

4-H Animal Exhibitor Handbook 2026 Cornish Fair

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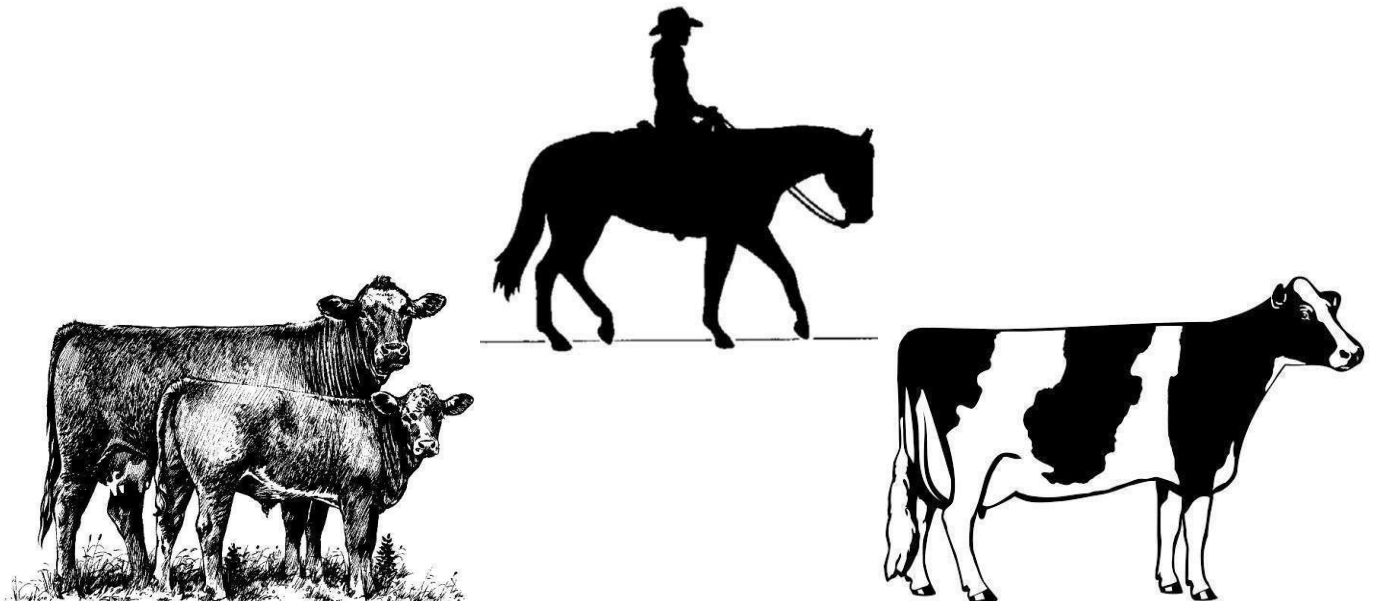
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4-H LIVESTOCK SHOWS

4-H GENERAL RULES

1. Premiums listed are being offered to 4-H members exhibiting from Sullivan County unless otherwise noted. Depending upon the species there may be space limitations for entries. Sullivan County entries will be given first priority, entries from other counties (as noted) will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until full.
2. Juniors are members ages 8 – 13. Seniors are members ages 14 and older.
3. Products and articles exhibited must represent 4-H work done since by the 4-H member. September of the previous year
4. **All 4-H members must reach the Fairgrounds between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursday. Exhibits must remain in place until 6:00 pm Sunday, or premiums will be forfeited.**
5. 4-H products or articles not making a satisfactory exhibit or improperly labeled may be rejected or moved to the appropriate class.
6. 4-H exhibits are to be shown at the 4-H member's own risk.
7. Premiums may be withheld from 4-H members not complying with any rule or regulation in any youth class.
8. Judges will consider the difficulty of the project and the years of enrollment in the project, the age of exhibitor, specific project requirements, and rules for exhibiting.
9. Best in Show Rosettes may be awarded at the judges' discretion and include a \$2.00 premium bonus.
10. In addition to the premiums listed, each 4-H exhibit receives a ribbon based on the Danish System of judging: blue, red, or white.
11. Friday is "**4-H Day**", and Sullivan County 4-Hmembers can get into the Fair **free** if they wear a 4-H member tag obtainable from their 4-H club organizational leader.
12. All 4-H animal exhibitors must gather for a Mandatory Meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30pm. The meeting will take place under the dairy tent.



