

Judges, Superintendents, Fairbooks, Ribbons, OH MY!

A Webinar Series to Revamp, Revitalize and
Re-energize Your County Fair

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- February 8-** Judges, Superintendents, Rules/Fairbook, Ribbons OH MY!
- February 22-** What is the Public's First Impression of Your Fair? Topics include marketing messages, exhibits to highlight a VIBRANT 4-H program and serving the public in 4-H Concession Stands.
- March 1-** Making the Ask! Inviting fairgoers to become a part of 4-H as a member or volunteer.
- March 8-** Challenges or Opportunities? Extension Board or Fair Board, who does what? Complaints or Conflicts, steps to develop a grievance plan.

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Why A Webinar Series?

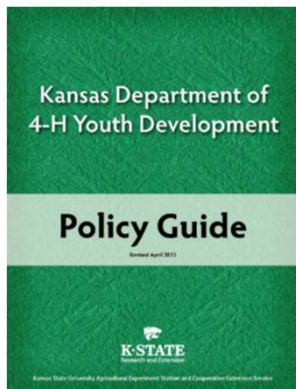
- ✿ We know lots of time and effort goes into County Fairs, lets make them the best they can be.
- ✿ Potential 4-H Families often come to the fair to learn about joining the local 4-H Program.
- ✿ A County Fair provides fair attendees a glimpse into the health/vibrancy of your Local 4-H Program



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Rules, Policy & Fairbooks



Kansas Department of 4-H Youth Development

- ✿ Policy Guide can be found [here](#).
- ✿ K-State Research and Extension Role at Fairs & Shows

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County Fair Policy Authority

The extension board is the policy-making authority for the 4-H Youth Development division of the fair. Rules and regulations must conform to policies and procedures established by the director of extension. Fair boards may not establish rules and regulations for participation of 4-H members in the 4-H division at fairs/expositions/shows. Fair boards may, with the approval of the extension board, establish club meeting attendance policies for eligibility to participate in a livestock or project sale, auction, or similar event for 4-H exhibitors. If eligibility rules are established and approved by the extension board, requirements should be in place and communicated to all 4-H participants by October 1, the beginning of the 4-H year.

Fair boards do make rules and regulations for open class divisions of fairs/expositions/shows.

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Participation Rules

4-H member participation for 4-H fairs or the 4-H division is based on the following criteria.

The exhibit is the result of knowledge and skills learned within the 4-H project experience in the local club, group, event, enrichment program, or individual participation.

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Rules, Policy & Fairbooks

- ✿ Kansas State Fair
- ✿ Fairbook is posted mid February to <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>
- ✿ Double Check against County Fairbook
- ✿ Use this to help develop your project areas at your County Fairs
- ✿ State Fair Entry information is also on this website

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Superintendents

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| <p>February</p> <p>Make list of who to ask for each project area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✿ How many in each project area? ✿ 4-H and Open class together? ✿ School teachers, retired persons, alumni, etc <p>March</p> <p>Send first ask letter</p> <p>2 weeks later- follow up with phone call</p> <p>April</p> <p>Continue to call, send new letters until all slots are full</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✿ Divide & conquer- work together | <p>June</p> <p>Send confirmation letter with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✿ Fair book ✿ List of Superintendents ✿ Superintendent Check List ✿ Consultative Judging Handout (or 3 weeks prior to your fair) <p>August</p> <p>Send thank you note (or 2 weeks following your fair)</p> |
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Superintendent Responsibilities

- ✿ Possibly help select judges
- ✿ Project exhibit check-in
- ✿ Recording results
- ✿ Writing judge's comments
- ✿ Displaying exhibits
- ✿ Attaching ribbons to exhibit if needed
- ✿ Releasing exhibits



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Superintendent Resources

- ✿ Initial "ask" letter
- ✿ Confirmation letter
- ✿ Superintendent Check-List
- ✿ Consultative Judging Handout

Resources can be found [here](#).

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Judging System

Danish System – Most often used in 4-H static exhibits

- ☘ All exhibits receive a ribbon
- ☘ Exhibits are judged in comparison with an ideal standard, not to each other
- ☘ Exhibits are placed in 4 ribbon groups Purple, Blue, Red, or White

Modified Danish System – Often used in Livestock Shows

- ☘ Exhibits are compared to a standard, placed in four-color ribbon groups, but are ranked top to bottom within each ribbon group.

