

## **Junior Fair Sheep Rules-2024**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>: TAG-IN 9:00 am- 12:00 pm at the dairy beef barn**

**Skillathon Dates:** July 11th 7:00 pm, MFG-12 Activities Building.

**Fair Check-In:** Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am -4:00 pm

**Fair Release:** Sunday, August 4th, 6:00 am-Livestock Sale Animals, 8:00 pm-All Other Animals Show:  
Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm, Show Arena

### **Fair Entry Requirements**

1. Completion of a Quality Assurance (QA) education program by Jr. Fair Exhibitors and at least 1 parent or legal guardian is mandatory to exhibit lactating dairy cattle, lactating dairy goats, market beef, dairy beef finished steers, dairy veal calves, market lambs, market goats, market hogs, all meat poultry, and meat rabbits. Those exhibitors or those with parents/legal guardians who do not attend the QA program will not be allowed to show their animals at the Medina County Jr. Fair.
2. **In order to show:** Exhibitors must file an animal entry for all Sheep to be shown at the fair. Entries must be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 pm, June 1st.
3. Project animals must be in the member's possession by May 15th of current year.
4. A member may not enroll in this project after April 15th of project year.
  - Exception: First-time never been enrolled in 4-H may take 1 project as long as the possession deadline has not passed until June 1st.
5. **ALL MARKET AND CARCASS LAMBS MUST BE EAR TAGGED & NOSE PRINTED AT THE MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> TAG IN.**
6. A Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) is required for all Market Lambs, including Carcass.

### **Animal Requirements**

1. Market Lambs: Purebred Southdowns and Cheviots must weigh 70 lbs. or more to sell. All other Market Lambs must weigh 100 lbs. or more to sell.
2. No Health Certificate is required; however, animals must show no evidence of contagious or infectious disease.
3. Exhibitors can enter a maximum of 2 animals per class: 2 Market or 2 Ewes, or 2 Ram Lambs; except for Home Grown Market Lamb Class, where only 1 entry may be made.
4. Lightweight Lambs will have their Showmanship or Show Class determined at weigh-in.
5. All lambs must have a scrapie tag.
6. All market lambs must have tails docked prior to the MAY 15 POSSESSION DEADLINE.
7. All lambs must be castrated prior to the MAY 15TH POSSESSION DEADLINE and before they are 75 lbs.- per ODA 901-19-38

### **Additional Market Lambs Requirements**

1. Jr. Fair Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 2 Lambs in the Market Lamb Class and 1 Lamb in the Home Grown Class. An exhibitor may sell a total of 2 Lambs in the sale. An additional Lamb may be sold if it is a Lamb Carcass. However, an exhibitor may bring any number of animals to the May's Sheep Clinic to be ear tagged and weighed.
2. Market Lambs must be in member's possession by May 15th of the project year.
3. All Market Lambs must be washed and freshly shorn, including top knots, within 1 week of the show. This includes Carcass Lambs. **Failure to complete is subject to disqualification**
4. Market Lambs cannot have permanent teeth.

5. Market Lambs with testicles, recent castration, testicular tissue, or undocked tails cannot show.

### **Home Grown Market Lambs**

1. Home Grown Market Lambs must have been born and raised from dam owned by the exhibitor.
2. Only one Home Grown Market Lamb may be entered and sold.

### **Additional Rules for Breeding Classes**

1. Breeding Sheep are mouthed to determine Show Class.
2. Ewe Lambs in Market Class or Home Grown Class are NOT eligible to be shown in the Breeding Ewe Lamb – Meat Typeteeth-No Permanent Teeth Class. **PER ODA RULES**
3. Ram Lambs (Rams 1 year of age and under).
4. Ewe and Her Lamb(s) MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN FAIR ENTRY BY JUNE 1
5. Exhibitors are permitted to show 1 entry in Ewe and Her Lamb(s) Class.
6. Ewe and Her Lamb(s) show in the Breeding Show and are placed 1st-10th.
7. Ewe and her twins; triplets; or quadruplets must be shown by a current Medina County Junior Fair Exhibitor.
8. Junior Flock Class will consist of a Ram Lamb and 2 Ewes of any age.
9. Ram Lambs and Ewes can be crossbred or purebred; registration papers are not required.
10. All animals in the Junior Flock Class must also be entered in the appropriate Breeding Class according to age.
11. All Breeding Sheep must have an officially recognized USDA identification tag.

### **Animal Welfare**

1. You are not permitted to inject or administer any drug or apply electrical or mechanical appliances to alter any animal in competition or a material that conceals the conformation, temperament, or condition of the animal or makes the animal appear more sound.
2. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and family to know all exhibition rules for both Medina County Fair and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. **Any exhibitor failing to comply will be reprimanded according to current state guidelines.**
3. You are not permitted to use ice, ice packs, cold packs or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (S) of rule 901-19-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
4. Review the Ohio Livestock Health Rules.

