

**SMALL  
ANIMAL  
COMMITTEE  
RULES**  
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## INTRODUCTION

The following rules established and approved by the Portage County 4-H/Junior Small Animal Committee (hereafter referred to as the SAC), and the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Small Animal exhibitors. Changes may be made as needed by the Small Animal Committee in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Exhibitors will be notified of any changes.

### PORTAGE COUNTY RANDOLPH SENIOR FAIR BOARD:

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*The responsibility of knowing and understanding any and all rules pertaining to the Portage County Randolph Junior Fair shall belong to the junior fair exhibitor and their parents/legal guardian.*

Anyone attending events either as an exhibitor, advisor, volunteer, parent, spectator, superintendent, judge, committee member or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct and according to the Rules and Regulations of the Portage County Agricultural Society, dba Randolph Fair. The Code of Conduct and Rules are not limited to the show ring, but are applicable to any location on the fairgrounds and to any event held at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds including, but not limited to meetings, workshops, clinics, contests, shows, county fair, etc.

Exhibitors will adhere to the rules outlined by SAC and the Portage County Randolph Fair as established for Junior Fair Small Animal projects. Exhibitors must also adhere to the rules adopted by the Portage County Randolph Fair in accordance with the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and Ohio Livestock Tampering and Exhibition Rules and the Portage County Junior Fair Code of Conduct.

The SAC and Show Volunteers are not responsible for lost, misplaced, stolen, broken or otherwise damaged displays or posters. Every attempt will be made to enclose the cloverbud display in a clear plastic covering if possible. It is not the committee's responsibility to ensure the well-being of any part of this display, though every attempt will be made to do so.

### Disciplinary Actions:

Any infraction of the regulations will result in the following progressive disciplinary actions:

**FIRST INFRACTION:** The sub-committee chair or designee will bring the problems or issues to the advisor's attention by the day of the issue. Documented verbal discussion with appropriate sub-committee regarding the issues.

**SECOND INFRACTION:** Documented written warning from Small Animal Barn Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, Fair Board and Extension Office will be notified.

**THIRD INFRACTION:** Meeting with Small Animal Barn Superintendent for removal of participation for next year's fair. The Extension Office will be notified by the SAC President of the decision.

### Ownership of Animals:

1. Animals must be owned by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

2. Exception would be Rabbit/Pocket Pet/Cavy Litter Pens, Market Rabbit Pens, Market and Non-Market Poultry Pens where there is a specific age range.
  - a. All mothers of the above litter pens must be owned by the 4- H/Jr. Fair Member.

### **Pre-Fair Regulations:**

#### Entry Forms:

1. All entries that are to be shown at the fair must have a completed entry form which includes all information requested on the entry form. Do not leave sections blank. The poultry pullorum paperwork must be turned in with every poultry entry form.
2. The deadline for entries is no later than the June SAC Meeting. No entries will be accepted after the June meeting.
3. All entries will be shown as indicated on the entry form. The entry will be judged according to the entry form.
4. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must be enrolled in the project they intend to show in through 4-H/Jr. Fair.

### **Fair Regulations:**

#### Barn Information:

1. All animals, displays, and decorations must remain in place until Barn Superintendent or representative releases them. Any deviation from this rule will result in non-participation the following year. This includes crocks, water bottles, bowls, etc.
2. No carriers, boxes or containers are permitted to be left in the barn during Fair week. They may be brought in at release time Sunday Night. Exception: rabbit carriers for Open Rabbit participants may have carriers in the barn from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the day of the Open Rabbit Show.
3. Any 4-H/Jr. Fair Exhibitor registered in the barn that have animals that come in the day of show only may borrow an animal on display for the week with the owner's permission to use for the Costume and Fun Shows.
4. All animals must stay in the Small Animal barn; exception: for transportation to the auction or open shows.
5. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor/participants may only use battery operated fans directed on or in their pens.
6. Only club tack boxes are permitted, no individual tack boxes allowed.
7. All pens must be cleaned, taken down (disassembled) and returned to the lean-to at the close of fair before going home.
  - a. This includes cloverbud projects.

