

# MAHONING COUNTY



## JUNIOR FAIR

**MAKING OUR BEST BETTER!**

4-H BOY SCOUTS GIRL SCOUTS FARM BUREAU CAMP FIRE USA GRANGE FFA

**SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 7**

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**Mahoning County  
Junior Fair  
Program and Premium List**



**September 2 - September 7, 2026  
CANFIELD, OHIO**

***2026 Junior Fair Book Dedication  
To Our Friends, Our Inspiration***

*Darrel & Thelma Bacon, Senior Fair Director & Wife - Junior Fair  
Ruthann Henry, Market Livestock Office  
Wayne Bacon, Special Junior Fair Friend*

*Edgar & Peg Bacon, Junior Fair Watchmen and Friends of Junior Fair  
Tom Koch, Market Livestock Treasurer*

*Larry & Nancy Kemp - Market Livestock Committee  
Kenny Smith - Junior Fair Watchman Supervisor*

*Geroge & Susan Lyons - Special Junior Fair Friend  
Walter Yeager, Sr. - Market Livestock Committee & Watchman*

*George Grim - Junior Fair Board Advisor - Boy Scouts  
Bob Wilson - Junior Fair Board Advisor - Camp Fire USA*

*Don Zimmerman - Market Livestock Committee  
Marge Yerman & Sharen O'Brock—Committee & 4-H Alumni  
Bonnie Weaver—Market Livestock*

*Anthony & Ellamae Carrera & Joyce Ohline—Pop Shop  
“Forever in Our Hearts”*

**MAHONING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
-- 2026-**

***Officers***

Steve Moff ..... President  
 Scott Hunter .....Vice President  
 Frank Paden.....Secretary/Treasurer  
 Skye Tancer.....Fair Manager  
 Rhonda Learn .....Assistant Fair Manager  
 Pat Adams ..... Canfield Fair Maintenance

***Members***

Chuck Booth	Lavern Carrera	David Dickey	George F. Less
Elwood Woolman	Robert Jarvis	Craig L. Myers	George Roman, III
Billy Cappabianca	Andrew Frost, III	Tony Parks	Timm B. Schreiber
	Donald Snyder, III		

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Booth Set-Up—Building #25

Distribute Packets to **4-H Advisors Only** During Set-up - **Building #25**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Booth Set - Up - Building #25

7:00 p.m. Junior Fair Open House—Meet at the Junior Fair Office

Distribute Packets to **4-H Advisors Only** During Set-up - **Building #25**

**BOOTHS TO BE COMPLETE BY 8:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Distribute Packets—Junior Fair Office—**Event Center-#36**  
4-H Advisors, Committees, Junior Fair Board, Pop Shop,  
Livestock Committee & Other Youth Organizations Volunteers

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Junior Fair Livestock Check-In  
Junior Fair Office—Event Center—#36  
⇒ ALL JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK INCLUDING  
DAIRY & BEEF BREEDING

8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Weigh-in upon arrival in their barn/tent area  
⇒ Market Rabbits & Poultry  
⇒ Market Swine  
⇒ Market & Carcass Lambs  
⇒ Market Goats

8:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Goat Milk Fudge Goats Milk Out—Goat Tent

**8:15 p.m. Junior Fair Saddle Horse Exhibitor Meeting**  
Junior Fair South Saddle Horse Ring Stands

8:00 p.m. Flower Box Entries Due—Register Junior Fair Office

**8:15 p.m. Horseman/Horsewoman Written Test**

8:30 p.m. Saddle Horse Drill Team  
Junior Fair South Saddle Horse Ring

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**8:00 a.m. Canfield Fair Gates Officially Open**  
⇒ **Admission Charged**

8:00 a.m. Building #25 Officially Opens

8:00 a.m. Market Beef & Feeder Weigh—In —Livestock Scales

9:00 a.m. Saddle Horse 4-Station Grading  
Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
⇒ Performance Grading  
⇒ Championships to Follow  
⇒ Production, Showmanship, Driving & Mini Horse

9:00 a.m. Rabbit Meat Pen Judging - Small Animal Barn - #35  
Rabbit Doe & Litter - Small Animal Barn - #35

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 (continued)

- 10:00 a.m. Carcass Lamb Ultrasound - Junior Fair Sheep Tent
- 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25
- 11:00 a.m. Breeding Market Goat Show  
Market Goats to follow- Event Center—#36
- 12:00 p.m. Poultry Market Judging  
⇒ Market Broilers, Ducks & Turkeys - Barn #35
- 1:00 p.m. Carcass Lamb On Hoof Judging—Event Center—#36
- 1:30 p.m. Junior Fair Saddle Horse Wednesday Fun Show Classes  
⇒ Mini Horse Fun Classes First - Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring
- 3:00 p.m. Poultry Breed Judging—Barn #35
- 5:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt Registration at Junior Fair Office
- 5:00 p.m. Horseman / Horsewoman Riding Test - Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring
- 5:00 p.m. Llama Obstacle Course—Small Animal Tent
- 5:30 p.m. Market Swine Judging - Event Center—#36
- 6:00 p.m. Junior Fair Board Scavenger Hunt—Meet Junior Fair Office
- 7:00 p.m. Pocket Pet Costume Class - Small Animal Barn—#35
- 8:00 p.m. Saddle Horse Opening Ceremonies - Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring**  
⇒ Saddle Horse Drill Team  
⇒ Club Presentations, State Fair Participants  
⇒ Sportsmanship Awards, Gail Dennison Scholarship Award  
⇒ **Outstanding Horseman/Horsewoman Presentation**
- 8:30 p.m.(approx.) Junior Fair Saddle Horse Wednesday Fun Show Classes  
Remaining Mini Horse Fun Show to finish first  
Followed by 1st - 3rd Year Horse Show

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Market & Breeding Lamb Show - Event Center—#36  
Olde Timer Adult Lamb Fun Show to follow
- 8:30 a.m. Dairy Showmanship—South Dairy Complex  
Junior Fair Dairy Breed Show to follow
- 9:00 a.m. Saddle Horse Performance Grading—Junior Fair South Horse Ring
- 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Canfield Fair Opening Ceremonies**
- 11:00 a.m. Market Swine Showmanship —Event Center—#36

### **2:00 p.m. Youth Day: Junior Fair Awards & Recognition - Junior Fair Stage**

- 4:00 p.m. Saddle Horse Saddle Horse Championships  
⇒ Trail, Trail in Hand, Ranch Horse Demonstration  
⇒ Reining, & Ground Roping  
⇒ Saddle Horse Beginner Fun Show  
⇒ Saddle Horse Fun Show to follow
- 5:30 p.m. Market Livestock Sale - Event Center—#36  
⇒ Goat Fudge Sale, Rabbit Meat Pens,  
⇒ Market Dairy Goats, Market Goats
- 7:00 p.m. (approximate) Market Lamb Sale with Market Swine to follow

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 WEAR PINK: CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

- 7:30 a.m. Saddle Horse Equitation Over Fences Schooling  
 8:00 a.m. Market Beef Fitting and Showmanship—Event Center—#36  
 Market Beef Classes to follow—Event Center—#36
- 9:00 a.m. Saddle Horse—Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
 ⇒ Equitation Over Fences Grading & Championships  
 ⇒ Hunter Classic, Walk Trot Crossrails
- 10:00 a.m. Llama Packing—Small Animal Tent  
 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25  
 11:00 a.m. Feeder Calf Showmanship—Event Center—#36  
 12:00 p.m. Saddle Horse—Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
 Dressage & Western Dressage Grading & Championships & Classic  
 1:00 p.m. Feeder Calf Classes—Event Center—#36
- 4:00 p.m. Market Livestock Sale - Poultry—Event Center—#36**  
 5:00 p.m. Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team followed by Saddle Horse Fun Show  
 5:00 p.m. Dog Agility—Jr. Fair South Small Animal Tent  
**7:00 p.m. Market Livestock Sale - Market Beef - Event Center—#36**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 WEAR BLUE: DIABETES AWARENESS DAY**

- 7:00 a.m. Saddle Horse Grading Make-up  
 8:00 a.m. Rabbit Breed Judging - Event Center—#36  
 Adult Rabbit Showmanship to follow  
 Rabbit Showmanship to follow
- 8:30 a.m. Dairy Judging Contest Registration—Dairy Cattle Coliseum  
 9:00 a.m. Dairy Judging Contest—Dairy Cattle Coliseum
- 9:00 a.m. Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team—Jr. Fair South Horse Ring  
 Saddle Horse Show - Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring to follow  
 ⇒ Contest Classic - Junior & Senior Divisions  
 ⇒ Walk Trot Trio  
 ⇒ Pleasure Versatility—Senior & Junior Divisions to follow  
 ⇒ Freestyle Reining
- 9:30 a.m. Poultry Costume Class—Event Center #36  
 10:00 a.m. You and Your Dog Judging—Small Animal Tent  
 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25  
 11:00 a.m. Fashion Revue—Junior Fair Stage—Near Event Center  
 12:00 p.m. Llama Exhibition—Small Animal Tent  
 Llama Adult Fun Show to follow
- 12:00 p.m. Junior Fair Beef Breeding Show—South Cattle Complex  
 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Jr Fair “Ag in the Bag” - Make & Take Project —Jr. Fair Stage  
 3:00 p.m. Lamb Costume Class—Event Center—#36  
 4:00 p.m. Goat Costume Class—Event Center—#36  
 5:00 p.m. Pocket Pet Cage Decorating Contest - Small Animal Barn—#35  
 5:00 p.m. Dog Agility - Small Animal Tent  
 6:00 p.m. Pee Wee Showmanship—Event Center—#36  
 7:00 p.m. Truck & Tractor Pull  
 7:30 p.m. Football Game/Movie—TBA — Event Center—#36

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### 8:00 a.m. ROOSTER RUN

- 8:00—9:00 a.m. Saddle Horse Exercise—Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
10:00 a.m. Pocket Pet Breed Judging - Barn #35  
10:00 a.m. Junior Fair Goat Show—Event Center #36  
    ⇒ Pygmy Goats, Kinder Goats  
    ⇒ Specialty Goats, Martha Thullen Scholarship Presentation  
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25  
11:00 a.m. Dog Demonstration—Rally—Small Animal Tent  
12:00 p.m. Mahoning County Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team  
12:30 p.m. Saddle Horse Championships—Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
    ⇒ Showmanship, Contest, Ranch, then Pleasure Classes  
1:00 p.m. Junior Fair Goat Show—Event Center—#36—  
    ⇒ Dairy Goats  
1:00 p.m. Dress - A - Cow Contest - South Cattle Complex  
1:00 p.m. Dog Obedience—Dog Tent  
1:30 p.m. Canfield Junior Fair Cooking Challenge—Event Center Stage  
2:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship (Includes all projects) - Barn #35  
2:30 p.m. Wee Ones Dairy Showmanship - South Cattle Complex  
3:00 p.m. Dog Showmanship Questions: Small Animal Tent,  
Dog Showmanship to follow —Small Animal Tent  
3:30 p.m. Jr Fair “Ag in the Bag” - Make & Take Project —Jr. Fair Stage  
4:30 p.m. Showman of Showmen—Event Center—#36  
6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social - South Dairy Complex  
7:00—10:00 p.m. Junior Fair Movie/Activities—Event Center—#36

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:00 a.m. Olde Timer Saddle Horse Classes  
Saddle Horse Fun Show Continued— Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
9:00 a.m. Pocket Pet Showmanship—Barn #35  
**10:00 a.m. Dairy Cheese Auction**  
10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. STEM Youth Activities—Bldg #25  
10:30 a.m. Llama Costume Class—Small Animal Tent  
**11:00 a.m. Market Beef Feeder, Beef Heifer & Dairy Feeder Auction**  
**Event Center #36**  
11:00 a.m. Saddle Horse Costume Class — Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
11:00 a.m. Rabbit Costume Class—Barn #35  
11:30 a.m. Dog Costume Class—Small Animal Tent  
12:30 p.m. Royalty Tea—Event Center Classroom  
1:00 p.m. Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team - Jr. Fair South Saddle Horse Ring  
1:00 p.m. Goat Carting - Jr Fair Small Animal Tent  
1:30 p.m. Saddle Horse Leadline—Cloverbud Show to follow -  
Stick Horse Showmanship, Barrels & Pleasure  
Continued Saddle Horse Fun Show to follow  
2:00 p.m. Goat Packing—Junior Fair Saddle Horse Tent  
2:00 p.m. Cloverbud Graduation—Junior Fair Stage  
2:30 p.m. Crafts with the Queens—Junior Fair Stage  
2:30 p.m. Registration - Battle of The Barns - Junior Fair Office  
3:00 p.m. Battle of the Barns - Event Center—Building #36

**All Projects Released according to posted directions**

## **JUNIOR FAIR**

The Junior Fair is that part of the Canfield Fair devoted to the activities of the Junior Granges, Future Farmers of America, Farm Bureau, Camp Fire USA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H Clubs. The purpose of the Junior Fair is to promote the interests of Mahoning County Youth through educational exhibits and activities at the Canfield Fair.

The Junior Fair is directed by the Manager of Junior Fair, under the direct supervision of the Senior Fair Board Director(s) in Charge of Junior Fair. The Manager of Junior Fair will provide supervision and direction to the Junior Fair. Each organization will be allowed adult representation to assist with Junior Fair Board as Junior Fair Youth Advisors.

Members of the Junior Fair Board are selected from the membership of the respective youth organizations listed above. Junior Fair Board committees include Special Features (includes Youth Day), and Public Relations. At all times the Manager of Junior Fair, the Junior Fair Board, and Junior Fair participants/ exhibitors are responsible to the Mahoning County Agricultural Society.

### **MAHONING COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SENIOR FAIR DIRECTORS IN CHARGE OF JUNIOR FAIR**

**Donals Snyder, III  
Robert Jarvis**

**Manager of Junior Fair - Kimberly A. Moff**

**Building #25 4-H Displays - Beth Smith, 4-H Youth Educator, OSU Extension**

### **2026 JUNIOR FAIR BOARD ADVISORS**

**Representing Camp Fire USA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Grange,  
Future Farmers of America, Farm Bureau, and 4-H**

Susie DeLucia	Tina Imburgia	Dean Ritchie
Kyle Vernon	Sarah Williamson	Kathleen Moser
Jan Moser	Jessica Ricker	William Wainio
Christine Brownq	Chris Brown	David Corll
Tom Kirkner	Jim Moore	Jacob Corll

**Mahoning County Junior Fair Board Officers**

**President: Landon Frank**

**Vice President: Grace Ewing**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Emory Close**

**Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Valerie Weikart**

**News Reporter: Berkley Corey**

**2026 JUNIOR FAIR BOARD - YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES**

**Representing Camp Fire USA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Grange,  
Future Farmers of America, Farm Bureau, and 4-H**

**JUNIOR FAIR BOARD MEMBERS**

Lexie Allison    Atiana Alvarez    Lena Angiuli    Paitlynn Ball  
Terry Ball    Emma Berry    Garrett Bigelow    Gavin Bigelow  
Shannon Black    Caitlin Blankenship    Amanda Boyle    Mason Brown  
Anna Burnett    Emory Close    Berkley Corey    Austin Davison  
Emily Drake    Cadence Elford    Grace Ewing    Evan Fair    Liam Dillon  
Jessica Fair    Landon Frank    Landan Gerchak    Molly Gerchak  
Elizabeth Horkey    Maelee Kirkner    Gary Landsberger    Ayla Lippert  
Brenna Mongillo    Zachary Norris    Abigail Riblet    Sarah Rhinehart  
Mathew Robertson    Morgan Robertson    Nathen Siwula    Elyse Terreri  
Haley Thomas    Macie Vernon    Kate Walko    Valerie Weikart  
Judson Weingart    Grace Maltonic    Kellin Williams  
Dante Woolley    Zaria Woolley

**JUNIOR FAIR BOARD ALUMNI HELPERS**

Joey Devine    Amber Corll    Alex Fromel    Andrew Fromel  
Kaleigh Williams

**JUNIOR FAIR QUEEN: Evelyn Collier**

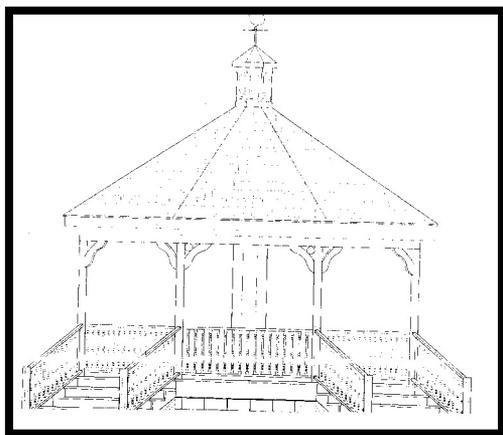
**JUNIOR FAIR KING: Landon Frank**

## DARREL BACON MEMORIAL GAZEBO

The Darrel Bacon Memorial Gazebo was built as a tribute to our friend Darrel Bacon, who had dedicated so many years to the 4-H and Junior Fair Programs. He made his last journey to the 2001 Junior Fair, and upon this visit, asked that we have a plaque made with the following inscription:

**The Mahoning County Junior Fair is the result of the combined efforts of many dedicated volunteers working together to make the Best Junior Fair Even Better. Thank You For Your Efforts ! Darrel Bacon**

Darrel Bacon passed away in the fall of 2001. His dream was to make the Best Junior Fair Even Better with each passing year and strive to offer a program for the youth in Mahoning County where they could find education, develop leadership, but most of all “Have Fun.”



We hope the gazebo will help us all remember a man of few words, but a man with a big heart, and with a dream that will continue to live on in the Best Junior Fair Ever.

Building donated by Hemphill & Sons Construction  
Designed by David Harris, Jr.  
Sponsors listed on plaque in Gazebo

A scholarship fund has also been established in Darrel Bacon's honor and is administered by the Mahoning County Youth Agricultural Association.

Donations can be made directly through Farmer's National Bank.



## ***JUNIOR FAIR FLOWER PLANTER CONTEST***

**Promoted & Originated**

**By**

**The Small & Exotic Animal Committee**



### **CONTEST GUIDELINES**

1. Participation is open to all clubs from all Junior Fair Youth Organizations. Each club is limited to one entry for official judging, however we welcome extra boxes for decoration.
2. Flower Box/Planter must be built/ created by club members and **must be able to be carried by two people (please keep size reasonable.)**
3. Flower Box/Planter must be **identified with club name**. Fair theme, and/or club emblem can be incorporated in the design of the flower box. We encourage creativity and originality.
4. All flowers **must be natural** (not artificial). No professionally assisted arrangements will be accepted.
5. **Club must water & take care of their own flower box/planter during the fair.** Flower Box/Planter must be brought to the Junior Fair Office by 8:00 p.m. Fair Entry Day and be registered at the Junior Fair Office. **Club must clearly declare category for judging.**

### **JUDGES CRITERIA**

Flower Box/Planter will be judged in one of the four categories:

1. Original
2. Recycled
3. Canfield Fair Theme: The Valley's Homecoming
4. Special Category: "Patriotic"

They will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Creativity and Originality
2. Appearance of Total Display
3. Floral Organization

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented at the Youth Day Program, Thursday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m. There will be 3 placings in each category. First through third place in each category will receive a rosette and a rotating plaque/sign which is to be placed in the planter/flower box.





## JUNIOR GRANGE



THE JUNIOR GRANGE is for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 14 years, who prepare for manhood and womanhood. The boys and girls meet together, at the same time as their parents. They, however, have their own set of officers, conduct their own business meetings, and with the aid of the County Deputy and their adult leaders, plan their projects and educational programs. These programs are followed by a planned recreational period. The adult leaders are often a man and his wife, one assisting the boys with their projects, the other assisting the girls. Every child is encouraged to have a hobby and to help others.

### JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION

Exhibits should consist of work of the Junior Grange, either as a Grange or as individuals. This should include outlines of Junior programs, community service, or other activities of the Junior Grange, displayed in such a way as to be of interest to the fair visitors. Farm products, forestry, State & National contest exhibits, hand work, home economics, hobby collections, and other forms of display materials may be displayed. All exhibits must be made, produced or collected by members of the Junior Grange and exhibited in the Grange building. Exhibits are to be placed by members of the Junior Grange, assisted by the Junior Leaders or older adults.

### ENTRIES

Entries are to be made and signed by the Junior Leader and mailed along with a \$1 entry fee to the Canfield Fair Office, Box 250, Canfield Ohio 44406, no later than August 10. Exhibits must be in place by 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, Fair Entry Day, and will be released Monday at 9:00 p.m. The Junior Grange will assume all responsibility in placing and removal of exhibits.

### AWARDS

Banners will be given in order of placement for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. All other Granges exhibiting will receive a banner of honorable mention. In addition, each Grange exhibiting will receive a cash award of:

1st - \$75.00      2nd - \$70.00      3rd - \$65.00      4th - \$60.00

The following is the scorecard for booth judging:

<b>1. GENERAL APPEARANCE</b>	<b>35 POINTS</b>
Ability to hold attention	10
Originality of presentation	5
Neatness of balanced arrangement	10
Presentation of aims and purposes of exhibit to include Junior Grange name	10
<b>2. VARIETY AND QUALITY OF EXHIBIT</b>	<b>40 POINTS</b>
Hobbies & study objects	10
Handicrafts	15
Project activities (such as Gardening, Health & Safety, Farm Pals, Nature, Home Economics)	15
<b>3. EFFECTIVENESS IN PORTRAYING JUNIOR GRANGE IDEALS</b>	<b>25 POINTS</b>
Community Service	10
Contests and projects - State & National	10
Local Junior Grange - activities not included in any of the above, such as cooperate with other Youth Groups	5

## Camp Fire USA Northeast Ohio Council

Camp Fire USA molds caring, confident youth and future leaders. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire continues to give boys and girls opportunities to build leadership and to become involved in community service. Camp Fire USA Northeast Ohio Council serves all of Northeast Ohio, including the counties of Mahoning, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, Ashtabula, Lake, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Geauga, and Medina. Camp Fire provides programs in outdoor environmental studies, traditional neighborhood clubs, community & family clubs - Teens in Action, and in - school programs, such as self reliance courses - Peer Proofing K.I.D.S. and Environmental. Our programs help to develop and foster service, leadership, self esteem, and responsibility.

### JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION

Camp Fire is a member of the Junior Fair Board, and actively participates in the Junior Fair. It provides an educational exhibit in Building #25, and maintains a puppet theater on the north side of Building #25.

### INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

Class Winners:	Blue	Red	White	Yellow	Green
	\$1.00	.75	.50	.00	.00

#### Class I - Camp Fire Heritage

- 100 - Starflight (K) Awards Vest
- 101 - Starflight ( 1st & 2nd ) Awards Vest
- 102 - Adventure - Awards Vest
- 103 - Discovery - Ceremonial Outfit
- 104 - Horizon - Ceremonial Outfit

#### Class II - Camp Fire Project

- 205 - Starflight (K) Project
- 206 - Starflight ( 1st & 2nd ) Project
- 207 - Adventure Project
- 208 - Discovery Project
- 209 - Horizon Project

#### Class III - Handcraft - using natural / recycled materials

- 310 - Starflight (K) item made of recycled / natural materials
- 311 - Starflight ( 1st & 2nd ) item made of recycled / natural materials
- 312 - Adventure - item made of recycled / natural materials
- 313 - Discovery - item made of recycled / natural materials
- 314 - Horizon - item made of recycled / natural materials

### JUDGING

1. The judging will consist of three main points:
  - A. Best expression of Camp Fire in class
  - B. Neatness
  - C. Appearance - All ceremonial items may be entered every year if there have been changes made from the previous judging. Changes MUST be noted and explained with entry.
2. All judges' decisions are final. No award will be made for any exhibit which, in the opinion of the judge, is unworthy of a premium. Originality, creativity, workmanship, attractive appearance and durable construction are considered by the judges.
3. Exhibits may not be removed from the display prior to 9:00 p.m. Monday , the last day of the fair.
4. No names shall be visible on the explanation, if one is included. Should use 3 x 5 card.



### GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST OHIO



Girl Scouting is an informal, educational program open to all girls ages 5—17, and adults regardless of race, color, religion, financial situation, or national origin. The Girl Scout program operates on the principle that girls grow, learn and have fun making decisions, doing, and discovering for themselves. Each girl is helped to develop to her fullest potential through group experiences.

Girl Scouting in the United States is part of the world wide movement with members in

more than 100 countries, banded together through the World Associates of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Councils are local units chartered by the National Organization to administer and develop Girl Scouts with specified areas.

Council - wide as well as neighborhood programs are planned for both girls and adults, giving all opportunities to meet and share their ethnic and geographic backgrounds.



**THE GREATER WESTERN RESERVE COUNCIL**  
**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**



The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to develop through organizations that charter a Scouting unit (as part of their ministry toward youth); the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others; to train them in Scout craft; and to teach them patriotism, courage, self reliance, and belief in God. In achieving this purpose, emphasis shall be placed upon its educational program and the oaths, promises and codes of the Scout program for character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness.

