

# 2026 4-H-ENTRY BOOK

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# Exhibitor Information



**Animal ID Deadline: May 15, 2026**

**Entry Opens: May 18, 2026**

**Entry Deadline: July 1, 2026**

(Late Entries accepted in most departments. See individual department for more information.)

**State Fair Online Entries:** <https://entry.indianastatefair.com/>

**Animal ID:** <https://v2.4honline.com>

**2026 Animal ID Requirements:**

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf>

**Exhibitor Admission & Parking Passes**

**Complementary Exhibitor Credentials**

All Exhibitors will receive 2 complimentary Exhibitor Credentials good for admission for each week an entry is made, not by species:

<b>Market</b>	Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
<b>Breeding</b>	Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
<b>Open</b>	Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

**Individual Week Credentials for Purchase**

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair. A **\$18.00** admission will be charged for each person, each time, each day without a badge. Badges may be purchased and used by parents. Credentials are valid for admission for each week an entry is made:

<b>Market (\$45)</b>	Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
<b>Breeding (\$55)</b>	Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
<b>Open (\$55)</b>	Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

Full Fair Exhibitor Credential:

**Everyday (\$100)** Friday August 7 - Sunday August 23

Exhibitor Single Day Ticket - **\$13.00**

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair.

Vehicle Parking Pass - **\$30.00**

Valid for the Exhibitor Parking Lot (South of 38<sup>th</sup> St.) or overflow lot(s) as directed by State Fair Management. Enter and exit parking, without being charged for each entry.

**Trailer Parking**

Complimentary trailer parking is available at the 46<sup>th</sup> St. Parking Lot – 1209 E 46<sup>th</sup> St Indianapolis, IN 46205.

The trailer parking lot is monitored by off-duty law enforcement 24/7. Shuttles run from the trailer parking lot to the Livestock barns 24/7.

The official release will be required to remove the trailer from the lot (see specific department for release times).

**Campgrounds**

The Indiana State Fairgrounds operates a campground with spots available on a first-come, first served basis at:

1209 E. 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Reservations for 2026 will open on May 18, 2026 at 9am. Spots fill very quickly!

Please visit: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/camping-information/> for additional information and to reserve your spot.

All exhibitors should be familiar with and must abide by the terms and conditions of the Indiana State Fair. Failure to do so may result in loss of the privilege to exhibit at the State Fair and/or ejection from the Fairgrounds.

## Definitions

As used in these Terms & Conditions, the following Definitions apply:

- A. "Animal Wellness and Care Plan" shall mean a document in place to provide a statement of intent and standards by which the Indiana State Fair will operate to ensure the care, safety, and well-being of all animals involved with the Indiana State Fair. Indiana State Fair agrees to adhere to the best animal care practices, ensure all animals are under the care of an official veterinarian and that all animals are in accordance with the Indiana Board of Animal Health rules and regulations.
- B. The "Board" shall mean the Indiana State Fair Board.
- C. "Department" means any of the following 4-H event divisions:
  - a. Horse & Pony
  - b. Llama and Alpaca
  - c. Beef Cattle
  - d. Dairy Cattle
  - e. Swine
  - f. Sheep
  - g. Dairy Goats
  - h. Poultry
  - i. Rabbit
  - j. Dog
  - k. Cats
  - l. Pygmy Goat
  - m. Meat Type Goat
- D. "Premium" shall mean an award of any kind, including cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies and other such articles awarded to or received by exhibitors as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.
- E. "Rules" shall mean these General Terms & Conditions and any applicable Special Terms & Conditions for each species.
- F. "Show" shall mean the Indiana State Fair and the events and activities that it sponsors.
- G. "Show Management" means an adult individual duly appointed by to serve as the overall show managers including, but not limited to, the Executive Director or designee, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Indiana State Fair Commission, Livestock Director, Livestock Manager, Department Superintendents and State Fair Veterinarians.
- H. "4-H Show Manager" means an adult individual appointed by the Purdue Cooperative Extension 4-H Animal Science Specialist to organize and supervise animal identification, judging and activities in the Indiana 4-H Livestock shows at the Indiana State Fair.

## General Principles

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, 4-H Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
  - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. The Indiana State Fair is fully committed to ensuring integrity in all 4-H Competitions. As such, there is **No Tolerance** for any violation of Terms & Conditions; intent is not relevant (i.e., strict liability) and any determined violations including testing results are final and binding. 4-H Exhibitors should expect that any animal exhibit may be tested at any time while on the Fairgrounds or at harvest.
3. The Indiana State Fair is fully committed to carrying out the Animal Wellness & Care Plan and ensuring the proper treatment of all animal exhibits. Therefore, sick animals shall not be exhibited because of the risk to the animal exhibit, other animal exhibits, the 4-H Exhibitor, other 4-H Exhibitors, other persons, and the integrity of 4-H Competitions. Based on Animal Wellness & Care Plan, Show Management may prohibit an animal exhibit from showing at their sole discretion.

## Eligibility to Enter

4. To be eligible to participate in a 4-H Livestock show at the Indiana State Fair an exhibitor must:
  - a. Be enrolled in and a member in good standing of the 4-H Project in which they are entering.
  - b. Submit DNA for the animal being shown by May 15, 2026 to the County Extension Office. This is required for Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Females, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goats.
  - c. Have satisfactorily fulfilled county 4-H requirements.

## Animal Ownership, Possession and Exhibition

5. Each exhibitor shall own his/her own 4-H Exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county and state ID deadlines and continuously until after the 4-H show at the County and/or State Fair.
  - a. For 4-H breeding animals, family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians are acceptable.
  - b. For 4-H dairy cattle, family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
  - c. Dairy heifers, horses, ponies, alpacas and llamas may be leased subject to approval of both the county 4-H dairy, horse and pony, or llama committee and the respective County Extension Educator. 4-H animals (horse and pony, dairy, alpacas and llamas are only eligible to be leased by a single 4-H member in a 4-H program year.
  - d. 4-H animals are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the County 4-H Extension Educator) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the County and/or State Fair.

