

# Henry County Junior Fair Rules & Regulations

## SECTION I: GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

### A. Entries in Junior Fair

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 1<sup>st</sup>. **A \$10.00 late fee will be assessed after June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Back-up made be listed at the bottom of the entry form. Only in cases of calamity may exceptions be made after June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. The member's project is considered complete based on their skillathon score.
3. If the Junior Fair exhibitor's animal(s) have not been properly weighed-in/tagged/tattooed on the scheduled day OR other accommodations have not been made prior to the scheduled date, the member is ineligible to exhibit and/or compete in the Henry Junior Fair. See also Section II: #2

### B. Exhibiting

1. All Junior Fair livestock exhibits must be in place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the evening proceeding 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. Special interest, nutrition and clothing projects must be in club booths by Noon Wednesday prior to opening day of the fair. 4-H booths will be judged on opening day of the fair. A theme is selected for the Henry County fair, which should be used for booth decorating. 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.
2. **Eligibility Guidelines:** Junior Fair exhibitors are 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (or 9 regardless of grade level) and not passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of the current year. 4-H members must be 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (or 9 regardless of grade level) and must not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in order to be eligible to make Junior Fair entry/ies. FFA members are considered those who are enrolled in a high school agricultural course or were enrolled in a high school agricultural course their senior year and are a current member of their school's FFA chapter. FFA member must not have passed their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year in order to be eligible to make Junior Fair entry/ies.
3. **Grading:**
  - 3a: All still projects will be graded A, B, C or participation. Judges select best projects within a special interest project areas or other graded sub-divisions will receive a "Best of Class" award. Honor Awards may also be determined at the judge's discretion. Additional premiums are provided for these awards.
  - 3b: 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 completed by Beef, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Rabbits and Poultry project exhibitors prior to fair.
  - 3c: 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The member may exhibit for a grade only.
  - 3d: 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 species 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 exhibitor is physically impaired (both temporarily and/or permanently) accommodations will be made according to the individual situation.
4. **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 or parent must sign for their premiums.
5. **Ohio State Fair:** Members and projects may be released from the county fair to participate at the Ohio State Fair when dates overlap. 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.

## **SECTION II: LIVESTOCK RULES & REGULATIONS**

**1. OWNERSHIP:** 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 Extension Educator, 4-H. Exception: Standard livestock leasing agreements are valid and will be accepted in the case of horse, dairy cattle, and beef breeding cattle project animals. 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).

**1a:** 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.

**1b:** 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.

**2. IDENTIFICATION:** 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/I.D. Day as listed in each department's section (and on the livestock requirement at-a-glance listing). Members who are unable to transport their project animal/s to the appropriate Weigh-In/ID event or have a legitimate conflict in scheduling (NOT SOLEY FOR CONVENIENCE), must make other arrangements prior to the scheduled id date. Such arrangements include: a Junior Fair Board Advisor tagging said animal/s for a \$25.00 fee at the member's home/location of animal. Additional tags \$5.00 each; Tattooing of rabbits include a \$25.00 fee regardless of the number of rabbits.

**3. OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REQUIREMENTS** As determined by the Henry Co. Agricultural Society:

**3a.** All livestock exhibitors must have their animal(s) visually inspected by the fair veterinarian during inspection time (8pm) on Wednesday prior to opening day of the fair. The exhibitor or a representative must be present with their animal.

**3b.** Drug use notification forms (901-19-06) are required for **MARKET** beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, lactating dairy cows and lactating dairy goats. These forms must be completed and turned in as animals are weighed (Wednesday). 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.

### **4. SPECIFIC RULES:**

**A. Dehorning** All Junior Fair market animals should be properly dehorned and castrated. Animals receiving such treatments **MUST** be healed before attending the fair. \*See specie Rules and Regulations\*

**B. Class entries** Junior Fair members may enter livestock classes according to limits specified in each department's Rules & Regulations section of the Junior Fair handbook. All animals entered into breeding classes must be either purebred or show the recognized characteristics of a specific breed.

**C. Showing/Exhibiting:** 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, that must be adhered to locally. 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, 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 shall enter an animal in a competition in the Henry County Junior Fair that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited by another person other than the registered member of the exhibitor's immediate family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother, sister) or another Junior exhibitor while on the Henry County Fairgrounds during the fair. Each exhibitor showing an animal shall register the name of the person/s from the immediate family or who will be helping him or her. A registration form with those eligible to assist the Junior Fair exhibitor must be turned in Wednesday (haul in day) upon arrival at the fairgrounds.

\*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.

**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.

### **D. Tampering, Unethical Practices, or Misrepresentation:**

**D1:** 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.

**D2:** Unethical fitting is prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule 901-19-33 of the Administrative Code: A. Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves; B. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or

alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders; C. Pigmented grooming aides or materials; and D. Slick clippings or body shaving of market hogs except on ears and tails.

**D3:** Drenching of all livestock is prohibited, except for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. 'Drenching' means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer liquid, food or any other substance.

**D4:** Penalties for unethical practices shall include forfeiture of Junior Fair premiums. Awards, or other benefits and their penalties as Senior Fair Board deems appropriate. Proper authorities will be notified of any legal infractions.

