

JUNIOR FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Junior Fair membership: Participation in the Junior Fair Activities at the Ashtabula County Fair is open to youth who are members of recognized Junior Fair organizations. Recognized Ashtabula County Fair organizations are: 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, FHA, Grange, and Farm Bureau Youth. Junior Fair Age Requirements: Junior Fair members must have met the age requirements of their respective organization and have not passed their nineteenth (19) birthday on January 1 of the current year. FFA members who have already passed their 19th birthday by January 1 of their senior year in high school may complete their project(s) by showing at fair that year only. To be eligible to participate in Junior Fair livestock shows or activities, a boy or girl must be a current member in good standing of either Ohio 4-H or FFA.
 2. All Junior Fair exhibitors will receive free admission to the County Fair. The youth organization adult supervisor will oversee admission procedures.
 3. Cash premiums will not be awarded to Jr. Fair members.
 4. All Junior Fair exhibit space (booths, pens or stalls) will be assigned by the Junior Fair Department Superintendent or their designate.
 5. All exhibits will be in their assigned space at the fair by 3 p.m. Monday of fair week and all Market projects are to be in place by 8 p.m. on Sunday of fair week. ****ALL** projects must remain in their assigned space at Fair until released Sunday.
- On Sunday of fair, large animals (horses, cattle, lambs and swine) will be permitted to leave the grounds at 7 p.m. Small animals (goats, rabbits, cavies, alpacas/llamas and poultry) that can be transported without bringing a vehicle onto the grounds may leave at 7 p.m. All other small animals will be dismissed at 9 p.m. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUNDS OR BUILDINGS BEFORE 7 P.M. SUNDAY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE FAIR VET. VIOLATORS MAY HAVE AWARDS REVOKED OR BE REFUSED PERMISSION TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR.** As Fair is open to the public until 10 p.m., tack and posters/displays may only be removed after 9 p.m. Haulers have the right of way. Pens may not be cleaned until after 11 p.m. Sunday.
6. **NON LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE CLUB EXHIBIT BOOTHS IN THE JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION BUILDING MAY ONLY BE REMOVED AFTER 7 A.M. ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE FAIR.**
 7. All animals must be cleaned, watered and cared for before 9 a.m. and again by 6 p.m. The first failure to comply will result in a written warning by the Species/Department Chair, and if it continues, the Department Superintendent will levy a fine of \$10.00 for each occurrence paid by the Saturday after fair. Failure to comply may result in removal of awards/prizes or disbarment from fair.
 8. Only specie Chair approved "FOR SALE" signs will be permitted. Signs are available from the Junior Fair Office in the MAC arena.
 9. Exhibitors and their family members are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and courteous manner. Harassment, profanity, and unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show managers, help, or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show, be asked to leave and may forfeit all premiums won. They may also be barred from further showing at future fairs.
 10. All Jr. Fair exhibitors are expected to wear tasteful clothing, avoid immodest clothes or offensive graphics/print and wear clothes of appropriate length and height.
 11. Members participating receive a project ribbon (A, B or C). Minimum grade will be 70%.
 12. In a class having only one entry, the judge will have the right to refuse to award First Place on the exhibit unless, in their opinion, the exhibit is of exceptional merit. There must be 5 projects to make a show. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show animals will only be placed if there are five or more in the show. Medallions and Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show ribbons will not be awarded for shows with less than 5 projects.
 13. Overnight and Illegal Substance Policy for ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors: Any Junior Fair Exhibitor on the fairgrounds between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m. must be **directly accompanied** by a parent, legal guardian, 4-H Advisor or FFA Instructor. Violation of this regulation may result in any or all of the following actions taken against the exhibitor:
 1. The exhibitor may be barred from continuing to exhibit at the current fair.
 2. All trophies, awards or premiums may be forfeited.
 3. The right to exhibit in one or more future fairs may be lost.
 4. The right to participate in the Market Animal Sale may be lost.
 5. The exhibitor and/or his/her family may lose the right to camping or parking permits on the fairgrounds.
 6. The supervising adult may lose his/her right to camping permits, parking permits and / or free fair passes if he fails to make a good faith effort to provide adequate supervision.
 14. Any Junior Fair Exhibitor in possession of an alcoholic drink or other illegal substance, found to have been consuming an alcoholic drink or an illegal substance on the fairgrounds, or who comes to the fairgrounds after illegally having consumed an alcoholic drink or illegal substance will also be subject to the above penalties. The penalizing action taken will be determined by the Senior Fair Board President, two other fair board members chosen by the President, the 4-H Educator, and an FFA Instructor. Right to appeal will be to the entire fair board following the board's appeal process.

