

4-H Taxidermy and Habitat Competition Rules & Regulations

1. **Authority:** Judges decision is final.
2. **Liability:** Mounts entered in the show at the owner's risk. Officials are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items; however, every precaution will be made to secure the entries.
3. **Large Entries:** Any entry that requires two people to move must be on rollers.

Two award options are available to all exhibitors:

Taxidermy only

Taxidermy and habitat

A habitat entry must consist of three components (grass, rock, wood, and/or dirt).

4. **Age Divisions:** There are four age divisions of competition:

Novice (first year in project regardless of age)

Junior

Intermediate

Senior

5. **Awards:** Awards will be presented to first through fifth places. Special awards may also be awarded - people's choice and best in show.
6. **Registration and Fees:** Registration for all contests will be completed on 4-H Connect and registration deadlines will be announced through the county Extension office. Registration fees will be charged and will be paid via Connect. Fees will be charged as necessary to pay for the contest including necessary officials, equipment, and materials.
7. **Hunting license:** A copy of the exhibitor's current hunting license will be a part of the registration materials.
8. **Species:** All exhibits must be legally harvested and must comply with local, state, and federal regulations. Protected species must have applicable permits with the entry. Entry must be a legal animal. Domestic pets are not acceptable.
9. **Reference:** Competitors may bring their own reference material. These materials must be examined and approved by the competition room chair. Judges may choose to use the reference material to aid in accurate interpretation of the species or mounting technique.
10. **Sportsmanship:** Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any and all awards. Competitors will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Unruly or disruptive behavior directed toward show officials or judges is not tolerated.
11. **Green or Wet Mounts:** No green or wet mounts will be accepted. All exhibits must be completed at least one month before the competition.
12. **Eligibility of entries:** Exhibits can only be entered into the District competition once.
13. **Exhibit:** All components of competition entry must be one piece.
14. **Multiple Entries:** Multiple entries are allowed.
15. **Individual Work:** All work must be done *solely* by the competitor. Adult supervision and help is allowed but must be in a strictly "*Hands Off*" manor.
16. **Presentation:** A small portion of the overall score will be determined by judges scoring a brief project presentation given by the contestant. The exhibitor will give a description/explanation of their project to the judge or other designated parties. Junior and Intermediate age contestants will have 3 minutes. Senior age contestants will have 5 minutes.

17. **Quiz:** A written quiz will be part of the overall score. Juniors will answer 5 questions, Intermediates will answer 10 questions, and Seniors will answer 15 questions.

Category	Age Division
European	Novice / Jr / Int / Sr
Bird	Int / Sr
Small mammal (squirrels, rabbits, racoons, etc.)	Novice / Jr / Int / Sr
Shoulder mount	Int / Sr
Reptile	Novice / Jr / Int / Sr
Antler/horn mount	Novice / Jr / Int / Sr
Fish	Int / Sr