

BUFFALO COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR RULES

Eligibility:

1. Any exhibitor, parent of exhibitor, relative or leader that fails to follow the Buffalo County Junior Fair rules may result in loss of exhibitor's premium check.
2. Entry in the Junior Fair division is limited to youth who are members in good standing of a Buffalo or Pepin County 4-H, FFA, or other youth organization with an educational program under adult leadership such as Scouts, located in Buffalo or Pepin County. Also to youth residing in Buffalo County or Pepin County who are members in good standing in an approved organization in a neighboring county.
3. All youth exhibiting at the Junior Fair must meet the current grade requirements for youth enrolled in the 4-H program. The grade limit is: 3rd grade to one year beyond graduation of high school, for the current year when the youth turns 19 years of age. Younger youth may exhibit in Exploring or Cloverbuds as provided by the Fair. Exhibitors having completed five-year-old kindergarten may exhibit in Cloverbuds at the current year's Fair. Four-year-old kindergarten youth are not eligible.
4. Youth may exhibit in Cloverbuds/Exploring, Junior Classes or Open Classes, but not more than one.
5. In no case will Buffalo County knowingly accept entries from exhibitors who participate in or plan to participate in more than one State Aided County Fair. Entries, including individual animals, may only be exhibited at one State Aided County Fair. Anyone who exhibits entries in more than one State Aided County Fair will be subject to forfeiture of premiums.
6. All exhibits must be a result of project work in which a member was enrolled in by April 1st.
7. All exhibits, unless otherwise specified, must be the result of work done by the member since the previous Fair.
8. A member can exhibit only one entry under any one lot.
9. All showmanship ages are based on exhibitor's grade level as of January of the current year.

Entry Information:

1. All exhibitors must submit \$5.00 entry fee prior to entry day of Fair.
2. All exhibits must be submitted online during the Fair registration period. All entries will be approved before entry tags are issued. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
3. Early entry of exhibits will take place **Wednesday evening** of Fair week. Swine may be checked in from 6:00-8:00p.m. Poultry and non-livestock exhibits may be checked in from 4:00 – 8:00p.m. **Thursday**, entry day, exhibit buildings will be open for **animal** entries starting at 7:00 a.m. and all **non-livestock** entries starting at 9:00 a.m. Market animals will be weighed in from 7:00a.m. – 12:00p.m. All other exhibits must be checked in and placed by 2:00p.m. on Thursday.
4. The Danish system will be used in judging classes in all departments except where otherwise noted.
5. All market animal exhibits must be at the Fair by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. Cats and Small Animals must be in place and ready to be judged by 3:00 p.m. All other entries must be in place by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, including Dairy, Rabbits and Poultry. The final judging schedule will be made available for exhibitors on the Buffalo County Fair Website, at www.buffalocountyfairwi.com.

6. Dairy and Horse entries must be project animals of the exhibitor no later than April 1st of the exhibit year. Market animals must be owned prior to the initial weigh-in/tag date of the exhibit year.
7. ALL entries must remain on exhibit until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, and must be removed by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Any exhibits remaining will be consolidated in the Fair Office until Tuesday – then discarded.
8. Exploring and Cloverbud exhibit judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday.

Animal Regulations:

