

Henry County Junior Fair Rules & Regulations

SECTION I: GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A. Entries

1. All livestock entries for Junior Fair exhibitors are made through the Junior Fair Office (c/o OSU Extension Office, 104 E. Washington St. #302, Napoleon OH 43545). There are no entry fees for Junior Fair exhibits. Members who wish to exhibit in open class are responsible for such entries and are governed by all open class regulations.

2. Individual livestock entries must be submitted by each Junior Fair exhibitor to the Junior Fair Office (located in the OSU Extension office) by JUNE 1st. A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed after June 1st through June 15th. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15th 4:30 pm.** If two animals have been weighed-in/tagged or identified for a project, the member is asked to identify the specific animal he/she will be exhibiting on the entry form. Only in cases of calamity may exceptions be made after June 1st. If a calamity does occur and no additional animal has been identified at the initial weigh-in/tagging/id day, the project animal CANNOT be replaced.

3. If the Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) have not been properly weighed-in/tagged/tattooed on the appropriate day, the member is ineligible to exhibit and/or compete in the Henry County Junior Fair.

B. Exhibiting

1. All Junior Fair exhibits must be in place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the evening preceding the first day of the fair. All members are responsible for delivering their exhibits to and from the fair and maintaining an attractive exhibit area. Organizations have specific space for displaying project work. Organizational advisors will be sent notification of the availability of this space. 4-H booths will be judged on the first day of the fair. A theme is selected for the Henry County fair, which should be used for booth decorating.

2. Grading:

2a. All still projects will be graded A, B, C or participation. The best project within a special interest Project area or other graded sub-divisions will receive a "Best of Class" award. Honor Awards may also be determined at the judge's discretion.

2b. All livestock project exhibitors are required to participate in skillathon evaluations. The skillathon evaluation will determine 51% of all final grades while 49% of the grade will be given on the project animal at the fair. The final grade will be determined at the time the exhibitor is in the ring. This final grade will determine the premium amount awarded to the Junior Fair exhibitor. Skillathons are used for Beef, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Rabbits and Poultry.

2c. All Junior Fair livestock exhibitors must have an interview letter grade A or B in order to be eligible for placing in their respective specie show. Notice of ineligibility for placing due to skillathon letter grade will be mailed to the exhibitor's parents by August 1st.

2d. Project members are to present their own project at judging and livestock shows. This includes participation in showmanship classes. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired or who have animals of different specie is showing at the same time. In cases where the exhibitor is showing two different specie at the same time, the exhibitor may have another Junior Fair exhibitor show the second animal. In cases where the exhibit is physically impaired (both temporarily and/or permanently) accommodations will be made according to the individual situation.

2e. Junior Fair exhibitors should follow their organizations guidelines and requirements and be a member in good standing in order to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair.

3. Premiums: Premiums are monetary awards presented by the Henry County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) to Junior Fair exhibitors successfully exhibiting their projects(s) at the county fair. The Senior Fair Board establishes the premium rates. Premiums are paid at the fair through the Junior Fair Office (hours to be announced) on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must sign for their premiums.

4. Members and projects may be released from the county fair to participate at the Ohio State Fair. All State Fair participants should notify the Junior Fair office prior to leaving the Henry

County Fair. This can be done as soon as the exhibitor is knowledgeable of their participation/eligibility for State Fair.

5. All exhibits are required to be displayed throughout the entire fair. Still project exhibits will be released at 6:00 pm (all items must be out of the booth building by 8:00 pm) on the last day of the fair (includes all 4-H and FFA booths). All livestock will be released at 5:00 pm on the last day of fair.

SECTION II: LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All animals taken as livestock projects must be owned by and in the possession of the respective member of his/her parents or guardian. Projects not in possession at the residence of the member must be approved by the member's advisor or Program Coordinator, 4-H. Exception: Standard livestock leasing agreements are valid and will be accepted in the case of horse, dairy cattle, beef breeding cattle project animals.

2. In accordance with the Ohio State Fair and Henry County Fair regulations, all animals exhibited must have been actually owned or cared for by the individual exhibitors on or before the designated possession dates as listed in each department's section (and in the 4-H Family Handbook).

