

# **Junior Fair Rules & Regulations**

## **I. GENERAL**

1. For each junior fair project entered a completed project book for 4-H members or printed AET records for FFA members must be turned in by the exhibitor for evaluation at skillathon judging.
2. Every exhibitor shall hold primary responsibility for their own projects and individually share the care of group exhibitors as directed by the leader.
3. All exhibits will be graded, A, B, or C and will be awarded ribbons indicating the grade at skillathon.
4. All Junior Fair livestock and non-livestock projects will be interview judged prior to the fair. A schedule will be sent to each 4-H family. All non-livestock FFA projects will be judged by FFA advisors prior to the fair.
5. No exhibitor may show animal species or crops from the same department in both 4-H and FFA.
6. No Junior Fair participant may exhibit in more than one Junior Fair. Youth are expected to affiliate with a youth program in the county of residence. However, in instances where youth live out of county, membership considerations will be given by the 4-H agent only when a positive education experience will result. An "Across County Line" form must be on file for 4-H members residing outside of Putnam County. Youth that are members of an FFA outside of their home county must exhibit in their county of residence.
7. Each fair official will expect courteous and orderly conduct by the Junior Fair exhibitors and attendants. Harassment, profanity, or unsportsmanlike conduct toward fair officials, judges, show managers, help and exhibitors WILL NOT be tolerated. Any violation of this rule would warrant withholding of grade premium money and exemption of showing and exhibiting at the Putnam County Fair.
8. All non-livestock entries must be in place per the schedule.
9. Exhibits shall be placed as directed by the superintendent of the department. Premiums will be forfeited on all exhibits removed without the consent of the superintendent in charge.
10. All judges decisions are final in all shows and competitions.
11. All Junior Fair exhibitors must follow safety guidelines established by the Putnam County Agricultural Society.
12. All exhibitors must show their animal(s).
13. All livestock classes will have a minimum of 4 placings.
14. All market animals will be sold through the junior fair base bid market sale unless declared as a home animal at the time of weigh in.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES**

1. The Putnam County Junior Fair is open to all boys and girls regardless of race, gender, creed, national origin, and who is Bonafide current members of a Putnam County Youth Organization (4-H, FFA, Scouts, Grange, Farm Bureau or other organization acceptable to the Senior Fair Board).
2. Age requirements:
  - i. 4-H: Minimum age is 8 years old and in the third grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Maximum age eligibility ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which a member attains the age of 19. \*The Putnam County Junior Fair is open to participation by Cloverbuds (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) for non-livestock; non-competitive exhibits only.
  - ii. FFA: Entries are open to currently enrolled agricultural education students who are not older than 18 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Exhibits must be a part of or a continuation of the student's agricultural program experience.

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3. Entries:
  - i. Early Entries: Entries must be made through Fair Entry program. Deadline for Junior Fair entries (both 4-H and FFA) is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. All FFA projects must make entries. For 4-H, only livestock entries must be made.
  - ii. Late Entries: A member will be deemed non-competitive due to late entries. Those deemed non-competitive will not be eligible for awards (trophies, rosettes, certificates, etc.) at the Putnam County Fair. Members may be judged for A, B or C ribbons, exhibit projects at the fair and receive premiums, but are not eligible for any other competition.
4. The maximum number of entries allowed are:
  - i. Cattle:
    1. Market: Maximum of four (4) market steers/market heifers/dairy steers
    2. Breeding: One breeding animal in each class
    3. Feeder Calves: Maximum of two (2) feeders per division (Dairy, Crossbred or Beef) with no more than four (4) feeder calves total.
  - ii. Hogs:
    1. Market: Maximum of four (4) market barrows/gilts
    2. Breeding: Maximum of four (4) breeding gilts
  - iii. Sheep:
    1. Market: Maximum of four (4) market wethers/ewes
    2. Breeding: Maximum of four (4) breeding sheep per breed
  - iv. Goats:
    1. Market: Maximum of two (2) wethers/does
    2. Breeding (Dairy & Meat): Maximum of two (2) does per division
    3. Pygmy: Maximum of two (2) wethers/does.  
\*Maximum of no more than six (6) goats total
  - v. Poultry:
    1. One (1) entry per class
  - vi. Rabbits:
    1. One (1) entry per class
  - vii. FFA Classes and 4-H Project Work:
    1. One (1) entry per class
5. Livestock showing in Bred & Fed Shows must be entered and participate in the Junior Fair Show.
6. All junior fair exhibitors must be present to provide continual care of their project animal during the week of the fair.

