



2018 Premier Exhibitor Contest Syllabus

What is the Premier Exhibitor Contest?

The Delta County Fair offers its Premier Exhibitor Program to 4-H and FFA exhibitors who are exhibiting a market and/or breeding project in the following species at the Delta County Fair: Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Poultry or Rabbits. Exhibitors in the 4-H Horse program and 4-H Shooting Sports are also eligible for Premier Exhibitor Programs tailored to these projects. The Premier Exhibitor Contest exemplifies the educational goals of each of these programs. Any 4-H/FFA Member in good standing and actively enrolled one of the above-described projects is eligible.

Ages for classes shall be classified as follows: **JUNIORS** – age 8 to 10 years old, **INTERMEDIATES** – age 11 to 13 years of age, and **SENIORS** – age 14 and up. All ages are determined as of **DECEMBER 31, 2017**.

Registration & Participation:

Exhibitors wishing to compete in the 2018 Premier Exhibitor Contest must **pre-register** for the contest on the Pre-Entry form available at the CSU Extension Office in Delta. **Pre-entry must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on Friday, July 6, 2018.** Parents and exhibitors please note, **if at the July pre-entry deadline, a minimum of 30 4-H/FFA exhibitors have not signed up for the Premier Exhibitor Program, the program will be cancelled for the current fair.**

When you register, you are registering to compete by species. This means that you are competing against all exhibitors in that species, both market and breeding. Exhibitors enrolled only in a breeding project are eligible and encouraged to participate and no criteria favors market class exhibitors over breeding class exhibitors or visa versa. **An exhibitor may register to compete in a maximum of three (3) species/topics including Shooting Sports for the Premier Exhibitor Program.** Example – an exhibitor is enrolled in breeding beef, market swine, horse and Shooting Sports and pre-enters all projects in the fair. The exhibitor may only enter Premier Exhibitor in three (3) species/topics, so they can compete in horse, swine and sheep or they can compete in beef, sheep and Shooting Sports.

Class and Division Numbers for Entry

LIVESTOCK PREMIER EXHIBITOR CLASSES				4-H SHOOTING SPORTS	
DEPARTMENT 7 – SECTION 1				DEPT 20 SECTION 10	
Class #	Class Description	Class #	Class Description	Class #	Description
1	Horse – Senior Exhibitor	13	Goat – Senior Exhibitor	1	Junior
2	Horse – Intermediate Exhibitor	14	Goat – Intermediate Exhibitor	2	Intermediate
3	Horse- Junior Exhibitor	15	Goat – Junior Exhibitor	3	Senior
4	Sheep – Senior Exhibitor	16	Poultry – Senior Exhibitor		
5	Sheep – Intermediate Exhibitor	17	Poultry – Intermediate Exhibitor		
6	Sheep – Junior Exhibitor	18	Poultry – Junior Exhibitor		
7	Swine – Senior Exhibitor	19	Rabbit – Senior Exhibitor		
8	Swine – Intermediate Exhibitor	20	Rabbit – Intermediate Exhibitor		
9	Swine – Junior Exhibitor	21	Rabbit – Junior Exhibitor		
10	Beef – Senior Exhibitor				
11	Beef – Intermediate Exhibitor				
12	Beef – Junior Exhibitor				

Grading Criteria:

The following criteria will be used in the Premier Exhibitor Contest. An appointed committee of the Fair Board members will determine the Overall Winner for each division by reviewing total points on Saturday prior to the Junior Market Livestock Sale.

