

Madison County 4-H/FFA Rules and Regulations

General Rules and Regulations

LIVESTOCK

The Madison County 4-H/FFA Program shares the general objectives of the University of Idaho Extension Program. These objectives are for young people to develop leadership skills, assume citizenship responsibilities, build character, explore career opportunities, develop skills, expand knowledge, and foster correct attitudes for lifelong use and share knowledge gained with others.

JUNIOR HORSE AND WORKING RANCH PROGRAM

The **OBJECTIVES** of the 4-H/FFA Horse Program are for young people to:

1. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable character traits.
2. Experience the pride of owning a horse or pony and being responsible for its management.
3. Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
4. Increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to themselves, others and their mounts.
5. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.

HORSE SHOW CLASSES AVAILABLE (Detailed class descriptions in EISF Jr. Horse Show Rule Book)

1. DIVISION I-WORKING RANCH HORSE
 - Dummy Roping
 - Ranch Roping—unit 2
 - Ranch Roping—unit 3
 - Working Ranch Horse—unit 1
 - Working Ranch Horse—unit 2
 - Working Ranch Horse—unit 3
 - Team Sorting—units 1, 2 or 3
2. DIVISION II-SHOWMANSHIP
 - Senior Halter Showmanship
 - Intermediate Halter Showmanship
 - Jr. Halter Showmanship
3. DIVISION III-WESTERN
 - Pony Bareback Equitation

- Bareback Equitation—senior, intermediate and junior
 - Western Equitation—senior, intermediate and junior
 - Pony Western Equitation
 - Walk-Trot Equitation (Western & English)
 - Western Reining
 - Western Horsemanship
 - Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Training 1st year horse
 - Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Training 2nd/3rd year horse
 - Trail—senior, intermediate and junior
4. DIVISION IV-ENGLISH
- Intermediate and Senior English Equitation
 - Junior English Equitation
 - Jumper
5. DIVISION V-DRIVING
- Single Pleasure Driving-horses or ponies
 - Single Utility Driving-horses or ponies
 - Single Cone Driving
 - Team Pleasure Driving-horses or ponies
 - Team Utility Driving-horses or ponies
 - Team Cone Driving

CONDUCT BY EXHIBITORS, PARENTS AND OTHERS

The Extension office will make all possible efforts to secure the best available judges. Decisions of the judges are final. Any interference with the judges, exhibitors, officials, or any discourteousness or unsportsmanlike display toward them will be cause for disqualification of the exhibitor. Exhibitors will follow the judge's directions at all times and on request, will answer questions or demonstrate as indicated by the judge.

4-H POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. The 4-H/FFA member must own/lease the horse(s) used, provide primary care, feeding and management of the horse(s) at least 90 days before exhibiting.
2. If a 4-H/FFA member leases a project animal, a complete written and signed copy of the lease agreement must be returned to the county extension office by the required ownership date.
3. No stallions over one year old may be exhibited by a 4-H/FFA member in any 4-H Youth Development sponsored event. Stallions under one year of age may be exhibited at halter.
4. **All youth participants in Idaho 4-H horse activities or events must wear an ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmet whenever mounted on an equine, or are in a vehicle (cart, wagon, buggy, etc.) being pulled by an equine.** This includes club meetings, trail rides or other 4-H sanctioned events.