Each year Scouts assist in ceremonies and prepare a display showing different aspects of Scouting. Scouts have a display showing the skills of Scouting in the Junior Fair Youth Building #25. Scout skills are demonstrated at their campsite located near Gate E.



**MAHONING COUNTY FARM BUREAU**



Ohio Farm Bureau is a grassroots membership organization that works to support our state's food and farm community. Mahoning County Farm Bureau was formed to promote the business needs of farming in general through educational and other means and to aid in the betterment and welfare of those engaged in farming.



**FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**



FFA is a school based organization open to girls and boys in grades 9-12. These youth gain experience in crops, livestock, and farm maintenance. Experience in leadership is gained through public speaking, and parliamentary procedure. A vocational agriculture project in livestock, crops, or work experience is required as the student studies in a learn-to-earn situation. FFA provides an educational booth in the Junior Fair Building #25.



4-H is the nation's largest positive youth development and youth mentoring organization offered through a cooperative relationship between land-grant universities, the USDA, and local communities. 4-H programs seek to empower our young people, developing their sense of citizenship, leadership, responsibility for self and others, and a variety of life skills that will support them into adulthood. Our mottos are "to make the best better" and "learn by doing."

## **Mahoning County General 4-H Information**

1. Eligibility for 4-H membership begins with the Cloverbud program, when youth are both 5 years old and in kindergarten by January 1 of the current year. Youth can begin participating at the club level when they are both 8 years old and in third grade, or 9 years old by January 1 of the current year. Members age out of 4-H when they have reached 19 years of age by December 31. To join 4-H, a youth must enroll in a county club by March 15 of the current year. All 4-H members must enroll in at least one 4-H project per year. The deadline for project enrollment is also March 15.
2. All 4-H clubs and programs are overseen by approved volunteers who have completed an application, interview, and background check process.
3. Ohio 4-H offers a wide range of projects, each with a corresponding project book. Youth can and should choose those projects that most interest them. Projects include: cooking, sewing, gardening, livestock, small pets, outdoors, technology, woodworking, shooting sports, arts, writing, health, beekeeping, rocketry, small engines, and much more. Youth also may choose to enroll in a self-determined project of their own choosing, under the guidance of a club advisor.
4. While some projects are structured to be taken over multiple years, most projects are not. If a 4-H member chooses to repeat projects (including livestock projects) the club advisors should work with the youth to ensure that supplemental activities and requirements are being added to increase the youth's knowledge level each year.
5. Parents and club advisors both play an active role in the 4-H program. Advisors help communicate information about county project requirements, Canfield Junior Fair requirements, Ohio State Fair Requirements, etc. Parents and advisors work together to assist youth in ensuring that they are working towards completion of their projects, and finding any necessary resources required for project completion.

## **Mahoning County 4-H Youth Participation in Junior Fair**

1. 4-H members are not required to participate in the Mahoning County Junior Fair, though they are encouraged to do so. Specific requirements for Mahoning County Junior Fair participation are outlined in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Guidelines. **These requirements supersede any county or state requirements.** Projects will be housed in the best available space, as determined by the Senior Fair Director in charge of Junior Fair and the Manager of Junior Fair. Projects must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on the fair entry date (or as specified), and will be released at 9:00 p.m. on Monday after close of the fair.
2. Completion of the 4-H project is required for the project to be exhibited at Junior Fair. 4-H project completion requires a completed project book from the current year (youth may not re-use books from prior years); a completed record book from the current year (if required); completed supplemental activities or requirements, as were determined at the onset of the project; appropriate attendance at and participation in club meetings; and a positive attitude.
3. Requirements for self-determined 4-H livestock projects must be approved by the 4-H Educator, Junior Fair Sub-Committee, Manager of the Junior Fair, and Senior Fair Director in charge of the Junior Fair.
4. 4-H members who exhibit a still project at the Junior Fair will be paid a cash premium of \$1.00 for each project exhibited.

5. In the event of the death of a 4-H member's livestock project animal, the youth may request a change in project. The change in project must be approved by the 4-H Educator, the Manager of Junior Fair and Junior Fair Sub-Committee.
6. In any discrepancy concerning Junior Fair exhibits, final authority rests with the Senior Fair Board member in charge of Junior Fair, the Manager of Junior Fair, and any corresponding committee.
7. The responsibility of the Fair Veterinarian is to inspect livestock and review any required health certificates for any evidence of contagious or infectious disease. Duties beyond this will be at the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian and the Department Director.

### **4-H EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS**

**Booth Set -Up: Saturday: 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

#### **ALL club displays must be completed by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

1. Each 4-H club may choose to present an educational display at the fair, which reflects the work done by the 4-H club members during the course of the year. The display may include any items that reflect projects that individual members or groups of members have completed. This may include actual projects (other than food items), posters, display boards, pictures, scrapbooks, or other collections that reflects the completed work.
2. Each club will be assigned a booth in Building #25 at the Canfield Fair for their educational display.
  3. Rules for educational displays:
    - A. Each club will display a card in the lower left corner of the left divider wall, which needs to include: club name, advisor(s) name(s), & total club enrollment. This card will be provided for you during booth set-up times.
    - B. Each project, poster, display board, etc. in the booth must include a visible tag that displays the name(s) of the member(s) who completed that item. (Tags will not be provided.)
    - C. No items may hang from the ceiling or be placed between the booth and pipe/chain railing. A wire or string may be suspended from the dividers to hang items.
    - D. Displays may not extend beyond the perimeter and height of the booth dividers.
    - E. No food may be displayed in the booth.
    - F. No decorative or artificial ceiling or roof may be built over the booth.
    - G. No profane words or items may be on display in the booth.
  4. Judging of the educational displays:
    - A. Displays must be completed by 8:00pm on Monday and should be maintained through 9:00pm on Monday (close of fair).
    - B. Displays will be judged on Entry Day (Tuesday) on the following criteria, totaling to 100 points:
      - I. Organization—25 points
      - II. Condition of items in display—20 points
      - III. Originality of display—15 points
      - IV. Educational value of display—40 points
5. The Canfield Fair Senior Fair Board, the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, 4-H, any other youth organizations involved in Junior Fair, nor their volunteers assume any responsibility for exhibits or projects, or provide any liability insurance for exhibits or projects.

## 4-H FASHION REVUE

**Fashion Revue:** Saturday, September 5, 11:00 a.m.

**Place:** Junior Fair Stage

In Front of or Inside the Event Center

Participants should be registered and in their outfits by 10:30 a.m.

The first class will be a special class for those who participated in the State Fair Style Revue.

State Fair Participants ( Non—Competitive)

Sew For Others

Look Great for Less

Loungewear

Designed by Me

Active Sportswear

Sundresses & Jumpers

Outerwear for Anywhere

Sew Fun

Dress - Up Formal Wear

Em-bel-ish: A 4-H Guide to Wearable Art

Shopping Savvy

Tops For Tweens

Clothing For Your Career

Accessories For Teens

Clothing For Middle School

Clothes For High School and College

Creative Costumes

Sewing & Textiles (Non-Clothing) Master



To obtain tickets for participation, advisors should submit a list of participants prior to the Junior Fair as instructed in the Junior Fair Newsletter.

All members who had their clothing project judged prior to the fair may compete in the Fashion Revue. More than one project may be modeled. All members should remain dressed in their projects until the end of the Style Revue. Members will then return to the stage to be recognized and the top participant in each class will receive an “Outstanding” ribbon.

### **4-H Booth Award Sponsors**

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Moser (in memory of Bill Moser, 30 year 4-H Advisor)  
4-H Promotion Rotating Banner

Mahoning County Agricultural Society- General Awards

Vera Cook (in memory of Jim Cook) - Rotating Safety Promotion Banner

## **JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK**

Livestock projects will be exhibited in the Junior Fair Livestock designated areas. Hay and straw will be furnished after Entry Day. Exhibitors are to furnish all other feed, feeding box, water bucket, cleaning equipment, tack or lock box, show supplies, and other necessary equipment for the care of animals. Some livestock may be exhibited in Open Class in addition to the Junior Fair. See specific requirements for Open Class entries. Open Class entries must be completed online with the designated Department by the due date listed. All livestock must adhere to the Livestock Health Requirements.

### **LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES**

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year or 9 years old as of January 1. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee.
2. Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair by March 15, 2026 and can add a project until April 1, 2026.
3. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must complete the online Junior Fair Registration Form and sign off on the Junior Fair Guidelines by April 7, 2026 at midnight.
4. All members must adhere to the Exhibitor Owner Policy listed below.
5. All members must follow the specie's specific guidelines.

#### **MEETING ATTENDANCE**

1. Members must attend required meetings for the specific specie to participate in the program. Meeting dates are available on the Mahoning County Junior Fair Calendar at [www.mcjrfair.com](http://www.mcjrfair.com).
2. Quality Assurance is a state mandated program and does not count toward specific meeting requirements. Youth exhibiting Market Livestock (Market Beef, Feeders, Swine, Lambs, Goats, Poultry & Rabbits), Dairy Cattle & Goats, and at least one parent/guardian must attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program in order to exhibit and/or sell their livestock or products at the fair, or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program.
3. **For Junior Fair Exhibitors with pen space in the event center and the tents behind the event center: (Does not include dogs, llamas, pocket pets, beef breeding, or dairy exhibitors.) IF A MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN BOTH SET UP AND TEAR-DOWN OF PENS FOR THE JUNIOR FAIR SHOW, THEY WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR 1 MEETING ATTENDANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**
- 5 It is the sole responsibility of the member and his/her parents or guardian to attend and SIGN IN at meetings to receive vital information that might otherwise not be made available to them from other resources, and to ensure that the information they are receiving is correct and understood. Each youth must sign in to receive credit for attendance.

#### **SKILLATHON**

1. The skillathon is MANDATORY for all Small Animals. The skillathon will NOT count towards the meeting requirements. Youth attending college or participating in sports and other spring/ summer activities will need to make special arrangements with the committee if there is a conflict with meeting dates. Plan ahead. Make-up dates are on the calendar or must be arranged with the committee.
2. **The skillathon is highly recommended for Market Livestock and does count toward the meeting requirements. There are no make-up dates for the Market Livestock Skillathon.**
3. **Youth must be enrolled and participating in the project to receive awards for the specific skillathon.**

## **JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **To exhibit in the Junior Fair**, the member **must complete and submit** a Junior Fair Entry Form online by August 1 at midnight, except rabbits and poultry. Rabbits and poultry must submit their entry forms by August 24 at midnight.
2. If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth **will NOT** be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.
3. 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 next fair year.
4. Members must show their own project, unless reviewed by designated committee and Junior Fair Management. An exception is in championships where more than one animal may need to be exhibited. A youth member of the same specie may be asked for assistance with approval of the specified committee. See specific guidelines for each specie.
5. No livestock animals are permitted to leave the fair until 9:00 p.m. Monday, unless otherwise listed in their guidelines or instructed by the Junior Fair Management.
6. All livestock must be removed from the fairgrounds Monday evening, unless granted special permission by Junior Fair Management. Any livestock left Monday evening are not the responsibility of the Committees or the Junior Fair. Exhibitors not removing livestock may be barred from exhibiting the following year.
7. 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 next year.
8. Health papers are required for specific animal projects to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show. Youth **MUST** bring one extra copy of their health paper **for EACH of their animals** at time of registration, and this health paper is to then be stapled on animal's pen and retain a photocopy for his/her records.
9. If a health issue occurs with an animal, the committee, Junior Fair Management and the fair veterinarian may excuse the animal from exhibition.
10. Any protests or discrepancies should be discussed with the specific Committee or Junior Fair Management.

## **CHECK IN PROCEDURES:**

1. Check-in will be from 8 a.m. on Tuesday to 8 p.m. All exhibits must be in place by 8:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday.
2. **Members unloading livestock to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show must check-in with their committee at the pens/stalls. Once approved by the committee, members must go to the Junior Fair Office to complete the check-in process.**
3. **Drug Use Notification Forms must be completed within a 24 hour period prior to Junior Fair check-in for all Market and Dairy Production Livestock.**
4. **Permission to Treat Forms must be submitted at check-in for all livestock exhibiting.**
5. Youth should bring one extra copy of their health paper for their animal to show at time of registration, and this health paper is to then be stapled on animal's pen.
6. Small Animals must be health checked prior to being placed in pens. Youth must bring a verification of this health check with them to the Junior Fair Office to check-in. **NO SMALL ANIMAL IS PERMITTED IN ASSIGNED PEN WITHOUT FIRST BEING HEALTH CHECKED.**

**SHOW/SALE ATTIRE:** All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals.

1. 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.
2. During the show and the sale, the 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, 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.
3. **ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF WALNUT HILL FEEDS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.**
4. 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.

**ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR**

1. Each member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their swine from check-in until 9:00 p.m. of the final day of the fair.
2. Any member who violates this rule may be prohibited from exhibiting the following year.
3. **Project animal(s), the stall, and the area around your pen must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 9:00 a.m.**
4. **Pens will be inspected by committee members after 9:00 a.m. for cleanliness and animal care. This will include, but not limited to cleanliness of pen & animal, water, feed, etc.**
5. Animals must also be fed on a regular schedule and cleaned periodically throughout the day. Spot checks will be made during the fair. Members not cleaning pens or caring for their animals will be notified.
  - a. The first violation will be noted and the member will be notified. A \$20.00 fine will be implemented and deducted from their sale check.
  - b. If a second offense occurs during the fair week, another fine will be charged, and the member forfeits their eligibility to participate in the project the following year.
  - c. The third warning will be considered animal neglect, and the animal will be disqualified from the Junior Fair Show. Exhibitor may also be barred from future participation in Junior Fair Activities.

**\$20.00 per day will automatically be deducted from the sale check of any member who does not comply with pen cleanliness and animal care. Members can be fined for each offense. Two separate fees can be charged if a pen is deemed not cleaned, and the animal does not have the proper feed and care provided in the same day.**

**RECORD BOOKS:** Check specific guidelines for record book requirements for non-market livestock.

**POST FAIR CLEAN UP: All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their stalls after the fair.**

1. Members should clean pens BETWEEN Tuesday after 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturday following the fair.
2. The members should take a photo of their stall including the stall number and exhibitor name when completed. This will document your clean pen to keep everyone honest.
3. If exhibitor does not clean prior to Saturday, then exhibitors must arrive to participate in the Market Livestock Post Fair Clean-up to be held the Saturday following the fair beginning at 12 noon.
4. If exhibitor is unable to return, then arrangements should be made within your club for ALL stalls to be cleaned
5. Stalls must be completely stripped, and manure hauled to the manure pit. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic etc.) should be disposed of in garbage cans. Manure pits need to contain manure, straw & sawdust only!

**PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen between the Tuesday following the Junior Fair Show and Saturday by 9:00 a.m. during the Post Fair Clean-up, will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$50.00 stall cleaning fee, which will be deducted from their Market Livestock Sale check. NOTE: All collected fines will be deposited in the fund designated by each committee. Non-market livestock not cleaning their pens will be charged the \$50 fee that must be paid to the designated fund prior to enrolling the following year. If the fee is not paid, they will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junor Fair Show.**

**STALL CLEAN AREA AWARDS MAY BE PRESENTED TO YOUTH MAINTAINING A CLEAN STALL, CLEAN AREA AROUND THE STALL/PEN, FRESH CLEAN WATER PROVIDED, & ANIMAL KEPT CLEAN IN APPEARANCE.**

**VETERINARY CARE:**

1. Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner.
2. Each youth showing Livestock must have a Permission to Treat Form on file to allow emergency treatment for your animal.
3. 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.
4. 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 specific Committee.

**EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY:** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2026 Mahoning County Fair; and to comply with the “Exhibitor Only” policy, which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for their project animal(s).

**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 refers 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, un-sportsmanlike, 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.
- F. **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 events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years or a length of time determined by the committee, Manager of Junior Fair, and/or Senior Fair Directors involved in the Junior Fair Show.

**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)

**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 he/she must pay immediately or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty money will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sale 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 this 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.



**MARKET LIVESTOCK**  
**MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**



CHAIRMAN: Dean Ritchie

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**GENERAL MARKET LIVESTOCK & JUNIOR FAIR SALE GUIDELINES**

**2026 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY:**

1. All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock or participating in the Junior Fair Sale **MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE** which includes the youth and the animal they plan to exhibit online by August 1 at midnight with their entry sheet, except for rabbit and poultry. Rabbits and poultry must submit their photos by August 24 at midnight, with their entry sheets.
2. If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal.
3. Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi.
4. Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project.
5. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo.
6. **IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR SALE 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.

### **SELLING & SHOWING MARKET LIVESTOCK:**

1. All MARKET ANIMALS must be sold at auction and in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2026 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon Winners will be placed at the top of the sale order.
2. Animals in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable shall not be shown or sold at the fair. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee.
3. **Members must show and sell their own project animals.** Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted and received permission from the specific committee and Junior Fair management.
  - a. **The name of a substitute exhibitor must be included in this letter and will be documented by the Committee.**
  - b. **Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same species.**
  - c. **The member must be present for either the show, or the sale. They may not request a substitute for both.**
  - d. **Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.**
  - e. **If the member is not present to show and sell their animal, and they have not submitted a written request as mentioned above; then the youth will forfeit the right to show and the right to sell their market livestock animal in the sale.**
4. 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.
5. Checks will be processed through the sale & fees/expenses dispersed accordingly on the designated check night.

### **MARKET LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON GUIDELINES**

1. All Market Livestock Club members are eligible to participate in the Skillathon. Check your specie guidelines for participation requirements.
2. Each skillathon will be handled by the specific subcommittee.
3. Members participating in each Skillathon must be currently enrolled in the project to be considered for placement.
4. Scoring for the skillathon will be dependent on the number of stations offered, which will be determined by the subcommittees.
5. Awards for the skillathons will be selected according to total scores. Each species will select Junior, Intermediate, and Senior skillathon winners.
6. The skillathon winners will be announced during the Market Livestock Show and will sell at the top of the sale order.

### **SECURING MARKET LIVESTOCK**

1. **PLEASE NOTE: Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.**
2. Animals must be housed at the member's residence, when at all possible, unless other arrangements have been made with the committee's approval. **(Refer to Exhibition Rule 901-19-39 - Owner Requirements: No person shall register, enter, or exhibit a market hog in Junior Fair Livestock Exhibition unless this person has owned the animal for not less than 60 days.)**

**MARKET LIVESTOCK JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. All project animals must be shown by the member to whom the animal has been registered. Help from a parent or other adult is strictly prohibited during the time a child is in the show ring. Refer to the “Exhibitor Only” guidelines below. If a child is unable to show his or her animal due to sickness or other emergency, another member may show said animal if the County Market Livestock Committee and Junior Fair Management have been notified of any hardship and have approved the exhibitor substitution.

**COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:**

1. **All members taking a Market Livestock Project and Goat Milk Fudge are required to submit a COMPLETED RECORD BOOK to the prospective committee at the designated time and place listed in the specific guidelines. Members not turning books or Thank Yous at this time must contact a committee member, and make arrangements to turn in this information. DO NOT TURN THESE OR LEAVE THESE AT THE JUNIOR FAIR OFFICE. THEY MUST BE TURNED IN TO YOUR COMMITTEE.**
2. Members must write a THANK YOU note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide THANK YOU notes and the postage.
3. **MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE THE FULL RECORD BOOK TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR S BEST RECORD BOOK PRIZE.**
4. **See specific specie guidelines in regards to which Market Book may be submitted and when they should be submitted.**
5. Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.

**WEIGH—IN:**

The following Market Livestock will be weighed Tuesday evening upon arrival: Market Swine, Market & Carcass Lambs, Market Rabbits, Poultry & Goats. Market Beef and Feeders will be weighed Wednesday morning beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**SALE ORDER:**

- All Market Livestock must be sold at auction in order of their placing in the show ring during the 2026 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon will be placed at the top of the sale order.
- The 2026 Market Livestock Sale has been designated partial terminal for all livestock, except rabbits and poultry, which requires at least the Grand & Reserve Champion must be slaughtered.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair, nor 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 provide liability insurance to cover the exhibitor and/or livestock.

**ALL DEADLINES ARE FINAL WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.  
ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**ANY MEMBER WHO VIOLATES THESE RULES MAY BE PROHIBITED  
FROM EXHIBITING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**



## MARKET BEEF



### MARKET BEEF COMMITTEE

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**Market Livestock Weigh-In:** Wednesday, September 2

Place: Livestock Scales, 8:00 a.m., Event Center

**Beef Fitting & Showmanship:** Friday, September 4, 8:00 a.m.

**Market Beef Judging** to follow Showmanship **Place:** Event Center

### MARKET BEEF GUIDELINES

**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 10 years to 18 years old inclusive on January 1, 2026. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee. Youth must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, and/or an active Junior Fair organization by the organization's deadline; or a current member of the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club by October 18, 2025. Youth must complete the Mahoning County Market Beef Information & Guideline Form by November 1, 2025.

**ENROLLMENT:** Enrollment closes on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Orders for beef animal(s) must be given to the committee prior to this date.

**NUMBER OF STEERS:** Beginners, one steer only. Those with experience in livestock may have two at the discretion of the committee. Second year members may have two steers in the manner decided upon by the committee.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Mandatory - **Members taking the Market Beef Project must attend at least two of the County Market Beef meetings, in addition to one Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program in order to exhibit and sell their market beef animal(s) at the fair.** However, members are encouraged to attend all meetings of the County Market Beef Club. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair; and to comply with the "Exhibitor Only" policy, which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for this market beef animal. The market beef purchased and raised for this project must be exhibited and sold at the 2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair. Exceptions must be approved by committee.

- **Market Beef exhibitors MUST not use any growth hormones or implants on their Market Beef projects.**
- **Exhibitors MUST not use any products which tranquilize livestock animals such as Calf Calm or like products.**

### RECORDS BOOKS

All members taking a Market Beef project are **required** to submit a **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK** for EACH project. These books must be turned in Sunday of the Fair between **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm** in front of the Market Beef area to a Market Beef Committee member. In addition, each member must write a THANK YOU note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide THANK YOU notes and the postage. Both the project book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned into the committee before payment will be made for the sale of the project animal. Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.

## SECURING CALVES:

1. Each member shall buy his or her calf through the club in the manner decided upon by the committee
2. A \$20.00 deposit will be made upon the placement of the market beef order. Each member shall finance his or her own calf, and make all payments at the time of the drawing, or upon receipt of the bill. Where outside financing is needed, contact the committee.
3. Calves will be tagged and weighed at the time of delivery. Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show are intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other state/county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.
4. The day of selection of calves: All calves are placed in pens of 5 in random order. The committee will pull 2 pens first to place 10 calves in the selection pen for the members to begin the selection process. Once the pen is down to 5 calves, the committee will bring 5 more calves, the committee will bring 5 more calves into the selection pen, for the next 5 members Each member will assume full responsibility for this calf at the time of the drawing.
5. When the members are selecting their calves, they need to be selected based on temperament and structure.
6. Unmanageable animals will not be replaced. The members will draw their first round. If a member chooses to take a second calf, they will have to draw a second number. The second-round drawing will take place after the first round is completed.
7. Each member will assume full responsibility for this calf at the time of the drawing after they are paid for and loaded in the trailer.
8. A committee member shall be notified within 48 hours if a member's calf should die. The death shall be verified by 2 or more members of the Market Beef Committee prior to disposal. If the death happens prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, a replacement will be supplied, if available, from the back-up steers that have been purchased by the committee. As lottery steers, these animals would remain eligible for Grand & Reserve Champion. Special circumstances must be reviewed and voted on by the committee.
9. The Market Beef Club will carry its own insurance. Each member will contribute 4% of the cost of the calf(s) to the insurance fund. In the event that no calf dies during the year, each member will be pro-rated at the close of the year the amount of the insurance which was paid at the beginning. Any member's loss of a steer after the purchase date in October thru Labor Day when sent to the packer, shall be reimbursed the price of the steer. Should the losses exceed the contributions made by the members, additional assessments will be made on each member to determine the amount reimbursed. Each member will be assessed in proportion to the cost of their steer(s).
10. Members will pay their own veterinarian fees. The youth will be responsible for any veterinarian fees for castration or dehorning after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
11. All steers shall be dehorned before the show and sale. In the event a calf must be dehorned before the delivery to the member, the Market Beef Committee will arrange to have the calf dehorned and will pay for the cost.

## JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION:

1. A committee member must be notified no less than one week prior to Junior Fair Entry Day if member wishes to cancel their Junior Fair Entry for their Market Beef in the Junior Fair Show. Failure to provide notification could result in barring of exhibition in the Junior Fair Show next year.
2. Two or more members of the Market Beef Committee will visit each youth member within 60 days of the Junior Fair Show to verify **the condition and handling** ability of each steer. **Steers not meeting handling guidelines at this visit will be red tagged** by the committee and revisited prior to the fair to determine Junior Fair Exhibition.

