

## GOAT GUIDELINES

February 21, 2024

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**Market Goat Weigh-in:** Tuesday, August 27, During Check-In

**Market Goat Show:** Wednesday, August 28 10:00 a.m. **Locations:** Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

**Order of Judging: Breeding Boer, Market Goat Showmanship, Market Goat, and Market Dairy Goat**

**Costume Class:** Saturday, August 31, 4:00 p.m. **Peewee Goat Show:** Saturday, August 31, 6:00 p.m.

**Junior Fair Goat Show:** Sunday, September 1, 10:00 a.m. **Location:** Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

**Order of Judging: Pygmy Goats, Kinder Goats, Specialty Goats, Martha Thullen Scholarship**

**2:00 p.m.: Dairy Goats (includes Nigerian Dwarfs**

**Carting Class:** Monday, September 2, 1:00 p.m. **Packing:** Monday, September 2, 2:00 p.m.

### GOAT PROJECTS

Fiber Goat Pygmy Goat Market Goat Market Dairy Goat Goat Carting Packing Goat

Dairy Goat (Nigerian Dwarf) Kinder Goat Specialty Breeds Breeding Boer/Commercial Market Goat

**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years of age to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year. Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning County Goat Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must have enrolled in a goat project by March 15, 2024. Junior Fair Information Sheet and Guidelines receipt must be submitted online by April 19, 2024

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- **MEETING REQUIREMENTS:** Mandatory - Members must attend specified county goat meetings. Any member taking a goat project must attend **AT LEAST THREE** of the mandatory county goat meetings/clinics to exhibit at the fair. One of these meetings must be a county handling clinic and the member must bring their goat to participate in the county handling clinic. Any youth taking a Market Goat and/or Dairy Goat project must also attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program accompanied by a parent or guardian or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program. The member will receive a Quality Assurance Certification Form for proof that this program has been completed. Members exhibiting all other goat projects are required to attend the mandatory meeting held on February 21, 2024. *If youth and at least one parent/guardian do not attend the mandatory goat meeting held on February 21 then they must attend the GOATS ONLY session to be held at Quality Assurance & pick up and complete their guideline packet or attend a guideline review meeting on March 25 arriving at 6:30 p.m. to review guidelines.*
- **SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION: GOATS MUST HAVE SCRAPIES ID TO EXHIBIT IN THE JUNIOR FAIR. REGISTERED GOATS USING TATTOOS AS SCRAPIES ID MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF REGISTRATION TO BE ATTACHED TO THEIR ENTRY FORM & MUST BRING ORIGINAL COPY TO BE VERIFIED AT CHECK IN.** Scrapie's identification, paperwork to verify and all tattoos of goats to be exhibited in the Junior Fair Show **MUST** be submitted to the goat committee by the final mandatory handling clinic.
- **ENTRY SHEET MANDATORY:** Member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form **by July 16** to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show. Junior Fair Entry Forms must include complete information especially regarding the animals to be exhibited such as **name, tattoos, Official Scrapie ID # or tattoo, birthdate, and class entered.** Class information can be found on the Junior Fair Website or Class Listing Sheet. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the July 15 County Goat Meeting scheduled to help youth complete Entry Forms and to discuss fair. If a Junior Fair Entry Form and/or the proper paperwork are not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show. Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation in this project can be denied the following year.
- **EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY:** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2024 Mahoning County Fair; and to comply with the "Exhibitor Only" policy (located at the end of these guidelines), which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for their project animal(s) and to properly represent agriculture to the public.
- **SPONSORSHIPS:** Each exhibitor is encouraged to secure one sponsorship for goat awards presented during the Junior Fair Show.
- **GOAT CHECK-IN AT FAIR:** Exhibitors must check in at the Goat Barn with the Goat Committee before unloading their project. All goats must be health checked and must bring one extra copy of their health paper to show during check in. One copy of this health paper must be stapled to the goat pen and one copy should also be placed in the show box just in case. Members will be given a health check ticket to submit with their paperwork at the Junior Fair Office. Please note: Goat must be completely healed from all veterinary procedures to exhibit in the Junior Fair.
- **STALL ASSIGNMENTS:** Once stall cards have been placed in stalls, at no time shall the stall placements be moved without approval of Junior Fair Management. Exhibitors may request changes, and only upon approval can stall cards be moved.