### **III. PREMIUMS**

1. Grade premium money is paid by the Putnam County Fair for exhibition of project work. The Putnam County Agricultural Society reserve the right to prorate premium money when money is not available for full payments.
2. All grade premiums for junior fair animal projects will be based on the skillathon grade, non-animal projects will be based on the project judging grade.
3. Grade premiums will be available for pick up at the fair during scheduled times. Any grade premiums not picked up will be forfeited and made as a donation to the livestock account.

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## **IV. LIVESTOCK**

1. Ownership
  - i. All Junior Fair Livestock projects must be completely and fully owned including all showing rights and in complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor. Junior Fair breeding and horse projects may be owned or formally leased and junior fair members must have the complete and exclusive showing rights during the lease/ownership time. A copy of the horse project lease documentation must be on file with the Extension Office by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Market animals shall not be leased and must be completely and fully owned including all showing rights and be in complete possession and continual care of the by the junior fair member exhibiting said animal.
2. Health Regulations
  - i. Refer the Regulations of The Putnam County Ag Society Health Requirements section.
3. Animal Possession
  - i. These possession dates for Junior Fair livestock must be adhered to for eligibility at the Putnam County Fair.
    1. Heifers/Steers: January 1<sup>st</sup>
    2. Goats: April 15<sup>th</sup>
    3. Turkeys: March 11<sup>th</sup>
    4. Market Lamb – April 15<sup>th</sup>
    5. Horses: April 15<sup>th</sup>
    6. All Breeding animals: April 15<sup>th</sup>
    7. Feeder Calves – April 15<sup>th</sup>
    8. Hogs – April 15<sup>th</sup>
    9. Market Rabbits - May 20<sup>th</sup>
    10. Breeding Rabbits – April 15<sup>th</sup>
    11. Meat Chickens – May 16<sup>th</sup>
    12. Meat Ducks – April 29<sup>th</sup>
    13. Breeding Chickens and Pullets – May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ii. Substitutions for animals made after the possession dates listed must be must be on file at the Jr. Fair Office (Putnam County OSU Ext.) prior to arrival at the fair. Any animal substitution after the possession date will be ineligible for championship classes at the Putnam County Fair.

## **V. IDENTIFICATION AND WEIGH-IN**

1. All market livestock exhibited at the Putnam County Fair must conform to the county animal identification guidelines given below.
  - i. Market Steer/Heifer must have forms, 840 EID tags and pictures to the Extension Office on or before the January deadline.
  - ii. Feeder calves must have 840 EID tags and pictures submitted to the 4-H Online by possession deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - iii. Market Lambs must have scrapie tag and pictures submitted to the 4-H Online by possession deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Market Goats must have scrapie tag and pictures submitted to the 4-H Online by possession deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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- v. Market Hogs must have 840 EID tags and pictures submitted to the 4-H Online by possession deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - vi. Horse pictures must be submitted to the 4-H Online by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - vii. Rabbit tattooing – To be announced
2. All animals will be weighed only one time at fair weigh-in.
  3. Family Tagging – Animals can be entered as family projects at possession deadline then animals need to be declared by exhibitor by June 1<sup>st</sup> Entry Deadline.

## **VI. QUALITY ASSURANCE**

1. 4-H and FFA exhibitors who fail to fulfill the Youth Quality Assurance requirements mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Putnam County Fair Board are prohibited from showing or selling their projects.
2. It is mandatory that a Drug Use Notification Form be completed for all market animals.

## **VII. STALL AND HOUSING**

1. All Junior Fair exhibitors are required to keep individual animals and quarters clean at all times and must assist in the general cleanliness of the barn. A list of exhibitors whose pens need attention will be notified by the department superintendent. Failure to keep individual animals and quarters clean throughout the fair and failure to clean out pens following livestock removal may result but not limited to the forfeiture of full or partial Junior Fair premium or other sanctions at the discretion of Senior Fair Board.

