



Nova Scotia 4-H Show HOTLINE - 2015 SEPTEMBER NEWS

This newsletter is only being sent to general leaders, NS 4-H Council Executive and the NS 4-H Hosting Committee. **General Leaders are asked to PLEASE pass the information in this newsletter onto each family from your club attending NS 4-H Show.**

4-H WELCOMES YOU:

The 2015 Nova Scotia 4-H Show is shaping up to be an exciting event. The Hosting Committee has been busy all summer making sure the grounds and facilities will be ready for the weekend.

At the Show, the NS 4-H Council Executive, the Market Committee, and the 4-H Staff will be wearing Name Tags identifying themselves. The Hosting Committee will be wearing black jackets with white trim and/or Black baseball caps as well as nametags.

SAFETY AT THE SHOW:

Safety is a priority of the Nova Scotia 4-H Council so in order to keep this a priority we ask you to follow the following guidelines:

- There are to be no animals in stalls when displays are being set up or taken down. This is a huge safety concern.
- Animals must be securely tied in stalls when not being shown.
- Please write an emergency contact number on the back of all small livestock and horse stall cards.
- Cattle displays must have an emergency contact number visibly posted in their display.
- Use designated alleyways for moving livestock.
- 4-H Show is a very busy event, use caution, slow down and think safety first when working around animals and when moving them.
- Failure to follow good safety rules could result in a loss of county points.
- Please note traffic flow and parking locations on the grounds map.
- Smoking is NOT PERMITTED anywhere on the grounds of the Hants County Exhibition Grounds.
- Please remember the 4-H Code of Conduct (see last page for examples). The NS 4-H Council will require everyone participating to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct at the NS 4-H Show.

4-H Merchandise for sale:

NS 4-H Council will have a wide range of branded items. Stop by the “4-H Trail Store” which will be located across from the hospitality booth inside the Life Skills Building.

CLOSURE OF BUILDINGS:

All Buildings and barns will close immediately following Tug-Of-War on both Friday 2nd and Saturday, October 3rd at the 2015 NS 4-H Show. Livestock members are reminded to ensure that their livestock are fed, watered and cleaned for the night prior to Tug Of War as there will be no access to the barns once Tug Of War is completed. On Saturday evening the Life Skills building will close at 10:00 pm. The Life Skills building will be closed during the closing ceremonies this year.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **NOTE TIME CHANGE:** Life Skills projects **MUST** be in by 5:00pm On Friday, October 2nd.
- Reminder to beef, dairy, market steer market lamb and sheep members to have your animals properly tagged. CFIA may be checking and will send animals home that are improperly tagged.
- Pins, tacks, etc are not to be used on the life skills display curtains. Any curtains damaged will be billed to the county responsible.
- Thanks to the Hants County 4 – H Council for Hosting the 2015 Show.
- The giant vegetable competition for 2015 is a **Rutabaga**.
- Non registered animals cannot be brought to the NS 4-H Show for the purposes of sale or trade. This also includes baby animals. Only the animals showing are permitted to come to the show, ie horse with foal only the horse can come.
- Each County needs 10 volunteers for security duty (refer to page 4 for details).
- Each County is responsible for a competition (refer to page 3 for details).
- Digital cameras are to be provided and used in the photography competition.
- All 4-H horse members **MUST** wear a SEI-ASTM approved equestrian helmet that is properly fitted and fastened at all times when driving or riding in a horse drawn vehicle at 4-H events.
- Please remember this show is an opportunity to showcase 4-H to the public. Please keep display areas clean, garbage picked up and demonstrate what great citizen's 4-H members are.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:

- An emergency phone number has been set up for the Show. You are reminded that this number is to be used **ONLY** in the case of an emergency and will be available for the duration of the Show **ONLY**. The phone number is **902-956-9362**

STAFF DUTIES:

Valorie Skinner, Hosting, Grand Champion Showmanship

Jean Ward, Caged Livestock (includes poultry, waterfowl and rabbit), & Grand Champion Showman.