**POST FAIR CLEAN-UP: NO STRIPPING OF GOAT PENS MONDAY EVENING.** The goat committee is requesting members and families to come Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to clean and put away pens. If unable to attend Thursday evening, members must clean (completely strip) their pen prior to 6:00 p.m. Thursday following the Junior Fair exhibition or make arrangements within your club and/or another exhibitor to make sure your pen is cleaned. Manure should be taken to the manure pit. Manure pits should only contain manure, straw & sawdust. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic, etc...) should be disposed of in garbage cans. **PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen following the Junior Fair Show will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$20.00 stall cleaning fee WILL BE CHARGED. These funds will be donated to the Martha Thullen Scholarship Fund and must be paid prior to enrollment of the following year.**

### GOAT PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. First year members must take a kid project born between Labor Day 2023 and May 30, 2024. Members who purchased goats as cloverbuds must show their goat in the Junior Fair Show for at least 2 years as a regular member before they may show offspring from this goat project.

2. All goat kids, which will be exhibited at the Junior Fair Show, must be born between Labor Day 2023 and May 30, 2024, unless otherwise stated in specific goat project guidelines. Goats must be in members possession from the time of weaning (or before), and then must be raised by the member. The goat must be in the member's possession by JUNE 30, 2024, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN SPECIFIC GOAT GUIDELINES. Any exceptions to this guideline must be discussed and approved by the Goat Committee.
3. Goats tagged as a Market Project can only be shown in the Market Goat Show.
4. It is **highly recommended** that members taking a goat project consider joining a project specific club (goat club) to gain the basic knowledge of the goat project, and the necessary information to own, handle, and show a goat.
5. A member cannot take more than one animal in a class (unless championships or a group class, in which case the member may ask another member to show the other animal(s)).
6. No more than eight goats total per member. There is no limitation per specific project or breed except that the member may not show more than one goat per class as listed in guideline #4. (For example, a member may take 8 dairy goats, or 2 pygmies and 6 kinder goats, etc.). This does not include taking Market, Carting, Packing and Goat Milk Fudge, where you are only permitted to take one goat unless working a team for carting or you receive special permission.
7. Any exhibitor bringing more than one goat may be required to house two goats in a stall. Stall assignments will be at the discretion of Junior Fair Management and the Goat Committee.
8. All goats must be tattooed and dehorned **Any evidence of horn tissue (horn re-growth and/or scurs) must be approved by the committee for safety reasons, but in no case shall exceed two inches.**
9. Bucks must be castrated and shown as wethers. The animal must be completely healed to exhibit.
10. All does to be used as breeding animals must have only two teats, unless otherwise stated in breed standards. Wethers with extra teats will be accepted.
11. All members must participate in Breed Judging and Showmanship. Members must also follow the following guidelines which are specific to each goat project.
12. All members must follow Small & Exotic Animal Guidelines.
13. Small Animal Project Interview Judging/Goat Skillathon is MANDATORY! If a member is unable to attend the Small Animal Interview Judging/Goat Skillathon, arrangements must be made with a Goat Key Leader to complete a make-up prior to the fair. **All members must bring goat project/record books for review to the Goat Skillathon.**
14. Foul language, disrespect, and unruly or un-sportsmanship-like behavior, or animal neglect WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! Discipline is listed under the Guidelines for Fitting, Showing and Showmanship in the Exhibitor Only Policy.
15. All small animal projects must be in place by 6:00 p.m. Entry Day.
16. **PREPARING FOR THE SHOW & CARE:** All goats needing clipped MUST BE CLIPPED PRIOR to the fair. There will be NO COMPLETE BODY CLIPPING AT THE FAIR. Only touch up clipping of legs, tail, ears, etc. will be permitted. All goats must be fed, watered, groomed and prepared for the show in the Junior Fair goat area. Washing of goats is to be done on the north side of the Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center.
17. **RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU CARDS - MANDATORY:** All goat exhibitors must submit record books at check in to be reviewed by the goat committee at check-in. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Best Record Book competition must register at this time, and their book will be kept for further review. **Market and Goat Fudge goat books must be submitted by Monday, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** at the Small & Exotic Tent during goat packing. **MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY A COMMITTEE MEMBER IF THEY HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THIS TIME. NO CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL THIS REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED. Checks and books will be available to pick up at Check Night. Members not complying will be charged a \$25 fee, which will be deducted from their sale check. Monies will be donated to the Martha Thullen Memorial Scholarship.**
18. No small animal projects are permitted to leave the fair until 9:00 p.m. Monday, or premiums and trophies will be forfeited. The member may also be disqualified from exhibiting the following year, The only exceptions will be animals showing health problems, which must be approved by the committee, fair veterinarian, and/or Junior Fair Management.

