4-H Fair Judge’s Orientation Guide

An orientation guide for 4-H fair judges that explains expectations, scoring, communication with exhibitors, and ethical conduct. Print it, follow the steps in order, and keep the copy handy for later reference.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Welcome judges and share the schedule
2. Explain the fair and 4-H purpose
3. Review class rules and scoring
4. Explain how to talk with youth
5. Cover conflict-of-interest rules
6. Review comment card use
7. Explain placings and awards
8. Cover safety and emergency plans
9. Answer questions

YOUR NOTES

TIP Give judges the premium book and score sheets ahead of time and remind them that feedback should help youth learn.