

GENERAL 4-H EQUINE, BREEDING AND MARKET ANIMAL RULES

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

- 1) All 4-H livestock (Market and Breeding) 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) and in the member's possession. 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. Project possession deadline are posted annually in the pre-fair schedule. 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.
- 2) Animals being exhibited at the Scioto County Fair are subject to vet inspection. Please note that animals being transported across state lines and/or commingled may require additional health assessments. Please contact your specie Superintendent or your veterinarian for advice on specific circumstances.
- 3) 4-H members can exhibit, show and sell only one market livestock project at the Scioto County Fair.
- 4) Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF's) must be completed accurately and completely at the Scioto County Fair on all market and dairy animals for those animals to be exhibited, shown and/or sold at the fair.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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. This includes showmanship classes and Showman of Showmen competition.
 - a) *Only Exceptions: 1) A medical condition or 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. Members interested in Dairy, Horse, Poultry and Rabbit projects may explore Senior Fair Open Class exhibition opportunities.*
- 7) 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. **A family alternate can be tagged per immediate family.** Each child that tags a carcass animal will be excluded from the family alternate option. The names of the children must be included on the family alternate form. *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.*
- 8) 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.

- 9) All project and member information must be recorded on a 4-H'ers enrollment form by the Fair enrollment deadline 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 rabbits, market and dairy goat 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 (QA) Session **45 days prior to exhibition**. Session information is available at the Extension Office or from club advisors. **Youth who do not attend a Scioto County QA session by June 15th for the current year will be ineligible to exhibit and compete at the Scioto County Fair and/or the Ohio State Fair during that year.** *It is the 4-H'ers' (and their parent or guardians) responsibility to see that they attend a session. No makeup sessions will be offered in Scioto County. 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.*
- 13) 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.
- 14) 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.
- 15) 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.
- 16) 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.
- 17) OSU Extension, Junior Fair Committees, the Scioto County Agricultural Society and/or Ohio Department of Agriculture reserve the right to inspect the quality and condition of any Junior Fair animal at anytime, before, during or after the fair.
- 18) If the animal weighs heavy or light at an official Junior Fair weigh in, it will 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.*

- 19) 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.
- 20) NO SOLICITATION OR PRIVATE TREATY SALES ARE PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.
- 21) All barrows exhibited at the fair, regardless of sale eligibility are terminal; therefore, they must be trucked to the stockyards or sent to local slaughter to comply with county rules. The owner must indicate where the light/heavy hog will be sent on the light/heavy form they receive at weigh-in on Sunday at check-in. Light and heavy weight hogs will be sold at the stockyards for market price or may be sent to local slaughter with the animals from the sale. 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. If the owner chooses to have the hog sent to local slaughter, the owners of light/heavy hogs must contact the facility to make arrangements for processing and are responsible for all processing fees. 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 to the stockyards or to local slaughter.
- 22) 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.
- 23) 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.
- 24) 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.
- 25) All animals must be residue free (as determined by the fair veterinarian) at the time of going to market (or slaughter). 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.
- 26) 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.
- 27) 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.
- 28) 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.

- 29) Members must also be present to sell their own animals and in the correct sale order. 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 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. All market animals, once sale eligibility is determined, must sell in the Junior Fair terminal market animal sales. *If this is not adhered to, the animal will not be permitted to sell through the livestock sale.* Exception: emergency situation excused by Junior Fair officials.
- 30) 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.
- 31) Sale order is determined each year by moving the species which sells last to first. Refer to a Fair schedule for a current listing.
- 32) 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.
- 33) The Livestock Sales will be conducted on a cash basis. Billing may be arranged on an individual basis, if approved by the Sale Management.
- 34) Junior Fair exhibitors whose buyers (all) have paid in full will have checks issued 45 days after the fair. At 60 days, the rest of the youth will receive checks for the amount that has been paid. 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.
- 35) 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.
- 36) All barrows exhibited at the fair, regardless of sale eligibility, must be trucked to the stockyards or local slaughter 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 or sent to local slaughter. They cannot be taken home. The Junior Fair Committees, Sale Committee and/or the Scioto County Agriculture Society's responsibility ends when the hogs leave the fairgrounds.
- 37) 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 maintained to prevent leakage or spills. They must be rinsed out before being stored. Straw, wood shavings and saw dust are permitted as bedding materials.
- 38) Wet, dirty, and unattended stalls and animals will be tagged. If stalls and/or animals are not cleaned up by the designated time, 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.
- 39) 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 chutes, racks, etc. should be brought in the day of the show and removed after use.

- 40) 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.
- 41) Buyer thank-you signs will be provided by the Market and Breeding Animal Committee. 4-H'ers are permitted to hang their own signs. If a 4-H'er chooses to make his own sign, that sign needs to be the same size as the pre-printed signs, which is 11x17 inches. Please do not make signs larger, as they will restrict air-flow in the barn and you may be asked to remove them.
- 42) 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- 8-11; all ages are calculated as of January 1 of the current year.
- 43) 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.
- 44) All barrows must have a measurable 1/2" of body hair, underline included. Ears and tail may be a shorter length. All 1st and 2nd place animals will be checked for hair length during the show upon placing. Any other barrow may be checked during the exhibition at the committee's discretion. All hogs in violation will be disqualified. Failure to comply 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.
- 45) The drenching of livestock or metering of water is prohibited as provided under paragraph (Q) rule 901-19-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 46) 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.
- 47) The Market & Breeding Animal Committees 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.*
- 48) Refer to Scioto County Junior Fair Livestock Specie Specific Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- 49) 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.
- 50) 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.
- 51) 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.

- 52) 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.
- 53) 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 discrimination of the 4-H Program, Junior and Senior Fair Committees, and/or designated government entities.
- 54) 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.