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2023 SUPER SHOWMAN CONTEST RULES

Sunday, Aug. 13 - 2 p.m. - MAC Arena and Show Arena

The Super Showman Contest is to be a fun contest as well as a learning experience for all contestants and spectators. All contestants and spectators are asked to practice only positive support, before, during, and after all contests. Remember good sportsmanship is an important part of all Junior Fair events.

This contest is open to the top Showman of Showman youth for each animal species. A limit of one youth showman representative for each of the following animal species (*Swine, Dairy, Beef, Dairy Beef, Goats, Poultry, Sheep, Equine, Rabbit/Cavy, Llama/Alpaca and Dog*) will be able to compete each year. Youth will be chosen by the species judge in a separate Showman of Showman class on show day. All youth who meet the following qualifications can participate in the Showman of Showman classes. Youth must have completed at least two years in their species group, be a minimum age of 13 years old as of January 1 of the current year, and have taken this project to fair this year. Showman of Showman classes should be held after all other showmanship classes for that species as to allow all youth who took that project this year to count it as finishing their second year in the project. Both market and non-market animal projects are eligible to compete for representing their species group.

After competing in the contest, a contestant may not represent the same species for 2 years. A contestant may represent a different species after 1 year of not competing in the contest. Once a contestant has won (first place overall) the Super Showman Contest, he or she is no longer eligible for the rest of his or her Jr. Fair career. These rules also apply to any youth unable to complete the contest after beginning the contest.

On the day of the Super Showman contest each judge will rank the contestants, with a 1 representing the best score, a 2 representing the second best score, etc. The contestant with the fewest total points is the

winner of the contest. Each judge will state what is important in showing a particular species and the reasons for placing the winner at the top of the class. Scores of all contestants will be kept by an official scorekeeper. Scores will be read after each class. The judges' decisions are final. Table judged animals will be judged between 1 and 2 p.m. prior to the 2 p.m. start of the arena judged animal show. Placings for those classes will be announced at the beginning of the arena animal show. Representatives are to report to the Jr. Fair Office Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.

All contestants will receive a Super Showman shirt and will wear proper show attire: pants, boots and numbers for identification purposes. A \$50 award will go to the overall Super Showman. In case of a tie, the tying contestants will both be named Super Showman and duplicate awards presented.

Each project area Species Chair is responsible for arranging for an adult judge whom is not a species chair and/or related to any participant. They are also responsible for submitting the representative form to the Jr. Fair Office by **Saturday 9 a.m. or the species will not be represented in that year's Super Showman contest.** The Species Chair is responsible for getting a max of 10 animals for use in the contest. Rabbits, Poultry, Waterfowl and Turkey are responsible for 2 animals for use in the contest. Judges should be from a non-participating club if possible. **Youth may not enter the ring with their own project animal.** The 2023 Rotation will be as follows: Large Equine, Beef Feeder, Goat, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit, Duck and Swine.

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JUNIOR FAIR CLEAN AREA/BARN AWARD 2023

Clean Area/Barn Award

The clean area/barn award is presented to one species area/barn per day. Prizes will be awarded to the species area/barn having the cleanest area/barn. They will be judged daily (Tuesday through Saturday). There will be one species area/barn winner each day who will receive a banner to hang in their area for that day. The over all winners will be announced at the Sunday awards ceremony.

Area/Barn Evaluation

Each judge will use new evaluation sheets daily. The judges will not be disclosed and may be past advisors, alumni, or guests. Each day the judges will be different. Clean area/barn judging will take place randomly each day based on the judges' convenience. ALL areas/barns will be judged the same. Open Class, Dairy and Saddle Horse barns will not be judged. Each area/barn can have a possible 100 points per day making their score total into a percentage.

Aisle & Barn (20 points) Area is free of litter, paper, hay, straw, shavings, and manure; area raked or swept clean.

Clean Fresh Water (10 points) Water buckets/bowl/bottle must be at least half full and clean of dirt, hay, or debris. Buckets should be located in a place that can be visible without going into the stall.

Tack Area (20 points) Pitchforks, rakes, brooms, cleaning supplies and grooming supplies not in use must be neatly put away in tack boxes or tack areas.

Clean Cage/Pen (20 points) Pens should be dry, free of debris, and clean/ neat.

Animal (10 points) Animals should be well groomed, clean, and in healthy condition.

Educational Display & Decorations (10 points) Decorations should be in place and should look attractive. Use of the fair theme will not outweigh club theme, but it is nice to see the fair theme used. Educational posters will be considered in scoring.

Courtesy to Others (10 points) Youth should exhibit good behavior and be polite while in the barns. No running, yelling or foul language. Courtesy to others will be considered in scoring.

*** WEATHER WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SCORING.**

*** 25 POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED IF THE PARENTS ONLY ARE SEEN CLEANING THE MEMBERS STALLS OR AREA**