Jacqueline Hoyt, Miniature Horse, Draft Horse and Dog

Marina Gillis, Life Skills, Livestock and Life Skills Judging, Grand Champion Judging

Colin Hirtle, Light Horse

Dawn Barrington-Hodgson, Large Livestock, quarantine & Health Checks/Large Livestock Barn layouts (beef, dairy, sheep, goat) as well as space for associated competitions relating to those projects.

Rhonda MacDougall, Large Livestock, quarantine & Health Checks/Large Livestock Barn layouts (beef, dairy, sheep, goat) as well as space for associated competitions relating to those projects.

Cheryl Chandler, Life Skills, Livestock and Life Skills Judging, Grand Champion Judging.

Laurie Sandeson, Ruth Grant- 4-H Office Manager, Calculations, Competition Area Coordinator, Code of Practice, Market Lamb & Steer Show and Sale, Market Turkey & Market Goat confirmation and sale.

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

All counties contribute to the success of the Nova Scotia 4-H Show through organizing a competition and are responsible for fulfilling the duties of their assigned competition.

DUTY	COUNTY
Hosting -	Hants
Thought for the Day -	Host and Hostess
Receptions -	NS 4-H Council
Fashion Show -	Lunenburg
Crafts Competition -	Cape Breton
Vegetable Prep Competition -	Shelburne
Tug of War -	Colchester
Camp Rankin Café -	Richmond
Food Preparation Competition -	Pictou
Floral Competition -	Victoria
Tractor Driving -	Annapolis
Woodworking Competition -	Guysborough
Reg and Donald Scothorn -	Halifax East Hants
Outdoorsman Competition -	Queens
Cake Decorating Competition -	Antigonish
Oulton Fuels Clipping -	Cumberland
Sheep Clipping -	Kings
Photography Competition -	Digby/Yarmouth
Scrapbooking Competition -	Inverness
Goat Clipping Competition	Pictou

COUNTY WORK DUTY REMINDER:

★ This year ten (10) people per county are required for duties during the Show. Two (2) teams of two people, one of which must be an adult, are needed to work at the parking entry gates. A team of one adult and one senior member is needed to provide security to the exhibits in the Life Skills. A team of two people are needed to work in the Camp Rankin Café. They could be two adults, two senior members or any similar combination. Each county is to assign two (2) “Code of Practice” people to be available throughout the entire show.

Remember, volunteers are required to sign in and out at the location you are working at. ie Camp Rankin Café, gates, life skills security at the hospitality booth in the Life Skills Building . If there are any leaders or parents who are free at that time, please call your Agriculture Leadership Coordinator.

Those who have security duty in the Life Skills Building on Friday night are reminded they should ensure county displays are being set up in an orderly manner. They may also be asked to help ensure there is an orderly return of life skills projects to county displays when judging is finished.

Counties working the first shift on Saturday and Sunday morning are not needed for the Life Skills Building until 8:00 am

The following is the schedule for the weekend:

Friday, October 2, 2015:

- 12 noon - 4:00 pm ➤ Hants
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ➤ Kings
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm ➤ Halifax East Hants
- 8:00 pm -10:00 pm ➤ Pictou

Life Skills Building to close at 10:00 pm

Saturday, October 3, 2015

- 7:00 am - 9:00 am ➤ Colchester
- 9:00 am -11:00 am ➤ Yarmouth/Digby
- 11:00am -1:00 pm ➤ Cape Breton
- 1:00 am - 3:00 pm ➤ Inverness
- 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm ➤ Annapolis
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm ➤ Antigonish/Guysborough
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ➤ Cumberland
- 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm ➤ Richmond/Victoria

Life Skills Building Closes at 10:00 pm

Sunday, October 4, 2015:

- 8:00 am -10:00 am ➤ Queens/Shelburne
- 10:00 am - 11:30 am ➤ Lunenburg

4-H SPIRIT - JUDGES:

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, 4-H members, leaders and parents are reminded that the decision of the judge is final! Our judges are asked to attend the show based on their expertise. We expect all judges to be respected regardless of how you feel about their placing. By attending 4-H Show you are obligated to treat the judges with respect. If you hear ringside comments that negatively reflect a judge's skills, please take it upon yourself to point out that the comment is unacceptable. Remember "he/she who has the most fun wins!"

ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE GROUNDS:

There are still spaces available in the trailer park. **Contact: Krista McDow or Mandy Brown at in2proshow@gmail.com** . There are 2-way trailer hookups, however **the power and water hook up are minimal. Electric heaters and air conditioners are not allowed but propane is okay.** The cost for trailer parking for the weekend (two nights) is \$40.00 and for tent sites (two nights) is \$20.00. **Payment for trailers MUST be received in advance of arrival. All cheques should be made payable to "Hants County 4 – H Council". Payment must be sent to accommodations Committee c/o Mandy Brown, 40 Redden Road, R.R. #1 Windsor, Nova Scotia B0N 2T0.**

SAWDUST AND SHAVING:

There will be a base of sawdust or shavings in the barns. There will be a limited amount of sawdust/shavings for members to use during the show and will be located outside, at the ends of the barns.

PURCHASING HAY AND STRAW:

Hay and Straw will NOT be available for purchase from the committee this year. Counties are responsible to bring their own hay and straw or to source it locally themselves.

COUNTY DISPLAY DISMANTLING:

- The NS 4-H Council rules state: **"Any county dismantling displays before flag presentation will be subject to a points penalty, to be determined by the Executive of the Provincial Council, which will result in the County beginning the next Provincial Show in a deficit position"**. The gate and building security people have the responsibility to report counties violating these requirements to the 4-H Show Office. General Leaders are asked to make sure each family is aware of the requirements regarding displays and consequences for removing items from displays. The responsibility to inform will be shared by 4-H staff, county councils, general leaders, etc.
- There will **NOT** be an exit order of counties for moving out on Sunday. The committee has decided that when a county is loaded and ready to go they may leave in an orderly and safe fashion.

ARRIVAL OF PROJECTS FRIDAY:

- **ARRIVING IN Windsor:** If travelling by **Car**, there are Three Exits to Windsor that you may use, Exit #6 is Downtown, Exit #5A is closest to the Exhibition grounds and also Exit #5 to Garlands Crossing is also an option.
- **For Livestock Trailers... Coming West from Halifax** on Highway 101, Take Exit 5A, through the roundabout towards Windsor (Wentworth Road) and Turn **RIGHT** immediately after the overpass, onto Industrial Park Drive. Continue on Industrial Drive and turn **LEFT** on to Tregothic Drive. Turn **LEFT** on to Centennial Drive and then turn **LEFT** at **GATE #2**. Turn **RIGHT** onto Exhibition Main Street and then **LEFT**. Travel along the side of the livestock Barn and unload at the West End of the Barn as indicated on the map. Once unloaded, exit by Gate D, to Industrial Drive, Tregothic Drive to the Livestock Trailer area.
- **For Livestock Trailers... Coming East from Kentville** on Highway 101, Take Exit 5A, Turn **RIGHT** onto Industrial Park Drive. Continue on Industrial Drive and turn **LEFT** on to Tregothic Drive. Turn **LEFT** on to Centennial Drive and then turn **LEFT** at **GATE #2**. Turn **RIGHT** onto Exhibition Main Street and then **LEFT**. Travel along the side of the livestock Barn and unload at the West End of the Barn as indicated on the map. Once unloaded, exit by Gate D, to Industrial Drive, Tregothic Drive to the Livestock Trailer area.
- **For ALL Horse Trailers... Coming West from Halifax** on Highway 101, Take Exit 5A, through the roundabout towards Windsor (Wentworth Road) and Turn **RIGHT** at Gate C (Main Exhibition Gate) and Turn **LEFT**, Park facing the O'Brien Building. Unload and immediately Exit by the Exit Only Gate in front of the O'Brien Building.
- **For ALL Horse Trailers... Coming West from Halifax** on Highway 101, Take Exit 5A, Turn **LEFT** onto Industrial Drive. At Wentworth Road turn **RIGHT** and turn **RIGHT** at Gate C (Main Exhibition Gate) and Turn **LEFT**, Park facing the O'Brien Building. Unload and immediately Exit by the Exit Only Gate in front of the O'Brien Building.
- **Market Steers** will be housed in the Livestock Barn
- **Life Skills Projects and County display materials** may be brought in by vehicle and unloaded via the Gate 1 Entrance (General Parking area). The projects will be received at the Main Admission Entry which is at the side of the Life Skills Display area. Members should unload as soon as possible and remove the vehicle from the grounds via the exit to the Wentworth Road that runs behind the O'Brien Building. (Please see attached map)

