

SE 4-H DISTRICT CONTEST GENERAL RULES

1. General Eligibility
Any bona fide Novice or Junior 4-H member as of January 1 of the current year that is enrolled in any 4-H project, unless otherwise specified. Novice is defined as 8 year olds in the 3rd grade; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; 11 year olds in the 5th grade. Junior is defined as 11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade.
2. Judging and Selection of Winners
 - A. The American System of Judging will be used for the Southeastern District 4-H Contests. Only the top 5 entries in each category or age division will receive awards.
 - B. Medals will be awarded to the first place individual in each event and age category. In the Clothing Revue a first place medal will be awarded in each project area. In the judging events, medals will be awarded to the first place teams as well as to the high point individual. Ribbons will be awarded to the 2nd through 5th place teams and individuals.
 - C. In team judging events, the county score will be the total of the three highest individual scores from the county.
3. Only judges and officials may ask contestants questions. Officials' decisions are final.
4. Members of high point teams and high point individuals may return to the same contest in the same age division.
5. All entrants must have participated in county elimination events or county selection procedures for district contest events.
6. It is the county agent in charge of 4-H's responsibility to ensure their 4-Hers are properly registered for District Contests by the date determined by the host county. This date should not be more than 1 week prior to district contests.
7. It is the County's responsibility to properly supervise their 4-Hers while at District, be sure to plan for enough chaperones.
8. Each contest will allow no more than two novice and junior teams per county.
9. CONTESTANT MAY ONLY ENTER ONE (1) CONTEST PER TIME FRAME EXCEPT FOR OPEN CONTESTS. (Refer to attached Contest Schedule).
 - A. Closed contests require the 4-Her to be present at the scheduled time to start and remain at the contest until the superintendent releases the 4-Her.
 - B. Open contests allow for flexibility in starting times but 4-Hers must complete the contest in the allotted time frame. The open contests are: Archery, Agronomy, Entomology, Rifle, Wildlife, Horticulture, FCS Skill-a-thon, Livestock Skill-a-thon, Air Rifle, Clothing Appearance Judging, and Meats.

10. If a 4-Her leaves a contest during the contest, the 4-Her may not go back and complete the contest.
11. Contestants who have equipment, as part of their presentation, are responsible for their own setup and must meet with the contest superintendent prior to setup.
12. Any team that has mixed ages will be considered a junior team. Novices may be moved up to compete as a junior.
13. County numbers will be used for the contestant number with "N (county number)" for Novice and "J (county number)" for Junior, i.e.: N03, J03.

County	County #	County	County #
Eddy -	03	Roosevelt -	11
Chaves -	04	Otero -	15
Curry -	05	Lincoln -	26
Lea -	06	De Baca -	27
Quay -	10		

14. Agents will serve as contest superintendents and are responsible for bringing score sheets, tests and supplies to the contest. If the items needed for the contest are too large to haul, the superintendent is responsible for making arrangements with the host county to provide needed items. (i.e. Horses, hay bales, wildlife practicum). The superintendent is responsible for contacting the State 4-H Office, if the need equipment from the office. (i.e. buzzers, entomology contest). The superintendent is responsible for obtaining qualified judges. The host county and neighboring counties may be contacted to help with judges. (It is better if the judges for a contest do not all come from the same county.)

15. Finances:

Following completion of hosting responsibilities the host county is to write a check to the new host for the balance of the account. A complete record of expenses is to be submitted with the check and presented at the district-planning meeting for review.

A fee of \$1.00 per contestant (If a 4-Her is entered in 5 contests, the fee is \$5.00) is to be collected at the registration. Counties not paying the fee at or before registration will be penalized with an additional \$20 service charge per month for not being paid. An additional fee may be charged to range expenses for the shooting sports contests, depending on host location.

District funds are to be used to purchase targets, judging cards, awards from the state office, office supplies, postage, meat, fruit, vegetables, and other expendable supplies for contests.

If the host county chooses to provide an entertaining activity or meal, the cost can be passed on to the participants by selling meal tickets. Donations may be used to cover costs.

Souvenir items are not to be purchased with district funds without prior approval of the agents at the district meeting.

16. The host county is to order a supply of judging cards from the State 4-H Office and pay for them with district funds. Contest superintendents using these cards may prepare cards from county supplies before the contest and replace them with the ones purchased by the district.

17. Rotation for hosting will be as follows:

Otero	2022	Chaves	2027
Roosevelt	2023	Lincoln	2028
Lea	2024	De Baca	2029
Curry	2025	Eddy	2030
Quay	2026		

18. It is recommended that the Southeast 4-H District Contests be held the week the 3rd week in June.

19. The Southeastern 4-H District Contests are open to all 4-H members regardless of race, color, sex, handicap, or national origin if they meet the eligibility requirements of the nine participating counties.

20. Procedure for Changing Rules:

Rule changes are to be presented and discussed at the District Contest Planning Meeting. If approved by the group, rule changes are to be emailed to the designated person in charge of updating the contest manual/webpage. 4-H agents are to be sent a copy of the changes prior to the training season in April.

Suggested Schedule for District Contest

Day 1:

Rifle
Archery
Air Rifle
Shotgun

Day 2:

Registration
General Assembly

Morning Closed Contests:

Favorite Food Show
Livestock Judging

Open Contests:

Agronomy
Entomology
Wildlife
Horticulture
FCS Skill-a-thon
Clothing Appearance Judging

Afternoon Closed Contests:

Parliamentary Procedure
FCS Bowl
Horse Bowl

Evening Activity

Day 3:

Open Contests:

Livestock Skill-a-thon
Meats ID

Closed Contests:

Consumer Decision Making
Horse Judging
Presentations
Public Speaking
Poetry

Fashion Revue and Awards Program

Note: 4-Hers can only be scheduled into one Closed Contest during a time frame. If a contestant has two contests in back to back time frames, then they should let the superintendent for the first contest know, so that arrangements can be made.

Number of Contestants Allowed per Contest

Agronomy: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Air Rifle: One Novice and One Junior 3 or 4 member team

Archery: Maximum of 2 Novice and Junior teams in each division: Designate Sights with Fingers, Sights with Release, Release no Sight, or Bare Bow

Clothing Revue: No limit per county

Consumer Decision Making: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Entomology: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Favorite Food Show: Six Novice Members and Six Junior Members

FCS Bowl: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

FCS Skill-a-thon: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Horse Bowl: Two Novice and Two Junior Four member teams

Horse Judging: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Horticulture: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Land Judging: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Livestock Judging: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Livestock Skill-a-thon: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Meats Identification: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Parliamentary Procedure: Two Novice and Two Junior Six member teams

Poetry: Two Novice and Two Junior Participants

Presentations: Agriculture, Engineering, Clothing, Foods, General, Home Economics, and Livestock: unlimited

Public Speaking: Two Novice and Two Junior Participants

Rifle: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams

Wildlife: Two Novice and Two Junior 3 or 4 member teams