4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

- A. **4-H Entry Deadline: July 20th. Each 4-H member entry must also include an Activity Expectation, Permission & Release Form.**
- B. Animals must be in place by **7:00am Friday and remain until 6:00pm Sunday** or be released by a show superintendent.
- C. **ELIGIBILITY:** Youth classes are open to 4-H members who have pre-registered by the deadline date and have included a signed Activity Expectation, Permission & Release Form. Due to limited space, the horse, poultry, sheep, and working steer shows are only open to specified N.H. counties, see corresponding section below. Depending upon the species there may be space limitations for entries. Sullivan County entries will be given first priority, entries from other counties (as noted) will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until full.
- D. Exhibitor Age: All youth exhibitor ages are calculated as of January 1 of the current year. No youth under age 8 is permitted to exhibit a large animal in a 4-H livestock show.
Novice member: Age 8 or youth in their first year of showing and under 14 years of age.
Junior member: youth ages 9 - 11
Intermediate: youth ages 12 - 13
Senior: youth ages 14 - 18
NOTE: Junior and Intermediate age divisions may be combined depending on the number of exhibitor entries received.
- E. 4-H members are the sole responsibility of their parent or guardian during the entire duration of the fair.
- F. 4-H members and their parents or guardians shall conduct themselves appropriately, reflecting positively on the Cornish Fair.
- G. 4-H members shall represent 4-H and their project to the general public in a positive way, helping to inform them about 4-H projects and agriculture. Actions must reflect the highest standards of honor and integrity and the best practices relating to their animal project. No type of animal abuse or neglect shall be tolerated.
- H. 4-H members shall not use or possess alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vape items or controlled substances.
- I. All judges and fair/show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Direct criticism or interference with the judge or fair/show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited.
- J. 4-H members are solely responsible for showing and handling their animal in the ring. The 4-H member must prepare their animal to be shown.
- K. Participating in Fit and Show is required. 4-H members must show their own project animal in the appropriate Fit and Show class. They must use an animal they will also exhibit in a type, performance, or market class during the 4-H show.
- L. **Appropriate Dress:** It is expected 4-H youth will wear appropriate attire when they are exhibiting in a 4-H show. The 4-H attire of white collared shirt, solid colored white or Khaki pants (No blue jeans) unless otherwise specified. Exceptions: Working Steer & Poultry green pants; Beef Exhibitor jeans (No ripped jeans); Equine attire-riding clothes appropriate to their seat (boots with heels required) as well as a properly fitted and approved helmet worn at all times when mounted. If skirt is worn instead of pants, it must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Safe shoes or boots must be worn (laces must be tied.)
NO flip-flops or open-toed shoes in barn areas or show rings. Corporate/farm sponsorship is unacceptable at 4-H shows.
4-H Horse Show participants will also follow the rules in the NH supplement to the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines.
- M. 4-H project animals are shown at the risk of the owner or lessor. Any damages to persons or property are the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member and the family who owns and leases the animal. All large animal exhibitors (beef, dairy, horse) will be required to submit a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 in the name of the person listed on the entry form.
- N. All animals or groups of animals shown must be owned or leased by the 4-H member. Animals to be exhibited must be appropriately named on a current, valid entry form and corresponding lease agreement if applicable.
- O. Age of animal - Any animal that will be shown in a 4-H class must have been born by and listed on the entry form by the specified date for that species.
- P. Exhibitors are responsible for presenting the required credentials for their project animal(s). Original registration papers, approval forms, and lease agreements must be presented at the proper time for their show.
- Q. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know what class they are supposed to be in and when that class will take place. Exhibitors who miss their class will not be allowed to exhibit in a class designated for another group. Exhibitors who miss their showmanship class may exhibit in the rest of the show but will receive no premiums. Exhibitors missing a breed or market class will not receive premiums in the class missed.
- R. **Animal Health:** all 4-H exhibitors must adhere to the health regulations for 2025 N.H. Fairs and shows and any additional requirements outlined in the open show section of this premium book. **In addition to current health standards, all animals exhibited must be immunized for rabies at least 30 days prior and within one year of the event.**
- S. **Animal Care:** Exhibitors are responsible for the care and feeding of their animals. Animals are to be kept neat and presentable. Sawdust and water will be provided by the fair. Exhibitors must provide their own feed (hay/grain) and straw for bedding.
- T. **Final Cleanup:** Exhibitors are expected to clean out the area in which animals were housed. Premiums will be forfeited if not done. Breakfast for 4-H livestock exhibitors will be furnished by the fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings. You must have a special ticket, which will be distributed by show superintendents at check-in. **Adult volunteers will be needed to help prepare and serve breakfast, please see your species Superintendent.**
- U. Camping in designated areas only. You must submit the correct camping form to the fair, spaces available at a fee on a "first come - first served" basis. Limited electricity with paid sites. No water hook up available. No use of awnings, generators or air conditioning units permitted.
- V. Laser pointers are prohibited from use on fairgrounds.

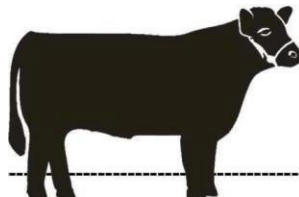
4-H BEEF SHOW

We sincerely appreciate prize contributions made by local businesses, farms, and 4-H families.
The show is scheduled for Friday at 1:00 PM

- A. **4-H Beef Show Attire** – Jean pants with a solid, collared, button down or polo shirt. No ripped jeans or patterned shirts.
- B. All animals exhibited must have halters and neck ropes.
- C. Show is open to all NH and VT 4-H beef exhibitors.
- D. Exhibitors will be limited to one animal per class within a single breed. Exhibitors may exhibit more than one breed.
- E. All breeds will be judged separately.
- F. Animals for all classes may be commercial or registered. Breed should be noted on entry. Registration papers will be checked.
- G. Feeder and Market animals do not need to be registered.
The Danish System of awards will be used:
- H. Fit & Show Premiums will be:
 - A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
 - A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00

CLASSES

1. SENIOR FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP for members 14 years old or older on January 1.
2. INTERMEDIATE FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP for members 12-13 years old January 1.
3. JUNIOR FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP for members 9-11 years old January 1.
4. NOVICE FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP first time showing under 14 years of age.
5. Overall Showmanship Champion – Special Award
6. JUNIOR BULL CALF born after January 1 - April 30, 2026.
7. SENIOR BULL CALF born after Sept. 1 - December 31, 2025.
8. CHAMPION BULL first place winners from Classes 4 and 5 - **Rosette**.
9. JUNIOR HEIFER CALF born after January 1 - April 30, 2026.
10. SENIOR HEIFER CALF born September 1 - December 31, 2025.
11. SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER May 1 - August 31, 2025.
12. JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER January 1 - April 30, 2025.
13. SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER September 1 - December 31, 2024.
14. TWO YEAR OLD HEIFER September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2024.
15. THREE YEAR OLD COW OR OLDER born September 1, 2023 or earlier. (Note in classes 14 & 15: calves can be shown at side with cow or in individual classes.)
16. CHAMPION FEMALE (first places in classes 8-14) **Rosette**
17. SUPREME CHAMPION **Trophy Award**
18. FEEDER ANIMAL (steer or heifer) September 1, 2024 to April 30, 2026.
19. MARKET ANIMAL (steer or heifer) January 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.
20. CHAMPION MARKET ANIMAL **Special Award**
21. PAIR OF CALVES (Heifers or Bull or one of each.) Animals shown in this class must have been shown in individual classes.
22. PAIR OF YEARLING HEIFERS (Heifers only.) Animals shown in this class must have been shown in individual classes.
23. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. *Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor's: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.*



4-H DAIRY SHOW

- A. This show is open to all 4-H members in the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.
- B. No animal will be allowed on the fairgrounds that is NOT being shown, unless a calf under 1 month old.
- C. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry per class in Classes 4-16 within a single breed. Youth may exhibit more than one breed.
- D. The Danish System of awards will be used:
- E. Fit & Show Premiums:
 - A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
- F. A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00

CLASSES

(Note - Will be held Friday evening 6:30pm.)

