

2026 Otsego County Fair

4-H Code of Conduct Form

(Be sure one of these forms, after reading and signing, is stapled to your 4-H Entry form)

This form applies to all youth entering an Otsego County Fair 4-H Exhibit. The youth and parent/guardian, by signing this form, agree to conduct him/herself in a responsible manner and abide by all expectations as stated.

Youth responsibilities:

Follow the Code of Conduct guidelines and other rules contained in the 4-H Fair Book.

Attend and participate in program orientation; prepare for the program in advance.

Be on time and participate in all scheduled sessions including workshops, recreation, evening activities, and meetings.

Cooperate with the adult advisors and program staff. Contact the adult advisor in regard to any conflict or problems during the event.

Show respect and courtesy for the entire program.

Be respectful of public property and the facilities used during the activity or event. Be responsible for your own property.

Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state, and municipal laws.

Behave in ways that are acceptable to other exhibitors, adult advisors, and hosting organizations and uphold high standards for the group by respecting the ideas, abilities, and bodies of others. Use of language and gestures found to be objectionable to others is not permitted.

Remain on the premises or assigned program area throughout the program; unauthorized absence is not permitted.

Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion, abiding by any established dress code. Clothing that is revealing or with obscene language/pictures or with drug, tobacco or alcohol advertising is never allowed.

Abide by the lodging assignments for the entire event for easy location in an emergency. No tent or camper switching is allowed.

Abide by established written curfew and quiet times or by adult advisor's spoken word.

(Curfew means being in the tent or camper with the lights out.) Be quiet and considerate of others when they wish to sleep.

Respect the privacy of others. Visiting sleeping areas of any member of the opposite sex is forbidden.

Youth are encouraged to interact with all members of the group and not pair up with another person. Necking, kissing and other displays of personal affection are in poor taste and will not be tolerated. Refrain from all sexual activity during the program.

Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, weapons, illicit drugs or medication(s) unapproved by program staff will result in disciplinary action for the offender(s). Adult advisors may be informed of all prescription medications present during the program.

Consequences of disciplinary action:

Families of participants removed from the program will be responsible for the participants' animal(s) transportation. Event registration, lodging or other participant fees will not be reimbursed.

If damage/destruction of property occurred, participants will be assessed for the cost of damages and repairs.

Participants removed from the program may be required to relinquish all funds donated to help meet his/her financial obligations for the event.

Youth who do not follow the guidelines in this Code of Conduct Agreement while participating in a 4-H or youth event, may be required to appear before a county disciplinary review committee in addition to consequences that occur during the event.

Disciplinary action may result in loss of premiums, restricted opportunity to participate in future youth or 4-H related activities, removal from the Fair Grounds, and/or other action as the 4-H Staff, Superintendents, or Otsego County Fair Board deems appropriate.

Youth who break public laws will be dismissed from the program and will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities.

Youth exhibitors in violation of Responsibility #15 will forfeit premium(s), be sent home immediately, and will not be allowed to exhibit in the Otsego County Fair the following year.

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct Agreement and will abide by it.

Youth Participant's Signature

Date

I have read and understand the rules and penalties in this agreement and agree to be bound by them.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Address and telephone where parent or guardian can be reached during the fair.

Name:

Address:

Day phone: _____
(Area code)

Night phone _____
(Area code)

RETURN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT FORM WITH YOUR 4-H ENTRY