

# 2019-2020 Bonner County 4-H Mission Statement, Rules & Regulations

## **BONNER COUNTY 4-H MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of 4-H is to help youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directed, productive and contributing members of society.

## **4-H GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1 within the current 4-H year. The 4-H year runs October 1st-September 30th. An individual may continue to participate in the 4-H program as long as they are 18 as of January 1 within the current 4-H year. A member may enroll as a Cloverbud if they are between ages 5-7 on January 1 of the current 4-H year.
2. Age divisions in 4-H are as follows: Junior: ages 8-10 Intermediate: ages 11-13 Senior: ages 14-18
3. 4-H members must attend 2/3 of all project and general meetings offered to them. Make-up meetings will be left to the discretion of each leader.
4. The annual preliminary leader and member enrollment deadline will be February 1st of each year. No members or leaders will be accepted after February 1st of each year.
5. 4-H members must give one presentation (demonstration or illustrated talk) for each project at either a general meeting, project meeting, demonstration day or other Extension approved event.
6. All record books must be signed (by project or organizational leader, member, and parent) and include a total experience story in order to be approved when presented at exhibitor check-in.
7. All prospective 4-H leaders must participate in required trainings, enroll through 4-H online and must have a background screening every three years.

## **BONNER COUNTY 4-H RULES**

8. 4-H projects will be divided by division and ribbons will be awarded according to each applicable division.
9. Poster presentations CANNOT be larger than standard poster board size, or as determined by the project requirements.
10. All Cloverbud projects are non-competitive and will be awarded a participation ribbon. Cloverbuds will not be required to enter in open class.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes will be awarded to the top 2 overall placements in each project area, provided at least 2 blue ribbons were awarded in the project area.
12. No article from one project may be entered as part of another project. Any work done as a part of a 4-H project may not be entered into open class, with the exception of the top two clothing projects, which may be cross entered into open class for a chance to win the top open class award.
13. Interview judging projects will be awarded a blue, red, or white sticker. KYG, Teen Leadership and self-directed project must attend Interview Judging for project completion.

## **JUDGING**

14. Livestock judging is not required for completion of any large animal project; however, judging is required for several special awards and participation is always highly encouraged.
15. Members exhibiting rabbits, poultry, cats or pocket pets must judge in the small animal judging contest for project completion.
16. The small animal judging contest is open to all 4-H members regardless of project enrollment and ribbon awards will be given to all members who participate. There are also special awards for the top placements in this contest.
17. The Hormel scoring system is used in all judging contests.
18. Cloverbuds may judge in any judging contest and will receive a participation ribbon.

## **GENERAL LIVESTOCK**

19. All 4-H members are required to be present during the judging of their exhibit animal unless excused by Extension staff and the appropriate 4-H barn superintendent.
20. All livestock preparation prior to and during the fair, except instances regarding safety, shall be done by the individual 4-H member.
21. All record books must be approved and submitted at exhibitor check-in. Income records must be completed after the Auction. Special award applications are due to the Extension Office one hour after the last market animals is sold at the auction.
22. All record books must be complete and turned in before the animal will be weighed in at fair.
23. When preparing an animal for show, the 4-H member must do the majority of the prep work themselves, but may receive some assistance from another youth or a 4-H Leader. Members who are not preparing their own animals will be given one warning before risking disqualification.
24. All project dress codes must be followed. See breed requirements for details. Emphasis is always on safely presenting a neat, clean appearance. It is required that full-length pants/jeans/slacks as well as boots or hard sole shoes must be worn. No baseball caps allowed in the show ring. Western hats are optional for beef only.
25. NO OPEN TOED SHOES allowed in any barn or while handling any animal project.
26. Barn superintendent must notify the owner of each animal to be used during a judging contest.
27. Members who lose an animal (market or breeding) during the project year may still choose to complete their project by completing two of the three following activities: livestock judging, interview judging or sales talk.
28. No 4-H livestock project will have horns except registered breeding stock and goats whose breed or purpose requires they not be dehorned.
29. No tranquilizing of any type will be allowed.
30. Any animal deemed to be of substandard health by the judge or fair vet must be removed from grounds the same day by owner.
31. All exhibitors, parents and leaders must abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct.
32. All animals, including poultry and rabbits, must have a health certificate if crossing a state line. Documentation must be provided to Extension staff at spring weigh in or when requested.
33. All members must provide a bill of sale for all market animal projects. Documentation must be provided to Extension staff at spring weigh in or when requested.
34. All beef, llama/alpaca & horse members will be required to pay a \$10 stall deposit and \$10

bedding fee for each stall. Swine, sheep, goat will be required to pay a \$5 stall deposit and \$5 bedding fee. Small animal members will be required to pay a \$2 pen deposit and \$2 bedding fee. The deposits will be refunded at the close of fair after stalls and pens have been cleaned and inspected. Bedding fees are non-refundable.

