



Hancock County Junior Fair Board Constitution & By-Laws

Article I – Name

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the Hancock County Junior Fair Board and shall hereafter be known as the Junior Fair Board.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1.

The purpose of the Junior Fair Board shall be to encourage youth work in the county through year round activities and to promote participation at the Hancock County Fair.

Article III – Membership and Organization

Section 1.

The members shall be selected by submitting a completed Junior Fair Board Application form. Each applicant must be a member of a Hancock County Junior Fair organization. Acceptance and membership to the board is an agreement to complete the rules and responsibilities of the Junior Fair Board.

Section 2.

At the time of selection and during the term of office each Junior Fair Board member must be actively enrolled in one (1) or more: FFA, FCCLA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, or Junior Achievement.

Section 3.

The member must be a 8th grader, Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior at the time of selection.

Section 4.

Members shall serve a twelve (12) month term beginning November 1. The board will consist of no more than forty (40) members and the number of new members selected each year will be enough to maintain the board. Approved Second-Term applicants will fill all vacancies first. Applicants not selected will be rated as Alternates and may be asked to fill a vacated position.

Section 5.

A Second Term member may reapply once they have completed a twelve (12) month term successfully. The Second Term member will serve (if selected) a twenty-four (24)

month term beginning November 1. A Third Term could also be served by those members who choose to apply after they are out of high school but are still within the 4-H age. Applications must be picked up and submitted to the Jr. Fair Office by appointed date. A committee will evaluate Second-Term applications. This committee shall be appointed by the Jr. Fair Coordinator and shall include at least one person not associated with the Jr. Fair Office.

Section 6.

A formal application for membership from each applicant must be submitted to the Junior Fair Coordinator by September 29, with a possibility of interviews being held prior to the beginning of the term. A committee of the Junior Fair Coordinator, two (2) Junior Fair Board members, one (1) Senior Fair Board member and one (1) Extension member, will meet and either approve or disapprove the applicants. The formal application shall be signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian.

Section 7.

The Junior Fair Coordinator and the Junior Fair Board Selection Committee are to appoint applicants to be recommended to the Senior Fair Board for approval and vacancies to be filled. The appointment shall be for the unexpired term and shall serve till the next annual selection.

Section 8.

All Members must attend 8 out of 10 meetings and 20 hours worth of Junior Fair Board work days prior to fair and 20 hours during fair. Any member missing 2 meetings unexcused by the Junior Fair Coordinator, shall have their name placed before the Junior Fair Board for a discussion of removal from the board. After two missed meetings (excused or unexcused) time must be made up to the Junior Fair Coordinator at one hour per missed meeting.

Section 9.

Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1.

Officers of the Junior Fair Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. Any person nominated shall have served on the Junior Fair Board at least one (1) year, except those nominated to fill the position of assistant secretary. Officers shall be selected by Secret Ballot with the nominee dismissed from the voting. Only persons in attendance at the meeting may be elected to an office. The meeting for re-organization shall be held after the closing of the annual fair at the November meeting.

Article V – General Rules

Section 1.

Representatives of the Junior Fair Board may attend the Annual Ohio Fair Managers Convention as delegates from the Hancock County Junior Fair Board.

Section 2.

Management of the Junior Fair shall be the responsibility of the Junior Fair Coordinator, the Junior Fair Board, subject to the approval of the Senior Fair Board.

Hancock County Junior Fair Rules and Regulations

Eligibility and Entries

Section 1.

All exhibitors in Junior Fair Division must be at least 8 years old and in the third grade, and no older than 18 as of January 1st, current year. They must be regularly enrolled members of a FFA/Agricultural Education Department, FCCLA/Home Economics Department, Art Department, and Industrial Arts/Technology Department of the Hancock County School System, or a Hancock County 4-H Club, or a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Camp Fire USA, Junior

Achievement Organization. Exhibits may only be made in the area and class that pertains to the project carried.

Section 2.

YOUTH PAVILION - All Education Exhibits must be brought to the Building from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday before the fair, with the exception of baked goods, crops and vegetables, which must be in place by 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, first day of the Fair.

YOUTH PAVILION - All 4-H Exhibits must be in place by 8:00 p.m. Monday the day prior to opening of the fair. Building hours prior to the Fair will be: Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday 4-6 p.m.

Release time for Junior Fair Exhibits in the Youth Pavilion will be Monday 12:00-3:00 p.m. and Tuesday, the day following the Fair, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If a project leaves the building before 6 p.m. on Monday, then the exhibitor cannot participate in showing anything in the building the following year.

