NEVADA 4-H

4-H Member Participation At National Events/Contests

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Age and eligibility requirements vary slightly according to the National 4-H Contest/Event being addressed and considered. Therefore, the specific rules for each national event and national contest should be reviewed very carefully when considering participation. However, there are basics that seem applicable to all national events and contests; such as the age requirement being 14 for national contests and national events, such as national events (National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Citizenship Focus, etc) not requiring qualification at the state level, and such as national contests (Judging, Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Clothing, Consumer Ed, Parli-Pro, etc) requiring qualification at the state level.

National Contests also have a subject matter requirement to ensure fairness for all contestants. Three examples of this are provided below, but this concept applies to all National 4-H Contests.

- National 4-H Shooting Sports Contest: otherwise eligible shooters who are members of organized collegiate or military teams or collegiate or military shooting clubs receiving coaching are not eligible for 4-H shooting events. Active participation in other matches or receiving general or specialized instruction in shooting camps, training programs or similar activities (such as Junior Olympic Shooting Programs; Olympic Training Center Shooting Camps; and state, national, or international matches) does not disqualify any shooter otherwise qualified from participation in the 4-H shooting sports event.

- National 4-H Horse Judging/Hippology/Demonstration/Speaking/Quiz Bowl Contests: no 4-H member who has taken post-high school Animal Science, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, or related subject courses may enter. In addition, any member who has competed in a National Level 4-H Horse Contest (judging, hippology, public speaking, quiz bowl, etc) will be ineligible to compete in that same contest for a second time and is ineligible at the State Level as a member of a county team. If that member wishes to compete and is considered eligible after the county elimination contests, special arrangements can be made for that member to judge as an individual at the State Contest. However, it is encouraged for this member become a junior coach for county teams and become involved in other aspects of the judging program.

- National 4-H Livestock Judging/Livestock Skillathon/Livestock/Quiz Bowl Contests: no 4-H member who has taken post-high school Animal Science, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, or related subject courses may enter. In addition, any member who has competed in a National Level 4-H Livestock Contest (judging, skillathon, quiz bowl, etc) will be ineligible to compete in that same contest for a second time and is ineligible at the State Level as a member of a county team. If that member wishes to compete and is considered eligible after the county elimination contests, special arrangements can be made for that member to judge as an individual at the State Contest. However, it is encouraged for this member become a junior coach for county teams and become involved in other aspects of the judging program.