

DEFIANCE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

Exhibitor Requirements & General Guidelines

4-H and FFA Dual Membership Policy:

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	4-H Member	FFA Member
Allowable	Market Steer	Market Hog
Allowable	Market Steer	Beef Breeding
Not Allowable	Market Sheep	Market Sheep

Market Animal Tagging:

Steer/Market Heifer Tagging REQUIRED:

- Tagging for all market steers & market heifers for Defiance County Fair is in person. See 4-H Calendar for date. Time will be from 9:00 am – 11:00 AM at the Fairgrounds. This is regardless if animal already has a tag. This is to verify possession. Animal will also be weighed for rate of gain.

Central Tagging:

- NEW TIME: Central Tagging will be 2nd Saturday of June from 7:00 am – 10:00 am.
 - NEW: Families with market animals not present at Central Tagging will be charged a \$50 farm visit and \$10/tag which is payable up front.
1. **Sibling Tag:** Exhibitor may tag one extra animal per species which can be used as a backup for any sibling. Must declare at tagging. The extra may only be used in the event of death/lameness/illness of animal. Proof must be provided. Please notify the Extension Office if a Sibling Tag is to be used.
 2. Cattle must have halters and be secured in trailer at Central Tagging.
 3. Market animals must be castrated and healed by August 1st. May not have any testicular tissue.
 4. Each Junior Fair market exhibit must be identified at the appropriate tagging time. Any changes must be approved by the Senior Fairboard Livestock Committee.

June Tagging: All other market animals (except poultry) will be tagged at Central Tagging which will be the second Saturday in June. This is for Market Goats, Swine, Sheep, Feeder Calves and All Rabbits. Lamancha market goats will be tattooed instead of having an ear tag.

Rabbits: All rabbits (market & breeding) except single fryers are required to come to June tagging. Single fryer rabbits are required to bring their animals to the July tattooing at the Extension Office.

5. Junior Fair members must show market animals as they were tagged and recorded on tagging slip. Members may not switch animals with a family member.
6. Sheep Pen of Two do not have to be determined until final weigh-in at the fair.



Defiance County Junior Fair Organizations:

The Defiance County Agricultural Society recognizes the following youth organizations as participants in its Junior Fair Program: 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, and SCOUTS (Boy or Girl Scouts). The Junior Fair program shall provide support of and a positive attitude towards the objectives of the different Junior Fair youth programs.

1. Participation in the Defiance County Fair is not required for project completion, although it is strongly encouraged.
2. Rules & Regulations for the Junior Fair Program are designed to promote maximum educational experiences.
3. Exhibits/Entries should reflect the overall youth organization's program and ideals.

Junior Fair Eligibility Guidelines

1. All Defiance County Junior Fair exhibitors must successfully meet all requirements of their youth organization before being eligible to exhibit for competition. Specific guidelines are as follows:
2. Defiance County 4-H – Exhibitors must be between the ages of eight and nineteen years. An exhibitor is eligible when he/she reaches the age of at least eight years **and** enrolled in the third grade as of January 1st of the same year. Eligibility ends when an exhibitor reaches the age of nineteen years as of December 31st of the same year in which an entry is made.
3. FFA/FCCLA members shall participate in the County of their School Chapter.
4. Defiance County FFA – Entries are open to regularly enrolled junior high and high school agricultural students **and** enrolled in their school FFA chapter of the same year in which an entry is made.
5. Defiance County FCCLA – Entries are open to regularly enrolled high school family consumer science students **and** enrolled in their school FCCLA chapter of the same year in which an entry is made.
6. Scouts - Registered members of Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Venture Scout and Explorer Scout (first grade through 12th grade) are eligible to enter exhibits.
7. Registered members of Girl Scouts and Brownies (first grade through 12th grade) are eligible to enter exhibits.

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Defiance County 4-H

1. 4-H Clubs in good standing may exhibit non livestock projects in the Multi-Purpose Building. Booth space must be requested by August 1. Size of space may vary according to the number of projects to be exhibited. There is no charge for booth space.
2. Exhibits are open to regularly enrolled 4-H members who have complete a pre-fair evaluation of projects.
3. Members will provide an educational exhibit illustrating project activity and skills learned as outlined in the Defiance County 4-H Family Handbook.
4. Members who have completed a livestock skillathon and have chosen NOT to exhibit an animal at the Defiance County Fair, may exhibit an animal poster/display for a participation premium. The Club Advisor must notify the Extension Office of the exhibitor's plans to exhibit a livestock poster.
5. A complete listing of Ohio 4-H Projects can be found at ohio4h.org/families/family-guide



6. 4-H Members are eligible to purchase a fair pass at the current Junior Fair Exhibitor price. The cost of the pass is currently covered through the 4-H member \$5.00 enrollment fee. Passes are distributed to the Key Club Advisors one week prior to the County Fair. It is the advisor/member responsibility to obtain their fair pass prior to the start of the fair.
7. Premiums are based on results of 4-H Still Project judging prior to the County Fair.