3. **NO UNRULY, UNMANAGABLE AND/OR STEERS IN POOR CONDITION WILL BE SHOWN AND/OR SOLD AT THE FAIR.** Exhibitors may not use any products which tranquilize livestock animals such as Calf Calm or like products.
4. All Market Steers must be unloaded in the Event Center.
5. Each youth exhibitor must present his/her steer in the Event Center to at least two members of the Market Beef Committee to demonstrate the ability to control and handle their steer prior to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday. **Any steer deemed unruly by the Market Beef Committee will be removed by the exhibitor immediately.** Any steer deemed unruly and not removed by midnight of Entry Day, will be removed to exhibitor's home by a hauler at the direction of the committee at the exhibitor's expense.
6. Only steers able to be led by the member will be permitted to be weighed Wednesday morning. Steers should be brought to weigh-in with a rope halter and long rope (such as the halter which was on your steer at the time of purchase). This type of halter will help in the safety and ability to move steers through the scales.
7. To provide the most desirable market animal, the following rules will apply: At weigh-in at the fair, any steer weighing less than 1,100 lbs. will be sent home.
8. After Entry Day, any steer that is deemed unruly by the judge and/or the Market Beef Committee, will be tied to the wall during the Market Beef Show, and sold at the end of the Market Beef Sale.
9. **All members taking a Market Beef project are required to submit a COMPLETED RECORD BOOK for EACH project.** These books must be submitted Sunday of the Fair between **12:00 noon and 3:00 pm** in front of the Market Beef area to a Market Beef Committee member.
10. Steers in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable shall not be shown or sold at the fair. No steer shall be sold through the sale that was not bought through the committee. No adults may lead or assist in the show ring. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee.

**MARKET BEEF INSURANCE POLICY – IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

The following procedure **MUST BE FOLLOWED** to collect insurance in the event of the death of a Market Beef Project:

1. If your Market Beef Project dies, the parent/youth must contact a committee member immediately, prior to the disposal of the animal.
2. A committee member must identify the Market Beef, and a picture will be taken for insurance purposes.
3. After the verification of the Market Beef, the committee member will contact the Treasurer of the Market Livestock Committee to report the death.
4. Insurance payment will be presented to the youth member at check night for the Market Beef in October.

**If the above procedure is not followed, insurance payment WILL NOT BE PAID.**

**MARKET BEEF FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP**

**Junior: 10 - 11 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**Intermediate: 12-14 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**Senior: 15 - 18 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

1. Open to Market Beef project members.
2. Each member will fit and show their own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.
3. Judge's decisions will be final and based on the condition, quality, amount finished, cleanliness and appearance of both the exhibitor and the animal, equipment to show the animal, and the ability to handle the animal.
4. A show stick is recommended and a leather halter with a chin chain is mandatory for showmanship and market classes.

A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.

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

**MARKET FEEDERS**  
**MARKET FEEDER COMMITTEE**

Terry Baird: 330-727-4527, John Biery: 330-770-9492, Jim Moore: 330-774-5358,  
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**Market Livestock Weigh-In**



Wednesday, September 2, 9:15 a.m. approx.

**Beef Feeder Show:** Friday, September 4

**Feeder Judging:** 11:30 a.m. approximately

**Feeder Showmanship:** Friday, September 4, 1:00 p.m. **Place:** 1

**Market Feeder Sale:** Monday, September 7 following Cheese Sale

**Place:** Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center



**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. ALL FEEDER CALVES MUST BE BORN AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
2. All youth participating in the feeder program must also follow the Junior Fair General Guidelines and Market Livestock Guidelines.
3. **MEETING REQUIREMENTS** - MANDATORY
  - **Members taking the Market Feeder Project must attend at least two Mahoning County Market Feeder meetings.**
  - Members are encouraged to attend all meetings of the County Market Feeder Club.

**SECURING CALVES:** Participants MAY TAKE two feeder calves in the Junior Fair Show. They may bring two of the choices listed below, but NOT TWO OF THE SAME KIND.

**DAIRY FEEDERS:**

- Dairy Feeder calves should be born between February 8 and March 10. The goal will be to reach a target weight of 400 – 650 lbs.
- Calves must be in possession by April 15, 2026
- Only the six recognized breeds, “Holstein, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn,” will be recognized as calves eligible to show as Dairy Feeders. Only purebred, full blood Dairy calves will be eligible. NO CROSS BREEDS.
- Dairy/Beef crosses and/or dual-purpose breeds must be shown as Beef Feeders. STEERS ONLY – NO HEIFERS.
- Dairy Feeder clipping is optional, to be done before the fair at home.

**BEEF FEEDERS:**

- Beef Feeder calves can be 50 % beef breed (½ dairy - ½ beef, or any other beef cross breed) as well as straight bred beef is permissible.
- Beef Feeder calves must be in members’ possession and weaned from cow by June 15.

**BEEF HEIFER FEEDERS**

- Beef Heifer Feeder must be 100% beef breed, no dairy cross breeds. Verification will be required at the discretion of the committee.
- Beef Feeder calves must be in members’ possession and weaned from cow by June 15.
- Beef Heifer Feeder will be judged as a feeder class, and not as breeding stock.

**IMPORTANT: The Feeder Committee will maintain the right to determine whether a calf will show as a Dairy Feeder or a Beef Feeder.**

1. Dairy Feeder and Beef Feeder Calves must be **CASTRATED MALES ONLY**. Members are encouraged to question method of castration and to make sure testicular tissue has been surgically removed from the calf. The committee will check for evidence of testicular tissue at tagging. If there is any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles on fair entry day, the fair veterinarian will be contacted to confirm the tissue. Upon confirmation, the calf will be sent home.
2. YOUTH MUST CONTACT A FEEDER COMMITTEE MEMBER AS SOON AS CALVES ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION, SO A TAGGING DATE CAN BE SCHEDULED. ALL CALVES MUST BE TAGGED BY A FEEDER COMMITTEE MEMBER.
3. No person shall register, enter, or exhibit a feeder calf in Junior Fair Livestock Exhibition unless this person has owned the animal for not less than 60 days. Refer to Exhibition Rule 901-19-39.
3. Animals must be housed at the member's residence, when at all possible, unless other arrangements have been made with Committee's approval.
4. Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and intended to be sold in the sale in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show or sale.
5. Members may tag two calves for each project or one extra calf per family for each project. Only one Dairy, one Beef and/ or one Beef Heifer Feeder shall be permitted to exhibit and be sold at the fair per member. Two feeder projects total may be exhibited.
6. Insurance will not be covered on this project through the Market Livestock Committee.
7. Market Feeder exhibitors may not use any growth hormones or implants on their Market Feeder projects.
8. Exhibitors may not use any products which tranquilize livestock animals such as Calf Calm or like products.

**FEEDER EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Calves must have testicles and horns removed by July 1 of that year. **Calves must be completely healed** from these procedures before the Canfield Fair; this also means no button horns. **Any calves that are not healed from either procedure, or that still have button horns, will be ineligible for Grand or Reserve Champion and will sell at the end of the sale, at the discretion of the Feeder Committee.** Calves with testicles intact or horns **as determined by the fair Veterinary will be sent home.**
2. All feeder calves must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, or Health Paper) issued within **60 days** prior to the opening date of the fair. All calves must be vaccinated twice according to the label instructions with a minimum of IBR, BVD, BRSV, Pasteurella Hemolytic (e.g.: Triangle 4 PHK), and a 9 9-waylostridial (e.g.: Cavalry 9) the last dose administered no less than **21 days** to the fair. Vaccinations must be documented on the health papers.
3. Calves must weigh at least 400#, but not exceed 650# at the official weighing to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
4. Calves under the weight of 350 lbs. will be sent home. (Underweight and over-weight calves will be sold at the end of the sale at the discretion of the Committee.) **Exhibitor will be told the weight of the calf when it is weighed. One re-weigh may be requested immediately when the weight is announced at the scale, and before the next animal is weighed.**
5. **TACK BOX SIZE MAY NOT EXCEED 24x24x36 inches. Because of safety & limited space, any tack boxes exceeding this size will be sent home.**

6. All calves must be double tied at the fair.
7. Show halters with a chin chain lead must be used in the Show Ring.
8. The use of adhesives is prohibited in the fitting and grooming of feeder calves for the Junior Fair Show.
9. **Grooming and exercise will be permitted in designated area only, for safety reasons.**
10. **Calves being housed in the Dairy/Beef Breeding barns MUST be brought to the feeder tent on Monday at 8:00 a.m. to be on exhibit in one location for the buyers prior to the sale.**
11. Feeder calf exhibits will be released BEGINNING AT 4:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to this time will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.
12. If a calf is sent home due to health reasons, the member may be allowed to use another calf to compete in showmanship, with approval of the Feeder Committee.
13. Grand and Reserve Champion calves will be required to be moved to the designated champion stalls in the feeder tent following the show and remain in these stalls for the remainder of the fair.
14. **ALL DEADLINES ARE FINAL! NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### **SELLING & SHOWING:**

1. Market Feeder Project animals will be weighed Wednesday morning following the Market Beef.
2. All feeders must be sold at auction and in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2026 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, and Skillathon Winners will be placed at the top of the sale order.
3. **Feeders in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable by the exhibitor shall not be shown or sold at the fair.** Any exceptions to this guideline must be presented in writing and approved by the committee.

### **MARKET FEEDER SHOW ORDER**

#### **Classes: Skillathon and Showmanship Divisions:**

**Note – Dairy, Beef Feeder and Beef Heifer projects are combined for**

#### **Skillathon & Showmanship**

**Junior: 8 or in third grade – 11**

**Intermediate: 12 – 14**

**Senior: 15 – 18 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**Grand Champion Dairy Beef Feeder, Reserve Champion Dairy Beef Feeder**

**Grand Champion Beef Feeder, Reserve Champion Beef Feeder**

**Grand Champion Beef Heifer Feeder, Reserve Champion Beef Heifer Feeder**

### **ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR:**

#### **Members must use bedding provided by or approved by the committee**

**MANDATORY – The feeder calf committee will verify the cleanliness of the animals, stalls and behind the stalls at 9:00 a.m. daily. See the penalties and fees in the Animal Care General Guidelines. Calves must be provided with a secured water bucket (safely, unable to spill), and bucket must be filled with fresh, clean water at all times.**

### **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:**

**All members taking a Dairy Feeder and/or Beef Feeder project are required to submit one COMPLETED RECORD BOOK on Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. following the Feeder Sale to a committee member in the Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center near the Junior Fair Office**

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



## MARKET SWINE



### MARKET SWINE COMMITTEE

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**Market Swine Weigh - In:** Upon Arrival to the Junior Fair Show **Place:** Livestock Scales  
**Market Swine Judging** - Wednesday, September 2 5:30 p.m.  
**Market Swine Showmanship:** Thursday, September 3, to follow Lambs  
**Market Swine Sale:** Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.(follow Lambs)  
**Place:** Event Center

### MARKET SWINE GUIDELINES

#### REQUIREMENTS:

##### MANDATORY MEETING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Members taking the Market Swine Project must attend at least three Mahoning County Market Swine Meetings.
2. Members must also follow all General Junior Fair Guidelines and Market Livestock Guidelines..

##### SECURING MARKET SWINE:

1. Birth Date for project animals is recommended to be **between January 1 and February 15.**
2. **Mule foot swine are prohibited from showing and selling at the fair.**
3. Prior to the purchase of an animal, member should question the method of castration and check for evidence of testicular removal.
4. **POSSESSION:** Market Swine must be secured and in member's possession by the date of mandatory tagging & weigh-in.
5. **MANDATORY TAGGING:**
  - a. **All Market Swine must be tagged or pick up their tags under the direct supervision of the Swine Committee on the SPECIFIED DATE OF MANDATORY TAGGING.**
  - b. **If the Market Swine youth plans to tag already has an 840 tag in the ear, the the animal MUST be brought to tagging to have the 840 tag scanned in our system. These tags can be used for our identification purposes.**
    - i. **If you do not bring this animal to this tagging, then you will not be permitted to participate in the Junior Fair Program.**
    - ii. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THIS TAG. IT IS ILLEGAL TO REMOVE AN 840 TAG.**
  - c. **Youth should request a written proof of erysipelas vaccine from the point of purchase upon leaving the premises and bring this with them to tagging.**
  - d. **The committee will provide the erysipelas vaccine at tagging for those who do not possess such proof of vaccination.**
  - e. **First year members may bring their hogs to have hogs tagged and vaccines given at their assigned times on Tagging Day. All other members must pick up tags/shots at the assigned times.**

- f. ....Each member may tag up to three animals but may bring only one animal to the Junior Fair.
  - g. If only one animal is tagged per child, the family may register one additional animal under the family name at the time tags are assigned. This animal may be a substitute or back-up for any enrolled member of the family.
  - h. Family back-up means sibling children only and does not include friends or extended family.
  - i. Substitute project animals may be authorized up to the time of the fair. Members wishing to make a substitution must have a valid reason, and must contact the Market Livestock Committee in writing, to make the substitution. All registration and identification should be in accordance with the County Livestock Committee Guidelines. Substitute animals will NOT be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- 6. All members must submit tagging photos as instructed in the online system by June 1.**
7. Members must check for evidence of testicular tissue removal upon tagging. If there is any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles, this must be taken care of at this time. Any animal with evidence of this tissue at fair weigh-in will be barred from the show and sale.
- 8. Exhibitors are not permitted to exhibit Market Swine that have knowingly been fed “Ractopamine,” also known as Paylean, in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show. The Junior Fair reserves the right to randomly spot test animals during the year if necessary. If an animal tests positive during the year, they will not be permitted to show. If an animal tests positive at the fair, all awards and premiums will be forfeited for that project.**

**MARKET SWINE CHECK-IN & WEIGH-IN POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

- 1. All swine must be vaccinated for Erysipelas no less than 21 days prior to the fair. Vaccinations must be documented on the health paper.
- 2, The 2026 Market Swine Show has been designated as **A PARTIAL TERMINAL SHOW**, which requires that at least the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine must be slaughtered.
- 3. All Market Swine exhibited must be sold in the Market Livestock Sale **UNLESS THEY WEIGH LESS THAN 200 LBS** (see below).
- 4. **WEIGH – IN:** Market Swine Project animals will be weighed upon arrival on **Tuesday, Check-In Day.** There will be **NO RE-WEIGHS.** Members should bring and index card with exhibitor’s name, swine tag number, and mark the card if they wish to participate in showmanship. Members should be present for weigh – in.
  - a. Any animal weighing over 220 may compete for market placing.
  - b. Any animal weighing 200 to 219 pounds cannot place as Grand or Reserve and will be sold at the end of the sale. The exhibitor may still participate in showmanship.
  - c. Market Swine weighing less than 200 pounds may stay, at the discretion of the committee, and can **ONLY** be shown in showmanship. These animals **MUST BE TAKEN HOME BY THE EXHIBITOR** at the end of the Junior Fair exhibition. These animals will not sell in the sale.
  - d. Any animal weighing over 350 pounds will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. These animals will show and be sold at the end of the sale.
- 5. **UNLOADING:** Exhibitor or helper must unload the animals being hauled to the fair. The committee will not enter trailers to unload animals.
- 6. A committee member must be notified when an animal becomes sick or the veterinarian is called to treat an animal.

7. **ONLY ONE ASSISANT per exhibitor is permitted in the pen area of the barn on show day. All others will be asked to leave.**
8. **Slick clipping or body shaving of Market Hogs is prohibited except on the ears, and tails. Slick clipping or body shaving means: having hair that is less than one half inch in length on the body of market hogs.** (Determination of evidence of slick clipping or body shaving will be at the discretion of the Market Swine Committee, Manager of Junior Fair, Senior Fair Director.)
9. **Market Swine may be misted with water ONLY prior to entering the ring. Skin should have no evidence of powder, polish, oil, and/or any other grooming product which is applied to the skin for show enhancement.**

**ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR:**

It is the responsibility of the member to clean and care for their animal. Pens will be inspected daily after 9:00 a.m. Refer to the policy above in the Junior Fair General Guidelines.

**COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU MANDATORY:**

1. **Both record book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned in to the Market Swine Committee Sunday of the fair between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm in the Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center.**
2. **MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE THE FULL RECORD BOOK TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR S BEST RECORD BOOK PRIZE.**

**CARCASS SWINE GUIDELINES**

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**1. Participant MUST:**

- a. **Be signed up in the Mahoning County Extension program taking Market Swine. (4-H online does not have a Carcass Swine project.) Carcass Swine will be marked on the Junior Fair online registration form.**
- b. **Participate in the Market Swine program for 1 year before being eligible to participate in the Carcass Swine program.**
- c. **Must be in good standing with the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club.**
- d. **Must be exhibiting a Market Swine in the Junior Fair program in the same year.**
2. **Carcass Swine must be a swine tagged for the Market Swine program.**
3. **The participant may only bring 1 carcass swine to the butcher.**
4. **The participant is responsible for delivering the Carcass Swine to the designated butcher on the designated day. The date will be announced and will 7 – 10 days prior to the start of the Junior Fair Show.**
5. **Carcass Swine must be clean upon arrival to the butcher.**
6. **Carcass Swine must have a completed DUNF form on file by Entry Day and must be marked on the online Junior Fair Entry form with a photo submitted by August 1 by midnight.**
7. **Carcass swine live weight must be between 230 and 280 pounds to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion.**

**CARCASS SWINE PROGRAM DETAILS:**

1. **The Carcass Swine will be slaughtered and the carcass will be judged by a hired meat certified judge. Members will be invited and are encouraged to be present after judging to hear the results and reasonings for placement.**
2. **The judge will place Grand and Reserve Champion, then 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place.**
3. **Grand Champion thru 10th place will be announced during the Junior Fair Show prior to the start of the Market Swine classes on Wednesday night. Awards will be given at this time.**
4. **Only Grand and Reserve Champion Carcass Swine will sell during the Market Livestock Auction. They will be sold immediately after the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Swine.**
5. **All other participants are responsible to sell or take home their Carcass Swine and pick up this meat from the butcher.**

6. Meat cut sheets will be completed and given to the butcher the night of the judging. If no sheet is provided, the meat will be cut according to the butchers standards.
7. All butcher fees are the responsibility of the participant. These fees can be paid by the purchaser if the meat is sold, but are ultimately the responsibility of the participant.
8. Butcher fees not paid or meat not picked up from the butcher will result in the participant being banned from the Carcass Swine program.
9. These guidelines will be implemented by the Market Swine Committee under the direction of the Senior Fair Board and Junior Fair Management.

**A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.**

### **MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP & SKILLATHON DIVISIONS**

**Beginner: 8 or 9 and in the 3rd grade as of Jan. 1 of current year**

**Junior: 10 - 11 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**Intermediate: 12-14 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**Senior: 15 - 18 (as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

**\* Subject to change if too many in one class.**

**Market Swine Showmanship will be held Thursday to follow the Lambs  
See General Junior Fair Market Livestock Guidelines for Skillathon Guidelines**

### **MARKET SWINE SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES**

1. Open to all members of the Mahoning County Market Swine Club.
2. Each member will fit and show his/her own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another animal during the show.
3. Fitting will be judged upon the following criteria of cleanliness, appearance, and general knowledge of exhibitor and the exhibitor's ability to handle the animal. Judges may ask members questions pertaining to the project and animal shown.
4. The Skillathon and Showmanship are not mandatory. Participation is highly recommended.
5. If the member's Market Swine is deemed "unable to be shown" per written excuse from the fair veterinarian, the member may show another member's Market Swine in Showmanship. The excuse must be submitted to the Market Swine Committee, and pre-approved. The final permission will be ultimately the decision of the Market Swine Committee.

### **SWINE OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR**

1. Outstanding Exhibitor will be determined based on placings in Market Swine Skillathon, Showmanship, and Market Class.
2. Winners will be announced Thursday, immediately following Market Swine Showmanship.
3. Scoring will be as follows:
  - ◇ Skillathon: All members participating in Market Swine Skillathon will receive 50 points. Participants placing 1 through 10 in their respective age divisions will receive the following additional points.  
1<sup>st</sup> = 50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 45 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 40 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 35 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 30 points, 6<sup>th</sup> = 25 points, 7<sup>th</sup> = 20 points, 8<sup>th</sup> = 15 points, 9<sup>th</sup> = 10 points, 10<sup>th</sup> = 5 points
  - ◇ Showmanship: All showmanship participants will receive 50 points. Participants placing 1 through 10 in their respective age divisions will receive the same points as the skillathon.
  - ◇ Market Class: Points will be awarded as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> = 75 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 70 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 65 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 60 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 55 points  
6<sup>th</sup> = 50 points, 7<sup>th</sup> = 45 points, 8<sup>th</sup> = 40 points, 9<sup>th</sup> = 35 points, 10<sup>th</sup> = 30 points

**TIE BREAKER:** In case of a tie, the highest skillathon score will be used as the tie breaker

## MARKET & CARCASS LAMB & SHEEP BREEDING

### MARKET LAMB COMMITTEE

Don Duda: 330-503-6723, Chris Brown: 330-506-2900,

Dean Ritchie: 330-233-2453, Jen Baird: 330-506-2429, Ken Lawson: 330-205-4322

Market & Carcass Lamb Weigh-In: During Check – In, Tuesday: Scales

Carcass Lambs: Ultrasound: Lamb Barn - Wednesday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.

Carcass Lamb: On Hoof Judging – Wednesday, September 2, 1:00 p.m.

(Will announce Grand & Reserve Carcass Lambs on Thursday during the Market Lamb Show)



### JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP & MARKET LAMB SHOW

Thursday, September 3, 8:00 a.m.

MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP: Senior, Intermediate, Junior

Market Lambs: Lightweight to Heavyweight

Will place Grand & Reserve Champion Market Lamb

Announce Outstanding Exhibitor - An Outstanding Exhibitor Award will be presented to the individual who has the highest combined scores in the

Market Sheep Skillathon, placing in Market Lamb Class and Sheep Showmanship.

SHEEP BREEDING to follow

Purebred or high grade may be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair.

No ram lambs may be exhibited.

Class 1. **Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year Old**: Member must show an ewe lamb of any breed under the age of 1 year old.

Class 2. **Yearling Ewe Over One Year and Under 2 Years**: Member must show an ewe of any breed over the age of one and under the age of 2 years.

**First and Second place winners will return to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion.**

(Ewes older than the classes listed above are highly encouraged to enter and show in the Open Class Show.)

### MARKET LAMB GUIDELINES

#### PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Members must follow the General Junior Fair and Market Livestock guidelines.

#### MEETING REQUIREMENTS:

- Mandatory - Members taking the Market/Carcass/Breeding Lamb Project must attend at least two Mahoning County Market Lamb Meetings. Meeting dates are available on the Junior Fair Website.
- The Market Livestock Skillathon, Ice Cream Social, or Shearing/Showmanship Clinic will count toward meeting requirements. This does not include attendance to Quality Assurance.
- All members must attend the mandatory tagging & weigh in clinic.

#### SECURING MARKET & CARCASS LAMBS: PLEASE NOTE:

1. Lambs must be born between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026.
2. Lambs 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. Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and are intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, MAY NOT be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.
3. 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 sheep committee, prior to registration. Member's name, address, and phone number of house residence must appear on the letter.

- Members are highly encouraged to request Official Scrapie's Identification from the original breeder or place of purchase. At this time the member should also question method of castration and check for evidence of testicular removal.
- In the event of accidental tag removal from the animal project, a sheep committee member must be notified immediately.

**SHEEP & GOATS MANDATORY USDA ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

**ALL SHEEP AND GOATS TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE CANFIELD FAIR MUST be identified by official USDA identification (USDA approved tags or USDA recorded tattoo for 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 the exhibitor for 5 years. This record is kept to monitor Scrapie, which is a disease which can be found in sheep and goats. **THIS SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN MANDATED BY THE USDA. RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. SHEEP/GOATS WITHOUT OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION (TAG AND/OR TATTOO) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT.**

More information on scrapie is available at the Canfield Fair Office. To obtain Official Herd Scrapies Identification Tags or Tattoo registration, first contact the herd of origin. If not available, contact (614)-856-4735 or 1-866-873-2824 for USDA Scrapies Identification information.

**MARKET CARCASS LAMB GUIDELINES**

Members enrolled in this project must complete all of the following project requirements and follow the guidelines to be able to sell the animal and receive awards.

- Members must be enrolled in the Market Carcass Lamb Project to learn about meat quality, meat science, and carcass evaluation.
- Members must complete and submit a record book with entries consistent with their respective division. NO record book will be accepted that fails to include a completed profit and loss statement.
- All lambs will be weighed upon arrival to the Junior Fair Show. **There will be no re-weighs.**
- Each member will be responsible for a \$5.00 fee for the sonoray, unless a flat rate is charged by the judge. If needed, the committee reserves the right to deduct this fee from the member's sale check.
- Exhibitor must adhere to all of the Market Lamb Guidelines.