#### **KINDER GOAT**

1. All Kinder Goats must be registered. Member must have the original registration paper, or a copy issued by the association for the registered tattoo to qualify as the Official Scrapie's ID.
2. Members may choose a doe kid and continue project from kid to milker after the second year. If a member wishes to change this kid project, they must request permission from the advisor.
3. Member may begin a new project in addition to milking project as they proceed from first thru fifth generation.
4. Wethers are permitted and must follow the general goat project guidelines for wethers.

#### **DAIRY GOAT (Nigerian Goats Included)**

1. Kid project may be taken two years then must continue with animal raised to Dairy Production
2. Member may choose a doe kid, and take the same project from kid to milker, unless animal dies, gets sick, or member requests permission for advisor to change project.
3. Dairy Goats must be milked out 12 hours or less before show time.
4. Wethers are permitted and must follow the general goat project guidelines for wethers.

### SPECIALTY GOAT

1. A specialty goat shall be considered any goat which does not fit in the above breed categories.
2. Specialty goats must follow the general goat guidelines.
3. Specialty goats shall be judged according to their own characteristics and confirmation. They will not be placed in their class, but will receive a participation rosette for breed judging.

### BREEDING BOER GOAT/COMMERCIAL MARKET

1. Kid project may be taken two years then must continue with animal bred for kid production
2. The member should choose a doe kid and take the same project from kid to completion. The breeding project may be repeated with the same doe and/or its offspring. The same bloodlines must be used unless the member's animal dies, gets sick, or member requests permission from an advisor to change project.

### CARTING & PACKING

1. Member must start with either a wether or doe, of any breed, which they have raised from a kid.
2. Only one goat per class, or team of goats per class may be exhibited per member.
3. The style and material of the harness and/or pack may be of the member's choice.
4. The cart used shall consist of three parts: shafts, box or seats, and wheels. The style of cart and the number of wheels shall be of member's choice.
5. For carting only, each member may have assistance by one designated helper. This helper must be from the immediate family and/or a club member. The helper will be permitted in the show ring if help or assistance is needed.
6. A first year member may repeat the halter class one time.
7. Member must follow basic goat guidelines & Small and Exotic Animal Committee guidelines.
8. Member must attend at least two county goat carting/packing clinics to exhibit in this class at the Junior Fair. **PACKING PROJECTS MUST HAVE USED THE GOAT PACKING EQUIPMENT AT LEAST TWICE TO BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT IN THE JUNIOR FAIR PACKING SHOW.**

