

# GREEN COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

## ELIGIBILITY:

1. In the Junior Fair Department, exhibitors must be members of a Green County 4-H, FFA, or another Green County youth organization having adult leadership and offering educational programs directly related to the project entered. Green County FFA Chapters include the Monroe, Monticello, New Glarus, Juda, Brodhead, South Wayne, Blanchardville, Albany, Argyle, Belleville, Oregon, and Evansville school districts only.
2. No exhibitor shall compete in the Junior Fair who has attained his/her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the exhibit year or is not in third grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. (Cloverbuds are exempt.)
3. Exhibits in the Junior fair must be the **results of the exhibitor's project or projects in which he or she is regularly enrolled** and must be the result of the member's own labor. Any exhibit may be questioned and ruled out of competition by the superintendent if proof is not satisfactory.
4. Those participating in the Green County Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440 in advance of fair events. At least one month in advance is suggested. The 4-H Youth Development Educator will contact the participants as soon as possible to discuss the requests for accommodations and will notify the appropriate county fair board officials of accommodations that have been approved.

## FAIR ENTRIES:

5. Exhibitors intending to participate in the Fur and Feather and/or Large Animal Auctions are responsible for reading and complying with the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Rules. See the Livestock Auction document for details.
6. **ALL Fair Entries MUST be completed ONLINE by Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.** Late fair entries **will not** be accepted. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL MAY 28<sup>th</sup>!** Class Substitutions/Alternates are NOT allowed after final entries are submitted. The online fair entry program will automatically send a confirmation email upon creation of the entry account, as

well as the entry submission. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to review these confirmations prior to the deadline and keep the confirmations as proof of entry.

7. Junior exhibitor entry fee is \$6.00 per youth, and includes a wristband that will entitle the junior exhibitor to attend every day of the fair.
8. Enrolled, active 4-H Adult Leaders may purchase a fair pass for the reduced price of \$15.00, with proof of active contributions to the 4-H program. Proof of contribution must be submitted to the UW-Extension office by April 29, via the Leader Accountability Form. The Leader entry form for reduced price passes will be available from the UW-Extension office in May, and must be paid for when Jr. Fair Entry invoices are due.
9. 4-H club organizational leaders will be responsible for turning in Junior entry fees and Adult Leader pass fees from their 4-H club with one (1) check written from the club. Agriculture Education instructors will be responsible for turning in entry fees for all their chapter members.
10. Checks for entry fees and leader passes are due to the Fair Office by **June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm** and should be written payable to the **Green County Fair Association**.
11. **Exhibitor Wristbands and entry tags** must be picked up **in person** on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> between **12 pm and 6:30 pm to allow projects to be in place by 7:00pm**. If a youth/parent is not able to do this, a designated individual **MUST** pick up the entire family packet, including entry tags, back tags, wristbands and adult leader passes between the hours of **12 pm and 6:30 pm** on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Failure to pick up the packet will result in ineligibility to receive and use the enclosed entry tags and fair pass, and will require individuals to pay gate admission or purchase a season pass at any gate location.
12. If a wristband is lost or misplaced, fair admission will need to be purchased at the gate rate, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
13. Championship Lots should not be listed on entry forms.
14. Fairbook Departments will reflect youth grade as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the exhibit year.
15. The number of entries cannot exceed the maximum limit for a department. **Entries will be taken in order they are listed on the fair**

**entry form.** Any entries over the maximum will **NOT** be allowed to exhibit at the fair.

16. **One Alternate entry is allowed Only in Dairy Beef and Sheep Breeding Classes and Lots.**
17. Each Junior Exhibitor is allowed to make only one entry in each Lot, except in the Beef, Swine and Sheep Market lots. **No article may be entered which has been previously exhibited, except livestock.**
18. **All dairy, beef, horse, sheep, goat, poultry, and swine exhibitors are required to have a Wisconsin Premise ID Number, which MUST be included on their Green County Junior Fair Entry Form. These animal entries will NOT be entered or allowed to exhibit in the Junior Fair if the fair entry form does not include a valid Premise ID Number.**
19. Ownership of dairy, beef, sheep, swine and horses by a junior exhibitor is established when an animal is recorded and certified on the registration certificate in the name of the junior exhibitor only, or with the junior exhibitor as a co-owner, with the junior exhibitor's full name appearing on the certificate of registration. Illustrations on co-ownership and registration are: ***Assume John Jones to be the Junior exhibitor –***
  - (1) John Jones – John Jones is the owner
  - (2) John Jones and Jane Jones – John and Jane are siblings
  - (3) All other scenarios would be considered managerial projects
20. **All animal projects (including small animals) must be in possession by May 1.**
21. **For all animal projects, youth must enter showmanship on the fair entry form to participate in the showmanship classes.**

#### **FAIR WEEK POLICIES**

22. All exhibition hall exhibits, unless otherwise mentioned, must be brought **in and in place** between Noon and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16. Exhibition Hall exhibits checked in to the fair after 7:00 p.m. entry time on Tuesday will be disqualified. However, they can be left for display only.
23. Dairy Cattle must be brought in and checked in from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Beef cattle must be brought and checked in from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday. Sheep and Goats must be brought in and checked in from 9 AM –Noon on

Tuesday. Poultry must be checked in from 9 a.m.-Noon on Tuesday. Rabbits must be brought in and checked in from 12:30pm–4 pm on Tuesday.

