

Delaware County Fair general rules for all exhibitors

1. The Delaware County Fair is bound by the ODA Livestock Health Exhibition Rules of the Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-18-01 thru 901:1-18-11 and ODA Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules of the Ohio Administrative Code 901-19. The Junior Fair will operate under the provisions of the current year's Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and under all applicable Ohio Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules as adopted by the Senior Fair Board.

2. The Junior Fair is composed of Delaware County 4-H clubs, FFA Chapters, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapters, Skills USA, Scouts, Farm Bureau Youth Council and any Industrial Technology Clubs.

3. The Fair Advisory Council will consist of the Department heads of all exhibit committees, the Extension Program Personnel, selected Vocational Agriculture and Work & Family Life teachers, appointed 4-H Club Advisors, and the Junior Fair Coordinator.

4. The Junior Fair Board members are appointed by a selection committee overseen by the 4-H office. Appointments to the board are based on leadership, dependability and achievements in junior activities. Vacancies are filled by the 4-H Extension Office. Appointments shall be made from eligible applicants. Junior Fair Board Members serve at the discretion of the Delaware County Fair Advisory Council.

5. All rules applying to open classes will also apply to Junior Fair as may be determined by the board of directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society.

6. The Fair Advisory Council and the board of directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society are responsible for enforcement of rules. Final authority rests with the board of directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society.

7. Exhibitors in the Delaware County Junior Fair must be 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, Farm Bureau Youth Council, Skills USA or any Industrial Technology Club members. All exhibitors must be in the third grade and eight years of age as of January of the exhibit year to make individual exhibits and must not have reached their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the exhibit year, or be enrolled in the K-2nd grade Cloverbud 4-H program.

8. Products exhibited must be from projects carried in the current year through groups comprising the Delaware County Junior Fair Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor, to be certified by the leader or instructor in charge of the projects at the time entries are made. Exhibitors with leased horses must have a copy of the horse agreement on file in the Extension Office by July 1st. Exhibitors with leased apacacs, llamas, feeder calves or dairy animals must have a copy of the lease agreement on file with the Extension office by their identification deadline. All exhibits to be from the current year's projects. All livestock exhibits must be from 4-H Club or FFA projects. Scouts must exhibit with their group in the space assigned.

9. All registered livestock shown must be registered in the name of the junior fair exhibitor or immediate family, unless part of an approved lease agreement. Registration papers may be checked and must be furnished when requested. Junior Fair members are not required to have registered animals to be eligible to show, however, Jr. Fair members must have registered animals to participate in the open class shows where necessary. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership or lease agreement, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

10. Junior Fair exhibitors may exhibit in the open show and are not required to purchase an exhibitor's ticket.

11. Junior Fair Exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the stalls or pens assigned to them by the Junior Fair. All Cattle must be securely fastened. All beef cattle including dairy beef feeders must be secured with a halter and neck ties.

12. Only members of 4-H and FFA carrying a market project will be eligible to show and sell livestock projects at the fair.

13. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Any person doing so, be they exhibitor, parent, family, bystander, or onlooker will be asked to refrain and if not will be remanded to legal authorities and will be subject to expulsion from the grounds.

14. No person is to interfere with the judging or assist persons giving demonstrations, showing livestock, or being interviewed. Prompting by parents or other individuals with hand signals, facial expressions, eye movement or any other signal system will be grounds for disqualification for premium and special awards, at the discretion of the committee in charge.

15. No parents or other individuals are to be in the immediate vicinity or participate in the interview judging by answering questions, commenting or questioning the judge.

16. Judges decisions on awards and placings are final.

17. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to violate these rules or The Delaware County Fair Code of Ethics & Conduct or knowingly contribute to or cooperate with another person to do so, whether by affirmative action or inaction. Any individual(s) doing as such shall be subject to disciplinary action.

18. In order for a class to pay premiums the class must consist of a minimum of three exhibitors showing three exhibits. Three or more animals of any one breed not listed in the Junior Fair Handbook shown by 3 or more exhibitors are to be shown as Junior Fair project exhibits, and may be considered for having a class established in the future. This includes both Open and junior fair.

19. Where pens of livestock are shown, all animals in the pen must be owned by the exhibitor of the pen.

20. Exhibitors who have sold market animals at another county Junior Fair are ineligible to show or sell market animals at the Delaware County Fair in the same year, with the exception of Independent Fairs.

21. All exhibitors are expected to be present and personally take care of their own projects while exhibiting at the fair. The exhibitor must be present and personally work on all fitting and grooming of any livestock project. An exhibitor may receive assistance only from an immediate family member, Delaware 4-H advisor or FFA advisor, or another 4-H or FFA member, in fitting and/or grooming of the exhibitor's livestock project(s). No professional groomers or fitters are permitted. An immediate family member is defined as the exhibitor's parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, step-parents, step-grandparents and step-siblings, guardians and siblings.

