

JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK RULES

4-H and FFA Members General Information, Rules and Regulations (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Rabbits, Poultry, Cavy)

1. All Junior Fair exhibitors must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year and they must not be older than 18 as of January 1 of the current year. All exhibitors must be members in good standing of a Ross County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
2. All Ohio Jr. Fair Market Project Exhibitors as well as dairy cows, and dairy goat exhibitors must complete a mandatory Quality Assurance Training to exhibit or sell animals at County or State Fair. This is a rule set by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Training should be completed annually in March or April. In addition, a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be completed and turned in at fair weigh-in.
3. All breeding animals must be in member's possession no later than May 1 of current year.
4. All Non-Market Livestock entries (this includes rabbits, guinea pigs, and poultry) must be in the Extension Office by July 15. (Horse & Dog entries are due June 1)
5. A FFA or 4-H member cannot exhibit more than one species of any market animal. Only one market exhibit can be brought to the fair.
6. ALL animals must be a member's 4-H project or FFA program.
7. The same project may not be carried in both 4-H and FFA (this applies both in the county and across the county lines.) Example: Market Steer carried as a 4-H project in Ross County cannot be carried as a FFA project in Ross County or any other County. (Memorandum of understanding between 4-H and FFA)
8. All livestock (Swine, Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Horse, Rabbits, Goats and Poultry) shows are Junior Fair Shows; 4-H and FFA will show together.
9. In order to show at the fair, all market animals must follow identification procedures set up for several months prior to the fair. If an animal's ear tag is lost, contact the Ross Co. Extension Office immediately.
10. All identification procedures must be completed by the official County date, supervised by the Junior Fair Officials or their approved representatives.
Market Steers Ear Tagged & Tattooed: December 17, 2010
Market Lambs: Ear Tagged - April 30, 2011
Market Goats: Ear Tagged or Tattooed - April 30 and May 2, 2011
Market Hogs: Ear Tagged at county level – May 7 and May 14, 2011
Market Rabbits: Tattooed - June 22 and 25, 2011
11. All 4-H & FFA Livestock Projects (Market & Breeding) must have completed a project and/or record book/supplement for project completion. Refer to your project book for your specific record requirements. Advisors will require completed record books be turned in to them to receive credit for the project.
12. Exhibits which are graded, will receive the grades A, B, or C.
13. All judges' decisions are final.
14. No outside scales may be brought onto the fairgrounds. "Official" fairground scales may only be used by designated officials.
15. A 4-H or FFA member's livestock project, (in sheep this may consist of one or two animals) constitutes his or her exhibit. Pens of market lambs may be shown as individuals in respective classes, but the project grade and premium amount will be determined solely by group. Sheep exhibitors with 2 lambs must show in the pen of 2 class.
16. When a member has two or more animals showing at the same time, he/she may ask other Ross County 4-H or FFA Members to assist with the showing of their animals. In no case will anyone other than Ross County 4-H or FFA members be permitted to show animals in a junior fair class. Members must be present to show his or her livestock while it is being judged at the designated time and place, unless otherwise excused by the County Extension Office or Junior Fair Superintendent. (See also Rule 30 on disciplinary action.)
17. Either registered or grade animals may be exhibited in breeding classes. Grade breeding animals should resemble closely the characteristics of the breed and whenever possible be from a registered sire. Grade and registered animals shall show together in the same class. The show superintendent has the authority to rule in all questionable cases.
18. Pens/Stalls will be assigned by Jr. Fair Superintendents. Therefore exhibitors are not permitted to decorate pens until stall/pen assignments have been made. **NO stall/pen changes will be permitted unless special permission is granted from the respective Jr. Fair Supt.** No additions (plywood, paints, etc.) will be permitted to stalls/pens.
*Livestock pen bedding: All goats and breeding sheep may use straw or shavings for bedding. **ALL** other livestock **must** use shavings.
19. All animals are to be in place by 9:00 PM. Saturday August 8. Market Sheep by 4 P.M. Non market Poultry & Water Fowl 6 P.M. - 9 P.M. Market Chickens 6 P.M. Weigh In Market & Breeding Rabbits 12-8:00 P.M. Market Rabbits will be weighed in on Saturday from 12 Noon to 8:00 P.M. by assigned club order. Sheep will be weighed on Saturday from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Market Goats will be weighed in on Saturday at 8:30 P.M. Swine will be weighed on Sunday starting at 7:00 A.M. Market Poultry will be weighed in on Saturday 6 P.M. and Steers will be weighed on Monday at 6:00 P.M. Beef Feeders will be weighed immediately following the steers. Each animal will be weighed one time. There will be no re-weighs for any animals (policy set 9/04).
20. All Junior Fair market beef, market hog, market sheep, market poultry, dairy cow, dairy and market goat, turkey, duck and geese exhibitors must complete and turn in a Drug Use Notification form at the fair weigh-in. If at any time after the DUNF is filed the information on the form regarding drug use changes or if a drug is subsequently administered, an updated DUNF shall promptly be filed with the records official.
21. All livestock entering the fairgrounds must first go through a vet check at the front gate. Animals should be displayed in a way that they can easily be seen. Blankets and other coverings should be removed prior to the vet check. Additional vet checks by the designated fair vets or ODA vets may occur daily and at any time throughout the fair.
22. Livestock health requirements shall conform to State Health Regulations and those of the Fair Board. If care is not maintained to meet the standards of the Fair Board, exhibitor will be dismissed & market animals will not be allowed to sell. Jr. Fair Member will not be allowed to exhibit any animals the following year. (See Livestock and Health Requirements in the front of the catalog.)
23. Junior Fair Members wishing to show in open class must make their entries and pay entry fees by mail at least one week prior to fair. (The registration requirement of this rule does not apply to saddle horses.) Entries should be sent or delivered to the Fair Secretary Office. See the Open Class rules for more details.
24. All Market Animals designated as Grand or Reserve Champions must sell at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. All Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market animals will be released on Saturday, August 14 at 4:00 P.M. (except for Grand and Reserve Champion Goats which will be loaded the night of the goat sale). It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to care for and feed their animal at buyer's risk until the animal is loaded for shipment on Saturday, August 14.