- 1. NOVICE FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP first time showing under 14 years of age.
- JUNIOR FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP for members 9-11 years of age January 1.
- INTERMEDIATE FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP for members 12-13 years of age January 1.
- SENIOR FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP for members 14 years of age or older on January 1.

NOTICE: The 4-H member must show their animals in fitting and showmanship classes, the exhibitors MUST use a calf or yearling, unless an older animal is the only one he/she has at the Fair, regardless of breed. This requirement will be checked. Everyone must enter this class.

CLASSES FOR THE AYRSHIRE, MILKING SHORTHORN, BROWN SWISS, GUERNSEY, HOLSTEIN, AND JERSEY BREEDS

- 2. SPRING HEIFER CALF born March 1, 2026, over 4 months.
- 3. WINTER HEIFER CALF born Dec. 1, 2025 to Feb. 28, 2026.
- 4. FALL HEIFER CALF born Sept. 1, 2025 to Nov. 30, 2025.
- 5. SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER June 1, 2025 to Aug. 31, 2025.
- 6. SPRING YEARLING HEIFER born March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.
- 7. WINTER YEARLING HEIFER born Dec. 1, 2024 to Feb. 29, 2025.
- 8. FALL YEARLING HEIFER born Sept. 1, 2024 to Nov. 30, 2024; not in milk; yearlings which have calved will show in Class 10.
- 9. JUNIOR CHAMPION Winners Classes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 Rosette
- 10. RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Winners Classes 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (except Junior Champion) and second place winner in Junior Champion's Class. Rosette
- 11. MILKING YEARLING born before or on Sept. 1, 2024 and before Feb. 29, 2025 in milk.
- 12. JUNIOR TWO YEAR OLD HEIFER March 1, 2024 to Aug. 31, 2024; may or may not have calved at least one time.
- 13. SENIOR TWO YEAR OLD HEIFER Sept. 1, 2023 to Feb. 28, 2024; may or may not have calved at least one time.
- 14. THREE YEAR OLD COW Sept. 1, 2023 to Aug. 31, 2023.
- 15. FOUR YEAR OLD Sept. 1, 2022 to Aug. 31, 2022.
- 16. FIVE YEAR OLD AND OLDER born before August 31, 2021.
- 17. DRY COWS
- 18. SENIOR CHAMPION Winners Classes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 **Rosette**
- 19. RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION Winners of Classes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 (except Sr. Champion) and second place winner in Senior Champions Class. **Rosette**
- 20. GRAND CHAMPION Winners of classes 12 & 21 **Rosette**
- 21. RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Winners of Classes 12, 13, 21, and 22 (except Grand Champion) and second place winner in Grand Champions class. **Rosette**
- 22. PRODUCE OF DAM. Two females, any age, the produce of one cow; one owner.
- 23. DAM/DAUGHTER. A cow and one daughter, any age, one owner. (A daughter, dam, and granddam do not comprise 2 dam-daughter groups.) One entry per exhibitor.

ALL BREEDS

Bonus premiums will be awarded to all cows that have been on either official Test DHIA or Owner Sampler Testing, provided that within the previous 12 months, they have produced in lactation of 305 days or less, at least 450 lbs. of fat. **Records must be available and shown by the exhibitor to the appropriate show person to substantiate the production.** Bonus payments will be based on the following schedule:

B.F. Production %	Premium Increase
650 lbs. or over	60%
600 lbs. to 649 lbs.	50%
550 lbs. to 599 lbs.	40%
500 lbs. to 549 lbs.	30%
450 lbs. to 499 lbs.	20%

- 24. HERD three females, any age of the same breed owned by exhibitor, one entry per exhibitor.
- 25. COSTUME CLASS.
- 26. ANIMALS BRED BY EXHIBITORS—Animals must have been shown in their respective age class. Papers checked following show. 50% bonus will be paid.
- 27. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor's: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.

4-H SHEEP SHOW

All sheep must have an official Scrapie I. D.

- A. This show is open to 4-H members 5 -18 years of age in Sullivan, Cheshire, Grafton, Hillsborough, and Merrimack counties.
- B. Exhibitors can show only two breeds in Classes 2-7, and no person shall exhibit more than two animals in any class other than group classes. Two entries are allowed in group classes but only one premium will be paid. Please note exhibitors are limited to 6 breed class animals.
- C. Breeds: This show will be open to sheep of all breeds. Ewe and ram sheep/lambs must be registered in the name of the member exhibiting them. Animals not owned by the 4-H exhibitor must be listed on the 4-H approved lease form. Registration of leased, purebred animals must be registered in the name of the actual owner. Market lambs and grade ewes do not need breed registration papers.
- D. Classes will be divided by breeds at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- E. Market lambs include wethers, ewe lambs, or ram lambs. These lambs are not to be shown in any other class unless it is the only animal owned/leased by the youth. Should this be the case, the animal will be shown in the required Fitting and Showmanship class.
- F. The Danish System of awards will be used:
 - A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
- G. Fit & Show Premiums and Leadline Premiums:
 - A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00
- H. CLASS/Age of exhibitors:
 - A. SENIOR—14 to 18 years of age or older by January 1st of current year.
 - B. INTERMEDIATE— 12 and 13 years of age as of January 1st of current year.
 - C. JUNIOR— 9 and 11 years of age as of January 1st of current year.
 - D. NOVICE—First time showing, under 14 years of age.
 - E. CLOVERBUD – 5 – 8 years of age.

