

Quebec 4-H Provincial Rally Rules 2024

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 1 st of the year of the Rally. Non-host club participants must be aged 10-25 years old to participate at Rally. All members aged 10-11 and 6-9 from the host club may participate in all sections so long as they are accompanied by an adult. The adult may be a screened member of legal age (18+). The adult may be a chaperone to no more than 2 members aged 11 and under, other than their own children. Members ages 6–25 who cannot attend Rally may send life skills entries with their club. The points for all 6–11 year-olds will NOT count towards the club aggregate.
c.	<u>NO ALCOHOL AND/OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES</u> is allowed on the fairgrounds. See Quebec 4-H Provincial and General Activities Policies.
d.	Participants may not stay at the fairgrounds unless camping on site has been approved by the Board. They will be billeted with a 4-H family if they desire, or are expected to find their own lodgings. The barns and the life skills buildings will be closed to participants and adults from 11:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., only security people designated by Quebec 4-H will be allowed in restricted areas during those times.
e.	All placings stand as read until published by Quebec 4-H.
f.	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.
g.	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.
h.	While the Directors and Executive of Quebec 4-H will take every precaution against accidents on the fairgrounds, the 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 on the grounds.
i.	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.
j.	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.
k.	Each Club must submit the name and contact information of one chaperone who will be present at the Rally. This chaperone will be the “Assigned Chaperone”.

2. Financial & Registration Policies

a.	Pre-registration for participants and projects can be processed through AssistExpo by May 12 th , 2024 (11:59PM). The fee due at pre-registration is \$120 per participant. The fees are non-refundable. In the case of emergency or exceptional circumstances, a participant who must cancel may send a letter explaining their reasons to the Financial Committee to be considered for a refund.
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.	Participants who send Life Skills entries to Rally with their club but who do not attend Rally in person shall pay the \$20 project fee only.
d.	A late registration fee of \$20 will be charged to all entries received after May 12 th , 2024, up until May 26 th , 2024.
e.	No registrations will be accepted after May 26 th , 2024.
f.	A weekend meal package (Thursday supper to Sunday breakfast) will be available for all non-participants for \$85. A banquet meal ticket (Saturday supper) will be available for all non-participants for \$30.
g.	The cheque for hay and shavings must be received by a Quebec 4-H staff before the club is allowed to pick up their hay/shavings.

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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. Slides, films, videos or overhead projectors will not be allowed.
e.	The overall winner will be encouraged to participate at the CYSA competition.

4. Life Skills Competition:

a.	Members may send their Life Skills entries with their club and are not obliged to be at the Rally for the weekend.
b.	All items MUST have been prepared/made by the participant.
c.	A participant must enter a total of four (4) classes prepared prior to Rally plus one (1) live competition completed at Rally to be able to receive full points. All participants must compete in the live competition if they are on the site of Rally, or no points will be awarded for that entry.
d.	To earn full points, competitors will be required to complete a 5 th entry on site during Rally. The category will be announced beforehand, unless otherwise decided by the host club. Specifications and supplies will be provided at registration on the Thursday evening of Rally or during the supervised class on Friday. Entries must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on Friday.
e.	From the list of categories, the host club will propose 8 to 10 class specifications to the Programs and Regulations Committee for approval. Except for the one compulsory class to be completed at Rally, participants may choose which classes they enter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetables - Potted Plant - Drawing/Painting - Handicraft - Food (no tasting) - Other category suggested by host club and approved by Programs and Regulations Committee - Flowers - Photography - Sewing - Woodworking - Collection
f.	Articles will be judged based on the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 take place on the Friday of Rally.
b.	The competition is open to all participants aged 10 – 25 years old as well as 6 - 9 year-olds from the host club.
c.	Each class will be 12 minutes, unless otherwise indicated.

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d.	This is an individual effort. Any participant(s) caught talking will receive a warning, and if caught a second time during that particular class, their card will be destroyed for that class. Any participants caught cheating will have their cards destroyed for that class.
e.	Participants present at the Rally must judge all classes.
f.	<p>JUDGING COMPETITION CLASSES: 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>
g.	Leaders/adults assigned to a judging group must stay with their group the entirety of the judging competition.

6. Fitting Competition:

a.	Only one team per club may be entered in each section i.e. Dairy/Beef/or Sheep if sufficient number of animals can be made available by host club. All animals provided will be halter broke and all dairy heifers will be of the same breed. Note that each participating beef team must provide their own animal and fitting rack.
b.	Clubs may put one team in each section but only one will count. The team counting for points must be decided and indicated on the club registration form.
c.	The time allotted per dairy team is 60 minutes. 5 minutes to look over the animal and 55 minutes preparation.
d.	In the event the sheep is not clipped, teams will be allotted 5 minutes to look over the animal and 40 minutes for fitting.
e.	Teams will consist of a maximum of three participants.
f.	Only one of the participants may be 21 years of age or over, as of the first of January of that year.
g.	No outside help is allowed; only the three participants may confer. Infractions will result in disqualification by the time-keeper.
h.	Participants are allowed to use the contents of one show box. The Box will be open for the judge to see, he/she may ask questions on the contents. All equipment including an extension cord should be supplied by the team.
i.	Each team will have access to one electrical outlet.
j.	If any breaker blows, there will be a time delay for someone to return the power
k.	Participants are not allowed to leave the fitting area after the time has started.
l.	Fitting on the head or below the hock will NOT be judged.
m.	For Sheep – there will be no electric clippers used, only hand shears. The animals will not have too much wool; “about one inch”.
n.	For Beef- Optional to use clippers, glue, and paint. The time allocated for the beef fitting competition is 5 minutes to look over the animal and 30 minutes to fit.

