

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H BEEF GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

General

Management

1. All exhibits shall be under the directions and control of the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair Association. The Association, under the, will not be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Association and management thereof against all claims or account of or resulting from the exhibitor's negligent handling of his exhibit.
2. Any exhibitor or representative or agent who violates any of these Rules and Regulations of the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair will forfeit all privileges and premiums and may be barred from future shows.
3. PLEASE NOTE: SMOKING AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!

Stalling

1. Stalling will be pre-assigned.
2. No cattle OR tack is allowed in the barns until Tuesday August 22nd at 4PM or until Vet Check has been completed.
3. All cattle exhibiting at the event must be stalled in respective space. If under special circumstance the case arises, petition may be made to show staff for relocation.

Exhibitors

1. Exhibitors participating in activities at the Hunterdon County 4-H and Agricultural Fair are responsible to the superintendents and club leaders of the departments.
2. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of exhibits, equipment and facilities. Superintendents reserve the privilege of ruling on such cases.
3. Exhibitors are required to adhere to 4-H dress code; wear closed toed shoes preferably boots, jeans, button down, western shirt or collared shirt. Hair tied back or neatly done. Animals must have a show halter and the exhibitor must have a scotch comb, number holder and a show stick.

Showmanship

1. Divisions will be based on age as of Jan. 1, 2021.
2. Each age division will have a class.
3. Show staff will determine how to break each division if need be.
4. Registration for showmanship will be made on Entry Form.

Division Breaks

Cloverbud Peewee – 6 years old to 8 years old

Beginning – 9 years old to 12 years old

Junior – 13 years old to 16 years old

Senior – 17 years old to 21 years old

Entries

1. Entries must be made on printed entry furnished by the Hunterdon County 4-H, unless approved by the manager and must be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the show.
2. All information and signatures asked for on the entry form MUST be furnished. Entries will not be accepted unless this information is provided. Exhibitors must have identification/registration certificates available at any time during the show. Photocopies of identification/registration certificates will not be accepted.
3. The number of classes and class designation will be determined at the Superintendent's discretion.
4. Entry Fees MUST accompany entries and will not be refunded.
5. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022. Late entries will not be accepted.
6. No horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
7. NOTE: EXHIBITORS MUST BE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING BY THE BY-LAWS OF THE HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H BEEF.

Animal Health

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for each 4-H beef project entered. The CVI must be shown to a fair veterinarian when the animal is unloaded at the fair. A CVI must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair. All exhibitors must abide by the health requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the Hunterdon County 4-H Agricultural Fair found on <http://www.hunterdoncountyfair.com/> and also abide by NJ State Department of Agriculture Guidelines find more information in the link.
http://www.hunterdoncountyfair.com/images/PDF/memberandshowrules/2022_Fair_and_Show_Letter.pdf
2. In addition to the CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or fair veterinarian.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds. If a member's project animal is removed prior to the show, they may borrow an animal to show in their Showmanship class.

Obstacle Course

The obstacle course will be held on Sunday August 26th, 2023 at 11:00am. This event will be for the junior exhibitors and will require them to walk their **heifer/steer** through various obstacles placed in the show arena. The exhibitors will be judged on their ability to complete the course on time and will be awarded points for each obstacle. Running and excessive speed will be penalized. Open to 4-H Beef Club members ONLY. You MUST use your animal (unless special arrangements are made ahead of time by the leader). No bred females are allowed.

Some of the obstacles may include:

1. Walking the animal through a gate
2. Tying the animal to a fence
3. Putting the animal into a chute
4. Demonstrating proper showmanship skills
5. Walking between bales of straw
6. Any Other event that the show committee feels appropriate

The number of classes and the exact procedure will be finalized after the number of entrants is known.

TEAM FITTING CONTEST

1. Teams will be pre-assigned and announced at least one (1) hour prior to the contest.
2. Each team will be comprised of (3 to 4) 4-H members.
3. Time limit of thirty (30) minutes.
4. A team member must wear a show harness to display assigned team number.
5. Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area, including animal.
6. Animals must be freshly washed.
7. Each team will be allowed the use of one blower.
8. No improper fitting methods may be used.
9. Clippers may be used at the discretion of team members.
10. When time is called, one member from each team will exhibit the animal for final viewing and judging.
11. Judging will be based on fitting techniques and outcome. In the event of a tie, teams will be allowed back in the chute for an additional five (5) minutes.
12. No spectators, parents, etc. are allowed on the floor during contest.