

4-H RULES

Youth who have reached their 5th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year), through those who have not reached their 19th birthday (on or before October 1st of the current 4-H year). The following groups are identified for special programs and activity participation, including all competitive events/activities, within the WSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program:

- Cloverbuds: 5 to 7 years of age
- Junior: 8 to 10 years of age
- Intermediate: 11 to 13 years of age
- Senior: 14 to less than 19 years of age

Cloverbuds may participate in age-appropriate activities and projects. Cloverbuds may not compete or be judged. Cloverbuds may not enter animals in 4-H, they must borrow an animal for Cloverbud Showmanship or use an animal they entered in Open Class.

- 4-H exhibitors must complete their own projects. Parents, leaders, and other 4-Hers should guide and teach allowing exhibitors to perform their own work.
- **Department specific rules may be found in each department's Premium Book.**
- A novelty goat is defined as a small goat that is purebred or cross-bred lineage; is up to 23 inches in height and weighs no more than 65 pounds.
- All animals shown in 4-H must be housed in the 4-H barn while at the Fair. Animals cannot be shown in both 4-H and FFA. Each 4-H animal needs to have a filled out stall card on display.
- FAILURE TO ENTER AND COMPETE IN FITTING AND SHOWING WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION IN THAT DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLE FORFEITURE OF ALL PREMIUMS.
- No mixing of animals between 4-H and FFA. Each animal can only be one exhibitor's project animal. Members simultaneously enrolled in FFA and 4-H must have separate projects or animals for each program during the same calendar year. The program year is October 1 to September 30. For example, a member may carry a dairy project for FFA and 4-H as long as he or she uses a different animal and project for each program. The goal of both organizations is youth education. Involvement in both programs should result in the enhancement of the educational experience.
- All animals must be clipped prior to entering the fairgrounds. Touch up clipping for Fit and Show or type classes must be done by a 4-H member.
- It is required that each club supply a wheelbarrow for removal of manure and neat tack boxes of sufficient size to store all equipment when not being used. Clubs must supply brooms, shovels, pickforks, ect. needed for barn duty and the care of their animals. The club/animal owner must furnish watering pails, combs, brushes, etc. for their animals.
- The Fair Association will furnish hay and bedding. Owners must provide grain.
- No 4-H animal shall be withdrawn from the Fair before haul out time without an Early Haul Out Form filled out and signed by the Superintendent and Fair Veterinarian or Competitive Exhibits Office.
- Previous Round Robin winners may not compete again in the same species division. They may compete again if they qualify in a different species.
- 4-H Members and Leaders must adhere to Whatcom County 4-H Rules and Regulations.