

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE JUNIOR FAIR

Junior Fair Membership: Any youth belonging to any of the following organizations in Auglaize County:

1. 4-H Clubs
2. FFA Chapters or Vocational Agriculture classes
3. FCCLA Chapters, Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences, Family and Consumer Sciences classes
4. Juvenile Granges
5. Farm Bureau Youth
6. Boy and Girl Scout Troops

Junior Fair Eligibility: Youth who comply with the rules of the Junior Fair as given in this book and are regularly enrolled in any of the above named organizations are eligible to show with the exception that FFA members living in Auglaize County but enrolled in an out of county school may show when the chapter provides one adult advisor and one superintendent to the fair.

Age Limitations for Junior Fair Exhibitors: To participate in any Auglaize County Junior Fair activities, a person must comply with the following maximum age requirement that states that any youth must not have passed his or her 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year. Members turning 19 on January 1 of the current year will be eligible for that year's fair.

Parking Regulations: A vehicle pass is necessary to enter the fairgrounds. There is no parking around the barns.

Fire Lane: All buildings housing livestock will have lanes 30' wide at all exits with no parking in this area. These lanes may be used for delivery and pick up but no parking. Fire lanes will be marked and vehicles parking in this area will be towed away.

Premium Payment: All Junior Fair premiums will be paid at pre-fair judging or during fair week. Members not receiving their premium at the designated time must request the premium payment by completing a form. The form is submitted to the Junior Fair office by noon Thursday of the fair. Requested premiums not picked up during the fair will be put in the 4-H club packets the last day of fair. Members not picking up premiums at the designated time or requesting them during the fair will not receive premium money.

Fair Passes: Junior Fair passes will be issued to members through the advisors. Advisors will receive the passes prior to the fair and will distribute the passes to the members prior to the first day of the fair. Only members exhibiting in the fair should receive a fair pass.

RULES ON ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS

GENERAL RULES:

1. All livestock entries, including showmanship, must be made by the exhibitor online by July 1. FFA Shop & Crop entries should be made by the exhibitor with their ag teacher. No one can exhibit in any livestock (including dogs) or FFA class without entry. There are no entries required in the 4-H Special Interest, Clothing, Foods and Nutrition departments.

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1. If entries are submitted between July 2 and July 8, there will be a \$10.00 cash fee per entry, regardless of reasons or lateness. If entries are submitted between on July 9 or after, there late \$25.00 cash late fee per entry, regardless of reason or lateness. The entry will not be official until the fine is paid in full in cash. Late entry fee information will be submitted to the Junior Fair Board along with the cash fee.

These rules apply to showmanship entries. No showmanship entries will be accepted during the fair.

2. Exhibits must be on the grounds by the following times to receive

premiums unless granted permission for late arrival:

- a. FFA Shop & Crop - Friday, July 31, 11:00 a.m.
- b. 4-H Booths - Monday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.
- c. School Booths - Monday August 3, 8:00 a.m.
- d. Livestock - Saturday, August 1, 8:00 a.m.

3. All livestock projects exhibited must have been owned and cared for by the individual exhibitor on and after May 15 of the current year.

Exceptions:

Steers – ownership date is the original scheduled date of winter weigh-in

Yearling horses - ownership date is January 1 of current year

Market rabbits - ownership date is June 20 of current year

Broilers - ownership date is June 30 of the current year

Ownership of any animal will be considered lost if, after May 15 of the current year, the animal has been consigned or through any auction or any other type of transaction. If questions regarding ownership arise the exhibitor will be asked to produce any of the following: registration papers, bill of sale, or valid receipt. Leasing is acceptable in the dairy and horse departments only.

Tampering or misrepresentation as to the breeding, age, ownership, and other irregularity in showing will be exposed and any premiums, trophies, awards, or sale money won by the exhibitor may be withheld.

