

2023 GENERAL JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS' RULES AND GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Enrollment:** Franklin County Junior Fair Exhibitors must be currently enrolled and meet all enrollment requirements for Franklin County 4-H, Scouts BSA and Girl Scout programs except where otherwise indicated.
2. **Age:** All Franklin County Junior Fair Exhibitors must be 8 years old and in the 3rd grade and/or no older than 18 years of age as of January 1st of the current fair year. Exception would be for Cloverbud, Daisies and Brownie, Tiger Cubs, Wolf events where the exhibitor must be 5 years of age and in Kindergarten through age 7 and completion of the 2nd grade.
3. **Entry Deadline:** All Junior Fair entries must be made online on the official Junior Fair Entry form via online entry. All special event forms and any required fees must be received by June 3 of the current year. Special event forms and fees may be dropped off at the Fr. Co. Fair Secretary's Office, on Saturday June 3, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Special Event forms and fees will only be accepted during the stated time and location. **NO LATE ENTRIES OR FEES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Special event forms and entry fees may also be mailed to Franklin County Junior Fair Board, P.O. Box 288, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 and be received by June 3. In order to participate in any Jr. Fair Evaluation/Event, the event must be entered online under the appropriate Section. Some events such as Royalty, Public Speaking, Livestock Promotion and Advertising Contest, Dutch Oven, Horse Versatility, Creative Baking and some Horse events will have additional documentation that must be completed and received by June 3.
4. **Ganyard Building Release Time for Exhibits:** All Junior Fair Exhibits located in the Ganyard Building (including animal displays/exhibits/trophies) will be released from 12Noon to 7:00 PM, on the Monday, July 24, following the last day of the fair. All exhibits must be removed by 7:00 PM. Exhibits on display in Ganyard will also be allowed to be removed (walk out only) from 7:00 to 8:00PM on Sunday, July 23 after close of fair. Exhibitors whose project exhibits and displays leave the grounds prior to this time without written authorization from the Junior Fair Board will not be allowed to exhibit at the Franklin County Fair the following year.
5. **Livestock / Horse Release and Load-Out:** Junior Fair Livestock entries will be released starting at 7:30 PM (Walk out) and 8PM for controlled gate system on the last day of the fair. Exhibitors whose animals leave the grounds prior to this time without written authorization from the Junior Fair Office will not be allowed to show at the Franklin County Fair the following year. Exceptions: Horses not on special exhibit, which may leave at the conclusion of the Horse Evaluations. Animals sold at the Livestock sale can leave with paid invoice. Animals sold to a licensed livestock facility or going to slaughter can be released with the Sale committee's approval (paperwork). Horse release times will be set by Horse committee.

EVALUATIONS

1. **4-H Evaluations:**
 - A. 4-H members (8 - 18 years of age) are required to be enrolled in a 4-H project in order to participate in 4-H and/or Junior Fair events at the Franklin County Junior Fair.
 - B. Cloverbud members are not eligible for evaluation or competition but may participate in the Cloverbud Show-n-Tell, Swine Showmanship and any event in the Youth Events.

C. Some 4-H projects may be evaluated prior to the opening day of the fair. Please check the Franklin County 4-H pre-fair packet and monthly 4-H newsletters for details.

D. To be evaluated, a 4-H member must be present and be prepared to talk with a judge about his/her project. In some project areas, skills will be included in the evaluation. All 4-H'ers should have their completed project and record book, appropriate records and completed project and/or educational display.

E. All score sheets in all classes in Communications and 4-H Activities Tent Projects will be held until all projects in each class have been evaluated.

F. All projects are required to be exhibited in the member's club booth or the Fr. Co. 4-H Booth. In cases where there is a question, the member and/or advisor should contact the OSU Extension, Franklin County office for further instructions. Without an exhibit, there will be no ribbon

(s) issued.

G. Make – Up evaluation will be available through the Fr. County 4-H Office. Any member participating in the Make –Up evaluation will not be considered for any awards or prizes, except for a project grade.

H. Questions regarding 4-H judging and evaluation should be directed to the Extension Educator, 866-6900 ext. 216.

CLASSES AND AWARDS

1. **Merit Awards:** Judges shall award a Blue, Red or White ribbon to each exhibit being evaluated/judged, depending upon the individual's merit and knowledge and/or the quality of the project exhibited.

2. **Placing Awards:** Judges shall give placing ribbons if applicable as outlined in the department and section.

3. **Special Awards:** Superior, Outstanding, State Fair 4-H Selection and Alternates, Best of Show, Best of Class, Grand Champions, Reserve Champions, Honorable Mention and other special awards may be awarded by judges to exhibitors. These special awards if applicable are outlined in each department and section.

4. **Classes:** The Junior Fair Board and Officials reserve the right to add classes, combine classes and/or divide classes based on entries.

FAIR PASSES, PERMITS and FEES

1. Admission Passes:

A. All Junior Fair exhibitors will be given a non - transferable electronic pass as long as they have submitted an Online Jr. Fair Entry Form. Only official members of a Franklin County 4-H, Scouts BSA or Girl Scout club/organization will receive this pass. Enrollment is checked by using official enrollment lists provided by the organizations. This pass provides gate admission to the fair everyday (excludes ride passes).