### **Check-In Day**

1. All small animals must **be clean and dry before they can be checked in. All small animals must be checked in** and in their pens by designated check in day and time. Exhibitors name plates must

be in place by start of Fair. Name plates must have exhibitor's name and club name on it. (Do not use Foam or Toxic Materials)

- Current Check in is Sunday before Fair, From 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
  - Any species sub-committee members that are scheduled to check in animals for that sub-committee may check in their family's animals from 10:30 Am to 11:00 AM.
  - This includes cloverbuds
2. All Small Animals projects must pass a health check by the species committee. If determined to not be healthy, they will be sent home.
  3. All Auction participants must completely fill out and turn in the DRUG USE NOTIFICATION Forms (DUNF). Forms are to be turned in upon weigh in to the appropriate animal committee before the market animals are allowed to stay on the fair ground. One form per pen.

**Feed and Water:**

1. Exhibitors are responsible for their own feed.
2. Feed and water containers:
  - a. Some feed and water containers are supplied
  - b. Cavies must bring your own water bottles
3. All Poultry and Water Fowl exhibitors must supply their own food and water containers for their cages (1-gallon containers preferred). NO OTHER CONTAINERS WILL BE PERMITTED. Do not feed your animal grass from the fair ground, it may have been sprayed for insect control.

**Pens:** Definition: A cage has 2 doors and a pen has 1 door. For Barn set up purposes

1. A 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of 10 entries (i.e. one Litter Pen = one entry, showing doe separate from litter = one entry, so that equals a total of 2 entries.) in the Small Animal Barn.
2. There is a \$1.00 entry fee per non-market entry and a ~~\$2.00~~ **\$5.00** entry fee per MARKET entry in the Small Animal Barn. This includes animals that come in for the day of shows only. The entry fee is due by the June Small Animal Committee Meeting with entry form and is non-refundable.
3. The Small Animal Committee will supply wood shavings for animals.
4. No pad locks are permitted on any cages without permission of the show chair. You may use zip ties if you provide them and bring your own tools to remove.
5. CAGES MUST BE CLEANED BY:
  - a. 8:00 PM the Monday prior to fair
  - b. 9:00 AM Tuesday through Sunday of fair week. Barn rules over club rules.  
Exception:
    - i. Saturday, the day of the Auction – All auction pens must be cleaned by 8:00

AM. When the auction is over, all auction participants must make sure their animals have feed and water.

- ii. Night/evening pen cleaners – their cleaning time is to be completed by 10:00 PM each day. Those members that are night/evening cleaners must be noted on the pen judging form by the advisor.
6. When cleaning pens, put used bedding in proper place only. DO NOT put bedding in trash cans.
7. No commercial signs, advertisements or business cards permitted on any pens.
8. Cavy personal cages can only be brought to the fair for Skinny or litters that might be able to fit through the wires of the fair cages. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must bring their own cage (Skinny or litters) the cages cannot be larger than 20" x 24". If there are any concerns please contact the show chair.

### **Show and Go Projects:**

1. The following projects must be brought in the day of the show in an appropriate, safe and healthy carrier (with food and water as needed): cats, indoor caged birds, ferrets, chinchillas and hedgehogs.
2. Reptiles can be brought in the day of the show if the project is submitted as such on the entry form.
3. The show and go project(s) must arrive in the barn one half hour before the project's show begins.
4. The show and go project(s) must be removed from the Small Animal barn within one half hour of the end of the show.
5. Show and go animals are not permitted in the barn other than their show day and time. Exhibitors may use other animals for the Costume and/or Fun show with owning exhibitor permission.

### **Private Animal Sales:**

1. All sales of small animals are to be handled by 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who should be available in the Small Animal Barn.
2. For Sale signs may be posted after species show is completed, not before.
3. Private sale animals will be released from the barn at designated release time.
4. All animals being offered for sale at the fair must be tagged with a sign with the following information: Exhibitor's Name, Club Name, Telephone Number, and with or without pedigree papers.
5. All registered rabbit litter pens claiming pedigrees for sale must have pedigree forms in club folders prior to start of fair.
6. Failure to follow set sale rules will eliminate you from selling any animals in the Small Animal Barn the following year.

**Barn and Concession Stand Duty:**

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair clubs in the in Small Animal Barn must do barn and concession stand duty.
2. Clubs are responsible for the Small Animal Barn and the area around the barn.
3. While on duty, you are to check water containers and water as needed without opening cage. **Pocket Pets and Reptiles, Pheasants and Quail** are to be watered by the owning exhibitor only. Don't feed any animals.
4. Even with clubs on barn duty, each member/exhibitor is responsible for keeping their own area cleaned and picked up.
5. An adult **MUST** be present at all times in the concession stand. If there is no adult present in the concession stand for a ½ hour or more during your club's scheduled shift(s), your club will be fined \$50.00 for every ½ hour for lack of adult supervision.

