

## JUDGING GUIDELINES NON ANIMAL PROJECTS

Just a reminder that this year all hand created (not alive) entries will be face to face judged. Exhibitors with all items they made within a department will visit with a judge at their convenience within the time frame designated. The judge gives a placing on each item the member has brought, based on the dialogue with the exhibitor and the standard of expectation for that exhibit. Exhibitors take a number on arrival at the area they are to be judged and are called accordingly.

Due to problems that we have encountered in the past, the superintendents have come up with a uniform way of handling some typical problems. Please read carefully, so there will be no problems on judging day.

1. What if a 4-H member can't be at judging due to other structured commitments?
  - a. They may send their items with a family member or friend.
  - b. Whoever brings the items for you must have a written explanation to go along with each item. Perhaps your results may be affected.
2. What if an item shows up the day after judging?
  - a. It will be put on display, not judged and a participation ribbon will be awarded.
  - b. A note will be displayed with the project indicating that it was late and there is a participation ribbon awarded.
3. What if an item comes in and is not in the correct category.
  - a. Check tags! If any of them are wrong, call the fair office and get it changed before the Friday before judging.
  - b. If it is brought in with incorrect tag, it will be judged where it is entered and dropped one ribbon placement.
4. What if an item comes in and doesn't follow guidelines?
  - a. It will be dropped one placing, and exhibitor will be asked to explain why they didn't follow directions.
5. What if the entry tag is missing?
  - a. If you notice a tag is missing, contact the fair office to get a new tag made before judging, not the morning of judging.
  - b. If item is brought in without tag, it will be judged and dropped one placing. (You must have entered fair projects by the deadline.)
6. What if the exhibitor can't be there and wants to deliver it early?
  - a. Try to find a family member or friend to bring it in on the day of judging.
  - b. If you can't find anyone, call your superintendent and make arrangements to get it to him/her.
7. What happens if you are tied up with one judge and your number is called at another judging station?
  - a. You will get the next opening when available.

\*Please read your fair book. It contains dates, rules and regulations regarding all of the project areas, including sizes, weights, heights of projects as well as how and where to attach entry tags to project, and where to have your project judged. To be fair to all exhibitors, these rules are enforced.