Violations of this rule may subject the exhibitor to loss of premiums and loss of sales privileges. Complainants must present signed complaints to the show chairperson or the Junior Fair Office.

22. Exhibitors are permitted to enter and show market projects in up to two Junior Fair Departments. Exhibition of a market project in a second department is permitted for educational purposes and is permitted with the following stipulations;

a. The number of market exhibits permitted per department may be found in each department's rules. (For example, an exhibitor may enter and exhibit up to one baked good market entry, up to 2 market hogs, etc.)

b. Youth exhibiting market projects in two departments will be permitted to sell only one of those projects through the Junior Fair Auction. If an exhibitor receives Grand or Reserve Champion in more than one species, the exhibitor may choose one of those projects to sell through the auction and receive full sale price (minus sale expenses). The second animal or item will be sold through the auction, but all auction proceeds above the market value of the item will be contributed to building and growing the Delaware County Junior Fair.

c. For Champion Baked Goods and Champion and Reserve Market Rabbits and Market Poultry sold as a second project, the market price paid to the exhibitor will be considered to be 20% of the auction price.

d. If exhibiting market projects in two departments, the exhibitor must meet all requirements of each project as established. This includes but is not limited to: the exhibitor participating in the show; all ODA, general and departmental rules; and all Quality Assurance requirements.

e. At the time of check-in or weigh-in the exhibitor must designate which market project he/she intends to sell in the Junior Fair Auction. This designation may only be changed in the event that one or more of the youth's market exhibits wins Grand or Reserve Champion.

f. Delaware County Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit market projects in only one department their first year of participation.

23. Livestock exhibitors must have animal(s) in their possession, under daily care and are responsible for feeding and caring for the animals. They must be penned apart from the herd or flock by June 1, unless a different date is specifically stated in the rules. (i.e.: market beef) All rabbits and brood does of meat pen rabbits must have been owned and under the continual care of the exhibitor from June 1 of current year. All breed rabbits must have been owned and under the continual care of the exhibitor from June 1 of current year. The exceptions on the June 1 date are dairy & beef feeders, turkeys, market beef, horses, and market chickens. Refer to Department rules for actual possession dates. Any animal secured after the species' possession deadline must be approved by the Fair Advisory Council.

24. Exhibitors who are sick, injured or cannot be present at show or sale time may have another Delaware County Junior Fair member in good standing weigh, show or sell their animal if and only if the actual exhibitor submits a request to do so, in writing to the show chairperson and the Fair Office asking for

permission to do so and stating who will show the animal. Requests must be filed with the Fair Secretary.

25. Entry paperwork must be submitted by the published deadlines as communicated by either the Delaware County Fair or the Delaware County Extension office. Late items may be accepted for 5 business days after the deadlines but must be accompanied by a \$50.00 late fee. This is for both open and youth exhibitors and the late entry fee is \$50.00 per exhibitor. Absolutely no submissions will be accepted after the late period. Late entries not accompanied by the \$50.00 late fee will not be accepted nor will any appeals be heard regarding submissions that miss either deadline.

26. The following livestock and animals must be identified by the method and date specified in the chart below. Identification paperwork is mailed to 4-H members and FFA advisors by May 15th and also available at the Extension Office for those who did not receive their direct mailing. Animals that are not tagged or tattooed by the approved method on the scheduled date or that do not have photo ID in the Extension Office by the date specified will be ineligible for participation in the Delaware County Junior Fair.

Market Beef Tagging 1st Saturday in March
Market Lambs Tagging 1st Saturday in June
Market Goats Tagging 1st Saturday in June
Swine Photo ID June 7th
Alpacas/Llamas Photo ID June 7th
Beef & Dairy Feeders Photo ID July 7th
Horses Photo ID July 7th
Rabbits Tattoo Prior to Fair Check-in

27. All entries are to be made online by midnight, the Fourth Friday in August. Any entries received after this date will be charged a fee of \$50.00 per exhibitor. No entries accepted 5 business days after the entry date. FFA, Skills USA, and any Industrial Technology, & FCCLA entries must be in by the end of the first week of school.

28. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry in each class unless stated differently in show specific rules. If making more than one entry in a class, as allowed by department rules, write Department, Section and Class for each entry on the entry form.

29. Participation in Livestock Interview judging is mandatory to show and/or sell in the Delaware County Junior Fair for dairy, beef, goat, swine, sheep, rabbit & poultry exhibitors. Exhibitors must bring project record book with them to interview. If a record book is not brought with them, the grade will be dropped by one letter. Grades are A, B, or C. Premiums awarded for animals brought and shown at the fair are based on the grade received at interview judging. Saturday prior to fair is the scheduled date for Livestock Interview Judging. Those unable to attend judging must contact the Extension office to schedule a make-up interview.

30. All exhibits -- unless specified under Department rules - must be in place by 9:00 a.m. the first Saturday. Exhibits not in place by 9:00 a.m. Saturday will not be eligible to exhibit in the current year.