**Advisors and Judges:**

1. Free coffee or tea (hot or cold) is provided for Small Animal Advisors
2. Free coffee, tea, (hot or cold) and water bottles is provided for judges only during their show.
3. No free drinks or candy for any 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.

**Guidelines for Costume Show:**

1. The backdrop and/or costume should not be larger than 28" x 28"
2. Must be able to fit on the table
3. Only one entry per member
4. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor or member may join together for a combined entry
5. Majority of the work should be done by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor or member
6. The groups will be divided by age (the youngest ones first)
7. You will be judged on originality and creativity
8. Everyone will receive a blue ribbon
9. Each group will have a champion
10. No show and go animals can be used in this show
11. All champions will compete at the end of the show for the two top prizes: Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.

**Pen Judging**

1. No parents are permitted to clean cages. This is a violation. Parents may assist by holding or removing the animals or reaching areas inaccessible to the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.
2. If 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor cannot clean and feed, 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor to make arrangements with another 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.

**Showmanship Rules – All Species:**

1. Sign up during fair to participate in your species showmanship.

2. The age breakdown is as follows:
  - a. Novice: never participated in showmanship for that species before at the Po. Co. Randolph Fair or any other venue.
  - b. Juniors: 9 – 11 years old, 4-H age
  - c. Intermediate: 12 – 14 years old, 4-H age
  - d. Seniors: 15 – 18 years old, 4-H age

**Skill-a-Thon Rules – All Species:**

1. Any 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor that helps create the Skill-a-Thon test for Skill-a-Thon day is not permitted to participate in that species Skill-a-Thon.
2. If a 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor wishes to help administer the test, the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must first go through the test before they can help administer it or forfeit their right to take that test.
3. The age breakdown is as follows:
  - a. Novice: never participated in Skill-a-Thon for that species before at the Po. Co. Randolph Fair or any other venue.
  - b. Juniors: 9 – 11 years old, 4-H age
  - c. Intermediate: 12 – 14 years old, 4-H age
  - d. Seniors: 15 – 18 years old, 4-H age
4. Each species will determine if a written test is required.

**Auction Rules:**

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair market exhibitor must meet current eligibility rules as noted below, but not limited to:
  - a. SAC Entry Form
  - b. 4H/Jr Fair Market Livestock form
    - THE JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORMS: are due to the Fair Board Office by the FIRST Tuesday of August. Forms are available in the Portage County Randolph Fair Office. These forms MUST be delivered in person to the Fair Office.
  - c. W9 form
2. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors that are auction 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must find their own buyers.
3. The number of animals each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may sell at the Livestock Sale will be limited to 2/1/1. Example: 2 sheep, 1 pen of chickens and 1 pen of rabbits. Small Animals for Auction consist of the following:
 

Chickens (150CM) – Pen of 3	Rabbits (226) – Pen of 3	Turkey (150TM) –
1 Duck (150DM) – 1	Goose (150GM) – 1	
4. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors that are auction 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must attend at least one



(1) Quality Assurance Session each year or have met the test-out requirement.

5. **All Jr. Fair Exhibitors in Market projects are expected to exhibit and sell their own animals. Exhibitors must be present to show in their market or showmanship class in order to be eligible to sell. Another Portage County Jr. Fair Exhibitor within the same species may show in the market class or in the sale, but not both. Any Jr. Fair Market Exhibitor that will miss either market show or sale must submit a form to the Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee for review. Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee decision is final. If form is not submitted and the show or sale is missed the exhibitor will be paid market price. The remainder of their market proceed check will be donated to the Jr. Fair Market Livestock Sale Scholarship Fund. (01/2019)**
6. All 4-H//Jr. Fair exhibitors need to remain at the auction until their market species have finished selling the last “donated back” animal/pen.
7. Tag In and or Weigh In is mandatory for Market Beef, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine and Market Small Animals during assigned day, time and location. No Exceptions.
8. Each specie that is required to complete Quality Assurance must have 3 representatives from their species assigned to the Quality Assurance County Committee (i.e., Advisors, Committee Members or Parents). Those committees include: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Sheep, Swine, Market Goats, and Small Animals.

