

## **HERDSMANSHIP**

Proper attention to the overall care and upkeep of animals and animal areas is required for all participants in the Clark County Fair. All FFA, 4-H and Grange Youth members must participate in herdsmanship. A primary purpose of Herdsmanship is to present animal exhibits to the public in a neat and attractive manner. It offers an opportunity to display the effort that goes into quality animal husbandry and to maintain a clean and safe area for the public to interact with the exhibitors and exhibits. It is also an opportunity for teamwork among the exhibitors as they take pride in their display area. Regardless of the organization of the youth member the following are the overall objectives of the Herdsmanship Division and some of the rules and responsibilities common to all organizations.

- Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor rather than leaders, parents or fair employees during fair hours.
- Exhibitors will be required to sign up for herdsmanship time slots.
- Herdsmanship shall be from 9am to 8pm daily and judging will occur daily during that timeframe.
- If an exhibitor is gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to find another exhibitor to care for their animal(s) in their absence in accordance with the groups rules/ leadership approval.
- Animals are as clean as possible at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be fed at proper times and water available at all times.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned. Beef animals must be double tied.
- Feed and water dishes are to be upright, and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place. All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
- Tools and equipment shall be stored safely and out of the way of spectators.
- Stall/pen cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to answer questions asked by the public.
- Members should not lounge with the animals or sit on pens or rails, during fair hours.
- Radios should not be playing loud enough for the public to hear, during fair hours.
- Tack areas and walks in front of stock shall be kept orderly.
- Clear and clean walkways must be maintained.

- Exhibit should be made as educational as possible. Educational posters and exhibits about projects are encouraged as a means of informing the public about your project and youth organization.
- All decorations must comply with fire regulations.

Specific organizational considerations are contained in the Division 100 portions below. Some duplicate the responsibilities above but are included as items organizations wish to emphasize.

## **4-H DIVISION 100: HERDSMANSHIP**

### **4-H HERDSMANSHIP**

**Each individual is required to do herdsmanship. Premiums will be withheld for failure to complete herdsmanship.**

- Club should have its name clearly displayed with the club exhibit.
- Stall or pen cards must be used with each of the individual entries, giving the name of the exhibitor (first name, last initial) and other pertinent information.
- Judges will examine the displays at least once each day.

Herdsmanship Premium is paid to the 4-H Club. 4-H Animal Projects Clubs use Clark County Fair Livestock entry form. Leaders will list Club name (as it appears on the club checking/savings account), number of members & animals club is exhibiting, mailed in c/o General Club Leader for mailing purposes. Premium will not be granted without the submitted paperwork.

**The following score sheet will be used:**

### **CLARK COUNTY FAIR 4-H HERDSMANSHIP SCORE SHEET**

1. General attractiveness of club area.  
The general impression of pen, stalls, aisles, tack, and decoration.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
2. Animals groomed, reasonable presentable.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
3. Pens/stalls clean and good condition.  
Water, feed, and bedding in appropriate manner.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
4. Pens/stalls decorated (banners, exhibitor cards, etc.)  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
5. Aisles and barn area clean, and tack areas organized and clean.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
6. Showmanship in barn area.  
Herdsman must be available to meet public and oversee animals.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0
7. Animal and exhibitor identified; stall cards displayed.  
Points: 3, 2, 1, 0

8. Educational value of exhibit.

An exhibit, display, demonstration, etc. to foster 4-H activities.

Points: 3, 2, 1, 0

Total possible points: 24

**LARGE ANIMAL HERDSMANSHIP**

**Judging hours are 9 am- 8 pm. After 8 pm 4-H members and/or 4-H adults must be in attendance with animals in barns until closing time of the Clark County Fair (Sun-Thu – 10 pm & Fri – Sat. 11 pm).**

Attendant should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to answer questions asked by the public. Member's failure to do herdsmanship means that 4-H member's premiums will be withheld.

Responsibilities of herdsmanship include:

- educational posters
- educational exhibits
- public relations
- cleanup of area
- feeding and watering as directed by superintendent/leader
- cleaning pens/stalls when necessary
- member's personal appearance.

Large Animal Herdsmanship Premiums Points per Club:

# of Animals	Blue	Red	White
2-5	30	15	7
6-10	50	25	10
11-15	60	30	15
16-20	70	35	20
21-25	80	40	25
26-over	90	45	30

Pens of Sheep, Swine, Goats

# of Animals	Blue	Red	White
1-3	40	20	10
4-6	50	25	15
7-over	60	30	20

Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Horse, Llama, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors are included in this section.

