



4-H PEI General Livestock Rules

For 4-H Classes at Fairs & Exhibitions

GENERAL:

1. Only 4-H PEI members are eligible to compete in 4-H classes at PEI fairs and exhibitions.
2. In order to compete in a class, the 4-H member must exhibit the required animal (as listed in the **Class List**) from the current 4-H year.
3. A judge reserves the right to give an animal a lower place ribbon than the placing ribbon expected. In the rare occasion of this happening, the member will be notified as to the reason for the lower placing. This is done in an attempt to assure that all placings are representative of top quality work.
4. Animals may be shown at an exhibition even if an Achievement Day has not been held by the time of the exhibition. NOTE: This would hold true for Crapaud and Alberton only as all achievement days MUST be completed by July 31 and only these two exhibitions are held in July.
5. Prize money will be mailed to the club's overall leader in the fall (usually in October)

LIVESTOCK:

1. 4-H members must show the project animal with which he/she has been working during the current 4-H year. The only exceptions to this rule would be if a member was sick and unable to show, OR if the member was participating in another 4-H event. In such cases, another 4-H member would be permitted to show the animal. (NOT Showmanship - Conformation Classes ONLY).
2. In following the motto of the 4-H program, "Learn to do by Doing", intermediate and senior 4-H members are not permitted to obtain assistance with preparing their animal for show from anyone other than another 4-H member. Juniors may obtain help with preparing their 4-H animal from non 4-H members and adults **AND** it is strongly encouraged that senior members assist junior members or first time participants with their prep. All members must be with their 4-H animal when the animal is being fitted and/or clipped. **This ruling will be enforced by the PEI 4-H Agriculture Committee and 4-H PEI staff at all 4-H shows. Any member found breaking this rule will be disqualified from showmanship and conformation classes at that show.**
3. Classes **WILL NOT** be held for members showing in another show ring. If a 4-H member has animals showing in two different classes at the same time, they may get another 4-H member to show one of the animals; i.e. if they have a dairy goat and a beef animal that are showing at the same time. Also, if some classes are combined and the 4-H member has an animal in each of the age categories that are combined, then the 4-H member may have another 4-H member show one of the animals. The above refers to BREED CLASSES ONLY. 4-H MEMBERS MAY NOT SHOW OTHER MEMBERS' ANIMALS IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES.
4. In the event that a 4-H member's project animal develops behavior that may cause physical harm, becomes injured, seriously ill or dies, the [Procedure for Handling Problems Related to Livestock](#) on Pg. 3 **MUST** be followed.
NOTE: *This does not apply to the Horse & Pony project for which members are free to change animals as they deem necessary.*
5. Members are allowed to show more than one project animal, but NOT in the same category (*i.e. two Senior Fancy Does or two Market Lambs*) Each animal is a separate project and therefore, an animal identification form is required for each. These forms must have been received at the Provincial 4-H Office by **June 1, 2019**.
NOTE: *there are no animal identification forms required for the Horse & Pony and Canine projects.*

6. Animals entered in showmanship classes must be one of the member's project animals and must also be entered in one of the 4-H conformation classes at that exhibition (the only exception being horses and ponies for which there are no conformation classes).
7. All animals must meet exhibition health standards. 4-H members with animals in heat should tell the 4-H ringmaster upon entering the ring.
8. If an animal poses as a potential threat to itself, or other animals or people, then that animal can be removed from a 4-H show at the consensus of any two of the following people: 4-H staff, project leaders, show marshal, ring master, or judge.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for their own supply of feed and bedding. Duties related to maintenance of stall areas during the show are the direct responsibility of 4-H members involved.
10. No 4-H animals shown at exhibitions shall have horns exceeding 2" in length, and all horn tips should be dull.
11. Judges for Livestock classes will be approved by the 4-H PEI Agriculture Committee for Old Home Week.
12. Coaching by parents and/or leaders is not encouraged while the 4-H members are in the show ring.
13. For applicable animals the ear tag number, RFID number, or tattoo number must be on the animal identification form. If an ear tag comes out after its number has been sent to the Provincial 4-H Office, be sure to call 368-4833 at least one week prior to any exhibition at which you wish to show.
14. Beef classes will be combined if there are less than five animals registered for a class, but stay within breeds to combine calf and yearling classes.
15. Splitting of classes will be up to the discretion of the judge with the exception of dairy classes which are not to be split. If splitting occurs, the number of animals selected from each heat will be the judge's decision.
16. Judges will be asked to place 4-H livestock classes to 8th place. All other animals showing in the class will be asked to remain at ringside. Judges will be asked to give comments to all 4-H'ers in the class either individually or publicly.
17. The decision to hold Championship Classes at an exhibition is left to the discretion of that exhibition's 4-H committee. If there are Championship Classes, the top first & second place animals from each class section will return to the ring.
18. Any livestock project related rules not covered by this document or with the individual project guidelines are the responsibility of the 4-H PEI Agriculture Committee to clarify.

Exhibition entry forms must be received at the Provincial 4-H Office on or before June 1, 2019.

If not, member will NOT be permitted to show in 4-H Classes at PEI Fairs & Exhibitions.

(ONLY exception - Poultry - July 15, 2019)

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING PROBLEMS RELATED TO LIVESTOCK

In the event that a 4-H member's project animal develops behaviour that may cause physical harm, is injured, becomes seriously ill or dies, the following procedure **MUST** be followed:

1. The 4-H member must immediately inform his/her 4-H Project Leader of the situation.
2. If circumstances indicate that the project animal may not be sound or fit to show at Achievement Day then the 4-H member (or project leader) must inform their District 4-H Specialist ASAP.
3. If the 4-H member wishes to substitute their animal ONLY to complete their project (at Achievement Day) then their 4-H Specialist can approve the substitution. The new animal cannot be used in 4-H classes at fairs and exhibitions, unless...

...the 4-H member wishes to substitute the animal in order to complete his/her project work **AND** show at fairs and exhibitions. The 4-H member (or project leader) **must then submit a written request to the 4-H PEI Office**. This written request must document the circumstances leading to the need for the animal to be substituted supported by a letter from a licensed veterinarian and signed by both the 4-H member and the 4-H project leader. Requests will be reviewed by the Agriculture Committee and the committee's decision going forward will be final.

Requests for substitution must be made at least a week in advance of the Achievement Day and/or show.

4. Once a 4-H member has switched their animal they cannot switch again OR back to their original animal.
5. An animal that has been substituted will be permitted to show at fairs and exhibitions but will **NOT** be eligible to participate in the Royal Selection Classes.

If the procedure above is not followed, the substitution of an animal will not be permitted



Provincial Champions

Project Placings will be tracked at all Exhibitions over the summer with points awarded as follows:

1st	- 10 points
2nd	- 7 points
3rd	- 5 points
4th	- 3 points
5th	- 1 point

Bonus Points:	Champion	- 10 points
	Res. Champion	- 5 points

****At the Annual Awards Banquet in February, Provincial Champion & Reserve Champion winners will be named in the following categories:**

- Beef Showperson
- Beef
- Canine
- Dairy Showperson
- Dairy
- Equine - Novice In-Hand
- Equine - Novice Riding
- Equine - Advanced Riding
- Equine - Novice Driving
- Equine - Advanced Driving
- Turkey Showmanship
- Market Turkey
- Poultry Showperson
- Poultry
- Rabbit Showperson
- Rabbit - Fancy Doe
- Rabbit - Fancy Buck
- Rabbit - Pet Doe
- Rabbit - Pet Buck
- Cavy Showperson
- Cavy
- Sheep Showperson
- Sheep
- Goat Showperson
- Goat