FFA members may show in only one Junior Fair as an FFA member regardless of location of member or Chapter. FFA recommends that a member exhibit in the county the Chapter is located rather than residence of the individual. 4-H members may show in only one Junior Fair as a 4-H member. 4-H member will exhibit in the county of 4-H membership. A member could show as a 4-H member in one county, as a FFA member in another county, but the member must carry separate animals and projects. The following are recognized by the Junior Fair as separate projects: Dairy Herd Management (cows in production) and Dairy Heifer not milking; Sheep Breeding and Market Lamb; Beef Breeding and Steer; Swine Breeding and Market Hog (not a part of a breeding litter).

To be eligible for Junior Fair premiums and awards each exhibitor must have in his/her possession that official project that he/she is taking, and the exhibitor must feed, train, groom this same animal (or animals) from the time the project starts until it is completed.

4. Since fair participation is optional, the Junior Fair Board is not responsible for the lost, stolen or damaged items.

5. All exhibits must be the same the member carried as projects. A member may not enter in a department in which they do not have an official project. If unauthorized substitution is attempted all premiums and other privileges of the exhibitor will be forfeited.

6. Entries in each class are limited to two per individual except where stated in class rules.

7. Entries are free if confined to junior classes.

8. Exhibitors must show their own project. The exceptions are: a family emergency, one member with two animals in the same class, a member is showing in two departments and the classes are running simultaneously, a member is physically incapacitated and unable to show. In a case of emergency during the judging, the board can approve an alternate showman immediately. In all situations, the second showman must be an Auglaize County Junior Fair member. All exceptions must be approved by the Junior Fair Board prior to show or judging.

9. The privilege is reserved to combine classes in case of lack of entries.

10. Any exhibitor showing misconduct or poor showmanship in the show ring, show area, or animal barns will have full forfeiture of premium to that division by decision of the Junior Fair Board.

11. The Junior Fair Board requests that all junior fair exhibitors observe the designated arrival and dismissal times. Animals coming from another fair must obtain permission from department superintendents for earlier arrival. Junior Fair Board holds the right to remove any exhibitor who

violates the arrival time. Anyone failing to comply with the arrival or dismissal times without acceptable reason or prior approval will be fined \$50.00, payable in cash by December 1 of the current year. If an exhibitor fails to pay their fine, they will be ineligible for placings the following year. The Junior Fair Board reserves the right to contact show officials to confirm entry, arrival and dismissal times.

In cases of sickness or other emergency situations, written notice must be given to Junior Fair Board before any animal can leave the grounds.

12. Due to conflicting dates with the Ohio State Fair, every effort will be made to allow early release so youth may show at both fairs. Exhibitors planning to show at both fairs should notify the Junior Fair Board to avoid penalty.

In the case of state fair livestock entries, projects of the exhibitor(s) and immediate family members may be released early if prior approval is granted by the Junior Fair Board. Proof of state fair entry must accompany the request. The Junior Fair Board reserves the right to contact show officials to confirm entry, arrival and dismissal times. For all other departments, members participating in state fair will be granted an early release for their project only.

Still projects exhibited in the Exhibit and FFA Buildings must be signed out in the Junior Fair Board office when leaving for the Ohio State Fair. Projects may be signed out no more than 24 hours prior to the state fair judging date.

13. All exhibits and stall assignments will be determined by the department superintendents and assigned prior to the fair. All exhibitors shall abide by these assignments. Exhibitors needing special stall or pen arrangements must submit these requests with their fair entries by July 1. Requests after July 1 may be considered but not accommodated. Exhibitors moving assignments without prior approval, will be required to move back to their original assigned area. Exhibitors refusing to abide by the Junior Fair Board's assignment will be asked to remove their projects from the fairgrounds.

14. All junior fair livestock must be housed in their assigned pens, including overnight. Beef animals may be housed overnight in the designated tie out area. Market animals must be in their correct pens during tagging and loadout. Violations will result in a \$25.00 fine being deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

15. **PROTEST POLICY:** Protests must be made in writing, signed by party making protest and filed with the Executive Committee of the Junior Fair board by noon of the day following the award. This written protest must be accompanied by a protest fee of **\$100.00** in cash which will be retained by the Junior Fair board if protest is not sustained. The Executive Committee shall hear protests with the superintendent of the department involved.

