

2026 Leader/Advisor Code of Conduct



Date: _____

Club: _____

Name of Leader/Advisor: _____

Signature of Leader/Advisor: _____

This Code of Conduct was developed by the 16th District Agricultural Association (DAA), who operates under the auspices of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions, for the primary purpose of producing the annual California Mid-State Fair. The Code of Conduct will be further enhanced with additional rules and regulations, including the State Rules.

As a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor at the California Mid-State Fair, you are expected to fully adhere to following Code of Conduct. Failure to do so will jeopardize the participation of your club, the exhibitors, you, your child and other members of your family.

1. As a leader/advisor, I acknowledge that the child/student must demonstrate his or her own ability, knowledge, and skill as an exhibitor of show animals, and that the assistance of an adult or non-4-H/FFA member in the washing, grooming, fitting, handling or showing of his or her animal while at the Fair, is prohibited. Verbal assistance is acceptable.
2. As a leader/advisor, I acknowledge that direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is PROHIBITED. All judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and as a parent, I will not allow any person connected with my exhibitors or child's animal project to direct abusive or threatening conduct toward any show official. No threatening remarks, either written or verbal, may be expressed at any time.
3. As a leader/advisor, I shall use respectful language at all times. No foul or abusive language or gestures will be tolerated in the Livestock Area or on the entire grounds.
4. As a leader/advisor, I acknowledge that possession of any weapons or illegal drugs on the entire grounds is prohibited.
5. As a leader/advisor, I am aware that responsible alcohol use is allowed on the Fairgrounds, and I will limit use of alcohol so that a proper example is set for the child/student or children/students of other club/chapters around us. Any abuse of alcohol or public drunkenness by a leader in the Livestock and Equestrian facility is PROHIBITED. This type of activity is further monitored by law enforcement.
6. As a leader/advisor, I acknowledge that the use of fireworks or sparklers is prohibited on the Fairgrounds.
7. The entire fairgrounds is a Non-Smoking facility, smoking or vaping of any kind is PROHIBITED.

Any leader/advisor whose conduct jeopardizes the health or safety of an exhibitor, animal, or the public will be immediately expelled from the California Mid-State Fair and will jeopardize the participation of their club/chapter's exhibitors or any member of the leader/advisor's family. The leader/advisor will be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately and could jeopardize their club/chapter's exhibitors or the child's opportunity to show and sell through the Junior Livestock sale.

By completing this Agreement, Leader/Advisor Code of Conduct as expressly stated above. It is further agreed that the leader/advisor signing this form has read, understands and agrees to the Leader/Advisor Code of Conduct made a part here in. Submission of this completed document is required before entries can be officially accepted. This form is due at the Leaders/Advisors Meeting Monday, July 13 at 5:00 pm.