1. **4-H Exhibitors: All animal information must be entered into 4-H Online by May 1st of the exhibit year.**
2. YQCA Training: All Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry & Rabbit exhibitors must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training each year to be eligible to exhibit their animal(s) at the Buffalo County Fair. Exhibitors must attend one scheduled YQCA training announced by 4-H or FFA in early spring or complete the training online. Exhibitors must register one week prior to attending and submit payment on the YQCA website. More information and directions can be found on the Extension website. The YQCA must be completed by July 1.
3. Managerial Project Agreement: All livestock under the care of, but not owned by the member/exhibitor must complete the Managerial Project Agreement form. Non-farm exhibitors may exhibit animals as a managerial project, but must meet all other managerial project requirements:
 - a. A managerial animal is one that is under the care of, but not owned by the member/exhibitor. (Animals exhibited in a market class must be owned by the exhibitor prior to the initial weigh-in/tag date .)
 - b. Managerial forms are available at the Extension website and must be completed by **April 1st**. The exhibitor must regularly participate in the daily care of the animal by April 1st of the exhibit year.
4. No horns are allowed on any animal exhibited at the Buffalo County Fair.
5. Bedding rules for all large animal species:
 - Shavings are required for concrete pens (exhibitors are to provide their own).
 - For non-concrete pens, the only acceptable bedding for livestock, including horses, is straw or hay.
 - Pens must be cleaned out by **8:30AM daily**, or before show time in the show arena.
 - Pens for all animal species must be cleaned and re-bedded as needed.
 - Pens that are excessively dirty will be marked and given a two hour window to be cleaned and re-bedded. If these pens are not cleaned, a charge of \$20.00 per occurrence will be assessed. (This will be taken from the meat animal checks or premiums will be withheld until fees are paid.) The Quality Meat Animal Committee will monitor this and enforce.
6. All animal health certificates required by State Law and Premises ID numbers must accompany the animal and be given to a Fair Official prior to unloading. The certificate must be with the cattle while traveling to the Fairgrounds.
7. Due to the lack of facilities, horses will be judged prior to the Fair.

8. Dogs, Cats and Small Animals will be judged at a Pre-Fair event prior to the Fair. Do not bring Dogs, Cats and Small Animals to the Fairgrounds during the Fair. Exhibitors must furnish their own cages and cage drapes.
9. It is expected of all people attending the Fair to practice bio-security to ensure the safety of exhibits and exhibitors at the Fair and at home.
10. Exhibitors at the County Fair are required to comply with all the statutory and regulatory provisions of the State of Wisconsin relating to animal health.

Fairground Rules:

1. Only animals that are exhibited can be housed on the Fairgrounds.
2. Use of power washers is prohibited on the Fairgrounds for washing animals.
3. Exotics may only be kept on the Fairgrounds if prearranged with Fair officials prior to the Fair.
4. Closed toed footwear must be worn by exhibitors and all other youth and adults when being active around animals at the Fairgrounds, and off Fair events including the Horse Show. No bare feet.
5. Vandalisms of displays or stolen property will not be tolerated at the Fair.

Please Note:

1. All exhibits will be shown at the owner's risk. In no event will the Buffalo County Fair Association or UW-Madison Extension Staff be responsible for damage or loss that may occur.
2. The Buffalo County Fair Association is not responsible for awards such as trophies, monetary amounts, or any other items that have been donated by private sponsors.
3. The amount of premiums listed in Buffalo County Junior Fair Premium book may be subject to change. Please cash your premium checks by **December 31**, of that Fair year.
4. The Fair Association reserves the right to withhold premium payment and/or exclusion from the Fair to any exhibitor who is not in compliance with the rules.

Code of Ethics:

1. Do not engage in any activity that will negatively impose upon others. This includes but is not limited to tampering with the property or entries of fellow exhibitors, making rude or derogatory comments about others or their entries, and any action that may be construed as tampering with property including that of Fairgoers and the Buffalo County Fairgrounds.
2. Conduct yourself in respectful manner while showing: avoid foul language and exhibit good sportsmanship and respect for others.
3. Comply with all Fair, state, local, and federal laws while on the Fairgrounds.
4. No alcohol, drugs, or smoking in the barns or exhibit halls. All alcohol consumed on the Fair grounds must be in the designated area and only by those 21 and older. Identification will be checked.
5. Violation of this Code of Ethics will result in forfeiture of any premiums earned during the Fair, forfeiture of privileges to continue showing during the remainder of the Fair with the possibility of extending that period through the Fair of the following year. If a violation involves illegal behavior, legal action may be pursued.
6. Any exhibitor, parent of exhibitor, relative or leader being verbally or physically abusive to a Judge, shall cause forfeiture of the exhibitor's premium in that Department. Excessive abuse of a Judge, Fairboard Member, Official of the Fair, or Extension Staff may cause up to forfeiture of the exhibitor's premiums for the entire Fair and a possible suspension of show rights for future years. Discussion with Judges and Fair Officials to exchange information in a reasonable manner is encouraged.

The Buffalo County Fair Association board of directors will interpret the above rules if the need arises.