

**Florida 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY  
Judging Rubric**

Division - Class

Name

County/Club

| Possible Points   | 4  | 3   | 2  | 1   | PTs                         | Comments |
|---|--|---|--|---|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>Required Elements</b><br>(4)   | Photo release/label statement completed and legible.   | Photo release/label statement completed but not legible   | Photo release/label statement incomplete but legible   | Photo release/label statement incomplete.                   |                             |          |
| <b>Focus</b> (4)<br>Sharpness quality of subject  | Sharp focus of subject   | Good focus of subject   | Focus marginal in subject  | Blurry focus of subject                                     |                             |          |
| <b>Lighting</b> (4)<br>Illumination of subject  | Light is used to produce a desired emotion and <u>greatly</u> achieves this through visibility, clarity and texture <i>without creating unwanted</i> | Use of light is adequate, perhaps not exactly achieving a desired emotion. May have some unwanted shadows.                | The photo is dark, underexposed. Could have added „fill flash“ to remedy somewhat  | Light causes the photo to be overexposed. Difficult to fix. |                             |          |
| <b>Subject</b><br>(4)<br>Subject used to deliver a message in a creative way                          | It is obvious who or what the subject is. <i>all of</i> the “rules” of composition and lighting to emphasis the subject.                             | It is obvious who or what the subject is. <i>some of</i> the “rules” of composition and lighting to emphasis the subject. | It is <i>unclear</i> who or what the subject is. <i>at least one of</i> the “rules” of composition and lighting) but <i>does not</i> | Photo does not seem to have a subject.                      |                             |          |
| <b>Composition</b> (4)<br>The pleasing selection and arrangement of subjects within the picture area. | Photos are simple and uncluttered<br>The Rule of Thirds is used as a guide for placement of the subject in the photo.                                | Photos are simple and uncluttered<br>The Rule of Thirds is not necessarily followed, but at least the subject is          | Photos are cluttered,<br>Subject is in the center of the photo.  | Photos seem to lack in purpose.                             |                             |          |
| <b>Impact &amp; Creativity</b> (4)  | WOW factor; unique   | Caught attention; shows merit   | Acceptable; common   | Not remarkable; lacks imagination                           |                             |          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> (24)   | <b>Award One</b>   | <b>Blue Ribbon</b><br>(24-22 points)  | <b>Red Ribbon</b><br>(21-20 points)  | <b>White Ribbon</b><br>(19-17 points)                       | <b>Total Points Earned:</b> |          |