GENERAL RULES

1. Youth must be at least 8 years of age to participate in the competitive 4-H program. The 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1st, of the current 4-H year (which runs from October 1 to September 30). 4-H members must compete in their age group.
 - Junior—8 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H year through 10
 - Intermediate—11-13 years old
 - Senior—14-18 years old
2. **Must be enrolled in Madison County 4-H** and club enrollment turned into county extension office **prior to 1st club riding meeting**. All 4-Hers must have paid the annual \$25.00 for horse projects. \$20.00 Clover Bud and appropriate material fees by the **June 1st deadline** set by the 4-H office, to be able to participate in the activities at the Madison County Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. Must have a registered 4-H leader
4. Exhibitors are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to all rules.
5. 4-H Member Accident Insurance must be purchased through the 4-H office (included in the sign-up fee)
6. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to cover their animals with insurance.
7. Must attend **at least six 4-H meetings** (Meetings can include county, district and state shows or clinics, or other approved meetings by your club leaders)
8. Must do a club demonstration
9. Must **complete record book and turn it in to the extension office at the time appointed by the extension office**. Exhibitors with a “needs improvement” rating on their record book will have the opportunity to bring their book up to an “average” rating prior to fair. **Anything less than an “average” rating on a record book, will disqualify exhibitor from showing and selling at the fair.** Record books will be judged by the state record book requirements
10. Each **leader will determine whether animals registered to members of their club meet the training and quality requirements** by using the member’s manuals, attendance records at club meetings, and by looking at the animals. If the leader wishes, he/she may request this decision be made by the Extension office.
11. Awards will be given out to the exhibitors at the end of each class.
12. If a 4-H/FFA member loses their animal (due to health or sickness) after June 25th of the current year, and prior to the showmanship contest, they may enter a showmanship contest with another member’s animal with approval of the 4-H Program Coordinator, providing the lost animal was carried as a project for at least 60 days.
13. Top blue ribbon exhibitors at the County show have the optional opportunity to attend the EISF Jr. Horse Show. Exhibitors must sign up for the EISF show by the set the deadline. (See exhibitor limits #16 of the EISF Junior Horse Rule Book pg. 3) Project animals may be registered or unregistered equines of any breed.

14. **Entry forms** for both the Jr. 4-H and Working Ranch Show, must be submitted by exhibitors to the County Extension Office at least **one week before the working ranch 4-H horse show. Signed Horse Project Waiver must be signed during enrollment, either in the extension office or 4-H Online at the time of horse project sign-up.**
15. No member or horse may show unless they are enrolled in a bona fide 4-H horse project, FFA chapter, or Pony Club, and have fulfilled the county requirements for each division. If a horse is shown at the EISF it must be the same horse that qualified in that particular class at the county fair.
16. No horse may be shown by more than **one exhibitor** in any **one class**
17. No exhibitor may show more than one horse in any one class (except team events in Driving Division)
18. In the event of a serious, performance inhibiting injuring or sickness, to an enrolled project horse, the exhibitor may, at the discretion of the County 4-H Coordinator, be entitled to a medical exclusion and may use a different enrolled project horse, owned by the immediate family. The individual must submit a letter written by a licensed veterinarian stating that the horse is unable to perform on the day of the show.
19. Age divisions for the Junior Horse Show exhibitors are based upon the child's age on January 1st of the current year.
20. Madison County 4-H, Madison County and the University of Idaho will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by any horse or exhibitor at the show, or for any article of any kind that may be lost, destroyed or in any way damaged. Exhibitors and observers participate at their own risk. Collection of exhibitor number shall be deemed acceptance of these terms.
21. **Good sportsmanship and ethical behavior are required.** Exhibitors, parents and observers will act as ladies and gentlemen at all times. Exhibitors, parents and observers considered being verbally or physically abusive and/or exhibiting objectionable behavior will be excused from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the Madison County 4-H Coordinator. Exhibitors may also be disqualified.
22. **Use of performance altering drugs on horses is prohibited.** Suspicion of drug use may result in a veterinarian's review and/or blood test.
23. Grievances regarding the County Junior Horse Show may be presented to the Madison County Coordinator or the Madison County Extension office in written form following the show. It will be reviewed by County Extension Chair, Madison County 4-H Program Coordinator and/or the Madison County 4-H and FFA Livestock Committee for further action.
24. Only the entered rider(s) of a horse(s) may ride the horse(s) on the day of competition.
25. Madison County 4-H office reserves the right to make divisions in any class, divided by age of exhibitor, sex or size of horse, etc. Multiple rings will be used as needed.
26. Exhibitors are responsible for proper equipment and attire according to 4-H guidelines. The Madison County 4-H Coordinator, Extension Educator, judge, gate official and/or ring steward, has the authority to dismiss an exhibitor from a class. The judge may ask the exhibitor to drop the bridle and bit for inspection.

