

**HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY FAIR
JUNIOR FAIR RULEBOOK
2026**



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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

See Rules for More Details

All dates and times are subject to change. Watch closely for emails with any date or time changes.

Event/Deadline	Time (where applicable)	Date
Quality Assurance Test Out		By Appointment Only
Possession Date for Market Steers, Market Heifer, & Market Dairy Steer		January 1, 2026
Earliest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		January 6, 2026
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Beef		January 8, 2026
4-H Enrollment Form Deadline for Participating in the Community Fair		March 1, 2026
Final Date to Register for QA Training		March 6, 2026
QA Training – Extension Office	6:30pm	March 10, 2026
QA Training – Extension Office	6:30pm	March 18, 2026
Possession Date for Dogs, Market & Dairy Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Horses, Llamas & Alpacas		April 1, 2026
Market Animal Registration Cards due for Market Goats, Market Hogs, Market Lambs		April 8, 2026
Latest Possession Date for Market Turkeys		April 14, 2026
QA Training – Extension Office	6:30pm	April 15, 2026
Possession Date for Chicken Roasters		April 28, 2026
Possession Date for Breeding Animals (Beef, Goats, Rabbits, Sheep); Cats; Pocket Pets; and Pet Rabbits, Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl; and Feeder Calves		May 1, 2026
Kelhoffer and Community Fair Association Scholarship Applications Deadline		May 1, 2026
Earliest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		May 5, 2026
Project Commitment Form Deadline		May 7, 2026
Horse Registration Forms Deadline		May 7, 2026
Additional Dog Paperwork Deadline		May 7, 2026
Market Animal Registration Card due for Feeder Calves		May 8, 2026
Possession Date for Chicken Meat Pens		May 19, 2026
Latest Possession Date for Market Ducks and Market Geese		May 19, 2026
Deadline to Complete QA Training		May 22, 2026
Royalty Contest Applications Deadline		May 31, 2026
Possession Date for Market Rabbits		June 1, 2026
4-H Camp		June 9-12, 2026
4-H Club Booth Request Form Due		June 10, 2026

Sale Ads for Livestock Sale Booklet Due		June 24, 2026
General Project Judging	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 29, 2026
Royalty Contest Interviews	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 29, 2026
Livestock Project Judging	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	June 30, 2026
Project Narration Cards for Style Review Due		June 30, 2026
Top Dog Essay Due		July 1, 2026
Fairgrounds Setup	TBD	July 5, 2026
Fairgrounds Setup (if needed)	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	July 6, 2026
Animal Move-In (All species)	7:00 am – 11:00 am	July 7, 2026
Club Booth Setup	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	July 7, 2026
General Project Skillathons (Food & Nutrition, Clothing)	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	July 7, 2026
Livestock Skillathons	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	July 7, 2026
Groom & Clean Test (Horses only)	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	July 7, 2026
Mandatory Horse Meeting (Horse Participants Only)	4:30 pm	July 7, 2026
Family Picnic (Crowning of Fair King and Queen)	5:30 pm	July 7, 2026
Mandatory Fair Meeting (All Fair Participants)	6:45 pm	July 7, 2026
Junior Fair Horse Show	9:00 am	July 8, 2026
Junior Fair Sheep Show	3:00 pm	July 8, 2026
General Projects Demonstration Contest	4:00 pm	July 8, 2026
Junior Fair Beef Show	6:00 pm	July 8, 2026
Junior Fair Swine Show	7:30 pm	July 8, 2026
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 8, 2026
Junior Fair Poultry Show	9:00 am	July 9, 2026
Junior Fair Horse Groom & Clean Contest	1:00 pm	July 9, 2026
Junior Fair Rabbit Show	3:00 pm	July 9, 2026
Junior Fair Goat Show	6:00 pm	July 9, 2026
1st Ohio Shooters	7:30 pm	July 9, 2026
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 9, 2026
Junior Fair Dog Show	10:00 am	July 10, 2026
Junior Fair Alpaca/Llama Show	2:00 pm	July 10, 2026
Junior Fair Horse Fun Show	4:00 pm	July 10, 2026
Livestock Sale Registration	4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	July 10, 2026
Junior Fair Livestock Sale	7:00 pm	July 10, 2026
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:00 pm	July 10, 2026

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Exceptional Riders Horse Show	9:00 am	July 11, 2026
Joe A. Wurzelbacher Showman of Showmen Contest	9:00 am	July 11, 2026
Junior Fair Bakeoff	12:30 pm	July 11, 2026
Junior Fair Dog Agility Show	2:00 pm	July 11, 2026
Junior Fair Style Review	4:00 pm	July 11, 2026
Junior Fair Alpaca Fun Show	5:00pm	July 11, 2026
Edible Auction	6:00 pm	July 11, 2026
Family Dance	8:00 pm	July 11, 2026
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	July 11, 2026
After Fair Youth Activity (Open to all 4-H members)	10:30 pm	July 11, 2026
Animal Haul-Out	10:00 pm – 12:00 am	July 11, 2026
Animal Haul-Out	6:00 am – 8:00 am	July 12, 2026
Club Booth Tear Down by Advisors Only	7:00 am - 8:00 am	July 12, 2026
Mandatory Fairgrounds Cleanup	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	July 12, 2026
Annual End-of-Year Awards Ceremony	Exact details TBD	January; 2027

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2026 COMMUNITY FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY			SATURDAY		
Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena	Time	Pavilion	Arena
9:00am		Horse	9:00am	Poultry		10:00am	Dog		9:00am	S of S	Exceptional Riders Horse Show
			1:00pm		Groom & Clean				12:30pm	Bake Off (hall)	
3:00pm	Sheep		3:00pm	Rabbits		2:00pm	Alpaca		2:00pm	Dog Agility	
4:00pm	Demonstration Contest (hall)					4:00pm		Horse Fun Show	4:00pm	Style Rev (shelter)	
6:00pm	Beef		6:00pm	Goats		7:00pm	Auction		5:00pm	Alpaca Fun Show	
7:30pm	Swine		7:30pm		Shooters				6:00pm	Edible Auction (hall)	
									8:00pm	Dance	

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT FAIR

The Hamilton County Community Fair will be held each summer at *Stricker's Grove* in Crosby Township, Ohio. The Fair offers 4-H/FFA participants the opportunity to improve their skills and compete against each other in a friendly atmosphere. The Fair offers activities for both Cloverbuds and 4-H or FFA members in all 4-H project areas. The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, Inc. oversees the Community Fair. The Ohio State University Extension partners with the Association to permit 4-H youth to participate in the Community Fair. The Ohio State University is represented by the county 4-H Educator. The general objective of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association, Inc. is to develop and foster the 4-H program in Hamilton County through conducting and/or sponsoring the Community Fair and supporting Hamilton County 4-H. Reporting to the Association are the Species Superintendents and Sale Committee. There is to be a Species Superintendent for each livestock species who oversees the program for that species. The Species Superintendent makes sure 4-H/FFA participants taking that species have the information they need to participate in the fair, runs clinics, organizes pens and stalls for fair, and oversees the individual livestock show at fair. The Sale Committee is responsible for the Livestock Sale at the fair.

All exhibitors at the Hamilton County Community Fair must be registered and a participant in good standing of the Hamilton County 4-H Youth Development Program or a Hamilton County FFA program in the current year. 4-H/FFA participants (hereafter called Junior Fair participants) must be enrolled in the project in which he/she is exhibiting or participating. All project and paperwork deadlines must be met. All projects exhibited must be developed, produced, or have been made in the current project year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30).

All persons participating in the Community Fair shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The Hamilton County Community Fair Association reserves the right to have any person or property removed from the fairgrounds (including camping and parking areas).

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, The Ohio State University Extension or any of their authorized agents, shall not be responsible for any persons (either over or under the age of 18) on the fairgrounds or in any barns at any time.

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association, The Ohio State University Extension and their authorized agents will NOT issue overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns, campers, or any area of the Fairgrounds.

4-H ENROLLMENT

- 4-H is for youth ages 5 to 18 by 4-H age. 4-H age is the youth's age on January 1st of the current year. Youth who are 4-H age 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach 4-H age 8 and in the third grade are in the Cloverbud program. Youth who are 4-H age 8 and in the third grade until they reach the 4-H age of 18 are regular 4-H members. Youth who are 18 on January 1st but who turn 19 before the Hamilton County Community Fair are still eligible to compete at fair that year.
- All youth wishing to participate in the Hamilton County Community Fair must enroll in the 4-H program each year. Enrollment is done through the 4HOnline system. Information can be found online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or can be obtained from your club advisor.
- Enrollment for 4-H is free and members may join at any time throughout the year.
- 4-H Members wishing to participate in project judging and the fairs (local and state) **MUST BE ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS BY MARCH 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR REGISTRATION

- All youth wishing to participate in the Hamilton County Community Fair must turn in Project Commitment Forms. These forms will declare what projects each youth is bringing to project judging and to the fair. These forms will be used to hire judges, prepare for project judging, and prepare for the fair. Project Commitment Forms must be completed online. The links to the forms can be found at www.hccfair.com.
- Forms **MUST** be **submitted online** by 11:59pm on May 7th each year. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The Hamilton County Community Fair Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization made of dedicated community members who volunteer their time to fulfill its purpose.

The purpose of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association is:

- To conduct a community fair and other events that foster youth development.
- To support 4-H club work in Hamilton County, Ohio.
- To render such other services as may be practicable in the improvement of 4-H work.

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FAIR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in the Hamilton County Community Fair Association is open to anyone with an interest in promoting 4-H in Hamilton County which includes 4-H members and their families.
- There is a \$15/person **non-refundable** annual membership fee for anyone who wanting to be a member.
- Membership Includes:
 - 1 admission pass, good for the entire week of the Hamilton County Community Fair.
 - Voting privileges for members 13 years of age and older.
- Association membership can be obtained by completing the form in Appendix A and submitting it with full payment **by June 1 of the current year.**
- **Those who choose not to join the Fair Association by June 1, will be required to pay the daily gate admission of the fair upon entering the gate.**
- Mail form and payment to: Hamilton County Community Fair Association, P.O. Box 764, Miamitown, OH 45041-0764

FAIRGROUNDS SETUP AND CLEANUP

The Hamilton County Community Fair is run by the volunteers and the families. Therefore, each family with one or more participants is expected to help with fairgrounds setup and cleanup each year. Setup usually takes place the weekend before fair. Cleanup is the Sunday morning following fair. There are jobs for all skill levels. Everyone, including youth who only take general projects, is expected to help with cleanup and setup. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of the Fairgrounds Setup and Cleanup.

CLOVERBUD PROGRAM

DEFINITION OF CLOVERBUDS

The 4-H Cloverbud program is for youth who are 5 and in Kindergarten until they reach the age of 8 and in the third grade as of January 1 of the current year. Cloverbuds are children who explore areas of healthy lifestyle, earth/environment, citizenship, plants and animals, consumerism and Family Science, science and technology, personal development and community expressive arts. The primary goal of the Cloverbud program is to promote children's healthy development – mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. The Cloverbud program provides an excellent opportunity for a child to reach his or her highest potential because early life experiences, even subtle ones, affect future development. The Cloverbud program is developmentally age appropriate, therefore it is: fun, leader directed, activity based, non-competitive, success oriented, group-oriented learning, many types of activities, and positive. The Cloverbud program allows for and encourages creativity and play. The goals of the Cloverbud program are for children to develop self-understanding skills (self-esteem), social interaction skills (getting along with others), decision making skills, learning skills (learning how to learn), and mastering physical skills. Children possessing these life skills are less likely to have problems with drug use, school failure, delinquency, and depression later in life.

Per Ohio State University rules, Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in Project Judging or show animals for the Hamilton County Community Fair. Cloverbuds may not participate in animal handling or training activities sponsored by Hamilton County 4-H.

RIBBONS FOR CLOVERBUDS

- Cloverbuds may display items they create during the year in their club booth at fair.
- Cloverbuds exhibiting at the fair are eligible to receive one "Cloverbud" ribbon for participation at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- Since the Cloverbud program is a non-competitive program, letter grades and associated ribbons will not be given to Cloverbuds.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR FOR CLOVERBUDS

- Cloverbuds are allowed to participate in all 4-H family activities at fair such as the After Fair Activities, the Family Picnic, etc.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time for these family activities.
- Cloverbud Bake Off is a non-competitive portion of the Bake Off designed just for Cloverbuds. Please see the Summary of Important Dates for the date and time of the Bake Off.
- Cloverbuds are also eligible to participate in the Style Revue at fair. Please see the Style Revue for Clothing Projects section of this manual for more details.