AGRICULTURE RULES:

1. Livestock health requirements for the Junior Fair are the same as for open class exhibitors (see rules and regulations for the open class). Health certificates are to be presented to the veterinarian in charge.

2. To be eligible for Junior Fair Livestock Sale, a market animal must have been shown in the appropriate market class in the Junior Fair.

3. **Livestock substitution policy:** If a project animal dies or is physically impaired and cannot be shown safely, another animal may be substituted. The Junior Fair Board must be notified of and approve of all substitutions. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of premiums. The substituted animal may be shown only for a project grade, no placings or awards. Substituted animals may place in showmanship classes. Market animals will be registered in an individual child's name and may not be transferred to a sibling after that time. Transfer to another exhibitor, including a sibling, sibling would be considered a substitution and above rule would apply.

4. Exhibits must be kept clean. Periodic checks will be made by superintendent in charge. All feeding and cleaning is to be done by 10:00 a.m. daily. Dirty pens will be tagged and conditions corrected. Cleaning cannot be done during shows and sales. Exhibitors not cleaning their pens during or after the fair will be fined \$50.00, payable in cash by

December 1 of the current year. Each pen left unclean after the conclusion of the fair on Sunday by 12:00pm will be assigned a \$50 fine to the corresponding exhibitor(s). If an exhibitor fails to pay any of these fines, they will be ineligible for placings the following year.

5. Exhibitors must care for their animals until the animals are loaded off the fairgrounds. For market animals, if it is determined at load out that the animal has lacked food and/or water, a penalty will be deducted from the value of the animal: \$25.00 for steers, lambs, goats and hogs, \$10.00 for rabbits and poultry. This decision will be made by the packer and representatives from the Sale Committee. For breeding animals, if it is determined that the animal has lacked food and/or water, the exhibitor will not receive a fair pass the following year. This will be the decision of the Junior and Senior Fair Board superintendents of the department.

6. Pens may not be cleaned while the sale animals are being loaded out to the packers. Violators will be fined \$30.00.

7. Grade livestock will show with the breed they must closely resemble unless otherwise noted.

8. For further information governing Junior Fair, see rules under the separate Junior Fair division.

9. During junior shows and sales, exhibitors must wear long pants or skirts (no shorts). Tops should cover the shoulder area, no tops with straps are permitted. Junior fair exhibitors shall not wear farm shirts or shirts with any advertising while showing in the junior shows or sales, 4-H club and FFA chapter shirts are permitted. No hats are permitted, except for those designated by individual departments. The Junior Fair reserves the right to ask exhibitors to change clothing that they feel is offensive or inappropriate.

10. There are no weight limits imposed for sale purposes. There will be weight limits for the following market animals for show purposes only:

- Steers - 900 pounds and over
- Hogs - 220 pounds and over
- Lambs - 90 pounds and over
- Broilers - 4 pounds and over per bird
- Rabbits - 4 pounds and over per rabbit
- Goats, dairy and Boer - 40 pounds and over
- Turkeys - 20 pounds and over

Under weight classes will be placed 1 through 5 **BUT** will not be eligible to compete for champion. Only animals meeting the above weight requirements will be eligible for champion.

11. No junior fair livestock are permitted in the midway area or in the campgrounds. Animals should be walked back in the livestock barn area only.

12. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, awards or sale money won by such exhibitor will be withheld.

To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock shows, the Auglaize County Junior Fair Board, reserves the right to disqualify any animal that has been fitted in an unethical manner. Unethical fitting means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide (neutral coloring only may be used), to add artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair, or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture. First time offense, violators will receive a letter of warning from the Ag Society. For subsequent offenses by the same violators, all animals, and the exhibitors involved, giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition at the Auglaize County Junior Fair.

Should fraud or deception, and deception, and proof, as determined by the Auglaize County Junior Fair Board, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line shall move up.

Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal or carcass returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will move up.