27. The judges may request individual workouts from the top 6-10 finalists per class.
28. All horses shown in **Western classes**, with the exception of Snaffle Bit/Hackamore Training, must be shown as a bridle horse with an **approved western bit**. (Appendix EISF Junior Horse Show Rule Book)
29. Horses entered in Snaffle **Bit/Hackamore Training may not be shown in any other Western, English, or Driving Class.**
30. Exhibitors entered in the **Western/English Walk-Trot class may not enter any other Western, English, or Driving Classes.**
31. Small and medium ponies (13.2 hands and under) must show as ponies; large ponies (13.2-14.2 hands) may show as either horses or ponies but not both. Pony class may be combined with the horse class, but awarded separately.
32. Youth are required to participate in the Halter Showmanship Class (other classes are optional) in his/her age division at the Junior 4-H/FA Horse Show at least two years for project completion. After two years they may choose not to compete in the Junior 4-H/FFA Horse show and only compete in the Working Ranch Show. When choosing this option youth must still follow all other 4-H/FFA rules pertaining to portfolios, club meetings and any other specific rules to complete a project.

FFA Livestock Exhibitor Rules

1. Exhibitors may start exhibiting as an FFA Project their 8th grade year and continue through graduation. In order to do so they must have signed up for an Ag class the school year previous to the Madison County Fair, paid FFA dues, be an active chapter member and turn in an electronic FFA record book.
2. FFA clothing standard for the horse show is the same as 4-H attire. Western attire for western classes and English attire for English classes. A cowboy hat may be worn for halter showmanship classes, all other classes require an approved ASTM-SEI helmet to be worn while mounted. A helmet will also be required to participate at the EISF level.

SHOW DAY RULES

1. **ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBLE RIDING** by exhibitors or non-exhibitors.
2. **Exhibitors must wear an ASTM-SEI approved helmet any time they are mounted on an equine both in and outside of the show ring.**
3. Only registered exhibitors are allowed on horseback on show day.
4. Parents, guardians and leaders are responsible to help uphold these rules.
5. Patterns will be posted near the main arena gate (both gates if the arena is split), 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the show.
6. Be ready and on call for each class. Class order may be adjusted during the show. If an exhibitor is taking part in another class, at the time a class is called, the class will be held for that exhibitor.

7. Reversal of direction in any class requiring rail work, indicates horses be reversed to the inside of the arena (away from the rail).
8. Disqualifications: The Madison County 4-H Coordinator, judges, Extension Educator, gate official and/or ring steward has the authority to dismiss an exhibitor from a class or from the show for:
 - Unnecessary roughness
 - Abuse of horse
 - Unsound horse
 - Unsafe horse
 - Fall of horse and/or rider
 - Lack of required equipment
 - Use of prohibited equipment
 - Use of performance altering drugs on horse
 - Failure to follow pattern and/or judge's instructions (only the judge may disqualify for this fault)
9. Awards are based on the merit of the exhibit. The judge may disqualify an exhibit or award the exhibit any ribbon at his/her discretion.
10. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the top four individuals in each class. It is up to the discretion of the judge to award blue ribbons and rosettes. If the judge does not feel any exhibitors in a class have sufficient skill to be awarded a rosette, and the opportunity to represent that class at the EISF, it is his/her call.

HALTER SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

Equipment and Attire

1. Suitable, neat and appropriate Western, English Hunt Seat, or English Saddle Seat attire is desired. Western attire will include long pants, western boots with a heel, (slip-on hard soled boots are recommended for safety purposes), long-sleeved western shirt with a collar and western hat or helmet. Chaps and spurs should not be worn. Silver and fancy dress are not to be encouraged or discounted. English attire will consist of appropriate boots, jodhpurs or breeches, a hunt coat or a saddle coat and either a helmet with harness (recommended), hunt cap or derby with saddle seat attire. Saddle Seat attire will be a saddle seat coat and jodhpurs, shirt, tie and derby. A tie, choker or hunting stock is appropriate neckwear for English exhibitors. Gloves are optional for Western and English. Participants using safety helmets will not be penalized.