25. Junior Fair Market Livestock exhibitors must be present to sell their respective projects. If an extenuating circumstance exists, a 4-H or FFA member may have another member sell their project, but they will not be placed later in the sale to accommodate them. Any animal not having appropriate Jr. Fair member present to sell that animal, will be loaded on the packer truck and the exhibitor will receive packer price. Jr. Fair members dismissed from the fair due to disciplinary reasons will not be permitted to show or sell their animal. Another exhibitor may not show or sell their animal.
26. ALL Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors must adhere to the following dress code for all Junior Fair SHOWS AND SALES.
1. Wear nice jeans or dark slacks; no low-rise, no holes or tears **
 2. Wear a collared shirt, blouse or polo without slogans or advertisements (4-h club/member name is acceptable). No cleavage showing.
 3. Rabbit, guinea pig and poultry exhibitors may wear a white lab coat in addition to #1 and # 2 and which should also be without slogans or advertisements.
 4. Wear closed-toe shoes; no sandals or flip flops permitted in show arena; for safety, a hard-soled and toed shoe should be considered for the larger livestock projects.
- **The exceptions to this dress code are:
- If wearing jeans/slacks goes against religious beliefs, a long skirt (knee length) is acceptable instead of jeans/slacks.
 - If exhibiting rabbits, guinea pigs, or poultry wearing a lab coat – capris or knee length /Bermuda shorts may be worn.
- NO cell phones are permitted on exhibitors in the show arena!
- Failure of Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors to comply with the dress code and cell phone rule will prohibit them from showing their livestock, hence not being able to participate in the sale of their livestock.
27. Livestock sales for Junior Fair animals will be: Swine - Thursday, 4:00, Goats and Sheep - Friday, 5:00 PM, Steers, immediately followed by Poultry & Rabbits - Saturday 9:00 AM
28. Market Livestock will be released the night of their respective sales, except for the Champion and Reserve Champion (See Rule 24). Market Broilers will be released to the packer after 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Breeding & lightweight Rabbits, & all other Poultry will be released from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Saturday of the Fair. Beef, Sheep, Goats, Dairy & Horses will be released at 12:00 Noon Saturday of the Fair. Trailers should not line up or block gates prior to 11:45 A.M. Exhibits in the Jr. Fair Building will be released at 4:00 P.M. Saturday of the Fair.
29. No professional groomers are permitted at the fair. A Junior Fair exhibitor may receive assistance in care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Jr. Fair show, provided that the assistance is limited to explanation or minimal demonstration (member must be present) and that the assistance is provided only by the following: 1.Parents/Guardians/Grandparents, 2.Siblings, 3. Ross Co. 4-H or FFA members, 4. Ross Co. 4-H Advisors, 5. Ross Co. Ag Instructor. Animals must be groomed in accordance with rule #30. Exhibitors/animals not following these guidelines will be barred from competition, thus will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and will not receive premium money.
30. TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock show, the agricultural society reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing the underneath of the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dying or coloring, hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state, or application of a topical product. There shall be NO APPLICATION OF PRODUCTS NOT APPROVED FOR ANIMAL USE. Transparent

grooming materials only may be used. Neutral coloring (clear or white) only must be used. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition. THE USE OF CLENBUTEROL AND OTHER UNAPPROVED DRUGS IS PROHIBITED. All exhibitors, their immediate family and other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any Junior Fair and/ or open class divisions. Should Fair Fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Agricultural Society, be discovered after the animal or animals have shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up. Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. NO animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

31. RULE VIOLATIONS: In the question of a rule violation, the following due process will be used. The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Fair Officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred, Fair Officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the Agricultural Society which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and/or evidence, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Board of Directors. In the decision of allegations being brought before the Board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Fair Board will make a ruling. When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Fair Board that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs. The minimum number of years for disbarment is three (3) years before the right to a review. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Fair Board will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and sale money under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand. No person shall be allowed to exhibit in the Ross Co. Junior Fair who has been banned for disciplinary or other similar reasons from other county, independent or state fairs for a period commensurate with the ban.
32. The Ross County Jr. Fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agricultural Administrative Code Rules. This law and the amended rules may be viewed and/or secured at the Ross Co. Extension Office, the Ross County Ag Society office or the ODA website beginning June 1st.
33. All protests must be written, accompanied by a protest fee of \$25.00 and filed with the respective specie head superintendent. A committee comprised of at least 3 specie superintendents, an Ag Ed. Instructor, the Agricultural Society's Rules Committee and one Extension Agent will review the protest. The protest fee will be retained by the committee if the protest is not sustained.
34. Refer to Species Section in this book for additional information and rules.
35. Jr. Fair Officials may, on their professional judgment, investigate any situation that so merits.
36. Jr. Fair Superintendents in accordance with the Senior Fair Board Specie Rep, or another fair board member in their absence, have the right to enforce all rules at all times. Steps to enforce rules may include immediate ejection from a show.
37. All pens/stalls must be cleaned by 12:00 noon on Sunday, August 15.

NOTE: Rabbit Pens must be cleaned by 8:00PM on the last Saturday of the fair. Exhibitors failing to do so will not be permitted to exhibit livestock the following year.