

2024 JUNIOR FAIR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

RULES AND GUIDELINES

These rules and guidelines are for any Junior Fair Exhibitors exhibiting an animal at the Franklin County Junior Fair. All rules in this section are in addition to the Junior Fair General Rules and Guidelines for all exhibitors.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

1. **Animal Exhibit Possession Dates:** 4-H animal exhibits shall be from projects selected for the current year and under actual ownership and management of the exhibitor by the required dates. Please refer to the Junior Fair Book Departments for specific Animal Requirements.

2. **Market/Breeding Livestock Project Identification Forms:** All livestock must be identified on a Market/Breeding Livestock Project Identification Form. These forms must be mailed by the exhibitor to the Junior Fair Board PO Box and be postmarked no later than 10 days following the required animal possession date or emailed to the Junior Fair Board at franklincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com in order to participate in any livestock show(s). The Junior Fair Department Directors in Charge will check all exhibitors' animals against the filed Market/Breeding Livestock Project Identification Forms prior to the start of the specie's show. Junior Fair officials will disqualify an exhibitor's market/breeding animal from the show and/or sale that cannot be matched to the filed form.

Starting in 2024 ALL Animal Identifications will be entered online at FCfair.org / 2024 Fair / Junior Fair / Livestock / Animal Identification Form.

3. **Quality Assurance Training Requirement:** All Junior Fair exhibitors showing and/or selling projects in market hogs, market lambs, market steers, market heifers, dairy feeders, beef feeders, market goats, market dairy goats, lactating dairy cows, lactating dairy goats, market rabbit, and market poultry must participate in a Livestock Quality Assurance Program. **All Market Hog exhibitors must attend a Pork QA Program.** Any Junior Fair exhibitor not participating in the appropriate quality assurance training will be ineligible to show and sell at the Franklin County Junior fair. All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors may also complete a Livestock Quality Assurance session as part of the skills component of livestock evaluations. This rule is per the exhibitor requirement outlined in Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition rule 901-19-07- Quality Assurance.

5. **Evaluation Requirement:** All members who exhibit beef, dairy, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine will be required to go through an evaluation judging prior to the fair. This is required for entry to market, breeding, handling, showmanship, horsemanship, game, and fun classes at the Junior Fair. The exhibitor will not be allowed to show in Junior Fair animal classes without going through the evaluation process. Livestock members who cannot participate in the scheduled evaluation date and time and need a makeup evaluation time must send a written letter to the extension office no later than 1 week prior to the evaluation stating the reason they are missing the scheduled date. Those missing the regular evaluation day can still be considered for Premier Exhibitor but will automatically have 10 points deducted from their evaluation score for Premier Exhibitor. All makeup evaluations must be completed prior to the fair starting or the first day before weigh ins. If the makeup evaluation is not completed in the allotted time the exhibitor cannot participate in the show and the animal must leave the grounds immediately.

6. **Showing of Animals:** Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal (s) in the ring, unless he/she is unable to do so because of sickness, a family hardship or due to the showing of two animals at the same time. In these cases, the exhibitor may procure another eligible Franklin County Junior Fair exhibitor to show for him/her. Exception horses – only the 4-H member is allowed to show their horse.

7. **Show Dress Code:** Exhibitors shall be dressed neat and clean for a professional show look. All exhibitors are required to wear a shirt which is non-revealing when participating in the show ring. (Ladies this means when bending over, your chest is not showing). The shirt may be long or short sleeve. NO Sleeveless shirts

allowed. Shirts must be tucked in all the way around the waist and there will be no logos or advertisements on shirts other than the name of the 4-H Club. The exhibitor must wear long pants only, no shorts. Pants must be neat, clean, with no rips, holes or tears. The exhibitor must wear closed toe shoes, boots or tennis shoes recommended. No sandals and no hats allowed.

