

Sandoval County 4-H Indoor Exhibits General Rules

Read these rules carefully –they apply to all entries for the 4-H Indoor Exhibits

1. The Sandoval County Fairboard and Sandoval County Cooperative Extension Service or authorized representatives thereof shall not be held responsible for damage, loss, or theft of exhibits. All items are entered at your own risk. While we do our best to handle each item carefully and respectfully, there is always some risk of damage. All items are displayed to the best of our ability.
2. All exhibits must be the product of a bona fide 4-H member who is currently enrolled in the Sandoval County 4-H program.
3. Entries, excluding baked goods, will be taken on Monday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sandoval County Fairgrounds or any time prior at the Extension Office. Baked good entries will be taken on Wednesday from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.
4. In Baking only one exhibit per class, per member. All other sections a member may have multiple exhibits per class. In the event that an exhibit does not fit into any class, the exhibit will be on display only and not be eligible for High Point.
5. Items must be entered in the appropriate age category: all ages are as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.
 - a. Novice – 8 years old and in the third grade or 9-11
 - b. Junior – 11 years old and in the 6th grade or 12-13 years old
 - c. Senior – 13 years old and in the 8th grade or 14-19 years old* Cloverbuds – 5-8 year olds, must have passed her/his 5th birthday and be in kindergarten but not have passed her/his 9th birthday. According to NM 4-H Policy, Cloverbuds are not eligible for competition and therefore only receive participation ribbons. **No** Cloverbud exhibits are eligible for entry in the State Fair.
6. Judging will be based on the standards listed including any size guidelines in the 4-H project book. Judges determine the merit of each exhibit. If multiple qualified items are in a class, they will be placed 1st-6th, however, a judge may determine that no item meets the standard for 1st and choose not to award one. No more than one of each placing may be awarded in each class, with the exception of special needs exhibits. If an item is the only entry in a class, judges will judge the item against the standard and may choose to award a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd placing or no placing at all.

Points will be awarded on the following basis:

 - 1st Place (6 points)
 - 2nd Place (5 points)
 - 3rd Place (4 points)
 - 4th Place (3 points)
 - 5th Place (2 points)
 - 6th Place (1 point)A High Point award will be given based on the total points earned in the Novice, Junior & Senior age categories. No cash premiums will be awarded. However, each High Point winner will be able to choose an item/items or baked good to sell private treaty prior to the Jr. Livestock Sale.
7. All entries must have an entry tag attached. Tags are color coded by age level: pink for Novice, yellow for Junior, and green for Senior. Tags should contain the class number, project, item description, member's name, and county. Tags must be securely attached to the **front** of the item to allow for judging and display. Tags may be picked up at the Extension Office or day entries are due.
8. All Self-Determined entries must be accompanied by a completed Self-Determined Project Record Form 100.SD-1 (R-03) – be sure the sheet is securely attached.
9. Exhibit Sizing Guidelines:
 - a. Posters**

Posters may be no larger than 14 x 22 inches (this is half of a standard sheet of poster board). Posters are defined as any flat paper, foam board, cardboard, or other backing appropriate for hanging on the wall for display. Flat items placed on placed stands or with stands attached will be considered posters and the stands will not be utilized for display.
 - b. Display Boards**

Display Boards may be no larger than 18 x 48 inches (this is a small size display board, or half of a standard display board.) Display boards are defined as scored, freestanding science boards that may be purchased at any school supply store. These are boards made freestanding by the sides being folded in slightly.
 - c. Other Exhibit Boards**

Exhibit bases for three dimensional vertical displays may be no larger than 24 x 24 inches. A vertical display is defined as an exhibit with a solid base where the exhibit itself rises up. This would apply to small engines, Self-Determined, or any other appropriate 3-D Display.
 - d. Project Specific Boards**

Some project boards are given specific measurements within the project. For example, Leathercraft and braiding have guidelines in the project book. If an exhibit is defined by the project book that is the rule members must follow.
 - f. Photography Exhibits**

See specific sizing guidelines under the Photography Section. Photos may be mounted or matted with a material strong enough to withstand transport and display (cardboard, mat board, poster board, etc). We are not responsible for lost or damaged photos – please keep a copy of all prints submitted.
10. At the close of the fair on Sunday, exhibits must be claimed by 4-H members after 12:00 pm. First place exhibits will be held by County Agent for entry in the New Mexico State Fair and returned thereafter.