



4-H DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Schedule of animal vet check and entry times will be posted online July 10.
Any questions regarding 4-H project entry criteria must be addressed to the 4-H Office.**

1. A veterinarian will be on the fairgrounds for the purpose of examining animals prior to entry. **No animals may be housed in barns until they have been vet checked.** Any professional services rendered by a veterinarian on the fairgrounds are the responsibility of the owner/parent. Vehicles may enter and exit the grounds only through the campground (south) gate on Wednesday.
2. Animal exhibits may be removed from the fairgrounds by entering and exiting through the campground gate on Sunday evening according to a schedule to be distributed to all superintendents by Saturday.
3. ALL 4-H barns are to remain open until 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and until 7 p.m. on Sunday.
4. 4-H members must register ALL exhibits and contests using Online Entry (www.whidbeyislandfair.com), The deadlines for exhibit and contest entry are:
 - July 2 by 5 p.m.** for all animal entries
 - July 15 by 5 p.m.** for all other exhibits and contests
 Exhibits and contest entries submitted after these deadlines may be judged and qualify for participation at State Fair, but will not receive premium money.
5. All changes in entries must be made with the superintendent of the division concerned. Superintendents have the right to refuse any exhibit that does not meet 4-H standards.
6. Judging of entries prior to Fair may be used to qualify 4-H'er for State 4-H Fair but does not generate premium points unless displayed/performed at Fair.
7. "Juniors" are members ages 8, 9, 10; "Intermediates" are ages 11, 12, 13; "Seniors" are ages 14 to 19 (as of January 1, 2017); Cloverbuds are ages 5 to 7 years old.
8. Cloverbud members cannot earn premium points; therefore, they do NOT register online.
9. All young people entering must be bona fide members of the Island County 4-H Youth Development Program, and be enrolled in their projects by June 1.
10. All exhibits must have been made or produced by the member since last October, except animals, which must be under the care and management of the member according to county and state policies.
11. Any project exhibit not listed in this book may be accepted at the discretion of the superintendent. Specifically, if there is a contest/competition you would like to take to State Fair, we will do our best to make sure you are given an opportunity to qualify.
12. The Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage. Exhibitors must attend to their articles or animals during the Fair and, at the close of the Fair, attend to their removal.
13. Only ONE entry per CLASS is permitted each individual, unless otherwise stated in the rules for specific classes.
14. In all departments, Class "OTHER" is for entries which have no category listed, not for "extras" of the same thing.
15. Judging and awards are by the Danish System.
16. Premiums will be paid on the point system. 4-H premium money will be distributed at the Fair Premium Office during the Fair Saturday and Sunday. Times will be posted at the Premium Office. After the Fair, premium money may be picked up at the Fair Office, Monday, July 24. Hours to be posted at the Fair Office and on the website. **It is the Exhibitors' responsibility to pick up their premium money and exhibits.**
17. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits early may not receive premium money and may not be allowed to enter the Fair next year.
18. Requests and payments for all 4-H wristbands must be made by the 4-H Club Leader by July 5, and wristbands must be picked up in the Coffman Building by noon Wednesday, July 19. Wristbands must be worn during the Fair by all 4-H youth and family members staying in the campgrounds.
19. Special Awards will be presented to top-placing entries at the Judges' discretion. Special Awards receive no additional premium points.
20. All animal exhibitors are required to stand barn duty. Exhibitors in the Coffman 4-H Building must sign up (in the Coffman 4-H Building on entry day) for at least 3 half-hour watches.
21. All animal exhibitors must enter Showmanship.
22. All animal entries shall remain within the confines of the barn unless going to or returning from a scheduled event, competition, photo session or scheduled exercise period in an approved area. At no time shall any animal entry be allowed to otherwise leave the barn. Failure to comply may result in dismissal from the Fair and loss of premiums.