

2000 WASHINGTON 4-H COUNCIL “Action Taken” on Recommendations

A. GENERAL 4-H

- A. Public Presentations**–King. Recommends that 5th grade Juniors be allowed to participate in Public Presentations at State 4-H Fair.

Rejected by Council: 4-H is a learning process and development takes place in steps. 5th Graders are not at a level developmentally to handle the stress of a State Fair level public presentation.

- B. Oral Reasons**–Pierce. Recommends that the same person(s) judge the entire age divisions for Orals Reasons.

Rejected by Council: Suggests that the recommendation be sent back to the originating county for more clarification. It is unclear whether the proponent is talking about consistency within one contest or all contests. Logistically, it is not possible for one person to judge all oral reasons for an age grouping in all judging contests. At State 4-H Fair, many judging contests classes (particularly in animal classes) are too large to be judged by a single judge. In other cases, such as foods or clothing judging contests, the same person often does judge oral reasons for an entire group.

- C. Projects & Pub. (EM2778) Levels/Fair Entry Policies** – Pierce. Questions whether the project level recommended in EM2778 defines fair entry policy.

Rejected by Council: This is a question, rather than a recommendation, and has no bearing on fair entry policies. The grade levels recommended for projects/publications in EM2778 are indicators of curriculum appropriateness for target youth audiences, and have no bearing on eligibility for fair participation.

- D. Project Score Sheets** – Pierce. Recommends that all project score sheets be printed with the approved date and "supercedes" date; recommends that all score sheets be available to all counties no later than Jan. 1 of the 4-H year; recommends that the color of paper be significantly different than the one that is superceded.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State Staff: Scorecards are printed as supplies run low and the 4-H Publications Budget continues to be a limiting factor in the ability to keep short-use, free publications in supply. In the past, if major revision has occurred in scoring after the first of the year, the new standards have not been enforced until the following 4-H year. A reprint or revision date is always included on each WSU 4-H publication. The idea of printing a "supercedes" date on publications may seem logical, but would not insure that the most recent version of a publication is in use. This problem is best solved by county office personnel maintaining up-to-date publication files, keeping abreast of monthly publication changes, and discarding old versions of publications. Effort is already being made to vary paper color as scorecard revisions are printed. An alternative solution is to continue to post the latest version of scorecards as downloadable files on the CAHE Information web site. County office personnel or individuals can print off needed quantities on whatever paper color they choose.

B. FAMILY LIVING

- A. Foods/Clothing Judging Contests** – Pierce. Recommends that State Fair Foods and Clothing Judging contest include more visual and tactile practical situations.

Accepted with Modification by Council: We suggestion that correct answers be available at the time scores are posted.

Rejected by State 4-H Staff. Because printed materials are distributed to interested counties following the State 4-H Fair, it is not practical to include the more cumbersome posters and hands-on, tactile components. County personnel are welcome to use the printed materials as a basis for making a more hands-on, creative contest at the local level.

Modification: The committee inappropriately added an unrelated modification to this recommendation. A modification is to clarify the recommendation without changing its original intent.

The Foods/Clothing Judging Contests are presently being evaluated and the format in which they are offered may change for the upcoming State 4-H Fair. The resulting changes may alter past procedures for posting scores and contest answers.

- B. FAO Worksheet** – Skagit. Recommends that the statement, "Include estimated purchase cost for all home-grown items," be deleted from *Foods for All Occasions Worksheet*, (C0807).

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff

This publication will not be reprinted for some time because of current inventory. In the mean time, the Web file version will be updated, and the phrase lined out on in-stock copies at Bulletins. County office personnel will be responsible to line out this statement on publications already in their files.

- C. FAO Worksheet** – Lewis. Recommends that the statement, "Include estimated purchase cost for all home-grown items," be deleted from *Foods for All Occasions Worksheet*, (C0807).

See B.2.

- D. State Fair Family Living/Clothing Classes** – Pierce. a) Recommends that the title for Class 40, Adventures in Family Living, Lot 2, "Clothing" be changed to "Sewing." b) Recommends that non-clothing items be entered in Class 46, Household & Home or Room Décor instead of Class 45, Clothing & Personal Accessories

Accepted by Council.

