

DIVISION 308: BOER GOATS



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ONLINE ENTRY

You MUST enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (username/password).

NO LATE ENTRY IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION

You must provide information for either your FFA Advisor or 4-H County Extension Professional. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor or 4-H County Extension Professional.

**Junior Breeding Entry Fee is \$15 per head.
Processing fees may apply.**

Sunday, July 13, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Optional arrival
Monday, July 14, 2025	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Check-in Arrival for ABGA Open, Junior Breeding, Buckeye Classic 5:00 p.m. - Buckeye Classic Show Exhibitor's Reception following the Buckeye Classic
Tuesday, July 15, 2025	10:00 a.m. Barn Meeting MUST ATTEND 11:00 a.m. Junior Breeding Showmanship Junior Breeding Show – immediately following ABGA Open Show following the Junior Breeding Final Drive Breeding Goats released following Open Show

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Entries close June 21 at 1 p.m.



RULES

- All entries and awards in the department will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in the Exhibitor's Information, including the following rules.
- Entries: Junior Show is open to all Ohio 4-H and FFA Exhibitors. Exhibitors may make as many entries in individual classes as they choose. Three animals may be shown in an individual class, but only two animals per class can receive premium money, ribbons, and placings. Substitutions are allowed in same class and same show as the original entry. Please make substitutions at check in.
- All breeding goat exhibitors must present a certificate of registration from a breed association for all animals shown. Certificate of Registration for the animals shall stand in the name of the individual or partnership making the entry of which the exhibitor is a partner by May 16, of current year. In case of a partnership, the exhibitor shall state the partnership when making online entries, indicating which animals being entered actually are registered in stated partnership. Acceptable partnerships for registration of animals to be shown by junior exhibitors must be similar to the following examples, If your registration does not comply with these, you will not be eligible to show. Examples of acceptable partnerships: John Doe Farms; John Doe and Family; John Doe and Son or Daughter; XYZ Farms; John Doe and Bill Doe. If your registration does not comply with the above examples of partnerships, and/or you fail to state partnership on the online entry, you will not be eligible to show.
- Junior Exhibitors must show their own animals if present at the show. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired, who have two animals entered in the same class, or an exhibitor is absent on show day due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions another boy or girl who is eligible to be an Ohio Junior Division Exhibitor and must be resident of the State of Ohio, may exhibit the animal with the authorization of the department director. If a Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor cannot be present at the time of judging the exhibitor will need to present to the department director a written permission notice signed by the football coach, band director or any other person in charge of an activity that is in conflict and prevents the exhibitor from being present at the time of judging. This notice must be on official letterhead of the organization and given to the department director 24 hours before show day and must include name, county, birth date, home phone number, and complete address of the exhibitor's, home and work of the person in charge of the event (i.e. football coach, band director, etc.) Also include a brief description of the conflict.
- Tattoos: All goats must have legible tattoo(s) or other means of permanent identification consistent with its registration certificate. If the animal has a microchip as its permanent identification, the exhibitor is responsible for providing a microchip reader.
- Computing Ages: Birth dates, as listed on the registration certificate, will be used to determine the class division. The base date is the date of the show.



RULES

- Classes: All animals must be registered purebred, fullblood, or percentage blood boer goats. Percentage doe classes are for goats 25% to 93.74% (1/4 to 7/8 blood) boer. Fullblood classes are for does that are 93.75% and higher; and 96.8% and higher for bucks. Progeny of fresh does will not be allowed in the ring. The Champion and reserve will be chosen from the first and second place animals in that division of the show.
- Disqualification: Any goat showing any pronounced defect or abnormality will be barred from the show in any of the breeding classes. Artificial coloring will result in disqualification. Illegible tattoos or tattoos inconsistent with registration papers will result in disqualification. Any doe over 24 months of age that has not kidded and cannot prove a current pregnancy will not be allowed to show.
- Only one person per goat is permitted in the ring.
- All animals shall be in place on the date and time stated on the schedule, under the division in which you are exhibiting. Permission for a late arrival or early release for competing at a state or county fair must be obtained from Fair Management. Only one request for either a late arrival, early arrival, or an early release, will be granted after proof of competing at another state or county fair. ANY EXHIBITOR REQUESTING A LATE ARRIVAL OR AN EARLY RELEASE MUST HAVE A LETTER OR COPY OF ENTRY, FROM THE STATE OR COUNTY FAIR THEY ARE ATTENDING, VERIFYING PROOF OF ENTRY AT THE FAIR. NO REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION. Request must be made via email by July 15 to Andrea Hershey at a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov.
- All goats must be housed in pens assigned to exhibitors. Any exhibitor failing to house their animals in the goat barn from the time of arrival, until time of release will be ineligible to compete.
- Health Regulations can be found at the Ohio Department of Agriculture website, www.agri.ohio.gov, click on the Division of Animal Health.
- Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules can be found at the Ohio Department of Agriculture website, www.agri.ohio.gov, click on the Division of Animal Health.
- Breeding exhibitors will be offered the opportunity to participate in virtual skillathon pre-fair for prizes sponsored by the Ohio Boer Goat Boosters. For more information see: www.ohio4h.org/animalsciences/ohio-4-h-skillathons

