

GUERNSEY COUNTY GENERAL JUNIOR FAIR RULES

1. Eligibility for youth participation in still and livestock projects begins when a child is age 8 and in third grade or any youth age 9 or above regardless of grade level by January 1 of the current year. A youth's eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19.
2. Eligibility for youth participation in non-competitive displays is five years old and in Kindergarten by January 1 of the current year.
3. Junior Fair Exhibitors must be currently enrolled and members in good standing in one of the Junior Fair organizations – 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts – in Guernsey County.
4. All Junior Fair Exhibitors must be enrolled in their project by April 1 of the current year. Corrections will be permitted until May 1 of the current year. Enrollments are processed through the Extension Office.
5. **GUERNSEY COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT:** Exhibitors participating in junior fair activities will:
 - a) Adhere to program rules, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
 - b) Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and provide positive role models.
 - c) Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, illegal or illicit drugs, tobacco in any form, and/or any vaping products during junior fair events and activities.
 - d) Fully participate in scheduled activities.
 - e) Respect other's property and privacy rights.
 - f) Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
 - g) Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
 - h) Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
 - i) Adhere to rules of safety.
 - j) I will uphold and support the responsible and lawful use of social media. In so doing, I will not create or post social media content that is abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, or creates a hostile environment.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future junior fair events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

6. All Junior Fair Livestock Entry Forms must be completed through online entry by August 1 of the current year to be eligible for exhibition at the Guernsey County Fair. Late Junior Fair Livestock Entry forms will be accepted up to 14 days after the August 1 deadline with a \$20 per entry late fee paid to Junior Fair Board. Stalling of the animals may not be with the exhibitor's club.
7. Participation in the Junior Fair is an optional activity.
8. All livestock must arrive on the fairgrounds to be housed in their assigned location from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, unless a specific check-in time is listed in the specie rules. Exceptions include beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine which require animals to be in place earlier. Still projects must be in place by 4:00 p.m. Sunday.
9. Participation in two counties is permitted by youth exhibiting 4-H projects in one county and FFA projects in another county provided the youth are exhibiting different projects and using different animals in each county. The only other stipulation about projects is that exhibitors who sell market animals or receive Junior Fair sale proceeds at another

county/independent junior fair are ineligible to show or sell market animals at the Guernsey County Fair or receive proceeds from the Guernsey County Junior Fair Livestock Sale in the same year.

10. All animals exhibited must have been completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers where applicable) including all showing rights and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on and after June 1. A few exceptions are listed specifically under specie rules. Ownership of an animal will be considered lost, if after June 1 of the current year, the animal has been consigned or sold through an auction or any other type transaction even if the exhibitor "buys back" his/her animal. Registered animals must be in exhibitor's name or permanent residential address of the exhibitor.
11. All exhibitors of market animals, lactating dairy cows, and lactating goats must be Quality Assurance certified by July 1st each year. Youth will be permitted to use the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) session as an additional option for QA certification, unless otherwise noted by OSU Extension. To receive QA Certification using this option, youth must complete and successfully pass their age-appropriate session and provide the Extension Office with their certificate of completion by July 1 of the year to exhibit. No other online Quality Assurance programs or tests are permitted. OSU Extension will provide instructions for taking the online course to those eligible, upon request.
12. Animals can be shown only one time for "type" (*live animal*) grade and premium. Market animals cannot also be shown in breeding classes. Exceptions are only granted for horses and special group classes.
13. All animals in the barn for Junior Fair must be enrolled in a class and shown. The only exception is if animal is granted an excuse from showing by the fair veterinarian, Livestock Committee Officer, or 4-H Extension Professional for a special circumstance. NO companion animals.
14. All exhibits must be shown by the member entering the exhibit. In livestock **showmanship** classes, the exhibitor must show their own animal. A livestock exhibitor, who has a justifiable absence from the **type** show, may have another Guernsey County Junior Fair livestock exhibitor show his/her project in **type** class only with permission granted by the appropriate Junior Fair Livestock committee chairman before the show.
15. Exhibitors shall receive premiums for no more than three Junior Fair projects. Premiums are based on project grade and project must be exhibited at the fair to be eligible for a premium.
16. All livestock barns will be closed and lights out from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Only security personnel will be permitted in the barns during these times.
17. Exhibitors must arrange for care of their livestock. If it appears Junior Fair animals are not being cared for (*not fed, watered, pen not cleaned, etc.*) committee officers will contact the volunteer and exhibitor. If the situation is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Junior Fair Committee Chairman & Sr. Fair Board representative, the exhibitor will be required to take the animal home. The exhibitor will forfeit premiums, awards, and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year. **The decision of the Sr. Fair Board will be final.**
18. Junior Fair exhibitors are required to keep their animals in the stalls or pens assigned to them by the Junior Fair, and all cattle and horses must be securely fastened with a halter and neck ties.

