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JUDGING SCHEDULE

Monday - 9:00 a.m. - Clothing, Cloverbuds, Exploring, Animal Series or Option Books

Tuesday – Judging starts at 8:00 A.M. and proceeds in this order: Dogs, cats, poultry, rabbits, small animal round robin showmanship

Wednesday - Open Horse Show

Thursday - 9:00 a.m. 4-H horse judging & showmanship
12:00 noon - All indoor 4-H projects are judged with interview judging

Friday – Livestock judging starts at 8:00 A.M. and proceeds in this order: Hogs, Sheep, Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Dairy Cattle and Dairy goats, Orphan Animals

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4-H / FFA Round Robin Showmanship
5:00 P.M. 4-H Livestock Sale

The times listed are approximate. Exhibitor must be ready to show at least 30 minutes prior to the time listed to keep the judging moving along. Showmanship will be judged at the time the animals are being judged.

It is recommended that exhibits must stay in place until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Market animals are usually excused a little earlier on Sunday so they may be delivered to their respective facility.

GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H EXHIBITS

Entries in this department are exclusively for boys and girls who are regularly enrolled members with records and project work in good standing in the Dawson County 4-H program.

All entries are to be made at the Extension Office or through FairEntry.com two weeks prior to the fair.

Only one prize will be awarded in any one lot to a single club member. All 4-H exhibits will be judged by the Danish award system, according to the quality of the exhibit. Qualifying exhibits will be judged into three groups. First - blue ribbon; second - red ribbon; third - white ribbon. If no exhibit in a lot merits a blue ribbon, none will be given. Those exhibits not qualifying or which are below standards will not receive ribbon award ratings. Sweepstakes ribbons will be awarded in areas where judges feel they are deserving. All judge's decisions are final!

4-H members may exhibit only in the project in which they are currently enrolled in Department 9. Members need not be enrolled in activities to compete in Miscellaneous Projects Division. If members wish to exhibit in classes other than those which they are enrolled they may compete in open class. However, an open class entry blank MUST be filled out in order for premium money to be paid.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS

The management of this department and the Fair Board's directors and managers will not be held responsible for the loss of exhibits at the Fair, either during the progress of the fair or while it is in route to or from the Fair, for any damage to any exhibit during the same period. Due care and caution will be exercised to prevent any such loss or damage.

LIVESTOCK RULES

4-H animals will be governed by the Dawson County 4-H Livestock Policy that each family should have in possession or it is available on the web at www.dawsoncountymontana.org/4H. Only 4-H/FFA members shall care for 4-H livestock unless with a good reason other arrangements are made with the superintendent in charge. Only 4-H/FFA club members shall fit animals for showing after arrival at the fair. Only 4-H/FFA members shall hold animals in the show ring. All livestock exhibits shall be shown and brought before the judge by the boy or girl owning the exhibit. Failure to be on hand when exhibits are judged may mean that the exhibit will not be judged. Every 4-H/FFA livestock member is responsible for their own bedding and cleaning out of stalls used. Stall fees have been set by the livestock committee and will be not be returned if stalls and pens are not cleaned.

Blue ribbon livestock may enter the open class providing there is open class competition and the 4-H/FFA member has entered an open class entry sheet. For market beef the judges are instructed to prefer the highest degree of excellence obtainable considering form, finish, quality and also age and weight; to recognize the highest quality of edible meat to the end that animals on foot shall ultimately produce first quality carcasses. Market beef will be judged on the basis of existing market classification. The three groups will be awarded blue, red, and white ribbons respectively.

4-H'ers may sell in each category providing they are properly enrolled and have met the requirements of the project & qualifications that may be established by the County 4-H program. Sale limits are one market animal of each species at the sale. (i.e. one fat beef, one fat lamb, one market hog, and one breeding lamb). Two fat lambs may be sold as of 2008, and two market hogs may be sold (2010), however each member is limited to 3 total animals that may be sold at the livestock sale. Only blue and red ribbon animals may sell.

Bottom weights of market animals at fair time weigh in: smaller beef breeds – 650 pounds, heavy beef - 1000 pounds, swine - 200 pounds, and sheep - 90 pounds, market goats - 60 pounds & under 1 years of age. Feeder animals are less than these weights and they cannot be sold through the 4-H livestock sale. A judge may reclassify any market animal into the feeder class. After the market animals are weighed in on entry day, the classes will be divided into lot numbers by weight. The classes will be divided evenly into a heavyweight and a lightweight class. Champion and reserve champion ribbons will be awarded in the heavy and light classes and a

grand and reserve grand rosette will be awarded to the top two animals from the champion and reserve champion classes.

Dairy will be judged upon size for age, type, vigor, condition and apparent producing capacity.

The sheep market class is open to all breeds, ewes, or wethers. Only lambs under 1 year of age may be shown. Market lambs are encouraged to be shorn by early June. Sheep entered in the breeding classes will be judged upon breed, type and characteristics, quality and development for age. Breeding ewes shall be sheared no later than June 1.