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PERCENTAGE BOER DOES

(25% to 93.74% Blood)

Premiums will be calculated at the conclusion of entry deadline

CLASS	ENTRIES	AWARD
1	% Doe Kids 0-3 months, born April 16 — July 15, 2025	
2	% Doe Kids 3-6 months, born Jan. 16 —April 15, 2025	
3	% Doe Kids 6-9 months, born on Oct. 16, 2024—Jan. 15 2025	
4	% Doe Kids 9-12 months, born July 16, 2024—Oct. 15, 2024	
5	Junior Champion Percentage Boer Doe	Rosette
6	Reserve Junior Champion Percentage Boer Doe	Rosette
7	% Yearling Does 12-16 Months, born March 16, 2024 to July 15, 2024	
8	% Yearling Does 16-20 Months, born Nov. 16, 2023 to Mar. 15, 2024	
9	% Yearling Does 20-24 Months, July 16, 2023, to Nov.15, 2023	
10	Champion Yearling Percentage Doe	Rosette
11	Reserve Champion Yearling Percentage Doe	Rosette
12	% Two-Year-old Does 24 to 36 months, born July 16, 2022, to July 15, 2023	
13	% Aged Does – 36 months & over, born on or before July 15, 2022	
14	Senior Champion Percentage Boer Doe	Rosette
15	Reserve Senior Champion Percentage Boer Doe	Rosette
16	Grand Champion Percentage Boer Doe YRP	Banner
17	Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Boer Doe YRP	Banner

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FULL BLOOD BOER DOES

(93.75% to Full Blood)

CLASS	ENTRIES	AWARD
18	Doe Kids 0-3 months, born April 16 — July 15, 2025	
19	Doe Kids 3-6 months, born Jan. 16 —April 15, 2025	
20	Doe Kids 6-9 months, born on Oct. 16, 2024—Jan. 15 2025	
21	Doe Kids 9-12 months, born July 16, 2024—Oct. 15, 2024	
22	Junior Champion Fullblood Boer Doe	Rosette
23	Reserve Junior Champion Fullblood Boer Doe	Rosette
24	Yearling Does 12-16 Months, born March 16, 2024 to July 15, 2024	
25	Yearling Does 16-20 Months, born Nov. 16, 2023 to Mar. 15, 2024	
26	Yearling Does 20-24 Months, July 16, 2023, to Nov.15, 2023	
27	Champion Yearling Fullblood Doe	Rosette
28	Reserve Champion Yearling Fullblood Doe	Rosette
29	Two-year-old Does 24-36 months, born July 16, 2022, to July 15, 2023	
30	Aged Does – 36 months & over, born on or before July 15, 2022	
31	Senior Champion Fullblood Boer Doe	Rosette
32	Reserve Senior Champion Fullblood Boer Doe	Rosette
33	Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Doe YRP	Banner
34	Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Doe YRP	Banner

DIVISION 308: BOER GOATS



FULL BLOOD BOER BUCKS

(96.8% to Full Blood)

CLASS	ENTRIES	AWARD
35	Buck Kids 0-3 months, born April 16 — July 15, 2025	
36	Buck Kids 3-6 months, born Jan. 16 —April 15, 2025	
37	Buck Kids 6-9 months, born on Oct. 16, 2024—Jan. 15 2025	
38	Buck Kids 9-12 months, born July 16, 2024—Oct. 15, 2024	
39	Junior Champion Fullblood Boer Buck	Rosette
40	Reserve Junior Champion Fullblood Boer Buck	Rosette
41	Yearling Buck 12-16 Months, born March 16, 2024 to July 15, 2024	
42	Yearling Buck 16-20 Months, born Nov. 16, 2023 to Mar. 15, 2024	
43	Yearling Buck 20-24 Months, July 16, 2023, to Nov.15, 2023	
44	Champion Yearling Fullblood Buck	Rosette
45	Reserve Champion Yearling Fullblood Buck	Rosette
46	Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Buck	Banner
47	Reserve Grand Champion Fullblood Boer Buck	Banner



JR FAIR COMMERCIAL BREEDING



NO REGISTRATION PAPERS REQUIRED.

CLASS	ENTRIES
48	Doe Kids – Under a Year old (milk teeth still intact)
49	Yearling Does – Under 2 years of Age (Must have 2 adult teeth).
50	Senior Does – Over 2 Years of Age (Must have 4+ adult teeth).

COMPETITION INFORMATION

- All entries and awards in the department will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in the Exhibitor's Information, including the following rules.
- The purpose of the Jr. Fair Commercial Breeding Doe Class is to exhibit commercial breeding stock.
- Commercial breeding doe classes do not require registration papers. However, they must have a USDA scrapie tag. Exhibitors need to include Scrapie Identification Numbers on Entry.
- The Commercial Breeding Doe Show is open to all Ohio 4-H/FFA Exhibitors who are enrolled in and meet the county guidelines of the breeding goat project.
- Exhibitors may make as many entries in individual classes as they choose, however, only two animals per class can receive premium money, ribbons, and placings.
- Junior fair exhibitors must show their own animals if present at the show. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired, who have two animals in the same class, or an exhibitor is absent due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions another boy or girl, who is eligible to be an Ohio Junior Division Exhibitor, may exhibit the animal with the authorization of the department director. The department director will need a written permission notice signed by the person in charge of the activity that is in conflict and prevents the exhibitor from being present at the time of judging. This notice must be on the official letterhead of the organization and given to the department director 24 hours before show day.
- Any goat showing any pronounced defects or abnormality will be barred from the show in any of the breeding classes.
- Only one person per goat is permitted in the ring.
- No bracing is permitted in class.