**Cat Rules – In addition to General Rules:**

1. All kittens/cats must have rabies shot and a copy of the certificate from the vet must be turned in by the August SAC Meeting. The certificates must be dated no more than 30 days before the show date of Fair.
2. All kittens/cats must be on leashes or harnesses.
3. All kittens/cats must be in good health. No open sores, wounds or fleas.
4. No nursing queens.
5. All kittens/cats must be brought in a secure carrier.
6. Kittens must be 4 months to 9 months old by fair.
7. Cats must be 9 months old by fair.
8. Kittens/cats should have water and carrier.
9. Only one (1) entry per age and class per 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.
10. Pure breed does not show against domestic cats.
11. All cat entries will participate in showmanship during the cat show.

**Cavy Rules – In addition to general rules:**

1. Senior Boar or Sow – over 32 oz.
2. Intermediate Boar or Sow – 22 oz. – 32 oz.

3. Junior Boar or Sow – 12 oz. – 22 oz.
4. Some of the breeds:
  - a. Abyssinian, American, Peruvian, Silkie, Teddy and White Crested
5. All cavies must be in good health.
6. All cavies must have their own water bottle or container.
7. All cavy 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own feed.
8. No nursing sows
9. Litter pens age must be 2 weeks old and not nursing.
10. No parent are permitted at the Show Table.
11. Personal cages can only be brought to the Fair for Skinny or litters that may be able to fit through the wires of the fair cages.
  - a. Cage cannot be larger than 20” by 24” for Skinny or litters.
  - b. If there are any concerns contact the show chair.

**Cloverbud Small Animal Display – In addition to general rules:**

1. Cloverbuds may create their own “cloverbuddy” to display in the Small Animal Barn at the Po. Co. Randolph Fair during the entire fair week.
2. Cloverbuds must be a registered, active 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor with an established Portage County 4-H/Jr. Fair club.
  - a. Display space is limited to a spot on a shelf measuring 12”x12”x9” in the 4- H Small Animal Barn and should be accompanied by a cage tag.
3. Type of display is restricted only by the imagination of the cloverbud in their creation of the “buddy”. Any traditional small animal project area subject may be used. Keep in mind reptiles, pocket pets, cage birds, poultry, cats, rabbits, waterfowl and cavy.
  - a. A store purchase stuffed animal buddy is acceptable but should be costumed or dressed (groomed) with a minimum of three items designed to make the buddy a unique display. Consider a nametag/rabies tag attached to a collar as part of the costume.
  - b. A homemade buddy (paper mache, recycled material, sock puppets, etc.) should be encouraged.
4. A poster of “How to...” should accompany the cloverbud during his/her show and tell time and range in size from a ¼ **poster board** to a full sheet of **poster board**. No 8-1/2” x 11” copy paper. The posters will be displayed in the Small Animal Barn after show and tell if space permits. They should be taken home or back to the campers if there is no place to hang them.
5. “How to” is defined by: How to feed, how to groom, how to care, how to choose, how to select a name, how to house, etc., as if the buddy were a living animal. The cloverbud

should know the content of the poster and be able to explain it.

6. All entries should be marked with an ownership label (put your name on it) in an inconspicuous place, i.e.: bottom of foot or wherever the display meets the shelf.  
\*\*consider describing this a tattoo!

#### **Indoor Caged Bird Rules – In addition to general rules:**

1. Indoor Caged Birds consist of all Parrots, Conures, Cockatoos, Finches, Lories, Lorikeets, Parakeets, Canaries, and Cockatiels.
2. Indoor Caged Birds do not need to be pullorum or rabies tested.
3. These birds need to be free from lice, mites, parasites and any and all illnesses.
4. Birds entering this class can be wing clipped without a point deduction. Birds are not required to be banded and will not be banded at the fair.
5. Pen Judging and Project Questions will be done during the day of the show.

#### **Pigeon and Dove Rules – In addition to general rules:**

1. Birds do not need pullorum or rabies tested.
2. All birds must be free of lice, mites, and parasites. If these are found at check in, birds will be sent home.
3. Birds can be wing clipped without a point deduction at the show
4. Birds are not required to be banded and will not be banded at the fair, unless there are more than one of the same breed and sex.
5. ~~There needs to be at least 5 birds and 2 4 H/Jr. Fair exhibitors in a class for a trophy.~~
6. Birds will be put into the appropriate classes.
7. Birds will stay the entire week at the fair.