The objective of the Premier Exhibitor Program is to highlight those exhibitors who best exemplify all aspects of exhibiting a specific livestock species, the Horse Program or the Shooting Sports program. **The program is by species (except for Shooting Sports), not project or age division. For livestock exhibitors, the contestant's highest placing animal across all market and breeding animals exhibited will be used for live placing points in the final score.** Example – A contestant is enrolled in market beef with two steers and breeding beef with a heifer and cow-calf pair. If the exhibitor's market steers place 5th (20 points) & 3rd (30 points), his/her heifer places 2nd (35 points) and cow-calf pair is named Champion (50 points), the 50 points for the cow-calf pair as Champion will be used in the contestant's live placing score, not the steers or heifer. This is done to ensure the program doesn't unfairly weight scores in favor of those exhibitors with multiple animals vs. those with only one. The other categories, will take into account all projects within that species and contestants will be evaluated on how they maintain all of their pens, the completeness of record book for all animals in the species, how they act throughout the week, placing in showmanship and if their speech covers all aspects of their project.

Any participant of the Premier Exhibitor Program who does NOT participate in ANY portion of the Premier Exhibitor Program will loose 50% of their total score AND will be INELIGIBLE TO SHOW THAT SPECIES THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

4-H/FFA Record books are due at the time of the interview for all participants and must be complete up to that date.

Prepared Speech – Contestant choose their own topics for the prepared speech, but the topic(s) must cover **all** animals in the species in which they are competing **and** the industry. For Example - If a contestant is entered in a Market and Breeding project and competing in the Beef Premier Exhibitor program, their speech must cover both the market and breeding beef animals in their project and issues affecting the industry.

Horse Exhibitors – any contestant entering the Miss Delta County Fair & Rodeo royalty contest who is competing in the Horse Premier Exhibitor Program **MUST have a different speech for each contest.** If any contestant uses the same speech for multiple contests or species, they will receive a zero.

Interview Schedules:

Market/Breeding Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry	Saturday, August 4, 2018
Horse Exhibitors	Saturday, August 4, 2018
Shooting Sports	Saturday, August 4, 2018

Speech Duration:

- **Juniors** – two (2) minutes
- **Intermediates** – three (3) minutes
- **Seniors** – Five (5) minutes.

The following are recommendations on how to prepare for your speech and adhere to the Dress Code:

- Wear clean clothes in good repair (free of tears, holes, etc). Dress shirts, polos, dress pants, skirts, dresses, jackets and ties are all appropriate attire.
- Shorts, hats, caps or visors will not be allowed. All items commonly known, as underwear must be kept under cover and contestant may not wear halter tops, spaghetti-strap shirts or dresses, tank tops or any clothing that exposes their undergarments. A contestant will be given a zero if they show up in such attire.
- Jewelry may be worn but must be modest and not draw attention away from the contestant.
- Footwear must be leather shoes or boots. Tennis shoes, flip-flops or other footwear are not appropriate and the contestant will automatically loose 20 points if he/she shows up in such footwear.

- A neat and clean appearance is important. Ensure your hair, hands and face have been washed prior to coming to your interview.
- Be on time, smile, make eye contact and introduce yourself with confidence and a firm, friendly handshake.
- Posture is important, you may present your speech standing up or sitting down. Regardless, correct posture is important and remember to pay attention to the judge interviewing you while showing confidence and respect.
- While giving your speech, speak slowly and clearly and keep your voice at a comfortable level.
- Upon conclusion of your interview, offer a sincere thank-you while maintaining eye contact and offer a handshake if appropriate.

Winners will be announced at 1:30 on Saturday before the start of the Junior Market Livestock Sale. Ribbons will be awarded to contestants who finish in the top five of each species and the Champion in each species/area will receive a special award, as determined by Fair Board and sponsorship funds received.