JR FAIR COMMERCIAL BREEDING

- All animals shall be in place on the date and time stated on the schedule. Permission for late arrival or early release for competing at another state fair or county fair must be obtained from Fair Management. Only one request for either an early/late arrival or early release will be granted after proof of competing at another state fair or county fair. ANY EXHIBITOR REQUESTING A LATE ARRIVAL OR AN EARLY RELEASE MUST HAVE A LETTER OR COPY OF ENTRY, FROM THE STATE OR COUNTY FAIR THEY ARE ATTENDING, VERIFYING PROOF OF ENTRY AT THE FAIR. NO REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION. Request must be made via email by July 11 to Andrea Hershey at a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov.
- All goats must be housed in pens assigned to exhibitors. Any exhibitors failing to house their animals in the goat barn from time of arrival, until time of release will be ineligible to compete.
- Health Regulations can be found at the Ohio Department of Agriculture website, www.agri.ohio.gov.
- Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules can be found at the Ohio Department of Agriculture website, www.agri.ohio.gov.
- Commercial Breeding Doe Show Divisions are based on age and determined by teeth.
 - Divisions include: Doe Kids (milk teeth intact), Yearling Does (2 adult teeth), Senior Does (4 or more adult teeth).
 - In addition, the number of classes in the doe kid division will be determined by the number of entries per division and their declared weight.
 - The top three in the doe kid classes will be weighed with no more than 5 pounds difference from declared weight allowed.
 - The first and second place from each division will move into the Grand Champion Commercial Breeding Show Drive.
 - Commercial breeding does will be judged on meat goat breeding characteristics and may NOT show in the Junior Fair Breeding Percentage or Fullblood Divisions.



BREEDING SHOWMANSHIP

COMPETITION INFORMATION

- The purpose of showmanship is to encourage young exhibitors to acquire skill and know-how in the handling of animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting and grooming them for show.
- Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The judge may ask that exhibitors show another exhibitors animal during the course of the show.
- Advanced entry in showmanship is available online and will be confirmed at check in.
- Exhibitors are to fit their own animal.
- All animals shown in showmanship must be entered and shown in their respective breeding classes.
- Judges will consider the general ability and know- how of exhibitors in training and handling of animals, the manner in which he/she presents their animal, how they handle themselves in the ring, how to fit and groom their animal (while the grooming alone will not be emphasized), Knowledge and use of good show ring equipment and correct use of equipment, accepted show ring practices, customs and exhibitors may be asked questions about their animal and the species.

SPECIAL SHOWMANSHIP PREMIUMS

Junior Breeding Boer Goat

Showmanship age winners will receive awards from the Youth Reserve Program.

Breeding Champions and Reserve Champions will receive awards from the Youth Reserve Program.

If breeding show averages less than ten head for a period of two consecutive years, it may be placed on probation for removal of exhibition at the fair.



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ONLINE ENTRY

- Market Goats **MUST** enter online and **NO** late entries will be accepted. Absolute final entry for Wethers is June 21st at 1:00 p.m
- You must enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (user name/password).
- You must provide information for either your FFA advisor or 4-H County Extension Professional. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor, or 4-H County Extension Professional.
- Showmanship entries will be made in the online entry process and verified at the time of check-in. If you are considering showmanship please sign up when making online entries.
- No advance entry for skillathon is needed.

Entry fee is \$25 per head
Processing fees may apply.

A virtual Drug Use Notification Form **MUST** be completed for all market animals. The link will be available in July at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Check in for Wethers, Wether Dams, Commercial Does, and Wether Sires

THURSDAY, JULY 17

9:00 a.m. Junior Fair Mandatory Barn Meeting

10:00 a.m. Junior Fair Showmanship Youngest to Oldest

12 p.m. Declared weights due – NEW IN 2025!

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. In Person Skillathon

Junior Activities (following skillathon) Commercial

Doe Fitting Contest, Public Speaking Contest,

Photo Contest – NEW IN 2025!

Awards sponsored by Ohio Boer Boosters

FRIDAY, JULY 18

9:00 a.m. – Wether Sire Open Youth Show, Slick

Shorn Wether Dam Open Youth Show, and

Commercial Fitted Doe Open Youth Show

Junior Fair Wether Show

6:00 p.m. OME Awards & Jr. Fair Wether Final

Drive

SATURDAY, JULY 19

9:00 a.m. – Scarlet & Gray Junior Invitational

(Ages 5-21) Beginning with Showmanship (Novice to Senior Division)

Followed by Wether Sire, Wether Dam &

Commercial Doe Junior Shows

Scarlet & Gray Junior Invitational Wether Show

All market wethers must be owned by May 1, 2025.