24. Pigs must be checked in by 9 PM on Monday.
25. All necessary health papers must accompany animal exhibits. They must be presented upon arrival to the department superintendent. Failure to present health records will result in immediate removal of the exhibit.
26. Registration papers must accompany all registered animals. They must be presented upon arrival to the department superintendent.
27. Herdsmanship will be judged on cleanliness of exhibit and educational message.
28. Animals incorrectly entered in the wrong class or lot will be moved to the correct class or lot, but will not receive a fair premium for the class, and will receive a ribbon only. Animals, incorrectly entered will not be eligible for additional awards, including Reserve or Grand Champion.
29. Non-Animal exhibits entered in the incorrect lot, class, or department will be moved to the correct lot, class, or department, but will not be eligible for premium, blue ribbon or additional awards.
30. Fair Association is not responsible for exhibits lost/stolen or damaged during fair.
31. Lawn chairs are prohibited in Exhibition Hall during non-judging time.
32. The Green County Fair is not responsible for injuries to or from livestock.
33. **Exhibitors will not be allowed to use power washers on the Fairgrounds.**
34. Generators can be used; however they are prohibited inside barns/tents for safety reasons.
35. Couches, living room chairs, and rugs are prohibited from the tack areas for all dairy and livestock exhibitors.
36. **NO SMOKING** is allowed around the barns. Exhibitors will be sent home with no prize money for penalty.
37. **No fair exhibits can be removed before 6:00 p.m. Sunday.** Any exhibit removed prior to 6:00pm on Sunday, without approval, will result in that exhibitor being ineligible to exhibit in that department the following year. Early dismissal of animals due to welfare issues must pass through the proper channels of approval, starting with the Head Superintendent, then the

Fair Veterinarian, and final approval by the Fair Board.

38. All barn decorations must also remain in place until 6:00 p.m., Sunday evening. The one exception is in the Swine department, where decorations can be taken down and pens cleaned after 3:00pm. No vehicles will be allowed near the barns until after 6:00pm.
39. Exhibits in Exhibition Hall must be removed between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. No one assumes responsibility for exhibits after 8:00 p.m. Cars will be allowed at the back door of Exhibition Hall only for this purpose.
40. **Alcohol is allowed only in designated areas. If a junior exhibitor is caught possessing any form of alcohol, they will lose the privilege of showing at State Fair (if eligible) same year and also county fair the following year.**
41. Any exhibitor involved in any activity that could negatively affect others will be warned. If the activity continues, disciplinary action may include that listed in Rule #40.
42. **Any Exhibitor displaying behavior that results in them being asked to leave the fairgrounds by Police, Security personnel, Green County Fair Board members or UW-Extension Staff will immediately lose all fair privileges, including admission to the fairgrounds, premiums, and auction privileges for one year.**
43. Vehicles are not allowed to park around the dairy and livestock buildings between 8 am and 8 pm from Wednesday through Saturday and from 8 am to 6pm on Sunday of the fair. Exhibitors will be able to bring in feed and supplies between 8pm and 8am only.
44. Green County Junior Fair exhibitors are **required** to fit their own animals for the Junior Show, once they are on the fairgrounds. They may be **assisted** by immediate family members (parents, step-parent, legal guardians, brother, or sisters, or another Green County Junior fair exhibitor.) Failure to abide by this rule will make the animal ineligible for the Junior Show.
45. Pop-up tents are not allowed around the dairy and livestock barns during fair week.
46. Fair management reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations, accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally.
47. **No exhibitors will be allowed inside the livestock barns from 11 PM- 4 AM without a**

**Milking Pass. Overnight passes will not be allowed.**

48. **Milking Passes will be available only to exhibitors with a Milking Animals for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. The pass allows the exhibitor to enter the barns anytime between 11 PM to 4 AM for one hour to milk their animal.**
49. **Milking passes will be available from the fair office and must be signed by a 4-H leader or FFA advisor, parent and the exhibitor at the time of issuance.**