### MARKET GOAT

1. A member taking a goat project for the first year MUST take a non-market goat project to be eligible to take the Market Goat Project.
2. All members must sign up for the Market Goat and/or the Market Dairy Goat on their club enrollment forms and County Goat ID Forms.
3. Market Projects may be disbudded wethers (castrated male), or cull does. Market projects must be disbudded and castrated by the Mandatory Tagging date. All goats will be checked for evidence of castration at tagging. Goat must be completely healed from all veterinary procedures before the Canfield Fair.
4. **Market Goats can be sold in one of two divisions:**
  - Market Dairy Goat: Goats which are bred for the primary purpose of dairy production: (Dairy Breeds and Dairy Crosses.)
    - a. Market Dairy wether or cull doe must be born between Labor Day 2023 and April 30, 2024 and be in member's physical possession by Market Goat Tagging Day.
      - i. No goats with less than 1 ½ inch ears can be tagged as a Market Dairy Goat
      - ii. No breeds which are primarily used for meat production
  - Market Goat: Goats which are bred for the primary purpose being meat production: (i.e.: Boer Goats and Boer Crosses.)
    - a. Market Boer wether or cull doe must be born between January 1, 2024, and April 30, 2024, and be in member's physical possession by Market Goat Tagging Day.
      - (i) No breeds or crosses primarily used for dairy production
5. **TAGGING MARKET GOATS: Goats must be tagged or follow the tagging rules set by the committee for the county tagging clinic to participate in the Market Goat project.** All market goats must be identified (including scrapie's identification) at the MANDATORY tagging clinic. The date will be specified on the County Goat Clinic calendar.
  - **Only one animal in each division:** Market Dairy Goat and Market Goat, will be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. A family may register up to two Market Dairy Goats per member and two Market Goats per member.
  - Each animal MUST be assigned to a member. If only one Goat in each division is tagged per child, the family may register one goat in each division under the family name, at the time of goat tagging when goats are weighed, identified, and registered. This animal may be the back-up for any member of that family.
  - Goats to be shown must be declared in specific division at the time of tagging.
6. **Weigh in is optional and can be requested at Mandatory Tagging.**
7. **Market goats that are not tagged at this tagging clinic will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair.**
8. **MARKET GOAT POSSESSION:** Goats must be secured and in member's possession by the date of mandatory tagging & weigh-in. The member will be responsible for all care on and after this date. Animals must be housed at the place where the member resides. **A written letter requesting permission to house animals away from your own residence must be submitted to the goat committee, prior to tagging.** Member's name, address, and phone number of house residence must appear on the letter and the reason for animal housing to be different than the member's address.
9. Market Goat weigh-in will be held as animals arrive during check-in Tuesday. Exceptions must be approved by the committee.
10. All members taking the Market Goat Project must submit a buyers list to the Market Livestock Committee Secretary by the deadline.
11. The minimum weight for Market Goats will be listed as 45 lbs. and maximum weight will be 125 for 2024. The minimum weight of 45 lbs. should be representative of the goat's size and stature to be classified as Market Quality. Animals not of market quality as determined by the Goat Committee will be sent home Tuesday evening. The market goat division shall have two classes: Heavyweight and Lightweight. The Market Livestock Committee and Small and Exotic Committee reserve the right to alter the division of weight based on the number and weight of the entries at weigh-in on Tuesday before the fair begins. Overweight animals will sell at the end of the class and will not be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion.
12. **MARKET GOAT CLIPPING:** All market goats are to be slick sheared from the hock and up and knees and up. Market Dairy Goats are to be fully body clipped. All goats needing clipped **MUST BE CLIPPED PRIOR** to the fair. There will be **NO COMPLETE BODY CLIPPING AT THE FAIR.** Only touch up clipping of legs, tail, ears, etc. will be permitted. Shearing must be done no less than 2 weeks prior to check-in.

