

# MIAMI COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR CONSTITUTION

Please visit our website [www.miamicountyohiofair.com](http://www.miamicountyohiofair.com) or request a copy from our Secretary's Office by calling 937-335-7492

## Junior Fair Rules and Regulations

1. Entries close for market steer/heifer January 4, 2023. Entries January 5-14 will be charged \$50.00 late fee. Weigh in and tag in is January 14th 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No late steer/heifer entries allowed after January 14, 2023. ALL OTHER Junior Fair entries close June 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. All other entries after June 1st at 5:00 p.m., will be charged a \$50.00 fee per child up until June 10th at 5:00 p.m. All Entries will be done online and found through our website. [www.miamicountyohiofair.com](http://www.miamicountyohiofair.com).

2. All livestock and exhibits shown must be a bonafide part of the exhibitor's project for the current year and the exhibitor must have completed any requirements of their respective organization to compete.

3. Online Entry must be accurately filled out from the fair website link. Advisors will have access to see forms and receive copies by contacting the office and making a request.

4. No entry fee will be charged for any entry in the Junior Fair Division. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter their animal or article in open class where there is a class for such entry by filling out an open class entry blank and complying with the Rules and Regulations for the open class show. These entries must be made on open class entry blanks. Entries made in different departments (e.g. Dairy and Horse) should be made on respective entry forms..

5. A separate online entry must be used for each exhibitor EXCEPT 4-H Home Economics Projects. Entries in each class are limited to two per class per exhibitor unless stated otherwise by the department rules and regulations.

6. In a class having only one entry, the judge shall have the right to refuse a first premium award if in his opinion the exhibit is unworthy. Exhibits found to be unfit to show or of such low standard as to make questionable the right to competition will be declared ineligible and no award will be paid.

7. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits and animals from loss or injury; the fair management will not be responsible for loss or injury to animals and exhibits.

8. It shall be the duty of the exhibitor to keep his or her animals fed, watered and the stalls clean and neat along with keeping the area walkway clean and neat around the animals for the entire duration of the fair. Failure to comply will result in the animal being declared ineligible for sales and/or forfeit all premiums and awards.

9. All livestock exhibitors in the Junior Division shall be prepared to present a certificate of registration from the respective breed associations for departments requiring so.

10. All market steers, market heifers and market dairy steers, must-have been owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care by January 1, 2023. All Horse leases under exhibitor's care by June 1, 2023. All market lambs, all beef animals, dairy, breeding goats and market goats, breeding rabbits, horses, sheep breeding, barrows, and dairy steers must be owned and in exhibitor's care by June 1, 2023. Market Chickens (White) and Market Ducks must be hatched and in exhibitor's care of July 3, 2023. Market Geese (Embden) and Market Turkeys must be hatched and in exhibitor's care by April 3, 2023. Market Chickens (Red) must be hatched and in exhibitor's care by May 15, 2023. If the exhibitor is raising their market rabbits the bred brood doe must be in your possession by June 1, 2023. If exhibitor is purchasing their market rabbit it must be in their possession by July 16, 2023.

11. All animals must conform to State Health Regulations.

12. Junior Fair exhibitors are eligible to exhibit up through but not past the year they turn 19 years old.

13. Showmanship Contest - A Junior Fair Exhibitor is eligible to show in a showmanship contest with their animal only. A Junior, Intermediate, and a Senior, and a Showman of Showmen Class will be held as noted in each livestock division, except for dogs and horses. Age for Junior Class is 9-11 years of age, as of January 1. Intermediate Class is for the age group of 12-14 years of age as of January 1. Senior Class is for 15 years and older as of January 1. Showman of Showmen includes showmanship division winners for this year and any previous year along with any previous Showman of Showmen. Once an age division has been won, you are still eligible to compete in that division until the next age group is reached. The Showmanship Contest is judged on the ability of each contestant to present his animal in the most effective manner to the judge. Animals should be clean and fitted. Cleanliness and fitting will be considered in the scoring. Showman attire: jeans/pants; short or long-sleeved shirts, hard soled shoes. NO OPEN TOED or NO OPEN HEELED SHOES. Shirts must be collared and adequately cover the body, allowing for modesty. Modesty would include, but not limited to, any low-cut shirts, tops, etc., that would be considered offensive and that would show any cleavage. There shall be no midriff skin visible while showing.

