

Non-Recognized 4-H Project Newsletter

This Non-Recognized Project Newsletter contains information specific to the Non-Recognized Project. Please use it in conjunction with the General 4-H Information Bulletin, so that you are aware of Achievement Day completion requirements as well as general opportunities and information pertaining to all 4-H members. This Project Newsletter, as well as the General 4-H Information Bulletin, will be updated in December of each year, if necessary, based on changes made at the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.

4-H Nova Scotia offers over 30 official 4-H projects for members to choose from each year. With most of those projects, opportunities for exhibit exist at club Achievement Day, Exhibition and county level show, and Nova Scotia 4-H Provincial Show. If a member has an interest outside of the official project list, they are encouraged to talk with their Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator (ALC) about signing up for a Non-Recognized 4-H project.

4-H Nova Scotia Resolution Regarding Official Projects

A project must have fifteen (15) project completions, in at least three (3) counties, for two (2) consecutive years, to become an official 4-H Nova Scotia project. A non-Recognized project will be added to the official 4-H Nova Scotia project list when resolution requirements are met.

Accommodation will be made for Non-Recognized 4-H projects to complete at Achievement Day and Exhibition or county level show, if applicable. Non-Recognized 4-H Project articles are eligible for 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show if they are submitted to Class 19: 4-H Showcase. The top two Junior and top two Senior articles will move on to provincial show. Resource information will not be provided for Non-Recognized projects.

Class 19: Showcase, was introduced in 2003 as a way for members to showcase new and exciting project ideas, that are not already being offered as an official project. Those new and exciting ideas can entice new members and leaders to our program, therefore the Showcase class was developed to display them. If you are planning to do project work that already fits into an official project class/section, you may be asked to register for that specific project, instead of 'non-recognized' (e.g., A paper craft can fit in the Scrapbooking project or Crafts project - Section 17: paper craft; Sketching and painting fits in the Crafts project - Section 6: Art and Drawing).

Non-Recognized 4-H projects completed across the province in 2018 include the following, but did not have sufficient project completion numbers to qualify as an official project for 2019:

Blacksmithing	Bee Keeping	Oxen Basics
Fine Arts	2 nd year Sheep	Plumbing
Sign Language	Shooting Sports	Biodiversity
Visual Arts	Social Justice	Chocolate
Fisheries	Oxen	

Non-Recognized 4-H Project Work Requirements

On Achievement Day, Non-Recognized 4-H project members must meet the following project work requirements:

Non-Recognized Life Skills Projects	Three (3) project work articles
Non-Recognized Livestock Projects	Showmanship

At Achievement Day, articles are evaluated based on member's age, years in 4-H and the project, etc. therefore it is important to remember that quality and content of project work must be appropriate and adequate to receive project completion.

NOTE: All reports, posters or displays must include a bibliography for information taken from a source other than the 4-H member. For example, should a member utilize information or pictures from a reference book or from the internet, then the member must include credit for the source of the information.

NOTE: 4-H members must complete their project at Achievement Day to compete in, or to participate in, any further county, provincial, or national 4-H competitions relating to that project in the current 4-H year. (i.e., judging, project competitions, etc.)

NOTE: Live animals are not to be used for display at 4-H Achievement Days, Exhibition or 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. Reports, displays, posters or demonstrations are acceptable methods of displaying projects about live animals.

NOTE: If members require video/slide equipment to display their project, specialty item or project activity, they must provide their own equipment at 4-H Achievement Days, Exhibition or 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show.

Non-Recognized 4-H Project Judging Requirement

Non-Recognized 4-H projects members must complete judging at the county level. Regional ALCs will try to provide an appropriate judging class for each non-recognized 4-H project.

Livestock Registration

4-H members must select their 4-H animals by May 1st of the current 4-H year, and must submit livestock registration information to the Regional ALC by May 15th of the current 4-H year. This information is necessary to assist with county show/exhibition planning, including judges, class schedules, awards, etc. The following information must be submitted for Livestock Registration requirements: name of member, junior member/senior member, conformation class entered, sex of animal, breed of animal, and date of birth of animal.

4-H animals may be substituted between the registration deadline of May 15th and Achievement Day in the case of injury, sickness, disease or death of the animal. If an animal is to be substituted prior to Achievement Day, pre-approval from the Regional ALC is necessary. A vet certificate may be required. After Achievement Day, no substitutions are permitted.

CONTAGIOUS/INFECTIOUS DISEASE & QUARANTINE:

4-H members, leaders, parents and livestock owners are reminded that 4-H achievement days and shows are showcases for the 4-H program, and the agricultural industry in this province. They are reminded that infectious diseases can be transmitted during transport, as well as at the show. As such, it is strongly recommended for the protection of the public, participants, and the animals at the show, that animals having or showing signs of infectious diseases not be brought to shows. As well, livestock exhibitors and owners must understand that in attending 4-H Shows, there is a risk of their animal contracting disease regardless of the best efforts of all involved.

If you suspect that your animal has a contagious/infectious disease, please contact your local vet immediately and learn more about the consequences, treatment, and transmission of the disease.

A brochure providing additional information on "Infectious and Contagious Diseases Affecting 4-H Livestock" is available. If you wish to receive a copy by mail or email, please contact your ALC for this information. It contains important information for all livestock members on this topic and will be critical to review with 4-H Clubs, livestock owners, and your local veterinarian when making decisions about attending 4-H achievement days and shows.

ANIMAL MOVEMENT REPORTING – Regulations around moving animals to and from Fairs, Exhibitions, Achievement Days, Pro Show and other events are changing. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is re-writing the regulations around the identification of animals and how livestock owners report moving animals on and off the farm. The new regulations are expected in 2018, and will apply to cattle, sheep, and goats. These animals will require individual animal ID tags. Those tag numbers in turn will be used in reporting the movements of animals. Tag numbers are to be reported by the owner/operator of a premise when the animals enter, and then by the farmer/owner when the animals are brought back to the farm or where they are housed.

MOVEMENT DOCUMENT – A Movement Document is to travel with the animals. This document will record the departure premise and destination premise, as well as the quantity of livestock being transported. These documents will be made available by CFIA once the regulation changes come into effect.

There are three things 4H members can do to prepare for these changes.

1. **Identify your livestock premises** by applying for or confirming a premises identification (PID) number with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid
2. **Confirm or set up a Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database account** at <http://www.clia.livestockid.ca> with Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) by toll-free telephone at **1-877-909-2333** or email: info@canadaid.ca **CLTS MOBO** - a free app to submit animal movement events **quickly** and **easily** to your CLTS database account using a mobile device
3. **Voluntarily report receipt (move in) event data** to your CLTS database account for livestock arriving at your livestock premises using the individual animal identification, within seven days of receipt.

The NS Department of Agriculture has a Traceability Coordinator that reviews Premises ID (PID) applications and can be reached at 1 (902) 890 9840 or daniel.muir@novascotia.ca to answer any questions surrounding these changes.