


GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

1. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the protection of exhibits. The Fair does not carry insurance on exhibits. Owners may insure their exhibits before bringing them to the Fair. The Kent County Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, injury, or accident to any person, animals or property.
2. To enter the Kent County Fair, 4-H'ers must be enrolled in project by June 1st of the current year. Only Kent 4-H'ers may enter 4-H classes except in the Horse Show which is open to out of county 4-H'ers. Only bonafide 4-H'ers are eligible to exhibit in 4-H classes. Club members must have an enrollment form on file in the Kent 4-H office by June 1 and must be between the ages of 8 and 18 years old as of January 1st. Clover Division (Pre-4-H) participants must be less than 8 years old as of January of this year.
3. Indoor Division: 4-H and Clover members cannot enter a project in the same class in both 4-H and Open divisions. Animal Divisions: 4-H members can enter both 4-H and Open if they pay the appropriate entry fees with their pre-registration.
4. Anyone may enter Open classes.
5. Any exhibitor not following rules and regulations may forfeit Premiums. Premiums will also be forfeited if exhibitor does not clean up exhibit area after removing exhibit! **Must sign with Division Chair that year your exhibit is clean.** 4-H members who are disciplined and removed from the fair, forfeit all premiums.
6. The Kent County Fair Committee reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations, resolve any situations which may arise, and is not restricted by the lack of specific rule or regulation.
-  7. No dogs or pets allowed on grounds.
8. The Fair reserves the right to cancel any event without prior notice and without incurring any liability except the return of any entry fee paid.
9. No alcohol, smoking, or tobacco products allowed on grounds.
10. All animals must be exhibited in the name of the owner, all products of the soil in the name of the producer and articles of craftsmanship must be the handiwork of the exhibitor.
11. All entries must have been made or prepared by the exhibitor and completed since last year's Fair.
12. All Indoor Open and 4-H exhibits and animals exhibits will be released after at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, no exceptions.
13. The Fair Committee reserves the right to limit the number of open class entries if necessary due to space limitations.
14. All hoses must have a nozzle - no running hoses.

INDOOR, OUTDOOR, AND ANIMAL EVENT ENTRY PROCEDURES:

15. Return ENTRY BLANKS for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goats, 4-H Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Small Pets, Swine, Pretty Animal, Ambassador, Promotional Booths and Overnight Approval Forms to the Kent Extension Office by **June 15** (410-778-1661). Indoor Entry Tags may be picked up at the Extension Office. 4-H Indoor Exhibit Tags may be checked in prior to the fair at the Extension Office. Tags must accompany exhibits to Fair. Fashion Revue entries due **July 1st**.
16. You are permitted to enter as many classes as you wish...but only ONE ENTRY PER CLASS, except market livestock, poultry, and rabbit classes. Exhibits must meet class requirements or they will be disqualified. Only one exhibit number per exhibitor.
17. All entrants in animal fitting and showing may only enter one fitting and showing class per species.
18. All indoor entries must be entered 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 or 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15. See Clothing for exception. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All indoor entries must remain until 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.
19. Kent 4-H animal exhibits (except dogs, and milking cows & goats) must be on the fair grounds by Wednesday 6:00-9:00 p.m. or Thursday 6:30-8:30 a.m.. Open Livestock must be on the grounds by 8:00 a.m. on show day. Open rabbits and small pets on grounds by 7:30 a.m. show day. Open class dairy and milk cows on grounds by 8:00 a.m. Saturday. Open goats, must be on grounds by 12:00 noon Thursday. Open poultry on grounds by 8:30 a.m. Thursday - **Open animals are released after the show, 4-H animals and exhibits not released until 8:00 a.m. Sunday.**

OPEN CLASS ENTRY FEES:

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| 20. Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Swine..... | \$5.00 per animal |
| Horse..... | \$10.00 pre-entry - per horse/rider combination. Kent 4-H'ers no fee for 4-H show only |
| Dog | \$2.00 per animal |
| Poultry, Rabbits and Small Pets..... | \$1.00 per animal |

Entry fees (check or cash) must accompany ALL open entries. If fees are not included with entries, fees will be doubled and taken out of premiums.



Make checks payable to: Kent County Fair. No entry fees are refundable.
There are no entry fees for open or 4-H indoor exhibits.

JUDGING:

21. All indoor 4-H entries will be judged by Junior, Intermediate and Senior Age Divisions.
 Juniors: 8-10 as of Jan. 1 Intermediates: 11-13 as of Jan. 1 Seniors: 14-18 as of Jan. 1
23. Exhibits are judged by the numerical system, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc. and participation. The judge has the privilege of not giving a first place award if it is felt the top exhibit does not warrant it.
24. Only items included in this catalog will be eligible for awards. **PREMIUMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME. PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID FOR UP TO FIVE ANIMALS PER SPECIES PER EXHIBITOR, EXCEPT POULTRY AND RABBITS WHICH ARE ALLOWED 10 EXHIBITS.**
25. Decisions of the judges will be final in all cases.
26. **NO ONE**, other than authorized help, will be allowed in the indoor exhibit building while exhibits are being entered and judged on Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. This rule will also apply when exhibits are released on Sunday after 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors of vegetable displays, well dressed table, educational displays, collections and club booths will be permitted to set up their exhibit.
27. In animal classes, Open and 4-H exhibitors will show simultaneously. Open Class competition will be held first, then Kent 4-H'ers will be pulled forward for their placement.



4-H CLUB EXHIBIT

ENTRY No. AGE

PROJECT DIV.

ARTICLE

NAME

CLUB

LEADER

FOLD OVER AND STAPLE TO CONCEAL NAME UNTIL AFTER JUDGING

No. 33, FAIR PUBLISHING HOUSE, NORWALK, O.

