

# 4-H SWINE SHOW

REFER TO PRE-FAIR & JR. FAIR SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC DATES & TIMES

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Volunteers, members and parents are responsible for knowing and following all project guidelines. During the fair, additional project information such as meeting notices, show bills, sale orders, etc. will be posted on the pig barn bulletin board. Clubs and families should check this board daily for information relating to their project.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. All hogs (gilts and barrows) are subject to all ODA health guidelines and will be examined by a vet at the fair. They do not have to be blood tested unless you are otherwise notified. 4-H'ers will be made aware of any additional details on health requirements prior to the fair.
2. Members should have a proper vet/client relationship with their veterinarian and follow accepted care, health practices and with drawl times for market hogs. Appropriate feed and medication records must be kept by the member in their project record book.
3. Hogs should be clean upon arrival to the fairgrounds to reduce the possible transmission of disease and/or parasites. Ear tags should be cleaned to be easily viewed. Volunteers should stress this to members and parents prior to the fair and insure their club's compliance.
4. All tags and identification must remain on animals at all times. 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.
5. All animals are subject to a vet inspection at the fair. Please note that animals being transported across state lines and/or commingled may require additional health assessments. Please contact your veterinarian for advice on specific circumstances. Any animals not meeting vet approval will be dismissed and are ineligible for exhibit.
6. Any animals exhibiting abnormalities, symptoms of sickness or disease, evidence of testicular tissue, improper and/or unhealed castration 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.**
7. **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.
8. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF's) must be completed accurately and completely at the Scioto County Fair on all designated animals or order for those animals to be exhibited, shown and/or sold at the fair.

## GENERAL SWINE PROJECT RULES:

1. All swine projects must be in the member's ownership, possession and continual care by May 1 of the current year. **Any special arrangements must be approved individually and on file at the Extension Office by May 1.**

2. All swine projects must be weighed and/or identified at an official county tagging (for that project) during the current 4-H project year. 4-H'ers must all appropriate enrollment and identification forms on file in the Extension Office for the current year. Only entries meeting these standards are eligible for exhibition, show and/or sale in the Junior Fair.
3. 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, the animal is taken home and/or their project year is completed. Members are responsible for their project animals at all times. 4-H Volunteers, Extension Personnel, or Agricultural Society members are not responsible for the safety of the animals under any conditions.
4. **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.** **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.**
5. 4-H members taking beef, sheep, swine and goat projects may begin their project(s) 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.
6. **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 on enrollment, ID forms, etc. 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.*
7. All 4-H members must clean their livestock pens daily. **PREMIUMS WILL BE WITHHELD AND ANIMALS WILL BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS IF PENS AND ANIMALS ARE NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR.** (See General Breeding & Market Animal Rules)
8. **The slick clipping, body clipping, shaving and/or removal of hair on market and breeding swine projects (except ears and tails) is highly discouraged. Club advisors should discuss this rule with their members and be a role model of its intent. Officials may elect to measure hair length.** Hogs that have been clipped (or their hair shortened in some way) and whose hair cannot be removed at the slaughter house (less than 2 inch) may be discounted by the processor, therefore negatively affecting the market price of that member's hog and even other members within that project area. Additional penalties and/or sanctions may be imposed by Junior and Senior Fair officials if deemed appropriate. Clipped swine

projects may be disqualified at the fair (or gilt show) and be ineligible for exhibition, show and/or sale.

9. If an animal is disqualified, refused or condemned at exhibition for any reason, it is grounds for the forfeiture of any awards, titles, premiums, and sale proceeds. The exhibitor will bear any and all financial or other burdens associated with such disqualification, refusal and/or condemnation. Refer to the Junior Fair Special Rules and Regulations for more information.
10. **Exhibitors shall use only water on swine projects when grooming for show; no oil, oil containing mixtures, or what appears to be oil, powder, or other such residues are allowed. Be advised that many Ashow@ and Agrooming products@ contain such items and are thus not allowed according to county and ODA grooming guidelines.** Please be advised that just because a product is sold or commonly used as a grooming aid does not mean that it is approved for livestock use by the USDA or the ODA. Please refer to the Jr. Fair Livestock Special Rules & Regulations for more information. **Unethical treatment of animals is strictly prohibited by ODA guidelines and is a crime punishable by law.**
11. **Grooming of project livestock will be limited to 4-H members, immediate family members and approved Scioto County 4-H Volunteers.** Immediate family is defined as grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, brother, sister (this includes step parents/grandparents and siblings).

#### **BREEDING GILT RULES:**

1. 4-H members can identify and tag two gilts per class. However, only one gilt per class may be exhibited and shown per class. Class selections must be made at home. 4-H'ers must show their own animals in all classes. If a member has more than one gilt in the championship drive, another Scioto County 4-H'er may show one of their gilts.
2. Gilts will be classed at tagging by month farrowed. The exhibitor and their parent must sign the identification form verifying the tagging information.
3. Breeding gilts will be shown in a Scioto County Gilt Show. REFER TO PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE ON SPECIFIC DATE AND TIME.
4. Definition of ages for gilt classes are:
  - December pigs ..... Farrowed during December of the past year
  - January pigs ..... Farrowed during January of the current year
  - February pigs ..... Farrowed during February of the current year
  - March pigs ..... Farrowed during March of the current year