**The results of the Carcass Lamb Class will be based on the results of the following:  
Sonoray: 50 %      On Hoof: 25%      Rate of Gain: 25%**

**MARKET & CARCASS LAMB EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:**

- MANDATORY!** All market & carcass lamb projects, which are to be shown at the Canfield Fair and are intended for inclusion in the Market Livestock Auction, must be weighed and identified on the SPECIFIED DATE OF MANDATORY TAGGING & WEIGH-IN!
- Only one animal in each division, Market Lamb and Carcass Lamb, can be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. A youth member may register up to four lambs per member to be used in market and/or carcass classes. Each animal MUST be registered to

said member. Lambs to be shown must be declared in specific division either market lamb or carcass lamb by August 1, when the Junior Fair Entry Sheet is submitted. Once declared, the specific division designation (market or carcass) is final and no changes from the selected designation may occur. A lamb registered with an immediate family member be substituted with a bonafide reason that is approved by the lamb committee PRIOR the first day of the Fair. Members not following these rules will not be permitted to show their lambs at the fair.

#### **JUNIOR FAIR WEIGH-IN:**

- Lambs will be weighed upon arrival on Junior Fair Entry Day.
  - Lambs must be a minimum weight of 90 lbs., except Corridales, Montadales, and Southdowns with a minimum weight of 85 lbs. The maximum weight for any lamb is 155 lbs. at the time of weigh-in at the Mahoning County Junior Fair.
  - Lambs under weight and over 155 lbs. will be sold at the end of the sale and WILL NOT be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion.
  - **There will be no re-weighs.**
  - Animals not of market quality as determined by the Lamb Committee will be sent home Tuesday evening prior to the opening day of the Junior Fair Show. Animals should be representative of the size and weight of the breed shown to be Market Quality.
4. All sheep must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, or Health Paper) issued within **60 days** prior to the opening date of the fair. Youth should record the Official USDA Scrapie's Identification Tag Number and Market Livestock Animal ID Tag Number as the animal identification which is requested on Health Papers, Junior Fair Entry Form, and Drug Notification Form..
  5. The committee will check for evidence of testicular tissue removal and docking at mandatory tagging & weigh-in. If there is any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles, the animal will be barred from the show and sale.
  6. All market & carcass lambs must be completely slick sheered and freshly shorn one week before the day of the show.
  7. The Market Lamb Committee reserves the right to measure the length of the tail on lambs and all lambs brought to the ring for show must be clean and presentable for the show. Animals not following these rules as determined by the Lamb Committee may be sent home or disqualified.

#### **SELLING & SHOWING:**

1. Carcass lambs will be ultrasound Tuesday or Wednesday of the Junior Fair Show and then shown on the rail depending on the availability of the judge.
2. Market Lambs will show at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and will sell Thursday of the Mahoning County Junior Fair prior to the Market Swine.

#### **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU ARE MANDATORY:**

1. **All members taking a Market Lamb & Carcass** must complete and submit record books by 6:00 p.m. Thursday following the Junior Fair Show to the Market Lamb Committee at the Junior Fair Clean Up.
2. **Members must notify a committee member if they have a conflict with this time.**
3. Members not complying can expect a \$25.00 deduction from their market check. The funds deducted will be donated toward the Jim Baer Scholarship Fund. No check will be given until the requirements are fulfilled. Completed books will be available for pick-up at Check Night.

### **POST FAIR CLEAN UP:**

1. No stripping of pens on Monday evening as animals will need bedding until they are hauled.
2. The Market Lamb committee is requesting members and families to come Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to clean and put away pens.
3. 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.

See the General Junior Fair Guidelines Post Fair Clean Up Policy regarding fees and requirements.

### **SHOWMANSHIP & SKILLATHON**

**Market Lamb Skillathon and Showmanship Divisions** (Subject to change if too many in one class):

**Junior: 8 and in third grade - 11**

**Intermediate: 12 – 14**

**Senior: 15 - 18(as of Jan. 1 of current year)**

### **MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Open to all sheep project members.
2. Each member will fit and show their animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.
3. Fitting will count fifty percent and showmanship fifty percent.
4. Fitting will include condition, quality, finish, cleanliness, and general appearance of animal.
5. Showmanship will include cleanliness and appearance of exhibitor and ability to handle the animal.

### **MARKET/CARCASS LAMB OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR**

Outstanding Exhibitor will be determined based on placings in Market Lamb Skillathon, Showmanship, and Market or Carcass Class. Exhibitors must choose whether they prefer to have their points used for Market Lamb or Carcass Lamb Class for the Outstanding Exhibitor on their Junior Fair Entry Sheet. To be fair to all exhibitors, only one division (Market or Carcass) will count toward Outstanding Exhibitor points. Winners will be announced Thursday, immediately following Market Swine Showmanship.

Scoring will be as follows:

**Skillathon:** All members participating in Market Lamb Skillathon will receive 50 points.. Participants placing 1 through 10 in their respective age divisions will receive the following additional points.

1<sup>st</sup> = 50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 45 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 40 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 35 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 30 points, 6<sup>th</sup> = 25 points, 7<sup>th</sup> = 20 points, 8<sup>th</sup> = 15 points, 9<sup>th</sup> = 10 points, 10<sup>th</sup> = 5 points

**Showmanship:** All showmanship participants will receive 50 points.

Participants placing 1 through 10 in their respective age divisions will receive the same points as the skillathon.

**Market/Carcass Class:** Points will be awarded as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> = 75 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 70 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 65 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 60 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 55 points  
6<sup>th</sup> = 50 points, 7<sup>th</sup> = 45 points, 8<sup>th</sup> = 40 points, 9<sup>th</sup> = 35 points, 10<sup>th</sup> = 30 points

A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.



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



## SMALL & EXOTIC ANIMALS

### SMALL & EXOTIC ANIMAL COMMITTEE

**CHAIRMAN:** Darla King **VICE CHAIRMAN:** Davene VanBrocklin  
**TREASURER:** Diana James **SECRETARY:** Tina Imburgia  
**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Carly Carcelli  
Kimberly Moff, Jeff Zohnd, Julie Walko, Davene Van Brocklin, Kelly King  
Kent Knauf, Steve Hoard, Sharon Yuhas, John James,  
Nicole Mileta-Schilling

### SMALL ANIMAL GUIDELINES

1. **Small & Exotic Skillathon/ Interview Judging is mandatory.** If there is a conflict with the time of the Skillathon/Interview judging, arrangements must be made with the specific committee. Members may only participate or place in the skillathon if they are currently taking that project.
2. If the member does not participate in the skillathon/interview judging, they will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show.
3. All small animals must follow the Junior Fair General Rules & Livestock Health Rules.
4. All small animals must submit a Junior Fair Entry Form online by August 1, except Rabbits and Poultry, which is August 24, to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show.
5. Youth may not show any animal that has been show in any other county junior fair show in the current year,
6. All small animal projects must be in place by 8:00 p.m. Entry Day. No small animal projects are permitted to leave the fair until 9:00 p.m. Monday (except dogs), or premiums and trophies will be forfeited. Member may also be disqualified from exhibiting the following year. Only exceptions will be animals showing health problems., which must be approved by the committee & Junior Fair Management.
7. Any protests or discrepancies should be discussed with the Committee and Manager of Junior Fair.
8. Small & Exotic Animal Committee has highly recommended that all youth planning to exhibit their animals at the Junior Fair attend the meetings offered by their committee. Quality Assurance offers excellent programs on animal nutrition and sportsmanship & ethics. Specific meeting requirements are listed in the guidelines for each specie.
9. All members exhibiting livestock must be dressed in appropriate attire while handling & exhibiting livestock during the fair. See specific guidelines for details.
10. No animal projects will be permitted on the fairgrounds or in Small Animal Barn without a Health Check on Entry Day.
11. All Small & Exotic Animal exhibitors taking Market animals must adhere to the Market Livestock guidelines.

### SMALL ANIMAL CLEAN AREA GUIDELINES

1. All cleaning must be complete by 9:00 a.m.
2. Judging for Clean Area Awards will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.
3. Project area should be:
  - ◆ Neat and attractive.
  - ◆ Cages clean– no cover-ups: Try to keep wires clean, clean animal, clean curtains, clean between, behind and in front of cages
  - ◆ Animals should have food and water. The amount of food should be appropriate for the animal. Animals may be fed earlier.
  - ◆ Clean bedding.



4. Categories for judging: A. Poultry-Breed & Pullets      B. Fowl-Ducks, Geese & Pigeons  
     C. Self Determined & Turkeys    D. Pocket Pets: 2 Awards  
     E. Rabbits-Mini Club: 1 to 4 members    Small Club: 1 to 6 members  
         Medium: 7 to 10 members      Large Club: More than 10 members  
         Doe & Litter      Market Meat Pen      Market Fyer
5. Winning cages will receive rosettes placed on their cage or pen.
6. If there are any cleaning problems where a cage is not being cleaned, the advisor of the club will be contacted to question the youth in regards to this problem. Any youth not able to clean pens daily must make arrangements with another youth exhibitor and/or parent/guardian; and notify a committee member in your area.

## JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY SHOW



### POULTRY COMMITTEE

KELLY KING: 330-506-6521, DARLA KING: 330-506-6504,  
 JULIE WALKO: 330-757-1096, NICK WALKO: 330-757-1096,  
 DAVENE VANBROCKLIN: 330-719-7236, BOB WEIKART: 330-770-2831,  
 HANNAH CROGAN: 330-429-0188, AMANDA YOUNG: 330-718-0198,  
 MARY WILLIAMS: 330-720-6956

### **Meat Pen, Market Ducks , Market Turkey Weigh-in:**

Upon arrival during Check-in Small Animal Barn

**Market Poultry Judging:** Wednesday, September 2, 12:00 noon

**Poultry Breed Judging** to follow—Small Animal Barn

**Market Poultry Sale:** Friday, September 4, 4:00 p.m.

**Dress A Chicken;** Saturday, September 5, 9:30 a.m.

**Poultry Showmanship:** Sunday, September 6, 2:00 p.m.

**Pee Wee Showmanship:** Saturday, September 6, 6:00 p.m.



### POULTRY PROJECTS

**PROJECT 150 CEP:** Raising pullets 4-5 months of age. Exhibit a pen of 2 at the fair. **MUST** be banded at the July banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 CM:** Market pen of 2 broilers. Exhibit a pen of 2 at the fair. **MUST** be banded at the August banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 CE:** Chicken Exhibition: Includes: Fancy Breeds and Other Chickens Breeds over 1 year old. Exhibit two at the fair. Bird must be pollorum free (tested and documented prior to arriving at the fair. **MUST** be banded at the July banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 TE:** Breed turkey. Exhibit 1 per pen. **MUST** be banded at the July banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 TM:** Market turkey. One bird will be exhibited at the fair. **MUST** be banded at the August clinic.

**PROJECT 150 DE:** Ducks - Exhibit at least 2 in a pen. One male and one female preferred. **MUST** be banded at the July banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 DM:** Market Duck – Exhibit 1 per pen. Exhibit one at the fair. **MUST** be banded at the August banding clinic.

**PROJECT 150 GE:** Geese - Exhibit no more than 2 geese in a pen. One male and one female preferred. **MUST** be banded at the July banding clinic.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Enrolling in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Poultry Club through the Mahoning County Junior Fair is mandatory

### **GENERAL POULTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. **Mandatory** - Any member taking a poultry project must attend **at least 3 county poultry meetings** to exhibit at the fair. One of these meetings **MUST** be the February meeting or the Poultry Session at Quality Assurance. The member will not be permitted to exhibit if this meeting requirement is not met.

2. **Youth taking Market Broilers, Market Duck and/or Market Turkey must attend a Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program accompanied by a parent and/or legal guardian or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program**
3. **Small Animal Skillathon/Interview Judging is MANDATORY!** Members may only participate in the skillathon if they are currently taking a poultry project. If a member is unable to attend, arrangements must be made with a poultry committee. Make up session will be held at the August OPEN HOUSE. Members participating in the make-up session will not be eligible to place in the Skillathon.
4. All birds must be from a NPIP (Pollorum Free) hatchery. Proof of purchase is mandatory. Each member is responsible for the purchase of their own birds.
  - If buying in a group with other families, all names of all parties involved must appear on the receipt.
  - If bought from another farm supply store (TSC, Family Farm & Home, etc) then in addition to your receipt, you will need proof that those birds came from an NPIP hatchery.
5. **NEW 2026: Banding Clinic is required to participate in the Junior Fair Show. All poultry MUST be banded.**

The purpose of a banding clinic is to identify birds for management, health tracking, and fair entry. It's a mandatory step for specific projects to identify them uniquely. This will also ensure that members are bringing their own projects to the fair, and not a substitution provided by someone else (which defeats the purpose of the project.) Banding clinics will be held in July for non-market projects, and in August for Market birds. Once a bird is banded, these are the ONLY birds that may be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. Each birds band number will be checked at Junior Fair check-in. Any birds that are not banded or that have bands that do not match the bands assigned by the committee, WILL NOT be permitted to show at the fair. Each exhibitor is permitted to band the following number of birds:

**NON-MARKET BIRDS – MUST BE BANDED AT THE JULY BANDING CLINIC**

Pullets – 4                      Fancy – Exhibition Chickens – 4                      Exhibition Ducks – 4  
 Exhibition Turkeys – 3                      Geese – 3

**MARKET BIRDS – MUST BE BANDED AT THE AUGUST BANDING CLINIC**

Broilers (Market Chickens) – 6                      Market Turkeys – 4                      Market Ducks – 4

\*\* In the event that a band falls off a bird, the exhibitor MUST contact a committee member immediately so that a replacement band may be issued. The exhibitor must also provide the number of the missing band that needs replaced. If these steps are not followed, the bird in question will be disqualified.

6. Only two projects will be permitted per exhibitor, **either Market or Breed or a combination of both**. Only market animals will be sold at auction.
7. All poultry projects must be in the member's possession by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Market broilers, market ducks and market turkeys are the only exceptions.
8. Youth may not show any poultry in the Mahoning County Junior Fair that have been exhibited in any other county junior fair show.
9. All birds must be healthy and free from deformities. They should not have any missing extremities (must have two legs, two wings), not wing clipped, and be free from parasites. Any deformities will result in disqualification.



10. All birds must be purebred or high grade crossed to exhibit at the fair.
11. **HEALTH CHECKS:** All poultry will be health checked at the July or August banding clinic, and again at check-in of the fair. All birds must be pollorum free. Any birds not clean or healthy will be sent home. All birds must be DRY at check-in. Any bird not of show quality will be sent home.
12. **PROPER NUTRITION:** All members taking the market projects **must** present a feedbag ingredient tag from the feed they have purchased to feed their project. (This should be placed and documented in the record book.)
13. **PROCESSING:** All Market Birds are terminal and will be processed by the designated processor voted on by the Small & Exotic Animal Committee. This will be announced prior to the auction.
14. All meat birds will be weighed upon arrival on Junior Fair Entry Day. See specific guidelines for weight requirements. Scales brought from home or any other outside source will not be permitted on the Junior Fair area on weigh in day. Only the official fair weigh-in scale will be permitted. Anyone found to have a scale will be disqualified.
15. **SHOWMANSHIP:** The exhibitor is judged on presentation and knowledge of his or her project. Age is based on January 1 of the current year.  
                 Junior: 9-11 years      Intermediate: 12-14 years      Senior: 15-19 years  
 Participation in Poultry Showmanship is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Youth should wear white shirts and dark bottoms for judging. White lab coats may also be worn.
  - a. The purpose of showmanship is to encourage members to acquire skill and knowledge in the handling of animals, to gain knowledge on fitting and grooming of the birds, and to encourage the youth to practice handling their birds.
  - b. Judges consider the general ability and knowledge of the exhibitors in training and handling of their animals, the manner in which the exhibitor presents their animal, how they handle themselves in the ring, how they fit and groom their animal, their knowledge of the poultry project and basic showing practices.
  - c. Exhibitors must show their own birds..
16. Members are required to furnish their own feed. Shavings will be provided. **All pens must be cleaned daily by 9:00 a.m.**
17. **RECORD BOOKS:**  
 All members taking a Poultry project are required to submit a completed record book for each project. All members may print and use **the record book found on the Poultry Page at [www.mcjrfair.com](http://www.mcjrfair.com) created by the Poultry Committee.** The general market record book posted for Market Livestock is not approved for poultry. Record books must be submitted along with a Thank You card to each buyer to the assigned committee member on Sunday of the Junior Fair Show. The committee will provide Thank You cards and postage. The record book and thank you must be submitted to receive payment from the sale. Members not complying can expect a delay in their payment until requirements are fulfilled.
18. **MARKET BIRD PICK-UP:** All buyers will be required to pick up his/her processed market birds. If the buyer is unable to pick up their birds, he/she must make arrangements for someone else to pick them up. Market birds purchased to be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank will be handled by the Junior Fair Committee.

19. **INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS:** Intermediate and Senior Poultry Exhibitors are required to participate/help/assist with at least one of the following:
- a) Pen Set Up
  - b) Banding Clinic (July or August)
  - c) Post Fair Clean Up
  - d) Distribution of Market Birds Tuesday after the fair

Intermediate and Senior Poultry Exhibitors are also required to participate in Barn Duty. This entails:

- a) Answering questions from the public
- b) Making sure all birds have water
- c) Sweeping the barn/cleaning the aisles

Intermediate and Senior members can sign up for barn duty on check-in night in the poultry office. Shifts last 2 hours. Failure to sign up for or show up for a shift will result in a deduction of points for showmanship and could impact your place to sell in the market sale. If showmanship and/or the sale have already taken place, these consequences can carry over to the next year.

20. If a bird becomes ill during the fair, the poultry committee, Junior Fair Management, the Senior Fair Board Director in charge, and/or the fair veterinarian will determine if the bird will be sent home.

Poultry project members will follow the General Junior Fair Guidelines, Small and Exotic Animal Committee and Market Livestock Guidelines.

### **POULTRY JUNIOR FAIR CHECK-IN & UNLOADING**

1. Exhibitors must check in with the Poultry Office in Barn #35 before unloading their project. **NO SMALL ANIMAL IS PERMITTED IN ASSIGNED PEN WITHOUT FIRST BEING HEALTH CHECKED by the committee. The exhibitor will receive a small tag for proof of the health check.**
2. Youth must bring this verification slip with them to the Junior Fair Office to check in.
3. Refer to the additional Check-in Procedures in the General Guidelines.

### **POST FAIR PEN CLEANING:**

**All exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their pens after the fair.**

1. Bedding **MUST** remain in the pen until Tuesday a.m. for market birds so animals have bedding until they are hauled.
2. Pen cleaning must be completed between Tuesday and Saturday following the fair.

### **PULLET GUIDELINES**

1. Member must take at least 2 pullets.
2. Pullets must be at least 16 weeks of age prior to Junior Fair entry.

### **EXHIBITION CHICKEN, DUCK, TURKEY, AND GOOSE GUIDELINES**

1. Member may exhibit one duck in the Junior Fair.
2. Ducks must be at least 16 weeks old prior to entry day of the fair. .

### **MEATPEN BROILER GUIDELINES**

1. Members may take one meat pen broiler project – 2 Cornish Rock chickens.
2. The chicks must be a minimum of 7 weeks old prior to Junior Fair Entry Day. .
3. All meat pens will be health check at the August Banding Clinic and the Junior Fair weigh-in. Market Broilers will be weighed in on entry day upon arrival. Market Broilers must weigh at least 5 pounds with a maximum weight of 8 pounds each to be sold in the Market Livestock Sale. Market chickens not meeting the 5 lbs. requirement weight will not be permitted to be exhibited in the Junior Fair Show and the entire pen will be sent home immediately. Each individual chicken must not exceed a weight of 8 lbs. for the pen to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Individual chickens

over 8 lbs. will still be judged and permitted to sell, but they will be sold at the end of the sale and will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. The weights will be given to the judge on the day of Market judging. There will be no reweighs.

### MARKET TURKEY GUIDELINES

1. Members exhibit one market turkey project.
2. The poults MUST BE 17 to 18 weeks prior to the fair entry day.
3. All market turkeys will be health checked at the August Banding Clinic and at Junior Fair Entry weigh in day. Any turkey brought to the fair not clean will be sent home. All turkeys must be dry at check in.
4. **Turkeys must be at least 20 lbs. to be sold in the Market Livestock Sale. Turkeys not meeting this minimum weight will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show and will be sent home immediately.**

### MARKET DUCK GUIDELINES

1. Members may exhibit one market duck project.
2. The ducklings MUST BE at least 11 weeks old prior to the junior fair entry day.
3. All ducks will be health checked at the August Banding and weigh in day. Any duck brought to the fair not clean will be sent home. All ducks should be dry at Junior Fair Check-in. Any duck not of Market Quality will be sent home.
4. **Market duck pens will consist of one duck, with a minimum weight of 5 pounds. Any duck weighing less than 5 pounds will be sent home Tuesday evening immediately after weigh-in.**

## **JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT SHOW**

### **RABBIT COMMITTEE**



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telleff: 330-757-1855, Katie Schultz: 330-518-8360, Deanna Reed: 330-4



### JUNIOR FAIR RABBIT SHOW SCHEDULE

**Market Rabbit Weigh-in:** Upon Arrival during Check-In

**Market Rabbit Judging:** Wednesday, September 2, 9:00 a.m.—Small Animal Barn

**Rabbit Doe & Litter Judging:** Wednesday, September 2 —Small Animal Barn  
(to follow Market Rabbit Judging)

**Market Rabbit Sale:** Thursday, September 3, 5:30 p.m.—Event Center  
(to follow Goat Fudge Sale)

**Rabbit Breed Judging:** Saturday, September 5, 8:00 A M - Event Center

**Rabbit Showmanship:** Saturday, September 5, to follow Breed Judging - Event Center

**Rabbit Pee Wee Show:** Saturday, September 5, 6:00 P.M.—Event Center

**Rabbit Costume Class:** Monday, SEPTEMBER 7, 11:00 A.M.

*Mahoning County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee Youth Shows are judged by judges who follow the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) standards.*

### A 1. General Project Requirements:

- A. Mandatory – Member taking the rabbit project must attend one registration meeting and one health check/tattoo clinic to be able to participate at the fair.
- B. All rabbit members must follow the General Junior Fair, Market Livestock and Small Animal Guidelines. Previously tattooed projects must be registered at a tattoo clinic of the current year.
- C. All Rabbit Club members and at least one parent/guardian taking a regular breed rabbit must attend one of the following: Mandatory Meeting, February 18, 2026, or the Meet the

- D. Committee session at the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program, March 28, 2026, to exhibit and show rabbits in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show.
- E. If members are unable to attend these dates, they may attend a make-up meeting April 8, 2026, prior to the scheduled county rabbit meeting.
- F. All Rabbit Club members taking market rabbits and at least one parent/guardian must attend the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or fulfill the optional requirements for Quality Assurance to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show. The member will receive a Quality Assurance Certificate for proof that this program has been completed.
- G. Small and Exotic Interview judging/Rabbit Skillathon is mandatory. Skillathon will be June 23, 2026, at the Event Center. Rabbit participants will participate & compete for placing in the Rabbit Skillathon.
- H. The final Skillathon *make-up is August 22, 2026, at Barn 35. This make-up is written, and only participation ribbon will be given for this make-up.*
- I. Animal(s) are to be removed from cage **only** by the member, a family member, the member's advisor, a club member designated by the member, a committee member, or Junior Fair Management. Unauthorized removal of an animal by another member, parent or advisor will be subject to disciplinary action.
- J. No padlocks or likewise are permitted on cages. Committee will remove any locking devise found on a cage.
- K. Project Book Requirements:
- Breed Rabbit: Book #228 (Rabbit Project and Record Book) Complete this required project book every year a breed rabbit project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook.
  - Doe and Litter: Mahoning County Junior Fair Doe and Litter Record Book (provided by committee) Complete this required project book every year a doe and litter project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook.
  - Market Rabbit: Mahoning County Junior Fair Market Rabbit Record Book (provided by committee) Complete this required project book every year a market rabbit project is taken. One book covers all three market projects (fryer, meat pen, and roaster). Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook.
  - Pet Rabbit: Book #228 (Rabbit Project and Record Book) Complete this required project book every year a pet rabbit project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook. This project is intended for 4-H members whose rabbits, like a dog or cat, are intended to be their companions. This project is not intended for members who plan to breed rabbits or show at fair.
  - Book #228R (Rabbit Resource Handbook for Market Rabbit, Breeding Rabbit, and Pet Rabbit) Required for all projects. (Order only once and use for several years)

## **2. Exhibition Requirements:**

- A. All members must follow the Small and Exotic Animal, Market Livestock & General Junior Fair Guidelines.
- B. No animal projects will be permitted on the fairgrounds or in the Rabbit Barn without a health check on Entry Day.
- C. Exhibitors must be present during breed judging, or the project will be considered incomplete, **unless arrangements were made prior to judging.**
- D. No pregnant animals are permitted at the fair.
- E. Members are responsible for his/her animals. Failure to comply with this rule will result in consequences listed in the "Exhibitor Only Policy" and will result in losing premium.