Market/Breeding Livestock						
(Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Poultry & Rabbit)						
Category:	% of Final Score	Maximum # of Points	Placing Criteria:			
Record Book	30%	50	Graded to categories on Record Book scoring sheet. Judge may award up to 100 points for all categories. Final score will be divided by half.			
Prepared Speech	30%	50	Contestant will receive score of 0-50 points from judge. Judges will award points based upon the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is speech topic appropriate to the project? • Presentation of speech • Contestant's knowledge of subject material. • Contestant appropriately dressed? • Did contestant meet minimum length of speech for age group? 			
Showmanship	15%	50	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
			Grand Champ.	50	Reserve Champ.	45
			3 rd Place	40	4 th Place	35
			5 th Place	30	6 th Place	25
			Competed in Showmanship but no placing			10
Sportsmanship	10%	50	Points awarded upon contestant's attitude, appearance, courtesy towards others, willingness to assist Fair Board members or Superintendents with projects as requested throughout the week.			
Live Placing	10%	50	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
			Grand Champ.	50	Reserve Champ.	45
			1 st Place	40	2 nd Place	35
			3 rd Place	30	4 th Place	25
			5 th Place	20	6 th Place	15
			7 th Place	12	8 th – 10 th	10
			11 th Place – to end of division (Competed but no placing)			5
Herdsmanship	5%	50	Max Points per Day: Clean Pen: 50 Points Average: 25 Points Dirty: 0 Points Score will be averaged across Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.			
Total:	100%	300				

Horse Show Premier Exhibitor

The contestant's **highest** placing in Horsemanship will be used in calculating their final total.

Category:	% of Final Score	Maximum # of Points	Placing Criteria:			
Record Book	20%	50	Graded to categories on Record Book scoring sheet. Judge may award up to 100 points for all categories. Final score will be divided by half.			
Prepared Speech	20%	50	Contestant will receive score of 0-50 points from judge. Judges will award points based upon the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is speech topic appropriate to the project? • Presentation of speech • Contestant's knowledge of subject material. • Contestant appropriately dressed? • Did contestant meet minimum length of speech for age group? 			
Showmanship	20%	50	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
			Grand	50	Reserve	45
			3 rd Place	40	4 th Place	35
			5 th Place	30	6 th Place or below	15
Written Exam	20%	50	The exam will consist of 25 to 50 questions. Each question will be worth one or two points for a max of 50 points possible. Every animal will be given a score			
Horsemanship Riding Class Placing	20%	50	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
			Grand	50	Reserve	45
			1 st Place	40	2 nd Place	35
			3 rd Place	30	4 th Place	25
			5 th Place	20	6 th Place or below	15
Total:	100%	250				

4-H Shooting Sports

1. Contestants in .22 Caliber Rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzle Loading, Archery and .22 Caliber pistol disciplines will be evaluated by a composite score from four (4) categories and their respective scoring value. The evaluation criteria and scoring system for Shooting Sports will be based on categories specific to these projects.
2. Members must enter in the Delta County Fair to be eligible for Premier Exhibitor (4-H Shooting Sports discipline, General 4-H Exhibits display only and Premier Exhibitor).
3. Members may only enter Premier Exhibitor in **one (1) discipline** (i.e. If a member is enrolled in shotgun, muzzle loading and archery, the member must choose one of those three to enter as Premier Exhibitor.) Entry in more than one discipline will not be allowed.
4. Members are required to shoot at the Delta County Fair Shoot, complete a display board or stand-alone project, submit a 70% or more complete record book and be interviewed by a judge on Saturday, August 4th, 2018. Interview will be about your display board or stand-alone project as well as your record book.
5. Display items must illustrate something learned in the project this year. Exhibit may be a display board or stand alone item such as quiver, gun case, gun stand, etc. Display items are to be entered in specific discipline that the exhibit relates to such as air rifle, .22 caliber rifle, etc. The standardized display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft. is to be used with 4-H projects. No additional items may be included on or in front of the display board. No wooden display cases. Note: For more information on displays and projects, download the Colorado State Fair syllabus at: www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitreq.pdf
6. No live ammunition, broad heads, knives or functional firearms are allowed to be displayed.
7. Scoring will be 25% for the member's placing at the County Fair Shoot, 25% for the member's placing on their display board or stand-alone project, 25% on the record book and 25% on their interview with the judge.
8. Please contact a Delta County 4-H Shooting Sports leader or the Delta County Extension Office with any questions.