Accepted by State 4-H Staff

C. LLAMAS/SHEEP

- A. Wether Sheep Class** – Pierce. Recommends that a wether sheep class be created in the sheep project, other than the market class, both for wool and down.

Accepted with modification by Council: "to create a wool and down wether sheep class, any breed or cross shown at full fleece, judged on wool characteristics."

Accepted by the State 4-H Fair Board/Staff.

- B. Lad & Lassies Lead/Llamas** – Thurston. Add llamas and alpacas to the Lad and Lassies Lead Class (at State 4-H Fair).

Accepted by Council

Accepted by the State 4-H Fair Board.

- C. Primary Members/Llamas** – Whatcom. Recommends that Primary 4-H members (those K-2nd Grade and under age 8) be allowed to enroll in the llama project.

Rejected by Council: Suggests that a llama-less llama project be proposed.

D. EQUINE

1. **State Fair Allocations/Equine** – Thurston. Recommends that the process for allotting the number of equine exhibitors for each county be based on actual participation at the county level, rather than the number of members enrolled in equine projects.

Rejected by Council: The current allocations process addresses the uniqueness of each county's situation, making it fair and equitable. Furthermore, changing the process as proposed would discount the efforts of those members choosing to participate in the educational aspect of equine projects rather than riding.

2. **Performance Horse** – Skagit. Recommends that the following be added to "Bit" (EM4727, Performance Horse Class Rules, pg. 46): Western horses 5 yrs. and under (from Jan. 1 of year foaled) may be ridden in a smooth snaffle at least 3/8" diameter from side or a bosal with two hands used on the reins.

Rejected by Council: There are already provisions in the State Performance Rules for counties to develop green horse classes. Horses, 5 years and under, are not required to be limited to a snaffle or bosal. Furthermore, it is an unfair advantage for the two-handed western rider being judged with one-handed riders in equitation.

E. DOGS

1. **Obedience Score Sheets** – Pierce. Recommends that all current approved obedience score sheets be printed with the approved date and "supercedes" date; recommends that all score sheets be available to all counties no later than Jan. 1 of the 4-H year; recommends that the color of paper be significantly different than the one that is superceded.

Accepted by Council

Rejected by State Staff: See A.4

2. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends that the terminology for Guide/Service Puppies be changed to "Assistance Puppies."

Accepted by Council.

Rejected by State Staff: The term, Service Dog or Service Puppy, is more inclusive.

3. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends that Guide/Service Puppies rules eliminate any reference to names of "schools."

Accepted by Council.

Rejected by State Staff: Opportunities to show service dogs should be used to showcase the distinctives of service dog schools and promote the uniquenesses of these organizations.

4. **Guide/Service Dogs** – Skagit. Recommends the following rule changes for compliance with all the schools' different raising techniques:
- a. Change Rule # 13 ('99) to read: "Baiting will be allowed in the ring for raisers of schools that approve of this training method."
 - b. Change Rule #5 ('99) to require the same scores as in the regular dog project.
 - c. Under the points allowed, regarding champion and reserve, eliminate "only using Lot 1."
 - d. All schools should show against one another, by age group, just as in other projects.

4.a., b., and d. Accepted by Council

4.c. Rejected by Council: Referred recommendation to the State 4-H Fair Board to reconsider the exception to allow two dogs (obedience/assistance) at the State 4-H Fair.

State 4-H Fair Board/Staff Action:

A Special Committee on Service Dogs at the State 4-H Fair, composed of State 4-H Staff and Fair Board Trustees, met and prepared a report that was further modified and accepted at the January 2001 meeting of the State 4-H Fair Board. The final report was approved by State Staff. The report addresses showcasing the Service Dogs and 4-H youth handlers so completely that all sub-items in E.4. are addressed.

The showcase opportunity allows service puppy handlers to participate in a 4-H in Action opportunity in the dog barn area on a schedule that will also allow the 4-H members time to be together with their other project participants. For those 4-H members who wish to also use their service puppy in an obedience and showmanship contests, plans and rules have been prepared to allow that participation on their regular county dog show day schedule in addition to the 4-H in Action opportunity. Any participation on the regular county dog show day would be above the regular quota allocated to the county, and will use score sheets and rules already established for the obedience dog show. The committee report allows showing a service puppy in the 4-H in Action event by a 4-H member who also exhibits another animal – of any species – at State 4-H Fair.