GENERAL PROJECTS

See the 4-H Family Guide for a complete listing of 4-H projects.

The Family Guide is available online at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or from the Extension Office.

DEFINITION OF GENERAL PROJECTS

Any project that does not involve an animal is considered a General project. These projects include Clothing and Textiles; Creative and Leisure Arts; Food and Nutrition, etc. One exception is some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. The Guinea Pig project, all Cat projects, the Pet Rabbit project, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. All of these projects are judged at General Project Judging and the above animals are not displayed at fair. The other Companion Animal projects, Market and Breeding Rabbits as well as Dogs, are considered livestock projects.

PROJECT JUDGING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- Project judging is an opportunity for the Junior Fair participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging; it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the various General project areas.
- General Project Judging will take place at Stricker's Grove. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display to project judging. See the individual project books and the Ohio State Fair Guidebook at www.ohio4h.org for information on what to bring for each project. The educational displays can range from posters to scrapbooks to actual items made during the project depending on the project.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be available for pick up from the club advisors after the close of fair.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected General Project area, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H projects.
- Each educational display must be made by the Junior Fair participant enrolled in the project and must be **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS.**
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year).

SKILLATHONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants taking a Food and Nutrition (cooking) project or a Clothing and Textiles (sewing) project will have the opportunity to participate in a Skillathon. A Skillathon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the Junior Fair participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the Food and Nutrition Skillathon may require the participant to measure ingredients using the proper measuring device or identify equipment commonly used when cooking. For the Textiles Skillathon, the participant may be required to identify parts of a sewing machine or demonstrate how to sew on a button. Information about what will be on the Skillathon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skillathon date.

- Food and Nutrition and Textile Skillathons will take place during the designated Skillathon time. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Award for Food and Nutrition or Clothing and Textiles, Junior Fair participants taking these projects must participate in the Skillathon for their project area. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

DEMONSTRATION CONTEST FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants taking a General project other than a Food and Nutrition (cooking) project or a Clothing and Textiles (sewing) project will have the opportunity to participate in the Demonstration Contest.
- The Project Demonstration will show and tell the judges and audience what the participant learned during the 4-H project year. **Junior Fair participants in both the Junior Division and Senior Division must prepare a 5-15-minute demonstration.** Visual aids, like a poster and other project displays, are used to enhance the presentation.
- The score for the Demonstration Contest will be added to the participants score from the official Project Judging to determine the General Projects Top Exhibitor. Please see the Top Exhibitor section of this manual for more details.
- Please see the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.

RIBBONS FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- 4-H exhibitors eight (8) and in third grade -18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded ribbons on all entries.
- Ribbons awarded to General projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 - 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80).
- Projects selected to compete at The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Delegate ribbons.
- Projects selected as alternate representatives to The Ohio State Fair will receive Ohio State Fair Alternate ribbons. State Fair Alternates will be allowed to take their project to the State Fair if the State Fair Delegate cannot attend. Please see the State Fair section of this manual for more information on taking projects to State Fair.
- Projects deemed the most outstanding (with scores of 90 or above), but ineligible to compete at The Ohio State Fair, will receive County Project Award ribbons.

MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR GENERAL PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants involved in any activity at fair must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

STYLE REVUE FOR CLOTHING PROJECTS

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Style Revue

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STYLE REVUE

- The Style Revue is required of all 4-H youth who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project during the year who wish to be in the running for Clothing and Textiles Top Exhibitor awards. It is also open to all Cloverbud members and any 4-H member wishing to participate in the Ready to Wear division.
- Junior Fair participants must model the Total Look outfit(s) created for their 4-H project(s).
- Each participant will model an outfit appropriate for their age and exhibit class.
- All models must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than June 16th of the current year.
- Narration Cards are available on-line at <http://hamilton.osu.edu> or the fair website, www.hccfair.com.

CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION IN THE STYLE REVUE

- Cloverbuds may also participate in the Style Revue on a non-competitive basis.
- Cloverbuds may participate in the Cloverbud Style special class.
- Cloverbuds must submit a typewritten Narration Card describing their outfit no later than June 16th.

CLASSES FOR STYLE REVUE

Ready-to-wear

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Hand-sewn

Junior Division (ages 8-13)

Senior Division (ages 14-18)

Cloverbud Style (Cloverbuds ages 5-8)

AWARDS FOR STYLE REVUE

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each show class at the Style.
- A Top Exhibitor Award will be given for Clothing and Textiles for both the Junior and Senior divisions. Top Exhibitor will be the Junior Fair participant with the highest combined score (Project Judging + Skillathon) who have also participated in the Style Review. These awards will be given at the Awards Ceremony.
- Cloverbud participants will receive participation ribbons.

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Any project that involves an animal is considered a livestock project with the exception of some of the projects included in the Companion Animals category. Guinea Pigs, all Cat projects, Pet Rabbit, and the Pocket Pet Project (gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats) are considered General projects. Projects involving horses and dogs, as well as Breeding and Market Rabbits are considered livestock projects.

MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Market animal projects involve animals that are raised to sell as meat. These animals are sold at the Livestock Auction at the fair. There are market divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

BREEDING LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Breeding animal projects involve animals that are not raised as meat. Breeding projects do not necessarily require that you breed the animal however it is highly encouraged. Any non-market livestock animal is considered a breeding project. There are breeding divisions for cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, and sheep. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

OTHER LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Dog, llama/alpaca and horse projects do not fall into the traditional livestock market and breeding projects. However, they have to follow many of the same rules, so they are considered livestock projects. These species do not have market or breeding divisions. See the individual species sections of this manual for further details.

POSSESSION DATES FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

All animals must be in exhibitor's possession and care by the following dates:

JANUARY 1	MAY 1	7 weeks prior to Weigh In
Market Steers & Market Dairy Steers	Beef Breeding & Feeder Calves	Chicken Meat Pens
Market Heifer	Exhibition Poultry & Waterfowl	7 – 9 weeks prior to Weigh In
APRIL 1	Egg Production Poultry	Market Ducks
Llamas & Alpacas	Breeding Rabbits	Market Geese
Horses/Ponies/Mules/Donkeys	Breeding Sheep	10 weeks prior to Weigh In
Dogs	Breeding Goats	Chicken Roasters
Market Goats & Dairy Goats	JUNE 1	12 - 26 weeks prior to Weigh In
Market Hogs & Market Lambs	Market Rabbits	Market Turkeys

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Market steer, market goats, market hogs, market lambs, and feeder calves must submit an online Market Animal Registration Form with valid photos to their species superintendent within 7 days of the possession date. A link to these forms can be obtained from the species superintendent or can be found at the fair website, www.hccfair.com.
- All livestock animal projects must be registered by declaring them on the Project Commitment Forms that are due by May 7th each year. See Hamilton County Community Fair Registration section of this manual for more information on Project Commitment Forms.
- **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
- The Junior Fair participant is responsible for registering for all classes in which she/he wishes to have animals judged.
- Any Junior Fair participant wishing to sell his/her animal during the Livestock Sale MUST register for his/her respective showmanship class for each species. See Special Contests and Awards/Showmanship section of this manual for explanation of showmanship classes.
- All livestock animals are subject to the health regulations as prescribed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- A Junior Fair participant who has a micro-chipped animal must provide a means of reading the chip to the Species Superintendent on Animal Move-In day.

QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) TRAINING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants exhibiting **MARKET** and **DAIRY** animals at the Community Fair **MUST** attend Quality Assurance (QA) training or forfeit their right to exhibit or sell livestock at the fair.
- A parent/guardian must attend the entire QA session with the member. If a family has two or more youth who attend different QA training sessions, at least one parent/guardian must attend with each youth member at each session.
- Swine exhibitors must attend PQA *Plus* training. Any Quality Assurance session hosted by Hamilton County is a PQA *Plus* session. If you choose to attend QA at another county, you must ensure that it is PQA *Plus* training.
- QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING AND TEST OUT DATES – See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- QA Training must be completed 45 days prior to animal move in per ODA rule. See Summary of Important Dates
- Junior Fair participants who are 12 years and older may test out of Quality Assurance Training if they have attended QA Training at least one previous year. Once the test is passed, 12 to 14-year-olds need to retest at age 15; a participant who is 15 or older and passes the test does not need to test out again in their 4-H career.

PROJECT JUDGING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Project judging is an opportunity for the Junior Fair participant to show what they have learned during their project. **It is not mandatory to participate in Project Judging; it is an optional activity.** In an effort to effectively evaluate the individual participant's knowledge and understanding of his/her project, each participant will have the opportunity to participate in a one-on-one interview with an adult "judge" concerning his/her project. The judge will ask questions and give the participant a chance to tell what he/she learned.
- Judges are selected based upon their knowledge of the objectives of the 4-H Animal Science program, as well as their knowledge of livestock.
- Livestock Project Judging will take place at Stricker's Grove. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, Junior Fair participants with livestock projects must participate in the official Project Judging event. Project judging scores from advisors will not be counted toward Top Exhibitor awards.
- Bring completed project book and an educational display such as a poster, scrapbook, or other display that shows something that was learned during the project, as well as any other items required by the individual project book.
- The educational display will be exhibited at the fairgrounds during fair and will be available for pick up from the club advisors after the close of fair.
- The educational display will be graded by the judge during project judging and the score will become part of the overall project judging score.
- The purposes of the educational display are 1) to visually demonstrate project knowledge of the selected

livestock species, 2) to stimulate interest in 4-H livestock projects, and 3) to demonstrate to others the diversity of 4-H livestock projects.

- Each educational display must be made by the Junior Fair participant enrolled in a livestock project and **IN PARTICIPANT'S OWN WORDS**.
- **If creating a poster for the educational display**, specific instructions **MUST** be followed. These instructions are listed in detail in Appendix B.
- **ALL** educational displays, including non-poster displays, **MUST** be labeled with the exhibitor's **first** name and last initial, the name of the project from the project book, and the exhibitor's 4-H club and 4-H age (as of January 1st of the current year).

RIBBONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- Junior Fair participants eight (8) and in third grade - 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year will be awarded project judging ribbons on all livestock projects.
- Ribbons awarded to livestock projects will be based upon grades given at Project Judging.
- Projects will be graded A (score of 90 to 100), B (score of 80 - 89), and C (score below 80)
- For a description of ribbons given in individual livestock shows, see the sections for each species.

SKILLATHONS FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants taking a livestock project will have the opportunity to participate in a livestock Skillathon for each of their project species. **It is not mandatory to participate in Skillathon: it is an optional activity.** A Skillathon is a series of hands-on activities designed to demonstrate the Junior Fair participant's knowledge and skills. For example, stations in the livestock Skillathons may require the participant to identify breeds of a species from photographs, identify equipment commonly used for that species, identify feedstuffs for that species, or identify body parts or bones for that species. Information about what will be on the Skillathon will be forwarded to project participants prior to the Skillathon date.
- Livestock Skillathons will take place during the designated Skillathon time. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time.
- Skillathons are divided into Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors are 8 – 13 years old as of January 1st of the current year. Seniors are 14 -18 years old as of January 1st of the current year.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, Junior Fair participants with livestock projects must participate in the Skillathon for their species. See Special Contests and Awards/Top Exhibitor section of this manual for an explanation of the Top Exhibitor Award.

ANIMAL MOVE-IN AND HAUL-OUT FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Animal Move-In information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds.

- All livestock animals must be brought to the fairgrounds during the specified hours. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and times for Animal Move-in.
- Check In Procedures
 - All animals will be checked by the species superintendents upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
 - Market animals will be weighed.
 - Large market animals (cattle, swine, sheep, and goats) and market poultry must complete the online DUNF form prior to animal haul in each year.
- All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
- No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Community Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Animal Release.
- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Executive Board, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
- Non-Market Livestock may be removed from the fairgrounds beginning at 10:00 pm on the Saturday night of fair.
- All Livestock must be removed from the fairgrounds by 8:00 am on the Sunday following the end of fair.
- Participants and families are still expected to return and help with fair clean up.

MANDATORY FAIR MEETING FOR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

- All Junior Fair participants that are bringing an animal to the fairgrounds must attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting with at least one parent.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.

RULES FOR ALL ANIMALS AT FAIR

The following information applies to all livestock animals **including dogs**.

