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YOUTH EXHIBITOR  
RULES  
AND  
REGULATIONS

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# BAY COUNTY FAIR & YOUTH EXPO

## YOUTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

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The BCFYE Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and arbitrarily settle all matters, questions, and differences in regard to these rules. Further, these rules may be modified or deleted as deemed necessary by the BCFYE Board of Directors. Disregard of these rules and any regulations may result in forfeit of all premiums, rights, and privileges without recourse. Exhibitor tags and/or ribbons have no value as to payment of premiums as they are determined from judging records only. All premium monies are contingent upon available funds. In case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums may be pro-rated among those entitled to same. Errors must be called to the attention of the BCFYE Board of Directors, in writing, no later than one week after premiums payment. The BCFYE Board of Directors ensures diligence in the care and protection of all exhibits after their arrival to the correct display area, but under no circumstances will the Management or BCFYE Board of Directors be responsible for the loss, theft, injury, or damage by fire, lightning, wind, or any other agency, and the management there of shall be indemnified by the exhibitor(s) of any and all legal or other proceedings relating there to. The BCFYE Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse any entry form.

- Youth exhibitors showing age will be the age they are as of January 1 of the current calendar year.

Beginner 5 – 7 yrs. (noncompetitive – ribbon only)

Young 8 – 11 yrs.

Junior 12 – 14 yrs.

Senior 15 – 19 yrs.

- In case of space limitations, pens and stalls will be assigned as follows: Current Youth Exhibitor that has previously shown at the Bay County Fair, Bay County Youth, Bay County Adults, Non-Resident Youth, Non-Resident Adults. Application for stalls and pens must be made at the time of entry form submission.
- Each exhibitor must complete a minimum of two (2) hours of volunteering for the Bay County Fair Board before the close of the Fair. Failure to complete the required number of hours will result in loss of premiums. To sign up, a link is available on the BCFYE website: [www.baycountyfair.com](http://www.baycountyfair.com)
- All entries must be listed in the Premium Book. One Entry per Class, per Exhibitor.

### **Rules and Guidelines for 8-19 year old Exhibitors**

- Exhibitors must be able to safely exhibit their animal(s) in the show ring or be separated and judged from their pen/stall as determined by the Fair Board Superintendent.
- An exhibitor must exhibit his or her own animal. If an exhibitor cannot exhibit his or her own animal due to an injury, illness, or a situation that has been confirmed by the Fair Board Superintendent then he or she may have a person in their own age group exhibit the animal for market and non-market classes only. Prior to showing the appropriate Fair Board Superintendent should be informed of the change.
- During the fair, exhibitors are required to bathe and fit their own animals, a parent/guardian may only assist.
- Only people appointed by the Fair Board Superintendent will be allowed to enter the show ring.

### **Rules and Guidelines for 5-7 Year Old Exhibitors**

- If youth exhibitors are to have direct involvement with an animal, the contact must take place under the direct one on one assistance of a responsible parent, guardian or adult volunteer.
- Exhibitors who are 5-7 years old may be involved with an animal on a halter or lead. They must be directly assisted one on one by an adult volunteer or parent who is on the ground holding the animal's halter or lead. This includes dairy, calf, steer, lamb, kid, goat, horse etc.
- Exhibitors who are 5-7 years old may be involved with non-haltered animals such as swine, companion animals, chickens and rabbits. They must be directly assisted one on one by a parent, guardian, or an adult volunteer who is beside the youth.
- Exhibitors in this age range will be uniformly recognized for participation.
- Exhibitors in this age range will not participate in competitive classes or the auction at the Bay County Fair.

### **Still Projects**

- Judging will take place face to face at the Merchants Building. Dates and Times will be announced each year.
- Projects limited to 25 entries per exhibitor.
- All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and have been completed during the time from the end of last year's fair until the present fair.
- Entries will not be accepted, or changed after registration date has closed.
- Each exhibitor must securely attach a completed exhibitor's tag on their entries or they will not be judged.
- All projects must be shown by the exhibitor that entered the project, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Fairboard Superintendent.
- Only youth exhibiting, superintendents, and volunteers guiding youth will be allowed in Merchant's building during judging.
- Any youth exhibiting must be in line 15 minutes prior to the end of posted judging time.
- Each club/youth organization can decorate an area in the canteen for their projects to be displayed after judging. A sign-up sheet for tables and Canteen area will be available prior to registration.
- After the youth has all their projects judged, please take them to the Canteen for display with their club/youth organization. If the youth was instructed their project will be reviewed for consideration of high honors, please place those projects on the center table.
- Projects and any decorations will need to be picked up and area cleaned on the Sunday following the close of fair. The Canteen will be open 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- When disposing of youth projects, please take them to the dumpster on the west side of the Canteen.
- Any projects not picked up by 12:00 pm, will be disposed of.

