CONTESTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Anne Arundel County 4-H Variety Show Rules

Please read these rules before planning your act(s). Changes may have been made to ensure a better program for all.

1. Each club with less than 40 enrolled members will be limited to 2 acts. Each club with 40 or more enrolled members will be limited to 3 acts.

2. Each act must submit an application, in writing, with the ages of all 4-H'ers in the act clearly stated, to ensure judging in the proper category.

3. There will be two categories of acts:
   - Group Act - 3 or more members
   - Individual/Duet Act - 1 or 2 members

4. The categories will be divided into age divisions as follows:
   - Junior Group Act - all members in the act are 4-H age 5-13 (exclusive)
   - Senior Group Act - all members in the act are 4-H age 14-18 (exclusive)
   - Mixed Group Act - any combination of Juniors and Seniors
   - Junior Individual/Duet Act - age of the oldest member in the act is 4-H age 8-13
   - Senior Individual/Duet Act - age of the oldest member in the act is 4-H age 14-18

   Note: Clovers may participate in the Junior and Mixed Group Acts only and must be enrolled in 4-H.

5. Each club may enter more than one act in the same category and age division. (For example, a club may enter two acts in the Mixed Group Act.)

6. A 4-H member may participate in only one group act, per club. However, a 4-H'er who performs in the Individual/Duet category may participate in their club act only if that 4-H'er does not have a leading role in the group act.

7. No one act shall exceed ten minutes, including set up. Acts exceeding this length may have points deducted at the judges' discretion.

8. Each club is responsible for providing their own props and equipment.

9. 4-H volunteers are permitted to help set up and tear down.

10. No brand names can be used.

11. Acts do not have to be 4-H related.

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12. All acts will be judged Danish first and then competitively for champion and reserve champion.

13. Awards will be received on the following scale:

- Blue Ribbon - Excellent
- Red Ribbon - Very Good
- White Ribbon - Good

Champion Group Act - $50 to club
Reserve Champion Group Act - $25 to club

Champion Individual/Duet Act - $50 to club
Reserve Champion Individual/Duet Act - $25 to club

14. Any 4-H club which has won the Champion Group Act may not compete in the same form of entertainment (skit, song, dance, instrumental, other) in the same age division in consecutive years. Any club which has won the Champion Individual/Duet Act may enter a different individual in the same form of entertainment and age division in consecutive years.

15. **PLEASE** be sensitive of other people's feelings.