

# Lincoln County Fair General Rules

**PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BARNs, BUILDINGS, GRANDSTAND AREAS OR ON THE MIDWAY. PETS BREAKING RULES WILL NEED TO GO HOME.**

1. The Fair Advisory Board and management will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of all livestock and articles on exhibition and all property of every character entered for competition or display and subject to the control of the management, but in NO WAY will the Board or management be responsible for any loss of, damage of, or injury of any character to any such property while same is on the grounds, or at any time or place. Property owners or others interested in protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or other causes must make their own arrangements with their insurance agents.

2. **The Lincoln County Fair is open to all exhibitors. 4-H and FFA entries have been expanded to members outside of Lincoln County.**

3. **ENTRY FEE AMOUNTS:**

\$5.00 a head for beef, horses, swine, sheep & goats.  
\$1.00 a head for poultry, rabbits & covies.

**All Livestock entries are to be in the Fair Office by August 3rd.**

4. **CLASSES-Grade Just Completed for FFA, Age as of October 1, 2017 for 4-H or Age as of January 1, 2018 for Open entries.**

Class	Class Name	Age
<b>4-H Project</b>		
1	Cloverbuds	Ages 5-7
2	Junior	Ages 8-10
3	Intermediate	Ages 11-13
4	Senior	Ages 14-19
<b>4-H Non Project or Short Term</b>		
1NP	Primary Member	Ages 5-7
2NP	Junior	Ages 8-10
3NP	Intermediate	Ages 11-13
4NP	Senior	Ages 14-19
<b>FFA</b>		
5	Freshman/Sophomore	
6	Junior/Senior	
<b>Open</b>		
7	Open Junior	Ages to 12
8	Open Teen	Ages 13-18
9	Open Adult	Ages 19 & over
<b>Please Note on Entry Card if you Want Your Ribbons</b>		

5. See Schedule for the following information: day and time exhibits must be in place until they can be picked up after the fair, and when the buildings and grounds are open. Late entries may be displayed, but not judged.

6. Check in all entries with the department superintendent.

7. No premiums will be paid on any exhibit not properly listed on an entry form, including correct entry class, department, division, section, and lot number. Each exhibitor must have his/her own exhibit number. This includes clubs and organizations.

**8. Only one entry will be allowed per an exhibitor in any one lot/section, except where otherwise specified**

9. Exhibits displayed in booths are ineligible to compete in individual classes.

10. All open, 4-H, and FFA exhibits will be judged on the Danish Award System (exhibits are judged against a standard of achievement and not against each other. All may earn blue, red, or white; there is no limit to each award). Booths, livestock, and horses will be judged on the American Standard System (competitive among entries; only one first, second place, etc. will be awarded), with competition in each lot.

11. Premiums will be paid for Best of Show, Grand Champion or Reserve Champion, and blue, red, and white ribbons for 4-H, FFA, and open junior/teen, except where otherwise designated. **Adult white ribbons will not receive premium money.**

12. For Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Best of Show Ribbons, points will not be paid for the blue ribbon accompanying these ribbons.

13. Only blue ribbon exhibits will be eligible for Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Best of Show. **Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Best of Show ribbons will only be awarded if there are at least 5 exhibits in each section or lot.**

14. One County Commissioners' Award Ribbon will be allowed per department. There are no points for these ribbons.

15. Additional special awards may be presented in each department; **NO POINTS FOR THESE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

16. Judges will award ribbons only to worthy exhibits, regardless of number of entries in that section or lot.

17. The decision of the judge is final; there will be no changing of ribbons by anyone after judging is completed.

18. If there should be any questions as to the regularity of entries in any class, the judges shall report to the superintendent for any necessary adjustment.

19. Any exhibitor has the right to dispute any judging irregularities to the superintendent, who will report the dispute to the Fair Advisory Board

20. Exhibitors must permit the use of any animal or other exhibit needed for judging contests.

21. Superintendents have the authority to refuse any exhibits that are unworthy to be exhibited because of quality standards.

