

JUNIOR FAIR BEEF BREEDING GUIDELINES

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BEEF BREEDING COMMITTEE

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Saturday, August 31, 12:00 p.m. - South Cattle Complex

**CLASS NUMBERS: Hereford - 21, Maine Anjou- 22, Beef Shorthorn -23,
Aberdeen Angus - 24, Simmental - 25, Limousin – 26, AOB - All Other Beef Breeds**

(Shown by Breed & Age)

MEMBERSHIP: Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade, or 9 years of age to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year. Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning Junior Fair program. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must have enrolled in a Beef Breeding project with the committee by the mandatory enrollment date.

1. Requirements for project work and fair exhibitors shall be set by the number of years of membership in the Beef Breeding Project as follows:

- A. First Year Member - 1 Calf
- B. Second Year Member - 2 animals (Calf and/or Heifer - NO COW)
- C. Third Year Member & Up - Exhibit 5 animals total: Calves, Heifers, and/or cows

All registered beef breeding animals must have a copy of the registration paper(s) to prove animals are purebred. Members animals must be registered to the child or direct family member in the household. Crossbred beef must be tagged. A picture ID form for all calves and heifers and cows which are to be considered for showing in the Junior Fair Show must be submitted online by July 15. Final animals must be submitted on the Junior Fair Entry Form due by August 1. **Beef Feeder/Beef Heifer Feeders WILL NOT BE SHOWN in the Beef Breeding Show.**

2. Only one animal is to be exhibited in the same breed class per exhibitor.

3. All animals will be shown by the individual member carrying the project, except for Champion classes at which time the animal must be shown by another member.

4. Members must complete a Beef Breeding Information and Guideline Form online by April 17, 2024.

5. A list of meetings will be passed out at the first meeting and will be available on the Junior Fair website. **ALL YOUTH PLANNING TO EXHIBIT BEEF BREEDING CATTLE AT THE MAHONING COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE BEEF BREEDING SPECIFIC MEETING/CLINIC AND TWO COUNTY MEETINGS. Members (ALONG WITH ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN) must complete one of the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or ONE OF THE COUNTY'S OPTIONAL APPROVED programs FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE.** Quality assurance will not count toward the meeting requirements.

6. **To exhibit in the Junior Fair, member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form by August 1 on the Beef Breeding Page on the website. If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show.** Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation with this project can be denied the next year.

7. **Prospect Steer Class:**

- Steer must be offspring of an exhibitor's current beef breeding project
- Over 4 months of age, must be castrated and healed to exhibit.
- **All breeds will participate in one class.**

8. Any member taking a Beef Breeding animal must attend **AT LEAST THREE** meetings. One must be a Beef Breeding Committee specific meeting – organized by the Beef Breeding Committee, to exhibit at the fair. Any animals determined to be unruly will be sent home.

ENTRY NUMBER

1. Junior Heifer Calf, calved on or after Jan. 1, 2024
2. Winter Heifer Calf, calved between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2023
3. Senior Heifer Calf, calved between September 1 and October 31, 2023

Champion and Reserve Champion Calf

4. Late Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between July 1 2023 thru August 31, 2023
5. Early Summer Yearling Heifer, calved between May 1 and June 30, 2023
6. Spring Yearling Heifer, calved between March 1 and April 30, 2023

Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Female

7. Junior Yearling Heifer, calved between January 1, 2023 thru February 28, 2023
8. Senior Yearling Heifer, calved between September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022

Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Female

SUPREME CHAMPION & RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION

9. Cow & Calf (bull calves older than 4 months must be castrated. No testicular tissue should be remaining.)
10. Pair of Heifers
21. Produce of Dam - 2 animals from the same dam
22. Pair of Yearlings -pair of juniors, spring, summer yearling heifer – owned and registered by exhibitor or directly to a household member
23. Pair of Calves - pair of seniors, winter, or junior calves - owned and registered by exhibitor or directly to a household member
24. Prospect Steer Class – Includes All Breeds

BEEF FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

1. Open to all Beef Breeding project members.
2. A show halter is recommended to be used for showing the animal.
3. Fitting for the Beef Breeding Show will consist of "Blow & Go" only and must be handled according to the Exhibitor Only Policy. Animals must be washed the day of the show. Members may use conditioner. Use of adhesive, paint, or any additional fitting is prohibited. No hair building or powder will be permitted. A member proceeding with these measures of fitting will be disqualified. The committee has the right to check the animals while entering the ring.

4. Judge's decisions will be final and based on condition, quality, amount finished, cleanliness, and appearance of exhibitor, equipment to show the animal, and ability to handle the animal. A show stick and leather show halter are recommended.
5. Youth will be judged according to the following divisions:

Showmanship Classes

Junior Division: 8 - 11 as of January 1

Intermediate Division: 12 - 14 as of January 1

Senior Division: 15 -18 as of January 1

SHOW ATTIRE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans (no bell bottoms). As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry. During the show exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, clean shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts, tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, low cut jeans and like style clothing will not be tolerated and will not be considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!

ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR:

Each member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their project from check-in until the final day of the fair. Animals must also be fed on a regular schedule and cleaned periodically throughout the day.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society, nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair, nor their volunteers assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor provide liability insurance to cover the exhibitor and/or livestock.

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY - GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:
 - (1) Family members;
 - (2) Household members;
 - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization;
- (C) **Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes.** Explanation and minimal demonstration refer to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. **Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring is prohibited.** ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year; and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. **Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any or all of the following:
 - (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.
- (F) **All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.**

Discipline will be any, or all of the following:

- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
- (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
- (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years or a length of time determined by the committee, Manager of Junior Fair, and/or Senior Fair Directors involved in the Junior Fair Show.

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the "EXHIBITOR ONLY" guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

- (A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian. Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines;
- (B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately... Penalty monies will be paid to the Junior Fair Advisory Committee. The penalty check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines;
- (C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.

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