

4 - H & OPEN YOUTH SHOW REQUIREMENTS

The Marshfield Fair Livestock and Achievement Contests welcome all youth exhibitors ages 5-18 from anywhere in the Northeast States to compete.

These rules apply unless otherwise stated.

Ownership of Animals

- Bill of sale/lease must have description & identification of animal, date of birth, exhibitor's name & date of sale.
- Sheep/Goat ID – see 2024 Animal Health Rules.
- Animal health papers checked on arrival.

Health of Animals

- All entries must comply with current Mass Fair Rules.
- Upon arrival all animals will be checked for health. Unhealthy animals will be dismissed from fairgrounds.
- Upon arrival animals must be clean & in show condition.

Care of Animals/Equipment

- Exhibitors must prep their own animals for show & classes.
- Exhibitors must be able to control animal at all times. Unruly animals may be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
- Each exhibitor/family/farm should bring a shovel, rake, fork, wheelbarrow, broom and other necessary equipment.
- Beef & dairy exhibitors are allowed to have another exhibitor care for their animal if they can't be at the fair. They must tell the Livestock Superintendent who will be caring for their animals.

Barn Rules

- Each exhibitor is responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of their own animals, stalls, and surrounding areas and inside & outside of the barns and show ring.
- All stalls and areas must be cleaned by 11 am daily.
- Equipment should be put away neatly when not in use. While in use, it should be used in a safe manner and kept out of reach of animals and small children.
- Animals removed from stalls cannot be left unattended.
- Animals may not be tied to fences.
- **All cattle must be tethered with two tie ropes attached to a separate halter and/or neck strap. Tied with a 4-H safety knot.**
- Bedding will be furnished by the fair.
- Dairy and Beef Exhibitors must supply their own hay & grain.
- Hay & grain for sheep, goats, & poultry & grain for swine will be furnished by the fair.
- Animals weighing over 100lbs. must be accompanied by at least 2 people when moving about the fair.
- Unregistered animals will be entered in the breed class with animals whose characteristics they share. If purposely cross-bred, they will enter the grade class.

- Breed fitting & showmanship class is **required** of all exhibitors in each department entered and will be divided by age & experience.

Pre-Novice – ages 5-7 & Cloverbuds

Novice – 1st year showing, ages 8-18

Junior – ages 8-13

Senior - ages 14-18

- Achievement competitions are divided by age only.
- White group is ages 5-11, Green group is ages 12-18.

Shared Projects

- Exhibitors & 4-H members may share a project animal for showing purposes. Sharing a project should only be done as necessary for participation. Senior and junior exhibitors may show the same animal on the same day however, only one member may compete in any fitting contest. Exhibitors who are in a fitting class or fitting and showmanship combined class will not be eligible for championship in a category where fitting is counted, due to sharing for fitting. Timed classes are exempt.

Violations

- Any violation of these rules, including early departure, may result in a penalty fee, dismissal from fairground, and/or forfeiture of all premium monies.

Attendance

- All exhibitors under age 18 who are not accompanied at all times by a parent or legal guardian on the grounds, must sign in and out at the kitchen with their parent or guardian. Exhibitors on the grounds for the day must attend the 10 am Barn Meeting.

Dress

- Exhibitors in the ring must be dressed in white or tan pants or skirt and white top – professional, clean and neat.
- All exhibitors may not appear in painter pants, shorts, halter tops, spaghetti straps or bare shoulders or midriffs.
- All livestock and horse exhibitors must wear hard shoes.
- If at any time a staff member asks you to change to more appropriate clothing, you must do so.

Conduct

- Exhibitors are expected to maintain appropriate behavior and dress standards while on the fairgrounds.
- No alcoholic beverages, drugs or weapons are permitted.
- Signed Code of Conduct must be submitted with entry

Premiums

- Questions regarding checks should be filed with the fair office before Dec. 1 of the year in which the show was held or within 10 days of receipt of the check.

Departure

- **DEPARTURE TIME – August 26, 6 am – noon**
- **Any exhibitor needing to remove their animal(s) at an alternate time must submit a written request to Jeff Chandler prior to the start of the fair.**
- Exhibitors must clean & strip their stall & area upon departure. No premiums will be paid prior to area inspection and full payment of all fees.