

GENERAL RULES

1. **Competition.** Competition is open only to boys and girls who are enrolled as 4-H members by the last business day of March.
**The New York State 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30.
** Youth who are five through seven years of age on or before January 1 of the club year and enrolled in Kindergarten through second grade should enroll as a 4-H Cloverbud Member.
**Youth who have reached their nineteenth birthday before January 1 of the 4-H club year may not enroll as a 4-H member.
**Persons considered to be mentally disabled may participate fully in 4-H programs as long as their mental age is determined to fall between five and nineteen years of age.
2. Chaperoned dormitories available for enrolled 4-H exhibitors, ages 12-19 to sleep overnight. All 4-H members who stay on the grounds are required to sleep in this dormitory. Registration is required each day. Those violating dormitory rules will be subject to loss of all premiums. *4-H members staying overnight at the county fair must stay in the dorm unless written permission is made to the appropriate animal superintendent. If staying elsewhere on the grounds, a dormitory sign-up still needs to be filled out stating where you will be staying.* A copy of the dormitory form is included in the Delaware County Fair Information booklet that is mailed to each 4-H family in May. Additional copies can be obtained on our Cornell Cooperative Extension web site at www.ccedelaware.org or picked up at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Hamden, or in the Youth Building during county fair.
3. No entry fee is charged in this department. An entry form is required for all dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, beef cattle, sheep, swine, horse, rabbit, cavy, dog, and poultry classes. ***Entries are due JULY 26 to Cornell Cooperative Extension, 34570 State Hwy 10, Suite 2, Hamden, NY 13782.***
NEW YORK STATE FAIR ENTRIES ARE ALSO DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE IN HAMDEN ON JULY 26.
All exhibits in this department will be governed by the same general rules and regulations that apply to all other departments.
5. All exhibits in this department must be in place by:
***Youth Building; MONDAY, 2 p.m.**
***Animal Exhibits; MONDAY, 5 p.m.**
of fair week and must *remain until 8 p.m. Saturday.* Exhibitors removing items before 8 p.m. will forfeit all premiums that may have been awarded.
6. The Society shall take every precaution for the safekeeping of animals and goods of exhibitors, but assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage, and upon this condition only, are entries received. The Society shall not be liable for injury to any person that may occur to them while on the fairgrounds. Cornell Cooperative Extension will assume no responsibility for the loss or damage of articles accepted to represent Delaware County at the State Fair.
7. The Fair Board of Directors requires that all articles or animals exhibited at the Fair shall be kept on the grounds until released. Persons removing animals or articles from the grounds without permission of the Superintendent shall forfeit any premium that may have been awarded.
8. Any exhibitor who intentionally damages an exhibit or property of another exhibitor, or whose conduct on the grounds is undesirable, may be requested to forfeit all awards and prize money, and may be requested to remove all his/her property from the fairgrounds at once.
9. All exhibits must be the work of the person exhibiting. Any exhibit raised, made or prepared for exhibit by anyone other than the exhibitor may be disqualified.
10. Failure to abide by any rules set forth by the Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents will subject an exhibitor to forfeit all premiums.
11. **Youth Building exhibitors have the option of having their projects judged on either SUNDAY or MONDAY.** Sunday's Judging Hours – 1-4 p.m.
Monday's Judging Hours – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Exhibits are judged *before* they are put on display. Each exhibitor is responsible for presenting his or her exhibit to the judge.
Please Note: All animal exhibits are entered the same as in the past, MONDAY; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
12. **PROJECT RECORD SHEETS REQUIRED FOR YOUTH BUILDING ENTRIES**
A General Project Record or Cloverbud Project Record and an Exhibit Tag **must** accompany each exhibit entered in the Youth Building. A copy of the General Project Record and Cloverbud Record can be obtained on the Cornell Cooperative Extension web site at www.ccedelaware.org or by picking up copies at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Hamden.
13. Cloverbuds, 4-H age 5-7, are allowed to participate in the following animal sections: Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavies, Ducks, Turkeys, Geese, Sheep, Swine and Goats. * See specific sections for classes open to Cloverbuds.
Ribbon and Placing Information: 4-H judging is done on a Danish System of blue, red and white ribbons. Based upon a given set of standards, projects may be awarded all blue ribbons if the judge feels that all entries are above the average for that group. The judge usually awards a combination of blue, red and white ribbons. (i.e. excellent/blue ribbons; average/red ribbons; below the standard/white ribbons). In addition, in animals versus vegetables or clothing, judging the blues, reds and whites are usually arranged in order (ex. 1st blue, 2nd blue, 1st red, 2nd red, etc.)