The swine class is open to all market hogs regardless of breed. Emphasis of the judge will be on the leanness, muscling, and general thriftiness. A market hog is defined as a barrow or gilt weighing a minimum of 200 pounds. Market hogs must be owned by June 1.

Each orphan animal (having no mother) must be in the 4-H member's possession no later than June 1st of the current year. The exhibit will be judged individually on its own merit. This class will not be eligible for showmanship. This project will not be able to be sold in the 4-H livestock sale. This project can be used to continue on in the livestock projects for another year.

If a 4-H'er is not able to attend the fair, the animal should be left at home. The fair is for the benefit of the 4-H'er and not the animal. All animals should be gentle enough for the judge to touch. If an animal cannot be touched it may go down one ribbon point.

CARCASS CONTEST

All beef to be judged in the carcass contest will be slaughtered at an established slaughter house and be graded by a qualified grader. The carcass data will be entered into the Steer of Merit computer carcass program. The winning carcass will be the one with the highest index, calculated by the computer. Special premiums are awarded to the top three indexing carcasses by Stockman Bank of Glendive; \$50 cash for first place; \$37.50 cash for second place; and \$25 cash for third place. Computer data will be forwarded to MSU for Steer of Merit recognition by the Montana Stockgrowers Association.

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

All market beef animals officially weighed in on a certified scale at the time the contest begins about January 1 of the current year and officially identified by the 4-H livestock committee are eligible to compete in the contest. The rate of gain will be computed after the steers are officially weighed off on a certified scale designated by the 4-H livestock committee on entry day of the fair. 4-H members with steers in the contest will display a sign with the following information: name, beginning weight, ending weight, total weight, and average daily gain. Special premiums: \$50 cash from the Brad Trangmoe Memorial to the steer with the highest daily rate of gain; \$37.50 cash from the Beer Jug for the second place, and \$25 cash from HUB Insurance for third place in the rate of gain contest.

OPTIONS AND PROJECT ACTIVITY BOOKS

Any 4-H/ FFA member enrolled in a livestock project, whether a breeding or market project, is required to do an option or the project activity book for that year. It is required to exhibit the

option or the activity book at the fair or they will not be allowed to sell their market animal that year or enter that project the following year. Any of the options can only be completed once by a project member, unless there are different activities in the specific option to choose from that would merit a different display at the fair. Dawson County voted to require 3 activities per year from the activity book, however, if you plan on competing for awards at the state level, you must finish 7 activities per year and a total of 20 at the end of three years.

All 4-H/FFA members will be expected to strictly abide by the Livestock Code of Ethics as adopted by the Dawson County Fair Board and Dawson County 4-H Council.

4-H Code of Ethics

All 4-H members and their families are expected to conduct themselves in a positive, honest, sportsmanlike manner during all 4-H shows and activities. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- 1.) Unsportsmanlike conduct such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors or spectators is prohibited.
- 2.) Criticizing or interfering with judges, show officials, other exhibitors or spectators while at the fair or any 4-H activity may result in an individual or group being asked to leave and/or being prohibited from further participation in the 4-H activity or fair.

VIOLATIONS:

Any violation of 4-H rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of participation in county 4-H activities up to and including expulsion from or probation from Dawson County 4-H Activities. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action will require application for readmission under such terms as the 4-H Council may prescribe before the individual is allowed to participate in future 4-H activities. The Dawson County 4-H Council reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle all differences and questions.

SHOWMANSHIP

4-H /FFA club members must be exhibiting in the division in which they participate in the showmanship contest. Showmanship must be on the entry blank.

Junior Division: 13 years old or younger

Senior Division: 14 years old by or older by October 1 of the 4-H year (Oct 1-Sept 30)

The judge may request final contestants to exchange animals, for a period during the contest. All animals in this class must be broken to lead. Must show evidence of fitting and handling. Swine are handled with a hurdle or a cane. Sheep are held at the throat under the jaw. 4-H'ers/FFA must show only their own animal, but can enter in more than one division if they are enrolled in more than one livestock project. Small animal round robin will consist of dogs, cats, chickens, and rabbits. Rules for this are different and each 4-H family should have in their possession the showmanship rules for small animal round robin. (A copy follows at the end)

Round Robin Large Animal Showmanship will be on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. These rules will apply to both senior and junior division: The contestants go into the round robin with zero (0) points. If a 4-H'er wins

champion showman in two or more animals, they will be placed in the round robin according to a priority system. The system will be as follows:

1. Champion Showman in any animal that has no reserve showman.
2. Horse Showman.
3. Beef Showman.
4. Sheep Showman.
5. Hog Showman.
6. Goat Showman.
7. Dairy Showman.