### **FITTING & SHOWING**

35. Padlocks will not be permitted on any pen during the fair.
36. Animals must be able to be led in order to fit and show in the appropriate class. Animals must be manageable. The barn superintendent, 4-H Market Animal Committee, Extension Staff or Fair Management will collaborate on the decision to excuse an animal from the fair. The judge may also dismiss an animal from the show ring if it is deemed unsafe.
37. Fitting and Showing classes will follow the same age divisions as outlined by 4-H Policies and Procedures.
38. Each member must fit and show his/her own project animal. Members having more than one species of animal must fit and show each species. If a 4-H member has more than one animal of same species, only one must be shown in the fitting and showing class. However, all market projects must be shown in fitting and showing.
39. Members must fit and show breeding animals if they are not selling a market animal of the same species.
40. The top showmen will be selected from each age division in each class to compete for overall champion/reserve champion showman in each species.
41. The top showman from sheep, beef, swine, dairy, and goat will compete in the large animal Round Robin fitting and showing contest. Top showman from dog, rabbit, cavy, cat, poultry and pocket pet will compete in the small animal Round Robin fitting and showing contest. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons are awarded.

### **MARKET ANIMALS**

42. Market animal age divisions will be the same as those outlined by 4-H Policies and Procedures.
43. A member may sell only one market animal through the livestock auction each year.
44. Members are responsible for the care and maintenance of ALL animals until the animals leave the fairgrounds.
45. All market projects must be weighed in at the proper spring weigh-in.
46. 4-H members may weigh in and carry multiple species market projects. If a member carries more than one species for a market project, they must declare to the superintendent immediately following the last quality class, which species they will sell at the livestock auction.
47. Alternate Market Animals: 4-H members may weigh in and tag a maximum of two (2) of any species at the spring weigh in. All animals weighed will be tagged and records on each animal must be kept. The member must select only one of each species to bring to fair. Only one of each species will be weighed at fair. If you have an alternate animal your choice must be made prior to fair. You will not be allowed to switch animals if your first choice does not make weight. You will not be allowed to switch a market animal to a breeding project at fair.
48. All 4-H ownership requirements must be met by the members before the members are eligible to participate at the fair.
49. 4-H market animal members must provide a bill of sale and market beef project members must also provide brand inspection where applicable as proof of ownership at spring weigh in to be

eligible for the project.

50. Animals meeting minimum fair weights are subject to the judge's discretion as to quality grade. Only red ribbon and higher placing in quality will be permitted to sell through the sale.

51. Minimum and maximum weight on market animals at fair weigh in are as follows:

- Bred heifers– 850 pounds
- Goats– 75 pounds
- Sheep– 105 pounds
- Steer– 1000 pounds /maximum 1,500
- Swine– minimum 230/maximum 300

Swine over 300 pounds and Beef over 1,500 pounds will still qualify to sell, as long as they receive a red ribbon or higher in the quality class. Members will not be paid for any pounds over 300 or 1,500 respectively.

52. Only those market animals that do not make weight at the fair weigh-in will be entitled to one IMMEDIATE re-weigh after the scales are rebalanced.

| Species         | Ownership                                     | Feed Periods     |
|-----------------|---|------------------|
| 4-H Market Goat | 70 Days (born after Oct. 1 of previous year)  | 60 Days Minimum  |
| 4-H Market Lamb | 70 Days (born after Jan. 1 of current year)   | 60 Days Minimum  |
| 4-H Market Hog  | 100 Days (born after Jan. 1 of current year)  | 80 Days Minimum  |
| 4-H Market Beef | 150 Days (born after Jan. 1 of previous year) | 130 Days Minimum |

53. Those market animals which cannot be sold at the auction (underweight or animals receiving a white ribbon in quality) may be advertised with special signs AFTER the auction. These signs are available at the Extension Office. These are the ONLY signs that are to be used. No social media advertising will be permitted.

- a. 53A. Members with underweight and white ribbon animals cannot approach perspective buyers on fairgrounds property until after the 4-H Livestock Auction ends.

54. White ribbon and under weight animals will not be listed on a posted sale list. Members are encouraged to take the animal home to finish them out before selling to a private buyer.

