

## **NOTICES/INFORMATION/RULES**

In accordance to the rules of the Department of Agriculture for the State of Ohio and the laws of Ohio Revised Code 1711 and Ohio Administrative Code 121, 755 and 901 the Williams County Agricultural Society makes official public notice of the following:

**Constitution** - A copy of the Constitution of the Williams County Agricultural Society is available in the fair office during regular hours.

**Board Policies & Procedures** - The Board of Directors makes available during office hours for the public a copy of voted and approved Policies and Procedures. A sample list of those are:

- Code of Conduct • Code of Ethics
- Conflict of Interest • Whistle Blower
- Record Retention • Alcohol
- Open Records Requests
- Equipment Operations
- Auxiliary Directors

And other minor operational policies.

**Redbook** - A copy of the Ohio Fairs Redbook is available online as well as in the Fair Office.

**Election Notice** - Annual Election of Directors is to be held Saturday the 7th of November, 2019 at the Thaman Building on the Fairgrounds. The polls shall open at 10:00 am and close at 3:00 pm. Memberships are on sale in the Fair Office during regular hours and cost \$1.00. No membership may be sold after Friday, October 23rd, 2020.

### **OHIO'S LIVESTOCK HEALTH EXHIBITION RULES**

The Williams County Agricultural Society shall operate under the rules of ORC 901: 1-18 which outlines the guidelines and laws of exhibiting animals at the annual fair. A copy of these regulations are available in the fair office.

## **What is the Williams County Junior Fair?**

Williams County Junior Fair is the showcase of projects completed by youth involved in FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Farm Bureau Youth. The Jr. Fair program is part of the Williams County Fair, which is organized and administered by the WCAS (a.k.a. Senior Fair Board). The fair provides the opportunity for youth to exhibit the results of their project efforts, to have a project evaluated by a hired judge and to compete for awards and prizes. Participation at the county fair is not required for project completion, although it is strongly encouraged. Participation is required; however, to receive a premium. Rules and regulations for the Jr. Fair are designed to promote maximum educational experiences. They are created in part by the Junior Fair Board along with the Sr. Fairboard.

## **What is the Williams County Agricultural Society?**

The WCAS (Senior Fairboard) supports Williams County 4-H by sponsoring a Williams County Jr. Fair. They are the legal sponsoring authority. They assign Sr. Fairboard members to work with the Jr. Fair and Jr. Fairboard activities. The Fairboard offers premiums for exhibiting, pays for judges, ribbons, electricity, sawdust for shows and supplies necessary to operate the Junior Fair efficiently. They also decide which buildings and facilities will be used. The Sr. Fairboard has final say on the Junior Fair rules which are recommended by the 4-H Advisory Council and Junior Fairboard. The Sr. Fairboard obtains judges for the Senior and Junior Fair. Passes are available to 4-H members over 12 years of age. The Sr. Fairboard is responsible for distributing members' passes. The Sr. Fairboard meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. All buildings and facilities on the fairgrounds belong to the Sr. Fairboard regardless of the source of money.

# Junior Fair Rules & Regulations

## I. THE PURPOSE OF THE JUNIOR FAIR

The purpose of the Junior Fair shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, horticulture, production of better livestock and to improve domestic, commercial and educational interests of the young people of Williams County.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

Any boy or girl belonging to the following organizations in Williams County: FFA Chapters and Agri-Science Classes, 4-H Members or Other Youth Organizations

1. Boys and girls who are regularly enrolled in any of the above named organizations are eligible to show providing they have complied with the rules of the Junior Fair as given in this premium book. Exhibitors must successfully meet all requirements of their youth organizations before being eligible to exhibit for competition.
2. Other youth organizations that are affiliated with county, state and national organizations.
3. There shall be two classes of exhibits on exhibition at the Jr. Fair, individual and group. Individual exhibits and awards shall be limited to those organizations supported whole or part by public monies as specified by revised code of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio. At the present time, this includes 4-H and FFA.
4. Members' entries must fit into the divisions allowed for their organizations by the Junior Fair (e.g. only 4-H members may exhibit in the 4-H project classes; only 4-H and FFA members may exhibit in the livestock classes; other specific project eligibility are listed by department.)
5. Should an exhibitor belong to both a 4-H club and a FFA chapter in the same county, in all cases, the projects must be separate and different. Examples of separate and different projects are breeding-market lamb; beef breeding-market beef; cows in production-dairy heifer not freshened; horse production-horse riding; and laying hens-market poultry.
6. The Ohio Department of Agricultural requires all youth who produce livestock for breeding, market and/or produce a marketable livestock commodity (i.e., milk) to attend a general Livestock Quality Assurance program each year or test out at the appropriate age

level. Any youth failing to meet this requirement will not be permitted to exhibit livestock (excluding dogs, breeding rabbits, llama and small animals) at the Ohio State Fair and the Williams County Fair. Check 4-H Calendar for LQA and testing dates. Deadline is June 1 of current year.