### **Exhibition Requirements**

1. Feeding should be done by the Jr. Fair Exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors must clean aisles and pens daily.
3. **A \$20.00 fee per exhibitor will be collected at the Day of check in payment method is CHECK ONLY. Once your pen cleanliness has been approved by a committee member your check will be remitted to you.**
4. In effort to place full attention to your livestock and provide safety to our exhibitors the Medina County Jr. Fair Sheep Committee recommends the following suggestions when involved in your Jr Fair projects:
  - Leather boots, clean pants or jeans, (no rips, no sag). Colored shirts and pullover shirts permitted. Shirts with advertisement or printing are not permitted. Shirt to be tucked in, all but the top button (neck level) are required to be connected eliminating exposure, belt, no caps, long hair pulled back or in braids, jewelry kept to a minimum. Cell phones should be secured and not carried when exhibiting.

5. Pen space will be pre-assigned by the Sheep Committee.  
A \$10.00 fee per exhibitor will be collected at the Day of Tag in (MAY 18<sup>th</sup>). Exhibitors showing breed stock only may submit payment at fair checkin
6. Exhibitor must show their own project. If multiple projects in same class, additional animals must be shown by a current Medina County Junior Fair Exhibitor.
7. See Regulations for all Livestock Exhibitors and Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Exhibition Laws (Health & Tampering).
8. All Jr. Fair Sheep must be housed in the Jr. Fair Sheep Barn.
9. Only one exhibitor is permitted to handle and present their Market animal in the show ring with no outside assistance, other than a sheep committee member to assist with control
10. ALL ANIMALS HOUSED IN THE JR FAIR SHEEP BARN MUST BE PROPERLY CARED FOR FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE FAIR. ALL PENS MUST BE CLEANED AND FRESH BEDDING APPLIED TO PENS EITHER WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY OF FAIR WEEK. ANY EXHIBITOR NOT FOLLOWING THESE RULES WILL RECEIVE A STAMP ON THEIR EXHIBITOR CARD.
  - Please see health and safety section under the general rules for more information on this.

### **Showmanship**

1. Jr. Fair Exhibitors must show their own animal in a Jr. Fair Showmanship Class.
2. ONCE AN EXHIBITOR WINS 1ST or 2ND PLACE IN THEIR AGE BRACKET IN SHOWMANSHIP, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY ADVANCE TO THE NEXT AGE BRACKET THE FOLLOWING YEAR REGARDLESS OF AGE. IF AN EXHIBITOR WINS 1ST OR 2ND PLACE IN ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP, THEY MUST REMAIN IN THE ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP CLASS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

### **Project Books**

1. Project/Record Books for all Sheep projects must be turned in at Fair Check-in when lamb is unloaded. It is considered part of the project and will be graded.

### **Skillathon**

1. Participation in the Skillathon is highly encouraged for all exhibitors, especially 1st and 2nd year exhibitors.
2. See Blue Sheep Date & Deadline Sheet for Skillathon date.
3. Topics covered by age division.
4. In order to be eligible for the Premier Exhibitor Award, you must complete the Skillathon.
  - Premier Exhibitor Award placing – See Regulations for all Livestock Exhibitors.

### **Sale**

1. ANY EXHIBITORS WISHING TO PULL A MARKET LAMB FROM THE SALE, MUST NOTIFY A COMMITTEE MEMBER IMMEDIATELY WITH IN AN HOUR FOLLOWING THE SHOW. NO LATE SCRATCHES PERMITTED.
2. Members may sell 2 live Market Lambs.
3. Members may also sell their Carcass through the Sale provided they made weight. o Purebred Southdown and Cheviot lambs must be 70 pounds or more to sell.
  1. All other breeds must weigh 100 pounds to sell.
4. Junior Fair Exhibitors must lead lambs in the Sale Ring.
5. See additional General Livestock Sale Rules.

### **Carcass Show**

1. All of the Jr. Fair General Livestock Rules and the Jr. Fair Sheep Rules pertain as written.
2. All Ohio Livestock Exhibition Tampering rules apply.
3. Exhibitor must submit a video leading and setting up lamb to the sheep virtual mailbox. They must answer questions picked by a committee member before carcass class.