County Winner:	\$5.00	C Grade:	\$2.00
A Grade:	\$4.00		
B Grade:	\$3.00	Advisor Completion:	\$1.00

Defiance County FFA & FCCLA

FFA: Future Farmers of America **FCCLA:** Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

1. Chapters in good standing may exhibit non livestock projects in the Multi-Purpose Building. Booth space must be requested by August 1. Size of space may vary according to the number of projects to be exhibited. There is no charge for booth space.
2. FFA/FCCLA are eligible to purchase a fair pass at the current Junior Fair Exhibitor price. Chapters will be invoiced for the total amount of passes issued. Passes are distributed to the Chapter Advisors one week prior to the County Fair. It is the advisor/member responsibility to obtain their fair pass prior to the start of the fair.
3. Chapter Advisors are responsible for set up of the County FFA Booth and County FCCLA Booth. Advisors are responsible for documenting entries in each of the classes and recording grades. Premiums are based on results of judging on the first Saturday of the Fair.
4. FFA Classes: Crops, Welding, Woodworking, Gardening, Masonry, Plumbing, Independent Project
FCCLA Classes: Clothing, Family Living, Money Management, Health & Safety, Home Furnishings/Equipment, Independent Project

Defiance County Scouts

1. Members of Scout Troops/Packs/Units in good standing with their respective organization may exhibit non livestock projects in the Agricultural Building.
2. There will be one space each for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The space will be approximately 10 x 10. Space may vary according to the number of projects to be exhibited. There is no charge for booth space. Units are asked to select a theme consistent with objectives, activities and accomplishments of Scouting.
3. A designated contact for Boy Scouts and a designated contact for Girl Scouts shall be named by June 1st of each year. Please notify the Defiance County Extension Office of this contact person for all communications regarding the Defiance County Fair.
4. The contact person shall communicate with their Scouting County units regarding exhibit opportunities, booth set up, exhibit drop off/pick up and fair passes.
5. All exhibits must be made/completed by the exhibitor in the current year. Food products are not permitted.
6. Exhibitors are allowed ONE entry.
7. All exhibits must have a 3 x 5 index card attached with the following information: Age, Program Level, Troop Number, City.
8. Scout Members with a current exhibit at the Fair and who are not receiving a fair pass from any other Junior Fair organization are eligible to purchase a fair pass at the current Junior Fair Exhibitor price. Passes are distributed to the designated contact person one week prior to the County Fair. The contact person shall notify the Defiance County Extension Office with a list of exhibitors requesting passes by August 1.
9. Ribbons will be awarded for all exhibits. No premiums are given.

Absent from Livestock Show or Sale:

All members are expected to be in attendance at their species show and sale. If you are planning on being absent from the show or sale during the Defiance County Fair for your particular species, you must submit a written letter to the Extension office *before August 15th* to be reviewed by the Livestock and Sale Committee. This letter must state your species, the date of the absence, and your reason in detail. The Livestock Committee realizes that there are things which cannot be avoided, and that is why this policy has been established. School, College, Work, Sports Practice, and the like are unacceptable excuses, and you will not be permitted to have your project shown or sold at the fair. **To sell at the Defiance County Fair is strictly a privilege and not an inherent right of Jr. Fair Members.** Before submitting a written letter, please take a good look at what your priorities are. NOTE: For completion of 4-H Livestock projects, members are NOT required to show or sell at the fair, however their Fair participation is highly encouraged as an important part of the educational process.