The reserve champion showman will move into the round robin if the champion showman in a class is already in the round robin. If the reserve showman is already a champion showman in another class, he or she must take their champion showman animal to the round robin. In that event the third place showman will then move into the round robin in that class. The judge will be instructed to pick the third place in each class of animals during the showmanship part of the show. If there is only one animal in a Jr. or Sr. division - both ages will have to show that class of animal. Every contestant will enter the round robin on equal ground. A 100-point judging system will be used. (Test questions based on showmanship information taken out of the 4-H showmanship book, will be used for a tiebreaker if necessary.) The 100 point system will be broken down as follows: 60 points on showmanship skills, 20 points on how well the animal responds to the person showing it, and the remaining 20 points on poise of the contestant. We will also use two sets of pigs that have been shown before in the round robin. The pigs get so hot and tired that showing them was becoming a problem. The pig show arena will be divided in half, at the time of the round robin, with a set of pigs on each half. Each pair of pigs will then be shown alternately.

A Judges Choice Award will be given each year. It would be up to the judge to pick a 4-Her that he or she thinks is displaying an exceptional project, regardless of their confirmation placing. There will be one award for hogs, sheep, beef, dairy, goats, horse, and orphan.

Stall Deposit - There is a \$10.00 deposit for each stall used by the exhibitor. If the stalls are cleaned after the fair, this deposit will be returned to the exhibitor. Every day when you clean your stall, please take this material to the compost pile, north of the horse barn.

DRESS CODE

The livestock committee has recommended the following as dress codes for showing all livestock. Guidelines for each species is in the Dawson County 4-H Livestock Showmanship Book. Long sleeved white or pastel shirts are ok. If you don't have one of these books, you can pick one up at the Extension Office.

HORSE RULES

Each 4-H family with members in the horse project should have in their possession the Dawson County Horse Handbook, revised, 2006. Refer to this for rules & regulations.

Colt to Maturity Project

1. 4-H members must start with a yearling in the colt to maturity project, this allows continuing through the 2, 3, 4, and 5 year old project years. This class is open to any of the horse breeds.
2. Horses must remain at the fairgrounds throughout the fair to be eligible to collect premium money.
3. No stallions will be allowed except in the yearling class.
4. Entries will be judged on soundness, training, mannerisms, performance, appearance and equitation.
5. "Hackamore" means the use only of rawhide braided, leather braided or rope basal. It does not refer to a so-called "mechanical" hackamore.

6. Each 4-H member will show his or her own horse.
7. Note: For requirements, equipment and patterns refer to bulletin 353 - Training Horses, Yearlings to 5 year olds, and bulletin 5248 Colt to Maturity Manual.

Horsemanship

1. This class is open to any of the saddle horse breeds or ponies.
2. The horse or pony can be shown only once in any one lot.
3. Each member enrolled in the project will perform the following tests and maneuvers in horsemanship as requested by the judge.

POCKET PETS

Pocket pets are considered to be any small animal, bird, reptile, or other creature that a member has been learning about in 4-H. Exhibitors must be enrolled in one skill level of the Pocket Pets project.

1. Pocket pets are brought to the fair on the Monday preceding the fair. Judging is at 1:00 pm.
2. Interview judging will be conducted for all exhibitors. Judging will be on the exhibit, not on conformation.
3. All pocket pets must be confined to an escape-proof cage, suitable for that particular species, while they are at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must provide for the health and welfare of the animal while at the fair.
4. Exhibitors may be asked to handle their pets at the judge's discretion.
5. Members should be enrolled in only one skill level each year corresponding to their age. Exhibitors are allowed to enter up to three animals in their skill level. In addition, exhibitors may also enter lots 7 or 8, depending on their age.
6. Pocket pets do not participate in showmanship or the round robin contest.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Project should be accompanied by items worthy of the project. Small items such as ornaments need 3 items to make an exhibit. Large items need only one.

CLOTHING

Clothing is judged the Monday preceding the fair. All garments must be cleaned and pressed for exhibit. Members must select patterns that require the use of skills from their skill level in all garments exhibited in a skill level. Articles may be made from your own designs or pattern combinations, however you should bring pattern or explanation of pattern with you while you are being judged.

Each lot number skill will be the focus of attention of judging, but all other sewing skills will be taken into consideration. Each lot number will be judged for the appropriate skill level the 4-H'er is enrolled in. First year sewers are asked to enter items without zippers.

FOODS

1. Foods must be exhibited in a plastic bag or on a paper plate with the exhibitor's tag attached and the end of the bag sealed.
2. Large cakes, bread, etc. should be on a firm base.
3. Pies must be exhibited in disposable pie tins. These should be 8" or 9" in size.
4. You may use recipes of your own choice.
5. Each 4-H member must make their own entries. Members of the same family should make individual recipes, rather than one and cutting it in half.
6. Some 4-H entries will be sold or used in the food stand.

7. 4-H members should exhibit in the project area in which they are enrolled. All 4-H foods members are urged to prepare exhibits in the section open to all members.
8. Commercial mixes should not be used.
9. FOOD PRESERVATION - Jars should be labeled as to date, contents, & process method.
10. FROZEN FOODS - Exhibit in a plastic bag showing label with contents and date.

POSTERS & PHOTO

Most posters should be 14"X22". Photo poster board should be appropriate to the size and amount of pictures for each lot number. (i.e. two pictures could go on a smaller poster). A 4-H member may only enter in one level of photography at a time.