**22. NO EXHIBITS MAY BE REMOVED UNTIL 9:00 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th. EXHIBITS REMOVED EARLY WILL RESULT IN PREMIUMS BEING FORFEITED. EXHIBITS NOT PICKED UP BY 12:00 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FAIR OFFICE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27th AFTER 7:00 AM.**

23. All Fair participants must conduct themselves as responsible citizens. Any misconduct or unlawful acts on the part of exhibitors, patrons, or leaders will be grounds for suspension of that person from participating in the Lincoln County Fair. In the event of misconduct on the part of any citizen involved in the Lincoln County Fair, the Fair Advisory Board and the Department Superintendent will rule on the suspension. Any person or persons suspended from the Fair will forfeit all ribbons and premium monies and will immediately leave the fairgrounds.

**Parents-**Inappropriate action by parents such as yelling and cursing at Fair officials, Fair personnel, or department superintendents will not be tolerated. The incident will be immediately reported to the Lincoln County Fair Advisory Board. The designated board members appointed by the president will meet with the complainant and the parent(s) to hear their side of the incident. The complainant will be asked for their opinion and for the course of action to be taken. The two courses of action that are available are the offending party can be given a verbal warning or asked to leave the fair grounds for the remainder of the fair. This inappropriate behavior may also cause the parent or parents to lose the privilege of attending future fairs. The decision of the review board will be final.

**Protests-**Written protest or decisions made during the course of the Fair and of exhibitor's actions shall be submitted to the Fair Board whose decision will be final. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint of appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Board President within 24 hours after the cause of the protest. Formal protests will be answered in writing, by the Fair Board, within 60 days of the date of filing.

**24. ALL PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PRESENTATION. Please Notify Fair Office if you would like to donate your premium money back to Fair.**

25. Absolutely no firearms allowed on the grounds without written approval from the Fair Advisory Board.

26. No illegal use of drugs or alcohol will be permitted on the fair grounds at any time, including dances.

**27. No skateboards or scooters will be allowed on the grounds during the Lincoln County Fair.**

28. Advertising restrictions: No person, unless contracted by LCF, will be permitted to distribute advertising matter upon the grounds, except from their place of business or exhibit space. The tacking or posting of any bills,

advertisements, etc., other than within the space occupied by exhibits, is strictly prohibited. The distribution of handbills, fliers, and heralds will not, under any circumstances, be permitted. Anyone violating this rule is liable to expulsion from the grounds. Begging, soliciting, singing, or public speaking are positively prohibited.

29. The Fair Advisory Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and settle all controversies incident to the Fair.

30. Violation of any one of these rules may lead to removal of exhibitor and exhibits, plus loss of premium points.

31. **No** "For Sale" signs are permitted on any exhibit at the Lincoln County Fair.

32. Golf carts or ATVs are not allowed on the fairgrounds by non-fairboard members or unauthorized personnel. All drivers of any motorized vehicle on the fairgrounds and surrounding areas must have a valid driver's license.

### **LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**

All livestock entrants and exhibitors and parents or guardians in the fair must sign a waiver (parents sign for minors).

Exhibitors shall at all times give the necessary care and attention to whatever they have on exhibit. At the close of the fair, exhibitors must take entire charge of and remove their property promptly. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury, or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her, and shall absolve the Fair Advisory Board of all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. The Fair Advisory Board will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of all stock and articles exhibited, and all property of every character on display for any other purpose or being anywhere on the grounds shall be subject to the control of the management. In no way will the Fair Advisory Board be responsible for any loss or damage or injury of any character to any such property while the same is on the grounds. If any others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage, or injury from fire or any other cause, they must make their own arrangements accordingly. No officer, trustee, superintendent, or any employee of the Fair Advisory Board has the authority to change or suspend this rule.

### **SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Superintendents shall be in full charge of the departments to which they are assigned and shall administer all policies pertaining to their respective departments. Superintendents shall have charge of the entry forms and judge's sheets and shall be responsible for their being filled out correctly and returned to the fair office. It is suggested they have an assistant. Superintendents have authority to discharge exhibits not meeting quality standards.

Livestock superintendents will make a barn chart from the early entries and send it to the clubs in their departments before the fair starts.