



# Outagamie County Fair Association Junior Fair General Rules and Regulations

## **Outagamie County Fair Board Statements:**

1. The Outagamie County Fair is operated by the Board of Directors of the Outagamie County Fair Association, a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.
2. The Outagamie County Fair Board reserves the right to amend or add to these rules at any time.
3. Please check the online version of the fair premium book for updates. The Online Premium Book supersedes the printed Outagamie County Fair Premium Book.

## **Eligibility and Entry Requirements:**

4. Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection Chapter ATCP 160 governs county fairs.
5. Entries in this division are open to certified members of county recognized youth organizations under adult leadership with an education program approved by the fair.
6. Junior Fair exhibitors must be under 20 years of age as of January 1 of the current year.
7. Department 117 is open to youth in grades K5-2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
8. Youth must be members in good standing of their organization on or before March 15 of the fair year.
9. A Junior Fair exhibitor may only exhibit in projects that he/she is enrolled in for the current year.
10. All exhibits must represent the work of the exhibitor for the current year only.
11. Any exhibitor showing at a different county fair in the same calendar year in junior competition is not eligible to exhibit in the same department at the Outagamie County Fair.
12. Junior Fair entry begins on May 15<sup>th</sup> online at [www.OutagamieCountyFair.com](http://www.OutagamieCountyFair.com). Only online entries will be accepted. Please print a copy of your online confirmation for proof of entry.
13. **Junior Fair entry deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 11:59 PM.
14. **NO LATE ENTRIES!!!** No changes or additions to entries will be allowed after the deadline.
15. All exhibitor families must turn in a signed Code of Conduct to the Fair Office by July 10.

## **Exhibit Information:**

16. Entry tags will be ready by July 1.
17. **ALL non-animal exhibits must be entered on TUESDAY between Noon and 6 PM.**
18. **ALL animal exhibits must be entered by 6 PM on WEDNESDAY.**
19. Only one entry per lot number is permitted. Exception may be made in market classes.
20. Entry tags must be securely fastened to the exhibit. Claim checks are required for release of entries on Sunday.
21. No junior fair member will be allowed to enter the same animal or item in both junior fair and open class.
22. A junior fair exhibitor may enter in open class – exhibitor must follow open class regulations.
23. Exhibitors are requested to pay particular attention to their articles or animals on exhibition and at the close of the fair take charge of the same.
24. The Outagamie County Fair Association will take every precaution for the safekeeping of exhibits but will not be held responsible for any damage, loss, or accident that may occur.
25. Exhibits will be released at 5 PM on Sunday. Buildings will remain open until 6:30 PM for pickup of entries.  
**NOTE: ALL LIVESTOCK exhibits (including barn decorations and supplies) will remain in place until 5:30 pm.**  
Exhibitors are expected to help with load-out of animals going to processors at 5 pm.
26. Any exhibits, including equipment, being removed from the barns, buildings, and fairgrounds prior to the scheduled release will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the fair management may order.
27. All barn decorations must stay in place until 5:30 pm on Sunday.

## **Animal Exhibitor Information:**

28. Live animals may be exhibited by those in grades 3 and up.
29. Animal exhibitors must provide State approved identification for each animal.
30. Premise ID is required on entry information.
31. Market class exhibitors are allowed 2 entries in a lot (3 for sheep) but only 1 per weight break. Only 1 premium will be paid per weight break.
32. All animals entered in purebred classes must be registered and papers shown to the superintendent.
33. Animal fees are required to be paid by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Fees may be mailed to the Fair Office at P.O. Box 246, Seymour, WI 54165 or an online payment option will be available after June 1 on the website [www.OutagamieCountyFair.com](http://www.OutagamieCountyFair.com).

34. The Fair Association does not furnish feed, straw, or bedding for animals.
35. Animal exhibitors are required to turn in the Animal Check-In forms to the Superintendent on entry day.
36. Animals which show symptoms of a disease cannot be shown. The superintendent of any department may in his/her discretion require the exhibitor to procure a written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian that the animal is free of any infectious or contagious disease.
37. It is suggested that all animals be the property of the exhibitor and in all cases, they must be fed and cared for by the exhibitor.
38. Animals must be fed and watered and pens cleaned by 9 a.m. daily. Exhibitors must continue to maintain the pen/stalls and ensure animal well-being throughout the day.
39. All animals entered in purebred classes must be registered and papers shown to the superintendent.
40. Decorations in the dairy and livestock barns must be complete by 7 PM on Wednesday of fair week.
41. Preparing and presenting food for consumption is not allowed in the barns.
42. Animal air conditioners/misters/evaporative coolers are prohibited at the Outagamie County Fair.
43. Any drenching must be done under the supervision of the Fair's vet with the knowledge of the department superintendent.
44. Show boxes can be checked by department superintendents at any time.

The Outagamie County Fair Board would like to acknowledge and thank the **Valley Veterinary Clinic** in Seymour for their service to the fair every year.



**It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to care for animals in a manner that is responsible and ethical.**

Any type of rough handling which could harm the animal is prohibited. The use of whips, canes, and show sticks should be restricted to showing only and then be used only to guide the animals, not punish them.

