

Quebec 4-H Modified Provincial Rally Rules – 2021

1. General Rally Rules

a.	The competition is open to all members from Quebec 4-H clubs, as well as any invited clubs.
b.	All ages are as of January 1st of the year of the Rally. All participants aged 6-25 years old can participate at Rally.
c.	ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, AND/OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES are not allowed at the shows, nor are they allowed during virtual events. See Quebec 4-H Provincial and General Activities Policies.
d.	All placings stand as read until published by Quebec 4-H.
e.	A participant may enter projects in more than one section, but only one may count for points. The highest scoring project will be used for their individual aggregate score.
f.	No competitor shall interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties. Upon the discovery of any fraud, dishonest practice or misrepresentation in regard to any exhibit which may have been intended to influence the decision of the judges, the Executive Committee has the power to withhold any points gained by the participant(s) involved, as well as to suspend the offending party(ies) for up to a period of three years.
g.	Owners and exhibitors must themselves take all risks of loss or damages to or by their stock or manufactured articles while in exhibition. All persons run risks of accidents, including fire and theft, while at the in-person shows.
h.	Anyone failing to comply with the rules of the Provincial Rally may be suspended from participating in the event, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
i.	Participants cannot enter the same project/entry (with the exception of horses) for more than two consecutive years without a request for exception being submitted 14 days prior to the registration deadline, which then must be accepted by the Programs and Regulations Committee.
j.	2 screened and trained chaperones or appropriate ratio of chaperones to participants are to be registered and present per club.

2. Financial & Registration Policies

a.	Pre-registration for participants and projects can be processed through AssistExpo by June 10th, 2021 (11:59PM). The fee due at pre-registration is \$15 per participant, including all projects. The fees are non-refundable. In the case of emergency, exceptional circumstances, or COVID-19 risks, a participant who must cancel may send a letter explaining their reasons to the Financial Committee to be considered for a refund. In the case of the cancellation of the event, registration fees will be reimbursed.
b.	No changes of project type will be allowed within 10 business days prior to the first day of Rally. In the case of exceptional circumstances, a request must be submitted to the Executive Committee.
c.	A late registration fee of \$10 will be charged to all entries received after June 10th, 2021 and up until 10 business days prior to Rally.
d.	No pre-registrations will be accepted within 10 business days prior to the first day of Rally.

3. Public Speaking Competition

a.	Public speaking topics, including those suggested by other organizations, shall be approved by the Programs and Regulations Committee and supplemented by topics determined by the host club
b.	Length of speeches, excluding thank-you and introduction, is as follows: 6 – 11 year olds – 3 to 4 minutes 12 – 25 year olds – 5 to 7 minutes
c.	Speeches will be judged based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 marks for presentation • 60 marks for content • 15 marks for thank-you • 15 marks for introduction Overtime or Under-time deduction marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – 10 seconds: 2-mark deduction • 11 – 20 seconds: 5-mark deduction • 20 or more: 15-mark deduction
d.	Contestants may use a flip chart or appropriate poster to illustrate their speech but must provide them. PowerPoint slides and video-editing will not be allowed.
e.	The overall winner will be encouraged to participate at the CYSA competition.

4. Life Skills Competition

a.	All items MUST have been prepared/made by the participant. All handmade items MUST include a small sample of material used.
b.	A participant must enter a total of four (4) classes. Entries for most of these classes will be due on July 28 th , 2021, with the live class taking place on July 30 th , 2021. The live competition will not be mandatory this year to receive full points and will instead be included in the regular choice of classes (i.e., it will be included as a option to choose from upon registration). Partial points will be awarded for the entries not accompanied by the total of four classes.
c.	For participants competing in the live class, the category will be announced at the start of the Zoom meeting that is scheduled for July 30 th , 2021. A box of supplies will be sent to the home of the registered participants. Competitors can only open their box at the start of the supervised competition. During the live Zoom meeting, 5 minutes will be allocated towards instructions, 45 minutes for competitors to make their project, and an extra 5 minutes will be given in the case of internet issues. Once the time is up, competitors must send in a picture of their project.
d.	From the list of categories, the host club will propose 8 to 10 class specifications to the Programs and Regulations Committee for approval. - Vegetables - Handicraft - Food - Potted Plant - Sewing - Flowers - Woodworking - Collection - Photography - Drawing/Painting - Other category suggested by host club and approved by Programs and Regulations Committee
e.	Articles will be judged based on the following: 50 marks for effort, 25 marks for theme, 25 marks for presentation for a total possible 100 marks per article.

5. Judging Competition

a.	The judging competition will not be mandatory for all Rally participants. Participants will instead have the option to register for the competition on AssistExpo. Participants who registered for the judging competition will receive instructions in mid-July and will have until July 28 th , 2021 to submit their results/entries.
b.	The competition is open to all participants aged 6 – 25 years old.
c.	This is an individual effort. Any participant(s) caught communicating and/or sharing answers and cheating will be disqualified from the competition. This competition is to be of the participant's own effort, and they shall not receive help from other members, friends, parents or guardians, etc.
d.	Participants registered in the competition must judge all classes.
e.	<p>JUDGING COMPETITION CLASSES:</p> <p>There will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Livestock Classes - 3 Life Skills Classes - 1 Identification Class - 1 Mystery Class <p>Two of the classes will have oral reasons to accompany the placings; two of the classes will have written reasons to accompany the placings; two of the classes will be placings only.</p> <p>Class specifications will be provided by the host club</p>

6. Costume Class

a.	One entry per club will be accepted. Entries (photo or maximum 30 second video) must be submitted by July 28 th , 2021
b.	Each entry must contain an animal.
c.	<p>Each entry should meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum 1 participant. 2. No limit on total number of participants (however participants must comply with COVID-19 regulations). 3. Minimum 1 animal per club, maximum 3 animals. 4. At least 1 animal must be costumed. 5. All participants must be costumed. 6. Costumes must comply with current Rally theme. Each criterion met will award the club 10 points.