- All 4-H animals exhibited at the Hamilton County Community Fair must be shown at the species show and/or at the Livestock Sale by the Junior Fair participant taking the animal project.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in their respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- In the event that a Junior Fair participant has two or more animals in one show class, another active Hamilton County Junior Fair participant may show the animal.
 - Any exceptions must be approved by the Species Superintendent.
- In Showmanship, each Junior Fair participant must show his or her own project animal.
- **GROOMING**
 - Once on the fairgrounds, livestock animals must be groomed by the Junior Fair participant. HELP from the Junior Fair participant's immediate family or a current Hamilton County 4-H member is allowed.
 - Immediate family is defined as a father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather, or grandmother; including the corresponding step or half relations, or a member of the Junior Fair participant's household.
 - Participants are NOT to change the appearance of their animals using artificial colorings.
 - Artificial coloring is defined as changing the animal's natural color.
 - Dark show foam may NOT be used on animals.
 - No spray paint may be used above the knees and hocks on animals. (i.e. black spray paint may NOT be used to cover a white spot on the forehead of a black steer.)
 - Hoof dressings and show sheen may be used on horses.
- **TAMPERING**
 - Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception as outlined in the Recommendations of the 2007 Ad-Hoc Ohio Livestock Show Task Force, Ohio Department of Agriculture.
 - Anyone caught tampering with and/or misrepresenting his/her animal will be prohibited from showing in the current fair and possibly future fairs.
 - For more information, please refer to the Fair Redbook on the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) website at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs/resources/redbook>.
- **DRUGS**
 - Any drugs administered to an exhibitor's animal at the fair shall be administered by the fair veterinarian or on his/her approval and recommendation.
 - No fair participant shall exhibit or sell an animal that has been administered a tranquilizing drug.
- **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making the protest, and filed with a Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board Member within one (1) hour of the incident in question. The Species Superintendents and the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board will make a decision within 24 hours of the original filing of the protest.

If the party or parties making the protest are dissatisfied with the ruling, the affected party may bring the matter before the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Board accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00. The fee will be retained by the Hamilton County Community Fair Association if the Species Superintendents' and Executive Board members' decision is not overturned.

RULES FOR ANIMALS STAYING AT FAIR

The following information applies to all livestock animals except dogs. Dogs are not kept at the fairgrounds. Please see the Dogs section of this manual for rules for dogs on the fairgrounds.

- **ANIMALS HOUSED OUT OF STATE**
 - Any livestock animal that is housed out of state must have a livestock check performed by a veterinarian 3 weeks prior to Animal Move-In and a CVI Form must be filled out.
- **BARN/STALLS**
 - Stalls/pens/cages for livestock animals will be assigned by the Species Superintendent.
 - All animals will be housed with their respective species. No exceptions will be made for animals of different species that are housed together at the participant's home.
 - No livestock animal may be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the animal release time except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Community Fair vet in the case of a sick animal. See the Summary of Important Dates in this manual for details on Animal Release time.

- If a healthy animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** notification to a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association Executive Board, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
 - Each Junior Fair participant exhibiting a project animal is responsible for properly feeding, watering, and caring for the project animal at the fair. See Appendix C for lists of what to bring to fair.
 - Junior Fair participants are responsible for keeping pens and aisles clean and in order.
- **ANIMAL ISSUES**
 - All project animals may be inspected by the Species Superintendents and/or an executive member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Association on or after project's possession date.
 - If a project animal should happen to become sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick animal to the fair without notifying the species superintendent.
 - No Junior Fair participant shall exhibit in a Junior Fair class or sell in the Livestock Sale an animal that is deemed unruly or unworthy (behavioral and/or physical) by the Species Superintendents and a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board.
 - Animals deemed unruly or unworthy will be sent home immediately.
 - Each Junior Fair participant is responsible for bringing his/her project animals to the fair clean.
 - Each Junior Fair participant is also responsible for maintaining animal and barn cleanliness during the duration of the fair.
 - Any animal deemed unclean by the Species Superintendents and a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board may be sent home.
 - Feeding time for all animals is between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM. Each Junior Fair participant, or immediate family member, should feed and water his/her own animals with his/her own food.
 - The Species Superintendents and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board will use his/her discretion to decide whether or not an animal is suitable for show or display.
 - If a Species Superintendent/member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board finds a sick animal, he/she has the right to have the veterinarian check the animal. If it is found unfit for show or display, the owner will be asked to remove the animal from display.
 - **DEATH OF AN ANIMAL**
 - If an animal dies, **it is the Junior Fair participant's responsibility to immediately notify his/her Club Advisor, the Species Superintendent, and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board.**
 - At the fair, every precaution will be taken to prevent loss or injury to livestock or other exhibits.
 - In the event of an injury or death; neither the Club Advisors, Species Superintendents, nor members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Board is liable.
 - In case an animal should die, the owner will be notified first.
 - If the owner cannot be notified, the owner's Club Advisor will be notified, and the animal will be removed from display.
 - A Species Superintendent or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board must be present before a dead animal may be removed.

RULES FOR MARKET ANIMALS

Livestock animals exhibited as market animals may **NOT** be shown in breeding classes in the same year (e.g. market animals shown at the Community Fair may NOT be exhibited as breeding animals at the Harvest Home Fair by any Junior Fair participant.)

- All market animals fall under the rules of the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA). For more information, please refer to the Fair Redbook on the ODA website at <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs/resources/redbook>.
- **WEIGHTS/WEIGH-INS**
 - Market animals will be weighed as soon as they arrive at the fairgrounds on Animal Move-in day.
 - All animals must be cleaned and dried before weigh-in. This weight will be used for show classes and sale weight.
 - Market animals must meet the following **minimum** weight criteria:
 - Market Lamb - 90 lbs.
 - Market Hog – Min. 220 lbs. – Max. 320 lbs.
 - Market Goats - 50 lbs.

- Feeder Calf - 300 lbs.
 - Market Heifer - 950 lbs.
 - Market Steer - 1000 lbs.
 - Market Beef Heifer – 950 lbs.
 - Market Dairy Steer – 1000 lbs.
 - Market Turkey - 14.0 lbs.
 - Pen of 3 Chickens - Min. 10 lbs. - Max. 21 lbs., min. 2.75 lbs. per individual
 - Roaster Chicken – Must be over 6 lbs.
 - Pair of Market Ducks (2) - 10 lbs./pair minimum, min. 4.25 lbs. per individual
 - Single Market Goose – 6 lbs.
 - Pen of 3 Rabbits- Min. 3 lbs - Max.- 5.5 lbs. per rabbit – Age cannot exceed 10 weeks
 - Single Fryer –Min. 3 lbs. - Max 5.5 pounds – Age cannot exceed 10 weeks
 - Rabbit Roaster – Min. 5.5 lbs – Max 9 lbs – Age cannot exceed 6 months
 - Animals failing to meet these criteria will not be permitted to be sold at the Livestock Sale.
 - Youth may show an underweight animal in a **SHOWMANSHIP** class, but the animal **MUST** then be sold to the packer.
 - If an underweight animal is going to be taken home and entered at Harvest Home, the animal **MAY NOT** be shown in Showmanship at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
 - A youth may request a re-weigh immediately after the animal leaves the scale. This request must be made prior to leaving the weigh in area. All reweighs must be done by 10pm on move in day. If a reweigh is requested, the reweigh weight must be used as the final weight. If the participant does not show up for a reweigh, the original weight will be used as the final weight.
- **SHOW CLASSES**
 - All classes of market animals will be shown by weight.
 - Class determinations will be made by the Species Superintendent.
 - The Species Superintendent and/or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board may add or delete classes in order to make the classes more equitable or to ensure the safety of exhibitors or animals.
 - To be considered a home-grown market animal, the doe (female parent) of the market animal must have been owned by the Junior Fair participant or the participant's parent(s)/ guardian(s) at the time of birth.
 - Grand and Reserve Champion in a division will be chosen from all of the 1st Place winners from each individual class in that division. This class where the Grand and Reserve Champion are chosen is called the final drive.
 - A Junior Fair participant wishing to remove a 1st Place animal from the Grand and Reserve Champion final drive (to avoid the state mandatory terminal sale of the animal) must notify the Species Superintendent of this fact **BEFORE** the final drive begins.
 - By choosing to remove an animal from the final drive, the exhibitor forfeits the right to compete for Grand or Reserve Champion.
 - 2nd Place winners in each class should be ready in case a 1st Place animal is pulled from the final drive or the 1st Place winner in their class is chosen Grand Champion at which point the 2nd Place animal would enter the class for consideration as Reserve Champion.

LIVESTOCK SALE

- To be sold at the Livestock Sale, all market animals must participate in their species Junior Fair show.
- Junior Fair participants wishing to remove their market animal(s) from the Livestock Sale must complete the sale withdrawal form and turn it into the Species Superintendent or a member of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board no later than 9:00 PM the night before the sale.
- The Junior Fair participants are responsible for inviting buyers to come to the Livestock Sale.
- Livestock Sale Booklet – A booklet listing all animals to be sold will be created for use during the sale.
 - All Livestock Sale participants must sell one ad for the sale booklet per market animal or market pen. The maximum number of ads needed to be sold per exhibitor is five.
 - Ads for the Livestock Sale Booklet are due two weeks prior to Animal Move-in. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date.
 - If ads are not sold the cost, up to five animals, will be deducted from the sale check.
 - The money from the ads will be used to cover administrative costs e.g., printing and sale cards.
 - See Appendix D for a copy of the Livestock Sale Ad Order Form.
- The Livestock Committee will commission processors. All animals going through the livestock sale will only go to those processors. No other processors will be allowed.

SPECIAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS

- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards are given for Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, General Projects, Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llama/Alpaca, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.
- Exhibitors participating in Novice Showmanship are ineligible for Top Exhibitor Awards. A first-year exhibitor may choose to participate in their age category (Jr, Sr) rather than the Novice category.
- For Food and Nutrition and Clothing and Textiles, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the Junior Fair participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging and the Skillathon.
- For General Projects, The Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the Junior Fair participant with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging and the Demonstration Contest.
- For Beef, Dogs, Goats, Horses, Llamas/Alpacas, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine, the Top Exhibitor Awards are given to the Junior Fair participants with the two highest combined scores for Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship Class placing, and Show Class placings.
- To be eligible for the Top Exhibitor Awards, all Junior Fair participants exhibiting at the Hamilton County Community Fair must participate in EACH part of the program and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and the Skillathon or the Demonstration Contest. All Project Judging, Skillathon, or Demonstration Contest scores must come from the official county events. Make-up scores will not be counted for Top Exhibitor Awards.
- Top Exhibitor Awards will be given in both the Junior and Senior divisions. Juniors being 8 – 13 years old, seniors being 14 – 18 years old. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.
- A monetary award will be given to each Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor.

SHOWMANSHIP/SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN

• SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- Each livestock species including dogs, horses, and llama/alpacas will have showmanship classes.
- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
- Showmanship is concerned with how well an animal is shown by the Junior Fair participant. The animal's conformation or its breeding is of no importance although the grooming of the animal is considered. The emphasis is on the handler's presentation of the animal both standing still and in motion. Each handler should present their animal to the judge in a way that demonstrates the animal's best qualities. Knowledge is also a part of showmanship. The Junior Fair participant should be prepared to answer questions about their animal and the species in general. For a full description of Showmanship for a specific species see the Resource Book for that species or the individual project books.
- Showmanship Divisions
 - **Senior Showmanship** - Open to all Junior Fair participants 14 to 18-years-old as of January 1st of the current year
 - **Junior Showmanship** - Open to all Junior Fair participants 8 to 13-years-old as of January 1st of the current year
 - **Novice Showmanship** - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a livestock species for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - For horses, Novice Showmanship is replaced by Walk/Trot Showmanship.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

• JOE A. WURZELBACHER SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN CONTEST

- The Showman of Showmen Contest is designed to find the top Showman from all species each year at the Hamilton County Community Fair. Each competitor in the contest will show all 10 species of animals. Each competitor will be scored for each animal. The two highest overall scores will win Grand and Reserve Champion for Showman of Showmen.
- To be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest an individual must win their

- species Champion Showmanship class.
- In each species, the winner of the Senior Showmanship class and the Junior Showmanship class will compete in a species Champion Showmanship class where the show judge will pick the best showman of the species. This person will be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
- Novice Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete in the species Champion Showmanship class.
- If one person wins the species Champion Showmanship class in multiple species, then that one person represents those animals in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
- The winner of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be ineligible to participate in the contest for the next 2 years.
- During their 2 years of ineligibility, previous Showman of Showmen winners may compete in their age-appropriate species showmanship class. If they win their showmanship class, they are ineligible to continue to the species Champion Showmanship class. In this case, the second-place participant in the showmanship class will advance to the species Champion Showmanship class.
- Only the Grand Champion will be ineligible for 2 years. The Reserve Champion will be allowed to compete the following year.
- The Grand and Reserve Champions of the Showman of Showmen Contest will be awarded belt buckles.

THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD

See the Dog section of this manual for information on the Top Dog Award.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT FAIR

4-H CLUB BOOTHS

Each 4-H club will have an opportunity to have a club booth at the Hamilton County Community Fair. These booths will be set up in the hall. Each club will select a 4-H based theme that promotes the 4-H program. The booth should be created around that theme. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the dates and times of booth set up and tear down. Also see Appendix E for the Booth Guidelines, and Booth Request Form.

ROYALTY CONTEST

The Royalty Contest is designed to develop leadership qualities in 4-H youth by selecting two youth to promote Hamilton County 4-H and the Hamilton County Community Fair throughout the year. Youth 15-18 are eligible to enter. They complete an interview with a panel of judges. They also demonstrate public speaking ability during the contest ceremony. One winning boy and girl will be selected as King and Queen. The King and Queen must each fulfill responsibilities at the fair and throughout the year, such as visiting each 4-H club, speaking in front of various groups, and participating in the Harvest Home Fair parade. Applications with complete details are available at the fair website. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the Royalty Contest application due date, and the dates of the contest interviews and the ceremony.

AFTER FAIR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

After fair ends each evening there will be fun activities for all 4-H members. These activities are different each night and may include games like water balloon volleyball, flag tag, bubble gum chewing contest, and the ever-popular shaving cream extravaganza. These activities are an opportunity for 4-H members from different clubs to get to know one another and have some fun. Activities last for about an hour. Start times for these activities are listed on the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual.

FAMILY DANCE

The Family Dance is just what it sounds like. Bring the whole family, learn a new dance, and socialize with other 4-H families. The DJ is always fun and will walk everyone through line dances, square dances, and a few other fun dances. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Family Dance.

END-OF-YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY (Takes place after fair)

All 4-H families are invited to the Annual End-of-Year 4-H Awards Ceremony. At the Award Ceremony all State Fair Delegates and Alternates will be recognized, Top Exhibitor Awards will be given out, and any other awards or recognition will be given as needed.

INDIVIDUAL SPECIES

BEEF CATTLE

Species Superintendent - Jym Quinlan, jym654@aol.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Beef Cattle Show.

In the event of the death of a beef cattle project animal, the Junior Fair participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market beef cattle project animal dies before February 1st, the Junior Fair participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If an animal dies on or after February 1st, the animal may not be replaced.

BEEF CATTLE PROJECTS

For all Beef Cattle projects complete the Beef Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Beef Breeding, Beef Feeder Calf, Dairy Beef Feeder Calf, and Market Beef. The Beef Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – BEEF CATTLE

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - **January 1st** of the current year for Market Steer, Market Heifers, and Market Dairy Steer
 - **May 1st** of the current year for Beef Breeding & Feeder Calves
- **Registrations** - All beef cattle projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
 - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline for Market Steer, Market Heifers, Market Dairy Steer, and Feeder Calves – Within 7 days of the above possession dates.
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal.
 - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, www.hccfair.com.
- **Quality assurance** - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are required to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information.
- Only animals shown in individual classes may be shown in group classes.
- Beef must be cleaned before entering the barn on Animal Move-In day.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.

MARKET ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE

- **MARKET CATTLE INFORMATION**
 - Market steer projects must weigh a minimum of 1000 pounds in order to be sold.
 - Market beef heifer projects must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds in order to be sold.
 - All steers and market heifers must be dehorned to be exhibited/sold.
 - Project market animals must be beef breed.
 - Cattle shown as market steers or market heifers may be no older than 24 months of age at time of weigh-in. If at any time during fair, any concern as to the age of the animal is raised by another participant, fair board member, superintendent or veterinarian, the fair veterinarian will verify with a tooth examination. If the fair veterinarian concludes the animal is past 24 months of age, it will be ineligible to show or sell and would have to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
 - If project market animal is dairy cross, there will be an individual class if FIVE steers are registered. If there are not five dairy cross steers registered, animals will show WITH beef steers.
 - A total of four (4) market steers/heifers may be exhibited/sold by a Junior Fair participant during the current project year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).
 - Participants must have all market steers/heifers on dry feed by January 1st.
 - Market cattle are not to be on nursing cows or pasture after January 1st.
- **FEEDER CALF INFORMATION**
 - Feeder calf project animals must be born between July 1st, of the previous year and April 1st of the current year to be exhibited/sold in the current year.
 - Feeder calves must be castrated/de-horned and healed by May 1st.

- A total of three (3) feeder calves may be exhibited/sold by a Junior Fair participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).
- Feeder calves must be weaned by May 1st and halter broken in order to show/sell.
- Feeder calves must weigh a minimum of 300 pounds in order to be sold.
 - If necessary, feeder calf classes will be divided by weight.
- Feeder calves may be exhibited in showmanship classes by their owner.
- **Feeder calf project animals that die may NOT be replaced.**
- **Feeder calves do not have to be sold through the Livestock Sale.**
- Grand and Reserve Champion feeder calves are not required to be processed if sold through the Livestock Sale.
- A feeder calf project animal may be shown at the Hamilton County Community Fair and Harvest Home Fair.

BREEDING ANIMALS – BEEF CATTLE

- Beef breeding females over 36 months of age must have produced a living calf within 12 months of exhibition or a veterinarian's proof of pregnancy must accompany the animal's health certificate.
- All beef breeding project animals must have a form of identification for the Project Commitment Form.

BEEF CATTLE SHOW

- **BEEF CATTLE SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP** – For a description of Showmanship see the Beef Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
 - If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all beef exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all beef exhibitors 8 to 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a beef project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a Species Superintendent may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.
- **BEEF CATTLE SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

Market Heifers - Market Steers - Grouped by weight for classes

Dairy Cross Class – Must have five (5) in this class to have individual class. If five are not registered, dairy cross steers will show with beef steers.

Feeder Calves – Grouped by weight for classes

Beef Breeding Classes

Junior Heifer Calf - born after January 1, of the current year.

Senior Heifer Calf - born between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.

Summer Yearling Heifer - born between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.

Junior Yearling Heifer - born between January 1 and April 30 of the previous year.

Senior Yearling Heifer - born between August 1 and December 31 of two years ago from the current year.

Beef Production - Female animal over two (2) years without calf; safe in calving only

Cow with Calf - calf at side born after January 1 of the current year.

Junior Bull Calf - born after January 1 of the current year. (Must be exhibited in the Cow with Calf Class)

Pair of Females -Animals must have been exhibited in one of the other beef breeding classes.

- **AWARDS FOR BEEF CATTLE SHOW**

- o 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each beef cattle class.
- o Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Heifer, Market Steer, Feeder Calves, and Beef Breeding.
- o 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- o Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

GOATS

Species Superintendent - Tim Dicke, tdickehof2004@gmail.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Goat Show.

In the event of the death of a goat project animal, the Junior Fair participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market goat project animal dies before May 15th, the Junior Fair participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15th, the animal may not be replaced.

GOAT PROJECTS

For all Goat projects complete the Goat Project and Record Book each year. This book includes Dairy Goats, Breeding - Meat Goats, Fiber Goats, Harness Goats, Market - Dairy, Meat or Cross Goats, Pack Goats, Pygmy Goats, Nigerian Dwarf Goats and Companion - Pet Goats. The Goat Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - GOATS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - **April 1st** of the current year for Market Goat and Dairy Goat projects
 - **May 1st** of the current year for Breeding Goat projects
- **Registrations** - All goat projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
 - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline for Market Goats only – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
 - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, www.hccfair.com.
- **Quality assurance** - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market or dairy animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- All goats must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
 - **ANY goat of ANY age on the fairgrounds (those entered and companion animals) MUST have a Scrapies ID # tag/micro chip/tattoo on their body. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
- All goats brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.
- Goats do not have to be dehorned, however if not disbudded/dehorned, they should have horn tips cut off in a blunt manner. The Species Superintendent and the members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board reserve the right to put horn guards on all goats with horns.
- If a goat is dehorned, there is a maximum of 1 ½ inches permissible on scurs. Scurs occur where the dehorning of a naturally horned animal has been incomplete. They are not attached to the animal's skull and are loosely attached by skin.

MARKET ANIMALS - GOATS

- Market goats must be born on or after November 1st of the previous year.
- Market goats must be castrated and healed by April 1st of the current year.
- Market goats can be does or wethers.
- Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds in order to sell in the Livestock Sale.
- Classes may be divided into three types:
 - Dairy/Crossbred

- Pure bred (Boer, Spanish, Kiko).
- Nigerian Dwarf/Pygmy
- A Junior Fair participant may exhibit and sell a maximum of three (3) market goats.
- Market goats must be slick clipped at the time of the goat show.

BREEDING ANIMALS – DOE GOATS

- Age and animal identification number must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Does shown in a breeding class may NOT also compete in a market class.
- Breeding goats do not have to be dehorned.
- No bucks or billies will be allowed on the fairgrounds..
- Does will show according to breed and age. Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the Species Superintendent.

DAIRY GOATS

- Dairy Goats may have horns as breed characteristics.
- Age and lactation status must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- Ages are as follows:
 - kid (less than one year on the day of the show)
 - yearling (over one year but less than two years of age on the day of the show)
 - senior (over two years of age on the day of the show).
- Lactation status is as follows:
 - dry (on day of show)
 - lactating (on day of show)
- Dairy goats will show according to breed and age of the goat.
- Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the Species Superintendent.
- Dairy goats may be shown as follows:
 - Alpine
 - LaMancha
 - Nubian
 - Nigerian Dwarf
 - Oberhasli
 - Saanen
 - Toggenburg
 - Cross-bred of any two breeds above

COMPANION GOATS

- **PYGMY GOATS**
 - Pygmy goats do not have to be dehorned.
 - Age and sex must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- **NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS - WETHERS**
 - Nigerian dwarf goats do not have to be dehorned.
 - Age and sex must be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- **HARNESS GOATS**
 - May be doe or wether.
 - Harness goats do not have to be dehorned.
 - Goat must be properly identified and listed as such on the Project Commitment Form
 - **HARNESS KID GOATS**
 - The kid goat must be halter broken and led by the exhibitor with a lead strap.
 - Animal should properly respond to the voice commands of:
 - Stop - Go - Back
 - This is the first (1st) year animal is exhibited.
 - **HARNESS YEARLING GOATS**
 - The goat will be harnessed and pull an empty cart.
 - The goat should properly respond to the voice commands of:
 - Stop - Back
 - Go
 - This is the second (2nd) year the animal is exhibited.

- **SENIOR HARNESS GOATS**
 - The goat will be harnessed and pull a cart driven by the exhibitor.
 - The goat must respond to the following voice commands while pulling the cart and exhibitor through the designated obstacle course.
 - Stop - Back - Left
 - Go - Right
 - This is the third (3rd) year the goat is exhibited.

GOAT SHOW

- **GOAT SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **GOAT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Goat Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
 - If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all goat exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all goat exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a goat project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **GOAT SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

Dairy Goat

Alpine	Oberhasli	Nigerian Dwarf
LaMancha	Saanen	Crossbred of any 2 breeds
Nubian	Toggenburg	from the other 6 classes

Companion Goat

Harness - Kid	Pygmy	Nigerian Dwarf
Harness - Yearling	Pygmy - Does	Nigerian Dwarf - Does
Harness – Senior	Pygmy – Wethers	Nigerian Dwarf - Wethers
Wether – Any Breed		

Breeding Goat

Boer Doe	Meat Goat
Boer/Dairy Crossbred	Boer Doe
Angora	Boer/Dairy Crossbred
Other Breeds	

- **AWARDS FOR GOAT SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each goat class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Breeding Goat, and Companion Goat.
- 1st and 2nd Place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined

- scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
 - o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
 - o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

LLAMAS & ALPACAS

Species Superintendent – Cindy Howard, kc8fdr@gmail.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Llama & Alpaca Show.

LLAMA & ALPACA PROJECTS

For all llama and alpaca projects complete the Llama and Alpaca Project and Record Book each year. The Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – LLAMAS & ALPACAS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - **April 1st** of the current year for all llama and alpaca projects
- **Registrations** - All llama and alpaca projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
- Animals used for llama and alpaca projects may be owned or leased by the Junior Fair participant.
- Llamas and alpacas must be five months or older on the day of the show.
- All llamas and alpacas must be in accordance with current health regulations.
- Llamas and alpacas must be neatly groomed and free of disease.
- Llamas and alpacas must be sufficiently broke to lead by the exhibitor.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR LLAMA AND ALPACA SHOW

- Llamas and alpacas will be shown together if there are not enough animals to make separate classes.
- Besides showmanship there will be an obstacle course class. This class will include 8 – 10 obstacles. Obstacle possibilities could include walking through streamers, backing a circle, picking up a blanket or sheet and rubbing it on the animal, change of pace, bridges, walking around an inanimate or animate object, weaving around objects, or ducking.

LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW

- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans.
 - Skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes.
- **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Llama and Alpaca Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
 - If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all llama and alpaca exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a llama or alpaca project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

▪ **LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

Showmanship Obstacle Course

• **AWARDS FOR LLAMA & ALPACA SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each llama and alpaca class.
- 1st Place trophies will be given in each llama/alpaca show class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

LLAMA & ALPACA FUN SHOW

Full details of this contest will be available from the Species Super prior to the 2024 Fair.

The purpose of the Llama and Alpaca Fun Show is to allow any Junior Fair participant to have a fun experience with a llama or alpaca.

- Animals will be provided for the Fun Show.
- All participants must be registered Junior Fair participants.
- Classes for the Fun Show will vary from year to year and include events such as Costume Contest, Ribbon Lead, Egg on Spoon, Musical Rugs for Tiny Tots and more.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place for each class in the Llama & Alpaca Fun Show.
- See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of the Llama & Alpaca Fun Show.

POULTRY

Species Superintendent – Charlie Taylor, ct4hpoultry@gmail.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Poultry Show.

If a poultry project animal dies before 4 weeks prior to Animal Move-In, the Junior Fair participant has 7 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after 4 weeks prior to Animal Move-In, the animal may not be replaced.

POULTRY PROJECTS

For all Poultry projects complete the Poultry Project and Record Book each year.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - POULTRY

- **Roaster Chickens and Market Chickens must be purchased from the Fair Board at \$4.00/bird, unsexed.** The maximum number of birds purchased per participant will be 50, no minimum. Contact Poultry Superintendent to purchase chicks.
- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates.
 - Market Turkeys – 12 to 26 weeks prior to Weigh In, must weigh at least 14 lbs at Weigh In
 - Breeding/Exhibition Poultry (including Waterfowl) - May 1st of the current year
 - Roaster Chicken – Fair Board to purchase Roaster Chicks 11 weeks prior to Weigh-In and must be in participants possession 10 weeks prior to Weigh-In. Roasters must weigh at least 6 lbs at Weigh In
 - Market Chickens Pen of 3 - Fair Board to purchase Market Chicks 7 weeks prior to Weigh-In and must be in participants possession 6 weeks prior to Weigh-In. A Pen of Market chickens must weigh a Min. 10 lbs. - Max. 21 lbs., min. 2.75 lbs. per individual.
 - Market Ducks, Market Geese – 7 to 9 weeks prior to Weigh In, must meet weight requirements.
- **Registrations** - All poultry projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
- **Quality assurance** - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **Pullorum Testing** - In accordance with state and national regulations, evidence of pullorum-free status must be presented at check-in for all poultry except waterfowl. Poultry must be certified pullorum-free 3 weeks prior to check-in. Turkeys require specialized pullorum testing. Exhibitors are responsible for any costs associated with pullorum testing. **No poultry will be allowed on the fairgrounds without appropriate pullorum-free certification.**
- All birds **MUST** be clean and dry at Weigh-in.
- All Junior Fair participants are allowed up to 2 entries per class.
- Breed and variety are to be listed on the Project Commitment Form.
- All Junior Fair participants will be required to bring their own birds to the table for judging.
 - When an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor's second entry may be shown by a family participant, another Junior Fair participant, or his/her 4-H Advisor.
- No bird may be shown in more than one class except showmanship.
- The bird used for showmanship, must also be shown by the Junior Fair participant in a breed or market class. Turkeys have a separate showmanship class than other poultry.
- If on evaluation by the species superintendent and/or fair veterinarian poultry is deemed overly dirty or unhealthy, poultry may be asked to be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Any classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the species superintendent.
- All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their poultry during the fair.

MARKET ANIMALS – POULTRY

- All market animals are terminal.
- All Market Poultry, (Market Chickens, Chicken Roasters, Market Waterfowl and Market Turkeys) are limited to 2 entries per class per participant.
- Market birds may be purchased as live animals and be in the possession of the Junior Fair participant by 7 days of age. Market birds may (but do not have to be) hatched from an egg by the Junior Fair

participant (except for Roaster Chickens and Market Chickens which are to be purchased from the Fair Board).

- If turkeys are hatched by the Junior Fair participant, the eggs must come from a NPIP certified source (certification must be supplied at Weigh In) and any flock already in your possession must fall under **up to date** NPIP certification, or Pollorum testing must be performed by a certified veterinarian or professional 3 weeks prior to check-in. (Turkeys are tested by blood draw, not a stick like other poultry.)
- **Market Chickens and Market Turkeys** may be de-beaked, de-toed, dubbed, or subjected to any practice accepted in the commercial production of meat type poultry.
- A **Pen of Market Chickens** will consist of three (3) birds.
 - Maximum pen weight - 21.0 pounds
 - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
 - No individual bird may weigh less than 2.75 pounds
 - No more than 3 birds/pen may be brought to weigh in, so birds should be weighed at home.. If a pen does not make weight, one bird may be taken home and another brought in as a replacement. This may be done one time. If the pen still does not make weight, all 3 birds must be taken home.
- **Chicken Roasters** are individuals. Minimum weight for a **Roaster** is 6.0 pounds.
- **Market Turkeys** may be either sex and any breed. Minimum weight for a **Market Turkey** is 14.0 pounds.
- **Market Ducks** must be shown as a pen of two (2) ducks. The pen can be any combination of sexes.
 - Minimum pen weight - 10.0 pounds
 - No individual may weigh less than 4.25 pounds.
- **Market Geese** are shown individually. Minimum weight for a **Market Goose** is 6.0 pounds.
- Junior Fair participants who have market poultry that are processed prior to the end of fair are to assist with cleaning and teardown of pens and market exhibition area between 8:30am and 10:00am the day of processing. If unable to assist, participant must contact the species superintendent with a valid excuse. If the participant does not contact the species superintendent and does not help, it is at the discretion of the Community Fair Association Board to not allow the participant to show poultry in the next year's fair.

EXHIBITION (BREEDING) ANIMALS – POULTRY

Exhibition poultry are all non-market animals. They are evaluated for breed perfection or egg production.

- **Chicken Age Definitions**

Pullet - Female Chicken under 1 year	Cockerel - Male Chicken under 1 year
Hen - Female Chicken 1 year and older	Cock - Male Chicken 1 year and older
- **Turkey Age Definitions**

Jenny - Female Turkey under 1 year	Jake - Male Turkey under 1 year
Hen - Female Turkey 1 year and older	Tom - Male Turkey 1 year and older
- **Miscellaneous poultry** includes Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, and Pheasant.
 - Consult with the Species Superintendent if a species is not listed.

POULTRY SHOW

- **POULTRY SHOW ATTIRE**
 - A long-sleeved shirt or a long-sleeved white lab coat.
 - Long blue or black slacks/jeans or skirt falling at or below the knee.
 - Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.
- **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Poultry project books and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
 - Turkey exhibitors will participate in turkey showmanship.
 - All others will be grouped together in poultry showmanship.
 - If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all poultry exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all poultry exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a poultry project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship

- and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
- If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

▪ **POULTRY SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

CHICKEN

Standard Breeds

- One Single Standard Pullet
- One Single Standard Hen
- One Single Standard Cockerel
- One Single Standard Cock
- Pair of Standard Hens (same breed & variety)
- Breeding Pair of Standard (male/female same breed & variety)

Bantams

- One Single Bantam Pullet
- One Single Bantam Hen
- One Single Bantam Cockerel
- One Single Bantam Cock
- Pair of Bantam Hens (same breed and variety)
- Breeding Pair of Bantams (male/female same breed & variety)

Egg Production

- One Egg Production Pullet
- One Egg Production Hen

Market

- Pen of 3 Market chickens
- Single Market roaster

WATER FOWL (Duck, Goose, Swan, Other)

Breeding

- Single Female less than 1 year
- Single Female 1 year or older
- Single Male less than 1 year
- Single Male 1 year or older
- Breeding Pair (same breed & variety, one of male and female)

Market

- Pair of Ducks (any sex combination)
- Individual Market Goose

MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY (Peafowl, Guinea Fowl, Partridge, Pigeon, Quail, Pheasant, Other)

Breeding

- Single Female less than 1 year
- Single Female 1 year or older
- Single Male less than 1 year
- Single Male 1 year or older
- Breeding Pair (same breed & variety, one of male and female)

TURKEY

Breeding

- Single Jenny
- Single Hen
- Single Jake
- Single Tom

Market

- Single Market Turkey

• **AWARDS FOR POULTRY SHOW**

- o 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each poultry class.
- o Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Standard Breeds, Egg Production, Bantams, Exhibition Waterfowl, Market Chicken, Roaster, Market Turkey, and Market Waterfowl.
- o 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- o Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

RABBITS

Species Superintendent - Stephanni Schweitzer-Weiler, StephS00123@gmail.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Rabbit Show.

If a rabbit project animal dies before the possession date, the Junior Fair participant may replace that animal. If a rabbit project animal dies on or after the possession date, the Superintendent must be notified immediately, and the animal may only be replaced by the SAME breed, that is ALREADY in the Junior Fair participant's possession and meets all possession date and other fair-related requirements.

RABBIT PROJECTS

There are three rabbit project options: 1) **Breeding Rabbit (228BR)** and 2) **Market Rabbit (228MA)**, are Livestock projects, and 3) **Pet Rabbit (228PE)** which is a General Project. Livestock animals (Breeding and Market Rabbit) DO participate in the Fair Rabbit Show, and the project animals are kept on the fairgrounds during the fair. General Project/Pet Rabbits are brought to Project Judging but do NOT stay on the fairgrounds, nor do they participate in the Rabbit Show.

Rabbit Project and Record Book: All three (3) Rabbit Projects are now combined in the same Project and Record Book. Each Junior Fair participant should complete the section/pages of the Rabbit Project and Record Book that are applicable for their project judging. *A NEW project book must be used and filled out each year.*

The Rabbit Resource Handbook is a required resource for all three projects (Breeding, Market, and Pet) but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members. NOTE: The Rabbit Skillathon is primarily based on information provided during clinics and found in the Rabbit Resource Handbook.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - RABBITS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - **May 1st** of the current year for Breeding Rabbits
 - **June 1st** of the current year for Market Rabbits
- **Registrations** - All rabbit projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
- **Quality Assurance**
 - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
 - **DUNF forms are required for Market Rabbit projects. An online form must be completed for each Market project animal and all three (3) animals in a Meat Pen. DUNF forms are NOT needed for Breeder Rabbit projects.**
- **Tattoos**
 - **All Breeding and Market (Meat Pen, Single Fryers or Single Roasters) rabbits MUST have a permanent (clamp, pleyer or permanent pen style) and legible tattoo-style ID in the LEFT ear.** Tattoo must be done with a clamp, pleyer or pen that punctures the ID permanently into the ear. No Sharpie marker or temporary markings will be accepted.
 - **All rabbits must be tattooed by the participant no later than one week prior to bringing the rabbits to the fairgrounds.** If assistance by the species superintendent is needed, you must give notice **at the TIME OF POSSESSION** so a schedule can be arranged.
 - Breeding and market rabbits without a permanent and legible tattoo will not be permitted to exhibit in the Junior Fair Rabbit Show. If Market rabbits are not tattooed properly, they will not be sold through the Livestock Sale due to processor rules.
 - All participants must register the tattoo numbers of all rabbits they wish to show at the Hamilton County Community Fair on the Project Commitment Form. The only exceptions are MARKET rabbits that are unborn or too young to be tattooed at the time of submitting the Project Commitment Form.
 - If a change to a registered tattoo is needed, it MUST be given in person to the Species Superintendent prior to rabbit weigh-in/check-in.
 - Tattoos will be documented and confirmed at weigh-in/check-in and cannot be changed.
 - If a rabbit is brought into the show ring that does not match the registered tattoos listed, the

participant will be disqualified and removed from the show ring. If it is a market project, the participant will not be allowed to sell the project at the Livestock Auction.