Penalty for noncompliance is that the exhibitor will be removed from the show/sale/activity immediately by the Fair Board Member in Charge of the Department. THIS DRESS CODE GOES FOR ALL SPECIES unless otherwise stated. All departmental rules supersede general rules on showmanship, as in rabbits, horses, barrows, and dogs.

14. No one under 18 years of age is permitted to stay on the grounds overnight unless accompanied by a parent.

15. No Junior Fair articles or animals to be accepted or placed on the grounds prior to Thursday, the day before the opening of the Fair. Inspection will be available all that day. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 p.m. THURSDAY NIGHT, INCLUDING LIVESTOCK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED (Example of Goats, Poultry and Rabbits). Only livestock to be admitted after 10:00 pm. will be those having release papers from another fair. (See departmental exceptions.)

**16. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED: ALL Miami County Fair Projects, unless removed by sale truck(s) arranged by the MCAS Directors, will remain in place until released based on a staggered schedule by the Sr. Fair Board Barn Superintendent and not released before the specie goes through the sale. All vehicles with/without trailers will follow a one-way map to be posted in the barns for load out. You will not be able to line up until your specie is released. Anyone leaving early without written permission from Fair Management may result in a \$50.00 penalty and may result in the exhibitor not being permitted to exhibit the following year.**

17. Parking of trucks and trailers shall be in designated areas only, along fences at the North end of the fairgrounds past shade trees. Shade will be reserved for horse trailers.

18. Any item or article made by a boy or girl belonging to a supervised youth group in which there is no class provided to show the product in competition, may display the item for display purpose in a booth of the organization.

19. Any organization requiring or needing a booth for display should notify the Fair Directors or Secretary as far in advance of the fair as possible. No applications for booth space will be accepted after the date entries close.

20. Any student attending Upper Valley Career Center and Miami Valley Career Technology Center whose local school district is not in Miami County cannot exhibit their joint vocational school project at the Miami County Fair.

21. Persons exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, or violating ground rules, are subject to removal from fairgrounds and banned from showing that year.

22. Any violation of the published rules by exhibitors will result in forfeiture of any and all premiums and privileges.

23. No sick animals are permitted in show or sale.

24. Grooming chutes in designated areas only.

25. All fans no lower than 48" from bottom of fan cage to floor. No more than 1 fan per 2 animals allowed.

26. Junior Fair Exhibitors: Wood bedding is recommended for all species but not mandatory. **ALL JR FAIR EXHIBITORS MUST CLEAN THEIR PENS AND STALLS AFTER THEIR ANIMAL HAS LEFT THE GROUNDS. EXHIBITOR MAY INCUR A FEE FOR ALL PENS NOT CLEANED.**

27. NO animal is to be west of the sheep, dairy, poultry or swine barns, all animals being walked must use the far East driveway next to 25-A, may go as far South on the driveway as the length of the Poultry Barn, no animals North of the rabbit barn. Do not use the road directly East of Cove Springs Grange. Dogs on day of show: must stay East of the Poultry Barn, not to go North of the Secretary's office, and no further South than the Poultry Barn. All animals must stay away (as much as possible) from all concessionaires. **ABSOLUTELY NO ANIMALS PERMITTED IN REST ROOMS!**

28. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired, who have two animals entered in the same class or an exhibitor absent on show day due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions, another boy or girl who is a Junior Fair Exhibitor may exhibit with written permission.

## **LIVESTOCK TAMPERING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY ENTRIES

The same Junior Fair animals may be entered, and this entry be shared throughout the family for entry purposes at the Miami County Fair. No more than one half of entered animals may be Household/Family Entries.

All family entered animals must abide by all other general livestock rules and regulations.

Household/Family consists of members living within the same household and sharing the same legal address and sharing parents by birth, marriage, adoption or cohabitation. Entered animals may only be checked in and shown by one (1) exhibitor during any and all Junior Shows of current fair year.

NO late entries or entry changes will be accepted after the entry deadline. All identification pictures and other required identification must be submitted with every entry form. The exhibitor that is entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

*Contact Miami County 4-H Extension to obtain quality assurance information for the 2023 Fair season.*