

## **Is it Fair or is it 4-H?**

Outagamie County 4-H and the Outagamie County Fair have a long history of being very close partners, so close in fact that it occasionally makes it difficult to know who is in charge of what at fair time and sometimes throughout the year. It is our hope that this document will help clarify some of those questions.

Please note: Strictly 4-H events and programs on the fairgrounds will have access to 4-H/University insurance if needed.

IF you do not feel comfortable participating or do not wish to follow the rules and regulations as set by the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin 4-H and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, you do not have to participate. We do hope to see you at the fair supporting our youth, serving as a positive role model and enjoying yourselves.

Our goal for the program is to keep our volunteers and youth safe while offering high quality educational experiences and opportunities.

As with anything you might participate in, you represent many different roles and areas of your life (i.e. 4-H, your family, your community, job, your school, church, or other affiliations). You may be in one space or role but you bring with you all the other titles you hold and are an example of what people think they can expect for that organization, group or area.

### **Judging of ALL entries (Livestock included)**

Youth that have registered to show their entries at the fair are considered exhibitors of the fair and will follow the fair rules and regulations.

### **Horse Show**

Youth that have registered to show their horse at the fair are considered exhibitors of the fair and will follow the fair rules and regulations.

### **The 4-H Dairy Bar**

The 4-H Dairy Bar is a 4-H program. This food stand must follow 4-H rules and guidelines. The Fair is responsible for the tables near the food stand as well as the customers outside of the stand.

### **Action Center Stage**

The Action Center Stage will host both Fair and 4-H events. The stage and any area being used as a “backstage” will follow the rules and regulations of the group as outlined below. The audience of this space is open to any Fair Goer and will be under the Fair’s rules and regulations.

The Foods Revue is an event which is promoted and supported through the 4-H Foods Committee and open to 4-H members and participants. This event follows 4-H rules and guidelines.

Scholarship & Trip Recipient Presentations are hosted by 4-H volunteers and will follow the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program.

Pie Contest is hosted by 4-H volunteers and participants. This event follows 4-H rules and guidelines.

Other presentations & events that are held on the Action Center Stage will mostly be organized by 4-H volunteers and youth and should follow the 4-H program rules and guidelines. If unsure, please contact the county 4-H educator for clarification.

### **Promotional Booths & Planters**

The Promotional Booths are premium bearing and are registered as fair entries, which makes those booths follow the fair rules and guidelines. The planters and the promotional signs are sponsored by both 4-H and the Fair. The Fair provides the rules, regulations, judges, and a premium. 4-H also provides winners with an award.

### **Milk House**

The Milk House is part of the fair and therefore anyone helping in this area is considered a volunteer of the fair and will follow the fair's rules and guidelines.

### **Barn Decorations**

The Barn Decorations are a part of the Herdsmanship Award which is judged. Individual exhibitors are grouped usually by club/group/association for ease. This activity follows 4-H rules and regulations. The Livestock Committee is responsible for selecting judges and setting the judging criteria.

**\*Ag. Olympics** (It needs to be decided on by the committee how they would like to proceed with this event)

Option 1: IF the Ag Olympics are planned by a 4-H volunteer and or 4-H youth and uses 4-H materials and sound system the event may be open to anyone who would like to participate. The event will be following 4-H rules and regulations. If this is the option chosen, the committee will need to submit a plan/request to host this event to the fair board.

Option 2: IF the Ag Olympics are planned by exhibitor parents and fair volunteers, and the event doesn't use 4-H supplies and or 4-H sound system, then this event can be considered a fair event. This event should still be open to anyone who would like to participate. This activity would then be following fair rules and regulations and can be planned with the help and guidance of the fair board.

**\*The Livestock Auction** (It needs to be decided on by the committee how they would like to proceed with this event)

Option 1: IF the auction is organized by the Outagamie County 4-H Livestock Committee and all funds used to support the event and brought in for the event come through the Livestock Committee's checking account then the auction is a 4-H run program and therefore the volunteers, and all youth participants (FFA, 4-H, Breed Associations, etc.) must follow 4-H rules and regulations. This includes: following all 4-H rules and regulations for programming as well as UW-Madison policies, and local and state laws.

Fair Goers who have paid admission to the fair and choose to attend the auction to either buy or just watch the auction will be considered the responsibility of the fair and those individuals must follow fair rules and guidelines.

Option 2: IF the Livestock Auction is planned by a fair volunteer group, and the event does not use 4-H supplies, unless an agreement is made between the 4-H County Program and the fair, and funds are run through a non 4-H checking account, then this event can be considered a fair event. This activity would then be following fair rules and regulations.

“Fairs are valuable 4-H programming partners that provide youth the opportunity to reflect on their project work through exhibition. For this reason, local Extension Offices will share 4-H membership lists with county fairs upon request for the exclusive purpose of promoting state-sanctioned exhibition opportunities covered under DATCP 160.”

**Disciplinary Action:** IF an exhibitor does not follow the rules and guidelines set by the Outagamie County Fair Board, it is up to the fair board to decide upon what disciplinary action is necessary.

IF a 4-H member or participant does not follow the rules and guidelines for the 4-H Livestock Auction, the 4-H Livestock Committee will decide upon what disciplinary action is necessary.

IF a 4-H member or volunteer breaks the 4-H code of conduct during a 4-H sponsored event or activity, the Outagamie County 4-H Educator will decide upon what disciplinary action is necessary.

Both the Outagamie County Fair Board, Outagamie County 4-H Livestock Committee and the Outagamie County 4-H Educator may confer with other individuals or committees in order to come to their final decision. A decision may be appealed in writing once and the additional information will be reconsidered in the response.