

Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (ATCP) 160.04
Junior Fair Division, General Requirements and Definitions

1. Eligibility. In the junior fair division, the department may pay state aid on prizes offered to **exhibitors who are under 20 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year**. A county or district fair board may establish subgroups within a fair entry class based on the exhibitor's grade level in school. The department may not pay state aid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contest, or a project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.
2. All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of 4-H, FFA, FHA, Scouting programs, breed groups, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an education program approved by the local fair.
3. Exhibits in the junior fair shall be a result of the exhibitor's own labor and may include a study, merit, or other special project, a skill area or a supervised occupational experience in which the exhibitor is regularly enrolled.
4. State aid may be used for the payment of no more than one premium awarded an exhibitor under any one premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except when awarded as part of a group in livestock exhibits or in showmanship.
5. Premiums in the educational department shall be paid directly to the exhibitor who made the exhibit and not to the school or teacher, except for group premiums offered to inter-school competitive classes. No aid may be paid on education department premiums unless a complete list of exhibitors and a complete set of judges' sheets for the education department, similar to those required of other departments, is filed with the department. All educational exhibits shall be displayed at the fair regardless of whether they are judged prior to or at the fair.
6. If 16 or more animals, items or articles are entered in any junior fair class, the class may be divided into 2 or more approximately equal groups according to weight, age or other identifying characteristic and each group judged as a class.
7. Special educational exhibits may [be] established if the proposal is presented to the Wisconsin Association of Fairs before October 1 of the year preceding its proposed establishment and the exhibit is approved by the department.
8. Within any junior fair department under subchapter IV, a county or district fair may establish special classes where none are specified under subchapter IV. Special classes may include classes for grade and crossbred females in the beef, swine, sheep and horse departments. Premiums for special classes created under this subsection shall be equal to premiums for comparable classes established in the same department under subchapter IV.

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