2a. Ownership of an animal will be considered lost if the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction or any other transaction after the previously stated possession date.

2b. Switching of animals or purchasing of animals after the respective possession date will result in the offending family being ineligible for Junior Fair competition for a period of one year.

3. Weigh-In and Identification of project animal(s) are required for all Junior Fair market projects and rabbits. All animals are registered, weighed-in, and tagged/tattooed on the Weigh-In/ID day as listed in each department's section (and in the 4-H Family Handbook).

4. All livestock exhibitors must conform to the Ohio Department of Health regulations of the Henry County Agricultural Society.

4a. All livestock exhibitors must have their animal(s) visually inspected by the fair veterinarian on duty at the fairgrounds the day preceding the first day of fair (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.).

4b. Drug use notification forms (901-19-06) are required for MARKET beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, lactating dairy cows and lactating dairy goats. These forms must be completed and turned in at the time of the veterinarian inspection. Should any of these market animals receiving medical treatment during fair, the project members must complete a new Drug Use Notification form and turn it into the Junior Fair Office on the fairgrounds.

5. All Junior Fair market animals should be properly dehorned and castrated. Animals receiving such treatments MUST be healed before attending the fair. The only specie exception is Angora Goats, Jacob's Sheep or animals whose breed is characterized by horns.

6. Junior Fair members may enter livestock classes according to limits specified in each department's Rules & Regulations section of the Junior Fair Handbook.

7. All animals entered into breeding classes must be either purebred or show the recognized characteristics of a specific breed.

8. It is recognized that 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Farmers Union, and Farm Bureau Youth (a.k.a. Junior Fair participants) can develop positive relationships between parent and child. It is beneficial to have youth organization members and their parents work together to accomplish goals. The Ohio Dept. of Agriculture has Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules for exhibitors to follow. We, the Junior Fair of Henry County, must therefore also comply with those rules. A copy of the specific rules are on file at the Junior Fair Office. For this reason, actual work on a member's project must be completed and exhibited by the member involved. Fitting, trimming, and otherwise preparing an animal for show must be the responsibility of the youth who is the member of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Farmers Union or Farm Bureau Youth. Although parents, club leaders and others may offer advice and guidance, work done on Junior Fair animals at the fairgrounds must be completed by the youth involved. No exhibitor, their family or any party involved in unethical practices shall be permitted to exhibit at the Henry County fair, having been banned for

disciplinary or ethical reasons from other county, independent or state fair for a period commensurate with the ban.

9. In any Junior Fair livestock show, no adults other than assigned ring people will be allowed in the show arena/area to provide any verbal or physical assistance. Exception to this rule will be made on an individual basis in regard to permanent/temporary disabilities of an exhibitor and/or in case of multiple projects being exhibited in one class.

10. Tampering/Misrepresentation:

10a. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, or other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, awards, or sale money will be withheld if the exhibitor is proven to have tampered or misrepresented his/her project animal.

10b. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid under the skin to alter the normal conformation; any cutting or tearing of hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal; any attempt to dye or color which alters the animal's natural coloration; any artificial tail heads or polls; any attempts to change the degree of firmness of any individual animal.

10c. Penalties for unethical practices shall include forfeiture of Junior Fair premiums. Awards, or other benefits and other penalties as Senior Fair Board deems appropriate. Proper authorities will be notified of any legal infractions.

10d. No exhibitor, their immediate family or party involved in unethical practices shall be permitted to exhibit at the Henry County fair, having been banned for disciplinary or ethical reasons from any other county, independent or state fairs for a period commensurate with the ban. ALL ODA Rules & Regulations will apply. 11. Showmanship Classes:

*Project members are to present their own project animal in showmanship classes. If the member has weighed-in/ided more than one project animal at the initial weigh-in/ided time, the member is to use the project animal they are exhibiting for Junior Fair. When an exhibitor has both a market and breeding project, he/she may use either project animal exhibited in Junior Fair for showmanship.

