

2024 Rabbit Guidelines

RABBIT COMMITTEE

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Rabbit Projects: 228BR Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book DOE & LITTER
228M Market Rabbit Project and Record Book RABBIT MEAT PEN
228PR Pet Rabbit Project and Record Book (DOES NOT EXHIBIT AT FAIR) RABBIT FRYER/ROASTER
228R Rabbit Resource Handbook for Market Rabbit, Breeding Rabbit, and Pet Rabbit Projects (REQUIRED)

Market Rabbit Weigh-In: Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 PM – Barn #35

Market Rabbit Judging: Wednesday, August 28, 9:00am Barn #35

Rabbit Doe & Litter Judging: Wednesday, August 28 (To follow Market Rabbit judging) - Barn #35

Market Rabbit Sale: Thursday, August 29, 5:30 PM –

Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center (following Goat Fudge Sale)

Rabbit Breed Judging: Saturday, August 31, 8:00 AM – Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

Rabbit Showmanship: Saturday, August 31 (To follow Breed Judging)

Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

Wee Ones Show: Saturday, September 2, 6:00 p.m. Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center

Rabbit Costume Class: Monday, September 4, 11:00 a.m. (To follow Pocket Pets) Barn #35

** Mahoning County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee youth shows are judged by judges who are officially licensed by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA), and thus shows must be held according to ARBA standards.*

1. **Membership:** Open to any Mahoning County Youth 8 and in the third grade to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the committee. Members must be enrolled in their youth organization by March 15 2024, Member must be enrolled with the Rabbit Committee by April 12, 2024. Members taking Market Rabbit must be enrolled in the Breed Rabbit Project. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must submit an Entry Form by the specified date.
2. **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. 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 21, 2024, or the Meet the Committee session at the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program to exhibit and show rabbits in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. If members are unable to attend these dates, they may attend a make-up meeting April 10 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the scheduled rabbit meeting.
 - D. All Rabbit Club members and at least one parent/guardian taking **Market Rabbits** 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.
 - E. Small and Exotic Interview judging/Rabbit Skillathon is mandatory. Skillathon will be June 22, 2024, at the Michael Kusalaba Fund of the Youngstown Foundation Event Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Rabbit participants will participate & compete for placing in the Rabbit Skillathon. **Participants must bring their project/record book with them for review at Skillathon.** The final *make-up is August 17, 2024, 8:00 AM at Barn 35*. This Make-up is written, and only participation ribbon will be given for this make-up.
 - F. Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2024 Mahoning County Fair and to comply with the “Exhibitor Only” policy, which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for their project animal(s).
 - G. 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.
 - H. No padlocks or likewise are permitted on cages. Committee will remove any locking device found on a cage.
 - I. **Project Book Requirements:**
 - Book # 228BR (Breeding Rabbit Project and Record Book) Complete this required project book every year a breeding rabbit project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook.
 - Book # 228M (Market Rabbit Project and Record Book) Complete this required project book every year a market rabbit project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook.
 - Book # 228PR (Pet Rabbit Project Book) Complete this required project book every year a pet rabbit project is taken. Use in conjunction with the 228R Rabbit Resource Handbook. (New book yearly) 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 book only once and use for several years)
 - J. All rabbit exhibitors must submit record books at the Rabbit Skillathon to be reviewed by the Rabbit Committee.
 - L. **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. TUESDAY, 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.**