- F. No animal may be removed from the Livestock Area by an exhibitor after 8:00 PM Entry Day through 9:00 PM Monday, unless approved by the Rabbit Committee or Fair Vet.
- G. Each exhibitor, as an individual, may register back-up animal(s). **No club back-up rabbits may be registered.**
- H. **Members will be responsible for cleaning their own pens.** See the General Junior Fair Guidelines for After Fair Clean – Up Policy.
- I. No personal scales shall be in the junior fair area during check-in and for the duration of the junior fair show. The only scales permitted in this area will be the junior fair official certified scale and the scale to be used by the rabbit committee. After 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday of the fair, the only scale to be used will be the junior fair official certified scale. **The weights recorded by this scale and the weighmaster will be final.**

### **3. Selling and Showing:**

- A. Dress Code (During show, showmanship, and sale night):
  - ⇒ Long sleeve white shirt or white lab coat (during breed judging and showmanship), nice long pants, clean comfortable shoes (no sandals or open toed shoes).
  - ⇒ No jewelry (post earrings are permitted), no rings, no necklaces, and no bracelets are permitted.
  - ⇒ **No gum.**
  - ⇒ Sale Night: Club logos are permitted. Clean conservative clothing and clean comfortable shoes (no sandals or open toed shoes are permitted).
  - ⇒ Please refer to the General and Market Livestock Guidelines.
- B. Rabbits in poor condition shall not be shown or sold at the fair. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee.
- C. No market animals can be used for showmanship.
- D. Animals tagged/tattooed to be shown at the Mahoning County Junior Fair may not have been exhibited in any other **county** Junior Fair Show.

### **Breed Rabbit Guidelines**

1. Member must have rabbit(s) in their possession by May 15.
2. Member may register up to four rabbits.
3. No club back-up rabbits may be registered.
4. First-year members may take one breed rabbit to fair.
5. After their first year, members may take two breed rabbit projects at fair **if space permits**. The rabbits must be in different classes (e.g., one sr. buck and one sr. doe of the same breed; one senior buck and one senior doe of the same breed; two sr. does of different breeds). Members will be notified one week before fair if they will be permitted two breed rabbits or not.
6. Members must complete Project Book 228. This book must be brought to Skillathon to be checked by a committee member. Books should be as complete as possible for the stage of the project in June.
7. Breed rabbits must be four months old by entry day of fair.
8. Rabbits used in a doe & litter project or market project are not allowed to be used as a breed rabbit or showmanship rabbit.
9. Breed rabbits must be registered, tattooed, and health checked at one of the first three mandatory tattoo clinics. If the rabbit for a breed rabbit project is already tattooed, it must still be registered and health checked at one of the first three mandatory tattoo clinics.
10. Any breed is allowed for the breed rabbit project. Purebred rabbits are highly recommended (due to ARBA breed standards), but not mandatory. Mixed Breed rabbits will be shown in the utility class and are not permitted to complete for Grand or Reserve Champion Breed Rabbit\
11. Rabbits that have been altered (spayed or neutered) will be shown in the utility class and are not permitted to complete for Grand or Reserve Champion Breed Rabbit.

## Doe & Litter Guidelines

**The purpose of the Doe and Litter Project is to promote the breeding of purebred rabbits that meet ARBA standards.**

1. All members taking the Doe & Litter project must have completed one year in the breed rabbit project. Members must currently be enrolled in the project book #228 and exhibiting a breed rabbit at the fair.
2. Only purebred brood does are acceptable in the doe & litter project. Purebred brood does must meet the breed standards according to the ARBA and must be bred to a purebred buck of the same breed.
3. Brood doe(s) must be in member's possession by May 15.
4. **Doe(s) used for breeding must be registered at one of the first two tattoo clinics.**
5. Three does may be registered at this clinic, but only one doe and litter will be exhibited at the fair.
6. Litter(s) must be registered, tattooed, and health checked, and doe(s) must accompany litter and be re-health checked at the last tattoo clinic.
7. The litter must be between the ages of 6 to 8 weeks old on entry day of the fair.
8. All babies should be out of nest box by fair time. No nest boxes will be permitted at the fair.
9. Doe and Litter projects are to be in good condition to be exhibited. Condition reflects the care and management practices of the breeder. All animals are to have a definite appearance of health and vigor. They are to be bold and bright of eye. All animals are to have good coat. They are to be firm in flesh covering, neither too fat, with soft, flabby flesh, nor too thin in flesh, creating a bony effect when examined.
10. Member's brood doe(s) must not be used as your Breed Rabbit project.
11. All members taking a doe and litter project are required to submit a **completed Mahoning County Junior Fair Doe and Litter Record Book**. These books must be **submitted to the Rabbit Committee in Barn #35 at the time of check in (by 8:00 pm)**.
12. **Record books will be made available to the judge at the time of judging. If a record book is not submitted at check in, the project will not be judged.**
13. Members who submit a properly completed doe and litter project book, along with all the required supplemental materials, will be allowed to advertise their doe and litter project kits as "for sale." No rabbits may leave the barn before 9:00 pm on Monday of the fair, unless an alternate release time is announced by the Senior Fair Board. Members are required to take home all rabbits after fair for a quarantine period of at least one week before letting kits go to new homes.
14. Committee members and the Junior Fair are not responsible for any transactions or sales. All communications and transactions are the member's responsibility.

## Market Rabbit Guidelines

### Rabbit Meat Pen Guidelines

1. Meat Pens must consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety.
2. If one rabbit in the pen weighs more than 5 1/2 lbs. or less than 3 1/2 lbs, then the pen will be disqualified.
3. If the judge disqualifies any one rabbit in the pen, the entire pen is disqualified.
4. A total of six rabbits may be registered at a scheduled clinic: however, only three rabbits may be shown at the fair.

### Rabbit Fryer Guidelines

1. Fryer project will consist of one animal per pen.
2. Fryer rabbits weighing more than 5 1/2 lbs or less than 3 1/2 lbs will be disqualified.
3. A total of three rabbits may be registered at the scheduled clinic; however, only one rabbit may be shown at the fair.

## Rabbit Roaster Guidelines

1. Roaster project will consist of one animal per pen.
  2. Roaster rabbits weighing more than 9 lbs. or less than 5 ½ lbs. will be disqualified.
  3. A total of three rabbits may be registered at the scheduled clinic: however, only one rabbit may be shown at the fair.
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1. A member may take one meat pen project, one fryer project, and one roaster project if desired.
  2. **All Market Rabbit Projects are terminal**, and all will be processed by a designated processor voted on by the Small & Exotic Animal Committee. This will be announced prior to the auction.
  3. Members must be enrolled in project book number 228M (Market Rabbit).
  4. Meat pens & fryers should be 60-90 days old on entry day. Roasters should be 90 – 150 days old on entry day.
  5. All meat pens and single fryers must be bred by the exhibitor. The doe(s) must be in the member's possession by May 15. Members may register up to three does at one of the first two tattoo clinics.
  6. Roasters may be purchased by the exhibitor rather than bred by the exhibitor. If purchased, roasters must be in exhibitor's possession a minimum of 60 days prior to entry day.
  7. All rabbits will be weighed on entry day at the time of check-in in Barn #35.
  8. Weights will be available to the judge at the time of judging.
  9. All roasters **must be registered, tattooed, and health checked** at the third tattoo clinic for identification purposes. The Rabbit Committee will designate ear numbers for all market rabbits.
  10. All fryers and meat pens **must be registered, tattooed, and health checked** at the final tattoo clinic for identification purposes. The Rabbit Committee will designate ear numbers for all market rabbits.
  11. Fryer and meat pen does must accompany their litter at the final tattoo clinic.
  12. **Final market rabbits must be brought to Barn #35 during Junior Fair Check-in for final health check & registration for the Junior Fair Show.**
  13. **Market Rabbit projects are terminal.** All qualifying entries must be sold at the fair auction.
  14. Meat pens with any rabbits under 3 ½ lbs., a roaster under 5 ½ lbs., or a single fryer under 3 ½ lbs. will not sell at the auction; all other disqualified entries may be sold at the end of the auction, in non-placed order. **Rabbits or Meat Pens underweight will be sent home Tuesday evening.**
  15. All members must be present by cage 30 minutes before sale begins. Members not present at start of sale, without prior approval of rabbit committee, will not sell or be permitted to take a rabbit market project the following year.
  16. All members taking a market rabbit project are required to submit a **completed Mahoning County Junior Fair Market Rabbit Record Book**. These books must be submitted **Sunday of the fair between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to the Rabbit Committee in Barn #35.**
  17. Members must write a thank you note to the buyer of each animal. The committee will provide thank you notes and the postage.
  18. Both the project record book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned into the committee before payment will be made for the sale of the project animal. Members not complying can expect a delay in payment until requirements are fulfilled.
  19. Buyers will pick up their rabbit purchases Tuesday after fair at a time specified by the committee.

**A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld  
from the selling price of the animal sold.**





# JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SHOW



## GOAT COMMITTEE

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## JUNIOR FAIR GOAT SCHEDULE

**Market Goat Weigh-in:** Tuesday, September 1, During Check-In

**Market Goat Show:** Wednesday, September 2 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, September 5, 4:00 p.m.

**Pee Wee Goat Show:** Saturday, September 5, 6:00 p.m.

**Junior Fair Goat Show:** Sunday, September 6, 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 7, 1:00 p.m.    **Packing:** Monday, September 7, 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

## GOAT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

### 1. GOAT REQUIREMENTS:

- First year members must take a kid project born between Labor Day 2025 and May 30, 2026.
- 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.
- 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, 2026, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN SPECIFIC GOAT GUIDELINES.
- Any exceptions to this guideline must be discussed and approved by the Goat Committee.

### 2. 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
- Members are required to attend the mandatory meeting held on February 18, 2026. If youth and at least one parent/guardian do not attend the mandatory goat meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup> then they must attend the GOATS ONLY session to be held at Quality Assurance or contact a committee member to attend a guideline review meeting on March 30 arriving at 6:30 p.m. to review guidelines.

### 2. 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. When purchasing goats, make sure to request this important information.

### **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.**

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).

**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.**

4. Goats tagged as a Market Project can only be shown in the Market Goat Show.
5. 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.
6. A member cannot take more than one animal in a class, with the exception of aged does or wethers, championship classes or group classes, where with permission of the committee a member may ask another member to show an additional animal.
7. Members may not show more than eight goats total. 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 or Goat Milk Fudge, where you are only permitted to take one goat unless working a team for carting or you receive special permission.

8. Any exhibitor bringing more than one goat may be required to house two goats in a stall (or more, depending on size.) Stall assignments will be at the discretion of Junior Fair Management and the Goat Committee.
9. 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.**
10. Bucks must be castrated and shown as wethers. The animal must be completely healed to exhibit.
11. All does to be used as breeding animals should only have two teats, unless otherwise stated in breed standards. Wethers with extra teats will be accepted.
12. All members must participate in Breed Judging and Showmanship. Members must also follow the following guidelines which are specific to each goat project.
13. All members must follow General Junior Fair, Market Livestock, and Small & Exotic Animal Guidelines.
14. Small Animal Project Interview Judging/Goat Skillathon is MANDATORY! If a member is unable to attend the Small Animal Interview Judging/Goat Skillathon, then arrangements must be made with a Goat Committee Member to complete a make-up test prior to the fair. **All members must bring goat project/record books for review to the Goat Skillathon.**
15. All goat projects must be in place by 8:00 p.m. Entry Day.
16. **SPONSORSHIPS:** Each exhibitor is encouraged to secure one sponsorship for goat awards presented during the Junior Fair Show.

#### **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 **MUST** choose a doe kid or a wether and continue project from kid to adult. If a member wishes to change this project, they must request permission from the advisor and restart with a kid project.
3. Member may begin a new kid project in addition to milking project.
4. Wethers are permitted and must follow the general goat project guidelines for wethers.

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

1. Dairy goat projects must be registered, purebred or dairy-cross.
2. Kid project may be taken two years then should continue with animal raised to Dairy Production.
3. Member must choose a doe kid, and take the same project from kid to milker, unless animal dies, gets sick, or member requests permission for Committee member to change project.
4. Dairy Goats must be milked out 12 hours or less before show time.
5. 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 MUST choose a doe kid or wether 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 project must be used unless the member's animal dies, gets sick, or member requests permission from a committee member to change the 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.
9. **PACKING PROJECTS MUST HAVE USED THE GOAT PACKING EQUIPMENT AT LEAST TWICE TO BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT IN THE JUNIOR FAIR PACKING SHOW.**

### COSTUME CLASS

1. Members participating in costume class must be members of the goat club or member's immediate family.
2. Costume Class will be judged in two categories: Individual & Group
3. Member should write a story about their theme or costume to be read during the show.

### MARKET GOAT

1. A first-year member wishing to take a Market Goat MUST take a non-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.)
    - Market Dairy wether or cull doe must be born between Labor Day 2025 and April 30, 2026 and be in member's physical possession by Market Goat Tagging Day.
    - No goats with less than 1 ½ inch ears can be tagged as a Market Dairy Goat
    - 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.)
    - Market Boer wether or cull doe must be born between January 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026, and be in member's physical possession by Market Goat Tagging Day.
    - 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. **At tagging, weigh-in is optional for goats, but can be requested. Simply ask the committee member.**
  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 at the Junior Fair Show will be held as animals arrive during check-in Tuesday.
  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 lbs. 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 2026 Junior Fair Show. **The Market Goat Show has been designated partial terminal.** The 2026 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. Market Goats will sell by the head, not by the pound.**
  14. **Members must complete the Market Goat Record Book provided by the committee.**

#### **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. Youth must complete the record book provided by the committee.
2. **PARTICIPATION MUST BE MARKED ON Registration FORM:** Youth must register for Goat Milk Fudge on the on their County Goat registration form which must be completed online.
3. **JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY SHEET - MANDATORY:** Youth must also complete a Junior Fair Entry Sheet to confirm participation in the sale by August 1 by midnight.

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, 2026. All goats may be inspected within 48 hours of this deadline.
6. Goats must be milked between 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Check-In Day.
7. Official goat milk testing time for the Goat Milk Fudge will be between the hours of 8:00 am –8:30 a.m., and again at 8:00 p.m. –8:30 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.
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. Members must complete milking within 15 minutes after milking begins. Milking times will be scheduled during check-in. 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.

## **FAIR EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. ENTRY SHEET IS MANDATORY:**

- Member **must complete and submit** a Junior Fair Entry Form **by August 1 by midnight** 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 22 Open House 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.

### **2. PHOTO SUBMISSION:** Photos must be submitted online by August 1 for Market & Goat Milk Fudge by midnight.

### **3. 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.

4. **RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU CARDS - MANDATORY:**

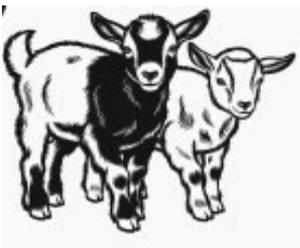
All goat exhibitors must submit record books at check in to be reviewed by the goat committee at check-in. Exhibitors wishing to participate in the Best Record Book competition must register at this time, and **must use the official complete record book**, and their book will be kept for further review. **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.**

5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **SHOW/SALE ATTIRE:** Youth must follow **General & Market Guidelines for dress and attire at the fair.** Youth showing Dairy Goats and selling Dairy Goat Fudge are expected to wear a Mahoning County Goat Club shirt and white/black/show quality pants reflective of the dairy industry. Youth showing Market Goats will wear Market Livestock shirt and white/black/show quality pants. All other youth will wear a Mahoning County Goat Club shirt and show quality pants. **PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!**
8. **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.

**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.

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



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 11:00 a.m.**

**COMMERCIAL MARKET BREEDING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship

**COMMERCIAL MARKET BREEDING GOAT & BOER**

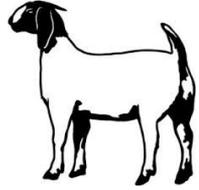
4. Jr Doe Kid - 2—6 months
5. Intermediate Doe Kid, 6 months—9 months
6. Senior Doe Kid, 9—12 months

**JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION**

7. YEARLING DOE, OVER 12 MONTHS—24 MONTHS
8. 2 YEAR OLD DOE
9. 3 YEAR OLD DOE & OLDER

**SENIOR CHAMPION DOE & RESERVE CHAMPION DOE**

10. BOER WETHER CLASS



**MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Senior Showmanship
2. Intermediate Showmanship
3. Junior Showmanship

**MARKET GOAT**

**TWO DIVISIONS: MARKET & MARKET DAIRY**

1. Light weight
2. Heavy weight

**CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 4:00 P.M.**

**COSTUME CLASS—4:00 P.M.**

**PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP (CLOVERBUDS)—6:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10:00 A.M.**

**PYGMY GOATS**

1. Senior Showmanship: 15 - 18 as of January 1.
2. Intermediate Showmanship: 12 - 14 as of January 1.
3. Junior Showmanship: 9 - 11 as of January 1.

**Breed Judging**

4. Does, Jr. Kid, Born after February 28, 2026
5. Does, Sr. Kid, Born between Labor Day 2025 to February 28, 2026
6. Does, Yearlings, Born between Labor Day 2024 and Labor Day 2025
7. Does, 2 - 4 years, Born prior to Labor Day 2024
8. Does, Aged - Over 4 years old

**GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPION**

9. Wethers, Jr. Kid, Born after February 28, 2026
10. Wethers, Sr. Kid, Born between Labor Day 2025 to February 28, 2026
11. Yearlings, Born between Labor Day 2024 and Labor Day 2025
12. Wethers, 2 - 4 years, Born prior to Labor Day 2024
13. Aged - Over 4 years old

**GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPION WETHER**

**SPECIALTY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP & SPECIALTY GOAT CLASS**

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 10:00 A.M. to follow Specialty Goats**

### **KINDER GOATS**

#### **KINDER GOATS TO FOLLOW PYGMY GOATS**

Senior Showmanship 15 – 18 as of January 1

Intermediate Showmanship 12 – 14 as of January 1

Junior Showmanship 9 – 11 as of January 1



#### **Breed Judging**

4. Does, Junior Kid, 6 weeks—3 months

5. Does, Intermediate Kid, 4 months—8 months

6. Does, Senior Kid, 9 months—12 months

7. Dry Yearling Does, Never Fresh, less than 2 years

#### **JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION**

8. Does, Yearlings, Under 2 years, Freshened

9. Two Year Old Does

10. Three Year Old Does

11. Four & Five Year Old Does & Older

12. Six Years & Older

13. Dry Does

#### **SENIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION**

14. Junior Wether, 6 weeks—5 months

15. Intermediate Wether, 6 months—12 months

16. Senior Wether, 12 months & Older

#### **CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION WETHER**

17. Dam and Daughter

18. Herd - Dam, Daughter, Granddaughter

### **DAIRY GOATS ( Includes Nigerian Dwarfs and ADGA approv**

1. Senior Showmanship: 15 - 18 as of January 1.

2. Intermediate Showmanship: 12 - 14 as of January 1.

3. Junior Showmanship: 9 - 11 as of January 1.

#### **Breed Judging**

4. Does, Jr. Kid, Born after February 28, 2026

5. Does, Sr. Kid, Born between Labor Day 2025 to February 28 2026

6. Does, Jr. Yearling, Dry, Born between March 1, 2025 and Labor Day 2025

7. Does, Sr. Yearling, Dry, Born between Labor Day 2024 and February 28, 2025

#### **JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION**

8. Does, In milk, Yearlings, 1 thru 2 years old

9. Does, In milk, 2 years

10. Does, In milk, 3 years

11. Four & Five Year Old Does & Older

12. Six Years & Over

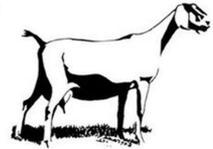
13. Does, Dry

#### **SENIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION**

14. Wether Class

15. Dairy Herd Class - Dam, Daughter

16. Herd Class (Dam, Daughter, Granddaughter)



## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

### **CARTING GOAT 1:00 p.m.**

1. First Year, Lead With Halter

2. Second Year, Drive Behind Cart

3. Third Year, Ride In Cart

4. Fourth Year, Advanced Cart

5. Self Determined

#### **GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPION CARTING**

### **PACKING GOAT – 2:00 p.m.**

1. First Year, Lead With Halter

2. Second Year, With Pack

3. Third Year

#### **GRAND & RESERVE CHAMPION PACKING**





## JUNIOR FAIR DOG SHOW



### **DOG COMMITTEE**

**Dog Agility:** Friday, September 4, 5:30 p.m. – Small Animal Tent - (Set-Up at 4:30 p.m.)

**You and Your Dog:** Saturday, September 5, 12:00 p.m., Place: Small Animal Tent

**Dog Agility:** Saturday, September 5, 7:30 p.m. – Small Animal Tent - (Set-Up at 7:00 p.m.)

**Dog Rally:** Sunday, September 6 11:00 a.m. – Place: Event Center

**Dog Showmanship:** Sunday, September 6, 2:00 p.m. - Questions: Event Center  
Showmanship Class to follow – Place – Small Animal Tent

**Dog Obedience:** Monday, September 7, 2:00 p.m. – Place: Small Animal Tent



### OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE OF DOG PROJECT



The dog project is an excellent tool for character development of youth. Training a dog teaches one to have patience, persistence, to speak clearly in short concise statements, and to realize the value of work. Learning to care for a dog teaches one to be responsible, take pride in ownership, to make decisions, and to learn about behavior.

#### JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION:

1. All small animal projects must be checked in on Entry Day by 8 p.m.
2. All small animal projects must follow the Junior Fair and Small & Exotic Animal Committee guidelines while participating in Junior activities and in the Junior Fair Show.
3. Any protests or discrepancies should be discussed with the Committee and Junior Fair Management.
4. Small & Exotic Animal Committee has highly recommended that all youth planning to exhibit their animals at the Junior Fair attend a session on Sportsmanship or view the video on Sportsmanship at a countywide event or club meeting.
5. No animal projects will be permitted on the fairgrounds without proof of a Health Check on Entry Day.

**PLEASE NOTE: All members must follow Small & Exotic Animal Guidelines & General Junior Fair Guidelines.**

#### DOG PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. A member wishing to train and show their dogs at Mahoning County Junior Fair events must be a member of a Mahoning County Junior Fair/4-H dog club and enrolled by March 15 of the current year.
2. **Ownership: Dogs must either be owned by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs must also be in the continual care of the exhibitor for the project duration.**
  - ⇒ Immediate Family is defined as junior fair member's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother, including corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor's household.
  - ⇒ Continual Care is defined as the junior fair exhibitor being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring for the project.
3. **All members must attend at least 3 county dog clinics.**
4. **Members and their dogs must do a minimum of 2 events to show at the fair with the exception of You and Your Dog. (example: Showmanship and Rally Obedience, or Agility and Obedience...etc.)**
5. All dogs must have required rabies shot and be vaccinated by self or vet according to your vet's recommendation. Dogs may also be titer tested in lieu of vaccination. (Refer to current state fair guidelines for additional vaccinations.)
6. All dogs must have a current dog license and be born before February 1st of the current year according to state fair guidelines.
7. A child must be physically capable of controlling their dog.
8. In order to participate in the county fair, a member must attend a minimum of 6 training sessions per project according to club's guidelines, be in regular attendance at meetings,

participate in the county dog skillathon and complete the required project book. Only member taking the dog project can participate in the dog skillathon. The committee highly recommends attending more than the required meetings. Training session requirement must be met by the County Junior Fair Show. Make-up training sessions must be arranged and approved by advisors.