YOUTH FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

(Show starts Friday, 10:00 am, beginning with Class A (Senior.) Participation is required by all exhibitors.

YOUTH SHEEP BREED SHOW CONTEST

All breeds of sheep, including grade ewe lambs and yearlings, may participate in breed class. No grade rams may be exhibited in breed class. Grade animals are defined as animals without registration papers.

(Show starts immediately following fitting and showmanship classes, in alphabetical order.)

CLASSES: (For age of exhibitor, see Sheep Division, number 9.)

- 1 a. FALL RAM LAMB born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year.
 - b. SPRING RAM LAMB born between Jan. 1 and April 21 of current year.
 - 2. YEARLING RAM not yet two years of age.
 - 3. CHAMPION RAM – special rosette
 - 4. a. FALL EWE LAMB born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of previous year.
 - b. SPRING EWE LAMB born between Jan. 1 and April 21 of current year.
 - 5. YEARLING EWE not yet 2 years of age.
 - 6. CHAMPION EWE—Special Rosette.
 - 7. *EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK—Class to consist of 2 ewes, and one ram, owned by exhibitor.
 - 8. *PAIR OF LAMBS—Class to consist of: ANY SEX, BRED and OWNED BY EXHIBITOR.
 - 9. *BREEDER'S FLOCK—Class consists of: ONE RAM ANY AGE, TWO EWES, BRED and OWNED by exhibitor.
 - 10. SUPREME CHAMPION RAM OVER ALL—Special Award All champion animals to compete at end of breed class.
 - 11. SUPREME CHAMPION EWE OVER ALL—Special Award All champion animals to compete at end of breed class.
- *NOTE: In all bred and owned classes, papers must be shown in the show ring. All entries in group classes must have been shown as individuals in previous classes.
- 12. BEST FLEECE CLASS
 - 13. MARKET LAMB CLASS -
 - a. MARKET LAMB—All market lambs will be slick shorn and clean. All must be dry in show ring.
 - b. CHAMPION MARKET LAMB BANNER—Award Given

14. YOUTH BLOCKING AND TRIMMING – Must supply your own (Show time to be announced.)

- a. Senior
- b. Intermediate
- c. Junior
- d. Novice
- e. Cloverbud

BLOCKING AND TRIMMING RULES: (For age of exhibitors, see Sheep Division, number 9.) The purpose of this contest is to allow contestants the opportunity to show his or her ability and skill at preparing a sheep for show. Judging will

be based on teamwork, blocking and trimming ability, technique (i.e., patience and gentleness) in handling a sheep which has not been handled before, technique in using various pieces of trimming equipment, and the ability to find and accentuate the good qualities of a sheep. General rules for 4-H Eastern States Exposition's Blocking and Trimming with regards to use of electric shears will apply for 4-H participants 12 years of age and older. This will provide additional practice for 4-H members qualifying to represent the State of New Hampshire at the Eastern States Exposition. Time limits and equipment allowed will be announced by the judge at the time of the contest. Please try to arrange for your own sheep. A limited number of animals will be available to youth unable to provide their own. All animals must be washed, but not fitted, prior to the opening of the Cornish Fair.

15. 4-H LEAD LINE CONTEST: This class was created to promote and educate the public on wool products and the animal that produces wool. 4-H members may purchase or make their garments. In the event of a tie, extra credit will be awarded to the 4-H member making their own garment. (Show starts Saturday at 6:00pm.)

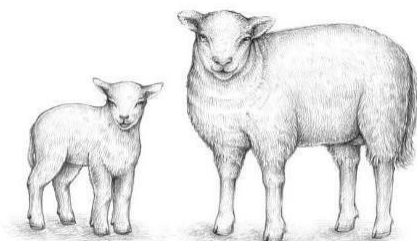
- a. Senior
- b. Intermediate
- c. Junior
- d. Novice

SHEEP LEAD LINE CONTEST RULES: Lead line is open to all exhibitors. A commentary describing the 4-H'er and sheep must be turned in at check-in time on Thursday. No exceptions will be made. Sheep/lamb must be owned or leased by the exhibitor. All work in trimming and training to halter must be done by exhibitor. Sheep must be shown with trimmed fleece and be fitted correctly for its breed. No coloring of sheep/lamb. At least 70% of the garment must be wool. Garment should be appropriate for fabric. Garment should be appropriate for the age of the youth exhibitor. Entrant and sheep/lamb should complement each other.

Exhibitors will be judged on:

- a. Poise and appearance
- b. Garment
- c. Control and presentation of sheep/lamb
- d. Appearance of sheep/lamb

16. SHEEP PROMOTION AWARD—Presented to the individual or club who best exhibits an attractive, creative, and educational display in their sheep pen area. Consideration given to neatness, cleanliness, audience appeal, and effective promotion of the sheep industry. A trophy will be awarded.
17. Shepherd's Award—All exhibitors will be scored daily on general appearance, care of animals and pens, personal appearance and conduct, care of show box and equipment, and availability to public and other youth exhibitors needing guidance. Danish System of awards.
18. OBSTACLE COURSE—4-H members are asked to participate if they are not exhibiting elsewhere. This is a fun adventurous competition with obstacles for both the animal and the exhibitor.
19. SKILL-A-THON – 4-H members are asked to participate if they are not exhibiting elsewhere on the fairgrounds. This is an educational, hands on and visual competition that tests all your knowledge of the sheep program. Award is given to the top exhibitor in each age group.



