

Delaware County Junior Fair Standards of Behavior

Delaware County Junior Fair participants and their representatives (such as relatives, friends or advisors) are required to conduct themselves according to the following Standards of Behavior. The Standards operate along with the guidelines and regulations of the specific meeting, event, program and/or activity including, but not limited to the Delaware County Fair Book.

Expectations for Junior Fair participants and their representatives:

- Participate fully in the meeting, program, activity and/or event.
- Be responsible for your own behavior/conduct and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior of yourself or your representatives. Negative behavior by representatives may result in sanctions to the participant.
- Practice good citizenship, leadership and self-governance.
- Obey all laws: local, state, and federal
- Be honest and act with integrity. No falsification of documentation or knowingly taking steps to circumvent rules and requirements.
- Follow the direction of the Senior Fair Board, show committees, department chairs, announcers, judges, Extension and FFA personnel, and the fair veterinarian.
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship and attitudes at all times.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Encourage relatives, friends, and advisors to display positive attitudes, good sportsmanship, and good citizenship.

Incidents where these Standards are not followed will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate members of the Senior Fair Board, Fair Advisory Committee, Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee and other adults in leadership positions (Extension personnel, youth organization advisors). Incidents deemed serious enough to cause harm to Junior Fair participants, exhibits, or others, compromise the integrity of the event, or break the law, may lead to that participant, parent/guardian, relative/friend and/or advisor being removed from the fairgrounds with the resulting loss of privileges to participate in activities this year and in the future. This includes, but not limited to, showing and selling at the Fair. With each incident handled on a case-by-case basis, the primary goal will be to preserve the integrity of and respect for the Junior Fair experience. Examples of incidents that will be handled on a case-by-case basis include, but are not limited to:

- Unfair, unsportsmanlike, or unethical conduct
- Improper content, tone, or timing in communications such as the use of profanity, harassment of show representative, or public displays of hostility
- Possession or consumption of illegal substances by participants or their representatives
- Destruction of or unauthorized use of property
- Violation of established timelines or curfews
- Disrespect toward judges or other adults, other participants, volunteers, staff, and/or those who are in leadership positions during the fair.
- Aggressive, physical behavior or fighting
- Failure to maintain proper care or control of animal
- Other conduct determined to be inappropriate by the Junior Fair leadership, Extension personnel, youth organization advisors, others in leadership positions and the Senior Fair Board.

Violations of the Standards of Behavior will be handled as follows:

- Senior Fair Board and/or Junior Fair leadership will be informed of the violation
- The Junior Fair participant and/or their representatives may be dismissed from the Delaware County Fair and depending on the severity of the violation may be barred from fair activities in current year such as shows and the Jr. Fair Sale, as well as future years.
- When warranted, the situation will be turned over to local law enforcement
- The Junior Fair participant, parent/guardian, relative/friend and/or advisor will be informed of any sanctions
- Any violations of rules set forth by the Delaware County Agricultural Society could result in suspension from Open Class or Junior Fair activities at the Delaware County Fair for up to a year or more depending on the severity of the violation at the discretion of the Delaware County Senior Fair Board
- The person(s) found in violation of the Standards of Behavior may have the opportunity to address the Senior Fair Board.