

2025 Shelby County Junior Fair Suggestions

Rule Changes

1. *The Showman of Showmen for Poultry should be allowed to participate in the Showmanship Sweepstakes Competition.*

a. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (Pg.54), “All current Showman of Showmen winners in Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine are eligible to compete if enough livestock are available for all participants to be in the ring at the same time.”

2. *Increase the voucher amount from \$3.00 to \$10.00*

a. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (Pg. 11), “A” premiums (for a passing grade) are \$3.00”.

b. Youth should feel that there is value in completing a project successfully. With the majority of 4-H project books being a minimum of \$8.00, it doesn't seem fair that the pay back is \$3.00

3. *The date of birth for market goats should be moved to be equivalent to what is offered for market lambs*

a. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (p.37), “Goats must be born on or after January 1 of the current year”

b. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (p.44), Lambs must be under one year old... at fair”

4. *All steers should be wiped down before the Final Drive*

a. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (p.30), “The 1st and 2nd place market cattle will be wiped down after each class on the way out to check for artificial coloring rule. Violation of the “no artificial coloring” rule will result in automatic disqualification. All class winners will be checked again before going in the ring for the championship drive.”

5. *Provide clarification on beef arrival times*

a. Current wording in Junior Fair Book (p.2), “Animals MUST be bedded down and penned prior to the start of their species check-in/weigh-in. If the species does not have a check-in/weigh-in, animals must be in place no later than 9 PM.”

b. Current wording in the Junior Fair Book (p.64), Cattle- Beef Feeder Calves, Cattle- Dairy Feeder Calves, and Cattle- Market Heifers/Steers In time stated 5 PM (*misprint in the book*)

Suggestions to the Fair

6. Move Breeding Turkeys to be a tabletop show

- a.*** Move the cages off of the table after the Market Chickens and then place the cages back once the Breeding Turkeys are completed
- b.*** Many shows are moving this way as interest in Heritage breeds grow

7. Move to using goat friendly panels on the sheep/goat side of the Multi-Livestock Complex instead of the panels used for the swine side

- a.*** Goats can easily clear these panels and often require additional materials and effort on the exhibitor's behalf to use

8. All classes should have more than 1 entry, preferably more than 2

9. During Skillathon, participants should have to sit away from their family and friends

10. Move the Time to Shine Show to earlier in the day/time during the fair

- a.*** Send out the information to the local schools to increase community participation

11. Scrapbooking at the Ohio State Fair for digital and traditional should be judged separately. (passed along to the State Department Superintendent)

12. For modeling, there needs to be a better speaker system and stage for the contestants.

13. Make sure all Top 5 in each showmanship are recognized