

# ERIE COUNTY JR. FAIR RULES

*Remember, the Erie County Fair should be a learning experience. We realize it is harder to learn how to be a gracious loser, but we always have more losers than winners.  
Enjoy the fair and have fun. Good luck!*



## ERIE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES

- 1) The Junior Fair enrollment is open until January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to any youth enrolled in Boy or Girl Scouting, FFA, FHA, or 4-H. Exhibitors must be eight years of age and in the third grade through eighteen years of age. Age is determined as of January 1. FFA exhibitors may be entered only if the school from which the exhibitor graduates is in Erie County. Any youth age 19 as of January 1 who is enrolled as a senior in any Erie County School and active in an FFA Chapter will be allowed to show in the fair immediately following his/her senior year.
- 2) 4-H & FFA enrollment is due by April 1st.
- 3) All animals, except horses, should enter the fairgrounds through the north gate. The fair veterinarian or his representative will check all animals before entry. Health certificate information is listed in the back of the Fair Premium Book. Parents or truck drivers are encouraged to cooperate fully with the person checking animals. Anyone not cooperating may cause the project to be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
- 4) All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds after animals are unloaded. No trailers are to be left on the fairgrounds.
- 5) The official fair veterinarian is an official of the Department of Agriculture and is under no responsibility to treat your animals while on the fairgrounds. Treatment services on your fair animals will be billed to you.
- 6) Projects made in connection with school work (example industrial arts or vocational Family & Consumer Science or agriculture) are not to be shown in 4-h Classes.
- 7) FFA exhibitors may be entered only if the school from which the exhibitor graduates is in Erie County. EHOVE students can be exceptions with fair board approval.



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- 8) A small projects auction will be held at the Erie County Fair. Projects eligible for auction will include: market rabbits, market poultry, select Family & Consumer Science projects and select Still Projects. A percentage of the sale proceeds will go to a sale fund for promotions, etc.
- 9) All livestock exhibitors will be interviewed by judges to determine their grade. Members must bring their project book or records to the interview. Project books will be judged on neatness, accuracy and completeness. Exhibitor will be ineligible to show if project book is incomplete or guidelines are not met. Each exhibitor will be asked questions pertaining to their project.
- 10) Every breeding to new market or meat animal, dairy cattle and dairy goats exhibitor is required to attend a Quality Assurance Training Program with their parent or legal guardian. If the exhibitor does not attend a QATP with their parent or legal guardian, the exhibitor will not be allowed to exhibit, show or sell a market or meat animal and dairy animal at the Fair.
- 11) Once on the fairgrounds, grooming is limited to the exhibitor, immediate family, 4-H volunteer or FFA advisor. The exhibitor must be actively engaged in the grooming.
- 12) Every exhibitor must show his/her own project animal/s unless an exception is permitted by the appropriate committee. In this case, the animal/s must be shown by another Erie County Junior Fair Exhibitor.
- 13) **SHOWMANSHIP** – All livestock and small animal areas will hold showmanship classes for exhibitors. Appearance should be neat, clean, respectful and appropriate for their species. Exhibitors may be dismissed from the class if they do not meet the proper guidelines as to dress. Junior Showmanship classes are for exhibitors 11 years and younger. Intermediate classes for 12-14 years of age. Senior Showmanship classes will be for exhibitors 15 years and older. All ages are as of January 1 of current year. Some species may offer a Beginner Showmanship class, for exhibitors showing the species for the first time. Divisions may be limited due to numbers. Exhibitors should always compete in their age class even if they have previously won the class. Winners are not required to sit out a year before competing in the same class. Showman of Showmen – Each project area (except hogs) will have a Showman of Showmen class on their show day, typically following the completion of all the showmanship classes. Eligible participants include the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners (Champions) of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Beginner (if offered) classes. If the Champion is not able to compete, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner (Reserve Champion) may compete.



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No other substitutes are permitted. The winner of the Showman of Showmen class will represent the project area in the Super Showmanship Contest.