- Exhibitors will display and care for their animals as club groups.
- Good tie halters are required where animals are tied.
- Beef animals must be double tied.
- Attendant should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to

answer questions asked by the public at all times.

- Small clubs will be permitted to interchange attendants and may be combined with other clubs.
- Every non animal specific club affiliate 4-H member entering livestock in the Clark County Fair will be given the option to join with a club for purposes of herdsmanship or be placed in a grouping with other individual members as a special group for herdsmanship (10 points per person will be given for satisfactory herdsmanship in grouping). Check with appropriate 4-H Superintendent.

### **SMALL ANIMAL HERDSMANSHIP**

**Herdsmanship schedules will be posted in barn of 4-H project areas.**

**Each individual is required to do herdsmanship. Failure to do so means premiums will be withheld.**

Small animal premium points are on a club basis: **Blue, 30; Red, 15; White, 7**

Cat, Cavy, Dog, Pet Pals, Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors are included in this section. Judging hours are from 9 am to 8 pm. After 8 pm 4-H members and/or 4-H adults must be in attendance with animals in barns until closing time (Sun-Thu – 10 pm & Fri – Sat. 11 pm) of the Clark County Fair. Attendant should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to answer questions asked by the public at all times.

Responsibilities of herdsmanship include:

- educational posters/exhibits
- public relations
- clean up of area, feeding and watering as directed by superintendent.
- cleaning cages when necessary
- member's personal appearance (check guidelines of specific 4-H project areas)

### **FFA DIVISION 100 : HERDSMANSHIP**

#### **FFA HERDSMANSHIP**

A team of FFA advisors will rotate the judging duties. Judges will evaluate animals and their care, pens and stalls, the exhibitor, and the educational value of the display.

- Blue ribbons – 90% of points judged.
- Red ribbons – 80-89% of points judged.
- White ribbons – for under 80% of points judged.

FFA Herdsmanship Premium is paid to the FFA member.

#### **FFA HERDSMANSHIP RULES:**

Members should not lounge with the animals or sit on pens or rails during fair hours.

Tack areas and walks in front of stock shall be kept orderly. Clear and clean walkways must be maintained.

A 10% deduction from the points below shall be made if no one is on duty

Manure shall be removed from barns regularly.

Tools and equipment shall be stored safely and out of the way of spectators. An average of two inspections will be made daily. Scores should be posted daily. A roster of herdsman shall be posted for each chapter in their livestock areas. Judges shall consider the movement of animals on show days when evaluating herdsman. Radios should not be playing loud enough for the public to hear. Herdsman shall be from 8 am to 9 pm daily for duration of your animal's stay at the Fair.

### **FFA HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS**

Dairy and Beef Cattle

Points - Blue 15; Red 11; White 8

Sheep, Swine, and Goats

Points - Blue 11; Red 9; White 5

Rabbits and Poultry

Points - Blue 20; Red 12; White 5

### **GRANGE YOUTH DIVISION 100 HERDSMANSHIP**

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**Each individual is required to do herdsman. Premiums will be earned individually and awarded to the Youth Grange based on the scoring below.**

- Herdsman duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor rather than leaders, parents or the fair employees, during fair hours.
- Exhibitors will be required to sign up for herdsman time slots.
- Herdsman shall be from 9am to 8pm daily and judging will occur daily during that timeframe.
- If an exhibitor is gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to find another exhibitor to care for their animal(s) in their absence in accordance with the groups rules/ leadership approval.
- Grange Youth Animal Project Leaders use a separate Clark County Fair Livestock entry form to submit for the herdsman premium. List the Department, Grange name, and address with an entry for herdsman. Premium will not be granted without the submitted paperwork.

#### **Herdsman Responsibilities**

- Animals are as clean as possible at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent by the exhibitor.
- Animals are to be fed at proper times and water available at all times.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned. Beef animals must be double tied.
- Feed and water dishes are to be upright, and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.

- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place. All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
  - Members should not lounge with the animals or sit on pens or rails, during fair hours.
  - Radios should not be playing loud enough for the public to hear, during fair hours.
- Stall/pen cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Grange should have its name clearly displayed with the Grange exhibit(s). Grange signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair and post-fair clean up.
- Exhibitor should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to answer questions asked by the public.
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