#### **Pocket Pet Rules – In addition to General Rules:**

1. Pocket pets (Small Animal 4-H Project #220) includes the following four (4) species: Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice and Rats, but is not limited to these. Acceptable species are Gerbils, Hamsters, Mice, Rats, Chinchillas, Ferrets, Hedgehogs, and Degus.
2. Exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closure (no padlocks) and proper ventilation. Water bottles/containers, feed and bedding are also their responsibility.
3. ~~There must be two 4 H/Jr. Fair exhibitors and five entries in a class (except for Showmanship) to receive a trophy.~~
4. No nursing females.
5. Chinchillas, ferrets and hedgehogs **are required to be** show and go projects. **Other pocket pets can be show and go.**
6. Ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination. Submit certificate from the vet with entry form. The certificate must be dated a maximum 30 days before the fair show date.

7. If the pocket pet project is not listed in the project book an informational project poster is required at the club level.

### **Pocket Pet Litter Pen Rules – In addition to General Rules & Pocket Pet Rules:**

1. To be eligible to enter a litter pen, the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must be a second-year pocket pet 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.
2. Litters are to be weaned.
3. Mother must accompany the litter to the Fair.

### **General Poultry Rules**

**Definition of Poultry:** Poultry is defined for the purpose of this document as any fowl falling into the following groups: Chickens, Pheasants, Quail, Guinea Fowl, Pea Fowl, Grouse, Ducks, Geese, and Turkey. Poultry does not include Pigeon and Doves.

All market and non-market 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors will be responsible for the showing of their own animals. This includes taking the animal from the cage if needed, to the show area or to the showing table to be judged.

If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor is unable to be present for the show, it is his/her responsibility to designate another 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitor or 4-H/Jr. Fair Parent to present his/her bird(s) for judging. Committee members will NOT be responsible for removing any poultry from their cages.

If the bird(s) are not presented for judging they will place last in their class and/or last in their species. If they are entered in the market show, they will sell at the end of the sale.

If you are bringing poultry to fair, pullorum testing must be completed between September 1<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> on existing stock.

### **Pullorum Testing:**

1. Pullorum testing – refer to the Ohio revised code: 901:1-18-05 Poultry and Fowl
2. The SAC provides testers and the antigen for testing. Testing this will be done in the spring when the weather begins to warm up.
3. All 4H/Jr Fair exhibitors are responsible for calling one of the testers to schedule the test.
4. It is at the Testers discretion if they decide to test flocks with external parasites.
5. NO PULLORUM TESTER CAN TEST THEIR OWN STOCK.
6. The Pullorum paperwork must be turned in with every entry form, this includes paperwork from a pullorum free hatchery.

**Non-Market Poultry Rules – In addition to general rules:** The Non-Market Poultry Committee follows the Standard Book of Perfection as a guideline.

1. All poultry need pullorum tested or proof of purchase from pullorum free hatchery before entering the fair grounds. If not tested, cannot participate in the fair. Waterfowl don't need pullorum tested.
2. All 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors are strongly encouraged to participate in the Skill-A-

Thon. Trophies will be presented at the Fair.

3. The age and breed of bird is required information on the entry form. (If the above information is not known, please contact the appropriate poultry chair for assistance.)
4. All forms must be completed and a copy retained by the family of the exhibitor for entry day.
5. The Non-Market Poultry Committee will no longer require the banding of birds. Birds may be banded with temporary color-coded plastic bands if more than one bird of the same breed and sex is entered by the same exhibitor.
6. Pens will be supplied for all poultry with the exception of quail. Quail must be in a secure cage which has been approved by the Poultry Committee. It is recommended, but not required, that pheasants be housed in a cage brought from home. These cages must also meet approval.
7. There will be one fancy bird per pen unless otherwise dictated by the committee.

### **Market Poultry Rules – In addition to general rules:**

#### **Ordering Market Poultry**

1. A parent/legal guardian/4-H/Jr Fair exhibitor must attend one (1) mandatory meeting to order and purchase market poultry animals each year.
2. This will be the time to sign up to help with the market animal management during and after the fair.
  - a. Families will be given an opportunity to volunteer for their first, second, choice of service support.
  - b. Market Poultry Committee will then assign jobs after the entry forms are received in June, notify families and notify club advisors of the duties.
  - c. Failure of the family to show up or find a replacement for assigned job AND complete their assigned job will result in the family's club being fined \$50 per non-compliant family for lack of family support to the Market Poultry Committee. If all of the market animals die **or the project does not come to fair the family is required to fulfill their assigned jobs.**
3. If you are not represented at one of these meetings your 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor (child) cannot participate in the ~~Sale~~ **Market Poultry Project**.
4. Pullorum free testing paperwork must be submitted on your current poultry flock at pick up.