4-H HORSE SHOW

(Show time 9:00am Friday)

- A. All horses MUST be on the grounds by 7:00am and may not leave until 6:00pm.
 - B. Stalls for the weekend will be assigned as available. Empty trailers must be parked on the soccer field.
 - C. Youth planning to keep their horse at the fairgrounds through Sunday MUST be available throughout the fair to take care of their own animal at all times.
 - D. Youth staying at the fairgrounds overnight are expected to be supervised by their parent/guardian or assigned chaperone.
 - E. Cleanup prior to departure: Exhibitors must clean up the area in which their animal was housed. Premiums will be withheld if not done.
 - F. Youth not assigned a stall can expect to work from their trailers which must be attached to a vehicle.
 - G. Warm up time will be provided following showmanship.
 - H. Warm up over fences will be provided prior to the class.
 - I. The Danish System of Awards will be used in all classes except Hunter, Command Trail and Fun classes.
- Premiums: A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
J. Fit & Show Premiums: A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00
K. Games may be added as time allows. No premiums for games.

HORSE SHOW RULES

****Trailer space is limited. Only trailers for those not assigned a stall (working from their trailer) and their tow- vehicles will be permitted to park in the area near the barn – on show day only. All cars need to be parked in the Cornish Fair parking lots, no exceptions.**

1. Exhibitors and/or horses may not arrive at fairgrounds any earlier than 3:00pm on Thursday
2. Mandatory Meeting MUST be attended by exhibitors planning to stay the 3-days of the fair with their designated chaperone on Thursday evening at 6:30pm. The meeting will take place at the horse barn.
3. 4-H Exhibitor Expectations and Rules on page 3 apply.
4. All 4-H participants MUST wear a properly fitted SEI approved ASTM standard 1163-88 helmet with secured chin harness at all times when mounted on an equine or in a vehicle pulled by an equine.
5. Fair Passes - All people in your party must pay their way into the fairgrounds.
6. Horses are to enter from North Parsonage Rd. gate and be on the grounds by 7:00am. You will not be allowed to drive through the gate after 7:00am. Horses may not leave the grounds before 6:00pm unless you have approval from the show superintendent.
7. Conduct - Horses may be led or ridden only in the *stable area, ring, trailer parking area* and directly in-between. Anyone taking their horse out of these areas will be disqualified after one warning. This is necessary for safety reasons. (Warm-up ring can be available at the discretion of the Superintendent)
8. Health – verification must be sent with entry forms.
All horses: must provide proof of rabies vaccine at least 30 days prior and within one year of the event.
Horses must have proof of a negative Coggins test taken within 6 months.
9. Up to two riders may use the same horse provided each rider secures a separate number and the horse is a project horse for both members.
10. Exhibitors showing more than one horse and/or in more than one division must choose, prior to the show, which horse and which Division they will compete in the championship. Premiums will be awarded for the designated horse/division only. In combined classes, the rider must ride the designated horse in the designated division.
11. Any class may be divided or combined at the discretion of the show committee. If there are less than four entries, classes will be combined.
12. NO COACHING from the rail or the rider will be excused from the class.
13. No horse shall compete against itself in any class.
14. No one will approach the judge without the show Superintendent's permission. The decisions of the judge will be final.
15. Entry forms are on pages 17 and 18.

CLASSES

NOTE: All the Novice classes are WT.
Senior, Alumni and Junior classes are WTC.

1. Fit and Showmanship:

Senior

2. Fit and Showmanship:

Junior

3. Fit and Showmanship:

Novice

4. **Equitation:** Senior

5. **Equitation:** Junior

6. **Equitation:** Novice

7. **Equitation:** In Hand

8. **Pleasure:** Senior

9. **Pleasure:** Junior

10. **Pleasure:** Novice

11. **Pleasure:** In Hand

12. **Hunter Undersaddle:** Senior

13. **Hunter Undersaddle:** Junior

14. **Command Class:** Senior

15. **Command Class:** Junior

16. **Command Class:** Novice

17. **Command Class:** In Hand

18. **Trail Class:** Senior

19. **Trail Class:** Junior

20. **Trail Class:** Novice

21. **Trail Class:** In Hand

Fun Classes

22. **Costume class:** Senior, Junior

23. **Costume class:** Novice

24. **Sit a Buck:** Senior, Junior

25. **Sit a Buck:** Novice

(Also, if there are not enough entries for a class the class will be scratched.)

Fitting and Showmanship Danish System:

(two judges used)

Blue Grade Ribbon earns 85-100 points, Red Grade Ribbon earns 70-84 points, White Grade Ribbon earns 0-69 points.

In Fitting and Showmanship, the raw score is counted. The maximum point value is 100 points. Riding classes consist of one 50-point class, one of the following: equitation or reinsmanship. Perfect score is 50 points and a blue ribbon. There are five-pointed blues possible.

50 points 1st Blue Ribbon 46 points 5th Blue Ribbon

49 points 2nd Blue Ribbon 45 points Blue Ribbon

48 points 3rd Blue Ribbon 30 points Red Ribbon

47 points 4th Blue Ribbon 15 points White Ribbon

These are flat points with no other breakdown allotted.

Other classes - trail, pleasure, equitation over fences, handiness, driving classes are all 25-point classes. Each youth chooses two of these 25-point classes. As in equitation, there is a blue-ribbon breakdown.

25 points 1st Blue Ribbon

24.5 points 2nd Blue Ribbon

24 points 3rd Blue Ribbon

23.5 points 4th Blue Ribbon

23 points 5th Blue Ribbon

22.5 points Blue Ribbon

15 points Red Ribbon

7.5 points White Ribbon

These are also flat points with no other breakdown.

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4-H WORKING STEER SHOW

A. This show is open to all New Hampshire 4-H working steer exhibitors. There may be space limitations for entries. Sullivan County entries will be given first priority, entries from other counties will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until full.

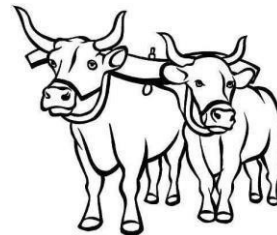
B. Exhibitors may only show one team at the fair.