ANIMAL EXHIBITION TIMES AND LOCATIONS

1. **Arrival and Check-In:** All Junior Fair Livestock and Horse entries, unless stated otherwise shall be in place and checked in with the Department's Junior Fair Directors in Charge by 6:00 PM, on Sunday 7/16/23. These animals must be in their assigned stall/pen. Any animal not in their assigned stall/pen by designated time will be sent home by Junior Fair Department Directors in Charge. The only exception is Llamas. Please refer to that section in the fair book for specific details. Load in of livestock animals and horses may begin on Sunday with scheduled times. **ANIMALS MAY BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO UNLOADING.**

2. **Release and Load-Out:** Junior Fair Livestock entries will be released starting at 7:30 PM (Walk out) and 8PM for controlled gate system on the last day of the fair. Exhibitors whose animals leave the grounds prior to this time without written authorization from the Junior Fair Office will not be allowed to show at the Franklin County Fair the following year. Exceptions: Horses not on special exhibit, which may leave at the conclusion of the Horse Evaluations. Llamas, which may leave at the conclusion of the Llama Show. Animals sold at the Livestock sale can leave with paid invoice. Animals sold to a licensed livestock facility or going to slaughter can be released with the Sale committee's approval (paperwork). Horse release times will be set by Horse committee.

ANIMAL EXHIBITION AND CARE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Health Requirements:** All Junior Fair livestock and horses will be governed by the health regulations under Ohio Livestock Health Exhibition Rules. The Ohio Livestock Health Exhibition Rules are listed on the fair website: fcfair.org. See each livestock and horse department for additional information on health requirements.

2. **Health Inspection:** The fair veterinarian will inspect all Junior Fair livestock and horses in their stalls/pens/cages on Monday of the fair.

3. **ODA Livestock Tamper Requirements:** All market livestock project exhibitors must adhere to the Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules in addition to the General and Animal Exhibitor Junior Fair Rules. Reference the current year of the Ohio Livestock Health Exhibition Rules on the fair website: fcfair.org.

4. **Animal Numbers and Stall Assignments:** Exhibitors must list the number of animals they are bringing to the fair on the online entries. Assignments will be based on number of stalls requested and number of animals registered by club. The following rule will be followed by Junior Fair Board when allocating stalls/pens to exhibitors' animal entries:

1 pen per 2 sheep

1 stall per dairy or beef animals

1 pen per 2 hogs

1 pen per chicken except fancy birds

2 per pen - fancy birds (small birds)

1 stall per horse

1 pen per rabbit (Large breed rabbits may request a larger cage)

1 stall per llama

1 pen per 2 goats

1 large pen per pen of 3 rabbits

1 pen per turkey, geese or ducks (These animals maybe assigned a special gated pen.)