- 14) **SUPER SHOWMANSHIP** – A Super Showmanship Contest will be held. The contest is open to the following project areas: Horses, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, Goats, Rabbits, Dogs, Llamas and Poultry unless there are less than 5 exhibitors for any one area. For each area (except swine) the winner of the Showman of Showmen class will represent that project area. If the Champion is not able to compete, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner (Reserve Champion) may compete. If one exhibitor wins designate which area they will represent. The Swine Project area will send the winner of the Senior Showmanship contest. Exhibitors are not restricted on the number of times they can compete in or win the Super Showmanship Contest.
- 15) Eligible youth may be members of both 4-H and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) Chapters, or either group. In all cases, separate and different projects (animals and/or products) must be carried in 4-H and in Vocational Agriculture by a member belonging to both organizations.
- 16) Willful neglect or abuse of an animal will constitute immediate removal of the animal from fair and the member banned from all livestock projects at the fair for five years. Decisions will be made by the committee members and extension personnel with support of the Senior Fair Board. All decisions are final.
- 17) All fair projects (with exception of livestock for medical reasons) leaving early before the end of fair on Sunday will paycheck premiums and the right to exhibit at next year's fair. Exceptions to this rule require the signature of an adult supervisor and a fair board member.



## ERIE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALES

### SUGGESTED CODE OF ETHICS FOR SELLERS AND PARENTS

- 1) Offer a quality product for sale. Do a good job of feeding and caring for your animal/s and preparing your sale item.
- 2) Invite prospective buyers to attend this sale. Do not depend upon somebody else to do this.
- 3) When inviting a prospective buyer, ask them to come and support the sale. Don't insist that a prospective buyer must buy your animal/s or projects/s. Don't ridicule a buyer for not buying your animal/s or project/s.
- 4) Remember, buyers sometimes bid on a number of animal/s or project/s before buying. Sometimes, the bid goes beyond the limit set by prospective buyer.
- 5) Never criticize anyone for not buying your animal(s) or project(s) from your child. This action will do more to keep a potential buyer away from future sales than any other action you can take.
- 6) One buyer does not make a sale. Some potential buyers do a lot of bidding, but end up with no animals or projects. These people deserve a thank you also for their support of the sale.
- 7) Relatives or others should never attempt to run up the bid on buyer. This action can and often does set a poor climate for the entire sale and sales in the future years. The sale committee is attempting to run an honest sale and to get the highest dollar for each boy and girl.



## LIVESTOCK PROJECT SALE RULES

- 1) All members that sell any kind of animal through the Livestock Sale or Small Projects Auction must have attended a Quality Assurance Program offered by OSU Extension in order to sell their animal or project.
- 2) Participation in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale should be considered a privilege. Exhibitors must be present for their lot to be sold, unless arrangements have been made with the Sale Committee office prior to the sale.
- 3) Exhibitors are limited to two trips through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale and two trips through the Small Projects Auction. The only exception will be one exhibitor having more than two livestock Champions and/or Reserve Champions. They may be required to sell more than two champion projects.
- 4) All Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market animals.  
**MUST be sold at the sale.**
- 5) Selling of Dairy Beef Feeder or Beef Feeder Champions will be an option of the exhibitor.
- 6) Exhibitors have one hour after their last livestock show to decide what animals will be sold and relay this information to the Sale Committee office.
- 7) A Commission will be charged for each lot sold for the purpose of advertising the sale, sale supplies, livestock buildings and equipment.
- 8) Animals that exhibitors wish to show at another fair or show should never go through the sale ring. Animals sold through the Erie County Junior Fair Livestock Sale change ownership when sold and are not eligible for any further junior show competition.
- 9) Approaching a buyer to buy back an animal to take to another show is an unethical practice. Those caught doing this can be banned from the Erie County Junior Fair Livestock Sale for up to five years, as determined by the sale committee.
- 10) Animal Drug Use Notification Forms will be collected Monday night at check-in. All forms must be turned in by 9:00PM. The following situations will apply:
  - a. Non-Terminal: (all animals, except swine) Any animals that have received treatment with which the withdrawal time will not have elapsed the day before



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their show, will not be able to show or sell. The exhibitor will be asked to take his/her animal back home.