American System – Most often used in Open Class Exhibits

- ☘ Not all exhibits receive a ribbon. Exhibits are ranked 1-2-3, etc. with a different colored ribbon for each placing. Exhibits are compared to each other.

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Judging Process



Best Management Practices

- ☘ Consultation/Conference Judging opportunity with the judge and 4-H member – see link on web
- ☘ Scorecard/Standard is used – see link on the web for options
- ☘ In addition to judging conversation, written comments are made on the scorecard

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Judging- What are Standards?

- ✿ Ideally, standards are derived from research - primarily from land-grant universities - and are the same standards used by adults.
- ✿ The appropriate ribbon should be awarded to the exhibitor based on the evaluation of the exhibit using an accepted standard or scorecard.
- ✿ Standards should not be changed because of problems or situations with which the 4-H'er lives and works.

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Judging Process- Ribbons

- PURPLE:** Outstanding on all standards
 - BLUE:** Exceeds the minimum standard; may have minor flaws where improvements can be made
 - RED:** Meets all minimum standards; may be visible signs of needed improvements
 - WHITE:** Fails to meet minimum standards
- See web resource to help your fair patrons understand ribbons



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Judging Process- Ribbons

Participation Ribbons

- ✿ Participation Ribbons are awarded to those exhibits that do not meet requirements. Participation ribbons indicate to the 4-Her that the exhibit was not necessarily poor in quality, only that it did not meet the project requirements as indicated in the fair book.
- ✿ Participation Ribbons are also awarded to Clover Buds or other “participation” only classes.

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Judging Process- Parent Role

- ✿ The Judging conversation is between the 4-H Member and the Judge.
- ✿ Find a way for parents to be close enough to hear the judging conversation, but it is not for parents to take part in.
- ✿ Written comments are important on the scorecard/standard for parents to help their children use those to improve for next time

Supporting Resources can be found [here](#).

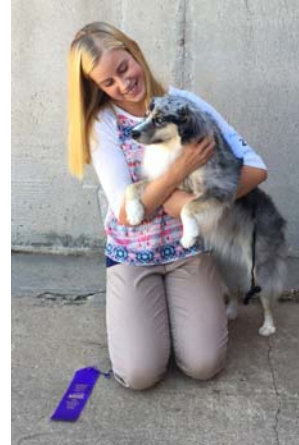


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Judging Process- Special Awards

- ✿ Nearly every fair has them
- ✿ Fair premium book should specify how the exhibits/recipients will be selected.
- ✿ Help donors think about those guidelines – should it be the “top exhibit” in a class/division, or the “top purple exhibit in a class/division (there may be times this is not awarded)



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Judging Process- Champions

- ✿ **Reserve Champion** - Reserve champions ribbons are awarded to the second highest quality exhibit in a single division if there is a worthy exhibit.
- ✿ **Champion** - Champion ribbons are awarded to the highest quality exhibit in a single division if there is a worthy exhibit.
- ✿ **Reserve Grand Champion** - Reserve grand champion ribbons are awarded to the second highest quality exhibit in one project area (if it's quality merits this award).
- ✿ **Grand Champion** - Grand champion ribbons are awarded to the highest quality exhibit in one project area (if it's quality merits this award).

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Judges

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| February | Make list of who to ask for each project area | July 1 | Send confirmation letter with: |
| | ☘ How many in each project area? | | ☘ Fair book |
| | ☘ 4-H and Open class together? | | ☘ List of Superintendents |
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| | ☘ 2 weeks later- follow up with phone call | | (or 2 weeks following your fair) |
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| | ☘ Divide & conquer- work together | | |

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Where to Find Judges

http://www.southwest.k-state.edu/program_areas/4h/

<http://www.northeast.k-state.edu/4-h/index.html> (password protected)

Certified Dog Judge List- email Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu

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Judges Orientation

- ✿ Welcome, Thanks, & Introductions
- ✿ Location of Fair Office, restrooms, etc.
- ✿ Refer to fairbook and superintendents for division rules
- ✿ Review 4-H Danish ribbon system, i.e. white, red and blue
- ✿ 4-H and Open class together? Clarify the difference
- ✿ Review “top blue” or “champion” or “state fair blue” ribbons and trophies and other awards to be selected

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Judges Resources

- ✿ Initial “ask” letter & response card
- ✿ Confirmation letter
- ✿ Creating a Positive Experience for 4-H Youth at the County Fair
- ✿ Judges & The Consultative Judging Process

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Thank you

Next webinar:

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