- No rabbits other than those registered for fair and properly tattooed are permitted in the rabbit tent.
- No kits/litters of a senior doe are permitted. NOTE: if you want to show your senior doe at fair, DO NOT breed it if it will have babies that are too young to be separated and left at home.
- **Project Commitment Form**
 - All Junior Fair participants MUST provide the following information for each individual BREEDING rabbit on the Project Commitment Form.
 - Class (4 Class, 6 Class)
 - Breed
 - Tattoo ID
 - Division;
 1. Age (Senior or Junior)
 2. Sex (Buck or Doe)
 - If a mistake is made by the Junior Fair participant, he/she should contact the Species Superintendent PRIOR to weigh-in/check-in or the rabbit will be disqualified from the breed class. The rabbit may still participate in the showmanship class.
 - If the Junior Fair participant is unsure of the rabbit breed or sex, contact the species superintendent for assistance prior to submitting the Project Commitment Form.
 - If the Junior Fair participant is showing more than one (1) rabbit in the same class (i.e. two senior does or two junior bucks), then he/she MUST be able to handle both/all animals in the class, or have another 4-H exhibitor lined up to help in advance. If help is not prearranged, the Junior Fair participant will not be able to show the extra rabbits.
- **Project Judging**
 - The **Breeding Rabbit** Junior Fair participant must complete the applicable section/pages of the Rabbit Project and Record Book.
 - If doing a **Market Rabbit** project, the Junior Fair participant may choose between completing either the Breeding portion or the Market portion of the Project Book.
 - For **Pet Rabbit** Projects, complete the applicable portion of the Rabbit Project and Record Book *each year*. Pet Rabbits are NOT Livestock. (See the “General Projects” section of this manual for more information or contact your Club Advisor.)
 - For all projects, the completed Project Book must be presented at project judging, along with the educational display.

BREEDING ANIMALS – RABBITS

- A Junior Fair participant entering a Market Rabbit in the Rabbit Show must also participate in a Breeding Rabbit project and exhibit at least one other rabbit in a Breeding Rabbit class. **There is an exception to this rule for participants in their last two years of eligibility. Please see below for details.**
- All rabbits that are not market projects are considered breeding projects.
- Breeding rabbits may or may not have been bred prior to fair.
- Breeding rabbits are shown in one of two classes (4 Class or 6 Class); and one of four Divisions based on sex and age (see below).
- **Rabbits must be a minimum of 8 weeks (2 months) old at the time of check in to participate at fair.**
- Note: “Pet Rabbit” Projects are NOT Livestock and are not kept at fair.

MARKET ANIMALS - RABBITS

- In addition to the breeding classes, a Junior Fair participant is permitted to exhibit up to two (2) meat pens, up to two (2) single fryers, and up to two (2) single roasters.
- **Unless utilizing the exception below,** participants entering a Market Rabbit in the Rabbit Show must also participate in a Breeding Rabbit project and exhibit at least one other rabbit in a Breeding Rabbit class.
- **MARKET PROJECT ONLY OPTION.** A Senior Showman who is 4-H age 17 or 18 years old with at least four (4) years of previous participation in Breeding Rabbit livestock projects, may choose and is permitted to take only a Market Rabbit project, to show market rabbits only in their final two years of eligibility. **Participants must inform the Superintendent of their intent in advance, and must participate in project judging, skillathon, showmanship, and rabbit show judging to be eligible for the auction.**
- A Junior Fair participant may use a single rabbit from his/her market/meat rabbit pen in showmanship classes.
- Market rabbits are intended to be sold at auction and processed; therefore, they may only be shown once in a Junior Fair Rabbit Show Market Class and may not have been exhibited previously, nor can they be exhibited later in another rabbit class or by any other Junior Fair participant.

- **MEAT PEN INFORMATION**

- A meat pen consists of three (3) fryer rabbits.
- Each rabbit must weigh a minimum of 2 ½ (2.5) pounds and a maximum of 5½ (5.5) pounds and each rabbit may not be older than 10 weeks prior to weigh-in.
- A meat pen exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will **NOT** be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.

- **SINGLE FRYER INFORMATION**

- A single fryer consists of one (1) rabbit.
- A single fryer must weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of 5½ (5.5) pounds and may not be older than ten (10) weeks of age at weigh-in.
- A single fryer exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will **NOT** be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.

- **SINGLE ROASTER INFORMATION**

- A single roaster consists of one (1) rabbit.
- A single roaster must weigh a minimum of 5½ (5.5) pounds and maximum of ten (10) pounds, and may not be older than six (6) months of age at weigh-in.
- A single roaster exhibit not meeting the min/max weight per rabbit will NOT be permitted to sell in the Livestock Sale.

RABBIT SHOW

- **RABBIT SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

- **RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Rabbit Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all rabbit exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a rabbit project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent first.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **RABBIT SHOW CLASSES**

Note: If there are not at least three (3) rabbits in each division, they may be merged or dropped. The final determination of show classes/divisions will be made by the Species Superintendent prior to fair based on the Project Commitment Forms; and changes may be made based on final registrations at animal weigh-in/check-in.

4 Class Breeding Rabbits

(American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Chinchilla (standard), Blue Holicer, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Rex, Tan, Thrianta),

Division 1: Senior Buck - 8 months & older
Division 2: Senior Doe - 8 months & older

Division 3: Junior Buck – 2 to 8 months old
Division 4: Junior Doe – 2 to 8 months old

6 Class Breeding Rabbits

(American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc De Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox)

Division 5: Senior Buck - 8 months & older
Division 6: Senior Doe - 8 months & older

Division 7: Junior Buck – 2 to 8 months old
Division 8: Junior Doe – 2 to 8 months old

Market Class (Market/Meat Rabbits must be breeds from the “6 Class Breeding Rabbits” list).
Please see the ‘Market Animals’ section above for details and specifications.

Division 9: Pen of 3 (Fryers)

Division 10: Single Fryer

Division 11: Single Roaster

- **AWARDS FOR RABBIT SHOW**

- o 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each of the 8 Breeding Rabbit Divisions.
- o Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given in each of the 2 Breeding Classes.
- o Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given in each of the 3 Market Divisions.
- o 1st and 2nd place winners in Junior and Senior Showmanship will receive trophies.
- o Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship, and Class/Division placings.
- o To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- o Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- o Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

SHEEP

Species Superintendent - Debbie Roell, kdroell@fuse.net

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Sheep Show.

In the event of the death of a sheep project animal, the Junior Fair participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market lamb project animal dies before May 15th, participant has 14 days to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15th, the animal may not be replaced.

SHEEP PROJECTS

There are two sheep projects: Market Lamb Project and Record Book and Pilot Sheep Breeding Project and Record Book. For all Sheep projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Sheep Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS - SHEEP

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - **April 1st** of the current year for Market Lamb projects
 - **May 1st** of the current year for Breeding Sheep projects
- **Registrations** - All sheep projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
 - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline (Market Lambs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags or scrapie number.
 - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, www.hccfair.com.
- **Quality assurance** - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- All market lambs must be properly identified and reported as such on the Market Animal Registration Form.
 - **ANY sheep of ANY age on the fairgrounds MUST have a Scrapies ID # in either tattoo, ear tag or microchip form on their bodies. This is a requirement for the Hamilton County Community Fair and supersedes any other county or state fair rule.**
- All sheep brought to the fairgrounds are required to be in accordance with the current health regulations **AND** the current Scrapie Program Regulations according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Animals not properly ID'd upon arrival at the fairgrounds will be immediately sent home and disqualified from showing.

MARKET ANIMALS - SHEEP

- Market lambs may not be on pasture after April 1st. They must be on dry feed only.
- Market lambs must be born on or after December 1 of the previous year.
- Market lambs must weigh a minimum of **90 pounds** in order to be sold.
- Market lambs must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.
- Only slick shear cuts (1/4 inch or less) will be permitted on market lambs.
- Animals must be brought to the fairgrounds slick sheared and clean.
- Wet market lambs will not be weighed.
- A total of five (5) market lambs may be exhibited/sold by a Junior Fair participant during the project calendar year (Oct.1- Sept.30).

BREEDING ANIMALS - SHEEP

- All breeding project animals must have some form of identification tag for the Project Commitment Form.
- Breeding sheep must come to fair with Scrapie Identification as required by Ohio Livestock Rules.

SHEEP SHOW

• **SHEEP SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, appropriately buttoned, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a Skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

• **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Sheep Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all sheep exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all sheep exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a sheep project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

• **SHEEP SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

Market Lambs

Single Market Lamb

Home Grown Single Market Lamb

Pair of Market Lambs

Sheep Breeding

May be separated into classes if deemed necessary by the Species Superintendent

Ram Lamb

Ewe - under 1 year (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - over 1 year and under 2 years (as of July 31 of current year)

Ewe - 2 years and over (as of July 31 of current year) and produced offspring

• **AWARDS FOR SHEEP SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each sheep class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Lamb, Sheep Breeding, Pair of Market Lambs, and Home-Grown Lamb.
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

SWINE

Species Superintendent – Brianna Kelhoffer, briannakelhoffer@gmail.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Swine Show.

In the event of the death of a swine project animal, the Junior Fair participant must notify the Species Superintendent immediately and the death must be verified by the Species Superintendent or a Hamilton County Community Fair Board Member. If a market swine project animal dies before May 15th, the Junior Fair participant has one week (7 days) to purchase a replacement animal. If a project animal dies on or after May 15th, the project may not be replaced.

SWINE PROJECTS

There are two swine projects: Market Hog Project and Record Book and Swine Breeding Project and Record Book. (However, Hamilton County does not currently have a swine breeding program.) For all Swine projects complete the appropriate Project and Record Book each year. The Swine Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – SWINE

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - April 1st of the current year for Market Hog projects
- **Registrations** - All swine projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - **4-H Enrollment Form** deadline – March 1st
 - **Project Commitment Form** deadline – May 7th
 - **Market Animal Registration Form** deadline (Market Hogs only) – Within 7 days of the above possession date
 - Market Animal Registration Forms must also include four (4) photos of the animal, and current tags and ear notch reading.
 - All forms will be submitted online. Links will be available from the Species Superintendent or can be found on the fair website, www.hccfair.com.
- **Quality assurance** - Junior Fair participants who wish to exhibit a **market animal** are **required** to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance training, **along with a parent or guardian**. See the Quality Assurance Training for Livestock Projects section in this manual for more information on Quality Assurance Training.
- **No market hog** exhibited at the Hamilton County Community Fair **may be fed the feed additive Paylean/Ractopamine HCL**.
- Health papers must be given to the Species Superintendent by weigh-in time if the animal is transported across a state line for exhibition. Health papers must be dated within 30 days of the show.
- Swine exhibitors may not slick clip or body shave market hogs except on the ears, tail and underline.
- If questions arise regarding the length of body hair on a swine project, the Species Superintendent will measure the body hair.
- The body hair length needs to be at least **one-half inch** in length or the market hog in question will be disqualified from showing and selling at the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- If an exhibitor or parent questions whether a market hog has been slick clipped or body shaved, the Grievance Procedure must be followed.

MARKET ANIMALS - SWINE

- Market hogs must be born on or after December 1st of previous year.
- Market hogs must weigh between 220 pounds and 320 pounds in order to be shown in the Swine Show or sold in the Livestock Sale.
- A total of five (5) market hogs may be exhibited and sold by a Junior Fair participant during the project calendar year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30).

BREEDING ANIMALS – SWINE

Hamilton County 4-H does not currently have a breeding swine program.

SWINE SHOW

- **SWINE SHOW ATTIRE**

- A clean, buttoned appropriately, tucked in, collared shirt with short or long sleeves.
- Long blue or black slacks/jeans or a skirt falling at or below the knee.
- Footwear must consist of work boots or heavy shoes. Athletic type shoes are NOT permitted.

- **SWINE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Swine Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.

- For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
- If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all swine exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all swine exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Novice Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a swine project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
 - If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **SWINE SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

Single Market Hog

- Weight Class Grading and Placing

- **AWARDS FOR SWINE SHOW**

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each swine class.
- Grand and Reserve Champion banners will be given for Market Hog and Home-Grown Hog.
- 1st and 2nd place winners in Showmanship will receive trophies.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

DOGS

Species Superintendents - Cindy Capannari, gccapi@yahoo.com & Hannah Capannari, capannarih@yahoo.com

See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Dog Show.