JUNIOR FAIR WETHER SHOW

- All goats must be housed in pens assigned to exhibitors on natural bedding. Any exhibitor failing to house their entries in the goat barn from the time of arrival until the shows have been completed will be ineligible to compete.
- All animals must meet fitting criteria for show ring admittance when they are weighed-in.
- The Junior Fair Wether Show is open to Ohio 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a meat goat project. Maximum of(4) entries per exhibitor. Enter initial entries in class 001 – Substitutions can be entered in class 002 at no fee. Only animals entered in class 001 or 002 will be eligible to show.
- Wethers must be slick shorn to an even length of 3/8 inch or less above the knee and hock.
- Wethers must have their milk teeth intact. Any wether missing teeth will be disqualified.
- Ideally all wethers should have been disbudded or have their horns cut back to approximately 1 inch in length. However, if wethers are shown without being disbudded, they should have horn tips cut off in a blunt manner.
- **New in 2025!** Weights will be declared. Instructions at check-in. Weights due on July 17th by 12 p.m. (noon). Wethers will be divided approximately into 15 weight classes. There will be no lower weight limit. The top 5 in each class will be weighed back and need to be no more than 5 pounds over their listed weight. Any wether weighing more than 5 pounds over will be disqualified and the next highest placing wether will be weighed until there are 5 qualifying wethers from the class.
- No muzzles are to be used on the goats.
- Note: Animals may not leave until the conclusion of the Scarlet and Gray Show on Saturday, July 19th, unless prior permission by July 11th from OSF Livestock Manager.
- The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions are terminal.
- OSF Premiums will be awarded following the conclusion of the fair.
- Additional awards will be provided through the curtesy of the Boer Goat Boosters and additional sponsors named during the Ohio State Fair.
- Lightweight, Middleweight and Heavyweight Champions will receive awards from the Youth Reserve Program
- Special Premiums Awarded to: Third to Tenth Place. These special premiums will be sponsored.
- **MARKET GOAT SALE OF CHAMPIONS FORMAT**
- Grand Champion Market Goat will sell in the Sale of Champions, on Sunday, August 3, 2:00 p.m. in Celeste Center.
- 2025 Ohio State Fair Sale of Champions will have a top dollar cap as follows: Grand Champion Market Goat (\$8,000) & Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat (\$4,000)

Twenty-five percent (25%), or amount over cap listed above, whichever is greater, will be distributed among other youth exhibitors. These funds will go towards scholarships, Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program, showmanship, skillathons, breeding livestock, FFA, 4-H, Ohio State Fair Band and Choir, and endowments.



MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

The purpose of showmanship is to encourage young exhibitors to acquire skill and know-how in the handling of animals and to obtain information and practice in fitting and grooming them for show.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

- Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The judge may ask that exhibitors show another exhibitors animal during the course of the show.
- Advanced entry in showmanship is available online and will be confirmed at check in.
- Exhibitors are to fit their own animal.
- All animals shown in showmanship must be entered and shown in their respective market classes.
- Judges will consider the general ability and know-how of exhibitors in training and handling of animals, the manner in which he/she presents their animal, how they handle themselves in the ring, how to fit and groom their animal (while the grooming alone will not be emphasized), Knowledge and use of good show ring equipment and correct use of equipment, accepted show ring practices, customs and exhibitors may be asked questions about their animal and the species.
- Exhibitors must show in showmanship to be considered for Outstanding Market Exhibitor.
- Age groups are 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 as of January 1, 2025.
- Class winners will receive plaques through the courtesy of the Ohio Township Association.

SHOWMANSHIP YOUTH RESERVE PROGRAM

In 2025, Junior Market Goat Showmanship participants will receive money from the Youth Reserve Program. In addition, class winners will compete in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division Showmanship for awards provided by the Jordan Fledderjohann Memorial. Age group 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 as of January 1, 2025.

OUTSTANDING MARKET EXHIBITOR

Premium awards will be distributed to Outstanding Meat Goat Exhibitors. You will not need to pre- register for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor Program. These awards are figured based on in person skillathon, showmanship and class placing. Outstanding Market Exhibitor awards will be from the Youth Reserve Program.

If market show averages less than ten head for a period of two consecutive years, it may be placed on probation for removal of exhibition at the fair.

GENERAL RULES

The Ohio State Fair follows Ohio Administrative Code.

Please find the Exhibition Laws and Rules at the following website:

<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/animal-health/Livestock+Exhibitions> . Specifically, the [Ohio Youth Livestock Exhibition Rules](#) and [Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules](#).

A. DEFINITIONS

(1) "**UNETHICAL FITTING**" — Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair, or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.

(2) "**CLASSIFICATION**" — Means the eligibility requirements and qualifications for a competition of a particular breed or animal as determined by the National Association for Junior Shows or a breed association recognized by the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission.

(3) "**IMMEDIATE FAMILY**" — means a mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle, or aunt of an exhibitor by marriage or by law.

B. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

(1) To be eligible to participate in the Junior Division livestock shows or activities at the Ohio State Fair, an exhibitor must be a current member in good standing of either Ohio 4-H or FFA. This includes being officially enrolled, as documented by the youth organization they are a part of, in the appropriate project corresponding to the class/animal they are entering for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair.