- e. 4-H market animals and commercial animals must be individually identified and verified under the supervision of the county 4-H program at county identification events by May 15th. These species include market lambs and commercial ewes, dairy wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, beef steers, market and commercial heifers, meat goat wethers, and market wether dams.
- f. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, is considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."
- g. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 State 4-H animal ID deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-H Online will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
- h. 4-H breeding beef, boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:
  - i. in the 4-H members' name
  - ii. John Smith and Sons
  - iii. John Smith, Sons and Daughters
  - iv. John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
  - v. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
  - vi. Family corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
  - vii. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline. A single animal can only be included in one 4-H Online family profile.
- i. 4-H breeding beef, boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
- j. For 4-H dairy cattle, partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are acceptable (i.e. John Doe and William Smith (4-H member) or Long Oak and William Smith). Dairy cows and heifers, owned in a partnership, may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until the conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show, or the animal will be ineligible for this show. 4-H dairy cattle will not be accepted in 4-H classes at the State Fair if they are registered in the father's name only or in a farm name, such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", etc., unless the 4-H member has a certified lease agreement for this animal.
- k. The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. Only dairy heifers that will be less than two years-of-age at the time of the Indiana State Fair 4-H dairy show, may be leased. Leasing a dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer, regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 until the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H dairy heifers must be registered (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 and be properly identified in Indiana 4-H Online.

## Care Of Animal Exhibits

6. 4-H Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits at the Indiana State Fair.
7. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their own animals entered at the Indiana State Fair. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration and that the exhibitor is involved in the preparation. 4-H Exhibitors will be held accountable for all individuals contributing to animal project including but not limited to parents, siblings and animal fitters or groomers.
8. Ownership of the animal exhibits passes from the 4-H Exhibitors or their families to the Indiana State Fair Commission when the Indiana State Fair Commission takes possession of the animal exhibits for harvesting.

## Code of Ethics

9. In order to protect the integrity of the Indiana State Fair 4-H Competitions and the food supply, the Indiana State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal(s) they have reasonable cause to believe have been fitted in an unethical manner.
  - a. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, 4-H Exhibitors represent that the exhibitors' animal(s) natural conformation and structure have not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting" and includes but is not limited to injection of air, gas, or other foreign substances, cutting/tearing of the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the physical appearance or shape of the animal, numbing an animal's tail, cutting tendons of an animal, using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet.
  - b. Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration, or docking as permitted by the species-specific rules may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species.
  - c. No injection sites (including sites from acupuncture treatments) may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, loin, hips, etc.
  - d. The administration of any drug prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any drug used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law is prohibited.
  - e. In such cases where unethical fitting appears to have been attempted, the Indiana State Fair may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the entry. The Indiana State Fair will follow a course of action based on the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian. Any 4-H Exhibitor that is disqualified for any rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums

## Drug & Alterations Testing/Examination Principles

10. The Indiana State Fair 4-H Animal Testing Program protects the integrity of the Indiana State Fair, 4-H Competitions and the food supply. At no time shall animal exhibits have any substance present, alteration or tissue anomalies that:
  - a. Violates standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
  - b. Violates standards established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Should testing results reveal non label compound use, consideration may be given if credible veterinary disclosure or testimony is provided, accompanied by credible documentation citing appropriate exercise of the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994 (AMDUCA) within an existing Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) at the time of treatment is provided in a timely manner when requested by State Fair officials before, not after an Appeal Process as outlined in General Terms & Conditions 34-48 has been initiated and is recorded and present on the exhibit's Animal Affidavit.
  - c. Is determined by the Purdue University Meat Lab Manager or State or Federal Meat Inspectors to be unacceptable for human consumption either during or post-harvest.
  - d. Provides any potential performance enhancing quality or any potential showing advantage including but not limited to tampering, altering, or misrepresenting any exhibit; coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics; pumping air or other substances to alter conformation; methods to induce artificial fill; performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body; and unethical fitting. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, and docking of tails.

## Treatment of Acute Injury Policy for 4-H Animal Exhibits at the 2026 ISF.

11. In the event that an animal suffers an acute injury, it is permissible for the animal to be treated with FDA approved medications. An ISF veterinarian must administer all treatments. The determination of the time of injury and its impact on the animal is solely based on the evaluation and diagnosis of the attending ISF veterinarian. For market animals, all withdrawal times must be completed prior to the start of the show. Failure to meet this withdrawal time requirement shall disqualify an animal from exhibition. Non-market animals are exempt from withdrawal times being completed by the time of show.
12. The use by non-veterinarians (exhibitor or otherwise) of animal compounds or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law and individuals found to be in violation may be disqualified and/or ejected from the event at the discretion of Show Management.

## <https://entry.indianastatefair.com/AnimalAffidavit>

13. Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, an animal affidavit (found [HERE](#) shall be submitted for all animal exhibits (i.e., market and breeding) in the:
  - a. Beef Cattle Department,
  - b. Dairy Cattle Department,
  - c. Swine Department,
  - d. Sheep Department,
  - e. Dairy Goat Department,
  - f. Boer Goat Department, and
  - g. Meat Goat Department.
14. All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments, and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (May 15, 2026) through the day of check-in must be recorded.
15. Disclosing drugs and/or alterations on the animal affidavit does not affect the imposition of penalties should there be a violation of the Code of Ethics or drug testing /examination principles outlined above. Attaching accompanying veterinary documentation to support any Animal Affidavit claims is recommended.

16. If you are exhibiting multiple species on multiple weekends you will need a separate affidavit per weekend. (ie all barrows would be on one affidavit and the following weekend gilts would need a separate document.)
17. Failure to complete the animal affidavit shall result in automatic disqualification and may result in additional imposed penalties as listed below in General Terms & Conditions 36-40.

## Veterinary Treatment Of Animal Exhibits

18. Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, all 4-H Exhibitors irrevocably consent to emergency medical care that may be needed to preserve an animal's life or prevent extreme suffering. 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby waive any claim related to emergency medical care and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, Purdue University, Indiana 4-H Program, Cooperative Extension, the State of Indiana, and respective agencies, affiliates, agents, officers, and employees from all claims and suits including court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses related to emergency medical care. If the following conditions have been met, the Indiana State Fair is expressly authorized to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices/procedures, administering of medications, surgery, and euthanasia, for an animal in the absence of the 4-H Exhibitor if:
  - a. The 4-H Exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the 4-H Exhibitor, and
  - b. A State Fair Veterinarian or Show Management determines that the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or that the animal is in extreme pain.
19. Only the State Fair Veterinarians may administer drugs to animal exhibits at the Fairgrounds.

## Non-ambulatory/Deceased Animal Policy

20. The Indiana State Fair will not allow the unloading of animals that are non-ambulatory or unable to walk off the vehicle under their own power. If an animal becomes non-ambulatory after arrival at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the owner shall immediately notify the Superintendent in charge of that department.
  - a. Livestock that becomes non-ambulatory after arriving at the Indiana State Fairgrounds must be removed within 12 hours of discovering or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and Show Management agrees, the owner must remove that animal from the Fairgrounds (at the owner's expense) within the 12-hour period.

21. In the event of an animal dying while at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the Indiana State Fair Commission will remove and dispose of the animal at the owner's expense. The owner must contact species superintendent, who will then be responsible for communicating with ISF staff for removal.