PARKING FOR THE WEEKEND:

- **All vehicles** (except tagged county trailers) **must park in the General Parking Lot.** **People requiring special parking due to disabilities etc, should contact their Agriculture Leadership Coordinator for a special parking pass.** Vehicles parked inside the grounds without a parking permit could be towed.
- The cost for parking at Nova Scotia 4-H Show is \$2.00 per car for the weekend. Everyone entering through the gates will be required to pay the \$2.00 fee (all trucks, trailers, cars, etc.) Upon payment you will receive a sticker for your windshield and will be valid for the remainder of the weekend. Half the proceeds from the gate go to the Hosting Committee and the other half goes to the NS 4-H Council.

LIVESTOCK:

➤ **EAR TAGS:**

Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Market Lamb and Market Steer leaders, members and parents are reminded of the Ear tag Policy. Be sure that your livestock have their Canadian Sheep Identification Program, Canadian Cattle Identification Agency or National Identification for Dairy (RFID Tags) approved ear tags. **Every calf and sheep must have the proper tag in their ear to be at the show or CFIA may fine both the NS 4-H Show and the member.** All animals (calves or sheep) arriving at the show **MUST** have the CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) approved tags for the specific type of livestock.

➤ **Livestock Health:**

- 4-H members, leaders, parents and livestock owners are reminded that the NS 4-H Show is a showcase for the 4-H program, and the agricultural industry in this province. The sportsmanship, variety of projects and support of 4-H families/general public all contribute to this Show being the foremost 4-H Show in Canada. All those involved in the 4-H Show - exhibitors, leaders, and owners of livestock have a role to play in ensuring public safety is a priority, as is the health and welfare of the 4- H livestock present.
- With that in mind, individuals are reminded that infectious diseases can be transmitted during trucking to the show, as well as at the show. As such, animals having or showing signs of infectious diseases not be brought to the NS 4-H Show.
- Livestock exhibitors and owners must understand that in attending the 4-H Show, or any show, there is a risk of their animal contracting disease regardless of the best efforts of all involved. If you suspect that your animals have an infectious disease, please contact your local vet immediately and learn more about the consequences, treatment, and transmission of the disease.
- If a 4-H member decides to have a laboratory test done to determine the status of the ringworm, they are reminded that the test must be done by their local vet, and that the vet is required to verify the registration number of the animal upon doing the scraping, and provide that registration number on the submitted sample. The results should be returned from AVC lab to the local vet, with the local vet providing all documentation to verify that the sample taken was of the registered animal and is negative.
- However, members are cautioned that the final decision for quarantine will be based on visual analysis and professional opinion during the animal health check regardless of what the documentation states.
- All animals that are put in quarantine at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show, because of the animal health checks, will not be permitted to show. Animals may return home or can remain in the quarantine area. Quarantined animals may be re-examined by the designated vet during the show if he/she desires. Feeding, cleaning and care for the animal in quarantine is the responsibility of the 4-H member.