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

1. No animal projects will be permitted on the fairgrounds or in the Rabbit Barn without a health check on Entry Day.
2. Exhibitors must be present during breed judging, or the project will be considered incomplete, **unless arrangements were made prior to judging.**
3. No pregnant animals are permitted at the fair.
4. **Animal Care During the Fair:** Each rabbit club member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their rabbit project from check-in until 9:00 PM of the final day of the fair. Any member who violates this rule may be prohibited from exhibiting the following year. ****Project animal(s), the pen, and the area around your rabbit pen must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 9:00AM. Rabbits must be fed twice daily and must always have water available. Spot checks will be made during the fair. Members not cleaning pens will be given one warning. The second warning will be considered animal neglect, and the rabbit will be disqualified from the Junior Fair Show. Exhibitor may also be barred from future participation in Junior Fair Activities.
5. 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.
6. No animal is permitted to leave the Livestock Area after 6:00 PM Entry Day through 9:00 PM Monday.
7. Each exhibitor, as an individual, may register back-up animal(s). ***No club back-up rabbits may be registered.***
8. All members must follow the Small and Exotic Animal Guidelines.
9. Foul language, disrespect, and unruly or un-sportsmanship-like behavior, or animal neglect WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!! Discipline is listed under the Guidelines for Fitting, Showing and Showmanship.
10. **PEN CLEANING: Members will be responsible for cleaning their own pens.** Each exhibitor must clean (completely strip) their pen between Tuesday and Saturday following the Junior Fair exhibit. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the post fair clean-up on Saturday after the fair at 9:00 a.m. If exhibitor is not able to clean his/her own pen, then arrangements should be made within your club and/or another exhibitor to make sure your pen is cleaned. Manure should be taken to the manure pit. Manure pits should only contain manure, straw & sawdust. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic, etc.) should be disposed of in garbage cans. We highly recommend bedding remains in the pen until Tuesday a.m., so animals still have bedding until they are hauled. **If a member does not clean their pen, they may not be permitted to exhibit the following year. Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen between the Tuesday following the Junior Fair Show and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. during the Post Fair Clean-up, will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$20.00 pen cleaning fee, which will be donated to the Mahoning County Rabbit Club.**

SELLING AND SHOWING:

1. Dress Code (During show, showmanship, and sale night):

- A. 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).
 - B. No jewelry, post earrings are permitted, no rings, no necklaces, and no bracelets are permitted.
 - C. **NO GUM!!!!!!**
 - D. **Sale Night:** Club logos are permitted. Clean conservative clothing and clean comfortable shoes (no sandals or open toed shoes are permitted). **SHOW/SALE ATTIRE:** All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry. During weigh-in, the show, and the sale, exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe 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 tolerated and will not be considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring. Those taking Market Projects should be reminded that pictures for buyers will be taken during weigh-in. **PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!! MANDATORY: ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF MILSEK FURNITURE POLISH, INC. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.** Please be reminded of the following: No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.
2. Rabbits in poor condition 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 rabbit committee. Substitute exhibitors must be 8 and in the third grade, through 18 years old as of January 1, and must be a current 4-H member enrolled with a rabbit project.**
 4. 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 possession by May 15. Member may register up to four rabbits.
2. No club back-up rabbits may be registered.
3. First-year members may take one breed rabbit to fair.
4. After their first year, members may take two breed rabbit projects at fair. 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).
5. Members must complete Project Book 228. Project Book 228PR (Pet Rabbit) is not intended for rabbits being exhibited in the Junior Fair Show. Pet Rabbit may participate in Interview Judging only.
6. Breed Rabbit must be four months old by entry day of fair.
7. Rabbits used in Doe & Litter project or Meat Pen, Fryer, and Roaster Projects are not allowed to be used as Breed Rabbit Project.
8. Breed Rabbit must be registered, tattooed and health checked at one of the first three mandatory tattoo clinics. If rabbit for Breed Rabbit Project is already tattooed, it must still be registered, and health checked at one of the first two mandatory tattoo clinics.
9. Any breed is allowed for Breed Rabbit Project. Purebred rabbits are highly recommended (due to ARBA breed standards), but not mandatory. Mixed Breed rabbits are not permitted to complete for Grand or Reserve Champion Breed Rabbit Project.

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 rabbit breed 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. Brood doe(s) must be in member's possession by May 15.
3. **Doe(s) used for breeding must be registered at one of the first two tattoo clinics** Three does may be registered at this clinic, but only one doe and litter will be exhibited at the fair. **Litter(s) must be registered, tattooed, and health checked, and doe(s) must accompany litter and be re-health checked on August 17, 2024, 8:00-11:00 AM at Barn 35.** Member's brood doe(s) must not be used as your "Breed Rabbit" project. Those planning to attend this clinic must call Tina Imburgia at 330-533-0903 or Carly Carcelli at 330-774-8924 prior to August 1.
4. The babies must be between the ages of 6 to 8 weeks old on entry day of the fair.
5. One doe and litter will be exhibited at the fair. All babies should be out of nest box by fair time. No nest boxes will be permitted at the fair.
6. 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.
7. **No rabbits will be sold at the fair.**

MARKET RABBIT GUIDELINES

RABBIT MEAT PEN PROJECT

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 ½ lbs. or less than 3 ½ 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

1. Fryer project will consist of one animal per pen.
2. If any rabbit weighs more than 5 ½ lbs. or less than 3 ½ lbs., the rabbit 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

1. Roaster project will consist of one animal per pen.
2. If any rabbit weighs more than 9 lbs. or less than 5 ½ lbs., the rabbit 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.

