

## FFA Rules

1. Failure to compete in Fitting and Showing will forfeit all FFA premiums.
2. Official dress is recommended for Fitting and Showing where appropriate.
3. Fitting and Showing class definitions:
  - a. NOVICE: In their first project year showing a specific species.
  - b. JUNIOR: Last year freshmen and sophomores with any previous experience. Also applies to incoming 8th graders or freshman with previous experience.
  - c. SENIOR: Last year juniors, seniors, and graduates with experience. Graduated students may show in FFA classes for 3 years following graduation or until they are twenty-one, whichever comes first.
4. Animals will be judged on the Danish System. Rosettes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. When there is only one entry for the class, the placing shall be based on the merits of the one entry.
5. All animals shown in FFA classes must be housed in the FFA area while at the fair, except with permission from the FFA Superintendent. FFA animals must be identified with a stall card.
6. **FFA Round Robin is open to large animal department Fitting and Showing Champions with at least 5 different exhibitors in the division. Dairy goats, meat goat, and pygmy goats are considered different divisions.**
7. All animals shown in FFA classes must be at least four months of age on entry and must be carried as the member's vocational agriculture project during the last or next year (Exception - Poultry and Rabbits).
8. Incorrect entries will not be accepted. To show in Open Class entries must be entered online. Each animal exhibitor must enter Fitting and Showing and their animal's type class online. Members will show only one animal in each fitting and showing contest.
9. FFA exhibitors must exhibit animals owned by themselves unless there is an agreement in place prior to June 1st of the current year in the agreement page of the record book. This agreement must be sent to the FFA Department Superintendent signed by all parties and submitted by the end of the school year. There is a limit of 4 animals from another owner unless the Superintendent gives permission.
10. 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.
11. Any member smoking, drinking alcohol, or having drugs in their possession in or about the barns will forfeit their premiums from the fair and will be discharged from the fairgrounds. There are NO second chances.
12. Beef bulls may be exhibited in the FFA section of the barn at the Superintendent's discretion. Bulls over one year of age may be required to have a restraining pen provided by the exhibitor. All bulls must have a nose lead. Dairy bulls are not allowed.
13. Animals may be taken home on recommendation of fair veterinarian or FFA superintendent. An Early Haul Out form must be completed and signed by FFA Superintendent before the animal leaves the fairgrounds.
14. FFA exhibitors will only pay fees through the Fair's online system or through their instructor prior to the first day of the fair.
15. Maximum of 2 entries per class per exhibitor.
16. Due to space availability, exhibitors may be asked to leave animals home for a variety of reasons such as: late entries, out of county exhibitors, multiple entries per class, or multiple entries in a division.
17. Animals may be shown in type by a fellow FFA Member of equal experience on permission of the Superintendent or their FFA Advisor.
18. **Students must fit and care for their own animals.** No one may fit the animals other than the exhibitor. Help from adults must be limited to teaching and holding, but not doing. This will be strictly enforced in all FFA barns where animals are housed.
19. FFA may require exhibitors to fill out and turn in record books. Check with your Advisor for record book information.