

# Part I

## General Information



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## **MISSION OF THE OHIO 4-H PROGRAM**

4-H youth development education creates positive environments for diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens. In support of this mission we will:

- provide formal and non-formal community-focused experiential learning;
- develop skills and values that benefit youth throughout life;
- enhance career exploration and decision making;
- foster leadership and volunteerism in youth and adults;
- build internal and external partnerships for programming and funding;
- strengthen families and communities; and
- apply research-based knowledge and land grant university resources.

## **4-H MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAM**

Ohio 4-H membership guidelines:

Ohio 4-H membership is based on a child's age and grade as of January 1 of the current project year. Eligibility for Cloverbud participation begins when a child is enrolled in Kindergarten and is five years old. Eligibility for participation in 4-H projects and competitive events begins when a child is age 8 and in the 3rd grade. Any youth age 9 or above is eligible for project membership, regardless of grade level. Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. A youth's 4-H eligibility ends December 31 the year he or she turns 19. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University.

4-H members live in urban, suburban and rural areas. They participate in a wide variety of informal educational projects and activities dealing with areas such as agriculture, home economics, natural resources, science, and related subjects. The main requirements are a willingness to "learn by doing" and a desire "to make the best better", the 4-H motto.

The program is under the direct supervision of Ohio State University Extension, The Ohio State University, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Over 20,000 local volunteers serve as mentors and advisors to more than 2800,000 youth in Ohio.

## 4-H ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION RULES

1. Each person exhibiting or participating in the 4-H Department must be a 4-H member in 2016 and be enrolled in the project in which he or she is exhibiting or participating, except demonstrations, safety/health speaking, health and safety skits and livestock judging contests. All projects must have been developed, produced or made in the current 4-H year.
2. **All 4-H members entered and/or exhibiting at The Ohio State Fair must also have met eligibility requirements for exhibiting at their County or Independent Fair as certified by the County Extension Educator's signature on the entry form.**
3. **A member who has been a winner of any one class in 2016 is not eligible to participate in the same class in 2017.**
4. An official **BLANKET ENTRY** will be made by the State 4-H Office for all counties in 4-H non-livestock activities, including dogs, saddle horses, and 4-H Judging Teams. All other entries should be made by the individual member through the County Extension Educator on Ohio State Fair Junior Division entry blanks and **postmarked no later than June 20** to: Junior Division, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657.
5. The State 4-H Office will provide a participation schedule for the counties prior to the Ohio State Fair.
6. The Special Rules of the Junior Division are applicable to all 4-H participants.
7. These rules and regulations have been reviewed and approved by the Ohio State Fair management and shall apply in all cases.
8. Exhibits shall remain on display until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 5. After that time tear down of the exhibit can take place, but no vehicles will be permitted on the main fairgrounds, or to the building until 9:00 p.m. If an exhibitor can carry their items to the parking lot, they can pick up at 6:00 p.m. when the building closes to the public and the exhibit is dismantled. A special "release ticket" will admit exhibitors to the fairgrounds to remove exhibits AFTER 9:00 p.m. This special ticket is good only on August 5, and can be picked up at the 4-H information booth in the Youth Center or from the State 4-H Office. This "release ticket" will permit two (2) people onto the fairgrounds after the 9:00 p.m. time for release purposes only.

### PLEDGE:

I pledge

My HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty  
My HANDS to larger service and  
My HEALTH to better living  
For My club, My Community,  
My Country, and My World.

### MOTTO:

To Make the Best Better

## **PARKING**

4-H participants, 4-H volunteers, drivers, and agents will be issued a parking permit for the Reserved North Lot. This permit allows parking in the lot just north of the Youth Center. There is a \$5.00 parking charge on all cars having this parking permit. Enter the fairgrounds from the west only. Drive east on 17<sup>th</sup> from Summit Street or N. Fourth Street to Korbel Avenue. Parking attendants on Korbel Avenue will direct you to the proper parking location.

All parking is on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Important State Fair Phone Numbers**

General Fair Information	(614) 644-FAIR
Special Events (Non-livestock)	(614) 644-4040
Stacey French (Livestock)	(614) 644-4049

### **SPECIAL RULES – JUNIOR DIVISION**

1. Entrance in all classes is subject to the requirements printed under department headings.
2. In all JUNIOR DIVISION competitions, the rules of the Ohio State Fair and the special rules of the Jr. Division will take precedence over all other organizational rules including Ohio State Fair Livestock and/or FFA/4-H rules.
3. The Ohio State Fair Management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Ohio State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment it may determine and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand it.