Local farriers and veterinarians contact information will be posted at the end of the livestock barns. .
Animal owners are reminded it is their responsibility for payment of any calls.

FEED STORAGE:

- There will be a large variety of livestock housed in most buildings at the show. Members are asked to label their feed for the type of livestock they are feeding and store in a container that cannot be accessed if an animal happens to get loose.

CLEANING YOUR BARN AREA ON SUNDAY AFTER THE SHOW:

- **All livestock** members are asked to move straw, manure and other bedding to the aisle so it can be easily loaded by the front end loader of a tractor.

HORSE AND DRAFT HORSE MEMBERS:

- The Mary Henry ring is available for warm-up any time after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Keep in mind that the 4-H Show Light Horse Safety Committee **will not** be monitoring activity at this time. However, they will be on duty Saturday and Sunday.
- Light Horse Members are asked to supply their own show harness. Call your Agriculture Leadership Coordinator to find out which back number you have been assigned.
- Counties can expect to have ½ of the total Light Horse stalls registered as of September 21 as box stalls and ½ will be straight stalls. (Light Horse Leaders Meeting, November 2011). **NOTE: This is dependent upon the total number of horses and the availability of box stalls but every attempt will be made by hosting to provide this number of box stalls.**
- Draft Horse and Miniature Horse back numbers will be supplied by the Agriculture Leadership Coordinator who is coordinating these events.
- Horse members are reminded that there is no tack space in the light horse barns and storage of tack in the barn aisles will not be permitted. Since space is limited in the light horse barn, each county with light horses will be assigned a space to park a trailer in order to store tack and hay/feed.
- You are encouraged to be conscious of the amount of tack you bring and share with others from your county. Aisles are narrow and space is limited. PLEASE bring only what is essential.
- There will be **NO** grooming, tacking up, braiding, etc. permitted in the aisles.
- Light Horse Safety Committee meeting, October 2nd, 7:00 pm in Room #6 in the Arena
- Draft and Miniature Horse Safety Committee meeting, Friday, October 2nd, 5:00 pm in Room # 6 in the Arena.
- Space is limited. Horses that are in straight stalls **MUST** be tied in the front of the stall with their tail facing the aisle. Rings will be provided.
- No gates will be provided. Counties may bring materials to build their own gates or simply use a butt rope.
- Miniature Horse members are reminded to bring a gate if they need one. **NO** materials for building a gate are available on the grounds for the 2015 Show.
- Please note the following change made by NS 4-H Council in March 2012. (This is a change from the decision made by the Light Horse Leaders in November 2011). "Horses **cannot** be stabled in straight stalls to face out into the aisle at the 4-H Show". Moved by Jackie Wile, Seconded by Lois MacNeil, motion carried."

LIVESTOCK DISPLAYS:

- Counties with large livestock displays will be assigned a footage space for livestock. **Packs are to be NO longer than 9 feet in depth to allow for adequate aisle space.** This space is for your livestock, and tack. County entrants should share tack boxes and use their county trailer to hold hay, straw and tack for the weekend.
- Counties are responsible for bringing their own lumber and supplies needed for their display.

SHEEP, MARKET LAMB AND STEER:

- Sheep pens will be assigned by county. The size of the pens will be proportionate to the number of sheep from each county. You are expected to come prepared to subdivide your own pen as needed and if necessary build the pen up to prevent the sheep from getting out.
- Please be advised your market animal may leave the grounds whenever your buyer wants to take it, for example, the buyer may choose to take it Friday night after the auction. However, you are responsible for its feed, care and cleaning up until it is taken from the grounds. See your acceptance letter for details.
- Ear tag restrictions as mentioned earlier in this newsletter apply to market lambs and steers.

GOAT:

- Goat pens - Each county will be assigned goat pen/s. Pens may need to be divided if goats do not get along together, therefore please bring your own dividers.