2. No whips of any kind allowed. No wraps, bandages or protective boots allowed on horse. In case of injury, judge may allow a protective bandage. Halters may be equipped with leather, cotton or nylon leads. Leads with chains may be used. No chains may be used over the horse's nose, only under the chin.
3. English horses to be shown in a bridle. Braiding manes and tails is optional. Draft horses may be shown with bits.

Class Description and Rules

1. The purpose of this class is to give the junior member an opportunity to demonstrate his/her ability to groom, train and show his/her horse. No considerations should be given to the horse other than fitting and grooming, response to showman, cleanliness, and fit of equipment.
2. Excess strap, rope or reins to be held loosely in the left hand
3. Exhibitors must lead the horse into the ring, leading from the left side. The lead should be held a proper distance from the halter according to size of exhibitor and horse. When making a turn, the horse should be stopped squarely and turned to the right. Exhibitor must follow directions given by the ring steward and judge. A pattern will be provided.
4. The safety system (Quarter System) of showmanship is required.
5. Showmanship patterns will be posted 30 minutes prior to the class.
6. Faults against showman:
 - a. Failure to recognize and correct faults of horse's position
 - b. Talking to other contestants, parents or spectators
 - c. Kicking a horse's leg into position or touching the horse
 - d. Allowing horse to stand unattended to place hind legs
 - e. Tugging on lead or jerking on halter shank
 - f. Lack of attention to horse and/or judge
 - g. Failure to follow posted pattern and judge's directions
 - h. Unsportsmanlike conduct or manners, including blocking judge's view of another competitor's horse
 - i. Turning the horse the wrong way at any time
 - j. Jeopardizing the safety of the exhibitor, horse or other competitors due to crowding, or lack of training.
7. Faults against the horse
 - a. Failure of the horse to lead up and travel readily
 - b. Failure to stand quietly in line
 - c. Improper fitting equipment
 - d. Improper cleaning and grooming

MADISON COUNTY LIVESTOCK RULES

4-H Livestock Exhibitor Rules

1. Youth must be at least 8 years of age, and a (*) resident of Madison County, to participate in the competitive 4-H program. The 4-H age is the age of the individual on January 1st, of the current 4-H year (which runs from October 1 to September 30). 4-H members must compete in their age group.
 - Junior—8 years old by January 1st of the current 4-H year through 10
 - Intermediate—11-13 years old
 - Senior—14-18 years old
 - Youth not living in Madison County may petition to participate in Madison County 4-H under extenuating circumstances. The petition must be submitted to the extension office on the official form prior to March 1st of the current year and approved by the Jr. Livestock Committee and Extension office. No exceptions will be made after this deadline.

* A Resident is defined as—having your home address in Madison County. (Individuals from another county that have participated in Madison County 4-H prior to October 1, 2014 are considered grandfathered)
2. **Must be enrolled in Madison County 4-H** and club enrollment turned into county extension office **at the time of the first weigh-in**. All 4-Hers must have paid the annual \$20.00 fee (\$25.00 for horse projects). \$20.00 Clover Bud and appropriate material fees by the **June 1st deadline** set by the 4-H office, to be able to participate in the activities at the Madison County Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. Must have a registered 4-H leader
4. Exhibitors are responsible for knowledge of and adherence to all rules.
5. 4-H Member Accident Insurance must be purchased through the 4-H office (included in the sign-up fee)
6. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to cover their animals with insurance.
7. **Livestock Waiver form** must be signed when enrolling, either in the extension office or at 4H Online.
8. Must attend **at least six 4-H meetings** (Meetings can include weigh-ins, county, district and state shows or clinics, or other approved meetings by your club leaders)
9. Must do a club demonstration
10. Must **complete record book and turn it in to the extension office at the time appointed by the extension office**. Exhibitors with a “needs improvement” rating on

their record book will have the opportunity to bring their book up to an “average” rating prior to fair. **Anything less than an “average” rating on a record book, will disqualify exhibitor from showing and selling at the fair.** Record books will be judged by the state record book requirements.