## 22. Show Ring Ethics

- a. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- b. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- c. Commercial advertisement, names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements, banners or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Barns or Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building.

## 23. Assignment of Stalls

- a. Assignment of stalls will be made and enforced by department personnel.
- b. Alteration or removal of stall or pen structures - Exhibitors are required to notify and obtain approval from department personnel to alter any assigned stall(s) or pen structure(s), or any part thereof. If an Exhibitor does not seek and obtain such approval, the Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Indiana State Fair Board and the Indiana State Fair Commission for any damage to person or property that results from such alteration or removal and penalties may be imposed on the exhibitor. The Indiana State Fair reserves the right to alter, move or revoke stalls on an as needed basis.
- c. Feed and Bedding of good quality will be available for exhibitors to purchase at reasonable prices. The Indiana State Fair will not furnish these items. The selling of feed or bedding is strictly prohibited, with the exception of the approved Indiana State Fair vendor.

## Drenching

24. Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.

## Judges & Judging

25. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted as an Official Protest(See Rule 31 below for Official Protests).
26. 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them shall treat officials and judges with respect. 4-H Exhibitors shall not interfere/attempt to interfere with or influence/attempt to influence a Judges' decision.
27. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called shall be disqualified.
28. Competition placings are not official until all carcass examinations, animal testing, re-weighing, and animal verifications are complete.
29. 4-H Exhibitors may appeal a Judge's decision only by alleging either that a specific and applicable Term & Condition was violated, or that the Judge's decision was improperly influenced. 4-H Exhibitors appealing a Judge's decision shall describe relevant facts and their proof (e.g., witnesses) as well as give **written** notice to Show Management within two (2) hours of the alleged infraction.
30. The 4-H Exhibitor, parent or guardian submitting the Protest Form shall use the Due Process procedure below to appeal.

## Protest Procedure

31. All protests must be made in writing on the protest form (Found ) by the 4-H Exhibitor and accompanied by a \$300 deposit (**Cash or Certified Check**), of which the deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
32. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint and must be filed within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests concerning the ages of animals must be filed with the Show Management prior to the day on which the animal(s) is/are to be judged.
33. Protest Investigation: Show Management shall investigate all protests. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted. Show Management reserves the right to hold all protests and investigation findings confidential.
34. The 4-H Exhibitor submitting the Protest Form may use the Due Process procedure below to appeal.

## Determination and Interpretation Principles

35. The Indiana State Fair Board and Show Management:
  - a. Shall act to ensure integrity in all 4-H Competitions and penalize Terms & Conditions violations, fraud, deception, and improper/unethical activities,
  - b. Have the final authority to interpret all Terms & Conditions and make determinations at their discretion,
  - c. May resolve any unforeseen matters in their sole discretion, and
  - d. May amend or add to these Terms & Conditions and/or withdraw all premium offerings in any Departments should they determine that an emergency exists and/or circumstances require such action.

## Indiana State Fair Board Due Process, Determinations, Penalties and Appeals

36. The Indiana State Fair Commission is the final authority for all actions relating to programs funded through it.
37. When a Term & Condition violation is reported, Show Management shall investigate and determine whether a violation has occurred and either may seek assistance, guidance, and vet any questions via the Indiana State Fair Board..
38. Upon determining a Term & Condition violation has occurred, the Executive Director, or designee may adjust, amend or impose a penalty, sanction, disqualify, ban from future competition, assign alternative penalties or dismiss from violation any exhibitor or project determined to be in violation. These determination decisions may extend to a 4-H Exhibitor's immediate family and animal fitters or groomers.. No action of the family or exhibitor shall affect the timeline or process for the appeal under Ind Code 4-21.5-3 et. Seq. (the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, AOPA)
39. 4-H Exhibitors whose animal exhibit tests positive for any substance in violation of General Term and Condition shall be subject to the following penalties:
  - a. First Offense
    - i. Disqualification of that animal exhibit from the Indiana State Fair,
    - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with that animal exhibit,
    - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with that animal exhibit,
    - iv. Forfeiture from the animal exhibit being awarded 4-H Champion Award.
  - b. Second Offense
    - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
    - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
    - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
    - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award, and
    - v. Ban from competing in the Indiana State Fair for the following year.
  - c. Third Offense
    - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
    - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
    - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
    - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award, and
    - v. Lifetime ban from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair.

40. 4-H Exhibitors whose animal exhibit test positive for any substance or are determined to be in violation of General Term and Condition 9b, 9c, or 9d or is determined to have been fitted unethically in violation of General Term and Conditions 10a-10d shall be subject to the following penalties:
- a. First Offense
    - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair,
    - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
    - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
    - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award,
    - v. Ban from competing in the Indiana State Fair for the following 2 years, and
    - vi. Forfeiture of any proceeds from an animal exhibit awarded premiums from the Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions (the Indiana State Fair Board shall withhold proceeds and shall donate the entire sum to the Indiana State Fair Foundation).
  - b. Second Offense
    - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
    - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
    - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
    - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award,
    - v. Forfeiture of any proceeds from an animal exhibit awarded premiums from the Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions (the Indiana State Fair Board shall withhold proceeds and shall donate the entire sum to the Indiana State Fair Foundation), and
    - vi. Lifetime ban from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair.
41. Show Management reserves the right to assess additional penalties beyond those listed.
42. The Indiana State Fair Board may notify the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the North American Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) of any decision related to their National Code of Show Ring Ethics including but not limited to addition to the NALSRAMA Rule Infraction Database (RID) List.
43. The Indiana State Fair Board may be required to notify the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of any finding that violates applicable regulations.
44. Within 15 days of the violation determination Show Management shall notify the 4-H Exhibitor in writing of the violation determination and imposed penalty. For violations not involving rules 9 and 10 the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board within 15 days of the determination of a violation..
45. The 4-H Exhibitor receiving a violation determination and/or imposed penalty may request an appeal hearing within 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, please visit <https://www.in.gov/OALP> and select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
- a. Fill out the online for via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination):
  - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to ALP; or
  - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N Senate Avenue N802 Indianapolis, IN 46204.
46. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.
47. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

#### 4-H Determinations

48. Independently, the Director of the Purdue Cooperative Extension or his/her designee may assess penalties under 4-H Policies and is the final authority for all actions pertaining to the statewide policies and programs of Indiana 4-H, including but not limited to eligibility determinations for competitions

#### Premises ID

49. The Indiana State Fair requires all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for beef and dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep. Indiana exhibitors of horses, poultry, llamas and alpacas as well as out of state exhibitors will be requested to voluntarily provide Premises ID numbers. To obtain a Premises ID#, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 877- 747-3038. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah).

