

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 Committee 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 Committee (FAC).
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 FAC 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 1 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. Any complaint about the conduct of a show (e.g. animal weigh-in, class breaks, rule enforcements) must be submitted in writing with a \$50, non-refundable fee. Complainants must present signed complaints to the show superintendent or the Junior Fair Office. The FAC, led by the chair, have final discretion on hearing or follow-up actions related to any complaint. Any decision by the FAC is final and will be communicated to the complainant in writing.
9. 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. Animals brought to the fairgrounds must be entered into the current year's fair. Exhibitors with leased animals must have a copy of the agreement on file in the Extension Office by the identification deadline. All exhibits are 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.
10. Junior Fair exhibitors may exhibit in the open show.
11. Junior Fair Exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the stalls or pens assigned to them by the Junior Fair. Exhibitor and/ or parent/legal guardian must sign a release form at check-in stating that they willingly place their animals in the pen/stall/cage and accept the condition of the facilities.
12. Only members of 4-H and FFA carrying a market project will be eligible to show and sell market 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. Judges decisions on awards and placings are final.

16. Tents, chairs, stands, and other fitting equipment should not be placed any closer than 10' within any barn. Tents in violation will be removed by the show committee as appropriate.

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. Inhumane (as determined by species-specific committee) methods of schooling or showing are not allowed. Any act of abuse observed at any time by the judge or show management will disqualify the exhibitor from that class.

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.

22. Exhibitors are permitted to enter and show market projects in up to two Junior Fair Departments. Baked Goods exhibitors are exempt from this rule, they are not permitted to enter 2 market 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.

b. 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.

23. Livestock exhibitors must have animal(s) in their possession, under daily care and are responsible for feeding and caring for the animals. Where pens of livestock are shown, all animals in the pen must be owned by the exhibitor of the pen. 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). Brood does of fryer pen 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 horses, market beef, dairy & beef feeders, market turkeys, market ducks, market chickens, and roaster market rabbits. 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. The expectation is that exhibitors are responsible for the daily care of their animal and participation in all exhibition events (e.g. market project weigh-ins, live show, sales). Exhibitors can only miss one of the following: market animal weigh-in, live show, or sale. Exhibitors who are sick, injured, or know they will be unable to attend (e.g., an academic conflict) must submit a written letter to the show chairperson/superintended at least 24 hours prior to the conflict, indicating which Delaware County Junior Fair member in good standing will market project weigh, live show, or sell in their absence. This rule includes conflicts of overlapping shows. Emergency situations dictating a last-minute request will be determined at the discretion of the chair or vice-chair of the FAC committee.

25. Entry and Identification submissions must be received 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 identified by the approved method of their species 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.

- Horses Photo ID, July 7th
- Market Beef Tagging 1st Saturday in March
- Beef & Dairy Feeders Photo ID, July 7th
- Swine Photo ID, June 7th
- Market Lambs Scrapie and Photo ID, June 7th
- Market Goats Scrapie and Photo ID, June 7th
- Market Dairy Goat Wethers upload Dairy Wether Certificate, June 7th
- Alpacas/Llamas Photo ID, June 7th
- Rabbits Tattoo Prior to Arrival at Fair
- Market Turkeys and Market Chickens must order through OSU Extension office
- Market Ducks, submit hatchery paperwork within 3 days of hatch to OSU Extension office
- Dog ID Paperwork, June 7th

27. All animals identified may be exhibited by that individual or an individual of their household. (A household is defined as those individuals that share an official mailing address.)

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry in each class unless stated differently in specific rules for that department. If making more than one entry in a class, as allowed by department rules, create a second entry for the second exhibit.

31. Participation in livestock interview judging is mandatory to show and/or sell in the Delaware County Junior Fair for dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goat, alpaca & llama, rabbit, and 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 schedule a make-up interview with a club advisor. Advisors must turn in these grades to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. the Wednesday before the fair.

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

33. Wood chips, sawdust, straw, and approved wood products are the only approved bedding for animals unless otherwise specified by department rules. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens after their animal is released. Failure to do so will result in fines which may vary species.

34. 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 and/or the chair of the FAC.

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

- Horses after 4 p.m. on Thursday
- Dairy Cattle after 4 p.m. Wednesday
- Market Beef and Feeders after 4 p.m. Wednesday
- Market Hogs not sold through the Jr. Fair Sale, 10 p.m. Sunday – 8 a.m. Monday OR 10 p.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Tuesday
- Breeding sheep and market lambs not sold through the Jr. Fair Sale, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday
- All Goats after 2 p.m. Wednesday
- Alpacas and Llamas after 2 p.m. Wednesday
- Rabbits and Poultry after 4 p.m. Wednesday
- All Exhibits & Booths in Agricultural Center between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday, immediately following the close of the fair

36. All exhibitors taking Dairy Cattle, Market Beef, Beef or Dairy Feeder Calves, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding Sheep, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack), Market Poultry, Non-market Poultry, and Market Rabbits, and Breeding Rabbits are required to fulfill Delaware County's Quality Assurance requirements on or before July 1.

37. 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.

38. Champion and Reserve Champion (individual or pen) market-ready animals sold through the sale must be harvested after the fair at the location designated by the Delaware County Fair.

39. No person may win both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in any market class in the same year.

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

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

42. 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 non-livestock, open classes not showing the minimum of 3 exhibitors and 3 exhibits. This applies to all exhibitors.

43. The exhibitor's submission of 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 submitted.

44. 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 showmanship 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.

2. Participants must have entries in the current fair and show their animal that was entered in the current fair.

3. 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. Overall Showman of Showmen contest eligibility is outlined in the Livestock Activities Department.

4. Species showmanship, (excluding Llamas, Alpacas and Horses) 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 Country 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