5. **Stall and Pen Assignments:** All Junior Fair Livestock and Horse entries shall be housed at the space designated for Junior Fair livestock and horse exhibits and assigned by the Junior Fair Department Directors in Charge. No pen or stall assignments shall be changed. All stalls, pens, and cages must be identified with the exhibitor's name and club for the entire week of the fair. Livestock exhibitors may not place any items, materials, and humans in, around or over the pen/stall assignments until Saturday prior to the fair because of spraying for flies in the barns. Tack stalls for livestock will not be allowed until all animals are placed. If extra pens are available, tack stalls will be allowed upon requests.
6. **Feeding, Watering and Stall/Pen Maintenance:** Each exhibitor is responsible for the care and feeding of his/her animals at all times. Each exhibitor must furnish all the feed and feeding/watering equipment for his/her animals. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing plenty of clean, fresh water for his/her animal (s) daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing the bedding and keeping pens and/or stalls clean. Each exhibitor is responsible for the daily disposal of manure/soiled bedding in the manure pit located on the east side of the white horse barn behind the Burke Building. No bedding/manure should be shoveled in the aisle ways. This applies to rabbit and poultry exhibitors as well. **Before leaving the fair, all exhibitors are expected to clean their stalls/pens/cages and return them to its original state by 11:00 PM on the Sunday, the last day of the fair. All stalls/pens/cages will be inspected by the Directors in Charge on that Sunday beginning at 11:00 PM.**
7. **Grooming of Animals:** Standard care and grooming of all livestock and horse projects rest with the Junior Fair exhibitor. However, a parent, relative, advisor and/or other Junior Fair exhibitor may assist in an instructional manner with the exhibitor present. As the grooming of the animal is a learning process, it is expected the more experienced exhibitors will receive less instruction and serve as instructors to less experienced exhibitors.
8. **Cleaning of Livestock Barns:** All 4-H Clubs displaying livestock in the Burke or Swine Barn will be required to take 1 or 2 shifts during the week to pick up trash and clean the show ring, bleachers, and barn. A sign-up sheet will be emailed to the organizational advisors to request an assigned clean up time. Shifts for each club will be assigned prior to the start of the fair. The organizational advisor will be notified via email of the club's scheduled times. Clubs with a small number of members displaying livestock in the barns will be assigned to clean with another club.
9. **Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF):** All drug use notification forms must be completed by 7:00 p.m. Monday of the fair. Each required animal must have an electronic form completed. If an animal is treated while at the fair another Drug Use Notification Form must be submitted electronically. Required animals are: **Market Steers, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Poultry (pen) and Lactating Animals (Dairy or Goat).**
10. **Death of Any Animal** – If an animal unfortunately dies while on the Fair Grounds it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove the animal. The exhibitor must notify the Junior Fair Directors in charge before removal of the animal(s).
11. **Fair Veterinarian-** The Franklin County Agricultural Society contracts annually with an approved veterinarian to fulfill the required duties of inspection and collection of all of the animals on exhibit and the fair. This designated "Fair Veterinarian" has the responsibility and control of the health and movement of animals for exhibition during the time of the fair.

As a courtesy to our Junior Fair Exhibitors, this contract also includes the trip charge or farm visit fee for the Fair Veterinarian to be called to evaluate or examine any injured or ill animal currently on exhibit for fair. **If further evaluation, diagnostics or treatments need to be administered – it is the responsibility of the exhibitor/owner of the animal to pay the acquired charges of such treatment directly to the Fair Veterinarian.**

Any exhibitor does have the right to contact and request services from an outside veterinarian and incur the total cost of trip charges, exam fees and other diagnostics and treatments themselves. However, the exhibitor/

owner is required to inform the Secretary's office or Senior Fair Board official of such request so that the veterinarian is allowed proper entry on to the grounds. **Also, before any treatments or medications are administered to any animal on exhibition the outside veterinarian must contact the approved Fair Veterinarian to notify them of these actions.**

EXHIBITORS MEETING

1. **Livestock:** All livestock exhibitors are expected to attend a livestock exhibitors' meeting at **8:30 AM** on the Monday of the fair at the bleachers in the Burke Livestock Building.
2. **Horse:** All horse exhibitors are expected to attend a horse exhibitors' meeting immediately following the completion of horse evaluations on the first Saturday of the fair at the bleachers at the Horse Ring.

MARKET ANIMAL WEIGHTS AND WEIGH-IN REQUIREMENTS

1. **Purpose:** All market animals will be weighed for the purpose of determining classes and sale weight.
2. **Under/Overweight Animals:** Animals that are underweight or overweight will be considered incomplete projects and will be excused from the fairgrounds without grade. Exhibitors must remove underweight and overweight animals from the fairgrounds within twenty-four hours of notification by Junior Fair Directors in Charge or the animal remains until 8:30 PM on the last day of the fair. This decision must be made in writing to the Junior Fair Directors in Charge within 24 hours of notification. Exception: an underweight/overweight animal may be shown in showmanship class, if that is the exhibitor's only animal.

LIVESTOCK SALE REQUIREMENTS

Please refer to the Livestock Sale Section.

USE OF JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS' PROJECTS

1. **Notification:** It is the exhibitors' responsibility to notify the Junior Fair Director in Charge the first day of the fair, if they do not want any of their animal exhibits used for the Showman of Showmen contest, any other special livestock contests or media opportunities.