

General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors - 2016-17

Notice to Junior Fair Exhibitors, Leaders/Advisors, Exhibitor Parents/Guardians.

Issues in recent years require us to reemphasize that the junior fair entry date of the fourth Monday in June will be strictly enforced. 4-H exhibitor entries are to be submitted to the Extension office by club leaders. FFA and Scout exhibitor entries are to be submitted by the advisor/leader to Fair clerk, Stacie Pienta. Entries must be received or postmarked by the deadline date. Entries not meeting that deadline will not be accepted. Legitimate extenuating circumstances i.e. family emergency, illness or injury, that result in missing the deadline may be appealed to the Fair premium list committee.

Clarification on correction of entries: Exhibitors have until the last business day of July to request corrections to their entries. Corrections may only be made to entries included on the original entry and are limited to changing the entry class and/or lot number. Adding new entries not included on the originally submitted entry is not allowed.

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must be members of 4-H, FFA, FHA-HERO, FBLA, Skills USA, Scouts, junior breed organizations or other recognized youth organizations carrying out adult supervised youth educational programs. The fair board must approve qualifying organizations not listed above.
2. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H project area in which they are entering or meet the entry qualifications for other organizations they will show under.
3. Junior exhibitor age requirements:
 - a. 4-H Cloverbuds or equivalent – between K5 and grade 2 on Oct 1 the year before the Fair
 - b. Junior Fair Exhibitors – between grades 3 and 12 on Oct 1 the year before the Fair
 - c. Youth who have graduated from high school but are less than 20 years of age as of Jan 1 of the Fair year and meet youth group membership requirement are eligible to show in the Junior Division.
4. **The adult leader or advisor of a youth group will be responsible for submitting the entries of all members of his or her group.**
5. **Completed Junior Fair entry forms of 4-H community club members are to be returned to the Oconto County UW-Extension office by the club leader. Entry forms of members of FFA, Scouts, and other qualifying organizations are to be sent by the advisor/leader to fair clerk, Stacie Pienta, 9377 County Rd CC, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Entries must be received or postmarked no later than the 4th Monday of June. Late entries will not be accepted.**
6. **Corrections to Junior Fair entries may be made until the last business day of July by contacting entry clerk, Stacie Pienta at 920 848-0579.**
7. All Junior Fair exhibits except school exhibits and booths, and animals will be judged face to face at the time they are brought to the grounds between 1 and 8 p.m. on Thursday of the fair.
8. Exhibits of Junior Fair exhibitors who are not present for face-to-face judging can be judged but will be penalized one placing. The penalty will not be assessed for exhibitors with valid reasons for being absent, approved in advance, by the leader/advisor and the fair secretary.
9. The Danish system of judging will be used for all Junior Fair classes except where indicated.
10. Errors on entry tags made by the fair will be corrected and replaced with no penalty to the exhibitor. Entry errors made by the exhibitor will be judged but will receive an automatic 4th place (pink) award, and will not be eligible for consideration for best of show, championship, or other awards.
11. Only Junior Fair exhibitors may lead or show animals in the show ring or on the judging table in both regular and championship classes.
12. To qualify to sell in the Sale of Champions, exhibitors of large meat animals (beef, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat goats) are required to participate in a Meat Animal Quality Assurance training program. Watch the 4-H newsletter or contact the UW Extension office for dates and times of programs that will be scheduled for locations in Oconto and Marinette Counties for the convenience of exhibitors.
13. Animal exhibit decorations:
 - a. A 16-inch wide, continuous background plywood strip is provided over all animal exhibit areas. This strip is the only area that is to be used for animal ID and decorations.
 - b. Decorative panels that are close to 16 inches wide may be attached to the background strip. Or decorations may be attached directly to the plywood strip.
 - c. Electric lights are prohibited as part of exhibit decorations.
 - d. Floor displays in the dairy, beef, and swine, sheep, and goat barns are prohibited to insure adequate space for livestock exhibits.
 - e. The wearing of clothing with a farm name or logo by exhibitors is prohibited in Junior Fair livestock judging classes.
14. See individual department listings for entry dates and times and additional department requirements.

15. Awards:
 - a. One Best of Show award will be awarded to every non-animal department, except for Department 18, Cultural Arts, which will award three Best of Shows.
 - b. One Merit award may be awarded for each 25 entries in a class, in all non-animal departments, for exceptional entries that were not awarded Best of Show.
16. Hours during which club animal exhibits are liable for herdsmanship judging are:
 - a. Friday and Saturday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - b. Sunday – 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
17. All barns will be closed and locked from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. or until superintendents arrive at the barn.
18. Absolutely no one—exhibitor, parent, or chaperone—will be allowed to stay in the barns overnight.
19. Non-animal Junior Fair exhibits may be checked out between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday evening. Exhibits may also be picked up Monday morning. Exhibit receipt stubs given to exhibitors at check in must be shown to take out exhibits. No one other than a quorum of the fair board is authorized to approve or allow early release of exhibits.

The Oconto County Fair is successful in large part due to the efforts of many volunteers. Since Junior Fair exhibitors are major beneficiaries the board does not feel it is unreasonable to ask that they contribute by assisting the volunteer fair board and other adult and youth volunteers with the fair preparations and take-down. For this reason, Junior Fair exhibitors in all departments are being asked and will be expected to help clean up the grounds after the fair.

The following are the guidelines for County Fair clean-up day:

- ❖ All Junior Fair exhibitors are expected to help clean up the fairgrounds on the Monday morning following the fair for a minimum of three hours. The work may or may not be in the area the exhibitor showed in and this expectation is in addition to time that may be required of exhibitors by superintendents in any of the barns.
- ❖ To allow for some flexibility, the Monday workday hours are between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The fair board is optimistic that with plenty of help and organization the job can be done by early afternoon.
- ❖ Exhibitors will be checked in, organized into crews, assigned jobs, and checked out by a designated fair board member.
- ❖ An adult will supervise each youth work crew.
- ❖ The fair board will provide lunch for all youth and adult volunteers working on Monday.
- ❖ Exhibitors whose club is responsible for 4-H food stand clean up and who are working in the food stand on Monday will be exempt from this requirement.
- ❖ Parents and other adults are also invited and encouraged to volunteer to help.
- ❖ Out of fairness to all, every effort should be made by exhibitors to plan to help on Monday. Those exhibitors who have unavoidable conflicts on Monday should notify the fair secretary by August 1 so that alternative arrangements can be made to fulfill this service obligation.