#### **Market Chickens:**

1. All Market Chickens will be ordered through the Small Animal Committee at the Mandatory Ordering Meeting.
2. Birds will be 7-9 weeks old with a minimum weight of 5 lbs. each. There will be 3 birds to a pen.

#### **Market Turkey:**

1. All Market Turkeys will be ordered through the Small Animal Committee at the Mandatory ordering Meeting.
2. Turkeys will be 17-20 weeks old and a minimum of 14 lbs. each and is a Hen Show/Sale only. There will be one bird to a pen.

**Market Duck:**

1. All Market Ducks will be ordered through the Small Animal Committee at the Mandatory Ordering Meeting.
2. Ducks will be at least 7 weeks old with a minimum weight of 5 lbs. each. There will be one duck to a pen.

**Market Geese:**

1. All market geese will be ordered through the Small Animal Committee at the Mandatory Ordering Meeting.
2. Geese will be 10-13 weeks old with a minimum weight of 7 lbs. each. There will be one goose to a pen.

**Check-In Rules**

1. **All birds must be cleaned and dry before they can be checked in.**
2. Once the poultry is brought to the check-in table, checked in and banded, there will be no changes/switching out of birds.
3. Be sure pens are properly identified prior to banding at check-in.
4. The entire pen needs to be checked in at the same time.

**Death of a bird:**

1. If the market animal goes through the auction and is not replaced by Sunday of fair week between noon to 2:00 PM all of the proceeds of the sale is forfeited to SAC.
2. Death of an animal in a multiple market animal pen exhibit (Chicken):
  - a. If a market animal dies between Sunday check-in to Sunday of fair week, the animal must be replaced between noon to 2:00 PM Sunday of fair week.
3. Death of an animal in a single market animal pen exhibit (turkey, duck, goose):
  - a. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor wishes to participate in the auction they must replace the dead market animal between noon to 2:00 PM Sunday of fair week.
4. Any animal purchased through SAC cannot be shown in the non-market division the same year.

**Hauling to Processors:**

1. Hauling time will be announced during fair week.
2. The Auction Animals of the Small Animal Barn will be loaded onto the processor's truck and the pens will be taken down and barn cleaned.
3. All Auction 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must to be present during this time.

**Market Poultry Sale Order Determination**

1. The Judge will place the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> for

each species.

2. The donated pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion and before the 3<sup>rd</sup> place pen.
3. First place Skill-a-thon winners will sell after the 10<sup>th</sup> place pen in their species starting with the Senior Class and ending with the Novice class.
4. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (10<sup>th</sup>) pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back to back until all of that species has sold. (04/2018 Fair Board)

### **Rabbit Rules – In addition to general rules:**

1. This sub-committee follows ARBA Book of Standards as a guideline.
2. All Rabbit 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors are strongly encouraged to participate in the Skill-A-Thon. Awards will be presented at the fair.
3. All rabbits entered will have a permanent ear tattoo in the left ear prior to being checked in at the fair. This includes: individual rabbits, litter does, and kits (babies) and meat pens. All tattoos must match the tattoo numbers listed on the entry form or you will not be permitted to participate at fair.
4. Any movement of a rabbit(s) to a different pen MUST have the Chair's approval. Any conflict or non-approved movement of rabbits by the Chair will result in forfeiting of the award.
5. Any animal exhibiting any, but not limited to the following, will be sent home and will not be eligible to participate at the fair: sore hocks; snuffles, vent disease;

### **Breeding Rabbit Project #225:**

1. All rabbits (excluding Pet Rabbits) will be shown based on the ARBA color classification/grouping.
2. The judges will pick the best of 4-Class and the best of 6- Class and between those 2 rabbits the judges will pick the Best of Show and the Reserve Best of Show.
3. Per ARBA Rules/Standards, fixed/neutered rabbits are not permissible to show, and are to be disqualified for alterations, therefore they are pet rabbits and are not permitted to be shown at fair.
4. Exhibitors will show during the regular rabbit show with the exceptions of the litter pens. They will be judged separately.
5. The does may be shown during the regular show, but not the litter.

### **Utility Class**

1. This class is done by weight.
  - a. Small Bucks and Does weighing anything under 7 pounds

- b. Large Bucks and Does weighing 7 or more pounds.