## **Policies Pertaining to All Livestock Animals**

- Goats, steer/heifers, feeder calves, swine and lambs are to be considered large animals. Rabbits, waterfowl, wildfowl, and poultry are to be considered small animals.
- All animals must participate in market classes to sell in the livestock auction.
- If an exhibitor has sold a market animal at any other county fair within 365 days of the Bay County Fair, they may not show that same market species in the market class at the Bay County Fair.
- All animals must meet all current USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) testing requirements prior to admission in the livestock barn.
- Should an animal become lame or die prior to judging, the exhibitor may obtain permission from the Fairboard Superintendent to substitute another animal.
- During Fair, no drugs or supplements may be administered to any animal without consent of the Fairboard Superintendent.
- All entries will be judged using the Danish System (A-B-C) and receive corresponding ribbon. When there is only one entry in a class, first place premium money will be paid only if the animal is deemed worthy.
- All large, male market animals must have been castrated and horns/scurs less than two (2) inches in length.
- Dates and times will be determined by BCFYE Board to weigh in, admit and release all animals. The weight recorded at weigh in will be the showing and selling weight, except for swine weighing over 300 pounds.
- Sick or injured exhibits will be released or removed only by the direction of Fair board Superintendent prior to the end of fair.
- Any exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before the designated release time without permission of the superintendents will result in the revocation of premiums.
- Animals may be re-weighed one time after initial weigh-in. Re-weigh must be completed before the end of designated weigh-in time. This may be done only if the animal produces a weight that is lower than the minimum weight required to sell in the Bay County Fair Livestock Auction. All youth wishing to re-weigh an animal must remain in the barn in order to re-weigh.
- If a small animal does not make minimum weight, youth may request to show that animal in non-market and showmanship classes if they do not already have an entry in that class.

- The same animal cannot be shown in both a market and non-market class.
- All exhibits brought to the fair must be clean, dry, free of disease, free of parasites and uninjured. Any animals deemed sick, dirty etc. will be sent home.
- If submitting an alternate animal, you must submit photos the same as your primary animal. It needs to be clear which is primary, and which is the alternate for the species. Families can have one alternate per exhibitor or per family. Alternates can only be used if your primary animal becomes lame or dies.
- Parents and members intending to participate in any livestock project (including market, Non-market, or showmanship classes) must review these rules and regulations and sign a form indicating they have done so. The form must be returned to the BCFYE Office by May 15 each year.
- Upon entry into the livestock barn, all animals will be inspected by the Fair Board Superintendent or his/her designee to determine suitability.
- All exhibitors showing/selling an animal must attend at least one pre-fair set-up event. A few dates will be given at Fair Entry Registration each year. All exhibitors must also attend a post fair clean-up. If the exhibitor is not available, prior arrangements must be made with a superintendent for an alternate person to complete the duties.

## **Livestock Animal Policies**

### **Beef**

- Must have steer/heifer in their possession by February 15 of current calendar year in order to sell at the livestock auction.
- Market steer/heifer must be tagged. Photographs are to be turned into Fair Board for market animal species. Two (2) photos of market animal(s) to be submitted via hard copy or e-mail. Photos must include full head shot of animal with ear tag number clearly visible. The deadline to submit photos shall be February 15. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the photo will be accepted on the following business day. There will be no substitutions after this date.
- Youth may only show either a market beef or market dairy steer/heifer, not both.
- No rings in the noses of the steer.
- Steers/heifers must be born on or after January 1 of the prior calendar year and weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds in order to participate in market classes.
- All large, male market animals must have been castrated and have been dehorned

## **Swine**

- Exhibitors are to have swine in their possession by May 15 of current calendar year in order to sell at the livestock auction.
- Market swine must be tagged. Photographs are to be turned into Fair Board for market animal species. Two (2) photos of market animal(s) to be submitted via hard copy or e-mail. Photos must include full head shot of animal with ear tag number clearly visible. The deadline to submit photos shall be May 15. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the photo will be accepted on the following business day. There will be no substitutions after this date.
- No boars may be shown in showmanship classes.
- Swine must be born on or after January 1 of the current calendar year and must weigh a minimum of 200 pounds to participate in market classes. Swine over the weight of 300 pounds will sell at the auction for 300 pounds. The Buyer will only pay up to 300 pounds at the Livestock Auction.
- All large, male market animals must have been castrated.