**D5:** 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.

## **E. 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/id 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.

**E-1:** Divisions for Showmanship include: **Senior**= Youth 15-18 years of age as of Jan. 1 of current year, **Intermediate**=Youth 12-14 years of age as of Jan.1 of current year; **Junior**= Youth 9 (and 2<sup>nd</sup> year in project)-11 years of age as of Jan. 1 of current year; **Beginner**= 8 or 9 years old AND in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade as of Jan. 1 of current year **AND** first year in the project; Pee Wee Youth 5-8 years of age as of Jan.1 of current year; Adults- Individuals 19 years of age and older as of Jan. 1.

**E-2:** Showmanship class order will be: Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Beginner. PeeWee and Adult classes will be held at the end of each livestock show or at a time designated by the Junior Fair Board Department.

**E-3:** Exhibitors who wish to participate in Showmanship **MUST** enter the appropriate class on their livestock entry form. **Please place a check mark on the appropriate age class on your livestock entry form. No sign-ups will be taken Show day.**

**E-4:** 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 in accordance of the Uniform Horse Show Rules.

**E-5:** 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. Winners with 2 consecutive wins are ineligible for a period of one year. A first place showman who is of senior level age in Draft and/or Pony classes, Contestor's Showmanship and the Senior Western Showmanship and the Senior English Showmanship in the horse department will participate in a senior showmanship run-off, if necessary, to determine the participant for the Showman of Showmen contest.

**E-6:** 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.

## **F. Quality Assurance:**

All livestock project exhibitors must complete a Quality Assurance program annually as per Ohio Dept. of Agriculture mandate. Henry County Junior Fair exhibitors must complete their Quality Assurance education by June 25th annually. Testing out of Quality Assurance is available **ONLY** to 15-18 year old exhibitors and must be completed by June 25th in the year of testing out.

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

**G-1:** Testing of Grand/Reserve Grand Champions= Samples will be held on file for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**H. Barn meetings:** When Barn Meetings are held in a department prior to the start of fair, exhibitors are expected to attend. In some departments an information letter is sent out prior to fair.

## **SECTION III: LIVESTOCK SALE RULES & REGULATIONS \*Continued Revision being made\***

1. **A.** Henry County Junior Fair Livestock shows are TERMINAL shows (901-19-02). All market animals exhibited (market lambs, market steers, market goats, market hogs, broilers, turkeys, market ducks, meat pen of rabbits, single roaster, and market geese) must be consigned for slaughter or market in accordance to this administrative code.

**B.** The exhibitor or parent must be present as their animal/s are being loaded out. Times for load-outs if other than during sale will be posted two days prior to the sale.

- C. All market projects must be sold. One animal per exhibitor may be sold in the sale ring. In case of multiple market projects, only one animal will go through the sale ring. The other market animal(s) MUST be consigned to market at the appraised price OR it may go custom slaughtered/processed by the exhibitor (as long as the owner has made prior arrangements for custom). In the latter case, the animal must leave the fairgrounds and go directly to the slaughter house.
- D. In cases of multiple Grand Champion(s) and/or Reserve Grand Champion(s) owned by a single exhibitor, the exhibitor shall receive the market value plus premiums over the market value for the heaviest weighted animal of the two. The exhibitor will receive the market value of the second Grand/Reserve Grand Champion animal that goes through the sale ring. Premiums awarded above market value on the second animal shall be allocated to the Livestock Sale Committee in support of the Junior Fair Program.
- \*Grand & Reserve Grand Champions that go through the sale include: Market Beef, Market Dairy Beef, Market Hogs, Market Goat (Meat Type), Market Goat (Dairy Type), Market Lamb, Market Broilers, Market Turkeys, Market Waterfowl, Market Rabbit- Roasters, Market Rabbit- Pen of Three.**
- E. Youth who enroll in and exhibit both a market project and a dairy project, must sell their market project in the sale ring and will not be included in the Gallon of Milk.
- F. Animals that are sold in 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" indicates that the buyer wants the meat and therefore will pay the value of the meat plus the amount over market value that they bid and the animal goes to their prearranged processing facility.
- G. All exhibitors must wear appropriate show attire (according to their specie) for the livestock sale.
2. **Sale animal Rotation:** Sale order rotates yearly with the first specie sold the previous year moving to the bottom of the rotation list. Market hogs will remain first annually. Sale committee reserves the right to group similar species for ease in support buyer hauling.
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/designated market 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 physical impairment of the exhibitor OR a justifiable reason, another designated Junior Fair exhibitor may take the animal through the sale ring. Please notify the exhibitor's department advisor of the change in advance.
- 3d. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to sign-up any "extra" animals he/she may have by 5:00p Monday evening of the fair and follow-up with the appropriate market buyer in order to receive payment.
- 3e. 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.
- 3f. It is the responsibility of each member to contact potential buyers for their animals. The Junior Fair Sale Committee works to notify buyers, 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.
- 3g. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Exhibitor livestock sale checks are mailed to each member as thank-you letters are received provided the buyer has paid his/her bill. 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.
- 3h. 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.
- 3i. In cases where an exhibitor's market animal dies any time after the official opening hour of the first day of the Henry County Fair, the exhibitor will be allowed to go through the livestock sale.

#### **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 provide) 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.
- 3b.** 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.
- 3c.** The Grievance Committee meetings shall be taped.
- 3d.** The Junior Fair Grievance Committee shall consist of at least, but not limited to: Senior Fair Board Reps 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, 1 FFA Advisor, 4-H Advisory Council President (his/her alternate).