FFA Livestock Exhibitor Rules

1. Exhibitors may start exhibiting as an FFA Project their 8th grade year and continue through graduation. In order to do so they must have signed up for an Ag class the school year previous to the Madison County Fair, paid FFA dues, be an active chapter member and turn in an electronic FFA record book.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK RULES

General Rules

1. All 4-H and FFA members who show and sell at the fair must have completed all county and state requirements for the project.
2. Each individual must own his/her own animal, (horses may be family owned). Each animal must be in the individual’s possession and under their daily care for no less than the specified time for each animal. **ANY CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP MUST BE MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE INITIAL WEIGH-IN AND APPROVED BY THE SUPERINTENDANT AND EXTENSION OFFICE.**
 - Sheep— ownership 70 days; feed period 60 days
 - Dairy— ownership 90 days
 - Swine—ownership 100 days; feed period 80 days
 - Beef— ownership 150 days; feed period 130 days
 - Market Goats—ownership 70 days; feed period 60 days
 - Horse—90 days
3. All **record books** are due to the extension office by 5:00 p.m. on the date specified for the current year by the extension office. Late record books will not be accepted. **In order for exhibitors to show and sell their animal at the fair, they must receive at least an “average” rating on their record book.** An exhibitor with a “needs improvement” rating on their record book will be allowed time to fix their book and turn it in prior to the fair.
4. Thank You flyers with the participant picture will also be available for delivery to your buyer and any add-ons. You are **REQUIRED** to get these to your buyer(s) as soon as possible after the sale.
5. Each **leader will determine whether animals registered to members of their club meet the training and quality requirements** by using the member’s manuals, attendance records at club meetings, and by looking at the animals. If the leader wishes, he/she may request this decision be made by the Extension office.

6. Drug Abuse. No illegal drug, off label use of drugs (uses other than specifically allowed on the drug label), or use of **unethical means to alter the physical composition, appearance, or disposition of a project animal is permitted**. Violators will be disqualified immediately from the 4-H/FFA Meat Animal Program, will be barred from all future participation, and will be subject to any and all relevant criminal prosecution. Suspicion of drug use may result in a veterinarian's review and/or blood test. Testing or review may be requested by the Livestock Committee, Species Superintendent, or 4-H Program Coordinator.
7. All market livestock must be ear tagged. Those animals to be sold will be identified at the fair weigh-in by that ear tag. **THE ONLY EAR TAGS PERMITTED WILL BE THE 4-H/FFA EAR TAGS FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND THE USDA SCRAPIE TAG.**
8. Participants exhibiting more than one animal of the same species or a different species must designate at the final weigh-in which animal(s) will be shown in the quality class. The other animals (alternates) will be eligible to show in the showmanship classes only. They will not be eligible for quality classes. If an exhibitor shows animals of different species in quality-they must designate to the Extension office, immediately following the last show which animal they will be selling. In the event an exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve in a quality class of one species, they will be ineligible to participate in another specie quality class. All animals shown in either the quality or showmanship classes must be included in the exhibitors record book as a project animal.
9. Participants exhibiting more than one animal of the same species or a different species must designate at the final weigh-in which animal will be sold. The other animals will be eligible to show in the showmanship classes only. They will not be eligible for quality classes.
10. The superintendent or 4-H Program Coordinator has the right to dismiss any unruly pigs, beef, dairy, sheep OR persons from the barns. A dismissal results in **NO SALE**.
11. Single entries in classes will not necessarily mean first place. Judges will award placing on the basis of the type and quality of entries. Champions and reserve champions will be selected in each class only when the judge deems there are entries of championship quality.
12. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal in showmanship and quality classes. Help is allowed in the quality contest only. If the animal cannot be controlled during the fitting and showing, it will be dismissed from the show ring by the judge and or ring steward. Animals dismissed from the show ring during showmanship will receive a white ribbon but are eligible for the quality contest. ALL participants in the quality contest must have shown in the fitting and showing class of their species.
13. No award will be given where merit does not exist. Only blue ribbon projects will be considered for class trophy or top award.
14. Awards will be given out to the exhibitors at the end of each class.
15. Removal of any exhibit from the fairgrounds before the designated time must be approved by the appropriate species superintendent.