## **Lambs**

- Exhibitors are to have market lambs in their possession by May 15 of current calendar year in order to sell at the livestock auction.
- Market lambs must be tagged. Photographs are to be turned into Fair Board for market animal species. Two (2) photos of market animal(s) to be submitted via hard copy or e-mail. Photos must include full head shot of animal with ear tag number clearly visible. The deadline to submit photos shall be May 15. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the photo will be accepted on the following business day. There will be no substitutions after this date.
- All large, male market animals must have been castrated.
- Market lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the current calendar year and weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to participate in market classes.

## **Goats**

- Exhibitors are to have goats in their possession by May 15 of the current calendar year in order to sell at the livestock auction.
- Market Goats must be tagged. Photographs are to be turned into Fair Board for market animal species. Two (2) photos of market animal(s) to be submitted via hard copy or e-mail. Photos must include full head shot of animal with ear tag number clearly visible. The deadline to submit photos shall be May 15. If the

deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the photo will be accepted on the following business day. There will be no substitutions after this date.

- Market goats must be born on or after January 1 of the current calendar year and weigh a minimum of 50 pounds to participate in market classes.
- Pygmy breeds may not be entered in market classes.
- All large, male market animals must be castrated and dehorned.

### **Waterfowl and Poultry**

- Market waterfowl and poultry must be born on or after January 1 of current calendar year.
- Exhibitors are to have market waterfowl and market poultry in their possession by June 15 of the current calendar year.
- All poultry is subject to pullorum tested during the weigh in procedure at fair.
- To participate in the market classes, turkeys must weigh a minimum of fifteen (15) pounds.
- To participate in the market classes, ducks must weigh a minimum of five (5) pounds.
- To participate in the market classes, geese must weigh a minimum of eight (8) pounds.
- To participate in the market classes, chickens must weigh a minimum of five (5) pounds.
- Under this Waterfowl and Poultry section, the preceding rules apply to pens of multiples and minimum weight requirements for each animal class must be met.
- Market Production Pen: three (3) females, same breed and variety (these are egg laying type chickens). Minimum combination weight of all three hens is five (5) pounds total.

### **Rabbits**

- Market rabbits must be born on or after January 1 of the current calendar year.
- Members are to have market rabbits in their possession by June 15 of current calendar year.
- Market rabbits must weigh a minimum of four (4) pounds each to participate in market classes. This rule also pertains to pens of multiples.



## **Pheasants/Chukars**

- A Fair Board Contact is required by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to apply for a permit for our county. Any member wishing to do a pheasant/chukar project in Bay County must be documented by the Fair Board Contact under this permit.
- All pheasants/chukars to be shown in the market class at fair must be acquired through the Fair Board Pheasant Contact. This assures age equality and pullorum-free birds. Birds are ordered in late spring, approximately 10-12 weeks before fair.
- Market pheasant/chukars are shown as a pen of three and must consist of one male and two females or two males and one female.
- Market pheasant/chukars is offered to buyers during the “for release only.” Youth and buyer agree a time and place to meet for the release of birds.
- Market birds must be released within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of fair.
- No weight requirement for pheasants/chukars.

## **Rules and Guidelines for the Market Sale**

- All market animals must be sold at the auction or forfeit their position to the next animal in order of judging.
- All exhibitors are required to contribute 3% of their market sale income to the Bay County Fair Board and Youth Exhibition to be used for general expenses incurred throughout the year and during the fair and market sale. This amount will be deducted by the market auction clerk before checks are mailed to members.
- Once an animal has been judged in a market class during fair you have agreed to sell the animal at the Bay County Fair & Youth Expo Livestock Auction. No animals may be removed from the sale once judging has been completed.
- Exhibitors may register for a maximum of three (3) livestock market entries. The market entries cannot be the same species.
- No pregnant animals may be exhibited in market classes.
- The buyer has the right to do with the animal whatever he or she sees fit, including giving it back to the seller. MDARD requirements must be followed at all times.