#### 4-H Substitute Showman

50. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at the State Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Indiana 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H show manager. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H show manager. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a non-4-H-related creative arts or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.

## Supreme 4-H Livestock Showmanship

51. The champion and reserve champion senior beef showmen, champion senior barrow showman, champion senior gilt showman, the champion senior market lamb showman and champion senior breeding ewe showman, champion senior meat goat wether & wether dam showman, the champion senior meat goat breeding doe showman and the champion dairy goat showman will compete for the title of Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman. The winner will be declared the Indiana State Fair Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman and will be part of Celebration of Champions. Once a 4-H member is declared the Indiana State Fair Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman, they will become ineligible to compete in any showmanship classes that compete in Supreme Showmanship at the Indiana State Fair in future years.

## 4-H Grand & Supreme Drive

52. Should a champion animal become ill/injured or be determined to be unsound and unable to participate in either the Grand or Supreme Drive, the reserve animal of that breed will represent the breed. The Department Superintendent shall inform the judge of the situation prior to judging the Grand/Supreme Champion. The reserve breed champion from the same breed as the Grand Champion is eligible to be selected for the ISF Celebration of Champions.
53. Once a market animal is selected for the Celebration of Champions it cannot be withdrawn and will undergo testing and harvest.
54. All 4-H Celebration of Champions market animals will be transported by the State Fair or designee to the processing harvest site.
55. All 4-H Celebration of Champions market animal carcasses will remain under the jurisdiction and ownership of the Indiana State Fair until such time as all carcass examinations, tissue testing, and/or any other required testing as determined by the Show Management or State 4-H Youth Development officials have been completed.
56. Monetary awards will not be issued until test results are complete.

## Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions

57. The 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will honor the top five in 4-H Market Lambs, Barrows and Beef Steers. Additionally, the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether, Supreme and Reserve Supreme Wether Dam Sheep, the Grand Champion 4-H Commercial Waterfowl, the Grand Champion 4-H Meat Pen of Rabbits, the Grand Champion 4-H Meat Type Chickens, the 4-H Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether, and the Grand Champion 4-H Dairy Beef Steer will be recognized as market projects.
58. The 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will also honor the top five in 4-H Beef Heifers, 4-H Gilts, 4-H Ewes, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Cows, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Heifers, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Full Blood & Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Percentage Meat Goat Does, 4-H Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Sr. & Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Jr. Dairy Goat Does, 4-H Best of Show Halter, Champion overall performance and Champion showman Llama & Alpaca, 4-H Best Exhibition in Show Poultry and 4-H Best of Show Rabbits as non-market/breeding projects.
59. Also included in the 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will be the Supreme Showman, Horse & Pony Western, English and Contesting Champions, Best of Show Dog, Best of Show Cat, Grand and Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Doe.
60. An exhibitor will receive a Celebration award for every qualifying project category (Market and Non-Market) for which they are selected as outlined in rules #57 and #58. There are no limitations on the number of Celebration awards an exhibitor may receive. Only one video will be created for exhibitors winning multiple species.
61. The Youth Development and Fundraising Committee reserves the right to eliminate any 4-H animals from the ISF Celebration of Champions which it deems to not be in the best interest of the Indiana State Fair.
62. The Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions Award total monetary amount includes premiums and accomplishment award for all participants, and market value price for market animals. Total monetary award amount is based on a formula. Awards will not be given to exhibitors until testing results are complete.
63. With regard to ISF Celebration of Champions animals, it is understood that the market animals awarded upon showing and/or processing will have urine, blood, saliva and/or tissue samples taken per the mandatory testing under 4-H General Terms & Conditions and the animal may be examined by a panel of licensed and accredited veterinarians. Upon said examination, if in the opinion of the examiners, the animal has been fitted in an unethical manner or tampered with, the animal will be disqualified from the ISF Celebration of Champions, all premiums and awards forfeited, and the award proceeds will be withheld by the Indiana State Fair Board and donated to the Indiana State Fair Foundation.
64. Exhibitors of reserve 4-H breed champion market animals not selected for Celebration of Champions must take their animal home.
65. The ownership of a market animal or an exhibit receiving an ISF Celebration of Champion award is maintained by the exhibitor until the conclusion of Grand Drive, Sunday, August 9. The animal or exhibit must be on display until the Transfer of Ownership is signed over to the Indiana State Fair. Signatures of both a guardian and the 4-H Exhibitor is required.

## Recognized Breed Participation Policy

66. Recognized Breed Participation: Indiana State Fair recognized breeds (those listed in the current entry book) are required to have a minimum of head total (market and/or breeding) in order to offer breed classes.
- Cattle: 5 head
  - Goats: 15 head
  - Swine: 15 head
  - Sheep: 15 head
67. Each Breed Class must have a **minimum of three animals** in order to be a recognized Breed Class. If minimum is not met, Breed Class becomes an exhibition class for current Indiana State Fair, premiums will not be awarded and Breed Class is ineligible for Grand or Supreme Drive.
68. **AOB Division:** The AOB Division will be offered in the Swine, Beef Cattle, and Sheep departments and shall be considered a recognized breed. The division will include all other registered breeds papered with a recognized breed association, not listed in the current department entry book. Regardless of the number of animals in the AOB class, premiums will be offered for AOB division. Champion of the AOB division would be eligible for Grand or Supreme Drive.

## Establishing New Breeds In Competition

69. The Indiana State Fair must approve a state-affiliate breed association application for a breed show. The breed must also have a minimum number of head exhibited in either proposed breed/gender classification (ie. rams, ewes, market lambs) over a two-year period prior to the recognition of the new breed. This rule does not apply to any Poultry or Rabbit Exhibits
- b. Breed association letters are to be sent to the Exhibitor Livestock Manager at [livestock@indianastatefair.com](mailto:livestock@indianastatefair.com).
70. To place an established breed of livestock on probation the following shall apply:
- c. The first year that a breed does not meet a minimum number of head, it shall be considered on its first probation.
  - d. At the end of the second consecutive year of probation, if the breed does not meet the minimum head, that breed will then exhibit as Exhibition Only the following year, if the minimum head is not reached, the breed will be removed and eligible for exhibition in AOB.
  - e. The same entry fees shall be paid by all livestock exhibitors regardless of show classification.
    - Minimum Number of head:
    - Cattle: 5 head
    - Goats: 15 head
    - Swine: 15 head
    - Sheep: 15 head

## Loss or Damage

71. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for loss to property or by reason of any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the State of Indiana, Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

## Entry Revisions, Cancellations & Refunds

72. Entries may be revised in advance of check-in. Additional fees may apply.
73. Entry Fees are non-refundable.

## Premiums

73. Premium Checks will be mailed in October for all departments.
74. Premiums will be paid according to official judging result sheets.
75. Any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be obtained at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion or on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).
76. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to December 1, 2026 for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on December 1, 2026. After this date the exhibitor's right of protest is relinquished.