16. Exhibitor must show his/her own animal unless officially excused by their leader, Extension Agent, 4-H Program Coordinator, advisor and species superintendent due to sickness, accident, or other extenuating circumstances, and then only another bona fide member may show the animal. Exhibitors selling stock must take his/her own stock through the auction sale ring unless officially excused. To be officially excused requires the authorization of their club leader/advisor, superintendent of the species and 4-H Program Coordinator.
17. Merit system of judging will be used on all market and breeding animals
18. The Superintendent or 4-H Program Coordinator reserves the right to have any animal removed from the fairgrounds for one of the following reasons.
 - Unruly animal or animals that present a general safety hazard
 - Animal does not meet the project and ownership requirements
 - Unhealthy animals
19. All stalls and pens must be cleaned prior to leaving the fairgrounds. You must check out with the superintendent.
20. If a child (4-H/FFA) has tagged only one market animal and that market animal dies before June 25 of the current year, the owner must notify their leader immediately, who will then verify the death and notify the Extension office within 7 days. The 4-H/FFA member shall write an essay prior to fair, not to exceed one page, explaining the cause of death, what they learned by the experience, etc. and present this to their club members prior to the fair. The replacement animal will be eligible to be sold and eligible for ribbons with the exception of the "ADG" contest.
21. If a 4-H/FFA member loses their animal due to (health or sickness) or the animal is declared unhealthy by a vet and the specie superintendent, prior to the final weigh-in, they may use an alternate within the family, club or chapter which may be entered in the showmanship and quality classes; provided it was weighed and tagged at the initial weigh-in and it has been entered into the members record book as a project animal. Approval for this exception is required by the Livestock Committee, Extension office and superintendent. The 4-H/FFA member shall write an essay prior to fair, not to exceed one page, explaining the cause of death or health issue, what they learned by the experience, etc. and present this to their club/chapter members and include it in their record book, prior to the fair. The replacement animal will be eligible to be sold and eligible for ribbons, with the exception, of the "ADG" contest.
22. All classes of market stock animals that do not make weight are eligible to compete in the Fitting and Showing Contest. In order for project completion you must compete in the fitting and showing class, even if your project does not make weight.
23. The Fitting and Showing Contest shall be judged on the following:
 - Fit and cleanliness of the animal
 - Training of the animal
 - Showmanship ability of the exhibitor
 - Appearance of the exhibitor

24. Market Animal Classes include:

A. SHOWMANSHIP (each species)

- Junior, 8-10 years
- Intermediate, 11-13 years
- Senior, 14-18 years
- 4-H Grand Champion Showmanship
- FFA Grand Champion Showmanship
- Over-All Grand Champion Species Showman

B. QUALITY CLASSES

- Market class by weight
- Grand Champion Market Steer
- 4-H & FFA Breeding Show

25. All market sheep must be slick sheared within 7 days prior to the fair.

26. In order to show a goat in a market quality class, it must be at least 50% of a market breed.

27. 4-H clothing standard will be a short or long-sleeved button or snap-up shirt, or blouse tucked in, with jeans that are in good repair and tucked in. Close-toed shoes/boots are also required.

28. FFA clothing standard is official FFA dress.

Round Robin

1. The Round Robin Showmanship Contest gives an opportunity for the [supreme] champion showmen from the 4-H and FFA divisions in each species of large animals to compete head to head for best all-round showman honors at the fair. A supreme showman is either the 4-H or FFA member picked by the species judge as the best showman in that species. (one (1) contestant per species for a total of five (5) showman). There must be a minimum of five (5) head exhibited at the fair for that species to be included in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest. In this contest each contestant will be judged on their showmanship skills with each species of animal - Beef, Dairy, Hog, Sheep and Goats. If there are two (2) divisions in a species (i.e. meat goat and dairy goat) A single winner must be selected prior to the round robin to represent that species. The judges will use a numerical scoring system to grade each individual, in each species, with the ultimate winner determined by the total score over all species. In the event of a tie, the scores obtained by the affected individuals will be thrown out in the species they qualified in. If this does not break the tie, the judges will be consulted about additional tie-breakers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

There is no limit on how many times a person may compete in the Round Robin Showmanship Contest over their career.

