

4-H/FFA Division

General Rules and Regulations

- (1) Only youth enrolled as a bona fide 4-H /FFA member in Caroline/Dorchester County by June 1 are eligible to participate in the 4-H/FFA Division. ***Bona fide members are those 4-H members who are enrolled and paid through 4HOnline by June 1st, and FFA members who are active and verified by the FFA Advisor by June 1st.
- (2) All Caroline/Dorchester County youth who are not bona fide members or non-Caroline/Dorchester County 4-H'ers can only exhibit entries in the Open Class Youth/Adult Division.
- (3) The chairperson will disqualify any entry if it does not follow instructions. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- (4) Only classes listed in this exhibit catalog will be judged.
- (5) **Exhibits must be the work of the 4-H/FFA member.**
- (6) Only project work completed since the preceding COUNTY FAIR may be exhibited. Please not an exception as in collections where you add on to a previously started project. May not enter any article previously entered in the CAROLINE/DORCHESTER COUNTY FAIR.
- (7) A member may enter only one exhibit per class unless otherwise stated. Identical items may not be entered in different divisions or classes. Be sure item fits a class description. Please plan ahead.
- (8) All exhibits will be judged on their own merit – Danish System (Champion, Reserve Champion, blue, red, and white). Each exhibit will be awarded a ribbon unless it has been disqualified.
- (9) A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded in each division (junior, intermediate, and senior). The Champion and Reserve Champion within a division cannot be the same 4-H member. Champion and Reserve Champion rosettes must be from blue ribbon exhibits. If you receive the premium for the Champion or Reserve Champion, you will not be eligible to receive the premium for the blue ribbon also.
- (10) All reasonable precautions will be taken for the protection of exhibits, but the **Fair committee is not responsible for any losses or damage.**
- (11) 4-H ages, as of January 1 of current year are:
 - CLOVER-----(5-7)
 - JUNIOR----- (8-10)
 - INTERMEDIATE----- (11-13)
 - SENIOR----- (14-18)
- (12) Clovers may exhibit project items in a special area that will be set up strictly for Clover exhibits. Clovers must complete an entry form. Clovers will receive a participation ribbon only; no premiums will be paid. Clovers: Must check in at registration table.
- (13) Please note: All exhibits going on to the Maryland State Fair – a 4-H member can only enter exhibits at the State Fair if they are enrolled in the project at the County Level. You can add the project at any time through your member profile on 4HOnline.
- (14) “We are not limited by a lack of a rule.”
- (15) **All entry fees must be paid at the time entry forms are submitted. You will not be allowed to exhibit if you do not include entry fees.**