

Miami County Agricultural Society

JUNIOR FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entries close for market steer/heifer January 1, 2026. Entries January 2-1 will be charged \$50.00 late fee. Weigh in and tag in is January 11th 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No late steer/heifer entries allowed after January 11, 2026. Entries for 2026 are due January 1, 2026. Entries January 2-10 will be charged a \$50 late fee. Weigh in and tag in is January 10th 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. No late steer/heifer entries allowed after January 10, 2026.
2. ALL OTHER Junior Fair entries close June 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. All other entries after June 1st at 11:59 p.m., will be charged a \$50.00 fee per child up until June 15th at 5:00 p.m. All entries will be done online and found through our website. www.miamicountyohiofair.com . Late entries must be done in the office.
3. Definition of Youth Organizations—Only FFA, 4-H, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, Miami County Cattlemen's Association, and other organizations upon approval from the Senior Fairboard and Junior Fairboard are eligible for exhibition at the Miami County Fair.
4. All livestock and exhibits shown must be a bonafide part of the exhibitor's project for the current year and the exhibitor must have completed any requirements of their respective organization to compete.
5. Online Entry must be accurately filled out from the fair website link. Advisors will have access to see forms and receive copies by contacting the office and making a request.
6. Junior Fair exhibitors are eligible to exhibit up through but not past the year they turn 19 years old.
7. No entry fee will be charged for any entry in the Junior Fair Division as long as the entry is made before the deadline. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter their animal or article in open class where there is a class for such entry by filling out an open class entry blank and complying with the Rules and Regulations for the open class show. These entries must be made on open class entry blanks. Entries made in different departments (e.g. Dairy and Horse) should be made on respective entry forms..
8. A separate online entry must be used for each exhibitor except 4-H Home Economics Projects. Entries in each class are limited to two per class per exhibitor unless stated otherwise by the department rules and regulations.
9. In a class having only one entry, the judge shall have the right to refuse a first premium award if in his opinion the exhibit/project doesn't meet standards. Exhibits found to be unfit to show or of such low standard as to make questionable the right to competition will be declared ineligible and no award will be paid.
10. Every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits and animals from loss or injury; the fair management will not be responsible for loss or injury to animals and exhibits.
11. It shall be the duty of the exhibitor to keep his or her animals fed, watered and the stalls, pens, areas, etc. clean and neat along with keeping the area walkway clean and neat around the animals for the entire duration of the fair. Failure to comply will result in the animal being declared ineligible for sales and/or forfeit all premiums and awards. Decisions will be made at the fair, by the Senior Fair Board with support from the Junior Fair Board executive committee.
12. All livestock exhibitors in the Junior Division shall be prepared to present a certificate of registration from the respective breed associations for departments requiring so.
13. In order to participate in the Miami County Junior Fair Beef Breeding Show, you must show registration papers confirming that they are the breed you are registering them as.
14. All market steers, market heifers and market dairy steers, must-have been owned by the exhibitor and under exhibitor's care by January 1, 2026.
15. All Horse leases under exhibitor's care by June 1, 2026.
16. All market lambs, all beef animals, dairy, breeding goats and market goats, breeding rabbits, horses, sheep breeding, barrows, and dairy steers must be owned and in exhibitor's care by June 1, 2026.
17. Market Chickens (White) and Market Ducks must be hatched and in the exhibitor's care by June 16, 2026. Market Geese (Embden) and Market Turkeys must be hatched and in exhibitor's care by March 17, 2026. Market Chickens (Red) must be hatched and in exhibitor's care by April 28, 2026.
18. If the exhibitor is raising their market rabbits the bred brood doe must be in your possession by June 1, 2026. If the exhibitor is purchasing their market rabbit it must be in their possession by July 12, 2026.
19. All animals must conform to State Health Regulations.
20. Showmanship Contest - A Junior Fair Exhibitor is eligible to show in a showmanship contest with their animal only. A Junior, Intermediate, and a Senior, and a Showman of Showmen Class will be held as noted in each livestock division, except for dogs and horses. Age for Junior Class is 9-11 years of age, as of January 1. Intermediate Class is for the age group of 12-14 years of age as of January 1. Senior Class is for 15 years and older as of January 1.