Exhibitors must receive a purple ribbon in showmanship to qualify for the Round Robin Showmanship Contest in a species. In the event the top qualifier in a species of animal has already been selected to compete in the Round Robin this year, (or if he/she declines to

compete in the Round Robin) the next highest-ranking individual who meets eligibility requirements may compete instead. Each showman shall represent only one animal. If qualified with more than one species the exhibitor must choose which they will represent.

ANIMALS USED IN THE CONTEST

Contestants will not be allowed to show their own animal in this contest. Superintendents of the various species will select animals to be used in the contest with all showmen showing the same species in the ring at the same time.

The judge will be asked to rotate animals shown by exhibitors at least once in each species to help even out differences between animals.

DRESS CODE

Contestants are required to follow the minimum FFA and 4-H Dress Code for the species they are bringing into the contest.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the Champion Round Robin Showman, but no premium is paid for this event.

Weigh-ins

1. The maximum number of large market animals to be tagged for Madison County by a member will be two. If a member is participating in 4-H and FFA, they may tag two animals for each project. EISF animals are excluded from this rule. Members must designate at least one animal with their name and the extra animal may be used as an alternate within the immediate family should circumstances arise. The alternate animal may be used within the participant's club or chapter in instances of health or death of another club/chapter member's animal. Not meeting weight requirements is not one of these instances. This substitution must be made with the Extension Office, Specie Superintendent and Livestock Committee's approval.
2. Fryer/Broiler Poultry Project—Project must start with a pen of at least five (5) birds all of the same breed and variety, with all included in the record book. The final exhibit will include your selection of three (3) from your project pen. Project must be a meat breed. Exhibitor must supply the Extension office a Bill of Sale/COOL Form within one week of hatch date or date exhibitor received the birds. (Extension Office will do an inspection of the birds at this time)
 - Broilers/Fryers must be:
 - Slow Growth (Red Rangers): 15-17 weeks at fair
 - Medium Growth (Rolin 5): 10-12 weeks at fair
 - Rapid Growth (Cornish Cross): 8-9 weeks at fair
3. Market Rabbit Project-- Project may start with a pen of up to five rabbits, with all included in the record book. The final exhibit will include your selection of three from your project pen. Market pen consists of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety, but does not have to be from the same litter. Project Rabbits must be tattooed at the start of the project at an Extension approved check-in (8 week feeding period)

4. All livestock to be sold at the Market Animal Sale must be weighed in and tagged at the first weigh-in/check-in. Minimum and maximum weights at the final weigh-in required for participation in the quality class and in the Market Sale are as follows:
 - Beef—minimum 1050 lbs, no maximum
 - Swine—230-300 lbs
 - Sheep—110 lbs, no maximum
 - Goats—70 lbs, no maximum
 - Rabbits—3-6 lbs
 - Poultry—6 lbs, no maximum
 - In the event of a question on the weight, an animal may be weighed a 2nd time. The animal must be removed from the scale, the scale reset to zero, and the animal re-weighed. The 2nd weight will stand as the official weight. Parents are not allowed to step on the scales.
5. At the time of the initial weigh-in/check-in all market animals must have a bill of sale or proof of ownership in addition **sheep and goats must turn in a C.O.O.L. form** at the scale. Market beef purchased from out of state must have a brand inspection and other required items such as ownership E-slip and transportation slip, if applicable. (If you want a copy to keep you need to make one for yourself)
6. All **market animals must be at the final weigh-in during the specified weigh in time**. Once the animal has been weighed in, it cannot leave the fairgrounds until checkout on Saturday night.
7. All female market sheep and goats of any age must be identified with a flock identification number on the scrapie tag at the initial weigh-in. If an animal is registered and tattooed it is exempt from this requirement. All male market sheep and goats must be castrated or banded at the initial weigh-in.
8. At all species initial weigh-ins **participants will be required to sign** to confirm their animal weight and receipt of **GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES**.