## **VIII. SHOWMANSHIP, LIVESTOCK HANDLING AND GROOMING**

1. Senior Showmanship contestants must be 14 years or older and Junior Showmanship contestants must be 13 years and younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. 1<sup>st</sup> year showmanship contestants must be between the ages of 9 years and 12 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and must be the first year taking the project. All showmanship contest participants must show one of their own animals which have been entered in the Junior Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS. See species for more details.
2. Every livestock exhibit shall be trained, that proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary. Any livestock not so trained will be sent home.
3. Each exhibitor must show their own animal at judging times unless there is more than one exhibit to be shown at the same time or is excused in advance. In such a case another Putnam County 4-H Youth member may show for them. (Except in Showmanship)
4. Members are responsible for the care and feeding of their livestock until it is released from the fairgrounds.
5. Refer to ODA livestock health exhibition rules per species for prohibited grooming practices. Grooming practice 901-19-33.
6. Responsibilities of and assistance to Junior Fair Exhibitors:
  - i. A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered into the junior livestock show.
  - ii. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.

## **IX. TESTING LIVESTOCK FOR DRUGS**

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1. All project animal(s) will be subject to pre-fair and fair inspection or testing at any time by designated fair officials or their representatives. Refusal to allow such inspection will disqualify the animal from exhibition and its privileges at the Putnam County Fair.
2. All animals tested will be required to complete a Drug Use Notification Form. It is mandatory that a Drug Use Notification Form be completed for all market animals.

## **X. CODE OF PRACTICES**

1. Exhibitor's Junior Fair Sale premiums will be deducted/forfeited if projects are not taken care of throughout fair week. This includes continual washing, feeding, watering and stall cleaning.
2. The following describes general responsibilities of the exhibitor in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber. To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of animals. To provide a safe and healthy environment for animals, that is clean, well-ventilated and provide ample space. To provide a well-planned disease prevention program to protect the health of herd or flock. This includes a strong veterinarian/client relationship. To use humane and sanitary methods when it becomes necessary to dispose of animals. To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate the health and ensure that all basic requirements are being met. To ensure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary. To provide transportation for animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading. The willful mistreatment of animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of animals.

## **XI. JUNIOR FAIR SALE**

1. The Junior Fair Sale will be Friday of the fair, with one trip per exhibitor. Only Junior Fair exhibitors selling a market animal through the base bid sale are eligible for the Junior Fair Sale. Exhibitor is responsible for his/her animals until loaded by the purchaser.

## **XII. GENERAL LIVESTOCK**

1. Livestock must be brought following the Junior Fair Schedule. No animals, tack or bedding to be on the fairgrounds prior to Thursday before the fair including around the barns and tie-outs. Any tack, bedding or stakes will be removed from the area if in place prior to the Thursday before the fair unless prior approval from committee chair(s) is granted. The only exception is tack and bedding brought in for Equine.
2. All livestock projects will be shown by weight or breed (except equine). 4-H and FFA classes will be combined and show together in Junior Fair classes.
3. Exhibits may be shown in the Open Class by conforming to the rules of the open class.

## **XIII. TAMPERING**

1. "UNETHICAL FITTING" – means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.
2. Any product which changes, enhances or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. (Including but not limited to paints, dye, powder, non-clear adhesive and foam or shoe polish).