Showman of Showmen includes showmanship division winners for this year and any previous year along with any previous Showman of Showmen. Once an age division has been won, you are still eligible to compete in that division until the next age group is reached. The Showmanship Contest is judged on the ability of each contestant to present his animal in the most effective manner to the judge. Animals should be clean and fitted. Cleanliness and fitting will be considered in the scoring. Showman attire: jeans/pants; short or long-sleeved collared shirts, hard soled shoes. NO OPEN TOED or NO OPEN HEELED SHOES. Shirts must adequately cover the body, allowing for modesty. Modesty would include, but not limited to, any low-cut shirts, tops, etc., that would be considered offensive and that would show any cleavage. There shall be no midriff skin visible while showing. Penalty for noncompliance is that the exhibitor will be removed from the show/sale/activity immediately by the Fair Board Member in Charge of the Department. THIS DRESS CODE GOES FOR ALL SPECIES unless otherwise stated. All departmental rules supersede general rules on showmanship, as in rabbits, horses, barrows, and dogs.

21. Cowboy hats are allowed to be worn for any species.
22. No one under 18 years of age is permitted to stay on the grounds overnight unless accompanied by a parent.
23. No Junior Fair articles or animals to be accepted or placed on the grounds prior to Thursday, the day before the opening of the Fair. Inspection will be available all that day. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10:00 p.m. THURSDAY NIGHT, INCLUDING LIVESTOCK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED (Example of Goats, Poultry and Rabbits). Only livestock to be admitted after 10:00 pm. will be those having release papers from another fair. (See departmental exceptions.)
24. **UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED: ALL Miami County Fair Projects, unless removed by sale truck(s) arranged by the MCAS Directors, will remain in place until released based on a staggered schedule by the Sr. Fair Board Barn Superintendent and not released until the sale is over.. All vehicles with/without trailers will follow a one-way map to be posted in the barns for load out. You will not be able to line up until your species is released and the auction is over. Anyone leaving early without written permission from Fair Management may result in a \$50.00 penalty and may result in the exhibitor not being permitted to exhibit the following year. Exhibitor parents will be notified no later than Oct. 1.**
25. Parking of trucks and trailers shall be in designated areas only, along fences at the North end of the fairgrounds past shade trees. Shade will be reserved for horse trailers.
26. Any item or article made by a boy or girl belonging to a supervised youth group in which there is no class provided to show the product in competition, may display the item for display purpose in a booth of the organization.
27. Any organization requiring or needing a booth for display should notify the Fair Directors or Secretary as far in advance of the fair as possible. No applications for booth space will be accepted after the date entries close.
28. Any student attending Upper Valley Career Center and Miami Valley Career Technology Center whose local school district is not in Miami County cannot exhibit their joint vocational school project at the Miami County Fair.
29. No sick animals are permitted in show or sale.
30. Grooming chutes in designated areas only.
31. All fans must be placed no lower than 48" from bottom of fan cage to floor. No more than 1 fan per 1 animal allowed.
32. Junior Fair Exhibitors: Wood bedding is recommended for all species but not mandatory. **ALL JR. FAIR EXHIBITORS MUST CLEAN THEIR PENS AND STALLS AFTER THEIR ANIMAL HAS LEFT THE GROUNDS. EXHIBITOR WILL INCUR A FEE FOR ALL PENS NOT CLEANED. Fees are as follows: Horse/Cow stalls/pens will be \$100 per stall/pen not cleaned. Goats, sheep, and pigs will be \$75 per pen not cleaned. Poultry and rabbits will be \$50 per cage not cleaned.**
33. NO animal is to be west of the sheep, dairy, poultry or swine barns, all animals being walked must use the far East driveway next to 25-A, may go as far South on the driveway as the length of the Poultry Barn, no animals North of the rabbit barn. Do not use the road directly East of Cove Springs Grange. Dogs on day of show: must stay East of the Poultry Barn, not to go North of the Secretary's office, and no further South than the Poultry Barn. All animals must stay away (as much as possible) from all concessionaires. ABSOLUTELY NO ANIMALS PERMITTED IN RESTROOMS!
34. JUNIOR EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired, who have two animals entered in the same class or an exhibitor absent on show day due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions, another boy or girl who is a Junior Fair Exhibitor may exhibit with written permission.
35. Make-Up/Show Arena - All Species—Only two people other than the exhibitor are allowed in the make-up arena. No one except the exhibitor is allowed near the judge or in the judging area/arena with the exception of exhibitors who

