

2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Modifications to Processes



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In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Kansas and to keep staff, participants, volunteers, and the public safe, Kansas 4-H has modified some of the procedures for its involvement in the 2020 Kansas State Fair.

Entry Limits Clarification - This pertains to Centennial Hall and 4-H Showcase Building Entries.

A message was sent on June 19, explaining the entry limit modifications. To clarify, this does not mean that each unit can only submit one Static entry per division. Each youth in your unit can submit one item per division, as long as that item was judged and found to meet the qualifying standards at the county level.

UPDATE Because Crops Division is in a different building, youth can have multiple entries, just as in past years.

Poultry, Rabbit, Horse, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat entries will follow the State Fair Book guidelines unless a new update is sent out to the State system. Please continue to watch your email for this information.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON ENTRY DELIVERY

Limit modifications were announced in an email to the system on June 19th. The announcement included moving Presentations to a virtual format, reducing the quotas for Visual Arts, and limiting all other divisions (excluding crops) to one youth entry per division.

Delivery for entries will also look different. Deliveries will be accepted from KSRE Staff or a designated Volunteer only. Individual members will not be allowed to drop off entries. Entries will be accepted on Tuesday September 8th from 1p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Wednesday September 9th from 8 a.m. - noon. An assigned delivery time for each local unit will be sent at a later date.

Please help to make the process as efficient as possible. All entries must come to the Fair with their cards and/or information sheets completed. We will not have space to complete paperwork at Centennial Hall this year.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Variety Plot and KSRE County Demo Wheat pick-up is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 8th from 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. on the east side of 4-H Centennial Hall. Please note that the wheat from KSU Agronomy will not be available until 10 a.m.

UPDATE ON JUDGING PROCESS

To accommodate Social Distancing practices, entry delivery starts on Tuesday September 8th allowing the needed spacing and timing for exhibit judging. Please see the listing below of when different project/divisions will be judged.

Tuesday, September 8th 1-6pm –

Foods - Nutrition judging starts @ 1 p.m.
Horticulture judging starts @ 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9th 8am-5pm –

Horticulture judging continues @ 9 a.m.
Foods - Nutrition judging continues @ 10 a.m.
Home Environment judging @ 10 a.m.
Forestry judging @ 10 a.m.
Wildlife judging @ 10 a.m.
Visual Arts Display @ 10 a.m.
Photo Sorting

Thursday, September 10th 8am-5pm –

Entomology judging @ 9 a.m.
Clothing judging @ 9 a.m.
Shooting Sports judging @ 9 a.m.
Wood Science judging @ 9 a.m.
Energy Management judging @ 9 a.m.
Photography judging @ 9 a.m.

Friday, September 11th 8am-5pm –

Fiber Arts judging @ 9 a.m.
Foods Preservation judging @ 9 a.m.
Geology judging @ 9 a.m.
All SpaceTech Divisions judging @ 9 a.m.
Crops judging @ 3 p.m.

Centennial Hall will be closed to the public on Friday until judging has been completed and displays are finished.

UPDATE ON DISPLAYING PROCESS

By doing presentations virtually, the staging and audience areas will be removed. The removal of public seating areas around the building will also be necessary. Exhibits will be spread out into many of those areas to help facilitate the flow of traffic and social distancing.

UPDATE ON RELEASING ENTRIES PROCESS

Static exhibits will not be released on Sunday evening. Much like the entry delivery, all units will be assigned a pick-up time on Monday September 21st between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A KSRE staff member or a designated volunteer will pick up all Static exhibits at that time. Assigned time for pick-up will be sent at a later date.

UPDATE ON CONTESTS

Crops ID Contest – Sept 12 – 1-4 p.m. Encampment Building – Not open to public

Kansas Wheat Variety Plot Awards – Sept 12 – 11:30 a.m. Showcase Building – Open to the Public

Photo Judging Contest – All Day Sunday Sept 13 – 10:30 a.m. Encampment Building - Not open to the public – No Awards Ceremony

Science of Ag Challenge – All Day Sept 18 – Hansen Auditorium (Encampment Building) – Open to the Public – No Awards Ceremony

FCS Judging Contest – Sept 19 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Encampment Building – Not open to public – No Awards Ceremony

Poultry Judging Contest - Sept 19 - 10:30 a.m. Dillon Hall (Encampment Building) – Not open to the Public – Virtual Awards Ceremony, if any

Fashion Revue – Judging will be held on Saturday, September 19 at the Stringer Fine Arts Center on the HCC campus. Public Revues will NOT be held in the Encampment Building this year. Youth will submit modeling videos for virtual public revues. More details to follow.

Rabbit Judging Contest – CANCELLED due to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

Kansas 4-H reserves the right to cancel or modify event plans and rules based on COVID-19 related issues. These issues can include but are not limited to social distancing requirements and limited mass gathering requirements. We will work to share cancellations or modifications in a timely manner.

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