C. The Danish System of awards will be used.

A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00

D. Fitting & Showing Premiums:

A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00



CLASSES

Fitting and Showmanship: Condition and appearance of team, equipment, and teamster's knowledge of the project will be considered.

1. Senior Teamster – 14-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

2. Junior Teamster – 9-13 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.

3. Novice Teamster – 8-13 years of age as of January 1 of the current year and showing for the first time.

4. Working Steer Cart Class – Ability of team and teamster to hitch to, and maneuver with, a two wheeled cart, as directed by the judge; time will be considered.

5. Working Steer Stoneboat Performance – Teams must pull a dead weight, negotiate an obstacle course demonstrating the ability of the team to work, and the teamster's ability to drive their team. Time and course at the discretion of the judge.

6. Single Steer – Best condition and confirmation of single.

7. Working Steer Best Matched Team – Markings, condition, and conformation of pair will be considered.

8. Working Steer Best Trained Team – Best trained pair, evaluated on response to teamster's commands as directed by the judge.

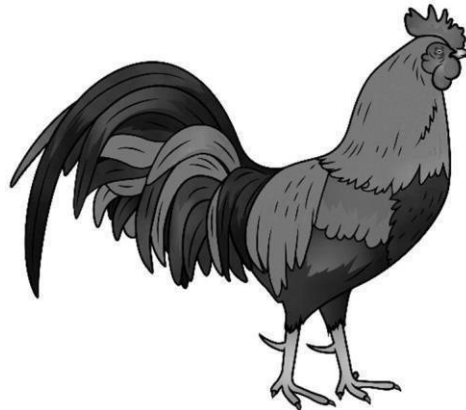
9. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor's: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.

4-H Poultry Show

- A. Poultry show open to NH youth poultry exhibitors. There may be space limitations for entries. Sullivan County entries will be given first priority, entries from other counties will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until full.
- B. All animals must have legible leg bands, which must appear on the 4-H approval form, lease form and State Vet test results under that identification. Animals must be in proper physical condition and free of visual evidence of infection, contagious or parasitic diseases at the time of arrival or will be barred from the show. All animals will be inspected prior to being penned.
- C. All animals must meet all of the current NH Dept. of Agriculture regulations.
- D. All exhibitors must participate in Fitting & Showmanship Class.
- E. Each exhibitor is allowed up to three (3) entries.
- F. Exhibitors are responsible for take-down of the cages they use, care of their animals and neatness of the entire exhibit area all 3 days on the fairgrounds. Those members not complying will forfeit premiums.
- G. Cages: Standard cages will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Members must provide animals bedding, feed, and water. Please bring containers for feed and water.
- H. Animals for sale: Members may have animals for sale ONLY IF they have made arrangements with the Superintendent in advance. These animals must be healthy and meet health requirements, including leg bands and NH testing.
- I. The Danish System of awards will be used.
A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
- J. Fitting & Showing Premiums
A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00

CLASSES

- 1. Fitting and Showmanship – Judged on condition of animal, handling, knowledge of care and feeding.
 - a. Seniors – age 14-18 as of January 1.
 - b. Intermediate – age 12-13 as of January 1.
 - c. Juniors – age 9-11 as of January 1.
 - d. Novice – age 8-11 or members in their first year of showing poultry.
- 2. Standard Cock
- 3. Standard Hen
- 4. Standard Cockerel
- 5. Standard Pullet
- 6. Bantam Cock
- 7. Bantam Hen
- 8. Bantam Cockerel
- 9. Bantam Pullet
- 10. BEST IN SHOW
- 11. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor's: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.



4-H Rabbit Show

Saturday, 9:30am

A. Animals must be clean and healthy or will be barred from the show. They must be legibly and permanently ear marked, which must appear on the 4-H intent to show form and lease form under that identification. All animals will be inspected prior to penning. Each exhibitor is allowed up to four (4) entries, except doe and litter.

B. Exhibitors are responsible for taking down (clean and disinfect) the cages they use, care of their animals and neatness of the exhibit area all 3 days on the fairgrounds. (Exhibitors electing to attend only the show day must plan with the show superintendent prior to the show day. They must arrive by 8 am on the day of the show to have their animals inspected and must stay until the completion of the show and be released by the show superintendent. Those members not complying will forfeit premiums.

C. Records: Members must have their project records available for inspection by the judge. Record forms are available from the 4-H office.

D. Cages: Standard rabbit cages will be provided on first come, first-served basis. Members must provide animals' bedding, feed and water (please bring containers for feed and water).

E. For the safety of the animals and the fair goers, all animals must remain in their cages unless preparing for fitting and show, judging or part of a scheduled demonstration.

The Danish System of awards will be used. A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00, Fitting & Showing Premiums A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00

Class 1 – Rabbit Fitting and Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors must show in fitting and showing. Exhibitors are required to be clean and neatly dressed. An acceptable uniform includes solid color pants, a white collared shirt, a show jacket is optional and closed toe shoes. Shirts may not include any logos or advertising other than 4-H clover. No tank tops, no denim blue jeans, no sweatpants. Judged on the following: condition of animals, handling, knowledge of care and feeding.