(2) Current Ohio 4-H and FFA member in good standing, ages 8 years old and in 3rd grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, as of January 1. Eligibility ends December 31 the year youth turns 19.

(3) In accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code Section 901-19-07, youth exhibiting market livestock in a terminal or partial terminal show or lactating dairy animals must complete an approved Quality Assurance Program (QA) training at least 45 days prior to the START of the exhibition (not show day), but no sooner than Oct. 1 of the previous calendar year. June 1st is the recommended deadline to complete QA for exhibition at the Ohio State Fair.

(4) Exhibitors must present a certificate of registration from a recognized breed associations certifying that the exhibitor's entry in the Ohio State Fair meets the qualifications of the animal breed classification exhibited, with the exception of steer, crossbred gilt, barrow, market lamb, poultry, dog, saddle horse and rabbit entries. Recognition of breed associations shall be determined by the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission. A list of recognized breed associations shall be published or made available to the public on or before January 1st of each year. A certificate of registration must be submitted no later than opening day of the Ohio State Fair, with the exception of Simmental Junior Heifer Calf entries.

(5) The Ohio Expositions Commission may limit the number of entries made by an exhibitor in a classification due to space limitations.

(6) All market and breeding animals exhibited at the Ohio State Fair must be fully owned by the exhibitor as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration, including all showing rights, and in the complete custody and care of the exhibitor on or before the ownership deadline provided on the Ohio State Fair website. These dates are in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-39. Ownership of an animal shall be considered lost if the animal has been consigned or lost after the applicable possession deadline even if the animal is bought back by the exhibitor.

(7) All market and lactating dairy animals must complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF Form) online prior to arrival and check in at the Ohio State Fair. DUNF Forms are completed online and will be available on the Ohio State Fair website on/after July 10, 2025.

C. ENTRY

(1) Entry due date of June 21 at 1:00 p.m.

(a) The junior entry must be in the Junior Exhibitor's name.

(b) No advance entry is required to enter in person skillathon. Showmanship will be entered when making online entries and verified at check-in.

(c) **ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION** All exhibitors must enter online. Please follow directions for online entry. Enter online at www.ohiostatefair.com. Exhibitors should keep their exact login information (user name/password).

(d) Online entries must provide information for either your FFA advisor or 4-H County Extension Professional. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor, or 4-H County Extension Professional.

(2) A \$75 late fee plus regular entry fee per species will be charged for entries made June 21 at 1:01 p.m. - July 15 some species late entry date may vary or late entry may not be offered, check your species rule book for more specific late entry information) **NO LATE ENTRY OF JUNIOR MARKET OR BREEDING ANIMALS.**

(3) Partnerships and leases may submit entries at the Ohio State Fair if the partnership or lease was formed no later than June 1st of the same year in which an entry is made. Beef Cattle registration papers must be in the name of the junior exhibitor **ONLY.**

(4) FFA Chapters may submit entries to compete in the Junior Division of the Ohio State Fair if a certificate accompanies the application from the FFA advisor which certifies that the chapter has cared for the animal since June 1st of the same year in which an entry is made, or an earlier deadline for an exhibitor participation at a County or Independent Fair during the same year in which an entry is made in the Ohio State Fair.

D. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

(1) No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a competition in the Junior Livestock Division of the Ohio State Fair that has not been fully owned, cared for or in the custody of the exhibitor by the listed ownership deadline.

2) No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a competition in the Junior Livestock Division of the Ohio State Fair that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited by another person other than a registered member of the exhibitor's immediate family (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother, sister) or another junior exhibitor while on the Ohio State Fairgrounds during the fair. Each exhibitor showing a market animal shall register with the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission or his designee upon arrival at the Ohio State Fair, the name of the person from the immediate family who will be helping the junior exhibitor.

(3) No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a junior livestock division competition of the Ohio State Fair that has been unethically fitted in any way.

(4) No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a junior livestock competition that is ineligible as to age for the particular classification.

(5) No exhibitor shall falsify any information included in the online entry submitted to the Ohio State Fair.

(6) No exhibitor shall engage in unsportsman like or disorderly conduct.

(7) No participant shall unethically fit or alter another exhibitor's animal.

E. PRIZES

(1) Prizes and Premiums for each animal classification shall be determined by the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission.

(2) Prizes are subject to forfeiture by an exhibitor for violations of the Junior Livestock Division rules and regulations upon a final determination of a violation pursuant to paragraph H of this rule.

F. EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY

The exhibitor shall be the absolute insurer of and shall be responsible for the condition of an animal exhibited at the Ohio State Fair Junior Livestock Competitions, regardless of the acts of a third party. Should the testing and inspection procedures used by the Ohio Expositions Commission evidence the presence of a foreign substance or any drug not medically necessary or not approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture, the exhibitor, a member of the exhibitor's immediate family or any other person shown to have had care, custody or attendance of the animal in any way, at the discretion of the Ohio Expositions Commission, may be subjected to the penalties provided for in paragraph (I) of this rule.

