



Taylor County Cooperative Youth Fair

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Youth Fair Rules & Regulations

TAYLOR COUNTY YOUTH DIVISION FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Taylor County Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising, out of the fair.
2. The fair management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, deem advisable.
3. **An exhibitor who violates any of the following or special rules may be disqualified.**
4. Taylor County Fair follows and abides by the Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Rules & Regulations as published in ATCP 160.01, Subchapter I – V These rules can be viewed here: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/140/160/Title

JUNIOR EXHIBITOR FAIR RULES:

1. Entries are open to all boys and girls in Taylor County and Counties immediately adjacent to Taylor County, who are enrolled in member organizations, but only in those divisions in which they are carrying project work as defined by the regulations of their organization. Member's grade is determined as of January 1 of the current year. Members must be in third grade or age eight as of January 1 of the current year with the exception of Youth Organizations' Early Childhood Categories in Dept 17 (Exploring) who can show in grades K-3.
2. Eligibility of each entry must be vouched for by authorized representatives of member organizations and approved by the board of directors.
3. **Entries must be submitted online no later than June 24 of current year. Entry corrections (not additions) must be complete by July 1.**

4. Barn decorations can be put in place starting at 2 p.m. the Sunday prior to the fair, and must be up by 11:30 a.m. on exhibit entry day.
5. Each EXHIBITOR is responsible for submitting entry payment by June 24 of the current year.
6. ALL exhibits must be in appropriate place at the Taylor County Fairgrounds by 11:30 AM on Thursday of the fair and may not be removed from the fairgrounds before 5:30 pm Sunday of the fair, unless removed by vet, judge, or safety panel, or otherwise given express written permission signed by exhibits committee. MASS animals will be released with discretion of the fair board.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for their own exhibits and, at the close of the fair, take charge of the same. The Taylor County Fair will take every precaution for their safekeeping, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.
8. If an exhibitor is not available for pickup of their exhibits by 10 PM on Sunday of the fair, the exhibitor must find a responsible party, club leader, or superintendent to remove their exhibit. The Taylor County Fair will not be responsible for any unclaimed exhibits after 7:00 pm Monday immediately following the fair.
8. The Danish system shall be used in making awards, unless otherwise noted. Not over 25% of the exhibitors may be given awards in any place groups. Four group placings will be used per the stated percentage limitation.
10. No exhibitor will be allowed more than one entry per premium lot number, except for the market classes.
11. The Taylor County Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur through the instrumentality of exhibits during their delivery, their exhibition, or their removal. The exhibitor shall indemnify the fair management against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. Fair board and management shall not be responsible for personal injury, loss or theft sustained by an exhibitor or patron, aside from the exercises of reasonable care on the fairgrounds during the fair.
12. The fair board and management will not transport exhibits, nor be subjected to expense thereof.
13. All exhibits are entered and shown at the exhibitor's risk.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR RULES:

In addition to all rules listed above...

Exhibitors are required to always have their animals under control during the fair, including unloading, showing, and loading of animals. Judges and Fair officials have the right to ask for removal of animals deemed to be a safety risk. (Safety Policy)

1. MANDATORY BARN MEETING to be held Thursday of the fair at noon in the outdoor show ring.
2. Exhibitors of Dairy animals entered as purebred must give a copy of registration papers upon check-in to the superintendent. Registration papers of sire and dam will suffice for animals under one year of age.
3. Fair decorations must be in place by 11:30 AM on exhibit entry day and cannot be taken down until 5:30 PM on release day.