*All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.*

## **Prohibited Items**

1. No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
2. No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
  - a. The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
  - b. Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
3. Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2 (a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 CI) and (2)).
4. Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
5. No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

## **Animal Policies & Procedures**

6. The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
7. Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

## **General Safety Policies & Procedures**

8. Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
9. Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
10. Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
11. Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

## **Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings**

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering. Fire extinguishers mounted in the building by the ISFC do not apply. Exhibitors must have their own fire extinguisher under each tent, canopy, or covering.

## **Fire Safety**

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisles, in front of exit doors, or in/under stairwells.

## Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

## Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
  - All grills and flat-top cook surfaces that are powered by gas, charcoal, or other fuel are prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Only electric-powered cooking devices are allowed. **Any cooking device with an open flame is prohibited.**
  - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
  - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

## Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5) Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

## Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2) Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

## Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

## Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.

David Trotter  
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Indiana State Fair Board

Superintendent: Dianna Hatcher

1. **Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions** – By entering exhibits at the Indiana State Fair, you agree to the Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions.
  - a. The State Fair management reserves the right to drug test any animal at any time. See drug policy, fraud and deception section in the front of the State Fair 4-H book. Refusing the tests will cause disqualification. Exhibitors of horses and ponies selected for drug testing will be required to fill out and sign an “Animal Affidavit”. Samples of this form available online at (<https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/livestock-information>) and is also available at your County Extension Office or the Indiana State Fair Entry Department. Check with your veterinarian if you are using any over the counter medications to ensure they will not violate the State Fair drug policy. Do **not** send the affidavit with your entry form. The affidavit must be completed at the State Fair show.
2. **4-H Terms and Conditions** - For 4-H Animal Ownership, Possession and Exhibition Guidelines relative to State Fair Exhibition, see 4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP/POSSESSION AND EXHIBITION in the Indiana State Fair 4-H Entry Book.
  - a. Only animals who are properly identified by May 15 in Indiana 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/>) are eligible for entry in the state fair horse and pony show. To be properly identified, a color photo showing face and all four feet must be uploaded into Indiana 4-H Online prior to deadline. 4-H members in good standing and in 3rd-12th grade are eligible to show their identified horse at the State Fair. Grade determined by grade in school as of January 1, of the current year.
  - b. Note: All 4-H Horse/Pony classes shall be judged by the current edition of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook (4-H 661). Therefore, exhibitors should secure a personal copy from their local county Extension office. Refer to 4-H 661 for any policies/ terms not addressed in this Entry Book.
  - c. All horses must meet the 4-H Horse and Pony vaccination requirements, please see <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html> for a copy of the vaccination form (4-H-1031-W). This form must be completed and turned in at check-in. Failure to complete this requirement will result in ineligibility for the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse Show.
3. **Ownership** - Animals must be in the 4-H member’s ownership/approved lease and records started prior to May 15. This ownership/approved lease shall be continuous until after the State Fair.
  - a. Any Horse/Pony exhibited must be shown and owned by the child, or owned in partnership with the child’s father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent or legal guardian. Note exception: leased Horses/Ponies may be shown if they follow state policy regarding leases, in the county from which the entry is submitted.
4. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 State 4-H animal ID deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-H Online will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other’s animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
5. It is recommended that the same combination of animal and rider entered for the State Fair show have shown in the same class, if offered, or most similar class if same class is not offered in either their county or area show.
6. The decision of the judges will be final. Questions concerning terms and conditions are to be presented to the 4-H show manager for consideration. Video cameras may be used for personal use but will not be used to dispute a judge’s decision or score.
7. The State Fair and 4-H officials may measure and verify the I.D. of any horse or pony entered in the State Fair Horse & Pony Show. Measurement will be taken standing square and at the highest point of the withers. Horses 3 years and younger will stand the height of the dam, unless it is higher. If the height of the dam is not known, would have to stand in the over 56-inches class. Only one (1) measurement will then be made, and that measurement will supersede previous measurements. NO permanent height cards will be accepted.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for checking in at the make-up ring just prior to their class and safely entering the arena or they may be disqualified. Splits for performance classes will be posted at the Show Office.

9. Contesting horses will be brought to the arena in a controlled manner as determined by the judge before beginning the pattern. Assistance may be given by one (1) person of contestants' choice (not show personnel). Any changes in this procedure will be announced before the class. Failure to enter or leave the arena in a controlled manner will result in disqualification, at the discretion of the judge. Running or galloping into the arena is an automatic disqualification, at the discretion of the judge. Show management may elect to allow one horse to enter the ring while the previous horse is departing the ring.
10. Only 4-H horse and pony members may ride, lunge or drive 4-H animals on the show grounds.
11. Animals are not to be ridden on the Fairgrounds except in designated areas, at scheduled times. Failure to comply will result in a loss of awards and dismissal from the show grounds.
12. 4-H members entered in over-fences classes may walk the course without their horse or pony for five (5) minutes prior to the over-fence classes. Hunter hack entries will not walk the course.
- 13. Exhibitors entering the over-fences classes must participate in the assigned jump practice to qualify to show in the over-fences and hunter hack classes. If an exhibitor does not qualify to show in these classes, they will be allowed to sign up for another class during the show.**
14. Show stewards are charged with the authority to enforce 4-H terms and conditions. His/her decision may only be appealed via the Grievance Applications and corresponding process.
15. Mules, donkeys, horses and ponies (including miniature horses & draft horses) are eligible to show at the State Fair 4-H horse and pony show and must comply with these terms and conditions.
16. A negative Coggins test may be required to exhibit.
17. Fans must have proper safety approved shrouds.
18. No animals will be allowed to check in early or stay beyond posted times unless the exhibitor has received permission from Horse and Pony Superintendent.
- 19. No horse or pony arrivals between the hours of 10pm – 6am unless prior authorization from Horse and Pony Superintendent.**
20. Certified headgear, a boot with a heel, shall be worn in all mounted classes, as well as when 4-H members are mounted on the State Fairgrounds for any reason. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to ensure that the headgear meets the requirements outlined in 4-H 661.
21. No pedestrians will be allowed on the floor of any designated riding areas during horse and pony warm- up or practice times.
22. Only shavings are allowed for bedding stalls. All stalls with horses must have at least one (1) bag of shavings. Exhibitors are not allowed to sleep in stalls with animals.
23. By order of the State Fire Marshal, aisles and exits shall always remain clear. Failure to comply may result in disqualification, removal of awards, and suspension of the privilege of exhibiting at the State Fair.
24. Classes offered in the State Fair 4-H Horse and Pony Show are subject to evaluation and may be eliminated or combined due to low participation.
25. Age groups are based on the exhibitor's grade as of January 1, of the current year:  
**Junior** – 3rd – 5th grade  
**Intermediate** – 6th – 8th grade  
**Senior** – 9th – 12th grade.
26. Horse Classifications:
  - a. Mini | 39" & under
  - b. Pony | 40" – 56"
  - c. Horse | over 56"