13. If any Junior Fair project animal is suspected of being abused, malnourished or mistreated; the Junior Fair Board reserves the right to have the animal inspected by the fair veterinarian. If the veterinarian determines that the animal has been mistreated, the animal will be disqualified from competition.

14. Any exhibitor pulling their animal from competition once they have entered the show area or any exhibitor who stood first or second in their class does not return for the championship class, the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show and will forfeit all premiums and awards won at the current year's fair.

15. The drenching of any livestock at the Auglaize Co. Fair is prohibited. Should a violation be discovered, the violator will be punished under rule 12 (above) of the General Agriculture Rules.

16. Members exhibiting market steers, hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits, turkeys, broilers and lactating goats and dairy cattle must participate in a Quality Assurance program or test out of the program prior to June 10. Members, ages 8 to 11 (as of January 1 of the current year), must attend a quality assurance program. Members, ages 8 to 11 (as of January 1 of the current year), enrolled for the first time in a QA required project, must have a parent attend a quality assurance program with them. Members may attend a production animal quality assurance program, which is species sponsored - a certificate must be issued in the junior fair member's name. A copy of this certificate must be filed by June 10. If a parent is required to attend they must submit proof of attendance as well. Members, 12 years and older (as of January 1 of the current year), including those enrolled for the first time in a QA required project, may choose to attend a program or use the test out option. Members not completing this requirement will not be allowed to enter into the Junior Fair.

17. Exhibitors will follow these rules for bedding:

Beef and Dairy - wood products will be furnished for \$10 per animal. No dyed products may be used.

All other species - wood shavings. No dyed products or mulch may be used. Goat and sheep exhibitors may request permission from the department chair to use straw.

If unacceptable products are used, the exhibitor will be given one notification by the Junior Fair Board to replace the bedding with acceptable materials. If the problem is not corrected after 24 hours, the exhibitor will be fined \$25 per day per pen.

The Ag Society asks that exhibitors please dispose of all bedding in locations provided.

18. All grand and reserve champions will be tested according to Ohio law. All grand and reserve champion samples will be collected in an area designated by the Ag Society. Collection will be done under the supervision of a veterinarian appointed by the Ag Society.

19. **Liability for livestock:** in consideration for exhibiting livestock at the Auglaize County Fair, on the grounds at 1001 Fairview Drive, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895, I understand that for myself and those under my leadership we hereby will covenant and agree to save said Society harmless from any and all claims of every type, character and description pertaining to or growing out of the usage of said premises, and furthermore, covenant and agree that every effort will be made to conduct exhibiting of animals in a lawful and business manner and any activity pertaining to livestock upon said premises will be handled in such a manner as to avoid injury or damage to the public or the property of said Society.

20. The Junior Fair Board reserves the right to dismiss an animal from the show area if that animal becomes uncontrollable and becomes dangerous to the public, other exhibitors or animals in the show.

21. All animals shown as market livestock must go to harvest. In the case of illness or injury, the fair veterinarian will determine how the animal will be handled. If the animal is treated and has a withholding time, it will be quarantined until the withholding time has elapsed and then sent to harvest.

22. If a market animal is removed from the fairgrounds without authorization, the following penalties will apply: the exhibitor will be banned from further competition for the next 2 years of their junior fair eligibility. If removed after the sale, in addition to the above penalty, the exhibitor will forfeit all premium monies. The premium monies will be returned to the sale buyer with a letter of explanation.

23. The duties of the Fair Veterinarian are as follows:

- a. Examine animals upon arrival/check-in.
- b. Retrieve required samples from the grand and reserve champions.
- c. Examine any animal that has died before it is removed from the grounds.
- d. Determine if an animal is to be released from the fairgrounds due to illness or injury.
- e. If an animal becomes ill or injured at the fair, the individual owner/exhibitor must contact the fair veterinarian through the Jr. Fair Office; the vet will charge a fee to the owner/exhibitor for services rendered. Any medication or treatment of livestock, whether by a licensed veterinarian or under a veterinary/client relationship, must be documented by a Drug Use Notification Form and reported.