### **Litter Pens**

1. Does must stay with her litter.
2. Age limit is 6-8 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
3. Must be in Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Book.
4. Each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor will only be allowed to bring three (3) litter pens to Fair.

### **Market Rabbit Project # 226:**

1. Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits from the same litter.
2. Age limit is 8–10 weeks old as of entry day of fair
3. Each market rabbit must weigh between 3 to 5 1/2 pounds.
4. If you are signed up for the Market Rabbit Project you do not have to be in the Breeding Rabbit Project to bring other rabbits to fair.
5. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may not show these rabbits in the regular rabbit show.
6. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor in this project are not required to take a meat pen to the fair, but are encouraged to do so.
7. 4-H/Jr Fair Exhibitor must also bring and show the doe of the market pen and it must be included on the entry form with tattoo #. The doe will be considered one of the 10 pens.
8. The emphasis of judging for meat pens will be on meat type, (confirmation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight, condition of fur, and uniformity of exhibit (all 3 animals).
9. Animals must have meat type characteristics.
10. All meat pens that do not conform to the requirements and are disqualified will be sent home.
  - a. If one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs more than the maximum weight, the entire pen will be disqualified or moved to one (1) Fryer Pen and the other two (2) will be sent home.
  - b. If anyone rabbit in the pen weighs less than minimum weight, the entire pen will be disqualified or moved to one (1) Fryer Pen and other two (2) will be sent home.
  - c. Fryer Pens – 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor may change from a Meat Pen to a Fryer Pen, IF their entire meat pen doesn't meet the Market Rabbit rule requirement of 3-5 1/2 pounds, or if one of their meat rabbits die.
  - d. Exhibitors will then be allowed to enter one (1) rabbit per meat pen entered as a fryer or have a meat pen and one (1) fryer pen – following the 2-1-1 rule. The rabbit entered, as a fryer must follow the Market Rabbit Rules of 3-5 1/2 pounds, 8-10 weeks old.



## **Market Rabbit Sale Order Determination**

1. The Rabbit Sale Order will be determined as follows:
2. The Judge will place the Grand Champion Rabbit Pen, Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (6<sup>th</sup>)pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back to back until all of that species has sold. (04/2018 FB)
4. The donated rabbit pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen and before the 3<sup>rd</sup> place pen.
5. The Fryer Pens will be placed in the sale order after all regular Market Rabbit Pens (3 rabbits in a pen) sell, starting with 1<sup>st</sup> place and continuing down to 6<sup>th</sup> place per the judge's determination.

## **Rabbit Project #227:**

1. Exhibitors are not permitted to bring their animal to the fair because the state **4H office's** interpretation of "Pet Rabbit" is that the animal is housed in the house, away from the weather elements and stress. They are strictly a companion animal which means inside.
2. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors in this book will need to perform Showmanship at the club level.
3. Participate in Grade Day prior to the Fair

## **Rabbit Hopping Agility Rules and Regulations – Introduced 2015**

First year to show as exhibition only with following years to be determined.

**Rabbit Hopping:** is a performance sport where rabbits are directed to run through a course of jumps ranging from 4" to 20" high and are similar to jumps used for horses, but on a smaller scale. The jumps are made with displaceable rails so the rails will fall if a rabbit does not clear the jump. The goal is to go through the course with the least number of faults. There can also be a long jump and high jump that may potentially be challenging for the rabbit.

**Rabbit Agility:** is much like Rabbit Hopping and can have other similar obstacles such as used for dog agility... Many of these obstacles have contact zones that rabbits can be taught how each obstacle works.

**H style harnesses and leashes:** are required for all rabbit hopping or agility events. Leashes should be made of similar webbing material as the harness and should be 4' to 6' in length. Retractable, chain and rope leashes are not permitted.

## **General Rules for Competition:**

1. Animal entered may be any breed of domestic rabbit, no pedigree is required.
2. Animals must be at least 4 months of age to compete. Animals younger than 4 months are not permitted in harnesses or on leashes in the showroom.

