

## GENERAL RULES

1. 4-H'ers shall only exhibit items or livestock personally produced and/or prepared since the prior year's 4-H Fair. See Department Regulations for ownership date requirements of animals and plants.
2. All static and livestock exhibits must be prepared, handled and maintained entirely by the 4-H'er without assistance from family or friends unless prior approval is given by the Department Chairman. All exhibits must be set up and removed from the grounds by the exhibitor.
3. All exhibitors in each department must be enrolled and be in good standing in the Middlesex County 4-H Program. 4-H'ers from other counties may exhibit only by invitation from the Fair.
4. Exhibitors are boys and girls who have passed their fifth birthday but not their nineteenth birthday as of January 1, 2011. The current 4-H year is October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.  
NOTE: Horse Exhibitors please refer to the age requirements shown in the Horse Department Rules.
  - Cloverbud: Age 5 through 7 as of January 1, 2011. All static exhibits will be judged in the Cloverbud Department; livestock will be judged in the respective livestock departments. **NO ENTRY FEES ARE CHARGED AND PREMIUMS WILL NOT BE AWARDED TO ANY CLOVERBUD; EXHIBITS WILL RECEIVE ONLY A PARTICIPATION RIBBON.**
  - Novice: Age 8 through 13 as of January 1, 2011, and showing in the department for the first time (excluding cloverbud years).
  - Junior: Age 9 through 13 as of January 1, 2011, and having shown in the department before; also age 14 through 18 as of January 1, 2011, and showing in the department for the first time (excluding cloverbud years).
  - Senior: Age 14 through 18 as of January 1, 2011, and having shown in the department before.
5. Rules specified by the individual departments are binding. Please read them carefully.
6. Exhibitors may enter in any department regardless of the project carried in 4-H work, so long as the exhibit is his or her own work. Those entering the horse competition must have a current 4-H Horse Project Verification form signed by their 4-H Club Leader.
7. Exhibits of undesirable quality and those not properly entered will not be accepted. The decisions of the Department Chairmen and/or 4-H Fair Staff will be final.
8. The placings will be awarded on the basis of the quality of the exhibits; the decision of the judges is final.
9. Questions about articles for exhibit not covered by the class list should be directed to the appropriate Department Chairman.
10. Only exhibits entered in this Fair may be sold by the exhibitor after judging with the permission of the Department Chairman; however, all exhibits must remain on the grounds until the close of the Fair on Sunday. If animals are sold and removed from the Grounds prior to the completion of the Awards Program on Sunday, then all premiums earned for that animal will be forfeited.
11. All perishable products not called for by closing time on the last day of the Fair will be discarded. All other static exhibits not claimed will be moved to the Administration Building and must be picked up by 8:00 p.m. Monday evening immediately following the Fair. All non-perishable items remaining unclaimed after Monday evening will be donated to the following year's Fair tent sale!
12. With the exception of day entries in horse, dog, cat and pocket pets, exhibits may not be loaded and removed before the conclusion of the Awards Program on Sunday, or before the Fairgrounds are clean. Disregard for this rule will result in forfeiture of premiums.
13. Lots may be combined or subdivided if entries warrant such action. Multi-item lots and "miscellaneous" lots may be subdivided into new lots with a minimum of 3 entries in each subdivision at the Chairman's and judges' discretion.
14. It is the responsibility of each Department Chairman, before leaving the Fairgrounds, to see that his/her area is in good order. If necessary, a final cleanup must be scheduled for Monday immediately following the Fair.