

# GENERAL 4-H EQUINE, BREEDING AND MARKET ANIMAL RULES

(HORSE, BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE , GOAT, POULTRY & RABBIT)

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1. All 4-H livestock must be owned by the 4-H member or in partnership with his/her immediate family. **Immediate family is defined as grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother, sister (this includes step parents/grandparents and siblings).** Ownership and continual care of the animal must be maintained by the 4-H'er for the duration of that project according to project guidelines. **Any special arrangements must be individually approved and on file at the Extension Office.**
2. **Breeding & project animals** must be owned and in the member's possession and continual care by **the designated project deadline** of the current 4-H year (unless otherwise stated in the specie project requirements) and identified according to the specie guidelines. Project possession deadlines are posted annually on the pre-fair schedule.
3. **Market animals** must be owned and in the member's possession and continual care by **the designated project possession deadline** of the current 4-H year and identified according to the specie guidelines. Project possession deadline are posted annually in the pre-fair schedule.
4. 4-H members are responsible for their project animals from the start of their project year until they are loaded for shipment, their sale contract is fulfilled, and/or their project year is completed. Members are responsible for their project animals at all times. 4-H Committee members, Extension Personnel, or Agricultural Society members are not responsible for the safety of the animals under any conditions.
5. 4-H members can exhibit, show and sell only one market livestock project at the Scioto County Fair.
6. **4-H members must show and/or sell their own projects.** If a 4-H'er has other commitments/interests and feels that they cannot be present to show, exhibit and/or sell their own project according to Junior and Senior Fair exhibition guidelines, then the 4-H'er and their parents must decide what is most important for them. If their project animal dies after the project enrollment or identification deadline, they may not substitute another animal for any reason but are encouraged to create a poster or similar educational exhibit about their project to be exhibited at the fair. **This includes showmanship classes and Showman of Showmen competition.** Only Exceptions: 1) A medical emergency excused by an Extension professional and superintendent-in-charge prior to the event. Proposed situation must be received in writing and accompanied by medical excuse/statement from doctor prior to the event. 2) The 4-H'er is participating in a 4-H competition at the State Fair. Only under these circumstances can a junior fair member show and/or sell another member's project.) **Adults are not eligible to show and/or sell animals during the Junior Fair.**
7. **If a 4-H'er is not excused prior to the Junior Fair Animal Sale, and is not present to sell their own market animal, that animal will be sent to the stockyard and sold for market price. It will not be eligible to sell in the Junior Fair Sale and cannot be taken home.**
8. 4-H members taking beef, sheep, swine and goat projects may begin their project by identifying and weighing two (2) animals of the same species and project. One animal may be used as an alternate (in case of sickness, etc. of first animal) and/or registered for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair. The second identified animal in the market beef, sheep, goat and swine projects may also be enrolled in the appropriate carcass activity. Note: 4-H'er may only show and sell

one market animal (project) at the Scioto County Fair. Absolutely no substitutions or change of animals can be made after the animals have been brought to the fair for competition.