Grievance Policy

1. The Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock committee has the final decision on all issues pertaining to livestock and livestock shows. Protests or complaints may only be presented by the exhibitor and /or immediately family member of the exhibitor.
2. Any decision will be delivered in writing within 24 hours of making the decision to all parties involved.
3. The Grievance Committee shall consist of:
 - Three members of the Senior Fair Livestock Committee (Chair , Barn Superintendent & one other)
 - One Junior Fair Board Advisor, One Extension Educator, Two Jr Fairboard Officers
4. A written grievance (use form provided at Junior Fair Board Office) must be submitted to the Barn Superintendent within 24 hours of the occurrence in a sealed envelope, labeled to the attention grievance committee. The grievance must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$100 cash, which is retained by the Senior Fair Board if the protest is not sustained. Retained money will be donated to the Junior Fair Board at the conclusion of the Fair.
5. The Grievance Committee will notify all involved individuals of the grievance, at which the individuals will have 24 hours to reply in writing. Written correspondence shall be turned in to the Barn Supervisor.
6. The grievance will be taken under advisement by the Grievance Committee within 24 hours after notification. Advisement: A spokesperson from each side of the grievance will have the opportunity to present their statement to the Grievance Committee. The exhibitor and/or party(ies) involved may be questioned by the Grievance Committee. Unless a specific penalty is stated in a rule/regulation, the Grievance Committee may consider any or all of the following:

Withhold the exhibitor's premium	Recall awards received by the exhibitor
Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards	Revoke State Fair showing rights.
Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale	Ban exhibitor from showing in future Defiance Co Fairs



Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Tampering Guidelines

901-19-04 Prohibited practices

No person shall:

- A. Administer or cause or permit to be administered a prescription drug to livestock either immediately before an exhibition or during an exhibition unless the prescription drug is administered:
 1. By or under the supervision and direction of a veterinarian;
 2. Only in accordance with label directions;
 3. In conjunction with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
 4. For a valid medical purpose; and,
 5. A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.
- B. Administer or cause or permit to be administered an over the counter drug to livestock either immediately before an exhibition or during an exhibition unless the over the counter drug is administered:
 1. By or under the supervision or direction of the exhibitor, the exhibitor's designee, the owner of the livestock or a veterinarian;
 2. Only in accordance with label directions;
 3. Only for a valid medical purpose; and,
 4. A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code.
- C. Administer or cause or permit to be administered either a prescription drug or an over the counter drug other than in accordance with the drug's label directions unless extra label use of the drug is:
 1. By or under the supervision and direction of a veterinarian;
 2. Only in accordance with the extra label directions provided by the veterinarian; and,
 3. In conjunction with a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship;
 4. For a valid medical purpose;
 5. A drug use notification form is completed and filed in accordance with the applicable requirements of rule 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code;
 6. An extended withdrawal time is assigned to the drug by the veterinarian as part of the extra label directions and reported on the drug use notification form.
- D. Show, sell, or offer for sale any livestock which contains an unlawful substance or has been subjected to unacceptable practices as outlined in rule 901-19-03 of the Administrative Code.
- E. Show any livestock which contains a drug in an amount which exceeds the tolerance level if established or safe level; or, a drug for which the withdrawal period has not elapsed unless administered in accordance with paragraph (A), (B) or (C) of this rule.
- F. Sell or offer for sale in an auction at a terminal or partial terminal show an animal that contains a drug in an amount which exceeds the tolerance level if established or safe level; or, a drug for which the withdrawal period has not elapsed unless administered in accordance with paragraph (A), (B) or (C) of this rule.
- G. Exhibit an animal which has been tranquilized.
- H. Make a false statement on a drug use notification form.
- I. Fail to file or update a drug use notification form as required by 901-19-06 of the Administrative Code
- J. Negligently cause an unlawful substance to be present in an animal.
- K. Fail to sign a chain of custody form.
- L. Violate a mandatory rule
- M. Violate any optional rule from which a sponsor or exhibition did not exempt itself.
- N. Fail to render assistance as provided by section 901.73 of the Revised Code.

901-19-12 Acceptable practices

The following practices are deemed acceptable to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of livestock: (A) Adding caffeine free soda pop, gelatin, or other sweeteners to drinking water in nominal amounts to encourage water consumption; (B) Hoof trimming; (C) Cosmetic dehorning in market class livestock; (D) Using collodion as a teat sealant, but for no longer than eighteen hours; (E) Adding molasses or other sweeteners to feed to encourage consumption; (F) Properly administered and approved growth implants; (G) Castration; (H) Beak trimming; (I) Dehorning; (J) Tattooing; (K) Hot or freeze branding; (L) Humane ringing; (M) Tail docking; (N) Ear notching; (O) Ear tagging; (P) Shearing; (Q) Drenching of livestock for a medical condition at an exhibition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian; (R) Acceptable surgery, including clamps, bands and chemical castration. (S) Application of

ice, ice packs, cold packs or cold compresses prescribed to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian at an exhibition.