7. Livestock Project Interview: All 4-H and FFA members must pass an oral interview for each project enrolled to exhibit and/or sell that project animal (s) at the Williams County Fair. Any youth failing to pass the interview will receive a letter stating such. The Junior Fair eligibility for the respective specie(s) will be at the discretion of the Senior Fairboard Livestock Committee. Note: Definition of pass: Have the project book and feed record completed to date, completed one page report either in book or on separate paper (one report per species) and attempt to answer oral questions that are taken from the project book(s). Livestock Interviews will be held Wed., August 7. Anyone not able to attend on the original interview date should contact the OSU Extension office prior to that date to schedule an early interview. Early interviews must be completed before the regularly scheduled interview date. Youth missing the official Livestock Interview date will have no more than 7 days following the official interview date to pay a fee of \$50, payable to the Williams County Ag. Society, complete the Livestock Interview and turn in an entry form. Anyone missing both deadlines will not be able to exhibit an animal at the Williams County Fair for the current year and should complete their project(s) with an educational display.

8. Entry Forms are to be turned in at Livestock Interviews or at the time of Early Livestock Interviews. All FFA Farm Shop and Farm Products Department entries must be turned in by June 1 of the current year.

9. All animals must comply with health requirements of the Williams County Fair and Ohio State Department of Agriculture.

10. All animals (exhibits) must be fully owned as evidenced by a bill of sale before June 1 of current year; with the exception of the pen of three market chickens and beef projects. Be sure to check with each division for different rules.

11. Any project not meeting all Jr. Fair project requirements will not enter the fairgrounds.

#### **4-H and Cloverbud Membership Policy**

Ohio 4-H Membership is the youth development initiative of Ohio State University Extension and is open to all boys and girls in Ohio. Cloverbud membership is open to youth 5-8 years old and in grades K-2. Cloverbuds is a non-competitive program. Traditional 4-H membership begins when the youth is at least eight years of age and in the third grade as of January 1. A member must not have passed his or her 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-H enrollment deadline is April 1 with April 15th being the deadline for changes. Only traditional 4-H club members can exhibit livestock, compete for awards or sell livestock at the Williams County Junior Fair. 4-H Livestock project books must be up-to-date when junior fair entry forms are submitted. 4-H members must attend four club meetings or club activities to compete by August 7 which is Livestock Interview day.

#### **4-H membership across county lines**

Ohio State University Extension administers the 4-H youth development education program whose mission is to develop youth to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Each county in Ohio conducts the 4-H youth development program to accomplish this goal. In order to affirm Ohio State Extension's position concerning across county (and/or state lines) 4-H membership and establish guidelines in this area to fulfill the above mission, the following philosophy and process statements are provided.

1. Youth are expected to affiliate with the program in their county of residence. 4-H membership in a county other than the county of residence is limited to an individual who may live in one county very close to a county line, but is logically oriented to another county by school district, church, town or city corporation limits, and/or other governmental boundaries.
2. 4-H membership in two counties simultaneously is NOT possible. Youth must choose one county.
3. It is recognized that limited situations may occur where membership in a county other than the county of residence might be positive. The Educators in both counties must be in agreement that the change should occur. This agreement should be based on their professional judgment in accord with the opening paragraph of this policy. Please contact the OSU Extension Office in Williams County to request an "Across County Lines" form.

4. Any change motivated by perceived competitive or sale advantage, any change due to controversial issues, or other similar motivations will not be seen as justified reasons for consideration for membership in a county other than the county of residence, and should be automatically rejected by the Educators involved.

#### **FFA Membership**

In FFA, entries are open to regularly enrolled high school Agri- Science students and enrolled in their school FFA Chapter. A member must not have passed his or her 19th birthday on January 1, of current year, to be eligible. Exhibits must be a part of the student's occupational experience program, and follow all Junior Fair rules for exhibit and competition.

#### **III. LIVESTOCK PROJECT BOOKS (UPDATED)**

1. All livestock projects books will be considered complete at the end of the Livestock Interview.

#### **IV. GENERAL**

1. All exhibitors shall abide by the Junior Fair Rules & Regulations regarding tampering and/or misrepresentation, showing & fitting.
2. Pedestrian safety must be observed at all times.
3. All Junior Fair Livestock (including equine) may arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Friday before the opening day of the Williams County Fair.
4. Youth must be present to either show the project animal or sell the project animal. Youth cannot be absent for both or he/she will forfeit the opportunity to sell the project through the Junior Livestock Sale.
5. Any exhibitor may be entered in open classes provided exhibitor conforms to Open Class rules.
6. All livestock not being sold are released early. All livestock not being sold may leave on Friday before 9:00am or after 8:00pm.
7. All livestock should stay on the fairgrounds in designated areas.
8. Any exhibit leaving early without written permission from the Senior Fairboard Superintendent will forfeit all premiums and awards and will be barred for one year from the Williams County Fair.