9. All project and member information must be recorded on a 4-H'ers enrollment form by the Fair enrollment deadline in order for them to be eligible to compete or exhibit any project in the Junior Fair. All Junior Fair information will be assumed complete and accurate upon submission and cannot be changed after stated deadlines. It is the 4-H'er's responsibility (and their parent and/or guardian's) to inspect all completed forms (before signing) them to insure their accuracy.
10. State Fair livestock entries must be made directly with the State Fair and require a separate registration that can be obtained online at the Ohio State Fair website or from the County Extension Office. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to see that State Fair registrations are acquired and completed by the appropriate deadlines.
11. If a 4-H'er wishes to participate in the beef, sheep, goat and/or swine carcass activity, the 4-H'er must identify and/or weigh carcass animals according to activity rules and deadlines. **4-H'ers must enroll in a carcass activity by registering the appropriate project activity number on their advisor's enrollment form. Members who do not register on their enrollment form correctly are ineligible to compete in this activity.** Refer to the carcass contest guidelines for activity number and completed guidelines. *Carcass Purchase/Process* and *registration forms* must also be completed by the stated deadlines.
12. All 4-H'ers enrolled in market beef, market sheep, market swine, market poultry (including turkey and waterfowl), market rabbit and breeding rabbits, goat projects and dairy cattle projects (and wishing to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair or Ohio State Fair) must be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session (or other approved session) for the current year. Session information is available from the Extension Office or club advisors. **Youth who do not attend a Scioto County Q.A. session on a yearly basis are ineligible to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair (or State Fair) in these project areas for the current year.** It is the 4-H'er's (and their parent or guardian's) responsibility to see that they attend a session. **No make-up sessions will be offered in Scioto County. Members may attend other certified county and/or state Quality Assurance events (such as the Beef Expo) only if such events are approved by the county Extension Educator.**
13. All project, breeding, market, and carcass animals must be identified and/or weighed on specific dates in order to be eligible to exhibit, compete and/or sell at the Scioto County Fair. Members and volunteers will be notified of these dates. Please refer to a pre-fair schedule or volunteer newsletter for specific dates.
14. **All tags and identification must remain on animals at all times. According to the USDA official Scrapie tags cannot be removed. If a tag is lost, it must be reported to the Extension Office immediately. Animals not having tags or identification (or evidence of them) are ineligible to exhibit at the fair.**
15. **If any project animal dies or is injured after the stated county possession date, or after it has been identified and/or weighed, there will be no substitution of animals.** However, 4-H members may receive credit for their project, provided they complete the club's meeting and project completion requirements. They must also exhibit an educational poster in the 4-H Building if they wish to receive a premium and fair pass for that project. They cannot exhibit, show and/or sale another project as a substitute for the dead or injured animal. Members interested in Dairy, Horse, Poultry and Rabbit projects may explore Senior Fair Open Class exhibition opportunities.
16. All 4-H livestock exhibitors **MUST** comply with the county, state and federal health regulations for exhibiting livestock on the fairgrounds. If livestock health certificates and/or testing are

required for any livestock they must be arranged and /or presented to the fair veterinarian or ODA official upon request.

17. Any animals exhibiting abnormalities, symptoms of sickness or disease, evidence of testicular tissue, improper and/or unhealed castration and/or dehorning can be disqualified from exhibition, show and/or sale by the designated Fair Vet. **If the Fair Vet determines that an animal is in violation of these rules, it must be removed from the fairgrounds as per official fair veterinarian instructions and according to Junior Fair guidelines.**
18. **Any animal posing a safety threat will be removed from exhibition, showing and/or sale and will forfeit any exhibition, show and/or sale privileges.** Animals deemed unsafe must be removed within the time frame set forth by the 4-H Committee(s) and/or the Agriculture Society.
19. No animal or exhibitor deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium. The judge may award any premium or placing according to the merits of the animal or exhibitor.
20. **OSU Extension, Junior Fair Committees, the Scioto County Agricultural Society and/or Ohio Department of Agriculture reserves the right to inspect the quality and condition of any Junior Fair animal at anytime, before, during or after the fair.**
21. **If the animal weighs heavy or light at an official Junior Fair weigh in, it will it be permitted one weigh back immediately following its original weighing in.** The weigh master will check scales for accuracy and immediately weigh back the animal. The animal cannot leave the scale area between the first and second weighing. ***The second weight will be the official weight.***
22. 4-H'ers exhibiting light weight market beef, sheep or goat projects may elect to take their animal home (after midnight on Friday or before 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, or after midnight Saturday) or have their animal sold to the designated stockyard for market price. They will not be sold via the Junior Fair Sale (because they have not met the minimum weights) but can be put on the truck at the designated lightweight price submitted by the stockyard. Members should note that many times lightweight animals are sold at a discount. 4-H'ers with light weight beef, sheep and goat projects must complete a light weight slip stating their intentions no later than one hour after their specie show. Animals without completed forms (by the stated deadline) will be sold to the stockyards and cannot be taken home.
23. NO SOLICITATION OR PRIVATE TREATY SALES ARE PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
24. **According to Junior Fair guidelines, market hogs cannot be taken home once they arrive at the fairgrounds. All light and heavy weight hogs will be sold to a designated stockyard according to Scioto County's Junior Fair terminal sale guidelines for hogs. If a sick or injured hog is tagged for removal by the fair vet, it must be taken to a local slaughter house and terminated or disposed of according to vet instructions. Private treaty arrangements cannot be made for these hogs or they cannot be taken home.**
25. All animals must meet the weight and/or age requirements for their species fair week to be eligible for grand, reserve, Best Scioto County, and/or rate-of-gain champions and to sell in the livestock sale.
26. Any market animal not eligible to sell in the livestock sale (i.e. light and/or heavy weight animals) will receive a participation ribbon and show in a separate class from eligible animals and will not be eligible for grand, reserve, Best Scioto County and/or rate-of-gain champions.
27. All grand, reserve, Best Scioto County and rate-of-gain champion market animals must sell through the livestock sales. **All other Junior Fair Sale animals must be slaughtered at a**

local processing facility for the buyer or at a designated packing facility. Animals may only be taken to terminal facilities pre-approved by the Junior Fair Sale Committee and Senior Fair Board.