ALL JUNIOR FAIR ANIMALS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. Monday THE DAY PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE FAIR. Release is 12:00 p.m. Monday of the Fair.

Section 3.

Each exhibitor will be allowed one (1) entry in each class, except in steers, swine,

market lambs, dairy feeders and market goats where one (1) or two (2) may be entered and rabbits where a combination totaling six (6) entries are allowed except meat pens. Only one (1) meat pen may be entered.

Section 4.

By agreement of State and County level the following rule governs projects in Agricultural Education and 4-H Club work. Exhibitors entered in the Junior Fair Division are eligible to exhibit the same kind of project in ONE (1) department, but are not eligible to exhibit same kind of project in same organization in more than one (1) county. The following are recognized by the Junior Fair Division as separate projects: Dairy Herd Management (cows in production), Dairy Heifer (not fresh), Dairy Feeders, Sheep Breeding, Commercial Market Lamb, Beef Breeding, Steers, Beef Feeders, Market Hogs (not part of the breeding liter), Saddle Horses, Ponies and Draft Horses.

Section 5.

All livestock exhibitors are required to attend and complete a qualified Quality Assurance training session annually or complete the test out option (if age eligible) 45 days prior to the first day of the fair. If a livestock exhibitor fails to receive a proper Quality Assurance Certification 45 day prior to the first day of the fair, the exhibitor is not eligible to enter Junior Fair livestock entries or show animals in any Junior Fair livestock class.

Livestock exhibitors are required to submit a 'Drug Use Notification Form' (DUNF) for each market animal/pen and lactating animal prior to weigh-in. No DUNF – animal(s) will NOT be weighed. One (1) DUNF is required per animal except for market pens of 2 or 3 animals – then one (1) DUNF per pen.

First year livestock exhibitors and a minimum of one (1) parent/guardian are required to attend a Sportsmanship Clinic and sign the Sportsmanship Contract to be eligible to bring Junior Fair animals to the fair and/or show animals in any Junior Fair livestock class. All livestock exhibitors and their parents/guardians agree to abide by the Sportsmanship Contract in the year the contract is initially signed and all future years the exhibitor shows Junior Fair livestock at the fair.

Section 6.

All animals must enter the McCleary Gate on Fishlock Ave.

Premiums

Section 7.

All exhibits shall be judged on the A, B, and C basis. Livestock Exhibitors must complete project interview to show and sell.

Section 8.

The Hancock County Agricultural Society will provide suitable ribbons and premium awards.

Section 9.

Ribbons will be awarded to all projects on basis of exhibit alone.

Section 10.

All Junior Fair Exhibits must be housed in designated Junior Fair area to be eligible for Junior Fair premiums.

Section 11.

Premiums will be paid on Final Grade:

Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeders, Dogs, Draft Horses, Goats, Horses/Ponies, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine. A-\$5.00, B-\$4.00, C-\$3.00

General Rules for Livestock

Section 13.

Livestock projects must have ownership by the following date of current year: Hancock County Calf Club, Market Steers, Dairy Steers – January 3 registered at January Tagging

Dairy Feeder Calves – no later than the first Saturday of April

Beef Breeding & Beef Calves – June 1

Beef Feeder – August 1

Market Hogs – June 1

Market Lambs & Breeding Sheep – June 1

Goats – June 1

Horse/Pony – June 1

Meat Chickens – No earlier than five (5) to seven (7) weeks prior to first day of fair.

Meat Turkeys – June 1, hatched no earlier than April 15

Meat Ducks – No earlier than October 1 of previous year; No later than seven (7) weeks prior to the day of fair

Meat Geese – No earlier than October 1 of previous year; No later than sixteen (16) weeks prior to the day of fair

All Other Poultry – June 1

Dogs – June 1

Rabbits – All project animals by June 1 (except meat pens of 3) Meat Pens of (3) – Exhibitor must have at least one other project rabbit by June 1. The meat pen of three (3) in the exhibitors possession by August 1. All meat pens of 3 rabbits will be tattooed around August 1 and the numbers will be recorded.

Section 14.

All Junior Fair Exhibitors must be responsible for care, feeding and handling of livestock exhibits and area around exhibits. All Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary costs. Aisles will be inspected daily.

Section 15.

All livestock placed on exhibit are subject to official Health Regulations of the Veterinary Department of the State Department of Agriculture. Health Rules for livestock are given in detail in the Senior Division of the Premium Book.

Section 16.