RABBIT and MARKET TURKEY:

- Rabbits will be housed in Livestock Barn
- Turkeys will be housed, weighed in, shown and sold in the Livestock Barn
- Rabbit and market turkey members must provide their own cages and members are reminded of the SPCA size regulations to which we must adhere. Check your 2015 4H Project Newsletter for the correct sizes. Rabbit cages **must have** waterproof pans at 4-H Show.
- Counties will be allotted 2 feet per rabbit entered. Please be prepared to stack or be placed on the floor if your cages exceed this space.
- Market Turkey members are asked to keep their cages as close as possible to the size requirements in the market turkey newsletter.

POULTRY AND WATERFOWL:

- Poultry and waterfowl cages **ARE** provided and all birds will be housed in **the Poultry and Waterfowl Barn**. Shavings for the poultry will be provided.
- Poultry members participating in only the showmanship class are asked to bring just the bird they are showing **NOT their trio**. Please indicate 'Showmanship only' on the stall card.
- Poultry and Waterfowl members are asked to identify and tag their cages by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd to ensure proper recording for results. Poultry members are responsible for cleaning out their cages after the show is over.

TUG-OF-WAR:

- ▶ **ALL** Tug-of-War team captains and coaches are expected to attend the Captain's Meeting at **8:30 p.m., Friday night** in the Arena in Dressing Room #9. The meeting will include a review of the rules, the role of the lineman, and how signals and warnings will be given. It also provides teams with the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

SCHEDULING OF CLASSES:

- ▶ Members are reminded that we will make every effort to ensure classes run on time; please make it a point to be at your class on time or even a few minutes early. If your class is running late, still be ready for the designated time slot, as classes can catch up fairly quickly.

LIFE SKILLS COMPETITIONS:

- ▶ Competition members are reminded to check their competition guidelines in the 4-H Show Class List for any items you are required to bring. If you don't have them, you may need to borrow from a fellow competitor.

LET'S THINK SAFETY AT NS 4-H SHOW:

- ▶ At NS 4-H Show, there are several safety concerns that must be considered. Both large and small animals are always a safety concern to handlers and the visiting public when they have been removed from their normal routine and surroundings and are placed in a strange environment. When animals that are normally in a flock or herd have been isolated, they may become frightened or upset, especially if there are large crowds of people in and around the area. For these reasons, at fairs and exhibitions you should remember to follow some of the same principles that you would follow at home with your animals. Be alert for the general public around your animals. They may not be familiar with farm animals and their behaviour.
- ▶ Remember ***all dogs must be on a leash at NS 4-H Show.***
- ▶ Concern yourself with your own safety.
- ▶ Keep all animals in their proper areas; for example, keep steers in the cattle barns, show areas or wash areas. When possible, the loading and unloading of livestock should be done before the general public is milling around. The same applies to the delivery of feed.

GENERAL RULES:

- **For better health and safety of all 4-H families and friends, all facilities/grounds at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show are NON-SMOKING. PLEASE OBEY THE POSTED SIGNS. Use of illicit drugs and alcohol are prohibited at 4-H events.**
- Members are reminded that 4-H is a “*Learn to Do by Doing*” experience and their project work is to be their own.
- Garden and floriculture boxes, garden and floriculture specialty items, small engine and woodworking projects will be housed in the Life Skills Building (if space available) where they will remain for the duration of the show if counties do not have space in their county display. Large welding projects will be placed along the side of Life Skills Building.
- Filming of competitions is welcome; however, camera people must stay back far enough so as not to disrupt the competition or block the viewing public.
- Large animals are to be double roped when being worked on.
- Hiring or using professional trainers is strictly **forbidden** for 4-H projects at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show.
- Sheep must have a collar for the Grand Champion Showmanship Class.
- Each county is asked to appoint one person to oversee the cleanup of their county responsibility area and county display spaces in all areas at the Nova Scotia 4-H Show to ensure this responsibility is not left with the Hosting Committee.
- Parade of Champions on Sunday: All participating members at NS 4-H Show may go in this parade. Members may take their ribbon and/or trophy, but not projects.
- The main ring is a busy spot especially on Sunday morning. All livestock should be in their stalls and not out in heavy traffic areas unless being shown or waiting for a class.
- 4-H members are responsible for telling their Agriculture Leadership Coordinator by **noon September 21, 2015** if they don't want their livestock in judging classes at 4-H Show.
- 4-H members are responsible for telling their Agriculture Leadership Coordinator if they want to scratch their 4-H Show entry. Substitutions of the next lower entry can be done only until this date. **There will be no scratches or substitutions after Monday, September 21st, 2015 at NOON.**
- Judges have the right to relocate entries into the correct class if the article tag is filled out incorrectly.