901-19-13 Unacceptable practices

The following practices are detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of livestock and are prohibited: (A) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance to livestock repeatedly or for a prolonged time period in violation of 9 C.F.R. 313.2. (B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock; (C) Applying any electrical, mechanical, or other appliance that enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock, unless prescribed by the exhibition veterinarian; (D) Plugging of teats; (E) Sealing of teats using unapproved substances or for longer than eighteen hours using approved substances; (F) Injecting material into udders or teats for non-medical purposes or otherwise artificially modifying the appearance or conformation of the udder or teat; (G) Using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally other than in accordance with paragraph (S) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code; (H) Using a stomach tube or pump for any purpose other than for the relief of tympany or gas on the day of exhibiting; (I) Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited except as permitted under paragraph (Q) of rule 901-19-12 of the Administrative Code.

Prohibited Grooming Practices: (ORC: 901-19-33)

The following grooming practices are prohibited in junior market livestock shows unless those grooming practices are permitted under rule 901-19-32 of the Administrative Code:

- A. Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves;
- B. Adding any substance externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders;
- C. Pigmented grooming aides or materials; and Slick clipping or body shaving of market hogs except on the ears and tails

Defiance County Slick Shaving Rule: Livestock Committee will check the hair on the top five hogs out of each class when they are penned. If hog is found to have less than ½ inch hair on any part of the main body (from the front of the shoulders to the tail) the hog will immediately be disqualified and marked. Any hog disqualified in the ring will not be allowed to sell in the livestock sale and must go direct. May not replace with another animal in the livestock sale.

Prohibited Grooming Practices: (ORC: 901-19-33)

Adhesive vs Hairspray

1. Adhesives are NOT legal; Hairspray is legal (as long as not pigmented)
2. Many hairsprays are labeled as adhesives and can be used
3. But hairsprays with colors (pigmented) are not permitted
4. Adhesive means substance used to stick something on animal

False, Deceptive, or Unacceptable Practices: (ORC: 901-19-38) Unacceptable practices include:

1. Castration of livestock which exceed the following criteria; Cattle over eight months of age, Swine over seventy-five pounds, Sheep over seventy-five pounds
2. Showing any market livestock which has been treated in accordance with paragraph (A), (B), or (C) of rule 901-19-04 of Administrative Code when a side effect of the drug conceals, enhances, transforms, or changes the true conformation or condition of livestock.
3. Any natural occurrence or surgical process which results in testicular tissue remaining in body of exhibition livestock except rabbits and poultry

Penalty: All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting may be barred from the show, sent home, premium forfeited, and will not be allowed to exhibit in the livestock department the following year. The junior fair supervisor of the department will consult with the participant and his advisor before taking the appropriate actions.

Defiance County Grooming & Livestock Care Guidelines (Effective 2023)

1. Responsibilities of and Assistance to Defiance County Junior Fair Exhibitors

- a. The Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Committee's goal of opening up of the current grooming guidelines is to encourage others to work with and share knowledge of grooming practices and animal care with our Junior Fair exhibitors. These new guidelines apply to all livestock departments except Horses and Dogs.

2. Guidelines:

- a. A junior fair livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of livestock entered the junior fair livestock shows. In the event an exhibitor is unable to care for/feed animal(s), he/she must notify the Jr. Fairboard Office of who will be responsible in his/her absence.
- b. An exhibitor may receive assistance (from anyone) in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- c. Violations by the exhibitor, family members or any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal may result in any or all of the following.
 - Withholding of the exhibitor's premium
 - Recall awards received by the exhibitor
 - Declare an exhibitor ineligible for awards
 - Revoke Ohio State Fair showing rights.
 - Revoke exhibitor's right to participate in the livestock sale
 - Ban exhibitor from showing in future Defiance County Fairs

3. TAMPERING "UNETHICAL FITTING" – Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.

- Any product which changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAINTS, DYE, POWDER, NON-CLEAR ADHESIVE AND FORM OR SHOE POLISH).
- Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, custody and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
- The use of any unapproved drugs is prohibited.
- Should violation be discovered after the Defiance County Junior Fair Livestock Sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will be moved up.
- Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