8. The member must finish with the dog that was entered, unless approved for a back-up dog by advisors and county dog committee. See guidelines referring to back-up dog.
  - All back-up dogs must meet project guidelines.
  - A back-up dog can only be substituted with parent's and advisor's permission. If you anticipate that your dog will come in season, you should work with back-up dog in advance.
  - A back-up dog may be limited in participation in certain events as designated by the committee.
9. Only the actual dog project will be permitted to come to the county fair or an approved back-up dog. The advisors and committee will determine approval of the back-up dog. A member may also have an assistance dog project in addition to their regular project.
10. **Hardship Case:** A hardship case is defined as a situation that is beyond the control of the youth member which must be reviewed by the Dog Committee and presented to the Small Animal Committee for approval. This may include but may not be limited to an illness or death of a dog, inability of a child to own a dog, a dog that replaces the original dog after the deadline. Hardship cases will be considered Exhibition Only – allowing the dog to be exhibited in events but not compete. The Committee must determine which events the dog can exhibit in safely .
11. **Dogs in season are not permitted to compete.** If the dog shows signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must leave the premises. If a dog appears attractive to male dogs, the Dog Committee and Small Animal Committee representatives will decide the status of the dog. At the Fair, the fair vet will determine the status, and the decision will be made by the advisors and Junior Fair Management.
12. Dogs that are unmanageable or vicious will be excused from training and county or state fair. The member may enter a back-up dog (refer to 6a and 6b). These advisors may require the dog to be dismissed from the ring if showing unsafe or threatening behavior. The final decision in competition is at the judge's discretion. During training the advisors will monitor the situation, and the status will be at the advisor's discretion. During the fair, advisors and/or Junior Fair Management may determine the status.
13. Dogs that are ill or have medical problems that interfere with participation are not permitted at the fair (state or county.)
14. The member or exhibitor may show two dogs in different projects if the dog has met the above meeting requirements.
15. **All Mahoning County Junior Fair dog exhibitors must check-in by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday during Junior Fair Check In times to receive Junior Fair Packet & Dog Pass.** All dogs at the fair must be kept on a leash or in a crate on the show grounds. Dogs must be attended by a responsible owner or adult representative.
16. **Dog Clubs planning to participate at the Junior Fair must plan to have dogs on exhibit and submit a Barn Duty schedule to the Junior Fair Office by Junior Fair Entry Day. Youth planning to exhibit in the Junior Fair must be listed on the Barn Duty schedule to exhibit their dog in the barn and/or must be entered in at least one of the Junior Fair Dog Show events.**

## GENERAL REGULATION AND GUIDELINES FOR SHOWING

1. Handler's Appearance: The member should be neat and clean in appearance. DO NOT WEAR T-shirts, jackets, or other apparel with slogans, club names or logos, etc. in the show ring. DO NOT WEAR: Spaghetti strap garments, low cut blouses, short skirts/shorts , or torn,
2. DO NOT WEAR: High heels, sandals, or boots. Neat, clean blue jeans are permissible; however, dress slacks, pant suits, sport shirts are preferred. Soft sole shoes such as tennis shoes or similar type are recommended. The Dog Committee may make adjustments depending on the weather conditions.
3. Dog's Appearance: Dogs should be clean, well groomed and in good physical condition appropriate for the type and age of the dog. If purebred, the dog does not have to be in regulation show clip.
4. Abuse of dog/Abusive treatment of a dog WILL NOT BE TOLERATED in training classes, inside or outside the show ring. Judges, stewards, exhibitors, or advisors witnessing such behavior should report it to the committee in charge. A member who is abusing or using unnecessarily severe corrections on his/her dog can be dismissed from showing in that show, or training in that class.
5. **SPORTSMANSHIP RULE: POOR SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Members, advisors, and parents should display good sportsmanship at all times.** They should be courteous and respectful to the judges, stewards, other exhibitors and spectators. Member's exhibiting poor sportsmanship such as swearing, yelling, excessive corrections, hitting and/or kicking and/or yelling at the dog, loud complaints, and the like will be excused from the competition and will forfeit all ribbons and/or placements. If you or your dog do not perform well in the ring, then DO NOT let it show to the other exhibitors and judges.
6. For at least 30 days prior to county judging and the fair, only the exhibitor should train his/her dog. During the county fair, nobody except the handler should be training or walking the dog, without expressed written permission of the owner or advisor. Another 4-H member may watch or walk the dog with member, parent or advisor's permission.
7. Dog's should be given the opportunity to eliminate prior showing in competition. **If a dog eliminates in the ring during obedience, agility, or rally competition, points will be deducted from the score card at the discretion of the judge.** There is no point deduction in Dog Showmanship for elimination in the ring.
8. Exhibitors must achieve a qualifying score of a total of 180 including bonus points in Obedience, Showmanship, and/or You and Your Dog, a score of a total of 90 in Rally, and a score of at least a 75 in Agility to place in competition.

## PROPER EQUIPMENT

Obedience: Dogs in obedience must wear well fitting slip or snap collars. The collar may be of leather, fabric, or chain with one ring on either end. The leash may be of fabric or leather and should be 6' in length (but at the discretion of the advisor, may be 4') – **no chain leashes!!!** For novice classes the leash need only be long enough for slack during on-leash exercises. Collars should be free of any tags, bells, etc. Prong collars are not permitted in 4-H dog training. Show leads are required for Showmanship. For agility, collars must be well fitting snap collars with no tags. Collars are not required for off lead runs. Slip/choke collars, prong collars, head collars, and electronic collars are not permitted.

## OBEDIENCE GUIDELINES

**Beginner Novice A:** (replaces former Sub-Novice A as lowest level obedience class) For first-year youth and dogs with no prior experience in obedience before March 15, 2026. Show one year then move either to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice.

**Beginner Novice B:** For youth and dogs already shown in Beginner Novice A or have had experience at Beginner Novice level before March 15, 2026. Can move back and forth between Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice unless winning first place. If win first place in Beginner Novice B can still show in Pre-Novice until winning first place or experience at the Novice level **Pre-Novice:** Same progression criteria as Beginner Novice B .

**Novice A:** In this class, neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice Level before the county 4-H enrollment deadline. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B or higher level. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level or higher.

**Novice B:** This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level before the county's 4-H enrollment deadline. They have not progressed yet to Graduate Novice A or higher. Dogs shown in this class cannot show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

## SHOWMANSHIP

Exercises to be performed in Showmanship: (1) Interview; (2) Handler's Appearance & Attitude; (3) Grooming; (4) Handling. For the interview, age appropriate questions will come from the project book. Classes will be divided as follows:

**Showmanship Junior A:** Age 8 and in the 3rd grade to 11 or under as of January 1st of the current year. Neither the dog nor exhibitor has any experience showing in Showmanship.

**Showmanship Junior B:** Age 8 and in the 3rd grade to 11 or under as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors who have shown in Showmanship Junior A or have had previous experience in showmanship.

**Showmanship Intermediate A:** Age 12 to 14 as of January 1st of the current year. Neither the dog nor exhibitor has any experience showing in Showmanship.

**Showmanship Intermediate B:** Age 12 to 14 as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors who have shown in Showmanship Intermediate A or have had previous experience in showmanship.

**Showmanship Senior A:** Age 15 to 18 as of January 1st of the current year. Neither the dog nor exhibitor has any experience showing in Showmanship.

**Showmanship Senior B:** Age 15 to 18 as of January 1st of the current year. Exhibitors who have shown in Showmanship Senior A or have had previous experience in showmanship.

## **YOU & YOUR DOG**

Occasionally a family may have two children interested in dog projects, and only have one dog. It is important for a child and a dog to have a bond and train together in preparation of most dog events. The You and Your Dog project is an exploratory project that's focus is more about animal care, animal welfare, and dog related learning experiences that it is about training to perform. **Siblings are allowed to share a dog in the You and Your Dog class.** Both siblings can take the dog in You & Your Dog. However, only one child may take the dog in performance events. Youth would need to designate which child will be working with the dog in these performance events at the beginning of the year. Dogs cannot be shared in obedience, showmanship, performance or working events.

1. Youth must be enrolled in project # 201D, You and Your Dog.
2. You and Your Dog classes are based on the age of the youth. Therefore, an exhibitor and dog can show in ONE You and Your Dog class only. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in any other disciplines/classes provided they meet those eligibility requirements.

Classes:

**You and Your Dog Junior:** Youth 8 – 11 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year

**You and Your Dog Intermediate:** Youth 12 – 14 yrs of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year

**You and Your Dog Senior:** Youth 15 – 18 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year

3. Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include:

a) Exhibit (40 pts.): This must be from the current project year, show some knowledgeable phase of project work, presented to educate, not merely inform. Exhibit judged on educational content (20 pts.), neatness and appearance (5 pts.), originality (5 pts.), and exhibitor's presentation (10 pts.) Time Limit: 5 minutes. (Note: The exhibit section will be the first section of the judging.)



- b) Member's Interview (60 pts.): For the interview, six age-appropriate questions, each worth 10 points, will come from the Ohio Dog Resource Handbook.
- c) 4-H Dog Project & Record Book (40 pts.): The entire 4-H Dog Project and Record Book applicable to You & Your Dog project must be filled out completely, including photographs. Bring entire book to judging.
- d) Member's Appearance and Attitude (40 pts.): Exhibitors should be neat and clean in appearance. Appropriate clothing must be worn.
- e) Dog's Appearance & Manners (50 pts.): Dogs should be clean and well groomed. They should show good manners and be able to be controlled by the handlers. Dogs should allow examination without resistance or aggression. Bond and teamwork between handler and dog should be apparent.

**Ties In Scoring: Ties will be broken at the discretion of the judge.**

### **MAHONING COUNTY DOG AGILITY**

This program is offered for youth ages 8 and in the third grade to 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Three progressive levels of competition are offered to foster advancement in training and to provide recognition for junior handler accomplishments in dog agility. . In Mahoning County, these levels may be divided according to youth's and their dog's experience, and ability level. Classes will also be divided according to the size of the dog. Each level will have the following Class Divisions according to jump height:

4" – 8" On Lead

12" – 16" On Lead

20" – 24" Off Lead

The levels are:

**Level 1:** Dogs may compete on or off leash with approval of the club advisor. The obstacle course shall be comprised of 10 obstacles: A-frame apex at 4'6", table set at 12" for all jump heights, pipe tunnels, and six hurdles. The standard course time is 60 seconds. Dogs competing on leash may only jump a maximum of 16". These dog/handler teams should have at least one-year experience in agility. Handler and dog may advance after 2 scores of 95, but must advance to level 2 after 3 scores of 95.

**Level 2:** In the Mahoning County Junior Fair demonstration, teams may choose to show on or off leash for safety purposes. The same obstacles and related modifications shall be used as in Level 1, except the A-frame shall measure 5' at the apex.

In a secure location dogs should compete at this level off leash but may use a snap collar with no tags. These dog/handler teams should have at least one-year experience in agility. Handler and dog may advance after 2 scores of 95 but must advance to level 3 after 3 scores of 95.

**Level 3:** Course shall include 12 – 14 obstacles: A-frame set at 5'6", dog walk, pipe tunnels, 5-6 weave poles (optional), table set 12"-16", long jump, tire jump (optional), 4-6 hurdles. Course standard time is 75 seconds. Level 3 requires the dog to run off lead.

**Please Note: Classes may vary depending on the number and experience of participants. Class changes will be determined by the committee.**

## MAHONING COUNTY DOG AGILITY GUIDELINES

1. **Each member must attend a minimum of 8 agility training sessions (more would be recommended) in order to show at the Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show.**
2. **Each first year member or a member with a new dog must participate in a Pre-Fair Agility Test to ensure that the dog is ready to participate in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show. Testing will be completed to determine proper showing level, height, and showing off or on lead.**
3. Training aids, treats, and toys will not be permitted on course during competition or familiarization.
4. Collars must adhere to the show guidelines listed previously. Harnesses are recommended for dogs running on leash.
5. Leads must be 6 feet long and made of leather or nylon. Leashes must be used in a safe, kind manner. It is the handler's responsibility to manage the leash in a safe manner. For example, the handler must lift the leash over the jump standards, keep the leash out of the way on contacts, and release the leash when the dog goes through the tunnel. Handlers will be excused if the judge feels the leash is being used in an unsafe manner.
6. Handlers may not jump the hurdles with the dog.
7. Handlers may not touch the dog or obstacles while running the course.
8. Handlers may use voice commands, hand signals, or both. Handlers are encouraged to talk to their dogs through the course, cheer their dogs during the run, and offer other verbal praise. There is no penalty for multiple commands or verbal encouragement, but all must be in the name of good sportsmanship. Handlers are encouraged to praise the dog after crossing the finish line.
9. Courses will have clearly designated start and finish lines.
10. Obstacles must be no closer than 10' apart.
11. Handlers will be asked to go on to the next obstacle if their dog refuses three times in a row. The exhibitor will not be faulted for refusals.
12. A familiarization period will be allowed prior to the start of the classes, if time permits. During this time, handlers will be able to have their dogs perform each contact once. Only level appropriate contacts will be performed. The judge may also allow the handlers to have their dogs perform one jump and/or tire and weave poles, if they are offered in the course.
9. "Four Paws Rule:" The handler will be asked to move on to the next obstacle if their dog commits to a contact obstacle with all four paws then jumps off, falls off, etc.
10. In the exhibition, an exhibitor must score at least a 75 to receive a placement ribbon. A score of anything less will merit a participation ribbon.

## **OBSTACLE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**A-FRAME:** The dog must ascend the up ramp in the direction designated by the judge, cross over the apex, and descend the down ramp, touching the safety contact zone before leaving the obstacle.

**PIPE TUNNEL:** The dog must enter the opening to the tunnel in the direction designated by the judge and exit the other end of the tunnel.

**PAUSE TABLE:** The dog must jump onto the table. Depending on the level the dog may have to sit, or down, and may have to remain in this position for a count of 3 – 5 seconds.

**JUMPS/HURDLES:** The dog must jump over the hurdle in the direction designated by the judge, crossing between the hurdle's two supports and over the pole or planks without knocking off the top bar or plank.

**DOG WALK:** The dog must ascend the ramp in the direction designated by the judge, traverse the cross plank, and descend the other ramp, touching the safety contact zone.

**TIRE JUMP:** The dog must jump through the tire in the direction designated by the judge. A dog may touch the tire with its feet.

**WEAVE POLES:** The dog must weave in and out in a continuous motion down the complete lines of poles. The dog begins by passing on the right side of the first pole, crossing the line of poles between pole number 1 & 2, then pass the left side of pole number 2, then crossing the line of poles between 2 and 3, and continuing in a sequence down the complete line of poles. A handler/dog team must correct for any missed poles, and fully complete the weaving pattern.

**LONG JUMP:** The dog must jump over the planks without touching them; crossing between the front corner marker poles in the direction designated by the judge, clear the span of the planks and exit between the back-corner marker poles.

**TEETER/SEE-SAW:** The dog must touch the safety contact zone while ascending the see saw, cross the plank's pivot point, causing the see saw to tilt to the ground on the other end, and descend the remainder of the plank, touching the safety contact zone before leaving the plank. The plank shall touch the ground prior to the dog leaving the plank. The dog must be in control of the plank.

## AGILITY GAME CLASSES

**Just Tunnels** is a numbered course made up of tunnels (no jumps or contacts). This game is a test of speed and handling ability. Course design will be the same for both on lead and off lead classes.

**Over, Under and Through** is a numbered course made up of contacts, tunnels and tires. The game tests reliable contact performance at a fast pace. Course design will differ slightly between on lead and off lead classes to allow the teeter to be used for more advanced dogs.

**Jumpers** is a numbered course of jumps and tunnels (may add tire). This is a class which measures the dog's ability to jump and turn and the handler's abilities while the dog is moving at a fast pace. Course design will vary slightly from on lead and off lead classes to allow for a more challenging course for advanced dog/handler teams.

**Gambler Class** is a course with no pre-determined route and each obstacle is assigned a point value. In the 'opening' period the handler seeks to accumulate points by performing the obstacles of his/her choice in the time allotted. At the conclusion, the handler attempts a finishing sequence as designated by the judge.

### RALLY

Youth exhibitors participating in Rally must adhere to the General Dog Guidelines. Exhibitors will advance according to the discretion of the advisors.

#### **Rally Classes**

*Each Rally exercise is described on an 8 ½" x 11" instructional sign via words, directional arrows, colors, and geometric shapes. There are 10-20 signs per course depending on the level. Rally Novice A and B classes are performed entirely on leash. Sub-Novice level dogs must be shown in either Rally Novice A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally Advanced A & B classes are performed off leash. Rally Excellent A & B classes are performed off leash except the Honor exercise. Novice or above level dogs must show in either Rally Advanced A or B, depending on their experience in Rally. Rally class signs can be viewed and downloaded at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).*

**Rally Novice A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog with no prior experience showing at any Rally level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2025 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Guidelines* to participate in Rally. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in Rally Novice B at the very minimum.

**Rally Novice B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Novice level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Advanced level or higher. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show* to participate in Rally.

**Rally Advanced A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show* to participate in Rally. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Advanced B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in Rally Advanced B at the very minimum.

**Rally Advanced B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Advanced level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to the Rally Excellent level. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show* to participate in Rally.

**Rally Excellent A** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has not had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show* to participate in Rally. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Rally Excellent B. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown in Rally Excellent B.

**Rally Excellent B** This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has had prior experience showing at the Rally Excellent level before March 15, 2026, or their county's enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The youth/dog team may continue showing in Rally Excellent B regardless of the number of gold medals earned at the Rally Excellent level. Exhibitors and dogs must meet the eligibility requirements of the *2026 Mahoning County Junior Fair Dog Show* to participate in Rally.



## POCKET PETS

### POCKET PET COMMITTEE



Darla King: 330-506-6504, Davene VanBrocklin: 330-758-1893  
Kris Yocum: 330-718-3359, Hannah Crogan: 330-429-0188

**Costume Class:** Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 p.m. - Small Animal Barn

**Decorated Cage Contest:** Saturday, September 5, 5:00 p.m. - Small Animal Barn

**Breed Judging:** Sunday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. - Event Center

**Showmanship:** Monday, SEPTEMBER 7, 9:00 a.m. - Event Center

### POCKET PET GUIDELINES

1. Any member wishing to exhibit a pocket pet at the Canfield Fair must be enrolled in the club by the March 15, or add by April 1, 2026. Members must complete Junior Fair Registration by the April 7 deadline. All animal projects must be in members' possession by May 15th.
2. All members must attend 3 (three) meetings throughout the year. In addition, all members must attend the Small Animal Interview Judging/Skillathon in June. Members who have a conflict with the June judging, may attend a written make-up at the Barn #35 Open House in August. Any member who fails to meet meeting requirements or the Skillathon requirement shall not be able to show at the fair. Members with a conflict should contact the Pocket Pet Committee. Members must attend the February, March or April Pocket Pet meeting to exhibit a Pocket Pet in the Junior Fair.
3. Parents attendance does not count toward the meeting requirement if a member is not able to attend.
4. No animal will be permitted on the fairgrounds without Health Check on Entry Day.
5. Exhibitors must be present during Breed Judging or project will be considered incomplete, unless arrangements were made before judging.
6. Showmanship and Breed Judging during the fair are mandatory. All members will participate in showmanship according to their 4-H age with an overall Showman of Showmen chosen. Breed judging is according to the member's

6. project, with an Overall Best of Show and Reserve chosen. Failure to participate in either judging, shall result in a one year suspension from participation in the Junior Fair Show.
7. No pregnant animals, or animals with litters are permitted at the fair.
8. Members are required to provide cages and feed. CAGES MUST BE ESCAPE PROOF.
9. Exhibitors **MUST CLEAN CAGES DAILY**.
10. Members are responsible for his or her own animal. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a one year suspension from participation in the Junior Fair Show.
11. Due to the availability of space, cage size will be limited according to size of animal, and members may be limited to number of projects permitted to exhibit.
12. No animal or supplies shall be removed from the fairgrounds after 8:00 p.m. Entry Day through 9:00 p.m. Monday, unless approved by Junior Fair Management. Violation of this rule shall result in a one year suspension of the member from the Junior Fair Show.
13. All members who intend on exhibiting at the fair are requested to pay dues by the last mandatory meeting to assist with the cost of awards & fair supplies.
14. All members must follow Small & Exotic Animal Guidelines.
15. **ALL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB WILL WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM.**  
Any conflicts among members of this club shall be handled by the Advisor discovering the conflict. The advisor or the member may refer the conflict to the full committee. The full committee may find as follows: 1) No further action is necessary, 2) The offending members shall be called to a special meeting of the full committee with their parents to discuss the conflict. 3) Suspension of offending members for one year from the Junior Fair Show and club. 4) Expulsion of the offending members from the club. 5) If it is determined that one or more parents caused the conflict(s), the full committee shall ban the parent from Junior Fair programs and activities. The determination of the full committee shall be final.
16. Anyone in the audience coaching exhibitors may result in the youth being disqualified. Refer to the Exhibitor Only Policy.

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



**LLAMAS & ALPACAS**

Jeff Zohnd: 330-482-9610, Charlene Arendas: 330-559-2773

**Llama & Alpaca Obstacle Course:** Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 p.m.

**Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Ring—(Set-up at 5:30 p.m.)**

**Llama & Alpaca Packing:** Friday, September 4, 12:00 p.m.

**Llama & Alpaca Exhibition:** Saturday, September 5, 12:00 p.m.

Jr. Fair Saddle Horse Practice Ring

**Llama & Alpaca Costume Class:** Monday, SEPTEMBER 7, 10:30 a.m.

(Follows Goat Costume Class) - Event Center

**Llama & Alpaca Obstacle Course**

Divided into Novice, Intermediate & Advanced

May be divided into age depending on number of participants

**Llama & Alpaca Exhibition**

**Llama Halter Class & Alpaca Halter Class**

Halter; Divided according to animal entries

Halter is mandatory for all youth exhibiting. Halter provides an opportunity for the member to learn about the llama as an animal (body type, confirmation, quality of wool, overall appearance) and compare the qualities of the animals as the ideal.

**Llama & Alpaca Showmanship**

**Showmanship: Junior, Intermediate, Senior**

**(Age divisions may vary on number of participants)**

Exhibitor has the opportunity to learn how to prepare their animal for show, basic animal handling, and presentation. Participation in showmanship is mandatory.

## Llama & Alpaca Guidelines

1. Members must be enrolled in a County Llama Club by enrollment deadline.
2. Members must have their projects in possession by May 1.
3. Members may enroll two projects, but may only show one project at the fair.
4. For 2026, Members are highly recommended to attend at least two mandatory County Llama Handling Clinics to be permitted to exhibit at the fair.
5. Llamas & Alpacas will follow Fair Livestock Health Rules.
6. Llamas & Alpacas in poor condition, unruly, or unmanageable may not be exhibited at the fair. This decision is to be made at the discretion of the entire Llama & Alpaca Committee, and Junior Fair Management.
7. No intact males over the age of 14 months (born before June 1 of the previous year) may be exhibited at the fair.
8. All members are encouraged to participate in all Junior Fair Llama & Alpaca events.



## JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW DAIRY COMMITTEE



Levi Plocher – Chair, Mike Janik - Vice Chair. Julie Martig - Secretary.  
Christina Coler – Treasurer, Jamie Pierce – 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer, Crist Martig, Jason Pierce,  
Mark Miller, Tara Herron, Hannah Simpson

### 2026 JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW SCHEDULE

**Check -in: Dairy Cattle must check in prior to Tuesday, September 1, 11:00 PM**  
**Dairy Junior Fair Exhibitors must check-in at the**  
**Junior Fair Office between 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

**Dairy Showmanship:** Thursday, September 3, 8:30 AM, South Dairy Complex

**Announcement of Champion Cheese Cow:** After Showmanship

**Junior Fair Dairy Breed Judging:** To follow Showmanship

**Dairy Cheese Auction:** Monday, September 7 10:00 AM, EVENT CENTER.

**Invitational Dairy Judging Contest:** Saturday, September 5 , 9:00 AM, South Dairy Complex

### DAIRY GUIDELINES

1. All youth planning to exhibit Dairy Cattle at the Mahoning Co Jr Fair must have attended at least 4 Dairy Club meetings, one being the MANDATORY Dairy Skillathon meeting in July. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise noted) from February thru July. A folder with all of the information for the year will be passed out to each family unit at the February meeting. For those who are unable to attend the meeting in July (eg. Camp, Family vacation), a makeup time will be scheduled at a later date. LACK OF ATTENDING 4 MEETINGS WILL RESULT IN NOT BEING ABLE TO EXHIBIT IN THE JR FAIR, AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CHEESE SALE.
2. Requirements for project work and fair exhibitors shall be set by the number of years of membership in the Dairy Project as follows:
  - A. First Year - 1 Calf
  - B. Second Year - 2 animals (Calf and/or Yearling Heifer - NO COW)
  - C. Third Year & Up - Exhibit 5 animals total: Calves, Yearling Heifers and/or Cows.
3. Only high grade or purebred animals may be shown at the fair. Animals showing mixed breed characteristics may not be shown.
4. All animals will be shown by the individual member carrying the project, except for Champion classes at which time the animal may be shown by another member if the owner/leasee has multiple animals in that Champion Class. Members attending College or on Royal Court must request permission from the Dairy Committee, for another member to show their animals.
5. If an animal is not owned by the 4-H exhibitor (clearer definition under Lease Requirements), a Lease Contract must be signed. More lease information is listed under Lease Guidelines in this paper. The Lease papers must be submitted to the committee.

- by June 1. Absolutely NO late or incomplete papers will be accepted.
6. Entries are due by the Mandatory Meeting in July. Entries are filled out online via ShoWorks by midnight August 1. If the animal is registered, a copy of the registration paper MUST be uploaded with the entry. IF THERE IS NO REGISTRATION PAPER UPLOADED AND THE REGISTRATION IS NOT “PENDING”, THE ENTRY IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE. If registration is pending, a copy of the registration paper, once it is received, must be given to a committee member in charge of entries prior to, or at check-in. If the animal is not registered, then it is considered a grade animal and there is no registration paper to upload. Absolutely NO late or incomplete papers will be accepted.
  7. Each member MUST work a shift at the Milk-a-Cow. Sign up will be at the June or July meeting. Schedule will be posted in the barns at the fair. Schedule changes must be handled by the Milk-a-Cow sub-committee chair.
  8. Mandatory 4H Dairy Project books must be turned in at the Mandatory meeting in July. The Mandatory Project books will consist of various educational items. The folder that you receive at the beginning of the year has your Project Book in it. Although the folder CONTAINS your Project Book, the whole folder SHOULD be considered your project book as it contains any information/important papers you will need throughout the year. DO NOT LOSE THE FOLDER and it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to bring it to each meeting. EACH FAMILY UNIT WILL RECEIVE 1 FOLDER.
  9. If purchasing an animal from an outside source (individual or sale), the registration papers must be transferred to the youth, sibling, parent or grandparent by June 1st, and the animal must physically be in their possession. A copy of the transferred Registration Paper is required when entering the animal in July.
  10. Youth must attend an accepted Quality Assurance Program (along with a Parent/Guardian) or an equivalent QA program, such as Dairy Palooza.
  11. Exceptions to attendance are as follows:
    - a) If youth is a member of the Dairy Quiz Bowl Team & have completed at least one year of competition.
    - b) If youth is attending College or Technical School, and have completed 5 consecutive years of Dairy Projects prior to attending College or Technical school.
    - c) Once one of these above prerequisites are met, youth must only attend QA and attend the mandatory meeting in July. All other meetings are recommended but not required.
  12. If a problem arises with an animal after entry sheets are completed, switches WITHIN the same BREED and CLASS are allowed. No late changes will be allowed once entry sheets have been turned in at the July mandatory meeting unless an animal has died or cannot be shown at the fair due to an illness.
  13. If the animal is co-owned with another 4Her in another county, both 4Hers may show the animal in their respective 4H county separately as a 4-H project. This rule is exclusive to co-ownership and applies to registered calves & heifers only. No cows will be allowed to be shown by two different youth in two different counties under any circumstances. One youth equals one cow.
  14. Any Dry Cow that freshens prior to or at fair will move into the appropriate milking class.
  15. A separate social media policy will be enforced. ABSOLUTELY NO NEGATIVE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WILL BE TOLERATED..
  16. ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES are at the discretion of the Dairy Committee for any and all Mahoning County Junior Fair Dairy Projects shown at the Canfield Fair.

