

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR
SWINE PROJECT**



1. Swine project includes:

Unit I - Fed Hog

Member to select a quality gilt or barrow and raise it to a finished market weight for Achievement Day. Member to learn basic swine feeding, husbandry, showmanship, grooming and judging, and will exhibit the live animal on Achievement Day.

Unit II - Breeding Gilt

Member to select and raise a purebred or quality crossbred gilt as breeding stock. Member to learn basic swine feeding, husbandry, showmanship, grooming and judging, and will exhibit animal on Achievement Day. (This project may be continued as Unit III the following year.)

Unit III - Yearling Sow

Member to raise previous year's breeding gilt. Members to learn basic swine feeding, husbandry, and record keeping and will exhibit sow on Achievement Day. (This project may be continued as Unit IV the following year.)

Unit IV - Two Year Old Sow

Member to raise previous year's sow. In this unit, the member will learn basic swine feeding, husbandry, and record keeping and will exhibit project on Achievement Day.

Unit V - Feeder Hog Project (Senior Management)

The member is to raise at least 6 feeder hogs to market weight and gain an appreciation of pork grading and marketing. (It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project. Senior Management projects must have records kept for 12 months. Project may include a research component to fulfill the 12 month time requirement.)

Unit VI - Sow and Litter (Senior Management)

The member is to raise at least 3 sows to farrow during the project year. The member studies and researches aspects of the commercial pork industry, particularly as it relates to farrowing operations. (It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project. Senior Management projects must have records kept for 12 months. Project may include a research component to fulfill the 12 month time requirement.)

Unit VII - Market Hog

Member to select a quality feeder hog and raise to market weight, to be shown on Achievement Day. The carcass is to be graded and/or evaluated at time of slaughter. The member is to inspect the carcass, obtain relevant information on marketing and grading, and gain an appreciation of swine marketing and swine information promotion to the consumer.

Unit VIII - Senior Management

The member is to select, upon approval of the club leader, a project of interest to the member related to the swine project. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project.

Completion of one 10-12 month project is required for Achievement. Project may include a research component to fulfill the 10-12 month time requirement.

Possible projects could be:

- Swine housing systems.
- Feed comparison trial.
- Marketing of pigs and pork.
- An evaluation of careers in the swine industry through summer jobs and job shadowing.
- A study on the effects of slaughterhouse facilities on meat quality

2. Animals in all units must be the property of the club member or his/her family, or if by other arrangement, such as leasing, only on a sound written basis.
3. All animals must be properly identified by tattoo at least 90 days prior to Achievement Day.
4. Each 4-H animal must be kept on the property where the member resides unless specific permission is granted by the club leader and members, to keep it elsewhere.
5. The club member is expected to follow recommended practices of feeding and management.
6. A club member must personally feed and care for his animal(s) for at least three months prior to Club Achievement Day.
7. All swine must be the progeny of and all sows must be bred to a purebred or approved sire.
8. On the death of an animal, or in the event of incurable sickness or serious permanent injury so as to render the animal totally unfit to be maintained as a swine club project, a member must notify the Club Leader at once. At the discretion of the Club Leader, and by a motion of authorization from the club membership, a member may apply to replace his/her animal with another of the same age and weight.
 - (i) The District 4-H Council must approve this change at least 30 days prior to Club Achievement Day.
 - (ii) There will be no substitution of animals under any circumstances after the 30-day deadline.
 - (iii) A District 4-H Council committee reserves the right to inspect the animal. This committee may seek the advice of a veterinarian.
9. Each 4-H family should in addition to this publication have 4-H Publication #150, "BRITISH COLUMBIA GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR 4-H CLUBS".



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
GENERAL REGULATIONS
FOR 4-H CLUBS**



All 4-H Projects are divided into a “Unit” classification and specific regulations governing individual projects should be carefully reviewed by the Club Leader and the club member.