## 27. Versatility Class Guidelines –

- a. Horses will perform in: Hunter Under Saddle (HUS), Western Horsemanship (WH), Western Pleasure (WP) and Barrel Racing (BR). All classes will be judged according to the rules in 4- H 661 and the Horse and Pony entry book.
- b. Exhibitors in 4-H versatility must have 2 helpers who are 4-H members (do not need to be from same county) and will have 5 minutes to change their clothes and tack between HUS and WH. Exhibitors will be allowed 2 minutes to change bridles and add protective leg-wear between Western Pleasure and Barrel Racing.
- c. Helpers must be safely attired in long pants/jeans, a shirt with a collar, and boots.
- d. **Exhibitors must provide the device to transport tack. Any wheeled equipment that is powered only by the two helpers is allowed.**

## 28. New Class Guidelines: These are trial classes and can be added to the Indianan 4-H 661 Horse & Pony Handbook if there is interest.

- a. Draft Horse Classes: Any draft horse classes that are not in the Indianan 4-H 661 Horse & Pony Handbook we will refer to The Belgian Draft Horse Alliance, Inc Youth Guidelines here: <https://www.belgiancorp.com/youth-guidelines/>
- b. Miniature Equine Classes: Any miniature horse classes that are not in the Indiana 4-H 661 Horse & Pony Handbook we will refer to Pinto Horse Association Rule Book here: [https://www.pinto.org/forms/rulebook/Rulebook\\_website.pdf](https://www.pinto.org/forms/rulebook/Rulebook_website.pdf)

## Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. Online Entry - To enter the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
3. Two (2) exhibitor badges will be given per exhibitor for each week an entry is made into the Indiana State Fair (not by species). Purchasing of Parking Passes are optional and are sold separately through Exhibitor's Corner.
4. Entry Deadlines and Fees –

**Enter between**  
May 18, 2026 - July 1, 2026  
Per Head Fee: \$40

**Enter Between**  
July 2, 2026 - July 26, 2026  
Per Head Fee: \$100

5. Confirmation of Entry- A confirmation email will be sent to the email address used to sign in for the account once entries have been paid in full.
6. Exhibitor Badges- Exhibitors will have the option to view arrival information on their exhibitor dashboard located on the entry system. All exhibitor badges will be picked up on-site at the Indiana State Fair Entry Office located in the Youth Arena. **NO BADGE PACKETS WILL BE MAILED.** Exhibitors are asked to use their unloading pass to access the fairgrounds before acquiring exhibitor badge packets. To reduce congestion only one representative per family or group should collect badges. A signature and printed name will be required from the individual picking up the badges. To avoid delays, we recommend picking up badges during Tack Drop-Off or Animal Unloading / Check-In.
7. 4-H Horse and Pony exhibitors may enter only one horse and show in a total of 5 classes.
8. Each 4-H Horse and Pony may be entered and shown at the State Fair by only one (1) 4-H member. 4-H member's horses will be verified to ensure they are in compliance.

## Arrival

1. No horse or pony arrivals between the hours of 10pm – 6am unless prior authorization from Horse and Pony Superintendent.
2. Stall horse and move in supplies. Each 4-H Horse and Pony animal will be assigned a stall by horse and pony staff. Each 4-H member will be assigned 1/4 of a tack stall. Locks are not permitted on the stall doors. All horses must be bedded with a minimum of 1 bale of shavings. The horse may not be put in any stall except the stall assigned.
3. After unloading all trucks and trailers, 4-H'ers must seek parking outside the Fairgrounds proper. This year you will have two options:
  - a. Parking will be available for trucks and trailers at the 46th Street truck lot at no charge.
  - b. Some parking will be available for trucks and trailers in the South 38th Street Lot, just south of the Indiana State Fairgrounds across 38th Street. Reserved parking will be sold at the South 38th Street Lot during the 4-H Horse Show.
  - c. Once your "rig" is parked for unloading, you will have 20 minutes to unload your horse and tack. At the end of this time, the vehicle may be towed.
4. Transportation will be provided for exhibitors from the 46th Street lot to Gate 7 of the State Fairgrounds and from Gate 7 back to the 46th Street lot.
5. 4-H animals and exhibitors will be released from the 4-H Horse Stall Office to go get their trailer after they have completed their classes. Bring your "rig" to the same loading and unloading area.
6. You may leave once your stall is cleaned and the barn crew has verified and approved it.
7. **All horses are to remain on the grounds until completion of their final class.**

# 4-H Horse & Pony Entry Information



## Schedule

Attention: Additional practice times for riding will be posted at the 4-H Show and Stall Office.

Date	Time	Description	Location
Monday, August 3	1:00 pm – 7:00pm	Contesting Horses Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
Tuesday, August 4		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	6:00am – 7:00am	Contesting Horses Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
	8:00am	Poles, Flags and Barrels	Corteva Coliseum
Wednesday, August 5		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	6:00am – 7:00am	Contesting Horses Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
	8:00am	Keyhole and Speed & Action	Corteva Coliseum
		<b><i>Contesting horses must vacate the building 2 hours following the conclusion of their show.</i></b>	
	2:00pm-9:00pm	English & Western Horse Check-in (Priority given to those horses being used in the Judging Contest) 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
Thursday, August 6		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	9:00am – 4:00pm	English & Western Horse Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
	8:00am	Judging Competition	Corteva Coliseum
	5:00pm	Class 1: Senior Versatility, Horse/Pony Class 2: Junior & Intermediate Versatility, Horse/Pony (following Senior Versatility)	Youth Arena
Friday, August 7		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	6:00am – 7:00am	English and Western Horses Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
	8:00am	Western Showmanship, Driving Classes, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Ranch Pleasure, Reining	Youth Arena
	8:00pm	Jump Schooling	Youth Arena
Saturday, August 8		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	6:00am – 7:00am	English and Western Horses Check-In 4-H Verify Animal Identification	Champions Pavilion
	8:00am	Halter, English Showmanship, In-Hand Jumping, Draft Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Over Fences	Youth Arena & Corteva Coliseum
Sunday, August 9		<b>Notice: No horse or pony arrivals between 10pm – 6am</b>	
	8:00am	Trail, Ranch Riding	Youth Arena
		<b><i>English and Western horses must vacate the building 2 hours following the conclusion of their show.</i></b>	