### **2026 LEASE REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES**

1. Lease papers will not be required for the Mah Co Jr Fair for an animal or animals owned by a Herd Unit or a Farm Unit that a youth is a member of. The family/extended family of the youth (i.e. great grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and all immediate family) are defined as the herd unit. If the herd unit is listed as the owner of the animal(s) no lease

Paper is required. However, if there are any other names listed on the registration paper in partnership with the herd unit, then a lease paper is required for the youth to exhibit the animal(s) at the fair. If the youth does not own the animal, or meet any of the above affiliation to Herd Unit or Family Unit, then a Lease paper is required.

2. Lease papers will be due on June 1st and uploaded onto ShoWorks. The ShoWorks window will close June 1st at 12 Midnight. The lease will run from June 1st until the end of the Mahoning County Fair on Labor Day. Absolutely no late lease papers will be accepted. All lease rules are listed here, under lease requirements. They are not necessarily listed on the lease paper that the youth and the owner of the animal sign.
3. There will be a maximum of three leased animals per youth. The youth is then also able to take two additional animals that they own for the maximum of five animals to be shown as 4-H projects.
4. There is a maximum of two breeders that a youth can lease animals from. The second breeder must be approved by the Dairy Committee.
5. Leased animals must be entered, exhibited and shown ONLY by the youth leasing the animal, during the lease period at any other Junior Show, anywhere. Meaning no other youth may show the leased animal at any other Junior Show during this time period. This includes any other County Fair, District Breed Show and Ohio State Fair and any other Junior Shows.
6. If the leased animal will be shown in open class at the Canfield Fair, the leased animal must be entered, exhibited and shown only by the youth leasing the animal. The leased animal must be entered, exhibited and shown in the 4Hers name or their immediate families name only. The owner of the leased animal cannot enter, exhibit and/or show the animal, in open class, at the Canfield Fair for the year the animal is leased. The owner of the leased animal can show the animal at any other Open Show, except the Canfield Fair.
7. In event the 4Her is unavailable to show the leased animal in the Open Show, another Mahoning County 4Her or immediate family member may show the animal.
8. A copy of the leased animals Registration papers will be provided to Dairy Committee when the lease agreement is turned in via ShoWorks.
9. These lease requirements and guidelines are at the discretion of the Dairy Committee.



### **DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Dairy Showmanship is open and strongly recommended to all 4H dairy members but not required. Showmanship will be first, before Dairy Breed classes. Seniors will show first, with Intermediate second and Junior last.
2. Each member will fit and show their own animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show another member's animal. NO PAID PROFESSIONALS will be allowed to fit animals for the Mah. Co Jr Fair Dairy Show.
3. Fitting will include condition, quality, cleanliness and general appearance of the animal. A leather show halter is recommended.
4. Youth will be judged on their abilities: showing of the animal, knowledge of anatomy, and pedigree.
5. Showmanship will include appearance & presentation of the exhibitor to the judge.
6. Members will be attired in the T-Shirt provided by the Jr Fair, white jeans, and a form of work shoe (no tennis shoes) for Dairy Showmanship.

### **SHOWMANSHIP AGE GROUP CLASSES:**

Senior Showmanship: age 16 - 18 as of January 1

Intermediate Showmanship: age 12 - 15 as of January 1

Junior showmanship: Bona fide 4H member (age 8 or 9) - 11 as of January 1

7. If there are 14 or more youth in any age group, the group will be split in two, each judged separately, with the top 3 chosen from each of the 2 smaller groups. Those top 6 individuals will then show again to pick the winner for that individual age group.
8. The winners of each of the age categories will compete in the Showman of Showmen. Last years winner will not automatically return to compete for the award of Showman of Showmen as it has been done in the past. They will compete in their respective age group.

### MAHONING COUNTY CHEESE AUCTION RULES

1. A 4-Her or FFA member may not participate until their third year of Dairy Projects.
2. The Cheese Cow Registration paper and a copy of the cows Registration Paper must be turned in by June 1st via ShoWorks. Absolutely no papers will be accepted after June 1st. The ShoWorks window will close June 1st at 12 Midnight. Two cows may be tested with a final choice of cows made by June 1st to be the selected cheese cow.
3. The pre-registered animal must be shown at the fair in the Junior Fair Dairy Show. If the cow cannot be shown at the fair (for example, mastitis or dies), youth must have a written excuse from a veterinarian saying why the cow will not be shown and must take a 7# block.
4. The Dairy Committee will pay for all DHI testing for any animal not on DHI test.
5. Cow on official test shall be evaluated on ME (Mature Equivalent) 305 days. If a cow is fresh less than 45 days before opening day of the fair, the last ME (Mature Equivalent) 305 days will be used for evaluation.
6. Cows not on official test and who choose to be part of the County Herd must turn in the Registration for DHI Special Herd on a date specified in March so that testing can begin. Rules for the Special Herd are listed on that registration paper. Weights and samples will be taken by an official DHIA or DHIR tester and approved by the Dairy Committee. Tests are limited to March, April, May, June, July 12 (last acceptable date to test your cow) with three tests taken. Cow must have either 3 tests and/or have a Mature Equivalent (ME) weight given.
7. If the 4Her chooses not to test the cow, a 7# block of cheese will be sold and will not be considered for Grand or Reserve Champion. Each case will be looked at by the Dairy Committee since the Dairy Committee is paying for the DHI testing.
8. All papers relating to the cheese cows and cheese sale are to be turned in to the committee member in charge of the Cheese Sale.
9. All DHI papers must be turned into Brian Beck by a date set by the committee.
10. A 4-Her who is attending College and unable to show their animals on 4-H show day; may have another 4-H member show for them. If the Cheese Cow is shown and the 4-Her works 2 shifts in the milk a cow tent, they will be allowed to participate in the Cheese Sale.
11. These Cheese Cow Auction Rules are at the discretion of the Dairy Committee.
12. SALE CHECKS:
  - A. Thank You Notes will be filled out and turned into the designated committee person by 5 PM Monday and checks will be issued at a date determined by the committee..
  - B. If check is lost or stolen, member is responsible for the stop payment cost.



## JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY SHOW

**CLASS NUMBERS: Brown Swiss - 15, Ayrshire - 16, Milking Shorthorn - 17  
Holstein - 18, Jersey - 19, Guernsey - 20**

(Not listed in Show Order - Will be posted the day of the show. Shown by Breed & Age)

### **ENTRY NUMBER**

1. Spring Heifer Calf, Born March 1, 2026 and over 4 months of age.
2. Winter Heifer Calf, Born December 1, 2025 thru February 28, 2026
3. Fall Heifer Calf, Born September 1, 2025 thru November 30, 2025
4. Summer Yearling Heifer, Born June 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025
5. Spring Yearling Heifer, Born March 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2025
6. Winter Yearling Heifer, Born December 1, 2024 thru February 28, 2025
7. Fall Yearling Heifer, Born September 1, 2024 thru November 30, 2024

### **Junior Champion and Reserve Champion**

12. Milking Yearling, Born After September 1, 2024 and in Milk
13. Junior Two Year Old Cow, Born March 1, 2024 thru August 31, 2024
14. Senior Two Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2023 thru February 28, 2024
15. Junior Three Old Cow, Born March 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2023
16. Senior Three Year Old, Born September 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2023
17. Four Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022
18. Five Year Old Cow, Born September 1, 2020 thru August 31, 2021
19. Aged Cow, Born before September 1, 2020
20. 100,000 lb. Class - Cow has produced over 100,000# (Test Sheets needed at ringside)
21. Dry Cow, 3 and 4 years, Born after September 1, 2021
22. Dry Cow, 5 years & over, Born prior to September 1, 2021

### **Senior Champion & Reserve Champion**

23. Dam & Daughter
24. Produce of Dam

**JUNIOR FAIR SUPREME CHAMPION WILL BE CHOSEN FROM THE  
RESPECTIVE BREED JUNIOR AND SENIOR GRAND CHAMPIONS**

## JUNIOR FAIR BEEF BREEDING GUIDELINES

**January 31, 2026**



### BEEF BREEDING COMMITTEE

**Jim Black: 330-429-3961, Darla Ball: 216-533-4655  
Patty Myers: 330-565-5767, Kyle Blaine: 330-831-2444**



Saturday, August 30, 12:00 p.m. - South Cattle Complex

**CLASS NUMBERS: Hereford - 21, Maine Anjou- 22, Beef Shorthorn -23,  
Aberdeen Angus - 24, Simmental - 25, Limousin – 26, AOB - All Other Beef Breeds  
(Shown by Breed & Age)**

1. Requirements for project work and fair exhibitors shall be set by the number of years of membership in the Beef Breeding Project as follows:
  - A. First Year Member – **ONLY 1 Calf** - born after January 1, 2026
  - B. Second Year Member - 2 animals (Calf and/or Heifer - NO COW)
  - C. Third Year Member & Up - Exhibit 5 animals total: Calves, Heifers, and/or cows

2. Only one animal is to be exhibited in the same breed class per exhibitor.
3. All animals will be shown by the individual member carrying the project, except for Champion classes at which time the animal must be shown by another member of a cattle project.
4. Members must complete a Beef Breeding online registration by April 7, 2026.
5. A list of meetings will be passed out at the first meeting and will be available on the Junior Fair website. **ALL YOUTH PLANNING TO EXHIBIT BEEF BREEDING CATTLE AT THE MAHONING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE BEEF BREEDING CLINIC AND TWO BEEF BREEDING GENERAL MEETINGS. Members (ALONG WITH ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN) must complete one of the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or ONE OF THE COUNTY'S OPTIONAL APPROVED programs FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE.** Quality assurance will not count toward the meeting requirements.
6. If an exhibitor has a back-up animal, they must submit their final selection of animal showing and which class they are showing in on the Junior Fair Entry form due by August 1. A back-up animal may be entered, with the above requirements, in case of health issues or an emergency.
7. . All registered beef breeding animals must have a copy of the registration paper(s) to prove animals are purebred. Member's animals must be registered to the child or direct family member in the household at the time of Junior Fair Entry by August 1. The exhibitor must provide a paper copy of the registration papers at Junior Fair Check – In.
8. Crossbred beef must be tagged. A picture ID form for all calves and heifers and cows which are to be considered for showing as a crossbred in the Junior Fair Show must be submitted online with Junior Fair Entry by August 1. All registered livestock will show in their class according to breed guidelines.
9. **Beef Feeder/Beef Heifer Feeders WILL NOT BE SHOWN in the Beef Breeding Show.**
10. **Prospect Steer Class:** Steer must be offspring of an exhibitor's current breeding project. **All breeds will participate in one class.**
11. All grooming that involves the use of water (washing, rinsing, or "soaping down") must be performed exclusively in the designated wash rack. Washing cattle in the stalls, aisles, or any non-designated area is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will result in a \$25 fine. If caught a second time, the exhibitor will not be permitted to show the following year. Fine must be paid to the Beef Breeding Committee by December 31 of the current year. If the fine is not paid, the exhibitor will not be able to participate in the Beef Breeding program.
12. All show rules are final once the show begins. Any participant or spectator seeking clarification or wishing to protest or question a rule must do so in writing at the show office. Committee members and volunteers are not authorized to alter rules during the Junior Fair Show.
13. This show is a youth/family event. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to: verbal abuse, use of profanity, or intentional disregard for show protocols, will not be tolerated. The committee reserves the right to remove any individual not following this rule from the premises. A 'no-show' status will be given to any animal owned by an individual who has been removed for conduct violations. Also, refer to the Exhibitor Only Guideline in the General Junior Fair Rules.
14. Youth exhibiting Beef Breeding must also follow the General Junior Fair Guidelines.

**REGISTERED PUREBRED & CROSS BRED BEEF BREEDING CLASS LIST**

**Registered means registration papers must be shown on entry day. All registered livestock will be shown in the class per breed guidelines.**

**CLASS NUMBERS: Hereford - 21, Maine Anjou- 22, Beef Shorthorn -23, Aberdeen Angus - 24, Simmental - 25, Limousin – 26, AOB - All Other Beef Breeds - (Shown by Breed & Age), 27 - Crossbred**

1. Junior Heifer Calf, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2026
2. Winter Heifer Calf, calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2025
3. Senior Heifer Calf, calved between September 1 and October 31, 2025

**Champion and Reserve Champion Calf**

4. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between July 1 2025 thru August 31, 2025
5. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2025
6. Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2025

**Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Female**

7. Junior Yearling Heifer, calved between January 1, 2025 thru February 28, 2025
8. Senior Yearling Heifer, calved between September 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024

**Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Female**

**SUPREME CHAMPION & RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION**

9. Aged Heifer/Cow – Born Prior to September 1, 2024  
(Must be a calf/heifer shown in prior years.)
10. Cow & Calf (bull calves older than 4 months must be castrated.  
No testicular tissue should be remaining.)
11. Pair of Heifers
12. Produce of Dam - 2 animals from the same dam
13. Pair of Yearlings -pair of juniors, spring, summer yearling heifer –  
owned and registered by exhibitor or directly to a household member
14. Pair of Calves - pair of seniors, winter, or junior calves -  
owned and registered by exhibitor or directly to a household member
15. Prospect Steer Class – Includes All Breeds

**BEEF FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Open to all Beef Breeding project members.
2. A show halter is recommended to be used for showing the animal.
3. Fitting for the Beef Breeding Show will consist of “Blow & Go” only and must be handled according to the Exhibitor Only Policy. Animals must be washed the day of the show. Members may use conditioner. Use of adhesive, paint, or any additional fitting is prohibited. No hair building or powder will be permitted. A member proceeding with these measures of fitting will be disqualified. The committee has the right to check the animals while entering the ring.
4. Judge’s decisions will be final and based on condition, quality, amount finished, cleanliness, and appearance of exhibitor, equipment to show the animal, and ability to handle the animal. A show stick and leather show halter are recommended.
5. Youth will be judged according to the following divisions:

**Showmanship Classes**

**Junior Division: 8 - 11 as of January 1**

**Intermediate Division: 12 - 14 as of January 1**

**Senior Division: 15 -18 as of January 1**

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

## MAHONING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SADDLE HORSE SHOW

### MAHONING COUNTY SADDLE HORSE COMMITTEE

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### MAHONING SADDLE HORSE SHOW & JUNIOR FAIR SHOW GUIDELINES

All MSHC (Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee) shows are governed by OSU's Uniform Rules and Junior Fair Guidelines. Exceptions and/or additional rules and guidelines are listed below. Compliance and enforcement are the responsibility of the MSHC, advisors, parents and youth members.

1. 4-H youth and MSHC youth participants must 8 years old and in the third grade to the age of 18 as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
2. All youth must be enrolled with the Mahoning County Extension Office in the 4-H program and/or Mahoning County Junior Fair through the fair office by deadline of March 15, 2025.
3. Each project horse must be enrolled and on file by June 1st with the Junior Fair/MSHC.
4. Project animals cannot be shared unless qualifying under the Hardship Rule.

**Hardship Rule** - In the case of a low economic condition, a family that has one horse, but more than one child of exhibition age, is eligible to request permission for the two children to show the same horse.. Each hardship case must be submitted to the MSHC, in writing to be approved by the committee. Each member must show in separate specified classes. The horse must be listed in these classes with each child and this information must be on file with both the Mahoning Saddle Horse Committee and Mahoning County Junior Fair. Only siblings are eligible to qualify under this rule.

5. Any project changes made between June 1st and the July MSHC monthly meeting must be presented to the MSHC prior to the July meeting. MSHC will vote upon and approve/deny the change of project. If approved for a change at this meeting, the member will not be permitted to show in championship classes at the Junior Fair. After the July MSHC meeting, no project change will be approved except for death of a project animal.
6. Horses being exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show may not be exhibited in any other county junior fair show in the same year.
7. Walk-Trot will be offered as a two-year project for members 13 years and under only. Youth 14 & Older are permitted to exhibit one year in Walk-Trot. To continue to exhibit in Walk-Trot, youth and a parent/legal guardian must request permission from the MSHC. Only those approved shall be permitted to remain in Walk-Trot. Participants in Walk-Trot may not canter in any class. Youth participating in Walk-Trot must be enrolled in this project by June 1 of the current year. In riding classes, project Walk-Trot exhibitors are eligible for Walk-Trot designated classes only.

### MAHONING COUNTY EQUINE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Equine safety requirements for 2026 for youth participants and parents/legal guardians:

Youth Member and at least one parent/guardian exhibiting during the Mahoning Saddle Horse Season and at the Mahoning County Junior Fair must:

- Complete the Mahoning County Saddle Horse Symposium or must attend a scheduled make-up session.
- In addition to the two sessions, must attend the Saddle Horse Update at the Mahoning County Saddle Horse Symposium or approved make-up.
- Youth only: Complete the online Ohio State University Equi-Step Program.

**IMPORTANT:** The safety requirements apply to all equine projects, including ground roping, horseless horse, and mentor/mentee program.

## REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MSHC SHOWS,

### JUNIOR FAIR & YEAR END AWARDS

Parents and Youth Participants must:

- Complete Mahoning County Canfield Fairgrounds Liability Form and submit online by April 7, 2025
- Complete Junior Fair Online Registration by April 7, 2025.
- Complete and return the MSHC Year-End Award Sign-Up and Information Sheet as instructed by the committee. If participating in Year End Awards, pay \$35 per horse. All participants must complete and return this form.
- Submit a Horse ID & BODY SCORE Form ONLINE as instructed for the horse(s) prior to the first horse show. ID form requires a **current picture of the horse(s) you will be showing**. This form **MUST** be updated if horse changes prior to the deadline of June 15. Body Score Form must be printed and completed by **your veterinarian**. The completed Certificate of Body Condition Score Form **MUST** then be scanned and uploaded into the online registration program by the date set by the committee.

**Body Condition Score Requirement:** If a Youth Participant plans to show in the 2025 MSHC Show Season and the Mahoning County Junior Fair, they must submit a Certificate of Body Condition Score by scanning and uploading the form into the online ID & Body Score Form prior to or at the first horse show. A Body Condition Score can change during the year, but the opportunity to see how this is evaluated is an excellent educational experience.

### BODY SCORE EVALUATION:

#### **VETERINARIAN VISIT WILL:**

- ◇ Provide the opportunity to make sure your horse is up to date with horse vaccinations.
- ◇ Provide the opportunity to make sure your horse is sound (not lame) and in good health.
- ◇ Give youth an idea of the goal they need to set and achieve to keep their horse in good health.

#### **PLEASE BE REMINDED:**

- ◇ All equine must meet the standards of a **Body Score of 4** to be exhibited at any State & County 4-H Show and Junior Fair.
- ◇ No horses obviously sick will be permitted on the show grounds.
- ◇ No horses with Grade 3 lameness will be permitted to show.
- ◇ Excessive schooling or abuse in the arena will result in disqualification from showing.

### MSHC & JUNIOR FAIR SADDLE HORSE SHOW GUIDELINES

1. The judge, show steward and or show manager will have the responsibility to oversee rules and once the call has been made, changes in scoring and participation are final.
2. The judge or attending MSHC member may dismiss any entry considered to be unruly or lacking sufficient control for the safety of the handler and other exhibitors. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward judges, show management, or exhibitors or physical abuse of the project horse will not be tolerated. Violators will be dismissed from the show by the show manager.
3. If you have a complaint or concern during any Saddle Horse and/or Junior Fair competition, do not approach the judge. Exhibitors, parents, and spectators wishing to have a discussion with the judge must first contact the show steward to get approval and set up an appointment. The Official Protest Procedure is listed below. See the Ring Steward or member of the MSHC.
4. Proper attire for all of the horse shows will follow the current year's Saddle Horse Rule Book or be at the discretion of the MSHC and/or Junior Fair Show Judge.
5. It is required for all exhibitors to wear ASIM/SEI protective headgear while riding and/or driving a horse or pony as stated below in the Ohio State & Mahoning County 4-H Horse Show Guidelines.

#### Ohio 4-H, MSHC & Mahoning County Junior Fair Helmet Policy

All youth age 19 and under, participating in any 4-H equestrian activity or equine youth activity are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving an equine. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant to make sure that the headgear worn

complies with the appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, MSHC, Mahoning County Junior Fair and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance. The Ohio 4-H Horse program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel MSHC, Mahoning County Junior Fair and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian activities. The Ohio 4-H Horse Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel, MSHC, Mahoning County Junior Fair and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's headgear for proper, MSHC, Mahoning County Junior Fair and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

6. Every rider must present their number visibly to the judge while in the ring.
7. Any eligible rider or horse may appear only once in any class.
8. No more than 25 horses shall work the ring in any class except cake walk. Should the average be only 1-2 horses, the judge may decide one or two cuts.
9. No training devices are permitted in the show ring.
10. Blindfolds are permitted only to lead a horse up to the show ring, but not into the show ring.
11. A horse may be urged with hand or approved aids in English, Driving, or Gymkhana classes; however, may not be abused in anyway at any time in or at the show ring. Abusive behavior may result in the elimination from the class.
12. Hack Classes: No more than 10 exhibitors will hand gallop in the ring at any one time. Exhibitors will be dismissed for excessive speed and recklessness at the judge's discretion.
13. Costume Class: Entries are required to have a handler lead the exhibitor(s) into, during, and out of the class.
14. Hunter-Hack Classes: Exhibitors to walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Jump two fences two or three strides apart and not to exceed two feet six inches in height.
15. Contest Classes: To start in the arena - the horse and rider may be assisted up to the entrance gate, but the horse and rider must enter the ring alone. The rider must not enter the gate any faster than a trot, must stop forward motion by completely stopping or else circle prior to start pattern. Due to safety, a running start is not permitted. Contest riders are required to wear appropriate attire. It is mandatory that all contest exhibitors use western saddles in all timed contest classes.
16. Absolutely no cell phones or electronic devices are permitted in the show ring or practice ring. Breaking this rule will result in dismissal from the show/exercise ring.
17. In open classes, the equine project or 4-H horse is permitted to be ridden by another rider as long as the equine project or 4-H horse participant is present. No trainers are permitted to ride an equine project or 4-H horse in any class. This is considered schooling and not permitted. If this does occur, the youth equine project or 4-H participant will be disqualified from the show and lose any points for that day. No exceptions will be considered.
18. Horses must walk to and from all rings.
19. Exhibitors are not permitted to run horses except when in a designated class or practice session. Appropriate and safe behavior is to ride at a slow canter, unless it involves Walk Trot youth, then a trot is the acceptable pace.
20. A green ribbon on the tail designates a green, inexperienced horse or rider.
21. A red ribbon designated a horse that may kick.
22. The MSHC may cancel or postpone any class or show if unsafe conditions exist. No riding during a lightning storm.
23. For the safety of the horse and rider, spectators are not permitted to climb on or lean on the show rails or gates during classes.
24. At open or summer shows, dogs in the saddle horse area must be handled by adults 21 years of age or older. Dogs must be always kept on a leash. Dogs are not permitted in concession area. Owner is responsible for action of animal.