11a. Exhibitions for Showmanship include: Senior-Youth 16-18 years of age as of Jan. 1 of current year, Intermediate- Youth 13-15 years of age as of Jan. 1 of current year, Junior-Youth 10-12 year of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year; Beginner-9 (or 8 and in the 3rd grade) as of Jan. 1 of current year. Pee Wee Youth 5-9 years of age as of Jan.1 of current year; Adults-Individuals 19 years of age and older as of Jan. 1 of current year.

11b. Showmanship class order will be: Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Beginner, PeeWee, and Adult will be held at the end of the livestock show.

11c. Exhibitors who wish to participate in Showmanship should sign-up on the day of their show. Sign-up sheets will be posted at the respective show area not more than 24 hours ahead of show time.

11d. Junior Fair horse project exhibitors will compete in First year, Junior Senior Showmanship classes according to age of the member as of Jan. 1 of the current year and according to the practiced specie show rules.

11e. Senior Showmanship winners from the project areas of: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, Dairy, Horses and Goats are eligible to participate in and win the Showman of Showmen Contest. Winners in the Showman of Showmen Contest may win two consecutive years, but are then ineligible to compete in the contest for a period of one year.

*A first place showman who is of senior level age in Draft and/or Pony classes, the Senior Showmanship and the Senior English Showmanship in the horse department will participate in a Senior run-off, if necessary, to determine the participant for the Showman of Showmen contest.

11f. Any First Place winner of the Junior or Intermediate Showmanship Class (beef, sheep, goat, swine, dairy, rabbit, poultry or horse depts.) may choose to move into the next age level for showmanship. Exhibitors choosing to do so, however, will not be allowed to move back to a lower age level category in subsequent years.

12. All livestock project exhibitors must com-

plete a Quality Assurance program annually as per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture mandate. Pork Quality Assurance Level III is required of Henry County Junior Fair market Hog and Breeding Swine exhibitors.

13. ODA Rules: All Ohio Dept. of Agriculture rules adopted after handbook printing are available to all livestock exhibitors upon request.

14. Samples will be held on file for 3rd and 4th place animals in the Grand Champion Drives of Steers, Hogs, Sheep and Goats in case of discrepancies with the Grand Champion and/or Reserve Grand Champion.

15. All livestock exhibitors should participate in the barn meetings held prior to the first day of the fair.

SECTION III: LIVESTOCK SALE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Junior Fair Livestock Sale is a TERMINAL sale. This includes market lambs, market steers, market goats, market hogs, broilers, turkeys, market ducks, meat pen of rabbits, market geese. All animals entered in a Junior Fair market class MUST be consigned to market. The exhibitor or parent must be present as their animal/s are being loaded out day of sale.

1a. *Only one animal per exhibitor may be sold in the sale ring.

1b. *All market projects must be sold. In case of multiple market projects, only one animal will go through the sale ring. The extra market animal(s) must be consigned to market at the appraised price OR it may go custom slaughtered/processed by the exhibitor. In the latter, the animal must leave the fairgrounds and go directly to the slaughter house. The exhibitor is responsible for indicating what is to be done with his/her extra market animal(s) no later than Tuesday morning of fair.

1c. *Animals that have gone through the sale ring will be consigned MARKET or CUSTOM SLAUGHTER. "Market" indicates the buyer does not want the animal personally and thus, the animal goes to market. "Custom slaughter" indicates the buyer wants the animal and thus, the animal is slaughtered and processed for the buyer.

1d. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steers, Lambs, Goats and Hogs MUST be sold by the exhibitor. Incased of multiple Grand Champion(s) and/or Reserve Grand Champion(s) owned by a single exhibitor, the exhibitor shall sell the animal(s) in the sale ring. Prior to sale day (Tuesday) the exhibitor must designate which animal they wish to receive full proceeds from. For the remaining Grand/Reserve Grand Champion(s), the exhibitor shall receive the average sale price for that specie(s) excluding the Grand/Reserve Grand Champion sale price of that specie. The amount over the average price of this animal(s) shall be allocated to the Henry County Senior Fair Board.

1e. All exhibitors must wear appropriate show attire (according to their specie) for the livestock sale.

2. The sale order rotates yearly with the last specie sold the past year selling first the following year. The Horse item and Gallon of Milk remains at the end of the sale, rotating between the two at the end of the sale.