## Contesting Division

### Category: Pole Bending

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	56" and under Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
2	56" and under Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
3	56" and under Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
4	Over 56" Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
5	Over 56" Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
6	Over 56" Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Pole Bending</b> <b>Reserve Champion Pole Bending</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>

### Category: Flag Race

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
7	56" and under, Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
8	56" and under, Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
9	56" and under, Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
10	Over 56", Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
11	Over 56", Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
12	Over 56", Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Flag Racer</b> <b>Reserve Champion Flag Racer</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>

### Category: Barrel Race

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
13	56" and under Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
14	56" and under Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
15	56" and under Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
16	Over 56" Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
17	Over 56" Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
18	Over 56" Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Barrel Racer</b> <b>Reserve Champion Barrel Racer</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>

### Category: Keyhole Race

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
19	56" and under, Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
20	56" and under, Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
21	56" and under, Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
22	Over 56", Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
23	Over 56", Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
24	Over 56", Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Keyhole Racer</b> <b>Reserve Champion Keyhole Racer</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>



## Category: Speed and Action

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
25	56" and under, Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
26	56" and under, Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
27	56" and under, Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
28	Over 56" Junior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
29	Over 56" Intermediate Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
30	Over 56" Senior Exhibitor	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Speed and Action Reserve Champion Speed and Action</b>	<b>Champion Plaque Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250 \$100</b>

## Category: Overall Champion Contesting

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	Champion Contesting		<b>Celebration of Champions</b>

### Classes for qualifying:

Flag Race / Barrel Race / Keyhole Race / Pole Bending / Speed & Action

\*\*In the case of tie for Overall Contesting Champion, the exhibitors' Barrel time in their age division will be used as the tiebreaker.



## Western & English Division

**Category: Versatility (Hunter Under Saddle, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Barrel Racing)**  
 See Versatility class guidelines in Department terms and Conditions. Choosing to participate in versatility counts as one of the 5 classes an exhibitor can sign up for and compete in. Walk trot exhibitors cannot compete in versatility.

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Senior Versatility (HUS, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Barrels), Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
2	Junior & Intermediate Versatility (HUS, Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Barrels), Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

### Category: Western Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
3	Senior Western Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
4	Intermediate Western Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
5	Junior Western Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
6	All Grades, Western Showmanship, 39" and Under (Mini)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion 4-H Western Showmanship Exhibitor</b> <b>Reserve Champion 4-H Western Showmanship</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$300</b> <b>\$150</b>

### Category: Driving Classes

Driving can be in Western, English, or saddle type attire

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
7	All Grades, Horse/Draft Cart Class	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
8	All Grades, Horse/Draft Cart Reinsmanship	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
9	All Grades, Horse/Draft Cart Obstacle Driving,	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
10	All Grades, Mini/Pony Obstacle Driving	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
11	All Grades, Mini/Pony Reinsmanship	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
12	All Grades, Mini/Pony Pleasure Driving	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

### Category: Western Pleasure

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
13	All Grades, Walk Trot Western Pleasure, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any canter classes)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
14	Senior Western Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
15	Intermediate Western Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
16	Junior Western Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
17	All Grades, Western Pleasure, Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

### Category: Western Horsemanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
18	All Grades, Walk Trot Horsemanship, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any canter classes or advance to Championship Class)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
19	All Grades, EWD Walk Trot Horsemanship, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any canter classes or advance to Championship Class)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
20	Senior Western Horsemanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
21	Intermediate Western Horsemanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
22	Junior Western Horsemanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion 4-H Western Sr/Int/Jr Horsemanship</b> <b>Reserve Champion 4-H Western Sr/Int/Jr Horsemanship</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>



## Category: Ranch Pleasure

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
23	All Grades, Walk Trot Ranch Pleasure, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any class requiring canter)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
24	Senior Ranch Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
25	Intermediate Ranch Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
26	Junior Ranch Pleasure, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
27	All, Grades, Ranch Pleasure, Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Reining

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
28	All Grades, Reining, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Halter Geldings Over 56"

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
29	Halter Geldings over 56" 4 years old & Under, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
30	Halter Geldings over 56" 5 and 10 years old, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
31	Halter Geldings over 56" 11 to 16 years old, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
32	Halter Geldings over 56" 17 years and older, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Halter Gelding over 56"</b> <b>Reserve Champion Halter Gelding over 56"</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	

## Category: Halter Pony Under 56"

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
33	Halter Geldings 39" & Under, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
34	Halter Geldings over 39" to 56", All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
35	Halter Mares 39" & Under, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
36	Halter Mares over 39" to 56", All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Halter Pony 56" and under</b> <b>Reserve Champion Halter Pony 56" and under</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	

## Category: Halter Mares Over 56"

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
37	Halter Mares over 56" 4 years old & Under, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
38	Halter Mares over 56" 5 and 10 years old, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
39	Halter Mares over 56" 11 to 16 years old, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
40	Halter Mares over 56" 17 years and older, All Grades	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Halter Mare over 56"</b> <b>Reserve Champion Halter Mare over 56"</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	

## Category: Halter Saddle Type Horse

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
41	Saddle Type Horse Mares & Gelding, all ages	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Automatically Champion &amp; Reserve Champion taken from class above.</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	

## Category: Halter Draft Horse

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
42	Draft Mares & Gelding, all ages, all sizes	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Automatically Champion &amp; Reserve Champion taken from class above.</b>	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	

## Category: Draft Horse Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
43	All Grades, Draft Horse Showmanship, Draft Horse	1st Plaque / 2nd - 10th Rosette	



## Category: English Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
44	Senior English Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
45	Intermediate English Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
46	Junior English Showmanship, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
47	All Grades, English Showmanship, 39" and Under (Mini)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion 4-H English Showmanship Exhibitor Reserve Champion 4-H English Showmanship</b>	<b>Champion Plaque Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$300 \$150</b>

## Category: Miniature Horse Jumping

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
48	All Grades, Jumping In-Hand, 39" & Under (mini)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Draft Horse Under Saddle

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
49	All Grades, Draft Horse Western or English Pleasure	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Hunter Under Saddle

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
50	All Grades, Walk Trot Hunter Under Saddle, Horse/Pony (cannot enter canter classes)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
51	Senior Hunter Under Saddle, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
52	Intermediate Hunter Under Saddle, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
53	Junior Hunter Under Saddle, Horse	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
54	All Grades, Hunter Under Saddle, Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
55	All Grades, Walk Trot Equitation, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any canter classes or advance to Championship class)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
56	All Grades, EWD Walk Trot Equitation, Horse/Pony (Cannot enter any canter classes or advance to Championship class)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
57	Senior Hunt Seat Equitation, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
58	Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
59	Junior Hunt Seat Equitation, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion 4-H Hunt Seat Equitation Reserve Champion 4-H Hunt Seat Equitation</b>	<b>Champion Plaque Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250 \$100</b>