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3. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
4. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in livestock shows, any animal fit in an unethical manner, the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fit the animal involved may be disqualified.
5. The use of any unapproved drugs is prohibited.
6. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may be barred from exhibiting or showing at this fair and may forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won.
7. Should fraud or deception, and proof of wrong doing be discovered after the animal(s) have been shown and prior to the sales such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell. The animals placing next in line at the show shall move up.
8. Should fraud or deception, and proof of wrong doing be discovered after the Junior Fair Sale, all Junior Fair sale money shall be placed in the Livestock Account. The placing in the show will not stand. No animals will be moved up.
9. If the carcass is condemned at the packing plant for any reason, it shall be grounds for disqualification in the on-foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

## **XIV. CODE OF ETHICS**

1. Participation in Junior Fair is a privilege and not a right.
2. All exhibitors and spectators will be expected to be cooperative and courteous to all Junior and Senior Fair officials, judges, volunteers, parent(s) and other members of the public.
3. Practice Good Sportsmanship in all fair activities.
4. Make quality your goal in all your exhibits.
5. No person is to coach an exhibitor while the exhibitor is showing an animal in the showing.
6. Dress for any Junior Fair event or activity must be neat and appropriate.

## **XV. RESPONSIBILITY and AUTHORITY**

1. The County Fair is an event put on by the Putnam County Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) in order to promote progress in the communitywide interests of agriculture, education, arts, and sciences and to improve the standard of living throughout the county.
2. Junior Fair is a consortium of youth organizations run cooperatively under the sanction of Putnam County Agricultural Society for the purpose of showcasing educational youth programs throughout the county. The Junior Fair Board utilizes authority vested in it by the Senior Fair Board and the cooperating youth organizations to regulate Junior Fair events and activities. In so doing the Junior Fair Board sets parameters for overall inclusion in fair activities without restricting the ability of individual youth organizations to formulate their own policies for membership.
3. The 4-H program is a major component of the youth development program area of Ohio State University Extension; an outreach educational organization aimed at meeting the needs of the county citizens. All rules pertaining to 4-H program policies come under the jurisdiction of the Extension Educator in charge of the 4-H program.
4. Other youth organizations, such as Scouts, FFA, etc. are recognized as self-sufficient entities responsible for their own policies and regulations.

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5. All rules listed in the current year's fair book are derived from this cooperative authority of the Senior Fair Board and the youth organizations involved. Enforcement of such may be handled only by the Senior Fair Board.

## **XVI. JUNIOR FAIR RULING COMMITTING**

1. The Putnam County Junior Fair Ruling Committee shall consist of the following: Junior and Senior Fair Livestock Exhibits committee, the Chairperson of the department involved and a designated secretary.

## **XVII. RULE VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES**

1. A grievance is to be submitted at the Senior Fair Board Secretary's Office in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence in a sealed envelope, accompanied by a protest fee of \$100.00 which will be retained by the Junior Fair Ruling Committee if the protest is not sustained. A grievance will be taken under advisement by the Fair Ruling Committee within 48 hours after notification.
2. If unethical practice is suspected by a fair official, due process can be started without a formal grievance.
3. In the question of any Junior Fair rule violation, the following due process will be used:
  - i. The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Junior Fair Ruling Committee. The purpose of the Junior Fair Ruling Committee at the county fair is to arrive at a decision after all alternative solutions have been exhausted.
  - ii. The Junior Fair Ruling Committee will consist of at least five (5) individuals from the Junior Fair Ruling Committee.
  - iii. The committee will notify the party(ies) grieved against and the party(ies) have the opportunity of replying within 24 hours of notification.
  - iv. A spokesperson from each side of the dispute will have the opportunity to present their statement to the Junior Fair Ruling Committee.
  - v. Unless a specific penalty is stated in a regulation, the Junior Fair Ruling Committee can consider but not limited to any or all of the following:
    1. Lower exhibitor's letter grade
    2. Withhold exhibitor's Junior Fair Sale premium
    3. Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards
    4. Revoke State Fair showing rights
    5. Ban exhibitor right to participate in the Junior Fair sale
4. All parties will be expected to abide by the decision(s) made by the committee.
5. Once a situation is acted upon by the committee, the decision(s) made by the committee is final.
6. These meetings will be documented and results released.
7. Any person found guilty of a felony offense resulting from animal tampering or cheating in connection with the showing of an animal in the state of Ohio shall be barred from showing at the Putnam County Fair for life.
8. An exhibitor who is banned from exhibiting at any other Ohio Fair or any state fair will be banned from participating at the Putnam County Fair.
9. Fair Ruling Committee reserves the right to turn case to Senior Fair Board.

Refer to ODA Rules and Regulations for more specific rules.