19. Exhibitors and their attendants are expected to be courteous and conduct themselves in an orderly and respectful manner. Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show manager, help, or exhibitors will not be tolerated. Any violations of this rule would warrant withholding of premiums won and exemption from showing at the Guernsey County Fair.
20. Tampering, misrepresentation, falsification, fraud, or deception in relation to any junior fair project, project animal, paperwork, or actions by a junior fair exhibitor or member of their household will not be tolerated and violations will result in consequences to be determined by Senior Fair Board.
21. No exhibit shall be removed until a designated release time. Any exception to this rule must be with the approval of the Senior Fair Board member in charge, and the Junior Fair office. Members removing exhibits before the designated time without Senior Fair Board approval are not permitted to exhibit in that project area the following year.
22. Animal release time will be 6:00 a.m. on Sunday for all animals not sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. No trailers are permitted at the barns before 6:00 a.m. If an exhibitor removes his/her Junior Fair livestock project from the fairgrounds before release time without approval from the respective Junior Fair Livestock Committee Chair or Senior Fair Board, he/she will be barred from showing in that project area at the Guernsey County Junior Fair for the following year. This will apply to all livestock except those sold during the Junior Fair Sale or livestock with a different release time.
23. All health regulations pertaining to Senior Fair livestock shall apply to all Junior Fair livestock exhibits.
24. Withdrawal time must be complete on all market animals prior to fair weigh-in for the animal to be eligible for show or sale. Do not bring animals to the fair that have a withdrawal time that is not complete. Animals treated at the fair must be treated under the supervision of the designated fair veterinarian. It will be at the discretion of the fair veterinarian to determine if the treated animal will remain on the fairgrounds or be required to leave the fairgrounds.
25. Junior exhibitors entering "Open Class" (*Senior Fair*) competition will follow Senior Fair rules for the department entered.
26. There will be "Designated Areas" for parking ALL livestock trailers. The Fair Board would appreciate anyone voluntarily taking home livestock trailers to free up more area for parking for all fair patrons.
27. There must be a minimum of five exhibitors per class in order to offer the class. Class refers to the first breakdown of exhibition offerings by type in a specie department (ex. Showmanship, Market, Breeding, Agility, Contest, etc.).
28. All bred & owned classes must be shown prior to all other market classes.
29. Exhibitors are not permitted to put anything (bedding, showboxes, gates, fans, grooming stand/chute, decorations, etc.) in livestock barns prior to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday prior to fair.
30. All animals must participate in their respective pre-fair weigh-in, tag-in, tag pick-up, pre-registration, or body scoring to be eligible for exhibition. Check respective species rules for specific pre-fair requirements.
31. Youth exhibitors must be in good standing and eligible to exhibit through all Junior Fair organizations and/or all Junior Fair Livestock Shows organized by a county agricultural society or independent agricultural society. Disciplinary action from

another county agricultural society or independent fair will be honored at the Guernsey County Fair.

32. Protests:

- a. Protest regarding any junior fair rule/competition shall be made in writing and signed by the party making the protest and submitted to the Senior Fair Board President. If during the fair, it must be submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. of the day following the competition.
 - b. Any party making a protest shall submit a fee of \$100 to the Guernsey County Senior Fair Board with the written protest. The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Senior Fair Board.
 - c. The President of the Senior Fair Board shall hold a meeting with the grievant, Chair of the Junior Fair Committee of Senior Fair Board, appropriate committee chairperson(s) and an Extension Office representative or FFA representative at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
 - d. The written decision of the President of the Senior Fair Board shall be final and shall be served within 48 hours following the next monthly Board meeting. If taking place during the fair, a written decision shall be served within the time period of the current fair to allow for placing changes, if necessary.
33. Senior Fair Rules apply in the absence of a Junior Fair Rule.
34. Exhibitors are responsible for reviewing all Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 901-19 Livestock Exhibitions rules which may pertain to their exhibition of livestock at the Guernsey County Fair. Failure to obey exhibition rules will result in state and county violations and corresponding consequences. OAC is available to view online at: <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901-19>.
35. Violation of any junior fair rule, regardless of species or project, during the project year may result in a member forfeiting premiums, awards, sale money, sale participation and/or participation in the Guernsey County Junior Fair program in the future.

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