28. **All animals must be residue free (as determined by the exhibit sponsor) in order to compete in their class and sell in the Junior Fair Auction.** All awards, prizes, premiums or sale agreements associated with the show and sale of all animals is contingent upon their clean inspection and/or test results. Champion, Reserve and any other animals may be designated for testing by ODA officials. Any exceptions are subject to Senior Fair official's approval.
29. If market animals, other than the above mentioned champions are to be withdrawn from the 4-H livestock sale, 4-H members must notify the Extension professional in writing within one hour after their respective show, otherwise the animal must sell. **Exception: All eligible hogs and above mentioned champion animals must sell through the livestock sale. All animals selling through the Junior Fair Sale are terminal and must be sent to a pre-approved terminal facility for slaughter immediately after the Junior Fair Sale.**
30. The unethical treatment, tampering, improper use of drugs and/or feed additives, misrepresentation, fitting and/or showing of animals are strictly prohibited and is subject to disciplinary action and/or prosecution by law. For more information on unethical practices refer to the appropriate sections of the Advisor Project Requirements and ODA Junior Fair Exhibition guidelines.
31. The Best Scioto County animals will sell third with their respective species. The Best Scioto County, Grand and Reserve Steer will sell before the Rate-Of-Gain animal. This is provided this animal does not qualify for a higher position.
32. **All market animals, once sale eligibility is determined, must sell in the Junior Fair terminal market animal sales. *Members must also be present to sell their own animals and in the correct sale order. If this is not adhered to, the animal will not be permitted to sell through the livestock sale, but will be put on the truck and the 4-H'er will receive market price at the stockyards for that animal. It cannot be taken home.* Exception: emergency situation excused by Junior Fair officials.**
33. **All market animal sales are terminal.** All large animals will be trucked to the stockyards and then to a packing facility if they are not slaughtered locally by the buyer. Animals may not be removed live from slaughter facilities. Buyers, 4-H'ers and their parents must respect the terms of the market animal project sale and honor these agreements. Junior Fair/4-H projects cannot be "bought back" live for any reason and/or exhibited at other 4-H/Junior Fair events after they have gone through the Scioto County Junior Fair Sale. Buyers are also prohibited from "giving back" live animals to 4-H'ers.
34. Sale order is determined each year by moving the species which sells last to first. Refer to a Fair schedule for a current listing.
35. **Sale, trucking and commission charges will be deducted from the 4-H'er's sale checks. Appropriate specie check-off dollars will also be deducted from 4-H'ers check.**
36. **The Livestock Sales will be conducted on a cash basis. Billing may be arranged on an individual basis, if approved by the Sale Management.**
37. **Junior Fair exhibitors will be paid within 45 days after the Fair sale or whenever payment has been received for livestock. No one (including exhibitors and their parents) should contact buyers concerning payment.** Any questions should be directed to the Sale