DOG PROJECTS

For all dog projects complete the Dog Project and Record Book each year. This project book includes the following projects: You and Your Dog, Obedience, Showmanship, Performance, and Working Dog. The Dog Resource Handbook is also needed for these projects but only needs to be purchased once and can be used by multiple family members.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – DOGS

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - April 1st of the current year for Dog projects
- **Registrations** - All dog projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Later or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – May 7th
 - Additional Required Dog Paperwork deadline – May 7th
- Youth participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair Dog Show must participate in the care of the dog for the duration of the project including being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the dog.
- If a Junior Fair participant does not own the dog he/she wants to use for the Hamilton County Community Fair Dog Show, special permission must be obtained from the Species Superintendents. The Species Superintendents will determine if there is adequate opportunity for participation in the care of the dog. The decision of the Species Superintendents will be final. To show at the State Fair, a Junior Fair participant must own the dog they intend to show.
- Exhibition projects will be allowed at the Species Superintendents discretion. Exhibition projects are not allowed at State Fair.
- If a family has one dog and two Junior Fair participants who want to show the dog, the dog can be shown in different classes by the two participants but not in the same class. The two participants must be in different showmanship classes, and they can divide the obedience, rally and/or agility classes so they are not in the same class. At the state level, participants cannot share a dog.
- From the time the participant joins the dog project, which is on or before April 1st of the current year, to the dog show; he/she is required to participate with their dog in a minimum of six (6) training sessions offered by the official 4-H volunteer dog trainers in Hamilton County. Youth and dog teams may participate in training sessions given by non-4H trainers but these do not count toward the 6 required sessions with the official 4-H trainers.
- **Required Paperwork (Vaccination, License, Permission to Participate) – ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY MAY 7th IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DOG SHOW**
 - Instructions for the submission of this additional paperwork will come from the Species Superintendent well in advance of the deadline.
 - Dogs must be currently licensed in their county of residence.
 - All dogs participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair shall be immunized against distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. Vaccinations **MUST** be given by a licensed veterinarian.
 - The Certificate of Vaccination Form for the Ohio State Fair Junior Dog show must be filled out by the veterinarian. This form can be found in Appendix F.
 - Veterinarians must note the expiration date of the rabies vaccine and any deviations from the required vaccinations (i.e. leptospirosis vaccination not given by veterinarian or dog's titer tested in lieu of vaccinations) on the Certificate of Vaccination.
 - All required vaccinations for dogs must be current through the date of the dog show each year.
 - A Permission to Participate Form must be filled out for all participants in the dog show. This form can be found in Appendix F.
 - The Certificate of Vaccination Form, proof of license, and Permission to Participate Form **MUST** be submitted by May 7th per the instructions from the Species Superintendent. Dogs will not be allowed on the fairgrounds if this information has not been provided.

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR DOG SHOW

- The Species Superintendents may disallow a dog/youth team from participating in the show if they have not mastered the necessary skills to compete safely in the competition.
- Female dogs in season are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- Junior Fair participants must provide their own leash, water dish, kennel (if desired), and any equipment needed.
- Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging.
- Junior Fair participants are fully responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds.
- Junior Fair participants are expected to clean up after their dogs.
- The judge may dismiss from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior or any Junior Fair participant abusing their dog (verbally and/or physically).
- The Species Superintendent and the members of the Hamilton County Community Fair Executive Board have the right and responsibility to remove any person being abusive to show personnel. They will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Only the 4-H dog, the Junior Fair participant, and show officials will be permitted in the ring while any class is being judged.
- Using bait in Showmanship is allowed.
- Food, treats, or toys are not permitted on the show floor during obedience classes.
- Dogs must be clean and brushed, free from matted hair, fleas, ticks, and any internal and/or external diseases.
- Purebred dogs do not have to be in regulation show clip.
- **Obedience**
 - Obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or slip collars of an appropriate single length made from leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end.
 - Fancy collars, or special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted.
 - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
 - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and should be 6 feet in length.
 - Chain leashes are not acceptable.
- **Showmanship**
 - Showmanship collars include a chain or fabric slip collar, or martingale-type show lead.
 - Nothing shall be hanging from the collars.
 - Leashes may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog.
 - Chain leashes are not acceptable.

DOG SHOW

- **DOG SHOW ATTIRE**
 - Junior Fair participants should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
 - Appropriate clothing for dog show classes other than agility is dress pants or skirt hitting just above or below the knee with a nice top for girls, dress pants and a nice shirt for boys. Closed toe shoes should be worn, no sandals. Ties are optional for boys, but some judges will take off a point for not wearing a tie. Hats, jeans, T-shirts, apparel with slogans, 4-H club or dog club names, etc. should not be worn in the show ring.
 - Clothing for all classes should not limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog and should remain in place when the Junior Fair participant bends over to work with his/her dog.
- **DOG SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Dog Resource Handbook and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - **Showmanship questions/interview will be conducted at Livestock Project Judging.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for the date and time of Livestock Project Judging.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.
 - If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
 - **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all dog exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all dog exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
 - **Novice Showmanship**

- Open to all Junior Fair participants in the Junior or Senior age group showing a dog project for the FIRST TIME EVER. A participant may OPT OUT of Novice Showmanship and show in their age category but must notify the Species Superintendent.
- If there are fewer than 3 novice participants a species coordinator may choose to not hold a novice class. In this case, the participants would show in their age category.

- **DOG SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

See the Dog Resource Handbook and the Dog Project & Record Book for descriptions of the classes.

Obedience

- Beginner Novice
- Pre-Novice
- Novice
- Graduate Novice
- Open

Rally

- Rally Novice
- Rally Advanced
- Rally Excellent

- Dog Show classes will be split into A and B classes by the Species Superintendent, if necessary.
- If a dog is shown by a new handler, the dog and handler must start at the level to which the dog has advanced. If a handler gets a new dog, the dog and handler can start again at the Beginner Novice level.

- **AWARDS FOR DOG SHOW**

- 1st - 3rd Place ribbons will be given in each dog show class.
- 1st Place trophies will be given in each dog show class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Novice Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

DOG AGILITY SHOW

- In order to participate in the Dog Agility Show, the Junior Fair participant must show in their age-appropriate showmanship class in the 4-H Dog Show.
- **DOG AGILITY SHOW ATTIRE**
 - Junior Fair participant should be neat and clean in appearance. Long hair should be pulled back.
 - For agility classes, acceptable clothing includes slacks, dressy shorts, skorts, capri or crop pants, colored dress jeans, collared blouses and shirts, polo shirts, or similar attire, closed-toe shoes, rubber-soled shoes, flats, and similar type footwear. Club shirts, jeans and shorts are acceptable.

- **DOG AGILITY SHOW CLASSES**

The Dog Agility Show will have on-lead and off-lead versions in the following classes.

- Standard Agility
- Jumpers
- Mad-Shape-Dash

For an explanation of these classes, please see the state level Agility rulebook at <https://ohio4h.org>.

THE MARGE SCHOTT TOP DOG AWARD

- To be eligible for the Top Dog award, youth must complete the following:
 - Participate in showmanship AND one other class at the 4-H Dog Show or the Dog Agility Show.
 - Complete You and Your Dog portion of the Dog Project and go through the official Project Judging.
 - Complete at least two (2) hours of community service for a dog program. For example, you could work at a shelter, volunteer at a vet's office, help out at a show, or anything else dog related.
 - Write an essay entitled "Why I Want to be the Top Dog."
- Award will NOT be given to a first-year member as perseverance was a key in Ms. Schott's life.
- Award can be won more than once in a 4-H youth's career.
- **To be considered for this award the Junior Fair participant must notify the species superintendent that he/she has completed the requirements and submit his/her essay by July 1st of the current year.**

HORSES

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See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for day and time of the Horse Show. Complete project paperwork and additional information for Horses can be found in Appendix G - Horse Paperwork and Supplemental Materials.

If a horse becomes ill or injured, a replacement horse will only be accepted if it meets the same requirements as the original horse. The Junior Fair participant must consult the Species Superintendent as soon as he/she becomes aware of an issue and the superintendent will determine if the replacement horse meets the original criteria.

HORSE PROJECTS

The following is a suggested order in which horse projects should be completed.

- Horseless Horse (only those who are in their 1st year of 4-H and under 11 years of age)
- Beginning Horse Management (Recommended to be taken over 2 years)
- Light Horse Selection (Recommended to be taken over 2 years)
- Horse Training
- Horse Nutrition
- Equine Reproduction and Genetics

Other acceptable projects include Learning to Jump, Draft Horse, Small Equine, Standardbred Horse, Trail Riding, Dressage and Self-determined Horse Projects.

Participants in the Junior Fair Horse Show must train with their horse for at least one hour each week between the possession date of April 1st and Project Judging. A record of these training sessions must be kept and brought to Project Judging. The Species Superintendents will provide a document that can be used for this purpose.

GENERAL REGULATIONS – HORSES

- **Possession Dates** – All project animals must be in the possession and care of the Junior Fair participant by the following dates
 - April 1st of the current year for horse projects including ponies, donkeys, and mules
- **Registrations** - All horse projects must meet the following registration deadlines. **Late or missing paperwork will make the participant ineligible to compete in the current year at the Hamilton County Community Fair.**
 - 4-H Enrollment Form deadline – March 1st
 - Project Commitment Form deadline – May 7th
 - Horse Registration Paperwork deadline – May 7th (includes vaccination records, exhibitor health forms, Horse Show class entry form, and any other forms listed and found in Appendix G.) - **ALL HORSE PAPERWORK MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THIS DEADLINE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HORSE SHOW AT FAIR.** – If there is a problem, please contact the Species Superintendent **PRIOR** to the deadline.
- All horses participating in the Hamilton County Community Fair must be vaccinated for tetanus, influenza, Encephalomyelitis (E & W), Rhinophneumonitis, and rabies and have a negative Coggins test. All required vaccinations **MUST** be given by a licensed veterinarian.
- If a horse will be transported to fair across a state line, contact the species superintendents prior to the paperwork deadline to see if additional paperwork is required.
- If a project horse becomes sick the week before fair, please contact the species superintendent. Do not bring a recently sick horse to the fair without notifying the Secies Superintendent.
- The Junior Fair participant must be providing the riding training to the project horse.
- The project horse may be ridden by other riders but may not be schooled with a professional trainer as the rider after April 1st.
 - Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry
- Horses with stalls are required to stay at the fair for the duration of fair. If a Junior Fair participant does not want the horse to stay at the fair, he/she may haul his/her horse in for the shows, but the horse will not be given a stall and may not use one of the stalls.
- If a participant is showing more than one horse, only one may stay at the fair. The other horse must be trailered in for the show.
- If there are not enough stalls for all those wanting to keep their horse at fair, a request will be made for volunteers to haul in for the shows. If there are not enough volunteers, the Walk/Trot participants will be required to haul in. If there are still too many horses, Junior participants will be required to haul in. If

needed, a lottery will be used to determine which participants in these categories will be required to haul in.

- Horses using stalls **MUST** be checked into the Fairgrounds on Animal Move-In day and will **NOT** be released until the Animal Release Day except on the recommendation of the official Hamilton County Community Fair vet in the case of a sick horse. Please see the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for these dates and times of Animal Move-In and Animal Release. The Junior Fair participant is to ensure horse transportation is available for the designated release time.
- A healthy animal may be released early only if the Species Superintendents determine there is a situation that is dangerous to the horse or to people.
- If any animal is removed from the fairgrounds without proper permission from the fair vet **AND** a Species Superintendent or Community Fair Association Executive Board Member, participation in the following year's fair will be revoked.
- When arriving at the fairgrounds for Move-in, youth must check in with the Species Superintendent and/or their assistant. Youth need to bring the check in form and the horse. The Species Superintendent/Assistant will compare the horse to the registration paperwork and take the horse's temperature. If a horse presents with a fever, the Species Superintendent will consult with the Fair Vet. The horse may NOT be put in a stall until it has been fully checked in and cleared.
- There will be a Bit Check during Animal Move-in. ALL Horse Show participants must bring all bits being used for the Horse Show and the Fun Show to this Bit Check during Animal Move-in. This includes participants who are hauling in for the shows.
- All bits will be checked to ensure it complies with the rules. Once they have been marked as satisfactory, no other bits may be used in the show. You may only present 1 bit per discipline being shown. For example, if you are showing Western and English, you can have 1 bit checked for Western and 1 bit checked for English flat classes for total of 2 bits. Because Contesting has different bit rules than Western according to State, we will be counting it as its own discipline. A second bit may be presented for Jumping classes.
- Approved bits are the only bits that may be used while riding at any time on the fairgrounds, including free riding before, between, or after the shows.
- No clip-on reins will be allowed in the Junior Fair Horse Show or the Horse Fun Show. Buckle-on reins will be allowed.
- See Appendix C for what to bring to fair to care for the horse.
- **All horse participants must attend a MANDATORY horse meeting at fair.** See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Horse Meeting.
- Youth **MUST ALSO** attend the Mandatory Fair Meeting for all Fair participants in addition to the Mandatory Horse Meeting. See the Summary of Important Dates page of this manual for date and time of the Mandatory Fair Meeting.
- **Helmets must be worn at all times when a Junior Fair participant is mounted on his/her horse or seated in a cart. No exceptions - this is an Ohio State University Extension rule.**
- **NO FLIP-FLOPS OF ANY SORT SHOULD BE WORN** when handling or riding horse(s).
- Horses must be led with a lead rope or bridle.
- No one besides the participant or an adult immediate family member is allowed to ride the project horse at the fairgrounds unless approval is obtained in writing from the Species Superintendent.
- The Junior Fair participant is responsible for taking care of his/her own horse.
- Be sure that the barn aisle is kept clean and free of clutter.
- Riders may not ride alone at the fairgrounds or ride anywhere but in the warmup ring or arena. All riders must always have an adult present. Riders may not be mounted on a horse unless they are in the warmup ring or the arena. No mounting between the stalls and the arena.
- Be sure to pick up after the horses on the fairgrounds.
- Please wash project horses in the designated area only.
- Families will be required to sign up for at least one 2-hour barn shift while the fair is open to the public. During the shift, families will stay stationed in the horse tent to answer questions and to make sure no one from the public is trying to feed horses.

