and moving of sheep in the ring;
- * Attitude, appearance & sportsmanship of the Exhibitor and his/her knowledge of his sheep project;
- * Previous trophy winners will compete again;
- * Exhibitors enter only one Fitting and Showmanship Class, either: Senior, Junior or Novice.
- * Judging starts when Exhibitor enters the ring and shall be over when he or she leaves the ring.
- * Exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions about their particular sheep project.
- * Judge's decisions are final.

Exhibitor Dress: Show ring attire shall consist of solid-colored black, khaki, tan, green or white pants/jeans with a white shirt or blouse. All shirts must be tucked in (no visible skin), and belts should be worn as needed. No blue denim jeans, no tank tops and no hats may be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors should be clean and neat at all times, and should always wear the proper foot attire.

Classes: A 4-H member may exhibit sheep of any recognized breed ("registered") or a crossbred of breeds ("unregistered"). Separate classes will be provided for registered and unregistered sheep. The sheep show will consist of separate classes by shown by breeds, thereby allowing an Exhibitor to show more than one breed, however, the Exhibitor is still limited to one animal per class (i.e. an Exhibitor may show one Southdown Jr. Ewe Lamb and one Dorset Ewe Lamb). Each exhibitor must show his or her own project sheep alone in the single classes, and must be on the head of his /her animal. Another 4-Her may help the Exhibitor if the animal is extremely large, becomes unruly or the 4-Her has a disability. These exceptions must be discussed with the show superintendent prior to the show. The Exhibitor may recruit other 4-Hers to help in the group classes. All sheep must be presented in show quality condition and meet their respective breed standards for the show ring. Market lambs must be sheared within fourteen days of the show. Halters are optional in showmanship and breed classes, however they are strongly suggested for the

young or inexperienced Exhibitors. When halters are used it is strongly suggested that the animals be trained to lead on halter, for both safety and to avoid embarrassment to Exhibitor.

When filling out the entry form, each Exhibitor should include breed, class number, name of class, date of birth of animal, sex and ear-tag number of each animal they plan to bring to the show.

<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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The following classes will be divided by age of Exhibitor:

1. Fitting & Showmanship, Senior Division: members 14-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.
2. Fitting & Showmanship, Junior Division: members 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
3. Fitting & Showmanship, Novice Division: members, any age, in their first year of showing this species.

The following classes will be shown by breed.

4. Aged Rams – rams two years of age and over
5. Yearling Rams – rams over one year but under two years of age
6. Senior Ram Lambs – ram lambs born September 1 thru December 31st
7. Intermediate Ram Lambs – ram lambs born January 1 thru February 15th of present year
8. Junior Ram Lambs – ram lambs born February 16th and after of present year
9. Aged Ewes – ewes over two years of age, **MUST HAVE LAMBED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**
10. Yearling Ewes - ewes over one year but under two years of age
11. Senior Ewe Lambs - ewe lambs born September 1st thru December 31st
12. Intermediate Ewe Lambs – ewe lambs born January 1st thru February 15th of present year
13. Junior Ewe Lambs – ewe lambs born February 16th and after of present year
14. 4-H Ewe Flock - 3 ewes, any age, of the same breed, consisting of a Ewe Lamb, Yearling Ewe and Aged Ewe shown in the previous classes listed above, all owned or managed and shown by one exhibitor. May not use a market lamb entry.
15. 4-H Flock - 2 ewes and 1 ram, any age, of the same breed, consisting of two ewes and one ram of any age shown in classes listed above, all owned or managed and shown by one exhibitor. May not use a market lamb entry.
16. Pair of Lambs - any two lambs of the same breed, must have been shown in any of the classes listed above for ewe lamb, ram lamb or market lamb class, both owned or managed and shown by one exhibitor.
17. Registered Ewe, Any Age, Bred & Owned by Exhibitor – must have been shown in one of the ewe classes list above and may NOT be a market lamb entry.
18. Best Fleeced Animal – Each Exhibitor entering a Wool Breed may enter ONE sheep any age, shown in any previous class listed above. Animal must have sufficient amount of wool growth in the fleece to be judged.
19. Market Lambs – Wether lambs or ewe lambs only. Lamb must be sheared within fourteen (14) days of the show. Lambs entered in this class may not be exhibited in any other individual class except Fitting & Showmanship. No rams accepted. Class may be divided on the basis of weight, if necessary, decision made by show superintendent.