7. Livestock Competition

a.	The choice of animal must be indicated on the project registration form and may not be changed within ten business days prior to the first day of Rally, except when an animal is sick, dies or is sold. In order to have an alternate animal count for points the participant must produce medical proof signed by a recognized veterinarian, or proof of sale, or other proof deemed acceptable by the executive committee prior to the arrival of the animal on site.
b.	For this year only, participants may register for more than 2 livestock projects.
c.	Any animals missing their ATQ tags (or the equivalent identification) or with identification that does not match the registration will be sent home.

d.	To be considered an official livestock competition, there must be at least 3 animals of that project type.
e.	The judge has the discretion to combine classes under the following circumstances: If there are less than 3 animals in a class, those animals may be combined with a similar age within their breed. If there are less than 3 animals of a given breed, they may be combined with another breed which also has less than 3 animals.
f.	Should the showmanship classes exceed 20 entries per class or should the dimensions of the show space necessitate it, the classes will be reorganized into heats with a maximum of 20 entries per heat. When classes need to be reorganized, they will be divided by the age of the participant. It will be suggested that the judge select the top 5 participants in each heat to move on to show in finals for each respective age category.
g.	When there are fewer than 3 Proven members showing an animal, they will show in the finals of the Senior showmanship class. Proven members will be ranked by the judge amongst the Seniors and will be awarded points in accordance with those placings. Seniors ranked by the judge below any Proven member will be placed, receive ribbons and points as if the Proven members were not there.
h.	All participants must have a form of proof that the animal they are showing is the animal that they registered for the Rally. ATQ numbers and registration papers will be verified upon arrival. BEEF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All purebred/full blood heifers must have registration papers DAIRY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All animals must be registered at least 50% purebred and have papers • Any animals without papers should contact their breed association for official documents • Any animals without papers will be shown in a grade class SHEEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All animals must have registration certificates • Any animals without papers will be shown in a grade class GOATS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All animals must be legibly tattooed or tagged and all animals over 1 year of age must have registration papers • Any animals without papers will be shown in a grade class • A photo showing all markings must be sent in with registration DRAFT HORSES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of registration, as recorded in the Canadian National Livestock Records, must be presented at registration • The age of the horse will be calculated from January 1st of the current year • Any animals without papers will be shown in the grade class • Coggins test mandatory • Stallions over the age of 2 cannot be shown LIGHT HORSES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration certificates must be provided at registration • A photo showing all markings must be sent in with registration for any animals that are not registered • Coggins test mandatory

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stallions over age of 2 cannot be shown <p>RABBITS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A photo showing all markings must be sent in with registration <p>POULTRY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A photo showing all markings must be sent in with registration <p>SWINE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual ID tags will be verified • License plate numbers will be recorded to comply with PigTrace reporting standards. • A photo or drawing showing all markings must be sent in with registration.
i.	Castrated male livestock can be exhibited. However, no bulls, stallions, bucks, rams or roosters shall be shown at Provincial Rally. Both female and male rabbits are permitted to be shown.
j.	During the event non-participants are restricted from fitting or working with an animal or instructing members in those endeavors. After a warning to the offending member, non-member and club, if there is a second infraction within the same club then the executive members on hand will confer and may deduct 50 points from the individual member and/or 250 points from the club's total aggregate score.

8. Dress Code:

a.	<p>All participants must wear a Rally shirt as well as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beef – black pants • Dairy – white pants • Sheep – black pants • Meat Goats – black pants • Dairy goats – white pants • Horses, draft and light – black pants • Rabbits – white pants • Poultry – white pants • Swine - white Pants
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9. Points System for Individual Competitions

a.	All placings are at the judge's discretion.
b.	Public Speaking Competition – Based on total marks, participants will be ranked within their age category and given points descending by 10 points per placing, 1st place being 400 points.
c.	Life Skills Competition - Based on total marks, participants will be ranked within their age category and given points descending by 10 points per placing, 1st place being 400 points.
d.	Judging Competition – There are six classes with placings worth 50 points each; four of those classes include reasons for an additional 50 points each. The Mystery and Identification classes are worth 100 points each. The total possible for the Judging Competition is 700 points.

e.	<p>Livestock Competition – Conformation Classes are worth 100 points and Showmanship Classes are worth 300 points for a total possible 400 points for the Livestock Competition.</p> <p>Conformation Classes - All classes will be placed as follows: Top 10 with points descending by 5 points, 1st place being 100 points. The remainder will be placed in B group for 40 points or C group for 30 points.</p> <p>Showmanship Classes - All classes will be placed with points descending by 10 points, 1st place being 300 points. In classes where there are heats, the participants not going on to the finals will start with the placing immediately following the last placing of the finals.</p> <p>Champion Classes – No extra points are awarded for Champion Classes.</p>
f.	<p>Individual Aggregate - Awards will be given in all age categories (6-11, 12-15, 16-21, 22-25) as well as overall based on the top ten participants with the highest combined score from Judging Competition and points from their project (out of a total of 1,100 points).</p>