- A. 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. Members must be enrolled in project book numbers 228M (Market Rabbit).
- B. The three factors considered during judging, in order of importance, in Meat Pens, Fryers, & Roasters are as follows:
A.) Meat Type B.) Condition C.) Uniformity
- C. **Meat Pens & Fryers should be 60-90 days old on entry day. Roasters should be 90 – 150 days old on entry day.**
- D. All meat pen and single fryer brood does must be owned and 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Weight limits: Meat Pen & Fryer rabbits must be between 3 ½ & 5 ½ lbs., Roasters must be between 5 ½ & 9 lbs. All rabbits will be weighed on entry day at 6:30 PM in Barn #35. Weights will be available to the judge at the time of judging.
- G. All roasters **must be registered, tattooed, and health checked** at the July 17, 2024 clinic for identification purposes. The Rabbit Committee will designate ear numbers for all market rabbits.
- H. All fryers and meat pens **must be registered, tattooed, and health checked** at the final mandatory clinic, August 17, 2024, for identification purposes. The Rabbit Committee will designate ear numbers for all market rabbits. Fryer and Meat Pen Does must accompany their litter on August 17.
- I. **Market Rabbit projects are terminal.** All qualifying entries must be sold at the fair auction. Meat Pens with any rabbits under 3 ½ lbs., or a Roaster under 5 ½ lbs., or a Single Fryer Rabbit Project 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.**
- J. **Final Market Rabbits must be brought to Barn# 35 during Junior Fair Check-in for final health check & registration for the Junior Fair Show.**
- K. A member may take one Meat Pen project and one Fryer project, and one Roaster Project if desired.
- L. All members taking a Market Rabbit Project are required to submit a **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK** for EACH project. 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.** In addition, 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 record book(s) and thank you note(s) must be turned in to 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.
- M. 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.
- N. **Members must sell their own project animals. Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted and received permission from the rabbit committee. Substitute exhibitors must be 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years of age through 18 years old as of January 1, and must be a current 4-H member enrolled with a rabbit project.**
- O. **Members must deliver Market Rabbits to their buyers after being processed.**

- P. **2024 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY: All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE to the online link located on the rabbit page on the Junior Fair website at mcjrfair.com by August 19, 2024.** If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal and submit the youth's name and animal identification with these photos. Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi. Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo. **PHOTOS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK.**
- Q. **IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET RABBIT 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.
- R. Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health are the responsibility of the owner. Each youth showing livestock must have a Permission to Treat Form on file, so emergency treatment can be provided for your animal.
- S. All veterinary treatment required after Market Livestock Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information. For Market Livestock, any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale are the responsibility of the buyer and must be approved by the Market Rabbit Committee. A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.

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EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY

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

Discipline will be any, or all of the following:

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

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence, the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

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

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

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

JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES

1. Exhibitors must have a Junior Fair Entry Form on file to exhibit their animal. **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.** Members not able to participate in the Junior Fair must contact the Manager of Junior Fair prior to entry day. Exhibitors must have enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or Farm Bureau Youth by the organization enrollment deadline, and followed specified Junior Fair Guidelines to be eligible for exhibition.
2. Exhibitors should check in at the Junior Fair Office before unloading their project. 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. Small Animals will be checked prior to placing 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.**
3. Exhibits are to be in place by 6:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday. Exhibits will be released at 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to 9:00 p.m. will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.
4. Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers, assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor providing liability insurance to cover the exhibitor nor livestock.
5. All livestock exhibitors are to be present to show their livestock at the time and place designated. Judges determine member grades based on knowledge of projects, animal appearance, and ability to handle animal. Members must show their own project, unless reviewed by designated committee and Junior Fair Manager. 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.
6. All exhibitors are asked to help provide an attractive and educational display for the public. **Members are expected to feed, water, and maintain cleanliness of their animal.** Awards will be presented daily for clean area. Please check with your livestock committee as to the specific guidelines in your livestock area.
7. All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. Appropriate dress may vary according to each specie. For safety reasons, all youth should wear closed toe shoes/boots. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural and/or equine industry.
8. **PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!** No club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. Saddle Horse exhibitors should see specific guidelines. Check species for specific show attire.

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