To be selected to show sheep at the New England 4-H Sheep Show at the Eastern States Exposition a member may show at either: the Washington County Fair, the SRI 4-H Fair or the Foster Old Home Days. To qualify, 4-H Club Members must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of January 1, this year, and have completed at least one previous year of 4-H Sheep project work. The placing of the Exhibitor's sheep at the fair and the placing of the Exhibitor in the Fitting and Showmanship event are important factors in the selection for Eastern States. For this selection sheep must be owned or managed solely by the 4-H member by July 1st this year, with one exception: Exhibitor may enter one (1) sheep purchased between July 1st and July 31st of this year IN ADDITION TO their 4-H project animal(s) as stipulated above in the "Ownership" paragraph. All sheep exhibited at Eastern States Exposition, except market lambs, must be registered. Applications for Eastern States Exposition 4-H Sheep Show are due in the State 4-H office by August 20th.

4-H SWINE

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

All swine must be owned or managed by the 4-H Exhibitor by June 1st of the current year. Market Animals must be owned by the 4-H member. Proof of ownership must be available at the fair to show officials when animals are entered. Management agreement animals are permitted for swine breeding projects. Management papers are due at the state 4-H office by June 1st.

It is strongly recommended that all animals have an official permanent form of identification (ear-tag).

Classes may include both purebred and grade swine. Classes may be divided by weight. Four-H members can enter the youth swine show at Washington County Fair. No boars may be exhibited. **All entries must weight over 100 pounds at the Washington County Fair show.** For earlier fairs, check with the superintendent for exceptions. Gilts may be shown in either or both of breeding and market classes.

CLASSES

1. Senior Fitting & Showmanship: members age 14 -18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year.
2. Junior Fitting & Showmanship: members age 8-13 as of January 1, of the current year.
3. Novice Fitting & Showmanship - members 8-18 but not 19 as of January 1, of the current year, in their 1st year of showing this species
4. Lightweight market hogs 100# minimum
5. Medium weight market hogs
6. Heavyweight market hogs
7. Lightweight breeding gilts 100# minimum
8. Medium weight breeding gilts
9. Heavyweight breeding gilts
10. General knowledge quiz - This must be taken by all 4-H Swine Exhibitors.

Fitting & Showmanship Classes

- * Participation in showmanship is required to show in breed and/or market classes.
- *The exhibitor must have a neat, clean appearance and wear clean, presentable clothing.
- *Classes may be subdivided by the show superintendent if there are too many entries in a particular class.
- * Sneakers, sandals or bare feet are not allowed.
- *No boars may be exhibited.
- *Gilts may be shown in either or both of breeding and market classes.

WORKING STEER PROGRAM

See rules for animal exhibitors in the front of these Guidelines and at the beginning of Section F.

1. Eligibility: This program is open to 4-H youth members.
2. Steers over 6 months of age must be castrated.
3. All steers must have horns to be eligible for this program.
4. Uniforms: Green pants and white shirts, although club uniforms are acceptable. Boots must be Worn - no sneakers.

6. Exhibitors must supply their own grain, hay and bedding.
7. Animal health: See general guidelines for showing animals. All steers must comply with RI guidelines.
8. In pulling competition the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.

CLASSES:

Showmanship: Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior
Cart class
Distance pull class
Best Pair

- * A Knowledge Test may be given.
- * Any Rhode Island 4-H Fair may serve as a qualifying competition for the Eastern States Exposition.
- * Top Teamsters at least 10 years or older as of January 1 will qualify to participate at Eastern States.
- * Each member to qualify with 1 pair of steers must use the same pair of steers that they qualify with.
- * Applications for ESE are due in the state 4-H office by August 20th.