Each Exhibitor shall present registration papers to the person in charge of exhibits, except in market classes and certain 4-H Club and FFA projects.

Section 17.

Hancock County Agricultural Society is not responsible for Health or Death of sick animal during or after the Fair.

Section 18.

If Superintendents determine an animal requires veterinary care, it will be administered at EXHIBITOR'S EXPENSE. Authorization of release of Sick Animal will be determined by Dept. Superintendent, Veterinarian, Senior Fair Board member and Sale Committee and a release form must be signed by all parties.

Section 19.

Release time for livestock is 12:00 p.m. Labor Day.

Livestock Shows & Showmanship

Section 20.

In cases where the Junior Fair exhibitor has more than one (1) animal in the same class or cannot be present for the show, the handler must be a Hancock County Junior Fair Exhibitor. If a person has two animals that fall into the same weight class, the heavier of

the two animals may be bumped up to the next heavier weight class. Talk to the superintendent of your barn.

Section 21.

All Junior Fair exhibitors are required to perform hands-on grooming on their own animal at the Hancock County Fair with the assistance from advisor, family members, or another Hancock County Junior Fair exhibitor. Any exhibitor in violation of this rule will forfeit the right to sell their livestock through the sale ring on Sale Day and animal will go base bid at the discretion of the Junior Fair Committee.

Section 22.

Animals used in the showmanship class must be the contestant's own project exhibited in the Junior Fair, current year.

Section 23.

Exhibitor must be present during their specific showmanship class to be eligible for any placing awards and/or Showman to Showmen contest. When Showmanship classes are divided according to age, the age of the exhibitor as of January 1, current year, will be used in determining which class the exhibitor enters.

Section 24.

Winners in the Showmanship Classes, except for Horses, Draft Horses, and Llamas, may not compete in that class the following year, but may compete in Previous Winners Class. Exhibitor may resume competition upon completion of year absent period. Previous Winner: any exhibitor having previously won a Showmanship Class including current year (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior)

Section 25.

Premiums for livestock projects will be paid the day after the last species show during the fair 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday- Sunday, Monday 10:00-2:00pm in the Junior Fair Office. Species that show more than 1 day have to wait till the entire species is done showing. Maximum amount paid per species will be \$40.00. The final pickup time for livestock premium money is 4:00 p.m. Monday, the final day of the fair, or premium will be forfeited. Showmanship classes are not paid a premium with the exception of the Horse Department.

General Rules

Section 26.

No exhibitor or helpers shall stay overnight on the Fairgrounds except those staying with parents or with a permit issued and signed by proper authorities. Please check at the Sheriff's trailer for permits.

Section 27.

NO HOUSEHOLD FANS WILL BE ALLOWED IN LIVESTOCK BARNES AND TENTS.

Section 28.

All exhibits must be in place by 8:00 p.m. the day before the Fair and remain until officially released.

Tampering / Misrepresentation Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Rule 901:5-14 – Prohibition of stimulation or making appear more sound animals entered in competition. No Society shall permit an injection or administration:

(a) of any drug of any kind or description, or the physical application of any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance, to stimulate any animal which is entered in any form of competition.

(b) to any animal, or any material which will conceal the true conformation or condition of said animal, or make said animal more sound than it actually is. Therefore, any artificial means of removing or remedying the physical defects or conformation on exhibition livestock, such as lifting or filling under the skin, including oil, water or any other foreign material, use of string artificial tail heads or heels, and altering the natural color of an animal, dehydration and re-hydration with the use of any form of electrolytes, etc. will be considered fraud and deception. The use of any materials that are colder than fair tap water will not be allowed. Any and all tampering will be determined by the department superintendent of the animal. The exhibitor may be asked to remove animal from the fairgrounds. Feet of animal must be touching the surface of the show arena. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from competition at the Hancock County Junior Fair. The use of any unapproved drugs is prohibited: Senior Fair Premium Book 959.05. Penalties: Senior Fair Premium Book 959.99. Protests: Senior Fair Premium Book (52). Drug Use Notification Form' must be completed for all Jr. fair animals online. DUNF "withdrawal by date" will be the

Monday 12 midnight prior to the fair. ALL animals must be drug free before weighing. No show, no sale.

LATE ENTRIES

Deadline for entries is to be July 26, 2024 at Midnight

Advisors will be required to follow the July 26, 2024 at Midnight Deadline. Up until August 5th at 5 p.m. (Livestock interviews) a \$50 per entry will be charged for any entries not previously entered through the Junior Fair. After August 5th at 5 p.m. – no tolerance. No Entries will be accepted