

CONFERENCE JUDGING RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are to be followed by each 4-H member when he or she creates his or her

4-H project items for Conference Judging in the Home Arts Building.

1. Entries will be accepted from Callaway County 4-H members only. Member's names must be on file at the Callaway County Extension Office located at 5803 County Road 302, Fulton, MO 65251
2. All members must have attended a majority of club meetings.
3. Items made by 4-H members should reflect the skills they have learned in their 4-H project, the needs and interests of the 4-H'er, and quality workmanship. Use the 4-H project literature and the "Clover" for ideas and criteria.
4. Items displayed must:
 - Be made in the current year
 - Be the work of the 4-H member and owned by the exhibitor
 - Be part of a project the 4-H member is currently enrolled in
 - Not be made as part of the requirements for a school project or other youth organization
5. No entry fee will be charged to exhibitors except where stated.
6. All judging will be done on the Danish system: blue, red, white ribbons. Those chosen for State Fair or as a State Fair Alternate will also receive a special ribbon.
7. Premiums offered will be in monetary form. All premiums will be disbursed after completion of the fair.
8. *For Missouri State Fair:* Items must be blue-ribbon quality.
9. Judge's decision is final.
10. Items are displayed at the risk of the individual 4-H member. The 4-H staff, Callaway County Extension Office, Kingdom of Callaway County Fair, and Missouri State Fair are not responsible for loss of or damage to exhibits.
11. *For Missouri State Fair:* The number of items per class, that a county may display, is printed in the right-hand margin of the item list.
12. Where the item list states, "any item made," the 4-H member may display any item made in that project. This includes notebooks, file cards, photo displays, posters, or educational displays. Regardless of projects, the following dimensions must be used. Items, which do not comply with size or other specifications, will not be displayed or receive a premium or ribbon.

Poster: No larger than 14" x 22"; flat only; do not fasten three-dimensional items to the poster.

Photo Display: The following guidelines are requirements for 4-H photography exhibits:

- All photos should be mounted on an 11" x 14" mat board, **not to exceed 1/8" in thickness**. Materials such as poster board or foam core board are not acceptable mounting materials.
- Photographers may mount the photograph to the mat board using an acceptable adhesive or approved corner mounts.
- No captions, titles, or writing on the mat board. The picture should tell the story.
- Margins are at the discretion of the photographer.
- No photos using glass and/or wooden, brass, plastic frames, etc.
- Photos can be matted with a single window colored mat if appropriate.
- To protect exhibits from dust and moisture, photos should be placed in a two-gallon zip-lock-style bag.
- Photo stories should follow the above guidelines and consist of no more than 4 photographs.
- Include name, address and county on back of photo.

For definitions and the complete guidelines governing photography exhibits, please see the Photography Exhibit Guidelines in this book. Exhibits that do not adhere to these guidelines will be disqualified. These exhibits will not be displayed and will not receive premiums or ribbons.

Educational Display: Must not exceed 11" in height, 12" in depth (front to back) and 14" in width. Must include three-dimensional items and stand-alone. **(Posters with items taped to them do not qualify as an educational display. Science fair display boards are too large.)**

Entomology or Geology Display Boxes: Box must be exactly 18" long x 24" wide and 3 1/2" deep to fit in display racks. Plexiglas or plastic covers are preferred. No handles or knobs. Boxes will be displayed upright in racks.

Working Models: These exhibits should show how things actually work (cutaway-sections of motors or computers) or can be used to help people identify parts such as parts of a motor or computer. Many times these exhibits are considered "hands-on" and can be handled by visitors. Working models should require floor space no larger than 14" x 22".

Decorated Cakes: The use of forms or pans is recommended. **Cakes should not exceed 13" in height or at the base.** Cake boards should not exceed 1" margin on each side of cake pan or form. **Must only use Royal Icing, Rolled Fondant or commercial product (i.e. Dapp) that will harden and preserve the decorated cake.** (No real cakes, butter crème icing or tube/gel icing - displays containing these items will be considered ineligible and will be rejected.)

13. *For Missouri State Fair:* The following items will be displayed in the "Library," a special area that allows fair goers to touch and examine the items. 4-H'ers name and address should be permanently affixed to item.

- Notebooks (three-ring binders are preferred) – name and county on spine
- Posters (flat only; do not fasten items to the poster) – name and address on back
- File card systems

These items will be accepted from any project. Youths who show notebooks, posters, or file card system should understand that their exhibits will be used and touched.

14. Vegetables in edible condition after the fair will be returned to the exhibitor. *For Missouri State Fair:* Perishable items such as food, vegetables, crops and home grown items will not be returned after the Fair. Edible vegetables will be donated to a charitable organization. These items are displayed in group settings not as individual projects.
15. *For Missouri State Fair:* Photographs of items too large or fragile: All pictures of projects should not exceed 5" x 7", should not be mounted on anything, and should not have multiple pictures. Counties should send pictures individually rather than making a poster board of all the pictures. The tag should be attached. Indicate on the voucher that this is a project too large or fragile to come and what the project is. These photographs will not be returned. Do not send pictures of items that would be disqualified if sent to the fair.
16. Electricity exhibits using batteries such as circuit boards should not connect the wires to the battery; rather the wires should be taped behind the battery. Another option is to not attach a battery but indicate "battery goes here." This is to prevent potential fire hazards.
17. *For Missouri State Fair:* All 4-H Building items must be checked in and out of the 4-H Building by State Fair 4-H Personnel during established times. **(No exceptions will be made.) No early removal or checkout of items is permitted.** Items, which are not properly checked in or out of the 4-H Building, will not be awarded premium money and/or ribbons.
18. Large projects can be exhibited during county judging, but may not be able to be on display due to lack of exhibit space. *For Missouri State Fair:* No outdoor exhibit space is available. Please contact the State 4-H Office at 573-882-1441 prior to check-in for approval of large over-sized exhibits. Determination of items to be showcased will be left to the discretion of the 4-H Building Superintendent based on available space and the safety of fair-goers. Submitting photographs of these items is encouraged. A ribbon and premium will be awarded for the project.
19. Shooting Sports exhibits should contain no live ammunition and arrow points should be removed.
20. *For Missouri State Fair:* All items must have a Missouri State Fair tag securely fastened to the item in a place that is visible to fair-goers. A second identification label is required on all items, except perishable items such as food, vegetables or crops. This label should give name and county of the 4-H member, and be placed in an inconspicuous spot. When an item includes more than one piece, each piece must be labeled with name and county. (Examples: jacket and skirt; rocket and rocket launcher; ceramic tea set; mittens, etc., should have an identifying label on each piece.) Textile items (clothing, knitting, visual arts, etc.) should have a cloth label sewn or safety-pinned into the item as a second label. Please remove all county or regional ribbons. Vegetable and food tags should be placed in an envelope.
21. All exhibits not going to State Fair will be released Sunday, August 9, 2009 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
22. Exhibitors with Items going to State Fair will be notified of the project release time during conference judging. Food or perishable projects will be opened after judging to help preserve the item. If the exhibitor wishes to remake their item for State Fair, it will need to be brought to the Home Arts Building by the State Fair project release time.

23. Failure to comply with these or any other rules will result in forfeiture of all premiums earned.
24. If any information is inadvertently omitted or incorrectly printed, the 4-H and FFA Superintendents and Callaway County Youth Program Associate have final say.

**The 4-H staff, Callaway County Extension Office,
Kingdom of Callaway County Fair, and Missouri State
Fair are
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO
EXHIBITS.**