

General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors

1. Junior Fair exhibitors must be members of 4-H, FFA, FHA-HERO, FBLA, Skills USA, Scouts, jr breed organizations or other recognized youth organizations carrying out adult supervised youth educational programs. Organizations not listed above must be approved by the Fair board.
2. Youth must be enrolled in the project area in which they are entering.
3. Junior exhibitor age requirements:
 - a. Cloverbuds – between K5 and grade 2 on Oct 1 the year before the Fair
 - b. Jr Fair Exhibitors – between grades 3 and 12 on Oct 1 the year before the Fair
 - c. Youth who have graduated from high school but are under 20 years of age as of Jan 1 of the Fair year and meet youth group membership requirement are eligible to show.
4. The adult leader, advisor, or person in charge of a youth group will be responsible for the entries of all the members of his or her group.
5. Completed Jr Fair entry forms are to be returned to the Oconto County UW-Extension office. Entries must be received or postmarked no later than the 4th Monday of June. Late entries will not be accepted.
6. Corrections to Jr Fair entries may be made until July 31 by contacting Stacie Pienta.
7. All Jr Fair exhibits except school exhibits and booths, and animals will be judged face to face at the time they are brought to the grounds between 1 and 8 p.m. on Thursday.
8. Exhibits of Jr Fair exhibitors who are not present for face-to-face judging can be judged but will be penalized one placing. The penalty will not be assessed for exhibitors with valid reasons for being absent, approved in advance, by the leader/advisor and the Extension 4-H and Youth Development agent.
9. The Danish system of judging will be used for all Jr Fair classes except where indicated.
10. Errors on entry tags made by the Fair office will be corrected and replaced with no penalty to the exhibitor. Entry tag errors made by the exhibitor will be judged but will receive an automatic 4th place (pink) award, and will not be eligible for consideration for best of show, championship, or other awards.
11. Only Jr Fair exhibitors may lead or show animals in the show ring or on the judging table in both regular and championship classes.
12. To qualify to sell in the Sale of Champions, exhibitors of large meat animals (beef, sheep, swine, meat goats) are required to participate in a Meat Animal Quality Assurance training program. Watch the 4-H newsletter or contact the UW Extension office for dates and times of programs that will be scheduled for different locations in Oconto and Marinette Counties for the convenience of exhibitors.
13. Animal exhibit decorations:
 - a. A 16-inch wide, continuous background plywood strip is provided over all animal exhibit areas. This strip is the only area that is to be used for animal ID and decorations.
 - b. Decorative panels that are close to 16 inches wide may be attached to the background strip. Or decorations may be attached directly to the plywood strip.

- c. Electric lights are prohibited as part of exhibit decorations.
 - d. Floor displays in the dairy, beef, and swine, sheep, and goat barns are prohibited to insure adequate space for livestock exhibits.
 - e. The wearing of clothing with a farm name or logo is prohibited in Jr Fair livestock judging classes.
14. Junior Class entry times:
- a. All Junior Fair non-animal entries are accepted for face-to-face judging between 1 and 8 p.m. on Thursday.
 - b. Dairy cattle entries are accepted between noon and 8 p.m. on Thursday.
 - c. Beef cattle entries are accepted between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday. Market steers must be checked in by 3 p.m.
 - d. Swine, sheep and goat entries are accepted between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 - e. Rabbit and poultry entries are accepted between 1 and 8 p.m. on Thursday.
15. Split date show times:
- a. The Jr Fair horse show will be Saturday, August 22 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
 - b. The Jr Fair caged bird and other small pet show will be Sunday, August 23 beginning with registration at 8 a.m. and judging at 8:30.
 - c. The Jr Fair cat show will be Sunday, August 23 beginning with registration at 9 a.m. and judging beginning at 9:30.
 - d. The Jr Fair dog obedience trial will be Sunday, August 23 beginning at 12 noon.
16. Awards:
- a. One Best of Show award will be awarded to every non-animal department, except for Department 18, Cultural Arts, which will award three Best of Shows.
 - b. One Merit award may be awarded for each 25 entries in a class, in all non-animal departments, for exceptional entries that were not awarded Best of Show.
17. Hours during which club animal exhibits are liable for herdsmanship judging are:
- a. Friday and Saturday – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - b. Sunday – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.