## Category: Hunter Hack

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
60	2' Hunter Hack, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
61	2'6" Hunter Hack, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Hunter Over Fences

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
62	2' Hunter over Fences, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
63	3' Hunter over Fences, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	



## Category: Equitation Over Fences

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
64	Senior Equitation over Fences, Horse/Pony (Exhibitors may select maximum 3')	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
65	Junior & Intermediate Equitation over Fences, Horse/Pony (Exhibitors may select maximum 3')	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	<b>Champion Equitation Over Fences</b> (Exhibitors will jump same height course as in qualifier)	<b>Champion Plaque</b> <b>Reserve Champion Rosette</b>	<b>\$250</b> <b>\$100</b>

## Category: Trail (can be shown in English or Western Attire)

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
66	All Grades, Trail In-Hand, 39" and under (Mini)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
67	All Grades, Trail In-Hand, 39" and over (cannot show in the riding trail classes)	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
68	Senior Trail, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
69	Intermediate Trail, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
70	Junior Trail, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Ranch Riding

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
71	Senior Ranch Riding, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
72	Intermediate Ranch Riding, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	
73	Junior Ranch Riding, Horse/Pony	1 Plaque / 2-10 Rosette	

## Category: Overall Champion Western Division

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	Champion Western Division		<b>Celebration of Champions</b>

### Classes used for Western qualification points, walk trot exhibitors not eligible:

We will use all western classes for the western high point (Halter, Western Showmanship, Ranch Riding, Ranch Pleasure, Reining, Draft Obstacle Driving, Draft Reinsmanship, Draft Cart Class, Horsemanship, Trail, Western Pleasure, Draft Pleasure).

\*\*In the case of a tie for Overall Western Champion, the exhibitors' Western Showmanship score in their age division will be used as the tiebreaker.

## Category: Overall Champion English Division

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
<b>Do Not Enter</b>	Champion English Division		<b>Celebration of Champions</b>

### Classes used for English qualification points, walk trot exhibitors not eligible:

We will use all English classes for the English high point (Halter, English Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Equitation over Fences, Jumping in Hand, Equitation on the Flat, Miniature Horse Reinsmanship, Hunter Hack, Miniature Horse Obstacle Driving, Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving, Miniature Horse In Hand Trail).

\*\*In the case of tie for Overall English Champion, the exhibitors' English Showmanship score in their age division will be used as the tiebreaker.

## ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN INDIANA 2026

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. Indiana State 4-H has imposed additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. These additional conditions are denoted with an “\*\*” throughout this document.

Please call the Indiana State 4-H Office at (765) 494-8435 with questions concerning 4-H exhibition requirements in Indiana.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

#### A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. Other exhibition limitations may be described in the species-specific requirements that follow.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
  - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
  - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
  - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis “suspect”.
  - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
  - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
4. The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The State Veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
5. Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
6. Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

#### B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals located within Indiana**, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a “health paper”) is not required by the Indiana State 4-H Office or BOAH for exhibition.
2. **For animals located outside of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).
  - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
  - b. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.
  - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
  - d. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.
    - i. CVI's can be made available in their original format (i.e., digital, or physical copy).

#### C. Pre-Entry Movement Permit (**REVISED**)

Effective January 1, 2022:

1. **For swine and cattle located within Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required when an **electronic certificate of veterinary inspection is issued**.
3. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is required when a **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
  - a. The 2026 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is “**INSF26**” and must be noted on all **paper** certificates of veterinary inspection.

#### D. Indiana State Fairgrounds

1. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **00C6T69**
2. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205**

## E. Official Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

## F. Testing

1. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
2. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement. [www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/](http://www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/)

## HORSE & PONY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

### A. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

### B. Certification\*

1. All 4-H Horses and Ponies must have a completed certification of vaccination for the 4-H Horse and Pony project (4-H-1031-W).
2. The certification of vaccination must be signed by the Extension Educator, a licensed and accredited veterinarian, and must be available at check-in.
3. A veterinary check-in will be done before registration and before the 4-H horse and pony may be benched and entered in the 4-H Horse and Pony Show.
  - a. This original form **MUST** be brought by the 4-H member to all 4-H Horse and Pony events.
  - b. <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/horse/horse-vaccination-form.pdf>

### C. Official Identification\*

1. Physical description of the animal, or;
  - a. Name, age, breed, color, gender, distinctive markings, cowlicks, scars, blemishes, biometric measures, brands, tattoos, etc.
2. Digital photographs, or;
3. USDA-approved electronic implant (microchip)

### D. Testing\*

1. **Horses and Ponies located within Indiana**, a negative Equine Infection Anemia (EIA) test, also known as a "Coggins Test", for exhibition in Indiana is not required. (Recommended)
2. **Horses and Ponies located outside Indiana**, a negative EIA test within twelve months of the date of exhibition in Indiana is required. (Required)
  - a. EIA test must be noted on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with lab name, accession number, and test results.
  - b. A suckling foal accompanying a dam that has tested negative for EIA within the last twelve months prior to exhibition is exempt from the EIA testing requirement.

### E. Vaccinations\*

1. If home vaccination is completed for the required vaccinations, the receipt of purchase and the label from the vial(s) must be attached to the certification of vaccination for the 4-H Horse and Pony project (4-H-1031-W).
2. Vaccinations must be given at least two weeks prior to, and within one year of show date.
  - a. Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (Required)
  - b. Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 and 4 (Required)
  - c. Equine Influenza (Required)
  - d. Tetanus (Required)
  - e. Rabies (Required)
  - f. West Nile Virus (Required)
  - g. Strangles (Recommended)
  - h. Potomac Horse Fever (Recommended)
  - i. Botulism (Recommended)
  - j. Rotavirus (Recommended)

### F. Procedures\*

1. Oral examination (Recommended)
2. Negative fecal egg count (Recommended)





# INDIANA STATE FAIR GRIEVANCE/APPEAL FORM



# INDIANA STATE FAIR

**WARNING:** You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges  
a. facts that are not true, or  
b. facts that I know are not true, or  
c. facts I should know are not true:  
will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

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I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:

The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows:  
(If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury<sup>(1)(2)</sup> that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Perjury - knowingly making false material statements under oath or affirmation. In Indiana, person who commits perjury commits a Class D felony<sup>(3)</sup>, which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44-2-1 and 35-50-2-7)

(2) Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.

(3) Felony - a crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.

Form received by signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_