20. Horses or ponies are not to be turned loose in any ring.
21. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend horse shows with their children as they are solely responsible for them.
22. Classes may be split at judge's discretion.
23. Tie Breakers in all divisions will be questions picked from 5 envelopes according to division. Questions will be based on information from the project books, Ohio State Horse Show Rule Book, and Mahoning Saddle Horse Show Book.
29. Falling off your horse during any event while in the ring will be an automatic disqualification.
30. Any equipment failure is cause for disqualification. No electronic devices are permitted in arena. This will be cause for automatic disqualification.
31. All classes will have a 2-minute gate call. Events must be started within 2 minutes of the rider's number being called. For youth members participating in shows with 2 rings or simultaneous classes, events can be completed at the end of the class provided there are other groups participating in the same course. Once the last rider for all age groups has finished, the 2-minute gate call will go in effect. Exceptions must be brought to the immediate attention of the show steward and will be up to the discretion of the judge.
32. Exhibitors must register before the individual class or event begins. No entries will be accepted once the class has started.
33. Bumping the arena fence, gate, or any part of the ring will be automatic disqualification for class.
34. If you are declaring a pony for the year for PAS, you must have the MSHC measure your pony prior to the first class of the first show you are at. Otherwise, when PAS takes place, you will be scored as a horse.
35. Year- end Points signups will be at the Horse Symposium and the first two shows. As soon as you are signed up and fee is paid, points will begin. There will be no retroactive points added from prior shows. Open classes will not count toward year-end points.
36. MSHC has elected to do all day show fee for the 2025 season. It is highly recommended that other clubs or groups try this. The fee & additional costs for the entire day is listed on the showbills.

### **SADDLE HORSE AND JUNIOR FAIR SADDLE HORSE SHOW PROTEST PROCEDURE**

Complaints will be handled through the designated show steward who will clarify rules and arrange for the exhibitor to visit with the judge, if the steward feels the request is justified.

1. If any complaint cannot be resolved at the steward level, a written protest should be filed with the MSHC for horse shows during the year and Junior Fair Manager for the Junior Fair Horse Show.
  - a) Protest must be made in writing and signed by the party or parties making the protest.
  - b) A \$100 fee - cash or money order only must accompany the protest. The fee will be retained by the manager and used to pay the costs of investigating the protest.
  - c) The protest and fee must be filed with the manager the same day of the show. The protest will be considered at the time designated by the manager and committee and will include the accused, the accuser, Junior Fair representation, and MSHC chairperson.
  - d) The judge's decision on how a class is placed or a decision on disqualification of an exhibitor based on the judge's interpretation of the rules for that class shall not be protested.
2. The MSHC and Junior Fair Management have the right to prohibit an exhibitor from showing if there is evidence that the exhibitor has violated show rules.
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### **JUNIOR FAIR SHOW SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE the following is required to compete in the Junior Fair Show:**

- ◆ Complete Junior Fair Entry Sheet by August 1, 2025 and submit online. Youth must declare the Performance Class/Division in which they wish to be graded on the Junior Fair Entry Form.

- ◆ Must participate in at least two of the MSHC Open and/or 4-H Shows, or 1 MSHC sponsored show and 1 MSHC approved Mahoning County horse show sponsored by a Mahoning County Saddle Horse 4-H Club with the horse they plan to exhibit at the fair. The Mahoning County PAS Show is an approved option.
- ◆ Complete a Permission to Treat Form (in case of emergency) on Entry Day.
- ◆ Complete Equine Record Book and turn in to Saddle Horse Show Office by Wednesday of the fair at 12:00 noon.

**JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY DAY:** Entry Day is Tuesday prior to the Junior Fair Show from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. All projects must be in place by 8:00 pm on Tuesday - Entry Day. Exhibits must remain on the fairgrounds until Monday, Labor Day at 9:00 p.m., unless early dismissal has been announced or exhibit has been excused for emergency reasons. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to 9:00 p.m. Monday will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.

**JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE:** Refer to the website at [mcjrfair.com](http://mcjrfair.com) and/or the printed Junior Fair Horse Show Schedule which will be available at the Junior Fair Office and the MSHC Office/Announcement Booth during the fair.

### **JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION**

1. Any exhibitor entered in the Junior Fair Show who is not planning to exhibit must contact Junior Fair Management two weeks prior to Entry Day of the Junior Fair. (Veterinary excuse and/or an emergency will be the only exceptions.) Exhibitors not canceling their Saddle Horse entry and not exhibiting their Saddle Horse entry in the Junior Fair may not be eligible for participation for the following year, and the club will also be penalized with stall assignments.
2. Exhibitors must check in at the Junior Fair Office before unloading their project.
3. All Saddle Horse exhibitors in the Junior Fair **MUST PARTICIPATE IN 4-STATION GRADING AS WELL AS PERFORMANCE GRADING.** Exhibitors not participating in the required grading activities, without previous permission for make-ups from the MSHC and the Junior Fair Management, will not receive their premium, not be permitted in Championships and may be prohibited from Junior Fair Exhibition the following year.
  - a) 4-Station Grading - 4-Station Grading has been available to complete at the August MSHC Show. Youth not completing at this show, must complete during the time offered during the Junior Fair Show.
  - b) Performance Grading - The judge will determine if patterns will be used in performance grading classes. The patterns will be determined by the judge. To help expedite the process on the performance grading, ground work/rail work, broken into age groups and disciplines may be an option. Riders will exhibit both directions of the arena, stop, reverse and back up at least. This will determine the ability to control the horse project.
4. Exhibitor may only show one Saddle Horse Project animal in the Junior Fair Show.
  - a) Exhibitor must show the project listed as of June 1, which is documented on the Horse ID Record kept on file by the Mahoning County Junior Fair. The only exceptions are those project changes approved by the MSHC.
  - b) Youth showing an equine at the fair, may also participate in Ground Roping.
  - c) Ground Roping exhibitors do not need to exhibit a horse at the fair.
5. Horses and ponies should not be exhibited if the exhibitor knows their animals is infected or has been exposed to any dangerous, contagious, or infectious disease. Horses showing health problems upon check-in may not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Show. The Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Management, and a representative of the MSHC may determine that a horse is not in condition to be exhibited and may request the horse be removed from the fairgrounds. It is highly recommended, but not required, that horses being exhibited have current vaccinations.
6. No stallion over one year (actual age) will be exhibited in the Junior Fair.
7. Championship Classes: To participate in the Championship Classes, you are required to have a

minimum score of “B” combined. We will add 4 Station Grading and Performance Grading together to arrive at final grade.

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

**NEAT AND CLEAN by 8:30 AM:** Each project animal, the entire stall, and/or the area behind each horse must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 8:30 am. Each horse must be fed and watered on a regular schedule. Each horse must be cleaned periodically throughout the day. Spot checks will be made during the fair. The exhibitor is also responsible for the clean-up of their animals as it is moved from the stall to show area. If there is a concern about an animal, the MSHC or Junior Fair Representative has the right to enter and check the animal and stall as needed. If the animal is not being cared for properly, as described above, then two warnings will be given. The third warning will be considered animal neglect. Refusing to follow the guidelines may cause the exhibitor to be barred from future participation in Junior Fair activities. Also, refer to “Exhibitor Only Policy” listed below.

**VETERINARY CARE:** Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health are the financial responsibility of the owner. Each youth showing Saddle Horse must have a Permission to Treat. Form on file to provide permission for emergency treatment for your animal. All non-emergency veterinary treatment requested must be submitted through the Junior Fair Office and will be recorded at the Junior Fair Office for the veterinarian on call as they make their rounds. The Permission to Treat Form will be available at Junior Fair Check-In.

### **JUNIOR FAIR STALL ASSIGNMENTS**

Stall assignments are based on a rotation. We must give each club the same opportunity. If youth will not be exhibiting at the fair, Junior Fair Management must be notified immediately. If a club does not notify Junior Fair Management of youth not exhibiting and extra stalls are not turned in, the club will be penalized one box stall for each stall not turned in the following year. ALL extra stalls will be reallocated to make the best effort to be fair to everyone and to provide additional tack space.

- Clubs are to use stalls assigned. Please accept stall assignments as posted. Stall assignments may be altered by the Junior Fair Management if stalls have been reallocated due to stalls being turned in. Do not move your animal into another stall without approval from MSHC and the Junior Fair Manager.
- Tack stall space, if any, will be limited so tack stalls are to be shared with other clubs in your area if needed.
- One box stall must always remain available for use by the veterinarian. Assigning stalls is a difficult task to accomplish. All livestock must be accommodated within these assignments. Special requests may be submitted, but assignments can only work with the space available.
- Please do not make any alternations to the stalls without consulting Junior Fair Management. This will include your assigned tack stalls.
- Each individual club must have their own system to determine the allocation of box stalls within each club.

**DECORATIONS AND STALL SAFETY:** With our new location, stall decorations may be at a minimum, so please follow the guidelines as they become available. No fair decorations can be placed before the Friday prior to the fair since stall assignments may not be finalized. All decorations are to be in place by Sunday evening prior to Entry Day, if any decorations are used this year. No permanent fencing should be pounded into the ground. Fencing/decorations must be able to move in case of emergency.

- ◆ Absolutely no white paint shall be on natural wood.
- ◆ No free-standing mirrors, or glass of any kind in decorations or photographs in displays. Use plastic.
- ◆ No crocks or glass pottery of any kind may be used in decorations.

- ◆ Be considerate in using chairs, benches, etc. in the space available. Be willing to share space.
- ◆ No cots, tables, outdoor furniture, etc. can be placed to obstruct the aisles.
- ◆ Tack boxes are to be used for tack and decorations. Do not sit on them.
- ◆ No doors or gates are to be added to change stalls. Any such addition must be preapproved by Junior Fair Management.
- ◆ Stall guards are permitted for safety issues, not be used for containing an animal.
- ◆ Please check the stalls for safety such as nails, sharp objects, etc. The sharp edges on the screws may be rasped down carefully.
- ◆ Please do not cover the upper sections of stalls. If a problem exists with two horse side by side in the box stalls, switch stalls with another member of your club or notify MSHC and/or Junior Fair Management about the situation. If the upper portion of the stall covered, this will cut off the air circulation throughout the barn.
- ◆ Hay bags may be used in the box stalls if secured safely. Feed tubs and buckets should be secured safely.
- ◆ Tack boxes should be kept flush with the stall wall.
- ◆ Oversized tack boxes that block the aisles will be considered a hazard and moved to the tack stall area.
- ◆ Youth should be careful opening and closing stall doors. Stall doors should be closed and locked when not in use.
- ◆ In case of emergency and for safety, horses must always have halters on while in the stall.

**TACK BOXES:** Because of the new location tack boxes will be limited in certain areas. Youth with oversized tack boxes may use them but may need to have them placed in special locations during the fair. Stall assignments will not be based on the size of a club's tack boxes.

**CANOPY RULES:**

Because of space and adjusting to our new location, there will be no canopies in the Junior Fair area.

**STALL BEDDING:** Sawdust will be provided by the Senior Fair Board for Saddle Horse Stalls. The Junior Fair representatives will place the first base of sawdust in the stalls. Exhibitors must share sawdust, so be considerate. Sawdust should be hauled into stalls the weekend prior to fair week to eliminate covering fair decorations with dust. If your club prefers straw, this will only be provided upon request. Make sure to mark this with your club entry forms.

**HAY, AND GRAIN:** The Fair Board will provide hay which is to be shared to help prevent storage and shortage. Please do not use more hay than needed. Hay will not be provided on Tuesday, Entry Day, so bring enough hay to feed your horse the first day. Hay will be provided on Wednesday. Each club is required to request hay on a sign-up sheet at MSHC Office. If your horse requires special hay, you are welcome to bring your own. Youth participants must supply all grain and other supplements.

**SADDLE HORSE GENERAL AREA SAFETY:** Safety is important. Be conscientious. The Fair Board and MSHC do not have insurance to cover you or your animal.

- ◆ Electrical appliances are to be used in approved areas only. **Do not use cooking appliances, refrigerators, etc. in the Junior Fair barns and areas.**
- ◆ Horses must be led, not ridden to all areas outside of the riding ring.
- ◆ Please stay off black top areas as much as possible. Please walk your horses to the Saddle Horse Ring area. Horses must have special permission to be walked in any location other than the Junior Fair area.
- ◆ Do not walk horses in the Pop Shop and/or the Saddle Horse Office/Announcer Stand area.
- ◆ If a member needs the blacksmith **for their horse, please notify the MSHC office.**
- ◆ If your horse drops manure in a public area, please be considerate and clean up after your horse.

**EXERCISE GUIDELINES:** Exercise times will be determined by the schedule and announced. Check the Saddle Horse Office for specific posted exercise times. All horses must be exercised in designated areas. and MAY NOT be exercised in the Parking areas or Fire Lanes.

- ◆ There will be no lunging in the ring while riders are present. Make sure to check the posted exercise schedule.
- ◆ Controlled canter or lope during open riding time.
- ◆ Walk Trot will not be allowed to canter.
- ◆ No double riding will be permitted.
- ◆ All fair exhibitors must have horses fully bridled whether riding in shows or exercising their horses. No halters permitted.
- ◆ There shall be a red ribbon at least ¾" wide placed in the tail of any unruly horse. This should always be kept in during the Junior Fair Show.
- ◆ Boots must be worn while riding and should have at least a 1" heel while exercising the horse.

ALL MEMBER MUST FOLLOW THE JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL GUIDELINES IN ADDITION TO THE SADDLE HORSE GUIDELINES.

## **2026 EQUINE MENTORSHIP GUIDELINES**

### **MSHC EQUINE JUNIOR FAIR/4-H MENTORSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

The purpose of designing this program for Mahoning County is to all youth to become involved with the saddle horse program. This mentorship program allows the youth and parent/legal guardian the opportunity to find out all the aspects of owning/leasing a horse. The program is designed to create peer-teaching situations among the youth and the chance to demonstrate what they have learned. The top priority is the safety of all participants. Therefore, the following guidelines have been put in place.

### **MENTOR REQUIREMENTS**

1. The mentor must
  - Be at least **13 years old**
  - Have completed at least 3 years of experience in the Mahoning Saddle Horse Program.
  - Have completed at least 3 years of Project #174, Beginning Horse Management
  - Have shown a horse in the Mahoning Saddle Horse Shows for at least 3 years.
  - how their project horse during the year in Mahoning Saddle Horse/4-H shows to demonstrate the learning by doing aspect of the program for the mentee.
2. The mentor must be signed up with 4-H project #370 individually and be signed up in a 4-H Horse Project.
3. Youth are required to attend the Mahoning County Equine Safety Program at the Horse Symposium or an approved make-up session.
4. The mentor is required to complete in their name
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse Information and Guideline Form Online
  - Canfield Fair Liability Form
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse ID Form
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse Year End Points Form
  - Body Score Form
5. A Saddle Horse Mentor/Mentee agreement must be signed by both members and their parents/legal guardians and on file at the Extension Office and a copy will be kept with Junior Fair records.
6. The mentor may only sign up with one mentee for each year. The mentor/mentee combination can only be used for a maximum for two years.
10. The mentor should allow the mentee to interact with the horse and mentor in the barn to learn all aspects of care and handling. Please note: The horse used by the mentee **MUST** be a project horse that belongs to the mentor. If the mentor is leasing a horse,

7. the leasor must sign a lease including the mentee as part of the lease. Therefore, the mentor is required to maintain all aspects of care and handling while allowing the mentee to help.
8. If the mentor owns two project horses, and one of the horses is a safer option for the mentee; then the mentor may work with the mentee with this horse and show the other horse as their project horse.
9. The mentor may exhibit in the Junior Fair Show without the mentee.
10. However, if the mentee wishes to participate in the Junior Fair Show, the **mentor must submit an entry form and participate in the Junior Fair Show at the Canfield Fair** in order for the mentee to exhibit the horse in the Junior Fair
11. Show, as well as be available to assist the mentee as mentioned in these guidelines.

### **MENTEE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The mentee, the person being mentored, must:
  - Be at least 8 and in the 3rd grade as of January 1 of the current year.
  - Be signed up with 4-H project #370 individually and Project #174, Beginning Horse Management and complete and submit a Horse Record Book.
2. The mentee is required to attend the Mahoning County Equine Safety Program at the Horse Symposium or an approved make-up session and complete all of the safety requirements.
3. The mentee is required to complete in the following:
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse Information & Guideline Receipt Form (Must read and agree to follow the guidelines.)
  - Canfield Fair Liability Form
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse ID & Body Score Form
  - Mahoning Saddle Horse Year End Points Form
4. The mentee may only sign up with one mentor for each year. The mentor/mentee combination can only be used for a maximum for two years.
5. The mentor should allow the mentee to interact with the horse and mentor in the barn to learn all aspects of care and handling. Please note: The project horse must be a project horse of the mentor. Therefore, the mentor is required to maintain all aspects of care and handling while allowing the mentee to help.
6. To participate in the Junior Fair Show, the mentee must complete and submit their own Junior Fair Entry Form. The mentor must also submit a Junior Fair Entry Form as stated above in the Mentor Requirements.

### **MENTORSHIP HORSE SHOW RULES**

1. Mentee classes will be Walk Trot only and will be only and will be only offered at certain shows. The classes will be Mentorship Showmanship, Mentorship Barrels, Mentorship Equitation/Horsemanship, and Mini Mentorship to include Mini Showmanship, Mini Horse Trail in Hand, Mini Horse Hunter in Hand.
2. The above classes will be offered at the Mahoning County Junior Fair and will be offered as championship classes at the fair. The committee may add additional mentorship classes at the shows.
3. The mentee must go to at least two Mahoning Saddle Horse/4-H shows and prove his or her ability to handle and lead an equine to participate at the Mahoning County Junior Fair.
4. The mentor must be at the show with the mentee. The mentor must remain with the mentee and project animal at all times. The mentor has sole responsibility for their project animal at all times, at the shows and at the fair.
5. The mentee must enter the show ring by him or herself. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the MSHC.

6. There are no age divisions currently. This may be changed dependent upon participation level.
7. Exhibitors are required to wear a helmet, long pants, long sleeved shirt and boots with at least a 1” heel. The style of show attire is optional.
8. The project horse may be a lease animal if the leasor provides written permission in the lease.



## SADDLE HORSE JUNIOR FAIR SCHEDULE



### Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 1

- Entry Day Livestock Entry - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 8:15 p.m. Junior Fair Saddle Horse Exhibitors' Meeting  
 8:30 p.m. Horseman / Horsewoman Written Test  
**8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team**

### Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:30 a.m. Four Station Grading  
 10:00 a.m. Followed by: Showmanship Grading - Championships Sunday  
                                   Production Grading, Championships to follow  
                                   Driving Grading-Championships to follow  
                                   Mini Horse Grading - Championships to follow  
                                   Showmanship, Trail in Hand, Driving, Reinsmanship, Mini Mentorship  
 Wednesday Fun Show Classes - Mini Horse Fun Show to follow  
 5:00 p.m. Horseman/Horsewoman Riding/Driving Test  
 7:30 p.m. (approx.) **Opening Ceremonies** - to follow Llama Show  
                                   Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team  
                                   Club Presentations  
                                   Presentation of State Fair Participants  
                                   Announce Outstanding Horseman/Horsewoman, Sportsmanship Awards,  
                                   & Scholarship Awards  
 8:30 p.m. (approx.) Fun Show continued  
                                   1st thru 3rd Year Saddle Horse Fun Show



### Thursday, SEPTEMBER 3 (Ring Break: 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.)

- 9:00 a.m. Equitation Grading  
 Contest Grading  
 Mentorship Grading—Championship to follow  
 Trail in Hand Grading—Championships to follow  
 Trail Riding Grading—Championships to follow  
 Trail Riding Walk Trot Grading—Championships to follow  
 Reining Grading—Championships to follow  
 Ground Roping Junior Division (13 & Under) Grading,  
 Championships to follow Ground Roping Grading, Championships to follow  
 Beginner 1st - 3rd Year Saddle Horse Fun Show to follow  
 Saddle Horse Fun Show to follow



### Friday, SEPTEMBER 4

- 7:30 a.m. Equitation Over Fences - Schooling  
 Equitation Over Fences - Grading & Championships  
 Hunter Classic  
 Walk Trot Crossrail Schooling followed by Walk Trot Crossrail (EXHIBITION Class)  
 Walk Trot Dressage—Grading, Championships to follow

**Friday, SEPTEMBER 4**

- . Dressage—Grading & Championships
- Western Dressage—Grading & Championships
- Dressage Classic
- 4:00 p.m. (approx.) Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team
- 5:00—7:00 Saddle Horse Skillathon
- 7:30 p.m. (approx.) Saddle Horse Fun Show
- 8:00 p.m. Grandstands - Demolition Derby



**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 5**

- 8:00 a.m. **Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team**
- Contest Classic**
- Senior Division
- Junior Division

**Walk Trot Trio**

- Pleasure Versatility**
- Senior Division
- Junior Division

**Freestyle Reining**

- Entire ride no longer than 5 minutes
- 7:00 p.m. Grandstands - Truck & Tractor Pull



**Sunday, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 12:00 p.m. Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team**
- 12:30 p.m. Championships
- Contest
- Pleasure
- Saddle Horse Fun Show to follow**

**Monday, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 8:00 a.m. Olde Timer Classes then Continue Sad
- 11:00 a.m. Costume Class
- 1:00 p.m. **Junior Saddle Horse Drill Team**
- 1:30 p.m. Leadline to follow Drill Team
- Cloverbud Show - Stick Horse
- Showmanship
- Barrels
- Pleasure
- Continue with Fun Show



**ANY OF THE GUIDELINES & JUNIOR FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE**

## JUNIOR FAIR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Please try to be calm in emergency situations. Please do not be tempted to use your cell phone. Emergency Procedures will be posted. For both people and animal emergencies, we do have procedures to follow. Please report emergency situations to the Junior Fair Office, or contact a Committee person in your area. In the Saddle Horse area, you may contact the Saddle Horse Office. Ambulance & First Aid are located on the fairgrounds, and the veterinarian is on call at all times. Do not dial 911. Do not call the veterinarian direct. We have direct phone lines to contact both. By reporting the emergency immediately, this will alleviate cross communications and confusion in providing emergency assistance. Any veterinary measures requested by the owner are the responsibility of the owner. In absence of the owner, if a veterinary emergency should arise, the committee will first attempt to contact the owner of the animal, then a club advisor/member; however, if necessary, the committee reserves the right to contact a veterinarian; and the care provided will be the responsibility of the owner.

## MAHONING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

### **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection deadlines:**

- ⇒ Cattle within 60 days preceding opening day of fair
- ⇒ Goats within 60 days preceding opening day of fair
- ⇒ Sheep within 60 days preceding opening day of fair
- ⇒ Swine within 45 days preceding opening day of fair
- ⇒ Llama within 30 days preceding opening day of fair

\*\*\*All animals must have appropriate ID for their species\*\*\*

### **Vaccine Requirements:**

- ⇒ Swine: Erysipelhas vaccine at least 21 days before opening day of fair
- ⇒ Feeder Cattle: Must be vaccinated twice with Nasalgen 3-PMH or Triangle 4- PHK, and Cavalry 9 at least 21 days before opening day of fair
- ⇒ Equine: All horses must be vaccinated for Rhino/Flu\* and strongly encouraged to vaccinate for Strangles. Vaccines should be at least 10 days preceding opening day of fair
- ⇒ Canine: All dogs participating in the fair shall be immunized against distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, parainfluenza, bordetella, parvovirus, and rabies, and be currently licensed in their county of residence. Flea and Tick preventative is highly recommended along with an annual fecal exam. You must pick up and dispose properly of all dog waste while on the fairgrounds. \*Proof of rabies/vaccinations must be provided day of entry\*
- ⇒ Ferrets: required to have an annual Rabies vaccination

### **Other Animal Requirements:**

- ⇒ Rabbits: Will be health checked day of entry to the fair
  - ⇒ Pocket Pets: Will be health checked day of entry to the fair
  - ⇒ Poultry: Will be health checked day of entry to the fair. All poultry must be from a pullo- rum free flock, or tested negative for pullorum prior to the fair.
- **Any animal exhibiting any infectious/contagious disease will be sent home to include but not limited to ringworm, warts, footrot, lice, mange, sore mouth, pink eye, respiratory disease, or enteric diseases.**
  - **Any animal deemed unfit, thin, unthrifty, or exhibiting a prolapse will be sent home**

All livestock exhibitors are required to follow the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to Ohio Livestock Exhibition. This information is available in the following locations.

**OHIO LIVESTOCK HEALTH EXHIBITION RULES 901:1-18**

Scan the QR Code to refer to the Ohio Revised Code Livestock Health Requirements or go to [www.mcjrfair.com](http://www.mcjrfair.com), Junior Fair Registration page. Click the Button



**OHIO LIVESTOCK TAMPERING EXHIBITION RULES 901-19-01**

Scan the QR Code to refer to the Ohio Revised Code Tampering Rules or go to [www.mcjrfair.com](http://www.mcjrfair.com), Junior Fair Registration page. Click the Button



**SPECIAL NOTES**

- After exhibiting, those animals which return to the farm should be isolated for a period of time to avoid possible disease problems.
- Health certificates must contain appropriate identification of animals that will be exhibited: ear tags, ear notches, tattoos, Official Scrapies Identification #, etc. Identification will be checked.
- Please staple a copy of your health certificates to the front of your stall on Tuesday, entry day so the vet may review your health paper while he checks your animal(s).
- All youth who exhibit Market Animals, Dairy Cattle, Beef & Sheep Breeding Cattle, Rabbits, and Dairy Goats, and at least one parent/guardian must attend at least one Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or participate in a county approved optional Quality Assurance Program.

Questions should be directed to the appropriate Committee of your fair, or your veterinarian.  
**Lisbon Veterinary Clinic is the Canfield Fair Veterinarian**



NOTES



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