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o.	<p>SCORING BREAKDOWN Each team will be judged as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/20</td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">1.) Team Work:</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation amongst team members - Politeness - All team members involved </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/15</td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">2.) Knowledge</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of equipment - Use of sprays and supplies - Analyzing conformation of the animal </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/25</td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">3.) Skill</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clipping - Use of hair (wool) - Fitting Job </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/25</td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">4.) Overall result</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most improvement of animal - Corrected weaknesses - General appearance </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/10</td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">5.) Safety</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with animal - Working with equipment - Personal dress - Attention to surroundings </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">/5</td> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">6.) Use of time</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best use of time allowed - Animal ready to show at end of time </td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">/100 total possible marks</p>	/20	1.) Team Work:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation amongst team members - Politeness - All team members involved 	/15	2.) Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of equipment - Use of sprays and supplies - Analyzing conformation of the animal 	/25	3.) Skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clipping - Use of hair (wool) - Fitting Job 	/25	4.) Overall result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most improvement of animal - Corrected weaknesses - General appearance 	/10	5.) Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with animal - Working with equipment - Personal dress - Attention to surroundings 	/5	6.) Use of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best use of time allowed - Animal ready to show at end of time
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p.	ONLY exhibiting 4-H members in good standing may fit animals.																		

7. Costume Class:

a.	Clubs may enter more than one entry; however, they must specify which counts for points prior to entering the ring.
b.	Each entry must contain an animal. Clubs without livestock may borrow an animal from another club, but it is suggested that these arrangements be made before Rally.
c.	<p>Each entry should meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum 1 participant aged 10 – 25 years. No limit on total number of participants. 2. Minimum 1 animal per club, maximum 3 animals. 3. At least 1 animal must be costumed. 4. All participants must be costumed. 5. Costumes must comply with current Rally theme. <p>Each criterion met will award the club 10 points.</p>

8. 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 close of registration on Thursday.
b.	Participants may register a maximum of 2 livestock projects.

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c.	Animals will be checked by a vet(s) chosen by the host club as they are getting off the trucks; any animals with contagious diseases (a disease that can spread from one animal to another through direct or indirect contact) and any animals missing their ATQ tags (or the equivalent identification) will be sent home. The decision to send the animal home will be made by the chosen vet(s), and their decision is final. If a participant's animal is sent home, they may still participate in Rally, but may not participate in an animal project (taking another animal is not allowed).
d.	All animals must be tagged with a provincial traceability tag.
e.	Animals, with the exception of nursing beef calves for which special arrangements can be made, must arrive between 1pm-4pm on the Thursday of Rally and must remain in their place until after the banquet on the Saturday night. If animals are not on site by 4pm, it will be up to the member(s) to pay for the vet to return. Requests to arrive late or leave early must be addressed to the Executive Committee at least 10 days prior to the first day of Rally. Failure to do so would result in total individual point loss obtained throughout the weekend. This also means that the club will not receive the points from the penalised individual. All animals must be moved out by 11 a.m. Sunday.
f.	A vet will be available (on call) if needed but the member is liable for all expenses.
g.	To be considered an official livestock competition, there must be at least 3 animals of that project type.
h.	The dairy judge must be accredited. The suggestions and final choice must come from the official judges list.
i.	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.
j.	Showmanship classes will be divided into the following age intervals: 6-9, 10-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-21, 22-25.
k.	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.
l.	<p>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.</p> <p>BEEF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All purebred/full blood heifers must have registration papers - All purebred/full blood beef must be tattooed or branded <p>DAIRY:</p> <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 <p>SHEEP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All animals must have registration certificates - Any animals without papers will be shown in a grade class <p>GOATS:</p> <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 <p>DRAFT HORSES:</p> <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 <p>LIGHT HORSES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration certificates must be provided at registration

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A photo showing all markings must be sent in with registration for any animals that are not registered - Coggins test mandatory - 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 - **All poultry classes are cancelled for Rally 2024 <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 <p>*Castrated animals are allowed to be shown at Rally 2023.</p>
m.	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.

9. Dress Code:

a.	<p>All participants must wear a show shirt as well as</p> <p>Beef – jeans or black pants</p> <p>Dairy – white pants</p> <p>Sheep – black pants</p> <p>Meat Goats – black pants</p> <p>Dairy goats – white pants</p> <p>Horses, draft and light – black pants</p> <p>Rabbits – white pants</p> <p>Poultry – white pants</p> <p>Swine - white Pants</p>
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10. Points Systems 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, 1 st 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, 1 st 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.	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). 25 bonus points will be given to participants for each additional project they do.

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11. Points Systems for Group Competitions:

a.	Barn Display: Each club will place its animals in a designated space for the duration of the Rally. These club spaces will be judged 40% for cleanliness, 25% general appearance, 25% theme and 10% courtesy. Decorations will be encouraged, but judges will be looking for quality, rather than quantity. Based on total marks, clubs will be ranked and given points descending by 5 points per placing, 1 st place being 100 points.
b.	Fitting Competition: Teams will be ranked with others fitting the same breed based on total marks. 100 points will be awarded for 1st place, 90 for 2nd and so on with points descending by 10 points per placing.
c.	Costume Class: Teams will be awarded 10 points for each criterion met, up to a maximum of 50 points. No partial points will be awarded.
d.	Club Aggregate: This will be computed by taking the club's top 5 individual aggregate scores (12 – 25 years old), barn display, costume class, and designated fitting score.
e.	Bonus Points: Clubs will be awarded 10 points for each different project category the club enters up to a maximum of 30 points.

Any unforeseen circumstances will be dealt with by Executive Committee members that are not directly in conflict.

Parents/leaders/chaperones may be kicked off the grounds for inappropriate behaviour.