4. No decorations shall be accessible by your animal or the adjacent animals in the barn. No foil fringe. (Safety hazard.)
5. No misting systems will be allowed in the barns.
6. Exhibitor's name must be displayed over the animal. **Exhibitors hold the primary responsibility for maintenance of their animals.** Exhibitors may get assistance with animal maintenance but shall be available upon request and not found to be unnecessarily absent from the grounds.
7. Exhibitors must keep pens, stalls and coops clean during the fair and clean out as directed by the superintendent at the close of the fair.
8. Feeding, cleaning of animals and their stalls/pens is to be done by 9:00 AM each day.
9. Exhibitors hold the primary responsibility for clipping, grooming, and fitting of livestock exhibits. Advice and assistance can be given by family, animal owner, project leaders, and/or any Taylor County Youth Fair participants. The exhibitor must be present, doing the majority of the work, and active in the process. **No paid clipping and grooming on fairgrounds.** Grooming chutes and locations are allowed at discretion of Department Superintendents.
10. Exhibitor back tags must be on exhibitors when they are showing and entry tags on small animal pens.
11. Any exhibitor noting a potential conflict in the judging schedule must notify the superintendents of both departments well in advance of the fair, so the superintendents may work with the judges to ensure each exhibitor can properly show in each department. (There is no advance deadline but requests taken at the last minute may not provide enough notice to be managed.)
12. All animal exhibitors must follow posted rules.
13. All livestock must be exhibited by the person to whom they are entered, unless special permission is granted by the fair board in advance. Exhibitors must be ready to exhibit their entries when classes are called by the superintendent, failure of doing so will be disqualified.
14. Any exhibitor who by suggestive comments or criticism, interferes with any judge, superintendent or fair board member in their work will cause the exhibits of said exhibitor to be disqualified.
15. Established evidence of fraud by exhibitors will mean disqualification.
16. In a class where an exhibitor has more than one animal it can **only** be shown by a registered livestock exhibitor.
17. Mandatory barn meeting on Sunday@12:30 PM. Barn Awards will be awarded at that time.
18. **No trailers/ vehicles allowed in barns after 3PM Wednesday. During the fair, no vehicles are allowed on the grounds after 9AM. No trailers/vehicles allowed to remain parked inside fairgrounds after animal drop-off. Supply drop-offs during the fair must be done prior to 9AM, limited to one hour, and all vehicles/trailers returned to trailer parking.**
19. **Protective footwear is required when handling any large animal or in stalls.**

Livestock Exhibitors must also follow the requirements outlined in:

CURRENT ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FAIRS AND SHOWS IN
WISCONSIN

<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FairRulesAnimals.pdf>

ADDITIONAL ANIMAL RULES:

1. All animals must be checked by the vet before entering the grounds. No exceptions.
2. Any animal on the grounds during the fair is considered an animal exhibit, whether or not they are being shown for a premium. This includes petting zoo related animals, nursing calves, etc.
3. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds (excluding registered exhibiting animals and service dogs).
4. Scratch rule: **Scratches and Withdrawals** Exhibitors who have officially entered an animal by the deadline may withdraw (scratch) their entry without penalty, provided notification is received by **midnight on the Friday preceding the Fair**.

Penalties for Late Scratches:

- **First Offense:** A fine of **\$25 per head** will be assessed. This must be paid in cash to the Fair Office by the conclusion of the current Fair. Failure to settle the fine will result in a suspension from the following year's event.
- **Second Offense:** A fine of **\$50 per head** and a mandatory one-year suspension from the following year's Fair.
- **Third Offense:** A permanent and indefinite ban from all future Fair participation.

Medical Exemptions: Fines and penalties will be waived only upon the presentation of a valid **Veterinary Certificate** or a certified veterinary form documenting illness or injury. Documentation must be submitted directly to the Fair Office to validate the exemption.

Stall Management: The reallocation of pens or stalls resulting from scratched entries remains at the sole discretion of the Department Superintendents.

The penalty will be assessed to the responsible party. All premium payments will be withheld until the penalty has been settled in full.

PREMIUM CHECK RULES:

Upon award receipt, any discrepancies in ribbon placement should be addressed with the department superintendent immediately following judging.

1. Premium awards will be figured using the official and certified judging sheets. No changes shall be made that conflict with the certified judging sheets.
2. Checks shall be cut by the fair board no later than October 31st of the fair year (the last day of the fiscal year).
3. Checks shall be delivered to the organizational representatives for each club (generally the fair board member representing each club). These representatives are responsible for distributing checks to members per their own club's preference. Clubs that don't meet in the fall/winter should decide in advance how to handle check distribution.

4. Exhibitors (including clubs winning booth premiums) shall have 90 days from the date on the check to cash the checks.
5. No lost checks shall be reissued after the date of the annual meeting. Reissued checks are subject to the original 90-day deadline.
6. Any address change notifications or other post-fair requests should be made to the local club leadership. The fair will not deliver individual premium checks.