## ENTRIES

1. Entries in all departments close June 20. No entries will be accepted which are postmarked after that date. **Do not use a postage meter.**
2. Entrance in the Junior Division is free. Additional entry blanks can be photocopied or secured by addressing Junior Division, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657.
3. **FFA entries must be certified by the FFA instructor and 4-H entries by the Extension Educator.**
4. A separate entry blank must be used by each person making an entry or entries in each department.
5. Entries in each class of the Junior Division are limited to one per class per exhibitor.
6. Entries should be mailed directly to Junior Division, Ohio State Fair, 717 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211-2657 by June 20. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BEAR POSTAGE STAMPS AND HAVE A LEGIBLE CANCELLATION DATE. METERED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
7. The Internal Revenue Service requires Management of the Ohio State Fair to report the winnings for all exhibitors each year. For this reason, all persons (both Junior and Senior exhibitors) competing for cash **must include their social security number on their entry blank.** All exhibitors are being asked to sign a statement on their entry application stating exhibitor's verification that they have submitted the correct social security number or Federal Tax Identification Number for the entry being made. **NO PREMIUMS CAN BE PAID UNTIL THIS NUMBER IS RECEIVED AT THE FAIR OFFICE.** In order to comply with Internal Revenue Service requirements, the Ohio Expositions Commission MUST require a properly completed Form W-9 to be submitted. When completing the Form W-9 please be sure to carefully read and follow the form's instructions. Payment of cash premiums to the successful exhibitor will be made according to this information. Thus, the Form W-9 should be completed consistently with how the exhibitor is registered with the Internal Revenue Service. The Ohio Expositions Commission will not make payment of an amount greater than \$499 without a properly completed Form W-9. Failure to submit this form will hold up payment of premium monies you will in this department.

## RULE VIOLATIONS

In the question of a rule violation the following due process will be used: The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by Fair officials. If it is felt a violation has occurred Fair officials will make recommendations to the committee members of the Ohio Exposition commission that are appointed to that particular department.

After the committee hears the case, and recommendations are presented by the Fair officials, they will decide if the case should be brought before the full Commission.

In the decision of a case being brought before the Commission, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case.

Upon hearing the case the Ohio Expositions Commission will make a ruling.

**When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Ohio State Fair Management that any of the rules have violated, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from showing in any future Ohio State Fairs. The minimum number of years for a barment is three (3) years before the right to a review.** In case any premium shall have been awarded to the exhibitor in violation of this rule, the Ohio State Fair Management will require the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons, and sale money under such violation. Unless fraud and/or deception are involved, all championship placings stand.

All requests for reinstatement must be submitted in writing to the Fair General Manager no later than May 15 of the year reinstatement is possible

## EXHIBITS

1. **All exhibits shall be in place on the date and time stated under department in which you are exhibiting. All exhibits must remain in place until released by the Department Superintendent as approved by Fair Management. Any exhibit not in place for the full period required shall forfeit premiums and special awards, and a one year suspension could also be imposed.**
2. Any questionable exhibit is subject to an examination by a competent committee of three Ohio State Fair personnel to determine their fitness for exhibition purposes. Exhibits found to be unfit for show or of such low standard as to make questionable their right to competition will be declared ineligible and no award will be paid on them.
3. The judge shall have the right to refuse a first premium award unless in his opinion the exhibit is of deserving merit.
4. Exhibits shipped by freight or express must be prepaid and addressed direct to the Department Superintendent
5. **While every precaution will be taken to protect exhibits, exhibitors and general public from loss or injury, the Fair Management will not be responsible for loss or injury.**
6. Release time for all exhibits the closing day of the Fair will be 9:00 p.m.
7. Exhibitor stubs will no longer be valid for admission on the last day to pick up entries. Exhibitors will be given a special release ticket. This special ticket will permit two (2) people to enter the fairgrounds **after 9:00 p.m.** on August 5 , to pick up their entries.
8. Exhibitors who can hand carry their exhibit items to the main parking lot can take them after the Youth Center closes at 6:00 p.m. and tear down is started but **NO** vehicles will be permitted through the gates until after 9:00 p.m.

## PROTESTS AND APPEALS

1. Protests regarding any junior competition shall be in writing and signed by the party making the protest.
2. Protests regarding any junior competition shall be submitted to the General Manager of the Ohio Expositions Commission no later than twelve noon of the day following the competition.
3. Any party making a protest shall submit a fee of one hundred dollars to the Ohio Expositions Commission. The fee shall be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the Ohio State Fair General Manager.
4. The General Manger of the Ohio Expositions Commission shall hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
5. The written decision of the General Manager shall be final and shall be served by mail on the party making the protest within ten days of the date on which the protest was heard.

## ATTENTION

For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for development, 4-H projects must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, such as FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, Grange, Church, School (including technology education class, science fairs, but not including 4-H school enrichment projects), etc.

## JUNIOR DIVISION ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entries must be made correctly on Ohio State Fair Junior Division Entry Blanks and SIGNED ONLY by the department representative listed below. (Supervisors are responsible for entry blanks being completed correctly. Entries should be checked carefully before signing.) All entries must be signed by the exhibitor and their parent or guardian.

4-H – Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development  
FFA – Vocational Agriculture Instructor  
Technology Education – Technology Education Instructor  
Junior and Youth Grange – Approved by the State Grange Director  
Girl Scouts – Troop Leader  
Camp Fire – Club Leader  
Youth Arts & Crafts – Need not be signed by an advisor

Entries will not be accepted for processing by the Ohio State Fair Management unless signed by one of the approved supervisors listed above.

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WHICH ARE POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 20.**