- Sale order of all market species will be rotated each year following the adopted rotation: goats, ducks, lambs, geese, rabbits, swine, chicken, steer, pheasant/chukar, turkeys with the top listed species rotating to the bottom of the order in the following year.
- Buyers may request to have the animal donated back to the Fair Board or resold. If so, the animal will be resold at the end of the sale. Proceeds will go to the Fair Board.
- Sellers must find out the buyers' intentions for their animal(s) as soon as possible and no later than Friday afternoon. It is highly suggested that parents and youth speak with buyers the evening of the auction.
- All exhibitors who sell a market project at the Bay County Fair Livestock Auction must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training annually. YQCA is designed to educate youth in eliminating volatile drug residues, increase food safety practices, and overall improve the knowledge of animal care and management practices. Proof of completing the course must be turned in to the Fair Board no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Each family is responsible to contribute time and non-perishable goods to the buyer's reception.
- All exhibitors and parents should be available to help set up on the day of the sale.
- No glitter may be put on any animals during the market sale.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the delivery of all purchased animals to either the stockyard, processor, or to the buyer directly live or processed. Any exhibitor that fails to deliver any purchased animal to their buyers within 1 month of the auction will not be allowed to sell in the following year sale and must return the funds received from the sale. The 3% is not refundable.

## Livestock Barn Rules

- No sleeping in the barn.
- No open-toed footwear is allowed in animal pens, stalls, or alley way when handling/working with animals.
- Alleyways, stalls, and pens must be kept clean at all times.
- The Fair Board, with the recommendation of superintendents, will decide appropriate bedding for animals. Youth will be required to purchase and use the bedding deemed appropriate.
- Exhibitors are required to post a thank you and buyers name above all market animals by noon on Friday following the auction.
- Any exhibitor caught destroying property will be banned from participating in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition for up to 2 years.
- All animals in the barn must be checked for food and water at approximately 10am and 8pm. The barn superintendent will use the following as guidelines to enforce this policy:
  - I: First Warning: Exhibitor verbally notified by superintendent
  - II: Second Warning: Cage will be tagged, and Fair Board will take action.
- The barn will be cleaned each day by 10am. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their pens and the barn clean throughout the day. The barn superintendent will use the following as guidelines to enforce this policy:
  - I: First Warning: Exhibitor verbally notified by superintendent.
  - II: Second Warning: Cage will be tagged, and Fair Board will take action.
- Fees for pens left dirty at the end of fair week will be fined \$25.00 for small animals and \$75.00 for large animals. Checks will be made payable to "Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition".
- All animals must be removed, and the barn cleaned by the date and time designated by the Fair Board. Times will be announced at fair entry registration. Exhibitors will be required to sign-in and sign-out of barn clean-up at the closing of the fair. This is mandatory for all exhibitors with an animal housed in the barn.
- Upon decorating, the exhibitor name and contact information must be on the cage using the cards provided.
- All animals in the barn must be a registered fair entry.
- All feed must be stored neatly in an appropriate, sealed container in a designated area.

- All food and water dishes must be appropriate to suit the animal so as not to be tipped over. Hay bags are optional, if used they must be hung in a safe manner. The bottom of the hay bag must not be lower than the point of shoulders.
- All exhibitors will have a pen limitation of no more than eight (8) livestock pens at fair. Pens of two or three animals count as one pen.
- Large animals may only be removed from the stall with an adult's supervision. Traffic areas must be blocked off when doing so to keep the public safe.
- Animals to be washed must be washed in the designated area at the back center of the barn.
- Animals may be tied outside only to the tie rail provided in the wash racks. No animals may be tied to ANY fences or stall fronts on the fairgrounds.
- For the safety of your animal and passing spectators, stall doors shall be closed at all times, except when entering and exiting the stall/pen.