RULES FOR LEASING A HORSE TO BE SHOWN AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR

- **The fair participant must have the horse under lease by April 1st.**
- See Appendix G for further information on leases.
- The fair participant must provide regular "hands on" care of the horse from April 1st through the Hamilton County Community Fair.
- The Junior Fair participant must be providing the riding training to the horse.
- The horse may be ridden by other riders during the lease but may not be schooled with a professional

trainer as the rider after April 1st.

- Professional trainer is defined as someone who makes their living from training horses, giving lessons, or from some combination of activities in the horse industry.
- The horse may be shown by someone other than the Junior Fair participant from April 1st until fair, but only if the Junior Fair participant is present and showing at the show. The only exceptions are PAS and State Fair.
- A horse may be shared by multiple participants if one is showing walk/trot and the other is a junior or senior.

*Please remember the spirit of these rules is to allow kids, who may not otherwise be able to participate, to lease a horse. The Hamilton County Community Fair wants competition to be fair, reasonable, and fun for all involved. If the Junior Fair participant is planning on competing at the State Fair, it is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that the State Qualifying Rules are read in entirety because the Hamilton County leasing rules are more lenient than State's.*

HORSE SHOW

- Horse Show participants are required to be familiar with and comply with Uniform Rules for 4-H Horse Shows (4-H 179) which may be purchased from the 4-H Extension office. Be particularly careful that the bit and tack used by the Junior Fair participant comply with the rules.
- Descriptions of the Horse Show classes can be found in Appendix G.
- A participant may sign up for no more than 8 classes including Showmanship.
- All patterns for the Showmanship, Horsemanship, Equitation, Trail, and Jumping classes will be posted the day of the show at the horse arena.
- The Species Superintendents have the right to disqualify a participant from the rest of the show for any of the following behaviors:
 - Being out of control on a horse
 - Not following show rules
 - Abusive behavior toward an animal
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct toward a fellow competitor or show personnel.
- **Coaching of riders is not permitted during the horse show. Instruction or assistance may be given only by official Horse Show Volunteers, and only when necessary to address an immediate safety concern. Individuals coaching from the rail may be asked to leave the show area.**
- Three rings will be used for the show.
 - The Show Ring is the large part of the arena where all classes happen.
 - The Holding Area is the smaller fenced off part of the arena (this is a waiting space and not for warming up).
 - The Warmup Ring is the fenced off grassy area.
- Once a class has been called as "Up Next", all participants should make their way to the Holding Area.
- Participants in each class will be called in the order on the show bill. The following terms will be used to notify participants of where they should be.
 - "Up Next" means the participant should be walking into the Show Ring as the exhibitor,
 - "On Deck" means the participant should be standing by the entry gate to the Show Ring (this is the only time you are allowed on your horse outside a ring).
 - "In the Hole" means you should be waiting in the Holding Area.
- **Once your name has been called as "Up Next" you have two minutes to enter the arena before you will be scratched from that class.**
- **WALK/TROT (NOVICE) DIVISION**
 - Please see Appendix G for a full description of the Walk/Trot (Novice) Division.
 - Walk/Trot classes are intended for beginning riders or green horses. A 4-H member may show Walk/Trot more than one year.
 - Participants showing Walk/Trot are not eligible for Showman of Showmen or Top Exhibitor Awards.
- **HORSE SHOW ATTIRE**
 - Standard Western, English or Easy Gaited horse show attire should be worn depending on the discipline the Junior Fair participant has chosen to show. If you need help with this, please contact the Species Superintendent.
- **HORSE SHOWMANSHIP** - For a description of Showmanship see the Beginning Horse Management project book and the Special Contests and Awards section of this manual.
 - For all species, the 4-H youth must participate in his/her respective showmanship class in order to participate in other classes in the species show.

- Horses shown in Western Showmanship must be shown in a leather halter and show lead.
- Showmanship classes will be divided into Senior, Junior, and Walk/Trot divisions. If there are enough participants, these divisions will be further divided into English and Western Showmanship classes. If the divisions are divided into English and Western, then the first place winner in each class will continue to a Championship class. For example, the first place winner in Senior English Showmanship and the first place winner in Senior Western Showmanship will compete in the Senior Championship class to determine the overall Senior Showmanship winner. Once a Junior and Senior Showmanship champion have been determined, these two winners will compete in a Species Champion Showmanship class where the show judge will pick the best showman of the species. This person will be invited to participate in the Showman of Showmen Contest.
- If there are less than 2 participants in either Senior or Junior Showmanship, these classes will be combined. The combined class will be used as the Showman of Showmen Run-Off.
- See the Special Contests and Awards/Showman of Showmen section of this manual for more information on this competition.
- **Senior Showmanship**
 - Open to all horse exhibitors 14 – 18-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Junior Showmanship**
 - Open to all horse exhibitors 8 – 13-years-old (as of January 1st of the current year)
- **Walk/Trot Showmanship**
 - Open to all Junior Fair participants showing in the Walk/Trot division. This class may or may not be divided into a Junior and Senior level depending on the number of participants.

- **HORSE SHOW CLASSES**

The Species Superintendent is not required to hold any class that has less than 3 participants. Under these circumstances, classes may be combined as the superintendent deems appropriate.

- See Appendix G for a complete listing of the Horse Show classes with explanations.
- There are English, Western, Walk/Trot, Easy-Gaited, Trail, Dressage, Jumping, and Driving classes.

- **AWARDS FOR HORSE SHOW**

- Ribbons will be given to 3rd place in each class.
- 1st Place trophies will be given in each class.
- Top Exhibitor and Reserve Top Exhibitor Awards will be given for both Junior and Senior divisions. These winners will be the Junior Fair participants who have the two highest combined scores from the four project program areas: Project Judging, Skillathon, Showmanship placing, and Class placings.
- To qualify for Top Exhibitor Awards the participant must participate in EACH of the four project program areas and receive a minimum score of 80% on Project Judging and Skillathon.
- Top Exhibitors will receive a monetary award. Top Exhibitor Awards are given at the Awards Ceremony. See Special Contests and Awards/Awards Ceremony section of this manual for more information on the Awards Ceremony.
- Exhibitors showing in Walk/Trot (Novice) Showmanship are not eligible for Top Exhibitor Awards.

GROOM & CLEAN CONTEST

The primary objective of the Groom & Clean Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in a 4-H horse project to demonstrate their knowledge of horses and equine related subject matter, grooming and teamwork skills, and their showmanship skills, in a competitive yet friendly and relaxed setting. The competition consists of 3 phases: a written test, grooming of the horse, and showmanship. One horse is used by each team. The horse is muddied by the team members prior to the contest. During the contests, each team has 20 minutes to groom the horse following the rules set out for the Ohio State Groom & Clean contest. Each team member then has an opportunity to display their showmanship skills using a pattern given by the judge.

- Groom & Clean teams consist of 3 members.

- At least one of these members must have a horse staying on the fairgrounds that can be used for the Groom & Clean Contest. Each team must use the project horse of one of the team members.
- All team members must complete a 4-H horse project from the list of projects under the Horse Project section above.
- Teams will consist of either Junior age participants or Senior age participants. A Junior age participant may compete on a Senior team, but a Senior age participant may not compete on a Junior team.
- All participants competing in the Groom & Clean Contest must take a written test that will be given at the Skillathon event. See the Summary of Important Dates pages for the date/time of this test.
 - A study guide will be provided prior to the test.
- See Appendix G for the complete rules for the Groom & Clean Contest.

HORSE FUN SHOW

The purpose of the Horse Fun Show is to allow Junior Fair participants taking horse projects to have fun with their horses in a friendly yet competitive manner.

- The Horse Fun Show is only open to members registered with a 4-H project horse who have completed the appropriate registration paperwork and who compete in a showmanship class in the 4-H Horse Show. If the Junior Fair participant does not compete in a showmanship class in the 4-H Horse Show, they must make a special appeal to the Horse Species Superintendents in order to show in the Horse Fun Show. The Species Superintendents then have the right to allow or disallow participation.
- Pre-registration for the Horse Fun Show is required. See Appendix G for descriptions of the Horse Fun Show classes.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 3rd place for each class in the Horse Fun Show.
- 4-H horses that trailer in for the Junior Fair Horse Show may also trailer in for the Horse Fun Show.
- When running any of the speed classes only the rider who is up is allowed in the Holding Area. If help is needed to move the horse forward, notify the ring steward.

GROOM TO WIN CONTEST

Full details of this contest will be available from the Species Super prior to the fair.

The Groom to Win Contest is designed to promote proper grooming/turnout of a horse for a show situation and to promote a sense of pride in how a participant's horse is presented to others.

- This contest is open to members registered with a 4-H project horse who have completed the appropriate registration paperwork and will be competing in the Junior Fair Horse Show.
- All grooming of the horse and cleaning of tack must be done solely by the participant.
- All horses will be judged against one another no matter what discipline they are representing. However, a discipline must be declared to enter the contest.
- Disciplines will be Hunter/Jumper, Western, Driving, and Gaited.
- Speed events will not be recognized as a discipline due to a lack of overall judgeable grooming categories.
- Judging will be done by a judge or judges just before or during the Junior Fair Horse Show.
- The winner will receive a horse-related prize.
- Score Sheets with notes will be given to the participants after the event.

EXCEPTIONAL RIDER & EXCEPTIONAL HANDLER PROGRAMS

The Exceptional Rider and Exceptional Handler programs are designed to provide inclusive horse show opportunities for youth with learning disabilities and special needs. These programs offer individualized accommodations and structured support so that all children can safely participate and experience success at the Hamilton County Community Fair.

The following rules apply to this program:

- **Use of Dark Horse Inclusion Horses Only**
All riders participating in the Exceptional Rider and Exceptional Handler programs must use horses provided through Dark Horse Inclusion.
 - Personally owned, leased, or privately provided horses are not permitted.
 - Horse assignments will be made by Dark Horse Inclusion staff based on safety, rider needs, and horse suitability.
- **Multiple Riders / Handlers Per Horse**
Each Dark Horse Inclusion horse may have multiple Exceptional Riders and/or Exceptional Handlers assigned during the horse show.
- **Restrictions on Dual Participation**

Horses used in these programs may not compete in the traditional Hamilton County Community Fair Horse Show classes.

- Groom & Clean Exception

Exceptional Rider/Handler Program horses may participate in Groom & Clean if needed for the competition for the traditional horse program.

- Trainer & Junior Trainer Safety Riding Provision

These horses may be ridden by Dark Horse Inclusion Trainers and Junior Trainers on the fairgrounds solely to evaluate and ensure horse safety and suitability for riders with disabilities.

- These rides are not considered schooling or competitive training.
- Riding must occur in approved areas under supervision, and all riders will wear helmets.

- Junior Trainer Participation Limitation

Junior Trainers are not participants in the traditional 4-H Horse Show and serve only in a support and safety role. All Junior Trainers are volunteer/staff of Dark Horse Inclusion

- Winning 4-H Plan Requirement

All students in the Exceptional Rider and Exceptional Handler programs must have a current, approved Winning 4-H Plan on file in order to participate.

- Program Integrity & Safety

These policies exist to protect rider safety, ensure horse welfare, and maintain fairness across all horse show divisions.