55. Sale Fees: 4-H members selling a market animal will be required to pay a 5% selling fee. Beef members will be required to pay the final brand inspection and swine members will be required to pay the national pork board fees. These costs will be deducted from the 4-H member's sale check by the treasurer of the 4-H Market Animal Livestock Committee and a check for the balance will be issued to the member following payment from the buyer.

56. Any member in violation of the market animal sale rules forfeits the right to sell any animal at the sale the following year or at the discretion of the Market Animal Livestock Committee.

57. Market animals must be presented to the sale in the same manner as they were in their Fitting and Showing and Quality classes. Other than member's ribbons and banners, no additional items may be placed on the animal.

58. When the hammer falls and the auctioneer says the animal is sold, the sale is final. No switching, substituting or deleting of animals. Animals that are returned to the member by the buyer must be taken home.

59. A formal change of animal ownership occurs when the animal in a youth market project is sold.

A 4-H animal sold through the county market animal sale cannot be returned to the member and continue as the 4-H project animal FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

60. All barns will be closed to spectators during their portion of the sale. The barns will reopen upon completion of their portion of the sale.

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

61. Official 4-H animal care guidelines are found in member materials and are also available through the Extension Office.
62. 4-H members will feed and provide clean water AT LEAST twice a day and when prudent livestock management dictates.
63. Each 4-H member is responsible for maintaining his/her animal in a fit and clean state for the duration of the fair.
64. Animals must be fed, watered, and have pens cleaned by 9am every day of the fair. Exhibitors will receive one verbal warning. More than one warning may result in the member forfeiting their ability to exhibit that species the following year. Dismissal is at the discretion of the livestock committee, leaders, superintendents and Extension staff.
65. 4-H members must maintain and display their animals in a way that does not endanger the animal, other members or the public. This includes storing ALL equipment and feed in non-exhibit locations and in appropriate areas and containers.
66. Market animals must remain in their assigned pens until they are released by their respective superintendent.
67. Please see project requirements for exhibit guidelines on all projects.

### **BEEF**

68. Water buckets and feed pans may not be left in front of beef animals except for during feeding periods.
69. Horns and scurs can be no longer than 2 inches and must be blunt.
70. Market steer shall be on dry feed (no pasture) from the time of the official spring weigh in until the time of the sale.
71. Market steers are to be taken off water and feed at 9pm the evening before weigh in at the fair.
72. 4-H beef members must fill out a trip permit. Beef animals will be brand inspected. Brand inspector fees are the responsibility of the member.
73. In order to sell through the Market Sale, all steers must be halter broke and able to be led across the scales at the spring weigh in.
74. There is no maximum weight for steers at spring weigh-in.
75. Beef animals that are not able to be controlled by the 4-H member will be excused from the fair and sale and will be asked to remove the animal from the grounds. This decision will be at the discretion of leaders, superintendent, Market Animal Livestock Committee, Extension staff, and judge (where applicable).
76. Bred Heifer Rules: Health certificate must be furnished dated within 30 days of the sale. Bred heifers must be shown to the 4-H Market Animal Livestock Committee for approval at spring weigh in. All animals must have a positive pregnancy test certificate dated within 30 days of the fair and state an approximate calving date. This project is for BEEF members ONLY.

### **SHEEP/GOAT**

77. Contingent on fair board rule #3 of the Sheep Department (#8), sheep shall not be bathed on the grounds during fair. Spot washing is acceptable.
78. No wet lambs will be weighed at fair.
79. Market goats must be born after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year. Market sheep must be born after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
80. The market goat animal must have a minimum of 75% of a recognized meat goat breed in order to participate in the market animal class and sale.
81. Only wethers/does will be allowed in the market class/sale.
82. Goats/sheep are not allowed beyond the entry of the beef barn or in the beef wash racks.

### **SWINE**

83. There is no maximum weight for swine at spring weigh-in.

### **RABBITS/POULTRY**

84. Any blue or red ribbon pen of meat rabbits may be sold at the market sale if the 4-H members is not selling any other market animal.
85. Please refer to project materials on what constitutes a blue ribbon pen of meat rabbits.
86. Members must own 2 or more does for a minimum of 90 days and raise one litter per doe during the year.
87. Member must exhibit three (3) meat rabbits produced from mating of the member's own does.
88. Any blue or red ribbon pen of three (3) fryer/broiler chickens or one (1) turkey may be sold at the market sale if the 4-H member is not selling any other market animal.
89. All market poultry project members must own and provide care for animals according to species rules. All market broiler project members must own and provide care for animals for no more than 8 weeks. All market turkey project members must own and provide care for animals for no more than 16 weeks for hens and no more than 25 weeks for toms.
90. Member must exhibit a minimum of three (3) broilers.