HOW TO FILL OUT AN ENTRY TAG FOR INDOOR EXHIBITS

Each indoor exhibit must have an entry tag. Tags are available at Extension Office. DO NOT ATTACH YOUR TAGS TO YOUR EXHIBITS!! Bring them in UNATTACHED. Fair officials will attach them for you.

The 4-H Tag needs some adjustments when completing. Follow these directions please.

- On the first line, ENTRY NO = Exhibitor number., AGE = 4-H Age: Jr., Int., Sr.
- On the 2nd line, left hand side, PROJECT = Class #
- On the 2nd line, right hand side, DIV = Division - example: HM, HN, etc.
- On the 3rd section under Article - describe the item entered - example: B/W Photo - landscape
- NAME = 4-H'ERS Name
- CLUB = Club Name
- LEADER = Can leave blank

Animal Rules and Regulations

- 1. Exhibitors must follow all MDA health regulations. Must have valid CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) and signed self certification. Current interstate health papers are required for out of state animals. Call the Extension Office for further information.
2. The fitting and preparation of all animals for exhibit is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors may receive guidance from immediate family members, other Maryland 4-H/FFA youth and appointed MCE Volunteers or FFA Advisors. Violation of this policy may result in immediate disqualification of the exhibitors from all 4-H/FFA livestock shows and competitions at the Kent County Fair and possible dismissal from the fairgrounds.
3. ALL LIVESTOCK WILL BE CHECKED BY THE STATE VETERINARIAN OR DESIGNEE BEFORE BEING UNLOADED FROM TRAILERS. If state vet unavailable, decision to deny animal entry due to disease: 1) State Veterinarian or a fair committee of at least 2 representatives made up of; 2) Department Chairperson; 3) Fair Board Animal Director; and/or 4) Extension Ag or 4-H Educator.
4. The Kent County Fair Committee reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations, resolve any situations which may arise, and is not restricted by the lack of specific rule or regulation. A 4-H Animal Science Oversight Committee will resolve disputes in Animal Divisions.
5. All 4-H exhibitors must have a current, signed, MD 4-H Code of Animal Ethics form on file in Extension Office to participate. See the current MD State Fair guidelines and standards.
6. Prescribed show attire is required for all 4-H exhibitors in fitting & showmanship breed & market classes and the livestock sale. Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times. No farm names or other identification is permissible, no caps or headwear permissible except for Horse protective headgear. Shirts must have collars, be tucked in, with no undergarments showing. Girls may substitute slacks with skirt of appropriate length. Note: No halter tops, spaghetti straps, or exposed mid-drifts permissible. Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steers & Dairy Goats - 4-H/FFA: white slacks with white shirt. Neckpieces optional. Beef, Market Goats, Sheep & Swine - 4-H: green or tan slacks, white or tan shirt with green or black neckpiece. FFA: tan or black slacks, tan or white shirt with blue or black neckpiece. Horses: appropriate riding clothes and headgear as defined in 4-H 266, MD 4-H Horse & Pony Rule Book. Dogs: Attire that is suitable for showing a dog - Boys: slacks, shirt and tie; Girls: skirt or slacks and blouse or shirt.
7. Only Kent 4-H youth exhibiting dairy, horse, goat, beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, poultry, and small pets may stay overnight on the fairgrounds. Any youth staying overnight must have a completed Maryland 4-H Behavioral Expectations Agreement, a Health Form, and a Fair Overnight Approval Form including the signature of the designated chaperon. Gates will be locked from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. No open class animals admitted during this time.
8. All 4-H'ers exhibiting meat projects including, beef, dairy steers, sheep, meat goats, swine, poultry and meat rabbits must show current 4-H Quality Assurance Training Certification.
9. Animal division stall assignments will be posted by chairperson in appropriate barns by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday. No stall decorations are permitted prior to this time.
10. MD 4-H Sheep Tail Docking Policy: The revised policy for all youth sheep projects (both breeding lambs and market lambs) and for exhibition of animals by 4-H youth at fairs and shows in Maryland is as follows: it is RECOMMENDED that "Sheep tails should not be docked shorter than the level of the distal end (farthest point from the body) of the caudal tail fold. Lambs that are properly docked will have a minimum tail length of .7 inches at show. Please see the 4-H Animal Science Code of Ethics for more detailed information. Beginning in 2008, compliance with this aspect of the policy was voluntary. Tails will not be measured at 4-H events. Success of the voluntary policy will be evaluated on a continual basis. Prolapses: Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapsed at a 4-H activity will be ineligible for that show and will be sent home as soon as possible, by the Extension Educator, livestock superintendent, or other appropriately deemed individual. The following will be used as a guideline for making this determination: 'A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4 cm (1.6") or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing.' (Journal of Animal Science, 2003, Thomas et al.) If a lambs is observed with a rectal prolapse (by one of the above people) and in future is not observed with a rectal prolapse, it is still classified as having a "rectal prolapse" at that event.



PREMIUMS

- 1. Premiums paid as listed in each class. Animal classes paid on scales listed below.
2. Premiums paid up to five animals per species per exhibitor.
3. Premiums paid only in individual animal age classes. All others receive a ribbon. Horses will receive the highest earned premium from all classes entered per horse/rider combination.
4. All premiums subject to change.

SCALE 1 DAIRY/BEEF/HORSE

Table with columns: Animals Shown (1-6), Placings (1-6), and a 3x3 grid of placement numbers.

SCALE 2 SHEEP/SWINE/GOATS

Table with columns: Animals Shown (1-6), Placings (1-6), and a 6x6 grid of placement numbers.