G. TESTING AND INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

(1) The General Manager of the Ohio Expositions Commission or his designated agent may conduct testing or inspection of any and all animals entered in a junior livestock division competition before, during or after the competition to carry out the following purposes:

- (a) To determine whether an animal qualifies for competition in a particular breed classification;
- (b) To determine whether the animal has been unethically fitted in any manner;
- (c) To determine whether any false information or representation was made in a competition entry;

(2) All animals entered in the junior livestock division are subject to inspection or testing by the Ohio Department of Agriculture pursuant to Title IX of the Revised Code, or any rules or regulations promulgated there under.

I. PENALTIES

(1) An exhibitor determined to have violated these rules may be subject to the following penalties at the discretion of the General Manager;

- (a) Forfeiture of prize money;
- (b) Forfeiture of sale money;
- (c) A person proven to have violated any rule may be barred from competing at future competitions at the Ohio State Fair.

J. SHOW

(1) Exhibitors must show their own animals, except in the following circumstances:

- (a) The exhibitor is impaired
- (b) The exhibitor has two entries in the same class
- (c) The exhibitor presents a copy of the online entry receipt or other documentation establishing the need for an early release or late arrival to the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission or his designee in advance of the show date
- (d) The exhibitor shall be granted only one early release or late arrival depending on species.

K. PROTESTS

- (1) Protests regarding any junior livestock competition shall be in writing and signed by the party making the protest.
- (2) Protests regarding any junior livestock competition shall be submitted to the General Manager of the Ohio Expositions Commission no later than twelve noon of the day following the competition.
- (3) Any party making a protest shall submit a fee of one hundred dollars to the Ohio Expositions Commission. The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Ohio State Fair General Manager.
- (4) The General Manager of the Ohio Expositions Commission shall hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
- (5) The written decision of the General Manager shall be final and shall be served by mail to the party making the protest within ten days of the date on which the protest was heard.

L. PARTIAL TERMINAL SHOW

- (1) All market animals that win their division as grand champion or reserve grand champion shall be slaughtered upon their sale. The exhibitor shall release the animal to the care and custody of the Agricultural Director of the Ohio Expositions Commission or his designee on the date and time designated by the Agriculture Director. The exhibitor shall maintain absolute responsibility and care or custody of the animal until such date and time as the animal is released to the Agricultural Director.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY RELEASE

- One late arrival or early release will be granted per exhibitor. Late arrivals and early releases are granted for county fairs, other livestock shows, and emergency situations. In the event of a county fair or other livestock show please email your request for late arrival or early release to Andrea Hershey, Ag/Livestock Manager, at a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov. Requests must be emailed by July 15, 2025.
- Emergency situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

SUPPLIER REGISTRATION

If you receive premiums of \$499 and over, the State of Ohio requires you to register as a "new supplier" at www.supplier.obm.ohio.gov. This MUST be done before any payment will be processed. Please be aware you will be asked for banking information, as your payment will be direct deposit. You may use either a checking or savings account. If you have won \$499 or more in the past, and have already set up a supplier account, you do not need to register again. However, you are responsible for making any address or name changes, by going to <https://ohiopays.ohio.gov/> and updating any necessary information. If you need assistance with the online registration process, please view this tutorial or call the "help desk" at 1-877-644-6771.

PREMIUMS

Premiums are processed and mailed at the conclusion of the fair. Any exhibitor who has not received due money by October 31, 2025, should notify the Entry Department at 717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43211, phone 614-644-4052; e-mail b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4049; a.hershey@expo.ohio.gov.

All terms and conditions are subject to change, including but not limited to premiums.

TICKETING + PARKING

Admission

Junior Fair admission tickets will be provided at check in.

Pass type	Amount
Single Entry	\$8
6 Punch – Entry (multi punch ticket)	\$40

- Admission and Parking from July 14 – July 22 are all included in the same price of \$10 per carload paid daily at the gate.
- Admission tickets are needed from July 23 – August 3, 2025.
- Junior Fair exhibitors will be provided with admission tickets for days that they are required to be on the grounds based on arrival and departure date. Tickets will be provided at check-in at each respective species barn.
- If you are exhibiting more than one species or in more than one session tickets will be provided at each separate check-in.
 - Example: Junior Breeding Sheep Exhibitor in Session 1 Breeding. Arrival is 7/25/2025 and Release is 7/29/2025. The Junior Exhibitor will receive 4 admission tickets (one each day for 7/26, 7/27, 7/28, and 7/29; no ticket needed 7/25, with more details to explain below).
 - They arrive with the animals on 7/25. They arrive with the animals in the trailer, people and truck/trailer will be admitted in the gate all free of charge to unload. Prior to exiting to park the truck and trailer ensure that you receive a hand stamp, which will allow reentry on 7/25.
 - Junior exhibitor will receive a ticket for each of the remaining days they are required to be on the grounds. This includes 1 ticket for each of the following days 7/26, 7/27, 7/28 and 7/29.

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PARKING

Available with an Open Entry ONLY – Junior Fair ONLY Exhibitors cannot purchase a parking pass.