- b. Terminal: (swine) Any terminal animals that have received treatment with which the withdrawal time will not have elapsed the day before their show, will not be able to show or sell. The hog will not be permitted to leave the fair grounds. If the elapse time extends beyond the length of the fair, the animal will be taken to a site as determined by the appropriate livestock committee. The exhibitor will maintain financial responsibility for the animal until it is take to slaughter.
- 11) If a situation occurs during the fair, and the animal needs treatment, the exhibitor will discuss with the fair vet the necessary treatment to be taken. A decision on whether or not the anima will be permitted to show or sell will be made thru consultation with the Fair Vet, the Senior Fair Board, and the Sale Committee.



## SMALL PROJECTS AUCTION RULES

1. All Members who sell any kind of animal through the Livestock Sale or Small Project Auction **MUST** have attended a Quality Assurance program offered by OSU Extension in order to sell their animal or project.
2. Participation in the Small Project Sale should be considered a privilege. Exhibitors **MUST BE PRESENT** for their lot to be sold, unless arrangements have been made with the Sale Committee office prior to the beginning of the sale.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) trips through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale and two (2) trips through the Small Projects Auction. The only exception will be one exhibitor having more than two (2) livestock Champions and/or Reserve Champions. Exhibitor will be granted an additional trip through the Sale Ring.
4. All exhibitors in the market poultry classes and market rabbit classes are eligible to sell their project through the Small Projects Auction if all guidelines have been followed.
5. Exhibitors who win in other (non-livestock) project classes are eligible to participate if the project has a O symbol next to the project name on the fact sheet.
6. Exhibitors must register by following these deadlines to sell: A. - Projects judged prior to fair have until Friday, August 5 to register. This can be done by returning the form on this letter. You will receive a confirmation when you turn in your form B. - Projects judged during the fair have until the end of the day they are judged to register at the Jr. Fair Sale Office, If the office is closed, it must be done first thing the next day.
7. The items for sale must be related to the project and produced by the exhibitor. The member must make the item for sale. Items should not be purchased and resold. If you have questions as to what you can sell, contact Angie, Donna, or Mary Beth.
8. Food items offered for sale must be baked such as breads, cakes, cookies, brownies, candy, or fruit pies, and must be protected properly. You may not sell creamed items (including creamed pies, cheesecakes and pecan pies), home canned foods, and other products that require a food license.
9. Extension Educators, with Sale Committee approval, reserve the right to remove any inappropriate items from the sale.
10. A commission will be charged for each lot sold for the purpose of advertising of sale, sale supplies, livestock buildings and equipment.



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11. *Poultry Exhibitor/Seller* must deliver sale product to buyer within two weeks. A receipt should be signed by the buyer indicating they received the product. The seller forwards this receipt to the Erie County Fair Treasurer or money will not be distributed to the seller/exhibitor and buyer will be refunded all monies for product. **Exhibitors failing to do so will not be able to sell the following year.** Birds delivered to Junior Fair Small Project Auction buyers must be processed at a state licensed facility. The two closest state licensed facilities are Spring Maple Enterprises in Shiloh (Huron County) and Tea Hill Farm in Loudonville (Ashland County).

12. Plan to arrive Friday evening with sale items, by 5:30pm or before, at the Show and Sale barn. Food should be wrapped in clear cellophane and attractively displayed. Dress should be a reflection of a 4-H award winner. *Thank you notes should be written promptly to the buyer.* Sale checks will not be distributed until a stamped and addressed thank you note is submitted to either the Sale Committee Office on Sunday, from 1:00 - 5:00pm, or brought to the Extension Office after the fair.