2016 NOVA SCOTIA 4-H SHOW

Central Region is busy preparing for the 2016 Nova Scotia 4-H Show to be held at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Grounds in Truro – October 1-3, 2016. A list of accommodations will be available at the Hospitality Area at this year's show in Windsor. Book your accommodations early so you don't miss out on the 2016 show.

NS 4-H Show Code of Conduct

Friday, October 2nd - 8:30 pm – Room #6 Arena

The NS 4-H Show Code of Practice Committee consists of a minimum of one (1) representative per county, two (2) if possible to include one livestock and one life skills person. Counties are asked to appoint only those leaders willing to act to enforce the “Code of Conduct”. These people are responsible for their own county only; however if they see a violation in another county they should bring it to the attention of that county’s representative. The county representatives will be identified with a button that reads “Code of Practice” and county name (there will not be an individual’s name). Any counties not responding to this meeting may lose points in their overall score

NS 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The 4-H program encourages leadership qualities, develops strong citizens, and opens the door to many career choices.

Our motto is “Learn to Do by Doing”; members are expected to complete project requirements on their own. Parents, leaders and members are encouraged to coach, or lend a hand if necessary, but members must do their own project work.

All solely NS 4-H Nova Scotia events where minors are present will be alcohol free.

Underage drinking, use of illicit drugs and public intoxication will not be tolerated at NS 4-H events.

Please keep cell phone usage to a minimum when at 4-H meetings.

4-H members, leaders, parents and guardians will conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. They will exhibit good sportsmanship and will be positive role models to others.

Respect the judges’ opinions and knowledge. Learn from the experience of being judged.

Abuse by physical and non-physical means, or through communication, is not acceptable behavior.

Profane or offensive language will not be tolerated.

Remember that leaders are volunteers. Please respect the time that they are giving. Always try to thank them.

Non-observance towards any of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Nova Scotia 4-H Council.

Parents, Adults, Leaders are welcome and encouraged in the barns and life skills building. Assistance to members in the areas of support, helping tidy the displays or holding livestock is encouraged.

Examples of Standards

Acceptable

A parent\adult holding an animal for a member to prepare.

A parent\adult, pointing out, encouraging, coaching a member in clipping, washing, etc.

A parent\adult helping to keep the manure removed, display tidy with members.

A parent\adult bringing an animal to the ring side for a member currently in another class.

A member helping the whole county clip with members present, holding animals, etc.

Parents\adults feeling comfortable and a part of the activity of 4-H Show.

Common Sense!

Nova Scotia 4-H members preparing animals.

Thanking a Judge for taking time to judge at the show.

Keeping Displays clean and tidy

Unacceptable

A parent\adult preparing the animal.

A parent\adult actually doing the job.

Members not involved, parents\adults doing it all.

A parent\adult walking\riding an animal to “train” it before it enters the ring.

A member clipping animals in the absence of the members exhibiting the animals.

Parents\adults feeling uncomfortable to be a part of things in case they do something “wrong”.

No Common Sense!

4-H members that are not registered Nova Scotia 4-H members preparing animals.

Criticising Judges placing or wisdom.

Displays cluttered and messy

All NS 4-H Show areas, including the trailer parks will be patrolled.