



INFORMATION SHEET FOR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS

4-H Competitive Events: Judging Experiences for Youth with Disabilities or Injuries

PURPOSE

Minnesota 4-H Youth Development believes that participation in competitive events enhances the depth and breadth of the learning and leading experience. Minnesota 4-H works to provide an equitable and uniform opportunity for participation in competitive events for its members across the state.

This information sheet for staff, volunteers and parents outlines the process for families, volunteers, and staff to follow to ensure that judging experiences are accessible and safe for youth with disabilities or injuries.

GENERAL PROJECT JUDGING

If a 4-H member is unable to participate in the conference judging process by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a conference judging assistant to be with the 4-H member during the conference judging of the member's general project(s). Arrangements and approval for a conference judging assistant must be made with 4-H staff prior to the beginning of the judging process. First preference for the judging assistant will be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member's immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership. In some cases a parent or personal aid may be appropriate; this option must be approved by the staff member.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT JUDGING

SHOW RING

If a 4-H member is unable to exhibit an animal by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a substitute showperson to help with the exhibition of the 4-H member's livestock project(s). Arrangements and approval for a substitute showperson must be made with 4-H staff prior to the day of the show. The substitute showperson must be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member's immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership.

LIVESTOCK INTERVIEWS

If a 4-H member is unable to participate in livestock interviews by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family may request accommodations that will fit the needs of the individual (e.g. someone to read the questions). Arrangements and approval for accommodations must be made of the 4-H staff in advance of the interview.

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