## **Management or the Extension Office.**

38. The Senior Fair Board, Sale Committee and Junior Fair Committee reserve the right to conduct the Jr. Fair Animal Sales while the animals are not in the sale ring.
39. All barrows exhibited at the fair, regardless of sale eligibility, must be trucked to the stockyards to comply with county terminal sale guidelines. The Junior Fair Sale Committee will make arrangements for trucking. **Light and heavy weight hogs not eligible to sell through the 4-H Market Animal Sale will be sold to the stockyards for market price. They cannot be taken home or to local slaughter. The Junior Fair Committees, Sale Committee and/or the Scioto County Agriculture Society's responsibility ends when the hogs leave the fairgrounds.**
40. 4-H members are responsible for properly cleaning their own exhibit areas, pens and aisles. **Beef, sheep, swine and goat feed and water devices, bottles, etc. must be removed immediately after each feeding.** They must be rinsed out before being stored. **No automatic water devices are allowed in pens.** Straw, wood shavings and saw dust are permitted as bedding materials.
41. **Wet, dirty, and unattended stalls and animals will be tagged. If stall and/or animal is not cleaned up by the designated time period, premiums will be withheld. All awards and monies associated with that project may also be forfeited. Animals will be removed from the fairgrounds. Hogs will be sent to the stockyards and sold for market price to the stockyards.**
42. Tack boxes will not be permitted in the barn aisles and must be kept in assigned areas. Family and club members are encouraged to share boxes and large items such as hoses, blowers, etc. when possible to conserve space. Only one tack box (within a project area) per family is permitted. 4-H'er's are also asked to limit the size of their tack boxes and the number of additional items (such as benches and chairs). Aisle space must be maintained in accordance to fire codes and regulations. Grooming shutes, racks, etc. should be brought in the day of the show and removed after use.
43. **Grooming and handling of Junior Fair livestock will be limited to Scioto County 4-H members, immediate family members (grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother, sister - including immediate step family members) and approved Scioto County 4-H volunteers. Water only can be used on animals the day of sale to reduce animal stress during shipment to slaughter. Use of professional trainers, groomers, etc. in any project area is strictly prohibited and is cause for disqualification.**
44. Buyer thank-you signs will be provided by the Market and Breeding Animal Committee. 4-H'ers are not permitted to hang their own signs.
45. All 4-H members are encouraged to show in showmanship classes. **Showmanship classes for beef, goats, horses, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine will be divided as follows: Senior- 15-18; Intermediate- 12-14; Junior- 9-11; all ages are calculated as of January 1 of the current year.**
46. Showmanship entry sheets will be posted in the barns prior to the time of each show for members to enter in the correct age class as of January 1 of the current year. Members must show their own animal in showmanship and cannot substitute an animal that is not their own Junior Fair project. Members with light and/or heavy weight animals are encouraged to show in their appropriate showmanship class.
47. **The slick clipping, body clipping, shaving or removal of hair on market hogs except ears**

**and tails is highly discouraged.** Animals that have been clipped, and whose hair cannot be removed at the packing house may be discounted by the processor, therefore negatively affecting the market price of that member's hog (and possibly the whole truckload's price) at the stockyards. **Failure to comply with this recommendation may also result in all hogs from our county being refused at the packing houses.** If animals are refused, or discounted, the 4-H member will bear any financial burden associated with this action. **The Scioto County Agriculture Society and/or the Sale Committee is not responsible for finding alternative markets for improperly clipped, groomed and/or medicated animals.**

48. The drenching of livestock or metering of water is prohibited as provided under paragraph (Q) rule 901-19-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
49. The use of a stomach tube or pump on any livestock for any purpose other than the relief of temporary gas on the day of exhibition or weighing is prohibited.
50. **Junior Fair Committees and the Senior Fair Director in charge will assign all barns, stall, pens and tack space on the Fairgrounds. Members can stall their animals and set up tack only in assigned spaces. Animals cannot be moved from these assigned stalls without permission from Junior Fair Officials. Due to limited stall space, no guarantee is made that individuals or clubs will be stalled in the same place as in previous years.**
51. Any 4-H member not complying with the rules established by the Scioto County Agricultural Society, Scioto County Junior Fair Board, Scioto County OSU Extension, Scioto County Market and Breeding Animal Committee, Sale Committee and Scioto County 4-H Committee will be disqualified. Additional sanctions may apply as determined by the Junior and Senior Fair Board, ODA or law enforcement agencies.
52. Refer to Scioto County Junior Fair Livestock Special Rules and Regulations and specific animal species' rules for additional information.
53. In the event a buyer does not pay, the Junior Fair Sale Committee will only be responsible for paying the 4-H member the average premium bid for that specie, not including champions in the average, plus the market value of their animal.
54. Practices not reflecting real world agriculture practices and techniques are discouraged. Livestock should be raised and cared for with the spirit and purpose of the project in mind.
55. **When deemed necessary, the Scioto County Agriculture Society, Junior Fair Board, Junior Fair Committees, Sale Committee, 4-H Committee and County Extension professionals shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules according to the best interests of 4-H members and those concerned. These entities will determine the eligibility of any youth in question. All decisions will be final.** Persons not in agreement with these decisions must file a protest appeal according to protest guidelines outlined in the Advisor's Project Requirements.
56. Punishments and/or sanctions may be incurred by parents, volunteers and members in accordance to Junior Fair and/or ODA rule violations. Such sanctions are at the discretion of the 4-H Program, Junior and Senior Fair Committees, and/or designated government entities.
57. Please refer to the Educational Livestock Events and Activities sections for information on Skillathon and Outstanding Exhibitor projects. These activities are open to all youth enrolled in livestock projects.