STRAWBERRY (FTC)

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SECTION 3 - STRAWBERRY CONTEST
CLASSES:
01 Junior (8-10 yrs.) | 02 Intermediate (11-13 yrs.) | 03 Senior (14-18 yrs.)

Rules and Regulations

ELIGIBILITY:
- Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, of current 4-H year. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA.
- No club/chapter plants will be permitted.

PLANT REQUIREMENTS:
- All plants must be planted and grown in the original container issued to them in October of the prior year.
- Plants will be examined upon check-in at the fair. Contest officials have the right to reject entries of inferior quality or diseased plants. Plants will be examined upon check-in at the fair.

REGISTRATION:
- All plant must be registered ONLINE (Please see Event Calendar for exact date & time.)
- By purchasing a plant in October, it DOES NOT automatically register you for fair.

SHOW LIMITATION:
- Entries shall be limited to one plant per individual. Contestants must only show the plant issued to them in October of the prior year. Replacement plants may only be obtained within the thirty days following the original issuing of plants, and only as long as plants from the original lot are still available.
- **Record books are NOT required to show at the fair.**

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DRESS CODE:
- **FOR THE SHOW:**
    - All exhibitors must wear a white, sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans.
    - Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
    - Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
      No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.

PLANT CARE:
- Each exhibitor is responsible for the care of their plant during the fair.

PLANT JUDGING AND AWARDS:
- Plants will be pre-judged and classified as blue, red, or white by qualified judges based upon a pre-established set of standards.
    - Berry load (includes blooms all the way to ripe berries).
    - Size of plant (think bigger is better)
    - Depth of planting
    - Proper pruning
    - Free of insects and insect damage
    - Free from disease signs and symptoms

- Separate classes will be held for junior, intermediate, and senior exhibitors. Within these three groups, plants will be placed first through third place and winners will receive ribbons.
- During the final judging process, exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions concerning the care of their plants.
- First place winners from the three classes will be considered for overall grand champion plant. The class receiving the grand champion strawberry plant will then be represented by the second-place plant of that class.
- Then from those three classes, the reserve grand champion will be chosen.
- Grand champion and reserve champion will receive trophies.
- Grand and reserve champion may be awarded to exhibitors of each age category
- Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon
- Please note any changes can be made based on judges discretion

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PREMIUMS:

- All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair. Please allow up to 6 weeks.
  - Placings: 1st - $5.00 | 2nd - $3.00 | 3rd - $2.00
  - Grand Champion Overall: $50.00
  - Reserve Champion Overall: $25.00

CHECK OUT:

- All plants must remain until the close of the fair.
- Plants removed before checkout time and date will result in forfeiture of premium money.
- Plants left post-fair will be forfeited.

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