13. **SALE INFORMATION:** All Market Dairy Goats & Market Goats must be sold at auction in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2024 Junior Fair Show. **The Market Goat Show has been designated partial terminal.** The 2024 Mahoning County Market Dairy Goat and Market Goat Show requires that **the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Dairy Goats and Market Goats must be sold for slaughter. All Market Dairy Goats and Market Goats sold for slaughter will be sent to either Horst Packing or Winona Frozen Foods for processing.**
14. **SELLING & SHOWING:** Members must show and sell their own project animals. Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted and received permission from the Goat committee and Junior Fair management. The name of a substitute exhibitor must be included in this letter and will be documented by the Goat Committee. Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same specie. The member must be present for either the show, or the sale. They may not request a substitute for both. If the member is not present to show and/or sell their animal, and they have not submitted a written request as mentioned above; then the youth forfeits the right to show and the right to sell their market livestock animal in the sale. If the member or the substitute is not present at the time of the auction, the project will not be sold. Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.
15. **SHOW ATTIRE - MANDATORY:** ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF OUR MILSEK FURNITURE POLISH, INC. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE. SHOWMANSHIP AND SALE ATTIRE WILL BE OPTIONAL. Please be reminded of the following: No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.
16. A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold by the Market Livestock Committee for supplies and handling fees. Checks will be processed through the sale & fees/expenses dispersed accordingly

### **GOAT MILK FUDGE**

1. Open to all youth with a Dairy, Kinder, Specialty Breed or a milking goat project, which has been approved by the Goat Committee.
2. **PARTICIPATION MUST BE MARKED ON ID FORM:** Youth must register for Goat Milk Fudge on the Club Enrollment submitted to their club advisors and on their County Goat ID Form which must be returned by the March Quality Assurance Program date.
3. **JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY SHEET - MANDATORY:** Youth must also complete a Junior Fair Entry Sheet to confirm participation in the sale.
4. Youth must show their goat milk fudge goat in the Junior Fair Show for at least two years to participate in the goat milk fudge sale.
5. Goats must be freshened by June 30, 2024. All goats may be inspected within 48 hours of this deadline.
6. Official goat milk testing time for the Goat Milk Fudge will be between the hours of 7:00 am –7:30 a.m., and again at 7:00 p.m. –7:30 p.m. on Wednesday of the Mahoning County Junior Fair. Youth must mark a milking time on their entry sheet that is within this time frame.
7. Goats must be milked between 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening.
8. Youth will be expected to be available in the morning and in the evening on Wednesday for milk test at their scheduled milking time. Times will be posted in the barn, and it is **the youth and parents' responsibility to check the milking times and be available at this time for milk test.** Any conflicts or emergencies must be addressed with the committee. If a child does not show up within 5 minutes of their milking time scheduled, they may still participate but forfeit the monies from the fudge basket to be donated to the Martha Thullen Scholarship Fund. All milking procedures must be completed by the youth exhibitor. No milking machine permitted. Exceptions must be approved by the committee.
9. Grand & Reserve Champion Fudge Goat will be determined by the total weight of the milk produced when tested. All participants will be listed in the sale bill. Grand Champion will be announced by the auctioneer the day of the sale. Milk weights for the Grand & Reserve Champion Fudge will be posted. Milk weights will be posted for all participants.
10. Youth must abide by the above guidelines or will not be permitted to participate in the Goat Milk Fudge Contest & Sale.
11. A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold by the Market Livestock Committee for supplies and handling fees.
12. The cost of the goat milk fudge will also be deducted from the member's sale check. Checks will be processed through the sale & fees/expenses dispersed accordingly.

### **SHEEP & GOATS**

#### **MANDATORY USDA ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

**ALL SHEEP AND GOATS TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE CANFIELD FAIR MUST be identified by an Official USDA identification (USDA approved tags or USDA recorded tattoo or identification in the Scrapies program).**

