

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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Guidelines for Youth Exhibitors

Check front of book for Health Requirements, General Rules and Entry Deadlines

Entry Process:

1. No entry fee will be charged in Departments 101-120.
2. Entries must be received by **Friday, July 29** or postmarked by **Wednesday, July 27**. **On-line entries must be completed by midnight on Monday, August 1**. There is an **Online Convenience fee of \$2.00 per exhibitor**. **Credit/debit card is necessary for transaction**.
3. Youth Exhibitors must be residents of Washington County, those attending school in the county, or members of a nationally recognized Youth Organization in the county; and **5 yrs. of age by Dec. 1st of the current year & under 19 yrs. of age as of Jan. 1st this year**.
4. Youth Exhibitors may enter in Open Class Departments using the same entry form. Read rules for each of the departments entered in and submit entry fees for Open Departments at time of entry. A specific item/article may not be entered in Youth & Open (i.e.: the same painting, cookie, photograph, flower arrangement) other than livestock.
5. For livestock (cattle, beef, sheep, etc.), youth entries earnings a blue ribbon may enter the Open Show by paying the entry fee on the day of the Youth Show within one (1) hour of the end of show.
6. **All exhibits will be housed in their respective Youth Areas. Entries that are strictly a Youth entry will be placed in the Youth Barns.**

Judging:

1. Follow schedules and rules listed in each department for judging times and places.
2. Exhibits will be judged on a basis of excellent (blue), good (red), and worthy (white)-Danish system. Only those receiving worthy or better will receive an award.
3. For all exhibits to be judged in the Youth Building, youth **must bring** their items to the judges for face to face evaluation. Times and date are listed in each specific department.

Arrival & Departure of Exhibits:

1. Exhibits in the **Youth Building** must be in **between 9:00 am & 3:00 pm Saturday before Fair** and may not be removed until **Monday, August 29 after 7:00 am & by 6:00 pm**.
2. **Livestock must be in by 5:00 pm, Monday, August 22 and may not be removed before 6:00 am Monday, August 29 or awards may be forfeited.**
3. The Washington County Fair assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits for any cause. Exhibits accepted only under this condition.
4. Exhibitors are asked to please take every precaution for the safety and comfort of all persons, animals, and properties.

Livestock:

No feed or bedding of any description will be furnished for animals.

Exceptions: Poultry/Rabbit Barn & FFA Building will still receive feed & bedding

1. Livestock must be owned prior to **June 15th**.
2. All registered livestock must be personally owned & registered to the youth exhibitor as well as cared for by the exhibitor. Dual ownership or syndicates are not allowed. **NOTE: Non-owned animals must be entered in Open Classes in owner's name. These animals are to be included on owner's stall & pen request form.** Residency rules for owners who want to show in Open Class apply.
3. Exhibitors must show their own animals. In the case of two (2) entries in a class or group classes, the exhibitor shall choose another youth (under 19) to show the other animal and must notify the Superintendent prior to the show.
4. Youth not owning an animal may participate in the Non-owned Animal Project which is designed to allow youth to experience the "4-H Animal Project". Therefore, the 4-H Animal Project is not available to youth owning an animal of that species.
 - a. Youth must meet all regulations for the species and in addition a certificate (available at the 4-H office) must be filled out, have all proper signatures and a copy on file at the 4-H Office by **June 15th**.
 - b. Youth are limited to one (1) non-owned animal per species.
 - c. Same dates, health regulations, etc. apply.
 - d. **YOUTH FAIR ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH FOR LEASED ANIMALS.**
 - e. NOTE: Non-owned animals must be entered in owner's name in open class

5. The consequence for not following the stated dress code for each livestock show will be the dropping of one (1) award. (I.e. blue to red, red to white, white to no award.) **Dress code is for all classes**, not just showmanship. Violators **must correct wardrobe** issue before coming back into the show ring.
6. Showmanship is **mandatory** for all Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horse, and Rabbit/Cavy exhibitors. *Showmanship class needs* to be on your entry form. The animal used for showmanship must be entered in its regular class.
7. No one is permitted to sleep in a Youth Building/Barn.

General:

1. Exhibit should represent work actually done by the exhibitor in the past 12 months and approved by the leader or parent.
2. All exhibitors of ornamental horticulture, garden produce, hay, corn, potatoes, and small grains must have performed some operative tasks in growing or harvesting the crop and must select and prepare the exhibit.
3. Refer to pages 3 – 11 for General Rules and Health Requirements.
4. Questions about entries and classes should be directed to Superintendents and the Cooperative Extension Office at 518-746-2560.

Dropping Off Exhibits:

In an effort to alleviate the traffic/exhibitor congestion on Saturday of judging, we have developed a traffic route for exhibitors. Refer to map on inside cover of Exhibitor Handbook for Saturday's traffic pattern.

1. All exhibitors for the Youth Building and the Handmade & Homegrown Departments can either:
 - a) Park in Exhibitor Parking and carry their exhibits in **OR**
 - b) Drive in Gate B; drop off your exhibits and kids, drive back out to Exhibitor Parking outside Gate C.
 - c) There will be a 15 minute unloading area at each building.
 - d) Anyone with handicap hang tags or license plates can park near the buildings.
2. There will be one-way traffic down Broadway and either in front of both the Handmade & Homegrown and Youth Buildings.

**Washington County Fair Youth Department
Point System**

The Fair Board reserves the right to alter this point system as circumstances dictate.

	Blue	Red	White
Cattle: Dairy & Beef.....	60	50	35
Cattle: Group Classes & Best Bred.....	35	25	15
Goats, Sheep & Swine	30	20	15
Horses	20	15	10
Showmanship (All Livestock).....	20	15	10
Herdsmanship & Stable Management:			
(Dairy, Beef, Swine, Horses)	30	15	---
Poultry, Rabbits, Cavies	10	8	6
Depts. 109 – 118 & Dept. 104, Sect. 14.....	8	5	3
General Exhibits: Dept. 113, Sect. 1. Class 1	18	14	12
Junior Grange: Dept. 119	8	5	3
Scouts: Dept. 120 -			
Class 1.....	8	5	3
Class 2.....	14	8	4
Class 3.....	18	14	12