have completed the 4-H Winning Plan Form and it is on file.

36. Persons exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct, or violating ground rules, are subject to removal from fairgrounds, a possible fine, and/or banned from showing that year.

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

HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY ENTRIES

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

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

NO late entries or entry changes will be accepted after the entry deadline (See rule #1). All identification pictures and other required identification must be submitted with every entry form. The exhibitor that is entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project.

JUNIOR FAIR RULE VIOLATIONS

In the question of a rule violation the following process will be used; the exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by fair officials. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, fair officials will make recommendations to the designated committee of the agricultural society which is appointed to that particular department. After the committee hears the allegations and or evidence they will decide if the case should be brought before the full board of directors.

In the decision of allegations being brought before the board, all parties involved will be notified of a meeting date with all parties having the right to present their views and/ or evidence. Upon hearing the case, the Fair Board will make the ruling.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Miami County Fair Management that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may be barred from showing at any future Miami County Fair. The minimum number of years for being barred is (3) years before the right to review for reinstatement. In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule the Miami County Fair Management will request the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under such violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand. ALL COMMITTEE AND SENIOR FAIR BOARD DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

LODGING A PROTEST

Any exhibitor who desires to lodge a protest with the Fairboard against another exhibitor's livestock concerning a violation of rules and regulations must deposit with the Fairboard sufficient funds to cover the cost of any ex-validity or invalidity of the exhibitor's protest, the cost of the test as determined by an accredited lab, plus a protest fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. In the event the testing results in a finding by the Fairboard that tampering has occurred, the protesting exhibitor shall be reimbursed for the test cost and the protest fee and the exhibitor found tampering hereby agrees to pay for and reimburse Fairboard for the cost of the testing and the exhibitor is subject to any other penalties as set forth in Section 4 of the 2025 Season/Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules. If examinations or testing result in a finding by the Fairboard that there has been no tampering as set forth in Section 4, then the protesting exhibitor forfeits all sums deposited.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

No person who is an exhibitor can act as a judge on the class in which he exhibits or upon stock or articles in which he/she has an interest. Superintendents will indicate to the judge the animals or articles entitled to compete for premiums. If there is any question by the judge as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in the class or age, or otherwise, the judge shall report the same to the superintendent in charge for adjustment. No judge is permitted to change an award after the premium ribbon or card has been attached, unless a mistake has been made in placing the ribbon on the card. When animals or articles are not deemed worthy, the judge shall not award a premium.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS/DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON

It is the duty of each superintendent to see that the department is well filled, to be on the ground early in the morning of the first and each succeeding day of the fair, to take charge of all articles belonging to their departments on their arrival on the ground, to see that they are arranged systematically in their proper places and arrange each kind in a group by itself, so as to exhibit to the best advantage to the spectators as well as to each superintendent must select his judge in reasonable time before the fair and if it is known that said judge cannot be present in time to perform the work assigned him; said superintendent shall select a suitable substitute. No person or persons shall be allowed to enter the fairgrounds for the purpose of organized solicitation or promotion, or for the purpose of picketing, disrupting, for disturbing any concessionaire, tenant or lessee of the Miami County Agricultural Society, or from interfering in any way with any viewer of, or participant in, the activities of the Miami County Fair. Any person entering for the purposes herein before mentioned shall be ejected from the premises of the fairgrounds.