Sale

1. No one will be allowed to sell an animal if he/she has not shown an animal of the same species in the fitting and showing contest. The only exception to this will be for those who have been excused by the superintendent and 4-H Program Coordinator.
2. All "Quality" Grand and Reserve Champion animals **MUST SELL**. In the event an exhibitor wins Grand or Reserve in a quality class of one species, they will be ineligible to participate in another specie quality class. They will still be eligible to participate in additional showmanship classes.
3. Sheep, goat, swine, and beef **sales are limited to one animal per participant**. Poultry and rabbit sales are **limited to one (1) pen per participant**.

4. Animals that do not meet specie standards as determined by the judge, or are determined to be unhealthy or unthrifty by the judge will be given a white ribbon. **Animals that receive a white ribbon in quality will not be allowed to sell at the 4-H/FFA Jr. Market Livestock Sale.**
5. Sale order will be based on placement in quality classes per species.
6. No breeding animals to be sold in the Market Animal Sale.

Awards

1. Ribbons and Awards will be presented as follows: Top of Class—blue rosette. Blue, Red and White Flat Ribbons—per the judge’s discretion. Reserve Champion Rosette—presented in over-all showmanship and quality classes per show. Grand Champion Rosette—presented in over-all showmanship and quality classes per show. FFA over-all showmanship winner per show will be presented Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes separately from 4-H. Ribbons will not be presented to winners in the Over-all Species Shows for Round Robin participation. Buckles will be awarded on the following criteria: Grand Champion Buckle—Livestock shows with five (5) or more participants. Reserve Champion Buckle—Livestock shows with ten (10) or more participants. Exception: If there is a sponsor that specifically states they want a buckle for a class that wouldn’t receive a buckle under the above stated rules, a buckle will be ordered through the extension office. The deadline for buckle sponsorships is June 15.

DAIRY PROGRAM

1. Participants enrolled in the dairy program must adhere to the above 4-H/FFA general livestock rules.
2. 4-H clothing standard for dairy will be a white, short or long- sleeved button or snap-up shirt or blouse tucked in, with jeans that are in good repair. Close toed shoes/boots are also required.
3. **DAIRY CLASS ORDER**—All breeds show separately, unless otherwise indicated by the judge.
 1. **Showmanship**—senior, intermediate, junior
 2. **Showmanship—Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Showman.**
 3. **Quality Junior divisions** (all divisions show separately unless otherwise indicated by the judge)
 - a. Spring Heifer Calf—born after February 29th of the current year.
 - b. Winter Heifer Calf—born after November 30 of the previous year and prior to March 1st of the current year.
 - c. Fall Heifer Calf—Born after August 31st of the previous year and prior to December 1st of the previous year.
 - d. Summer Yearling—born after May 31st of the previous year and prior to September 1st of the previous year.
 - e. Spring Yearling—born after February 28th of the previous year and prior to June 2nd of the previous year.

- f. Winter Yearling—born after November 30, two years prior and before March 1, of the previous year.
- g. Fall Yearling—born after August 31, and before to December 2, two years prior.
- 4. **Junior Quality Champion and Reserve Champion**
- 5. **Quality Senior Divisions** (all divisions show separately unless otherwise indicated by the judge)
 - a. Dry Cow—3-4 years old
 - b. Dry Cow—5 years old and older
 - c. 2 Year old Cow
 - d. 3 year old Cow
 - e. 4 year old Cow
 - f. Aged Cow
- 6. **Senior Quality Champion and Reserve Champion**
- 7. **Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion—Female**
- 8. **Bull-Calf—Born September 1, of the previous year – July 1, of the current year.**
- 9. **Junior Breeder:** A combination of two animals owned by the exhibitor with at least one bred by the exhibitor.

_____ Date _____.
 Signature, Chairman

_____ Date _____.
 Signature, Madison County Extension