## Horses

### **Policies Pertaining to All Horses**

- All horses must meet all current USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) and MDARD (Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development) testing prior to admission in the horse barn. A current negative EIA test (Coggins) is required for any equine species exhibited. A copy of negative Coggins test for animal entered must be attached to the fair entry form. If the negative test is not attached to the entry form the entry will not be accepted. Any exhibitor of a horse or pony that does not have the correct Coggins test on file with the fair office will bear the sole responsibility of any fines assessed by MDARD.
- The age of horses will be computed from January 1.
- Should a horse become lame or die prior to judging, the exhibitor may obtain permission from the superintendent to substitute another animal.
- During Fair no drugs or supplements may be administered to any animal without consent of the superintendent.
- All entries will be judged using the Danish System (A-B-C) and receive corresponding ribbon. When there is only one entry in a class, first place premium money will be paid only if the animal is deemed worthy.
- Dates and times will be determined by BCFYE Board to admit and release all horses.
- Trailering in for the youth shows will only be permitted upon special circumstances. A written request is required to the horse barn superintendent.
- Sick or injured exhibits will be released or removed only by the superintendent prior to the end of fair.
- Any exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before the designated release time without permission of the superintendent will result in the revocation of premiums. Exception for the Michigan State Horse Show that conflict with fair dates.
- All exhibits brought to the fair must be clean, dry, free of disease, free of parasites and uninjured. Any animals deemed sick, dirty etc. will be sent home.
- Stallions are not eligible to be shown, unless they are progeny of the exhibitor's animal less than one (1) year of age.

## Horse Barn Rules

- No sleeping in the barn.
- No open-toed footwear is allowed in stalls, or alley way when handling/working with animals.
- Alleyways and stalls must be kept clean at all times.
- The Fair Board, with the recommendation of superintendents, will decide appropriate bedding for animals. Youth will be required to purchase and use the bedding deemed appropriate.
- Any exhibitor caught destroying property will be banned from participating in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition for up to 2 years.
- All animals in the barn must be checked for food and water at approximately 10 am and 8 pm. The barn superintendent will use the following as guidelines to enforce this policy:
  - I: First Warning: Exhibitor verbally notified by superintendent
  - II: Second Warning: Stall will be tagged, and Fair Board will take action.
- The barn will be cleaned each day by 10 am. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their pens and the barn clean throughout the day. The barn superintendent will use the following as guidelines to enforce this policy:
  - I: First Warning: Exhibitor verbally notified by superintendent.
  - II: Second Warning: Stall will be tagged, and Fair Board will take action.
- Fees for stalls left dirty at the end of fair week will be fined \$75.00. Checks will be made payable to "Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition".
- All animals must be removed, and the barn cleaned by the date and time designated by the Fair Board. Times will be announced at fair entry registration. Exhibitors will be required to sign-in and sign-out of barn clean-up at the closing of the fair. This is mandatory for all exhibitors with an animal housed in the barn.
- Upon decorating, the exhibitor name and contact information must be on the stall.
- All animals in the barn must be a registered fair entry.
- All feed must be stored neatly in an appropriate, sealed container in a designated area.

- All food and water dishes must be appropriate to suit the animal so as not to be tipped over. Hay bags are optional, if used they must be hung in a safe manner. The bottom of the hay bag must not be lower than the point of shoulders.
- Horses may not be removed from the stall without an adult's supervision. Traffic areas must be blocked off when doing so to keep the public safe.
- Animals to be washed must be washed in the designated area at the west end of the barn.
- Animals may be tied outside only to the tie rail provided in the wash racks. No animals may be tied to ANY fences or stall fronts on the fair grounds.
- For the safety of your animal and passing spectators, stall doors shall be closed at all times, except when entering and exiting the stall.
- All exhibitors showing an animal must attend at least one pre-fair set-up event. A few dates will be given at Fair Entry Registration each year. All exhibitors must also attend a post fair clean-up.

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Dear Youth and Parent/Guardian:

Please review the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition Youth Exhibitor Rules and Regulations. Please have **each youth exhibitor (still projects, livestock, horse)** sign, date, and return this form to The Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition by **May 15, 2022.**

**BCFYE, PO Box 633, Bay City, MI 48707 or email to [baycountyfair@yahoo.com](mailto:baycountyfair@yahoo.com)**

Please be sure to keep the Rules and Regulations for your records, and only return this form. If you need additional copies, these Youth Rules and Regulations will be on the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition website: [www.baycountyfair.com](http://www.baycountyfair.com). If there are any questions, please visit our website for the updated superintendent contact information.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations that are stated in the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition Youth Rules and Regulations for 2022.

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Youth Exhibitor Name (Please print)                      Youth Exhibitor Signature

Youth Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

If youth is a 4-H member, please list club name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/ Guardian Name (Please print)                      Parent/ Guardian Signature

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Street Address    City, Zip

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Phone #    Email Address

If you are planning on exhibiting **large market** entries this year, please complete and return with photos and tag # for each by the designated deadline.

**February 15: Steers**

**May 15: Swine, Lambs, and Goats**

Species:

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