## Cortland County Jr. Fair Youth Code of Conduct

All Youth exhibitors must read the following with their parents/guardian. To participate in youth activities at the Cortland County Jr. Fair, exhibitors and parents/guardians must sign and attach this document to youth entry forms at time of registration.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that participating in the Cortland County Jr. Fair is a privilege. Many people have worked hard to provide this opportunity for me. I am representing myself, my family, my community, and the organizations with which I participate. As such, I agree to:

1.) Be courteous, helpful, and respectful of others, including adult supervisors, fellow youth participants, evaluators, and the public.

2.) Be respectful of and help maintain the Cortland County Fairgrounds.

3.) Be respectful of and show appreciation toward 4-H program staff, Cortland County Agricultural Corporation staff, adult advisors and superintendents.

4.) Respect the personal privacy of all others.

5.) Cooperate with the 4-H program staff's, Cortland County Agricultural Corporation staff's, and superintendent's leadership. Contact appropriate staff or superintendent to report any issue or conflict.

In the interest of everyone's safety and personal comfort, Cortland County Jr. Fair strictly prohibits the Following:

1.) Possession of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, weapons, or illicit drugs.

2.) Possession of unapproved medications (Please have a parent/guardian inform your chaperone/superintendent of any required medications you may have).

3.) Playing of loud or inappropriate music (all music must be played at a low volume and must be appropriate for all age levels).

4.) Engaging in inappropriate displays of affection.

5.) Using inappropriate language or gestures.

6.) Mocking, bullying, or harming the physical or emotional wellbeing of another.

7.) Wearing inappropriate clothing (Clothing that is revealing, displays obscene pictures/language, or advertises drugs, tobacco, or alcohol is NOT permitted).

8.) Visiting sleeping areas of any member of the opposite gender.

9.) Enclosed tents are not permitted in the barn.

10). Use of any loud noise making devices (i.e. snappers, poppers, bang snaps, etc ) in any animal area is not allowed.

## To make the Cortland County Jr. Fair run smoothly, Youth must:

1). Attend and participate in animal exhibitor orientation.

2.) Only youth exhibiting animals at the Cortland County Jr. Fair may stay in the dairy barn overnight. Youth staying overnight <u>must</u> stay in the dairy barn with an approved chaperone. Any youth staying in a camper must also be registered and staying with an approved chaperone. Sleeping in cars is not allowed. Tents outside the barn are not allowed, unless accompanied by parent or approved chaperone.

3.) Abide by curfews as assigned by advisors and superintendents. Exhibitors must be in bed with lights out by this designated time. Be quiet and considerate of others when they wish to sleep.

## Because Youth Exhibitors are representing Cortland County Agriculture, Animal Exhibitors Must:

1.) Keep their animals on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair, with the exception of market animals that are sent to be processed after the auction.

2.) Keep their animals clean at all times.

- 3.) Keep their animal pens/housing area neat, with aisles raked.
- 4.) Keep obstacles out of walkways between animal pens.
- 5.) Be willing to answer questions to educate the public.

Youth found not abiding by the above rules and standards will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and will forfeit premiums. Removal of their animals will be the responsibility of their family. Any cost incurred as a result of damaged property will be paid by the offender and his/her parents/guardians. Youth who break public laws will be dismissed from the program and will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities. Youth exhibitors caught drinking alcohol will forfeit premiums, will be sent home immediately, and will not be allowed to exhibit at the Cortland County Jr. Fair the following year. The Cortland County Fair Director has the authority to enact any further disciplinary measures which could include, but not limited to, appearance before a county disciplinary review board, restricted participation in future youth/4-H activities, and losing the privilege to represent Cortland County at the NYS Fair.

I have read and understand this Code of Conduct, I agree to abide by it and understand the consequences if I choose not to:

(Youth Signature)	(Parent/Guardian Signature)	(Date)
Contact Information for parent/guardians:		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	Cell Phone:	