Gate/Number of Days	Species to Utilize Pass		Amount
Pre-Fair on Grounds	Any exhibit between July 14 and July 22		\$10 per day per vehicle – pay at the gate – paid daily
Gate 9 – 1 day	Swine – First Session		\$10
Gate 9 – 4 days	Swine – Second Swine – Third Session		\$40
Gate 10 – 1 day	Beef – Session 1		\$10
Gate 10 – 2 days	Sheep – Market Session Beef – Santa Gertrudis/Mini Hereford Beef – Commercial Cattle		\$20
Gate 10 – 3 days	Beef – Session 2 Beef – Prospect Cattle		\$30
Gate 10 - 4 days	Rabbit Sheep – Session 2 Breeding		\$40
Gate 10 – 5 days	Sheep – Session 1 Breeding Dairy – Session 1 Dairy – Session 2 Draft Horse Poultry		\$50

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LIVESTOCK TRAILER PARKING

- Trailer Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis in the north lot of the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Trailer parking is limited, so please be courteous of others.
- Trailers must be parked in a neat and efficient manner, leaving minimal space between trailers to maximize space for other exhibitors.
- No pass or additional payment is required for trailer parking
- Trucks should be unhooked from trailers.
- Trailers are to be parked in the designated areas ONLY.
- Follow directions of parking staff and signage prior to parking trailers.
- Any trailer not parked in the correct location will be asked to be moved.

FEED, BEDDING, & SUPPLIES

- First Bedding will be furnished for beef, poultry, and rabbits. Sawdust and sand are not to be used for bedding, due to the difficulty in disposing of manure containing these materials.
- As a service to exhibitors, Management has contracted with a vendor to make available for purchase grain, hay, straw, and some miscellaneous supplies. The store is located under the viaduct across from the Gilligan Livestock Complex (Horse Barn). Prices must be posted and be in line with the retail market of this general trade area. All purchases made during the show must be from the feed vendor. No outside vendors will be permitted to make deliveries on the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors may provide their own feed, but are not permitted to sell to others, nor may they store feed in aisles or block aisles with service vehicles.
- Exhibitors purchasing feed and bedding from the vendor must not have a remaining balance. All items should be paid for upon initial purchase. Any remaining balance with vendor will result in release slip being withheld until the balance is paid.
- Exhibitors must keep pens and aisles clean and in order, along with keeping their animals clean and well cared for, as a part of their contribution to the Ohio State Fair. Exhibitors must place manure outside of the building in area provided for loading. Manure must not be left on the ramp or platform. Exhibitors neglecting to do this will be warned for the first offense. Premiums and special awards won shall be forfeited for further neglect and lack of cooperation.

GROUNDS REGULATIONS

To maintain our buildings and grounds and provide public safety the Ohio State Fair has the following regulations:

- Ohio State Fair management reserves the right to remove signage and advertisements from any building surface. Unapproved signage will be removed, and offenders may be subject to penalties.
- Signage, fliers, and other advertisements can not be displayed on the walls, doors, or windows of buildings.
- Only approved signage that is hung on the building surfaces must be adhered with gaffer's tape. All other types of tape (including scotch, masking, painters, and duct) are strictly prohibited.
- Lawn signs must be approved by Ohio State Fair management. Any signs not having prior approval will be removed.
- Tents must be staked down and adhere to the species-specific policy on location and hours of use. Tents are permitted only in approved areas. All tents placed in unapproved areas will be removed and violators may be penalized.
- Tents can not block doorways, driveways, shuttle paths, or public traffic flow.
- Ohio State Fair is not responsible for damage to tents due to inclement weather or sudden weather changes.
- Ohio State Fair reserves the right to ask that tents be removed.

GROUND REGULATIONS cont.



CAMPING

Due to limited space for the 2025 Ohio State Fair camping will return to an online reservation system. All camping reservations will be for Livestock Exhibitors only in 2025. Entries will be verified after the entry deadline on June 21 at 1 p.m. If you do not have entries you will be contacted to release your spot and receive a refund. The camping reservations will be available starting May 5. Reservation link will be available at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/visit/camping>. Please read the 2025 Camping Rules listed below:

RESERVATION LIMITS/SUBLEASING

Each person may make no more than one (1) site reservation. Reservations are for the individual who placed the reservation and their associated camper/vehicle only for the length of time necessary. "Subleased" spots, in which the individual making the reservation allows a third party to later occupy his or her spot after he or she exits the Ohio State Fair, are strictly prohibited. This means that individuals cannot make a reservation, stay for a portion of the leased time, pull out and then let his or her friend pull in. Violators may be towed and prohibited from booking future camping reservations.

HOURS AND CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- Campground is open from July 13 – Aug. 3, 2025.
- JULY 13th CHECK -IN CANNOT BE EARLIER THAN 6 PM!!
- All campers must vacate campground no later than MIDNIGHT on Aug. 3, 2025.
- Check-in time begins at 3 p.m. for all days EXCEPT July 13th. If RV/camper will be late on arrival, they must notify the camping office at 614-644-4191 no later than 6 p.m. on the day of check-in. Otherwise, the reservation will be forfeited the following day and an automatic one-night charge of \$60 will apply. The remaining reservation amount will be refunded to the original form of payment.
- Check-out time is no later than noon. All campers must exit the campgrounds no later than noon on their scheduled departure date. Check-in and check-out times will be strictly enforced. Guests who do not move their camper by the required check-out time will automatically be assessed a \$100 penalty. Violators will be towed. Please see below for information on extended stays.
- The campgrounds will be patrolled. If a purchased spot is found to be vacant or being leased to another camper fraudulently using another owner's permit and reservation, both violators may be prohibited from booking future camping reservations.