- A. **Seniors** - age 14-18 as of January 1.
- B. **Juniors** - age 9 – 13 as of January 1.
- C. **Novice** – ages 8-13, members in their first year showing rabbits.
- D. **Cloverbud** - age 5-7 as of January 1 (Ribbon only)

Class 2 – Pure Bred Rabbit Exhibit

- Section A - Senior Buck-born before March 2026 (over 6 months)
- Section B - Senior Doe-born before March 2026 (over 6 months)
- Section C - Junior Buck-born March 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026 (3-6 months)
- Section E - Junior Doe-born March 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026 (3-6 months)

Class 3 – Pet Rabbit Exhibit

- Section A - Senior Buck**-born before March 2026 (over 6 months)
- Section B - Senior Doe**-born before March 2026 (over 6 months)
- Section C - Junior Buck**-born March 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026 (3-6 months)
- Section E - Junior Doe**-born March 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026 (3-6 months)

Class 3 Costume Class (Local awards)

Class 4 - Rabbit Jumping Contest (Local awards):

Rabbit Knowledge Quiz: to be taken any time during the fair prior to the Rabbit Show. (local Award)

4-H Dog Show

Sunday, 9 am,

Superintendent- Sarah Gardner

- A. At the discretion of the Superintendent, classes may be combined. The Superintendent will refuse to coop, pen or have judged any ailing, unthrifty or inferior specimen.
- B. Except for service dogs, the Cornish Fair has a **“No Dogs” policy**. Therefore, animals participating in the 4-H Dog Show will only be allowed to come to the fair on Sunday for the show.
- C. All entries are **due by JULY 1st**.
- D. Contestants must report by 8:00 am Sunday. The show will begin at 9:00 am and be held in the Beef tent on the hill. Exhibitors and their dogs must enter the grounds through the Security Gate. Dogs must be shown in appropriate Fitting and Showing, and Obedience Classes. **Exhibitors must have enrolled their dog on the Intent to Show Form by July 1st with their County Cooperative Extension Office.**
- E. Health sheets including a current rabies certificate must be presented to the Superintendent prior to the show. Members are solely responsible for grooming and handling of their dogs at all times. Dogs must be at least 6 months old at the time of the show. Dogs must be kept under control when not in the show ring. Dogs in heat or who are ill are not allowed at the 4-H shows under any circumstances. NO electric or prong collars allowed on the show grounds. No gentle leaders will be allowed in the show ring.
- F. All New Hampshire 4-H Dog Program Rules apply. Rules can be found in the NH guide for Dog Shows and the NH Guide for 4-H Dog Show Judges.
- G. **4-H Dress Code:** Uniform is a clean white collared dress shirt, blouse and green pants, culottes, skirt, dress shorts or jumper of appropriate length (not shorter than 2” above the knee). No T-shirts, tank tops or athletic shorts. Long sleeves, sweaters, and fleeces can be worn by must be white and 4-H patch must be placed on the outside, so it is visible. No hooded sweatshirts. Any shade of green is allowed. White, black, or brown clean shoes are acceptable. Members must wear a 4-H insignia (patch) on the left side of their shirt or blouse.
- H. No dog handlers shall remove any of their equipment until the show is completely over.
- I. The Danish System of Awards will be used:
A. 15.00 B. 12.00 C. 10.00
- J. Fitting & Showing, Obedience and Obstacle Premiums
A. 30.00 B. 25.00 C. 20.00
- K. PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE AWARD – Danish System of awards will be used. Each member will be judged on the youth exhibitor’s: availability to educate and interact with the public, willingness to share information and answer questions as an overall promoter of agriculture. Credit will also be given for more experienced members being available to younger members in need of guidance.

CLASSES:

1. DOG KNOWLEDGE

Questions will be taken from the 4-H Dog Project Manuals, AKC Complete Dog Book, AKC Complete Dog Book for Kids and the American Red Cross Pet First Aid Book. All exhibitors in the dog show must take the quiz.

2. FITTING AND SHOWING

Dog to be shown on leash and judged for condition, grooming, cleanliness and evidence of good care and handling. Members are judged on appearance, poise, alertness, attitude, ability in leading, posing and showing dog to best advantage.

3. FAMILY DOG LOT 5

The 4-H member brings the family dog to this class. The dog will be on display and the member will demonstrate that the dog can sit, stay, come, and walk calmly on a leash. The member will be able to discuss the dog’s home care including feeding, health, and general dog knowledge. **For 8–11-year-old members only.** Members entering this class may enter *no* other classes at the show. Members will not be allowed to continue in the Family Dog class for more than one year. Members who have shown in higher classes than Family Dog may not drop back into Family Dog classes.