31. Wood chips, sawdust and approved wood products are the only approved bedding for animals unless otherwise specified by department rules.

32. No project will be released until the official release time unless released because of sickness or injury by the Fair veterinarian and / or Fair Manager.

33. Fair exhibitors removing exhibits before the Fair officials release the exhibits will not be allowed to participate as an exhibitor for one year following the violation. Official release times are:

**Market Beef and Feeders, Market Goats, Rabbits, Poultry –
7 p.m. Wednesday**

**Market Hogs & Lambs Going Through Sale - After Auction
Wednesday night**

**Breeding Sheep and 2nd Market Lambs Not Going Through
Sale – Morning Prior to Sale**

**Horses, Dairy Animals, Alpacas, Llamas, & Goats - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday**

**All Exhibits & Booths in Jr. Fair Building – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00
p.m. the Sunday immediately following the close of the fair**

34. All exhibitors taking Market Beef, Beef or Dairy Feeder Calves, Market Lambs, Market Rabbits, Market Poultry, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack) and Dairy Cattle are required to fulfill Delaware County's Quality Assurance requirements as set forth at the beginning of the project year. All Market Hog exhibitors are required to fulfill Delaware County's Pork Quality Assurance requirements as set forth at the beginning of the project year.

35. The Board of Directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society shall have the right to examine or test an animal for any illegal substance that changes the conformation or temperament of the animal. Any exhibitor whose animal contains any unlawful substance may be found in violation of this rule and may be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of any and all premiums, awards and sale proceeds from that year's fair, disqualification and banishment from future fairs, and other disciplinary action. The Board of Directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society shall have final authority with respect to this rule.

36. Champion and Reserve Champion individual or pen market animals sold through the sale must be harvested after the fair at a designated location.

37. No person may win an award for both the Grand Champion and reserve grand champion in any market species in the same year.

38. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a properly addressed stamped thank you note, card or letter for their buyer to the Junior Fair Office drop box. The thank you must be properly addressed with the buyer's name and address along with exhibitor's name and return address with name. able.

39. Junior fair exhibitors staying overnight during the fair must have a completed overnight permission form on file in the Fair Office.

40. The Delaware County Agricultural Society board of Directors reserves the right to prorate premiums should it be necessary to do so.

41. Premium payments will be paid by check to each exhibitor within 30 days of the close of the fair. Cloverbud exhibits will be paid at time of drop off of exhibit. Premium payments do not include sale proceeds. No premiums will be paid in classes not showing the minimum of 3 exhibitors and 3 exhibits. This applies to all exhibitors.

42. The exhibitor's signature on the Junior Fair entry form or participation in the Junior Fair, indicates the exhibitor and the parent(s)/guardian(s) agrees to be bound by the Rules and Regulations in the Delaware Junior Fair Handbook and further

agrees to be bound by the decision of the Delaware County Agricultural Society board of Directors in the case of any dispute arising from the interpretation or application thereof. Premiums will not be paid if entry form is not signed.

Premium checks not cashed within 90 days of issuance will not be reissued and funds will be credited to the Junior Fair Scholarship Fund.

Rules for all junior fair showman and fitting and grooming

1. Participants must be eligible Delaware County 4-H or FFA members; and must be at least 8 years old and in the 3rd grade and be under 19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year. Unless stated otherwise in department rules, all showmanship and fitting & grooming classes are broken by the following ages, based on the exhibitor's age as of January 1st. Senior classes are ages 15-18. Intermediate classes are ages 12-14. Junior classes are ages 8-11. Participants must have entries in the current fair and show their animal that was entered in the current fair.

2. Species Showman of Showmen classes are open to any previous showmanship winner who is still eligible to show in the Junior Fair and the current year's showmanship winners.

3. The Junior Fair Livestock Showman of Showmen Contest is open to the Showmen of Showmen from Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Market Beef, Feeder Calf, Market Swine, English Horses, Western Horses, Rabbits, Dogs, Poultry and Alpaca/Llama as selected by the show committee.

4. Species showmanship, (excluding Llamas, Alpacas, Horses, & Dogs) or fitting & grooming winners are not eligible to participate in the same age class the following year. Age class winners can sit out for one year following their win or may move up to the next age class. Once a winner shows in the next age class, they may not go back down.

Disciplinary actions for violation of rules

Any person who violates provisions of the Fair Rules or the State of Ohio Livestock Exhibition Rules may be subject to the following disciplinary actions Any violation of the rules is serious. The severity of violation will determine the level of the disciplinary action. The Board of Directors of the Delaware County Agricultural Society have final responsibility for issuing and enforcing disciplinary action.

- (1) Disqualification - may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years
- (2) Continuing education
- (3) Written letter of reprimand
- (4) Forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds
- (5) Pre and or Post-exhibition drug testing;
- (6) Expulsion and future banishment from participating in the fair
- (7) Other Disciplinary Actions as determined by the Senior Fair Board