GOLF CARTS

PURPOSE

These policies and procedures govern the use of golf carts on the grounds of the Ohio State Fair during the annual state fair event. The goal is to ensure the safe and responsible operation of golf carts to support fair operations while prioritizing the safety of fairgoers.

ELIGIBILITY AND LICENSING

- Only authorized personnel, vendors, and approved volunteers/staff are permitted to operate golf carts on the fairgrounds.
- All golf cart operators must be at least 16 years old and submit a copy of the following to the Ohio State Fair:
 - A valid driver's license,
 - A copy of auto liability insurance,
 - A copy of the driver's license(s) for all approved drivers,
 - A golf cart information form.
- Golf cart operators must verify that they have viewed a brief safety training video prior to operating a cart on the fairgrounds.
- A valid Ohio State Fair Golf Cart Permit must be attached to the front of the cart and remain clearly visible at all times.

GOLF CART USAGE

- Golf carts are intended for official business use only, such as transporting supplies, assisting guests with disabilities, or conducting fair operations.
- Personal use of golf carts or other similar vehicles by fairgoers is strictly prohibited, for example, inappropriate use of the golf cart includes:
 - o Driving a golf cart to pick up food for personal consumption.
 - o Joyriding
 - o Racing
- Golf carts must be operated at a safe speed, not exceeding 10 mph.
- Operators must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times.
- Golf carts are only permitted in designated areas and on approved routes (the blue line path around the perimeter of the grounds, as indicated on the line on the map below). Carts are not allowed on midways, in crowded pedestrian areas, or on grassy surfaces. This path is designed with the safety of the fairgoer in mind.
- No more passengers are allowed than the number of seats installed on the golf cart. Standing on the back or sides of the cart is forbidden. Carts cannot be modified to add additional seating beyond the manufacturer standard.

GOLF CARTS

- Golf carts must be parked in designated golf cart parking areas when not in use. When parking your cart, be careful to avoid blocking access to concessions, walkways, doorways, or roadways.
- Limited use of golf carts on the asphalt or hard surfaces of the fair not labeled in the map is permitted for deliveries or other required official business, only between the hours of Midnight and 9 a.m.
- Carts must be kept secure at all times, especially at night.
- Drivers and passengers are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on carts, or drive after consuming alcoholic beverages.
- Joyriding and racing are strictly prohibited.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE AND FINAL REVOCATION OF PERMIT & CART AND APPLICANT WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

The use of Golf Carts, Side-by-Sides, or other similar all-terrain vehicles, is limited to golf carts, gators or similarly manufactured vehicles. Use of ATV's that do not meet those listed are not allowed. No vehicles with performances packages are permitted. All other electric or motorized vehicles are prohibited, including but not limited to: electric or motorized scooters, motorized bicycles, mini-bikes, slingshot trikes, dune buggies, hoverboards, and Segways.

PERMITTED	PROHIBITED
Golf Carts Gators or similarly-manufactured vehicles without performance packages	Any vehicles with performance packages Four-wheelers Electric or motorized scooters Motorized bicycles Mini-bikes Slingshot trikes Dune buggies Hoverboards Segways Other electric or motorized vehicles

GOLF CARTS cont.

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- Violations of these policies will result in suspension of golf cart privileges or other disciplinary action, including but not limited to, the confiscation of the golf cart and requirement by the owner to remove the cart from the Fair no later than midnight on the day of the impoundment.
- Serious or repeated offenses may lead to the offending individual being banned from operating golf carts on the fairgrounds.
- The fair reserves the right to revoke golf cart access at any time based on safety concerns or operational requirements.

PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

All golf carts must be registered with the Ohio Expo Center & State Fair Finance Office by completing the Golf Cart Application. Please note: In 2026, no golf cart permits will be available for purchase aft the entry deadline has closed.

- **Exhibitors** – livestock exhibitors are required to pre-order golf cart permits online during the entry process, which closes June 21 at 1 p.m.
- **Vendors** – vendors are required to pre-order golf cart permits in conjunction with their vendor application and payment, no later than June 21 at 1 p.m.
- **Staff and Volunteers** – all staff and volunteers associated with the Ohio State Fair must complete all of the necessary steps as provided by their supervisor to be approved for a golf cart permit and driving privileges. Any volunteers not on Ohio State Fair payroll must complete the golf cart information form so the driver information can be input into the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Office of Risk Management.
- **Contractors and Partners** – all permit requests for contractors, partners, and volunteers providing their own golf cart are due by June 21. Contractors driving vehicles owned or rented by the Ohio State Fair, who are not on payroll, must complete the Golf Cart Information Form so information can be provided to Ohio Department of Administrative Services Office of Risk Management.

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