**SHOW NUMBERS** - All livestock exhibitors need to stop by the Jr. Fairboard Office to pick up their show numbers once they have checked in their animal (s) into the barns. They will have until close of business on the first Saturday of the fair to pick-up their show numbers. Business hours will be posted in the Jr. Fair Office and shared ahead of time for exhibitors.

9. If an animal designated for the Jr. Fair Sale dies during the fair, the exhibitor cannot participate in the Jr. Fair Sale. Exhibitors will still receive premiums earned.

10. Once an animal leaves the fairgrounds, it will not be allowed to return.

#### **V. HEALTH REGULATIONS**

1. Effective 2009, health certificates are not required unless animals have to cross a state line to attend the Williams County Fair.

2. Large animals (beef, dairy, equine, goats, llamas, sheep & swine) should be exercised daily for better animal health. Livestock is to be exercised in designated areas. No livestock is permitted to be exercised on the midway, nor in the camping area.

3. \*\*All animals are to be dehorned and healed prior to fair with no regrowth that is pointed and/or dangerous. If, in a dehorned animal, there is regrowth (scurs), which resembles horn/horns, that animal will be evaluated by the official fair veterinarian. The exception to this rule would be Angora Goats and breeding Boer does.

4. Completed DUNF papers must be turned in at time of weigh-in. One DUNF required for each market animal. Pen of 3 market poultry and pen of 3 market rabbits require only one DUNF per pen.

5. All required forms must be checked as animal(s) are unloaded or weighed at each livestock department. For exhibitors showing dogs, papers will be checked at the beginning of the show.

6. Any livestock show could be canceled due to any disease outbreak upon authorization of the State Veterinarian.

7. Any animal deemed unsafe to spectators, exhibits and/or exhibitors may be sent home. This determination will be made by the Senior Fairboard Superintendent in charge of the respective division and the Senior Fairboard Livestock Committee members. Their decision is final.

8. Any animal may be deemed unworthy of show due to health condition or injury. This animal will be sent home. This determination will be made by the Senior Fairboard Superintendent in charge of the respective division and the Senior Fairboard Livestock Committee members. Their decision is final.

#### **VI. CODE OF ETHICS/ PRACTICES**

1. Participation in Jr. Fair should be considered a privilege. All Jr. Fair rules must be followed.

2. Be cooperative to all Jr. and Sr. Fair officials, volunteers, parents, and members of the public.

3. Practice good sportsmanship in all fair events or activities.

4. Exhibitors should make quality their goal in all exhibits (livestock exhibitors refer to the Code of Practices on care of animals.)

5. Parental help is allowed. Guiding and teaching members to do the work, that they are capable of doing, should be the primary goal.

**Code of Practices** The following describes general responsibilities of the exhibitor and all persons in their authority, in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber.

1. To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of animals.

2. To provide a safe and healthy environment for animals, that is clean, well-ventilated and provides ample space.

3. To use humane and sanitary methods when it becomes necessary to dispose of animals.

4. To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate the health and ensure that all basic requirements are being met.

5. To ensure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.

6. To provide transportation for animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.

7. To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of the animals.

#### **VII. STALL/HOUSING**

1. Senior Fairboard livestock superintendents are in charge of assigning buildings or barns, or tents, if necessary, for the different livestock departments.

2. Each exhibitor is responsible for bringing necessary feed, water, equipment and bedding to properly maintain exhibits. 3.

Aisles, stalls and/or pens are to be kept clean throughout the fair. After the sale, manure is to be removed from the stalls/pens. There will be no cleaning of pens during the show for that species or during the sale.

Junior Fairboard and Senior Fairboard Superintendents can down grade the premium for not maintaining proper care of animals exhibited.

## **VIII. SHOWING/FITTING**

1. Junior Fair 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 is absent on show day due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions, another boy or girl who is a Junior Fair member may exhibit the animal with the authorization of the Superintendent in charge. If a Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor cannot be present at the time of judging the exhibitor will need to present to the Junior Fairboard office a written permission notice signed by the parent.
2. Show attire should include clean, neat appropriate clothing. This includes hard soled shoes. No writing, farm name, advertising or 4-H or FFA logos permitted on clothing. Refer to individual department rules for specific dress code.
3. Fitting of animals shall be done only by exhibitor and immediate family members. Immediate family consists of father, mother, step-father, step-mother, grandparents, sibling or guardian. Current Williams County Junior Fair exhibitors may assist each other in the fitting/grooming process. Exhibitor of animal should take an active role in the grooming process. Senior Fairboard Superintendent will address any infraction of the above rule immediately. Any further penalties or disqualifications will be addressed by the Senior Fairboard Livestock Committee.