## **JUDGING PROCESS**

50. All Junior Fair Lots will be judged with Danish judging, except where otherwise noted.
  - (a) When there are less than 8 exhibitors in the Lot, there shall not be more than 2 in the first group, not more than 4 in the first two groups, and not more than 6 in the first three groups. If there are 8 or more entries, there shall not be more than 25% in the first group, not more than 50% in the first two groups and not more than 75% in the first three groups.
  - (b) The number of awards in the last group may be increased to give awards to all exhibitors.
51. No firm or farm name identification shall be carried, worn or displayed on an exhibitor or animal while in the make-up area or the show ring. Failure to comply with this regulation will permit the superintendent(s) to bar the exhibitor from showing until the regulation is complied.
52. **Exhibitors must pre-register for showmanship on fair entries to participate in showmanship classes.**
53. All livestock must be shown in the ring by a Junior Exhibitor. It is expected that the youth entering the project will be the exhibitor. Exceptions must be approved **prior** to showing by superintendent.
54. Entries cannot be shown in **both** Open Class and Junior Department. The exception is that junior dairy entries may be shown in the open class for produce of dam. The Grand and Reserve Champions of the junior show are invited to show for Supreme Champion along with the Grand and Reserve Champions of the Open Show. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion will each receive a trophy.

55. All protests regarding class entries must be in writing and signed by the person/persons making protest and must be filed at least 1 hour before the show with the department superintendent where the protest is being made.

### **Conference Judging**

Each year several different departments are selected to be totally or partially "conference" judged (previously called "face-to-face"). These projects/units are marked "Conference Judging" throughout the book.

Exhibitors will receive instructions prior to fair as to the specifics of each area. Important to note: the youth exhibiting the project is expected to be present during conference judging. Should a conflict occur, a substitute (this can be an adult), can take the place of the exhibitor, providing they can answer questions about construction/preparation of the exhibit. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to arrange a substitute.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to provide their substitute with a note card with details about how and why the exhibit was made or selected. If the article is entered, but no one is present for the judging, it will automatically be dropped at least one placing.

### **GREEN COUNTY CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Green County Dairy and Livestock exhibitors will, at all times, conduct themselves with honor, honesty, and good sportsmanship. Those who violate the Code of Ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds, and be prohibited from future exhibition.

1. When requested by show official, be able to show proof of ownership, length of ownership, age of all animals entered, and provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian.
2. Junior exhibitors will continue to care for their own animals for the duration of the fair.
3. Animals which will enter the food chain must be free of drug residues or foreign substances. For all animals, drugs may only be used in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial laws. Show management or regulatory officials may take any samples they wish for testing. Lab testing fees will be paid by the exhibitor, if the animal tests positive. Lab testing fees for animals testing negative would be paid by the individual(s) requesting the test. Any re-testing would be paid by the individual(s) requesting test(s).

4. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in our livestock shows, Green County Fair Management reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor. Unethical fitting shall include any injection of gas, solid, or liquid to alter the normal conformation. Treating the udder internally or externally with an irritant or other substance to artificially improve conformation is prohibited. In addition, it shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state.
5. Showing or handling practices or devices to cause swelling are prohibited.
6. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors is prohibited at all times. Problems will be resolved through appropriate channels.
7. Owner, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and participants are absolutely responsible for an animal's condition whether or not they did something in violation themselves or knew of treatment that violates the code.
8. Exhibitors, upon entry, consent to disciplinary action for violating the Code of Show Ring Ethics, including publishing the infraction and violators names.
9. Exhibitors verify that they have read and understand the Code of Ethics, as well as the consequences and penalties for violations. Exhibitors understand that evidence of violation of any law will be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities.

### **DRESS CODE FOR YOUTH EXHIBITING AT THE GREEN COUNTY FAIR**

Accountability for personal appearance of exhibitors at the Green County Fair rests with the youth and their parents/guardians during judging in competitions, auctions and other 4-H and FFA related activities.

Dress or grooming that could cause a health problem, a physical danger, disruption, distraction to others or that sends a negative message will not be allowed.

Appropriate exhibitor dress for judging competitions, selling in auctions and other related activities will be as follows:

- No open toed shoes may be worn when exhibiting large animals (dairy, beef, sheep, goats, and swine).
- Any apparel that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or displays profanity and/or sexually explicit material is forbidden.
- Muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, mesh or see-through materials, shirts with a low cut front or back, shirts with the midriff showing, spaghetti straps and Daisy Duke shorts are not allowed.
- The exhibitor's body must be covered from mid-thigh to above the arm pit.
- \*Mid-thigh: the point where fingertips touch the thigh when arms are relaxed and at the sides.  
\*Armpit line: the line that connects the upper armpits across the chest and around the back

\*\*Appropriate tops for judging and selling in auctions would include: 4-H Club or FFA Chapter Shirts, Polo Shirts, Un-Altered Tee shirts or Dress Shirts. Any apparel that has a Farm or Business name is not allowed in the show ring.

Exhibitors who wear inappropriate clothing will need to make arrangements to obtain appropriate clothing before participation in a judging competition or auction is allowed. Any youth who refuses to wear appropriate clothing will be ineligible to participate in the event. Green County Fair Board, Green County Fair Superintendents, UW-Extension Agents, 4-H Club Leaders, and FFA Advisors will address violations of these standards.