3. Possession & Responsibility:

3a. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions remain in the custody of the Senior Fair Board upon being named as such. Care of the animal must be continued by the Junior Fair exhibitor. All ODA Rules & Regulations apply.

3b. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steers, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Poultry, Market Rabbits and Market Goats must go directly to the designated slaughter house immediately following the sale.

3c. All other market livestock remain the property of the Junior Fair member until it is loaded on the buyer's truck. *The Junior Fair member accepts all liability until the animals are loaded onto the truck. *It is expected that the member be present to take the animal thru the ring and to the truck. In cases of State Fair participation OR physical impairment of the exhibitor ONLY, another Junior Fair exhibitor may take the animal through the sale ring. Please notify the exhibitor's department advisor of the change in advance.

4. It is the responsibility of each member to contact potential buyers for their animals. The Junior Fair Sale Committee works to notify buy-

ers, old and new, of the upcoming livestock sale and the youth involved. Buyers are essentially rewarding exhibitors above the market price for their hard work and involvement in the Junior Fair. Business cards are available to all livestock project member by contacting the Extension Office. These cards are designed for members to market their animals prior to the sale.

5. NEW FOR 2010: A fee of \$9.00 is charged for market animals sold in the sale to cover livestock sale expenses. Expenses include cost of mailings, flyers, thank-you signs, livestock check-off programs, and Grand/Reserve Grand Champion Livestock banners.

6. It is mandatory for all Junior Fair exhibitors who sell an animal to turn in a thank-you note written to their buyer and placed in an unsealed envelope affixed with a stamp. Thank-you letters need to be turned into the Junior Fair Office/Extension office no later than September 1st. Exhibitor livestock sale checks are mailed to each member as thank-you letters are received provided the buyer has paid his/her bill.

7. All rules and regulations from the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture may override any of the above rules and regulations.

8. Any questions or discrepancies of rules regarding the Junior Fair Livestock Sale will be decided upon by the Henry County Livestock Sale Committee with approval of the Henry County Agricultural Society.

9. The goal of the Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee is to have checks issued within 30 days after the sale providing each buyer has paid his/her own bill and/or the member has turned his/her thank you note/s.

SECTION IV: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

In the question of any Junior Fair rule violation, the following due process will be used.

1. A written grievance (use form provided) must be submitted at the Junior Fair Office within 24 hours of the occurrence in a sealed envelope, accompanied by a protest fee of \$25.00, which is retained by the Junior Fair Board if the protest is not sustained.

2. The Grievance Committee will notify the party(ies) grieved against. The party(ies) will have the opportunity to reply in writing within 24 hours of notification. Written correspondence shall be turned in to the Junior Fair Office on the fairgrounds.

3. The grievance will be taken under advisement by the Grievance Committee within 48 hours after notification. Advisement: A spokesperson from each side of the grievance will have the opportunity to present their statement to the Grievance Committee. The exhibitor and/or party(ies) involved may be questioned by the Grievance Committee.

3a. Unless specific penalty is stated in a rule/regulation, the Grievance Committee can consider any of the following: Lower the exhibitor's letter grade one letter. Withhold the exhibitor's premium. Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards. Recall awards received by the exhibitor. Revoke State Fair showing rights. Ban exhibitor from showing in future Henry County Fairs. Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale.

4. All parties will be expected to abide by the decision(s) made by the Grievance Committee. Once a situation is acted upon by the Grievance Committee, the decision (s) made by the committee will be final.

5. The Grievance Committee meetings shall be taped.

6. The Junior Fair Grievance Committee shall consist of at least, but not limited to: Senior Fair Board Representatives to the Junior Fair Board. The Department Committee Chair (or his/her alternate representative) from which the grievance is in. If the grievance affects the Junior Fair overall, then all representatives from the Department Committees will attend. A quorum of advisors from the Junior Fair Board. One FFA Advisor. 4-H Advisory Council President (his/her alternate representative)

A DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) IS REQUIRED FOR ALL MARKET AND LACTATING DAIRY COWS & DAIRY GOATS UPON ENTERING THE FAIR-GROUNDS. IF ANIMALS ARE TREATED DURING THE FAIR YOU MUST FILL OUT ANOTHER DUNF.