#### **MARKET BARROW RULES:**

1. All barrows must be farrowed on or after January 15 of the current year.
2. All 4-H'ers wishing to exhibit a market pig at the fair must be verified as attending a Scioto County Quality Assurance (Q.A.) Session for the current year. Session information is available at the Extension Office or from club advisors. Youth who do not attend a Scioto County Q.A. session for the current year are ineligible to exhibit or compete at the Scioto County Fair for that year. It is the 4-H'er's responsibility (and their parent or guardian's) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No make-up sessions will be offered in Scioto County.
3. Members will be able to identify two market pigs. The other animal may be used for carcass competition **as long as the member is registered in the carcass class before the enrollment deadline and the carcass hog does not weigh more than 75 pounds at the county tagging.**
4. Barrows must weigh between **225** and **285** pounds at the fair in order to sell. Barrows weighing

less than **225** pounds or over **285** pounds will be shown but **will not** sell through the Scioto Co. Jr. Fair. They will be trucked to the stockyards and sold for market price. They will show last and receive participation ribbons only. Refer to Section L # 13 of the *General Livestock Rules* for specific weigh back rules.

5. **Barrows weighing light or heavy will be permitted one re-weigh immediately following the initial weighing of the animal. The animal will be removed from the scales (it cannot leave the scale area), the scales balanced and the animal weighed a second time. The second weight will be the official weight. Official weights are final. Only light and heavy weight market animals may be re-weighed.**
6. **All barrows exhibited at the fair, regardless of sale eligibility are terminal, therefore, they must be trucked to the stockyards to comply with county rules and ODA health regulations. Due to state health guidelines, and county rules, animals will not be returned live for any reason or bought or processed locally. Light and heavy weight hogs will be sold at the stockyards for market price. Please note that light and heavy weight hogs can be drastically discounted in price at the stockyards because their carcass is either too small or fat for the packing facilities. Owners of light and heavy weight hogs will receive a check for the market value of their hog directly from the stockyards. Advertisement and private treaty sales of animals on the fairgrounds are strictly prohibited.** The Market & Breeding Animal Committee and Senior Fair Board will make arrangements for trucking of the light and heavy weight hogs from our fairgrounds to the stockyards. The Committee or Board is not responsible for any other arrangements made for these hogs.
7. If an animal is disqualified, refused or condemned at the fair or slaughter house for any reason, it is grounds for the forfeiture of any awards, titles, premiums, and sale proceeds. The exhibitor will bear any and all financial or other burdens associated with such disqualification, refusal and/or condemnation. Refer to the Junior Fair Special Rules and Regulations for more information.
8. Barrows will be shown by weight and randomly divided into workable classes of approximately equal numbers. Light weight and heavy weight hogs will be classed accordingly. Members with light weight and heavy weight hogs will receive participation ribbons in their class and will not be placed but can compete in showmanship.
9. Only first place animals will be allowed to compete for Grand Champion Market Hog. After the selection of Grand Champion, all remaining first place animals (and the second place animal out of the class that the Grand Champion was selected from) will be eligible to compete for Reserve Champion.
10. If the Grand or Reserve Champion Market Hog is not from Scioto County (according to the official tagging information signed by the exhibitor) the highest placing animal from Scioto County in each class will be asked to compete in a class for Best Scioto County Market Hog. Only one Best Scioto County Hog will be selected.
11. **MARKET PIG SALE:**
  - a. Saturday of the fair. See a fair schedule for exact date and time.
  - b. Barrows will be sold as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Scioto Co. Hog followed by a rotation of weight classes, as placed by computer.
  - c. ORDER OF SALE: **Refer to a Fair schedule for current listings.**
12. All barrows, including the Grand and Reserve Champion Barrows must sell through the livestock auction. (See General Market & Breeding Animal Rules) Hogs not eligible to be sold in the 4-H livestock auction must be trucked to the stockyards and sold at market price. **Anyone not wishing to have an animal subject to these rules, should not bring their animal to the fairgrounds.**

**SHOWMANSHIP RULES:**

1. Showmanship will be divided as follows:

Senior ..... Ages 15-18, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.  
Intermediate ..... Ages 12-14, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.  
Junior ..... Ages 8-11, as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.

2. A grand and reserve showman will be selected in each age division. **Participants must show their own project animal in all showmanship classes.**
3. The winner of senior showmanship will show in the Showman of Showmen Contest, Friday, of the fair, in the show arena.

4-H members must abide by the "Jr. Fair Livestock Special Rules and Regulations" and the "General 4-H Breeding and Market Animal Rules" listed elsewhere.

**CLASSES:**

1. **Market Barrows**
2. **Underweight and overweight barrows**
3. **Champion Market Hog Drive**
4. **Best Scioto County Champion and Reserve Market Hog**
5. **Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior)**

**SKILLATHON and OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR**

All livestock project members are encouraged to participate in the livestock skillathon. Specific date information is located on the pre-fair schedule.

One Outstanding Exhibitor will be selected in each specie area each year. This person is selected based upon their scores in the skillathon contest, showmanship and a project class. Therefore, 4-H'ers must participate in all of these events in order to compete for this award.

For complete rules, dates and guidelines on these programs, refer to the Educational Livestock Event and Activities section of the county project requirements.