- B. All participating Junior Fair youth organizations must submit member and volunteer rosters to the Franklin County Agriculture Society to verify eligible exhibitor/advisor pass requests.
- C. 4-H Organizational Advisors, Scouts BSA and Girl Scout Advisors will receive fair pass information directly from organization's director.
- D. Adult Advisors may purchase a non-transferable electronic pass for \$20.00. Only official 4-H advisors, Girl Scout or Scout BSA leaders may order the adult advisor fair passes. No parents may order these passes. Enrollment is checked by using official lists provided by the organizations. This pass provides gate admission to the fair everyday (excludes ride passes).
- E. Junior Fair passes will be provided to all participating Franklin County 4H, Girl Scout, and BSA members that are registered through Fairentry for Fair activities. Passes will be sent by Hometown Tickets.
- F. Franklin County Agricultural Society Membership Passes may be purchased for \$45.00. The sale of these passes will terminate ½ hour before the start of the annual Board of Directors election. Those seeking membership must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and must reside in Franklin County. Members of the Franklin County Agricultural Society are eligible to vote for Board of Directors during the annual election. This pass also provides gate admission to the fair every day but excludes rides. Membership pass holders are eligible to make entries into Senior Fair events. Memberships sold only in office due to confirmation process.
- G. Season Passes may be purchased through the Hometown ticket website for \$40.00. They will be sold beginning June 1 until 11:00 pm on the first day of the fair. This pass provides gate admission to the fair every day (excludes ride passes). Season pass holders are eligible to make entries into Senior Fair events
- H. Daily Gate Pass will be sold at the gate each day of the fair.
- I. Vehicle Deliver Pass: The Vehicle Delivery Pass will cost \$20.00. Holders of the pass may enter and exit the fairgrounds through Gate 5 (Livestock gate) before 11:00 am or after 11:00 pm. This pass allows holders to enter during the designated times for drop off or pick up of supplies ONLY, there is NO PARKING. The holders are also eligible on a first come, first serve basis to park within the permit parking area of the east parking lot. When this area is full, pass holders must park in the general parking areas. The Agricultural Board reserves the right to turn vehicles away at any time due to overcrowding in any parking area or any other specified reason.

2. Camping Permit:

- A. Any Junior Fair exhibitor staying overnight on the fairgrounds must have a personal camping permit from the Senior Fair office and must have a responsible adult supervisor registered with the Senior Fair Office. This adult supervisor must be present at the campsite when the exhibitor spends the night.
- B. All trucks, campers, tents, or other sleeping structures must be registered in advance with the Senior Fair Office. Camping permits and applications will be available from the Senior Fair Office by calling 614-876-7235.

3. Entry Fees:

A. Some Junior Fair events, activities, contests and/or shows have entry fees. These fees must be paid by the time stated in the department, section and/or class.

SUPERVISION

A. The Junior Fair and the Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County office staff and volunteers shall not be responsible for any person either over or under the age of 18 on the fairgrounds or in any barn at any time.

B. The Junior Fair Board and the Ohio State University Extension, Franklin County Agricultural Society staff and volunteers will not issue overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns or anywhere else on the fairgrounds.

C. Since there are no facilities for overnight lodging on the fairgrounds for Junior Fair exhibitors, advisors of all 4-H Clubs, Scouts BSA and Girl Scout groups are requested to discourage any member from staying overnight.

RULE VIOLATION

Violation of these rules and any rules/guidelines outlined in the Franklin County Junior Fair Premium Book and the 4-H Code of Conduct or improper conduct on the part of any Junior Fair exhibitor may result in the dismissal from the fair.

PROTESTS

Protest Procedures: Protests in any of the Junior Fair Departments must be made in writing, signed and sworn to and clearly set forth. The grounds for protest must be filed with the Senior Fair Secretary not later than NOON one-day after the violation (s) occur. A \$100.00 protest fee must be paid to the Franklin County Agricultural Society at the time the protest is made in writing. The Society will retain the \$100.00 fee if the protest is not sustained by the Society. The Senior Fair Board will consider all protests at its first meeting after the fair, unless otherwise ordered. Parties interested will be duly notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence. Premiums on protested projects will be withheld until the outcome of the protest is decided.

GOVERNING GROUPS

A. **Franklin County Junior Fair Board:** The primary governing group to all Junior Fair events, activities, contests and shows is the Franklin County Junior Board. For a copy of the Junior Fair Board Constitution, please contact the Junior Fair Board at franklincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com. For a link to the Junior Fair Board Member or Intern Application for the next calendar year's Junior Fair Board, contact the Extension Educator at 866-6900, ext. 216. Application must be submitted electronically by the second Friday of August.

B. **Livestock Sale Committee:** The Franklin County Livestock Sale Committee manages the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

C. **Franklin County Agricultural Society:** The overall governing group of all Franklin County Fair events, activities, contests, and shows is the Franklin County Agricultural Society. For a copy of the Franklin County Agricultural Society's Constitution and By-Laws, contact the Fair Secretary at 614-

876-7235. Membership in the Franklin County Agricultural Society is \$45.00 and can be purchased prior to and during the Franklin County Fair. Individuals holding a membership for a least one year are eligible to run for a Franklin County Agricultural Society Director's position.

SENIOR FAIR ENTRIES

Junior Fair members who would like to enter in any Senior Fair shows, events or contests must refer to the Senior Fair Premium Book sections for entry directions. Questions regarding Senior Fair Entries should be directed to the Franklin County Agricultural Society Secretary's Office at 614-876-7235 or the department superintendent for the Senior Fair event, show or contest.

DOGS ON THE FAIRGROUNDS

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS AT ANYTIME DURING THE WEEK OF THE FAIR. The Franklin County Agricultural Society reserves the right to remove the dog and owner from the fairgrounds if this rule is violated. The only dogs that will be permitted are assistance dogs or dogs that are being shown by the exhibitor of a dog project or event.

OTHER

Any circumstances not covered by these rules will be governed by the decision of the Franklin County Junior Fair Board.

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