

Pottawatomie County Farm Hand Olympics

- Registration for this event will begin at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 3 at the Shawnee Exposition Center in the south end of the Fred Humphrey Building, with competition beginning at 6:30.
- This will be a recreational event, designed to involve 4-H and FFA members, as well as educate these students about farm safety.
- Participants for this event will consist of four-member teams representing the Pottawatomie County senior 4-H members and/or FFA programs in the county. **There will be a maximum of 20 teams competing this year.**
- Teams do not necessarily need to be comprised of individuals exclusively from a particular school, or exclusively 4-H or FFA members. As long as the team members are members of a Pottawatomie County FFA program or are a Pottawatomie County senior 4-H member, they can assemble a team.
- **All teams must register for the event by 6:30pm.** At the registration table, each team member will receive a number and a letter (A,B,C, or D). The member's number will indicate which team the competitor is playing for, and the letter will correspond to the individual event that member will participate in. The contestant will receive an index card with the number and letter to pin on the back of his or her shirt. Each team member will compete in one individual competition, as well as the final event of a relay competition. No member may participate in more than one individual event. The sum score of a team's four individual events and the team relay will be the final determination for the contest winners.
- Scoring for each individual event and the relay will be awarded with respect to placing. 125 points will be awarded to the 1st place individual in each event. Each following placing will be reduced by 5 points. Ex: 2nd – 120 pts, 3rd – 115 pts, etc. In the case of a tie following the entire competition, the tie-breaker will be determined by the team with the better time in the final relay.
- County Young Farmers and Ranchers members, volunteers from Pottawatomie County Farm Bureau, and other appointed representatives will serve as the scorekeepers for all contests.

- Individual events are as follows:
 - 1) Dummy Steer Roping
 - 2) Sunflower Seed Spitting
 - 3) Horse Shoe Toss
 - 4) Corn Javelin Throw
- **Dummy Steer Roping:** Participants will have five chances each to toss a lariat rope around a dummy steer head from a given distance. Two practice tosses will be given to start each turn. Five points will be awarded for a correct toss around the horns, three points for a toss around the neck, and one point will be awarded for a toss around only one horn. Two rounds will be played, with the sum of the scores in both rounds counting toward the placing.
- **Sunflower Seed Spitting:** Participants in this contest will each receive ten sunflower seeds and will have ten chances to spit their seeds the farthest. The seed that travels the farthest distance will be awarded as their score.
- **Horse Shoe Toss:** Participants in this contest will get twelve chances to toss a horse shoe a distance to ten feet at a stake. Five points will be awarded for a ringer, three points for a leaner, and one point for each shoe that rests within seven inches of the stake. Two warm-up throws will be given to each participant.
- **Corn Javelin Throw:** Contestants will be provided with a pile of corn stalks. Each competitor will throw three corn javelins. The final resting point of the farthest thrown corn stalk, within the established boundaries, will be recorded as the contestant's score. The farthest distance will be awarded the maximum points. There will be 2 rounds.

In the event of ties within the individual competitions, the participants with the same scores will be awarded an equal amount of points toward their team score. If the tie is for first place, the competitors will compete head-to-head to determine a winner.

- While the score keeping committee is collecting the scores, an Oklahoma Farm Bureau farm safety representative will make a presentation to students about general farm safety.

The final competition will be a relay race for each four member team. The race will be timed, and the team who completes all four parts of the race with the fastest time will receive 1st place. The same scoring will be used as in the individual

events, except 1st place will be worth 190 points, 2nd – 185 points, etc. Two teams will compete simultaneously. Legs of the relay race include:

- 1) The first two contestants will begin by putting a cow bell around one of their necks. This cowbell must be transferred to each team member throughout the race before the next contestant can begin their leg of the race. The first leg will consist of the first two competitors rolling a tractor tire around the team's entire course. Gloves must also be worn for this activity.
 - 2) The Third contestant will put on the cow bell. The competitor must then hop in a gunny sack in a weaving pattern through the hay bales from a start line to a finish line and then straight back again.
 - 3) The final team member, once the cowbell is in place, will take the six hay bales and stack them between the designated flags at the end of the course as they are shown.
- General questions about this event can be directed to Josh Grundmann, Pottawatomie County YF&R Member, at 405-623-2973.
 - Results will be announced during the fair awards assembly at 6:00 Saturday evening, and premiums will be disbursed with the other awards on Sunday.