4. Entries in Carcass Classes are limited to exhibitors enrolled in a local 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
5. Carcass Lambs are to be checked in at the May clinic and will be nose printed and ear tagged at that time.
6. Carcass entries must be in exhibitor's possession by May 15th. Only 1 Carcass Class Lamb per exhibitor.
7. Minimum live weight for Carcass entries are 70 pounds for Southdown and Cheviots and 100 pounds for all other breeds.
8. All Carcass Lambs will be processed at a packer of the committee's choice. If the Carcass is pre-sold, members are responsible for communicating to the processor exactly what is to be done with the Carcass. This must be done on the evening of the Cooler Judging.
9. The Meat Processor will charge to cut, wrap and freeze the Carcass entries. Keep this in mind when selling your Carcass Lamb and pass this estimated expense on to your buyer.
10. Exhibitors will be required to complete a "Drug Use Notification Form" which will be provided to exhibitors.
11. All exhibitors and their parent/legal guardian must complete a QA in the current year. Those not completing QA will not be allowed to participate.
12. Lambs must be castrated and not have any sign of recent castration.
13. If, for any reason, the Carcass does not pass State Inspection at the time of processing, the Carcass will not be considered for placing. It becomes the sole responsibility (financial and otherwise) of the seller (4-H/FFA member), not the buyer, processor, Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County Junior Fair Sheep Committee members, or Ohio State University Extension personnel.
14. The Junior Fair Sheep Committee, Medina County Agricultural Society, processor and the Ohio State University Extension personnel accept no liability/responsibility for the Live Animal and/or Carcass. Participation in this program is at the risk of the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's parents.
15. All Lambs must be clean and slick shorn within 1 week of the show, including the top knot.
16. Carcass Evaluation Judging will be based on a combination of USDA Quality and Yield Grades. All Lamb Carcass projects that meet the minimum weight requirements will be eligible to sell at the Medina County Jr. Livestock Sale. Exhibitors may choose to keep or privately sell their Carcass project. Exhibitor must notify the Sheep Committee of their decision to sell or keep their Carcass by the day of the Carcass Show.
17. All Lamb Carcass Projects being sold at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale will have to be processed prior to the fair sale date due to the short hang time limitations. The Carcasses will be cut and processed into standard retail cuts and packaged for a family of 4. No custom cuts will be available. All Lamb Carcasses will be sold the same. The Sale Bid will be based on the Hot Carcass Hanging Weight. Buyers of the Lamb Carcass Projects will be charged for the processing fee. This additional amount will be due at time of the sale and is payable directly to the processor.
18. The buyers of the Lamb Carcasses will be responsible for making arrangements with the Processor for pick-up of the processed meat.
19. Grand and Reserve Champion Carcass Lambs will be required to sell at the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale. If you pre-sell your Carcass Lamb to a buyer and you should receive Grand or Reserve Carcass, you must tell your buyer that they will have to purchase it at the sale or make other arrangements for buying another Carcass Lamb.

### **Show Order**

1. Breeding Ewe Lamb – Meat Type-No Permanent Teeth. (Ewe Lambs entered in a Market Lamb or Home Grown Market Lamb Class are eligible to be shown in Breeding Ewe Lamb – Meat Type-No Permanent Teeth)
2. Breeding Ewe Lamb – Wool Type-No Permanent Teeth. All breeds show as 1 class and cannot show in  
Market                      Lamb                      or                      Home                      Grown                      Market                      Lamb.

3. Breeding Yearling Ewe – Meat Type-1 Pair Permanent Teeth. All breeds show as 1 class.
4. Breeding Yearling Ewe – Wool Type-1 Pair Permanent Teeth. All breeds show as 1 class.
5. Breeding Aged Ewe – Meat Type-2 or More Pairs Permanent Teeth. All breeds show as 1 class.
6. Breeding Aged Ewe – Wool Type-2 or More Pairs Permanent Teeth. All breeds show as 1 class. o Champion Ewe Class – 1st and 2nd places from Breeding Classes listed above.
7. Breeding Ewe and Her Lamb(s) – Lambs being less than 1 year. Ewe must come from Breeding Classes listed above or and Lambs can be in Breeding Ewe Lamb, Breeding Ram Lamb, and Market Lamb or Home Grown Market Lamb Classes.
8. Breeding Ram Lamb – Meat Type-No permanent teeth. Shown by breed.
9. Breeding Ram Lamb – Wool Type-No permanent teeth. Shown by breed. o Champion Ram Lamb – 1st and 2nd rams from Breeding Ram Lamb Classes listed above.
10. Breeding Flock – Ram lamb and 2 ewes of any age.

#### **To Begin 30 minutes after breeding classes**

11. Senior Showmanship – 16-18 years old by January 1st of current year.
12. Intermediate Showmanship – 13-15 years old by January 1st of current year.
13. Junior showmanship- 11-12 years old January 1st of current year.
14. Novice Showmanship – 8-10 years old January 1st of current year.
15. Advanced Showmanship – All previous Showmanship 1st and 2nd Place Winners, including the current year's winners.
16. Feeder Lamb – For all market lambs that do not make required weight at check-in. Carcass Market Lamb.
17. Market Lamb – Classes by weights. Lambs weighed at check-in.
18. Home Grown Market Lamb.

10-minute intermission

#### **19. CHAMPION DRIVE**

- 1st and 2nd place market lambs will report to the holding pen.
- The show will be run using a card call back system at judge's discretion. The judge may award call back cards to any market animal that they wish to see again.