1. Boys and girls who have reached their **6th** birthday by January 1st of the 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their **22nd** birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, are eligible for membership in a 4-H club, based upon the following:
 - (A) **Cloverbud Project** for 6, 7 and 8 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 6th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year. (See Cloverbud Project Regulations #6301 for specific unit guidelines.)
 - (B) **4-H Projects (general)** for 9 to 19 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year. (See 4-H project specific regulations for specific unit requirements.)
 - (C) **Specialty Projects:**
 1. **4-H 20 & 21 Year Olds** – Young adults who have reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [20, 21 year old 4-H members] may take only the following projects: Junior Leader Project, and/or Self Determined Project, and/or Senior Management unit in a Project.
 2. **B.C. 4-H Ambassadors** – Young adults who have reached their 16th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [16 -21 year old 4-H members] and who meet the requirements of / be selected as a B.C. 4-H Ambassador, will enroll in a Self-Determined project. (See B.C. 4-H Ambassador Program application form for details (B.C. 4-H Pub. #129). B.C. 4-H Ambassadors must be selected through a regional process.
2. A 4-H Club Shall:
 - (A) Consist of not less than six members between the ages of 6 – 21.
 - (B) Have one or more registered 4-H Leaders.
 - (C) Have an official 4-H club sponsor.
3. An existing 4-H club must enroll annually by **March 1st** to the District 4-H Key Leader. District Key Leaders have until **March 15th** for completed 4-H club enrollments and club assessment fees to be received by B.C. 4-H Provincial Council. **Please note:** As of 2007, 365-day enrolment is available for new member, new leader, or new club enrollment after March 1st for the first year of enrollment. 365-day enrollment must be forwarded to the B.C. 4-H Office and Key Leaders are to be advised by the leaders. The required number of days from start of a project to the 4-H Club’s Achievement Day is as specific regulations for each project.
4. Members may choose to enroll in a **maximum of four units** in one 4-H year, from a **maximum of four projects**.
 - “Project” is beef, clothing, junior leadership, self-determined, etc.
 - “Unit” is Unit, 1, 2, 3, etc. of each Project.
 - At the time of enrollment, members must select and identify the particular unit(s) they wish to enroll in.
 - A 4-H member may only be enrolled in the same unit once in a 4-H year.
5. A 4-H Club should endeavour to have a minimum of four members enrolling in any one project. A lesser number completing at Achievement Day will **not** eliminate them from achievement.

6. Each 4-H project must be inspected **at least once** by the club leader or someone designated by the leader, during the course of the project.
7. Only an animal or an article that is properly identified as a 4-H project and is an enrolled unit, shall be eligible to enter a 4-H Club Achievement Day, and appropriate 4-H Event classes and competitions at fairs, exhibitions, shows and sales.
 - (A) 4-H livestock projects are subject to identification check on Achievement Day, and 4-H Events. Projects must be the same as that identified on project identification forms. Incorrect identification will result in 4-H member being subject to enrollment suspension.
 - (B) A 4-H member is not allowed 4-H show rights of an animal after the sale of the animal.
8. A club member must maintain current records of costs and management of the 4-H project. A Record Book must be kept for each unit the member is enrolled in.
9. All club members, except those enrolled in units specifically designated not to be, must exhibit their project at the Achievement Day of the club and complete their record books by the deadline set by the leader in order that they may get credit for a year's achievement. Units that do not have to be shown on Achievement Day, such as multi-livestock projects and senior management projects, should either be:
 - (A) Exhibited at a senior member field day, etc.; or
 - (B) Inspected at home by the leader or someone designated by the leader.
10. Achievement certificates are awarded on the basis of work done by the club member throughout the entire year. Scoring is done by the club leader and/or designated person, based upon the following three categories:
 1. **MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - An assessment to determine achievement of unit level standard of husbandry and care for livestock projects, or project work and skill for non-livestock projects.
 2. **COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - A member must show his/her completed project at Achievement Day.
 3. **COMPLETION OF RECORD BOOK:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - A member must satisfactorily complete a project record book and turn it in to a club leader.

Note: Those members receiving “satisfactory” in all three areas will be awarded an Achievement Certificate.

Refer questions on the interpretation of any 4-H Club Regulation to your **4-H Key Leader**

or: **B.C. 4-H Provincial Council**

2743 – 30th Street, Vernon, B.C. V1T 5C6

Toll Free: 1-866-776-0373 Email: mail@bc4h.bc.ca

Website: www.bc4h.bc.ca

Background Information to General and Specific 4-H Regulations

General and Specific 4-H Regulations are for each individual 4-H member and individual 4-H Club to complete a 4-H year and achieve. (They are not designed to be used across or between any two 4-H members or 4-H Clubs competing or achieving at an inter-club event or competition.)

General Regulations are provincial 4-H policy governing each/all 4-H members/Clubs.

