

Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Association

2024 Program Rules

The Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Association is under the jurisdiction of the Iosco Junior Market Livestock Sale Committee (MLS). This committee is composed of the assigned fairboard member, the small and large animal livestock superintendents, the Fairboard President and Vice President, and executive board members of the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Association. The committee will address disputes regarding the program rules if the JML Executive Board and assigned fairboard members are unable to resolve them.

1. This program is open to youth aged 8-19 as of January 1st, 2024, involved in agriculture.
2. All members showing and selling rabbits, swine, lambs, goats or poultry must be registered by March 3rd through Miranda Hall. All members showing and selling steers must be registered by January 13th through Miranda Hall (989) 387-9122.
3. Anyone planning to sell livestock at the Iosco County Fair must belong to the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock (JML) Association, their species Livestock Club, and must abide by the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and all program rules.
4. **A member must be between the ages of 8 and 19 as of January 1st, 2024, to be eligible to market a small (rabbit or poultry) animal, hog, or lamb. The Junior Market Livestock Committee recommends members to be between the ages of 12 and 19 as of January 1st, 2024, to be eligible to market a steer project.**
5. All members must attend a minimum of three (3) Junior Market Livestock Association meetings between the months of January and June **AND** the July 14th 2024 meeting to be eligible to sell. There will be a total of seven (7) Junior Market Livestock meetings throughout the program year.
6. All members must also attend 3 species educational meetings January through July in order to be eligible to sell.
7. Each member will be limited to the selling of one species and one animal within that species. A member enrolling in a youth program in another county with the intent to sell an animal in that county's sale may not sell an animal in Iosco County.
8. A Licensed Veterinarian or a qualified individual as determined by the MLS Committee will be present at the first weigh-in and final weigh-in of each species to perform a soundness exam.
9. Members may weigh-in an extra animal (floater). Members must select which animal they will show and sell at the weigh-in on the first day of the fair.
10. Members will pay special attention to the health care of their animals. Members have the option of providing their own insurance on the animal.
11. If a member's animal dies or develops a health problem prior to the final weigh-in that makes it impossible to show and sell at the fair, it is possible to replace the animal with his/her own floater. Under certain circumstances, with the approval of the MLS Committee it may be possible to replace it with another member's floater.
12. A 3% commission will be charged to the members, to cover the cost of the sale.
13. All sale participants must contact at least three (3) prospective buyers, and no more than six (6). Participants are highly encouraged to contact at least one (1) new prospective buyer. These forms must be turned-in by June 9th, 2024.
14. Junior Market Livestock members shall not solicit contributions of additional funds to be directly donated to an individual member or member's family. All additional donations and/ or proceeds from the resale of animals at the Junior Market Livestock auction shall be deposited within the Junior Market Livestock account with the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the membership as a whole. Violations to this rule will result in the disqualification of the Junior Market Livestock member from participation in the sale.
15. Members must register and exhibit an Educational Project related to their species in the youth department at the fair. Exhibited projects must abide by Iosco County Fair rules. Achievement Day Interviews will be conducted on **Friday July 19th, 2024**. Members who cannot attend Achievement Day must contact Miranda Hall, Iosco JML Coordinator **PRIOR** to July 19th 2024 Achievement Day to make other arrangements.
16. A completed record book must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 to the Livestock Building. Members from the ages of 8- to 12-year-olds will complete the Intermediate Market Record Book, members 13-19 will complete the Advanced Market Record Book. First year members, regardless of age, will complete the Intermediate Record Book. Late Record Books will NOT be accepted. Record books not turned in, or incomplete record books that receive a placing of a "C" ribbon (white), will be reviewed by the Junior Market Livestock Executive Board to decide whether the member is eligible to sell their market animal.
17. There may be a screening of animals one to two weeks prior to the fair by an MLS Representative. Animals found unacceptable may not be sold.
18. All market animals will be weighed in on Monday of fair week by one official weigh master with two (2) MLS Committee members present to verify. All large animals will be weighed on the JML scale and there will not be an opportunity to re-weigh animals. Weigh masters' weights are final and will be used for the auction.
19. Livestock members or an appointed representative must remain with animals from time of arrival, until they are weighed in.
20. All animals must be trained to show and fitted for show. The MLS Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the show ring not under the control of the member. The large animal weight classes will be determined upon the completion of the fair weigh in and will be posted in the barns Tuesday morning.

21. All animals must be dehorned for safety reasons.
22. All members exhibit and sell their own animals. Only under unusual circumstances will exceptions be granted. Exceptions are under the jurisdiction of the MLS Committee. Only another Junior Livestock member will be allowed to replace the individual.
23. The members must groom their own animal. All members must participate in showmanship classes and market classes with their sale animal to be eligible to sell. Age for showmanship is determined by fair age.
24. A member will be responsible for the care, feeding and delivery of his/her animal until the animal is delivered to the place of the buyer's designation. If the animal dies after the sale, but before delivery, the member will replace the animal.
25. Checks will not be issued to any youth until all the buyers settle for all animals in the sale. Should a buyer default on their purchase, the lost revenue will be paid to that member. The money will come out of the Market Livestock account first, unless funds are not there, then equal percentages will come out of members' checks. Default payments will be made within 45 days after the sale.
26. Animals and display areas must be kept clean and neat at all times. Individual clubs and/or barns may require barn duty slots during fair and will be the member's responsibility for ensuring they meet this requirement. Animals and members must be ready and present in their species barn 60 minutes prior to the start of the livestock show and sale.
27. losco County Agricultural Society may withhold premiums (based on a recommendation by the MLS Committee) from any exhibitor for not maintaining their animals or pens during fair week and on Sunday. Each member or a representative will be present on Sunday morning for clean-up and loading of animals.
28. Each member is **required** to participate in a pre-approved fair related community service project(s). Eight (8) hours total of community service and one grandstand clean up the week of the fair. Four (4) hours of community service **MUST** be completed at the losco County Fairgrounds. The remaining four (4) hours are recommended to be completed to the losco County Fairgrounds, but with pre-approval the additional 4 hours may be completed elsewhere. Additional community service projects may be approved if MLS Committee votes and approves at least one week in advance to said community service project. Failure to complete eight (8) hours of approved community service will result in 100 dollars per hour of uncompleted community service to be withdrawn from your livestock check and donated to losco County Fairboard Barn Fund.
29. Appropriate show attire for beef, sheep, and swine projects includes general western style clothes, dark jeans (free of holes), polos, or button up shirts. Or Official FFA dress. No hats may be worn, and leather boots are required for large animals. Rabbit and Poultry should consult their leader and/or superintendent to determine proper attire.
30. Infraction of these rules will be at the discretion of the MLS Committee.
31. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the ineligibility of a member to sell at the livestock sale, lose their placing at the sale, or to become ineligible from participating in losco County Junior Market Livestock in future years.