

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

## Meadowlark Extension District -- Fair Participant's Code of Conduct

Your participation in 4-H activities carries the responsibility of representing Kansas 4-H to the public. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on your club as well as yourself. Your contribution to the program is as important as what you receive from the program.

### All Exhibitors

1. Follow the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct at all times and understand there could be consequences to my participation for breaking this code. Please note that Kansas 4-H dress code is a part of this code of conduct.
2. At all times be courteous and display good manners to all fair superintendents, show staff, extension personal and fellow 4-Hers. Language must be appropriate and respectful of others. No swearing. No back talking.
3. Participants will not use tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except those directed by doctor), fireworks, or firearms.
4. Theft of public or personal property will NOT be tolerated.
5. Physical abuse of any person or animal will NOT be tolerated.
6. Avoid any activity that would cause damage to exhibits, decorations, personal property, room furnishings, permanent facilities, etc.
7. Avoid any activity that would pose a safety issue or nuisance issue (such as inappropriate use of vehicles, climbing on top of buildings, entering facilities during off hours, etc.)
8. Displays of public personal affection are not appropriate behavior.
9. Avoid postings, listings, pictures, and clothing that are deemed inappropriate on fairgrounds or on Social Media sites.

### Animal Exhibitors

1. Animals must be clean and housed with clean bedding and fresh water.
2. All animal exhibitors are expected to do their share of herdsman duties every day of the fair.
3. Primary care of animals, pens, and general barn area needs to be completed each day. 4-H wants to make the best impression on the public, so animal and barn care needs to continue throughout each day.
4. Exhibitors will not work with animals other than their own without permission from owner of animal.
5. Exhibitors are expected to furnish their own animal feed and equipment.
6. Equipment owned by a club or 4-H Leaders needs to be returned to its designated place after each use.
7. Exhibitors will do their own work with minimal assistance from parents. 4-H Leaders & older youth may assist younger members as necessary.
8. All animal exhibitors should read and understand the Meadowlark District Code of Show Ring Ethics.
9. I realize that I am responsible for:
  - The proper care and humane treatment of my animals.
  - The production of wholesome food if my exhibit animal is designated for market.
  - Assuming all disease transmission risks from commingling animals and then taking them home.
  - Follow the 4-H Dress Code by wearing appropriate show attire.
  - The development of sound moral character in myself.

### ALL Exhibitors:

I will read and seek to understand the rules and guidelines directing county fair participation as set forth by the County Fair Book. I ask that parents, fair officials, fair board members, etc. not break the rules or make exceptions on my behalf.

I have read the code of conduct and agree to follow the expectations.

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent or guardian, I will be responsible for the actions of my children involved in the County Fair. If I am not on the fairgrounds, it is my responsibility to identify adult supervision for my children.

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the Code of Conduct and I am in agreement. I give my permission to the staff in charge to administer the code.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All Livestock Exhibitors must also sign the Livestock Waiver.**