## **IX. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION**

1. Any exhibitor entered or planned to enter the Junior Fair classes that are misrepresented or exhibited with unacceptable practices may be removed from the Junior Fair Show and Sale and may forfeit premiums and awards. The interpretation and enforcement of these rules and all Junior Fair rules will be made by the Rules Interpretation Committee. Application to any animal, of any material which will conceal the true conformation or condition of said animal, or make said animal appear more sound than it actually is, will result in disqualification.
2. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
3. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Senior Fairboard reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistant who fitted the animal involved.

4. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail- heads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness, by administration of fluids or air internally or externally in a liquid, solid or gaseous state. Transparent grooming materials only may be used.
5. The use of clenbuterol and other unapproved drugs is prohibited.
6. All exhibitors, their immediate family, and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred forever from exhibiting or showing at this fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any junior fair and/or open class divisions.
7. Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Senior Fairboard, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell.
8. Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will move up. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.
9. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
10. No painting, coloring or application of other foreign substances to the hooves or any other part of any animal with the exception of equine hooves.
11. No icing or cold compresses can be applied to any animal unless administered or prescribed by a licensed veterinarian for fever.

## **X. PREMIUMS**

1. Premium money is paid by the Williams County Ag Society for exhibition of project work. The premium disbursed is based upon amounts set for each category or department on an individual or group basis.

2. Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium list set up for each department, subject to prorating if funds are not sufficient. The premiums are distributed through 4-H clubs and Vo. Ag chapters in the fall.

#### **XI. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

1. All class winners will compete for Champion. Second place animal out of the class where Champion is selected is eligible to show for Reserve Champion.
2. In order to be judged Champion or Reserve Champion, an exhibit must have first received an A grade or excellence according to type.
3. A single entry may not be from a pen of swine, sheep, rabbits, or poultry.

#### **XII. OVERNIGHT POLICY for Junior Fair Exhibitors and Youth**

It is the desire of the Senior Fairboard that as few youth as possible stay at the fairgrounds overnight. Youth staying at night on the fairgrounds **MUST** have a project exhibited and **MUST** comply with the following rules for each night they stay:

1. Must have written permission of parents or guardian to stay on the fairgrounds after 12:30 a.m. Permits may be picked up in the Secretary's Office before 7:00 p.m. the day the youth is staying.
2. No youth are to be out of the area assigned on the permit after 12:30 a.m. or the guardian/parent who signed for the permit will be notified to immediately pick up the youth. If permits are violated, the person in violation will not be able to receive a permit for the rest of the fair.
3. At no time will youth exhibitors be permitted to have alcohol on the fairgrounds. Any Junior Fair exhibitors caught with alcohol at the fairgrounds will forfeit all premiums and will not be permitted to sell their project at the Junior Fair Sale.

#### **XIII. RULE VIOLATION**

In the questions of a rule violation, the following due process will be used:

1. The exhibitor and or parties involved will be questioned by the Rules Interpretation Committee.
2. Upon hearing the case, the Rules Interpretation Committee will make a ruling.

#### **XIV. Protest Policy**

1. Protest (s) must be made in writing and signed by the party (ies) making the protest. The protest must be filed at the Senior Fairboard Office to the attention of the Senior Fairboard Supervisor in charge of that Junior Fair Division on the day of the complaint or incident. Any protest must be accompanied by a \$100 fee which will be retained by the Williams County Senior Fairboard if the protest is not sustained.
2. The protest will then be heard by the Rules Interpretation Committee at a time and place set by the Senior Fairboard with all parties involved.
3. The Rules Interpretation Committee will consist of Senior Fairboard Superintendents, at least one from that division and other Senior Fairboard Superintendents from the Senior Livestock Committee, Ag Educator and/ or 4-H Educator or other appropriate parties as needed.

#### **XV. PENALTIES**

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Senior Fairboard that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/ or the exhibitor's family will be barred from showing in any future agricultural fairs. In case any premiums have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Senior Fairboard will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophy awards, ribbons and money and under each violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

A copy of "What's New for 2020 Health" from our Ohio State Veterinarian Dr. Forsey is available in both the Jr. Fair Office and the Sr. Fair Office. Another copy is available on our website at [www.wcfair.com](http://www.wcfair.com)

The Williams County Sr. Fairboard extends special parking permits to Livestock guests. We ask that you keep your permit visible at all times. During the open livestock haul-in shows we have space reserved for those guests. Please respect that space marked for them. Respect the signage and the rules or the Board will consider revocation of parking permits if needed. Addition space for livestock permit parking is reserved North of the Bridge and available in the East Lot.



**The Williams County Ag. Society has adopted a Code of Conduct. A copy can be found in the buildings and the Office.**