- **FOR CANFIELD FAIR, THIS REQUIREMENT WILL INCLUDE ALL EWES/DOES, RAMS/BUCKS AND WETHERS REGARDLESS OF AGE.**
- **EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ANIMALS' SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION.**
- **THIS OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION MUST BE IN ANIMALS' EAR TO BE EXHIBITED & THE TAG/TATTOO NUMBER WILL NEED TO BE DOCUMENTED ON ANIMAL HEALTH PAPER, CANFIELD FAIR ENTRY FORM FOR OPEN CLASS EXHIBITION, AND FOR JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION ON ANIMAL HEALTH PAPER, DRUG NOTIFICATION FORM, AND JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY SHEET.**
- Exhibitor should have record of farm of origin to correspond with this USDA tag/tattoo. These records should be maintained by exhibitor for 5 years. This record is kept to monitor Scrapie, which is a disease found in sheep and goats.
- If there is no record of the farm of origin, then the exhibitor must obtain an Official Scrapies Identification and the animal should be identified by this tag/tattoo.
- **No person may remove or tamper with an official sheep and goat identification.**

**THIS SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN MANDATED BY THE USDA.  
RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Goats registered with a recognized breed registry and have a registration certificate which corresponds to the tattoo identification placed in the goat's ear or tail are considered to have fulfilled the USDA Scrapies identification requirement, and a copy of such documentation will be attached to the Junior Fair Entry Sheet and kept on file in the Junior Fair Office.

**SHEEP/GOATS WITHOUT OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION (TAG AND/OR TATTOO) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT.**

To obtain Official Herd Scrapie's Identification Tags or Tattoo registration, first contact herd of origin.  
If not available, contact 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).

**PHOTO POLICY FOR BOTH MARKET GOATS AND GOAT MILK FUDGE EXHIBITORS: All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE online by August 9. If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit a form for any back-up animal. Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi. Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo. PHOTOS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK. IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET SALE for their specie and WILL BE LISTED IN THE SALE BILL AS HAVING NO PHOTO AVAILABLE.** Youth without photos will also not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Keep in mind that our buyers look forward to these photos to show pride in their purchase. A photo is a simple way to thank your buyer.

### **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Open to all goat project members.
2. Each member will fit and show their own animal.
3. Members will be scored according to score card in project book,
4. Fitting will include condition, quality, finish, cleanliness, and general appearance of the animal.
5. Showmanship will include cleanliness, appearance, ability to handle animal, and knowledge.
6. Youth may show Carting and Market Goats in appropriate breed showmanship class.

**SHOW/SALE ATTIRE:** All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry. During the show, and the sale; exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts, tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, and low-cut jeans and like style clothing will not be considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring. Those taking Market Projects should be reminded that pictures for buyers will be taken during weigh-in. Youth showing Dairy Goats and selling Dairy Goat Fudge are expected to wear a Mahoning County Goat Club shirt and white pants reflective of the dairy industry. Youth showing Market Goats will wear Market Livestock shirt and white pants. All other youth will wear a Mahoning County Goat Club shirt and show quality pants. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!

### **VETERINARY CARE DURING THE FAIR: NOTE FOR ALL JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK:**

Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner. Each youth showing Livestock should have Permission to Treat Form on file to provide permission for the Junior Fair to provide emergency treatment for your animal. All veterinary treatment required for Market Livestock after Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day, must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information. For Market Livestock, any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale, are the responsibility of the buyer; and must be approved by the Goat Committee.

### **EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY - GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP**

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration provided by the following:
  - (1) Family members;
  - (2) Household members;
  - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization;
- (C) Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes. Explanation and minimal demonstration refer to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring while the exhibitor is showing is prohibited. ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year, and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated. Discipline will be any or all of the following:
  - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior.
  - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.

(3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years. IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

**(F) SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY: All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.**

Discipline will be any, or all of the following:

- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
- (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
- (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock

This guideline shall be referred to as the “EXHIBITOR ONLY” guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. **Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:**

- (A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, **one verbal warning** will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian. Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;
- (B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will result and include **a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately, or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty monies will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sales check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;
- (C) A third refusal will **be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show.** After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers, assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor providing liability insurance to cover the exhibitor nor livestock.

**ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.**