4. OBEDIENCE CLASSES

1. **Service Dog A** - For members who are raising a service dog for the first time. Dogs will be on lead, allowed to wear appropriate equipment and score will be based on 200 points. Scoring will be based on individual organization guidelines.
2. **Service Dog B** - For members who have previously raised a service dog. Dogs will be on lead, allowed to wear appropriate equipment and score will be based on 200 points. Scoring will be based on individual organization guidelines.
3. **Sub Novice A** - For members who have not previously graduated a dog from any higher level of training. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the beginner's level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. Onlead will be done on the following exercises: heel on leash; stand for examination; figure 8; recall and finish; long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*).
4. **Sub Novice B** - For members who have graduated a dog from the beginner or more advanced levels of training. Dogs must not have qualified beyond the beginner class. Dogs are shown on lead. Exercises performed are: heel on leash, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, and finish, long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*). Scoring for Sub Novice A and B is based on a total of 200 points.
5. **Beginner Novice** –For members whose dogs have not received a qualifying score at or beyond the Pre-novice level. Members in this class must not have shown or trained a dog beyond this level. The following exercises will be performed on lead, heel and figure eight and Sit for exam. The Sit Stay will be on leash but will be dropped on the ground. Recall will be off leash. *To view rules refer to akc.org.*
6. **Pre-Novice** – For member whose dogs have not received a qualifying score at or beyond the novice level. The following exercises will be performed on lead, heel and figure eight, The Following will be performed off leash, Heel off Leash, Stand for Exam. Recall will be off leash. Sit or down Stay
7. **Novice A** - For 4-H members who have not previously graduated a dog from Novice A or B or more advanced level of training. Dogs must not have qualified beyond the Novice level or completed their CD degree. All of the exercises except the heel on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Remaining exercises will be done off lead as follows: Stand for examination; heel free; recall and finish; long sit (*1 minute*) and long down (*3 minutes*).
8. **Novice B** - For members who have previously graduated a dog at Novice or more advanced levels of training. Otherwise the same as Novice A.
9. **Pre- Graduate Novice** - For members who have previously qualified a dog at the Novice course of instruction. Dogs may have earned a CD degree but not a CDX. Scored on a basis of 200 points. All of the exercises will be done off lead and will include: heel free, figure 8, drop on recall, stand for examination, recall and finish, long sit (*3 minutes*) and long down (*5 minutes*) out of sight.
10. **Graduate Novice** - For dogs and handlers who have achieved a CD but not working a full open routine. The following exercises will be performed, Heel on leash, figure eight off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, Recall over the High Jump, recall over Broad Jump, Long Down. Open to dogs who have achieved CDX. *Dog that have earned 3 qualifying scores may stay at this level indefinitely*
11. **Open A** - Dogs may have earned a CD but not a CDX. Obedience work will be done entirely off lead and will include Graduate Novice Exercises plus retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump and broad jump. Members are to bring their own jumps.
12. **Open B** - For CD dogs with handlers who have finished at the Open level, or new handlers working dogs that have previously received CDX. Dogs that have placed at the top of this class in a previous year are expected to move up to Utility level. Not open to dogs with a UD. Members are to bring their own jumps.
13. **Utility A** - Open to all CDX dogs and handlers. For dogs and handlers beyond Open Class level. Dogs that have earned aUD will show for Danish ribbons and premiums only. Judging will be according to the AKC Utility class. All commands given by hand signals. Members are to bring their own jumps.
14. **Utility B** - Open to all CDX dogs and handlers. Same as Utility A. Members are to bring their own jumps.
15. **Brace - 2** dogs working together doing Novice obedience routine or higher with one handler. Dogs may be attached or not. Coupling device not less than 6 inches. Must be same throughout. Pair work in unison at all times. Scored on a basis of 200points.
16. **Champion Showman** - First place members from the Novice, Junior, Intermediate and Senior class compete against each other.18.
17. **Trick Class** - Open to all dogs being shown in show. The use of props and toys are optional. One entry per member. Tricks should be entertaining and clever, but the safety of the dog and handler remains a priority. To be judged on originality, execution, dog's attitude while performing, and appropriateness to the age and ability of the animal and handler. One ribbon to be awarded. Entries accepted until the start of the class.

4-H Activity Expectation, Permission & Release Form for Participation in 2026 Cornish Fair

In (Name of Exhibitor) _____ will be participating

4-H Events at Cornish Fair on August 21-23,2026.

Appropriate and respectful conduct is expected for the entire time that a 4-H member is on the fairgrounds. The Cornish Fair assumes no responsibility for supervision of 4-H members staying overnight in the barns or anywhere else on the fairgrounds.

4-H members are the sole responsibility and must be under the direct supervision of their parents or an adult appointed by their parents. Participation in the Cornish Fair is dependent on your agreement to the following expectations:

- A certificate of liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$300,000 is required of beef, dairy, and horse exhibitors.
- 4-H members shall show respect for the property and facilities used during the fair and will assume financial responsibility for any damage they cause.
- 4-H members shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner that is appropriate and respectful of themselves and others.
- 4-H members shall not use nor possess alcoholic beverages nor controlled drugs.
- All the animals we plan to exhibit at Cornish Fair have been vaccinated for rabies.
- All 4-H members' animals are shown at the risk of the owner or lessor.
- Any damage to persons or property is the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member who owns or leases the animal and their family.

I/We have read and discussed the above expectations and hereby agree to accept them. I/We have read and understand the basic 4-H rules and rules pertaining to the Animal Shows we are involved with in the 4-H Cornish Fair Book. I/We understand that failure to comply shall result in the 4-H member being expelled from the fair, and premiums will be withheld.

We give permission for the above-named youth to participate and, by our signature, take full responsibility for his/her actions. We understand the responsibilities, hazards, and dangers inherent in participation in this activity, including transportation. We understand the Code of Conduct.

We hold harmless the Cornish Fair Association, its trustees, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action for damages which may be sustained by the above-named youth or anyone else. This includes personal injury, death, or property damage, whether or not the result of negligent acts or omissions. If the above-named youth's participation in the activity causes damage to property, we agree to pay for such loss.

Signature of 4-H Exhibitor

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of person responsible for 4-H Exhibitor while at the fair if different from above

Telephone #

Cell Phone #

Note: Please fill out an expectation statement for each 4-H Exhibitor



4-H Code of Conduct Cornish Fair Event

Please review the Code of Conduct you have already signed in 4-H Online:

The Cornish Fair is committed to providing a welcoming community and an inclusive culture that allows all youth to feel a sense of belonging and to participate fully and safely. Our values include civility and mutual respect among our youth participants.

The Fair Association has very high standards and expectations for conduct.

Parents/guardians and participants are responsible for reviewing the Code of Conduct and will be held to the following expectations.

1. Be on time and participate fully.
2. Be respectful, use good manners and follow instructions.
3. Be honest. We expect integrity.
4. Show mutual respect for each other's differences and ideas.
5. Events are tobacco, drug, vaping and alcohol free.
6. Youth are expected to use appropriate language.
7. Abide by specific program rules and regulations, including all health and safety procedures.
8. Treat program areas, lodging areas and transportation vehicles with respect. You will be responsible for any damage, theft or misconduct in which you participate.
9. Follow the dress code if there is one. If you're not sure, ask.
10. Conduct that is harmful to the safety and well-being of self or others is not tolerated.
11. The possession of fireworks, firearms, knives or any weapons is not permitted.
12. Live up to your highest expectations for yourself so that you can return home proud of who you are and what you have done.
13. Cornish Fair Youth Events are free of bullying (including cyberbullying), hazing and harassment.
14. Help all people in your group feel that they belong by making every attempt to include all participants in all activities.
15. Code of Conduct expectations apply to the use of social media before, during and after the event.
If any of these expectations are not followed or additional conduct issues arise, the Cornish Fair Youth Show staff will review the situation to determine if any action must be taken. Final action could result in immediate dismissal from the program.