Any violation of the IAFE National Show Ring Code of Ethics will result in immediate disqualification as well as loss of standing, awards, and premiums, and a one-year suspension from fair activities. A second violation will result in permanent exclusion from any and all future Outagamie County Fair activities. The Fair Board reserves the right to test any animal at any time for any reason.

**Judging Information:**

45. **NOTE:** If you cannot be present for face-to-face judging, a note card should be attached to entry explaining how the entry was completed, year in project, and exhibitor's age. Have someone drop it off and the judge will evaluate during a break in judging. There is no automatic penalty for exhibitors who are not present for their judging.
46. Exhibitors must bring a device to play any video, power point, music, or computer entries that need to be played.
47. All decisions of the judge are final. All exhibitors, parents, and spectators are expected to treat judges with respect. Anyone is welcome to discuss with the judge ways to improve their project or their showing skills after the completion of the show. It is not appropriate to harass or argue with the judge.
48. Exhibits not meeting the requirements will be lowered one placing.

**Judging Method Descriptions:**

**Regular Judging (Open Class)** There is one 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, one 3<sup>rd</sup>, and one 4<sup>th</sup> place. Judge does not have to give a 1<sup>st</sup>. Below 4<sup>th</sup> receives no ribbons and no premiums.

**Danish Judging** - This is the traditional system whereby all exhibits of the same lot number are presented simultaneously to the judge. The judge evaluates each exhibit but is permitted to give a maximum of 25% ribbons to each group (blue, red, white, pink).

**Face-to-Face Judging** - This type of judging allows for more flexibility on the part of the judge and the exhibitor. Exhibitors bring all their exhibits in that department to be judged at one time and talk to the judge about the exhibits. Exhibits are not compared with other exhibits in the same lot number but judged on their own merit.

**Ribbons:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Blue - Excellent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Red - Very Good
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - White - Good
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Pink - Needs Improvement

**Additional Information:**

49. Admission to the grounds will be charged Wednesday from 4 PM to close and daily from 8 AM to close.
50. Only animals entered as exhibits or for fair sponsored exhibitions are allowed on the grounds.
51. The Outagamie County Fair Association has the right to publish and copyright any exhibitor's image (including audio, moving image, or photography) for educational programs, websites, and promotion of its programs. Any exhibitor not wanting to be photographed needs to submit a letter to the Fair Office by April 1.
52. Those participating in the Outagamie County Junior Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the Fair Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Poster Information:**

53. Posters must be designed on or affixed to standard poster board (14"x22" OR 22"x28").
54. Displays must not exceed 36" x 48".
55. Posters may use any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oil, computer-generated, collage, etc.
56. Staple entry tag on the front in the top right-hand corner.
57. Posters/displays should be dated on the back with the current fair year.

### **Award Information:**

58. Please send a thank you to any sponsors of awards that you received!
59. Premium checks must be cashed within 120 days of date of issue.
60. Should a premium be found to have been obtained by false evidence or misrepresentation or a violation of any other rules contained in this book, the exhibitor will be deemed to have forfeited the premium and the money will be withheld by the Fair Association.

### **Junior Fair Exhibitor Conduct:**

61. Respect
  - Self-respect is most important. It is extremely difficult to respect others if you do not respect yourself.
  - Respect for adults reflects a willingness and choice to learn from their knowledge and experiences.
  - Respect of children – children deserve respect that comes with patience and understanding of their needs.
  - Respect of peers means choosing to treat people fairly and with dignity.
  - Respect of property is choosing to use another's property with permission and with care.
  - Respect of country is recognizing our country's symbols such as the flag, national anthem, etc.
62. Exhibitors shall at all times behave themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. The exhibitor's conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standard of honor and dignity.
63. Demonstrate healthy choices. Possession and/or use of alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or illicit drugs/medication(s) is forbidden.
64. Youth are expected to use good judgement in selecting appropriate clothing to wear. Exhibitors are required to wear shoes in the barns.
65. Use of language and gestures found to be objectionable to others is not permitted.
66. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or show management, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges and fair and show management shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

### **Rules Violation Information**

67. The Outagamie County Fair Board reserves the right to interpret rulings should questions arise.
68. Exhibitors violating any of the above rules and/or department rules will be subject to any or all of the following consequences:
  - Notification of emergency personnel if there is reason to believe that it is necessary.
  - Notification of parents or guardians.
  - Individual may be required to appear before the Outagamie Co. Fair Association Board to explain his/her actions.
  - Removal of individual and his/her exhibits from the present year's Junior Fair. Any premiums earned will be revoked.
  - Revocation of privilege to enter exhibits in future Outagamie County Fairs.
  - Livestock Exhibitors could lose the opportunity to sell at this year's auction and/or next year's auction.
69. Any deliberate manipulation of rules or entries to gain an unfair advantage shall result in forfeiture of ALL premiums and awards as well as possible disbarment for up to three (3) years from the Outagamie County Fair.

### **Your Fair Department Superintendents are:**

- Adult volunteers who are accountable to the Fair Board and serve the best interests of the Outagamie County Fair.
- Responsible for managing the exhibits of his/her department.
- Responsible for making initial decisions on fair rule interpretation in his/her department.
- Responsible for managing and delegating the duties pertaining to the efficient operation of his/her department.



#### **Note to adults:**

In respect for our Junior Fair exhibitors, please refrain from drinking alcohol in the barns.