3. Rabbits must be healthy and free of any disease or parasite, mites, lice, diarrhea, discharge, any open wound, dirty bottoms, feet or fur. Nails should be trimmed. If a rabbit has any of these health issues it will not be allowed in the competition area.
4. Pregnant does are not permitted to compete. In addition, any doe that has had a litter in the past 8 weeks is not permitted to compete.
5. Animal handlers will be responsible for cleaning up any debris their animal leaves on the competition course during the competition and warm up area.
6. Careless handling of rabbits will result in a warning. Serious negligent handling will result in a disqualification.
7. Rabbits shall proceed through the course and over the jumps voluntarily. Animal handlers are prohibited from forcing or carrying animals through the course, but may lift them over jumps or obstacles, if necessary. Assistance and encouragement may not involve yelling loudly or any other method that would subject a rabbit to excessive stress. Touching your rabbit with your feet is not permitted.
8. Handlers and rabbits are considered a team. A rabbit can only have one handler at a competition. Persons with disabilities may appoint an animal handler for a competition.
9. Handlers will not use the leash to hit a rabbit to get it moving or as a means of discipline. Rabbits may not be lifted with the leash.
10. If, in the opinion of the judge, the rabbit becomes lame or the course is too difficult for the rabbit, the rabbit will be disqualified for its safety.
11. Animal handlers must always use good sportsmanship. Violations will result in warnings and disqualification. It is up to the judge's discretion as to what constitutes poor sportsmanship. The judge's decision is final.
12. Rabbits must be cooped in the small animal barn for the duration of fair.
13. Only one rabbit allowed on the course at any given time.
14. Giant breeds may be put into a separate division, depending on competitor count.
15. A familiarization period may be allowed prior to the start of competition. Each rabbit may investigate each obstacle for a brief time. Three attempts may be made at any obstacle. The order of obstacles in this time period shall not be the order used in competition. The familiarization period shall be supervised by staff.
16. Judges will inspect all equipment prior to the beginning of the show and may modify the requirements to the extent needed to eliminate any unsafe equipment.
17. Animal Handlers are not permitted to step over jumps. They must go around the jump.
18. Beginning and ending jumps must always be present and are not taken into account on scorings. (No faults will be given for displacing rails on these jumps.)
19. The final obstacle must be cleared in the right direction for the clock to stop. Once the rabbit has touched all four feet on the ground after clearing the final obstacle the clock is stopped and the course is then considered complete.
20. Any course which is not a single, straight-line course shall have the obstacles numbered.

21. No treats (for rabbit or handler) will be allowed on the hopping course or in the warm up area.
22. Leashes must be held at all times except when going through a tunnel or tire jump. After each tunnel or tire jump, the leash must be picked up before the next obstacle.
23. Rabbits may not be left unattended outside their coop. Rabbits may not be tied up with their leash.

**Reptile Rules – in addition to general rules:**

1. Reptiles (lizards, turtles, snakes)
2. Amphibians (salamanders, newts, frogs),
3. Arthropods (spiders, hermit crabs) may be entered.
4. Spiders and scorpions will stay all week at fair. Venomous creatures not listed above are excluded.
5. Reptile 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closures (no padlocks) and proper ventilation.
6. Water containers and food are also their responsibility.
7. No live or frozen food will be permitted in cages.
8. Reptiles requiring daily food must have leftover food removed each day and fresh food (appropriate type and size provided).
9. Electrical connections for lights and heating units will be provided.
10. Reptiles may stay the entire week of the fair or can be Show and Go.
- ~~11. There must be two participants and five entries in a class to receive a trophy.~~
12. Judging will be based on 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor's completion of the Reptiles & Amphibians Idea Starter Project (#365.13) and supplemental questions, his/her animal, and its habitat.
13. An educational poster to display at the Fair is also required.
14. If the project is Show and Go, a habit poster is required and will be judged.
  - a. Poster can include drawings and photos.
15. No reptile will be permitted outside its cage without the supervision of an advisor or the judge.
16. Hands must be promptly disinfected/washed after handling any reptiles.

**Rooster Crowing:**

1. The Junior Fair Rooster Crowing Contest will be held in the Small Animal Barn on Sunday of the fair at 1:00 PM
2. Contest is open to any 4-H/Jr. Fair Exhibitor and any registered rooster at the fair.
3. The rooster does not need to be registered to you, but you must have permission from its

owner.

4. Judging is based on the number of times that your rooster crows in a 5-minute period.
5. There will be a separate judge for each rooster in the contest.
6. The 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who are participating must stay with their roosters during the entire show.
7. Verbal coaching of the roosters is permitted during the show.
8. Decisions of the judges are final.
9. Ribbons are awarded to the participants.
10. Sign-up sheets are available during fair week at the advisor's table in the Small Animal Barn.
11. It is the responsibility of the committee to set up and tear down the arena and to obtain judges for the show.