

# **Junior Agricultural Society By-Laws**

(Junior Fair Board)  
Adopted June 28, 1962

## **Article I - Title**

**Section I** - This Society shall be known as the Hartford Independent Junior Agricultural Society or Hartford Junior Fair Board.

## **Article II - Objective**

**Section I** - The mission of this Society shall be to promote and encourage the improvement of agriculture, youth development, and family and consumer sciences, to promote general community improvement, with all other educational interests of youth in the District. This will be done through the support of the junior fair and open class programming held during the Hartford Fair.

## **Article III - Membership**

**Section I** - Membership in the Society is open to members between 14 and 19 years of age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year) of 4-H, FFA, FCLA, Boy / Girl Scouts, and any other youth-serving agency included in the Junior Fair program, living or attending school in Licking County or the Hartford Fair District including Delaware County (Harlem, Trenton, Porter, Berkshire Townships) and Knox County (Milford, Hilliar, Miller Townships).

## **Article IV - Board Members**

**Section I** - The Board shall consist of any number of members who may represent any or all of the youth-serving agencies listed in Article III, Section I. Board Members shall be active members of the organizations which they represent during their year(s) of service. Board Members must be a junior fair exhibitor during their year(s) of service.

**Section II** - Board Members shall be selected by application and interview for a term of one year and a maximum of 3 years. A Board Member may serve additional terms after completing the application and selection process. Interviews are not required for Board Members unless requested by either party. An annual Junior Fair evaluation will be completed by the SFB Junior Fair Committee and Junior Fair Board immediately after the fair. Former Directors may serve a 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> year at the discretion of the advisory committee, as long as they continue to be age-eligible to exhibit in the junior fair. If a member is age-eligible to serve a fifth year, after having completed a 4<sup>th</sup> year as Junior Advisor, they may be invited to serve as a Junior Advisor during that fifth year, after discussion has taken place among the JFB Leadership Team, SFB Junior Fair Committee and JFB Advisors (at that time). Should they be invited to serve that fifth year, no interview will be needed.

## **Article V - Election**

**Section I** - Nominations for Board Members shall be made in writing by November 15<sup>th</sup> to the Licking County 4-H Youth Development Educator. Representatives shall be selected by an interview team consisting of a 4-H Educator and representatives of the Senior Fair Board no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding their term of office.

**Section II** - Annual election of officers shall be at the January meeting.

**Section III** - The term of office of the retiring Directors shall expire and that of the elected begins December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Section IV** - Board Members who fail to perform their duties in a responsible and orderly fashion may be removed from the Junior Fair Board by the 4-H Youth Development Educator in their respective county or by the advisor of the organization they represent. Junior Fair Board members may also be removed from the office for inappropriate personal conduct.

## **Article VI - Organizations and Meetings**

**Section I** - The Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Senior Fair Board Liaisons, and other officers as may be deemed proper. The officers shall serve a one-year term and until their successors are elected and qualified. A majority vote of a quorum of Directors must be present to transact business.

**Section II** - All officers shall be elected or appointed from the membership of the Board.

**Section III** - If any member of the Board is absent from two meetings per year, for an unexcused reason, the member will forfeit his/her membership on the Board.

**Section IV** - Board meetings/activities shall be held in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and August. Additional Board events may be held, with the location, time, and date to be determined by the Junior Fair Board Advisor. Members shall receive at least two weeks' notice. Board members will also be expected to attend their respective departmental meetings throughout the year.

**Section V** – Those serving as an advisory capacity to the Board may include Extension Educators, FCCLA and FFA Chapter Advisors, 4-H Advisors in the Fair District, and Senior Fair Board Members on the Junior Fair Committee. These individuals may be asked to serve as an advisor to the department and/or activities of the Junior Fair. Those individuals serving in an advisory capacity are invited to attend all Board meetings.

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***NOTE:** The Hartford Fair's Junior Fair Board was opened up to those who are age 14 beginning with the 2022 application process (November 2021). This pilot period went well, and it was decided that we will continue to allow those who are aged 14-19 to serve on the board for the foreseeable future. During May 2024, it was approved that those members eligible for a fifth year could be invited to serve an additional year as a Junior Advisor.*

# JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITOR RULES & INFORMATION

1. The Hartford Junior Fair is open to any child in the Hartford Fair District age 8-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year that meets the following criteria: Each Junior Fair Exhibitor must be enrolled in youth programs sponsored by Elementary/Middle/ High Schools, OSU Extension, Steer Pool, FFA, Juvenile Grange, Scouts or other organizations recognized by the Hartford Fair Board. Junior Fair exhibitors may participate in the Hartford Independent Fair only if **both** the following criteria are met: **(1)** They are enrolled in a youth organization within either Licking County or in the following townships of Delaware Co. (Harlem/Centerburg Village, Trenton, Porter and Berkshire); or a club in the following townships of Knox Co. (Milford, Hilliar, and Miller) **and (2)** they attend school in, or have residence within the Hartford Fair District as outlined above. All Licking County 4-H members are eligible to participate in the Hartford Fair regardless of residence or school affiliation and therefore relinquish the ability to enter 4-H exhibits in any other county's junior fair show/program.
2. Refer to individual departments for limit of allowed entries.
3. All exhibits must have been raised by the exhibitor or owned by the exhibitor for not less than ninety days preceding the date of showing where applicable.
4. No animal or exhibit can be entered in more than one class, except horses, llamas, & dogs.
5. All people entering the Hartford Junior Fair ages 8-18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year will be required to purchase an exhibitor's ID badge at a cost of three dollars (\$3). This does not apply to Cloverbuds.
6. **All entries must be submitted on Fair Entry or to the Hartford Fair Office no later than midnight on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Exhibitors are responsible for the accuracy of their entries. Late entries can be made with a \$10 late fee until Friday July 21st, 2024, No changes can be made after Friday July 21st, 2024.**
7. All exhibits must be on the fairgrounds and in place by 2 pm  
**Saturday, August 3rd, 2024.**
8. All exhibits except for hogs may not be removed before 3 pm the last day of the fair without the consent of the Sr. Fair Department Chairman. Refer to schedule for date & time hogs will be released. All Jr. Fair livestock exhibits must be removed from the fairgrounds by 8 pm on the last day of the fair. (All non-livestock Jr. Fair exhibits remaining on the grounds after 8 pm on the last day of the fair are deemed abandoned and will be removed at the discretion of the fair board.)
9. Exhibitors making false entries will forfeit all premiums and bonuses. Protests against exhibitors must be in writing and signed by the head of the organization. A fee of \$25 must accompany each protest. (see exception in Horse Department)
10. In those classes not having two or more exhibitors, the judge will award a premium as he/she sees fit.
11. Some livestock will have stall assignments, please respect them. Posted stalling assignments are final! There will be NO changes. Tack is NOT to be stored in the stalls, pens, and cages. The Fair Board reserves the right to remove any tack from stalls, pens and cages not being used to stall animals. Barns close at 11:00 pm every night.
12. Bedding must be straw or pine shavings only. All bedding MUST be removed from the pens before leaving. No floor fans are allowed in any livestock barn.
13. Special Interest, Food & Clothing exhibits will be judged in their respective counties as designated in their project requirements guidelines.
14. Junior Fair premium money will be distributed at the fair. Claims and corrections will be accepted by the Senior Fair Secretary until Friday of Fair week.
15. All exhibits entered by Junior Fair exhibitors must have been a project of the exhibitor during the current school year or current project year.
16. All animals' "Drug Use Notification Forms" (DUNF) must be turned in at the fair prior to exhibition. The vet will be on the grounds Saturday, August 3rd, 6 am - 2 pm. Livestock staying on the grounds are to be brought on the grounds only during these designated times. Check health regulations printed in this tabloid.
17. Additional classes will not be considered after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of January of the current fair year. Each breed must have a minimum of 5 animals and 3 families exhibiting or the following year the class will be re-evaluated before inclusion.
18. Physically altered livestock will cause exhibitors to be dismissed from the Fair.
19. Each exhibitor is expected to take entire charge of his/her livestock after arriving at the fair. The exhibitor may receive assistance from the following people: 4-H club advisor, FFA chapter advisor, Steer Pool advisor, immediate family, and other junior fair exhibitors of the Hartford Fair. Eligible 4-H club advisors and FFA chapter advisors must represent clubs/chapters within the Hartford Fair district. Professional groomers are not permitted to work with junior fair livestock at any time during the fair.
20. All Jr. Fair Premiums will be paid daily (Sunday - Saturday) at the Bank located next to the Dairy Director's ice cream stand. Times will be posted at the Bank. The projects displayed in the 4-H Center and FFA building will be paid collectively to the 4-H Club or FFA Advisor for disbursement to the exhibitor. Livestock exhibitors must present their

Jr. Fair photo ID to collect their premium(s). A parent or advisor may collect a premium(s) for an exhibitor by presenting a driver's license (Parent) or Fair photo ID (Advisor) as identification. **Any premium(s) not cashed by the last day of the fair will be void.** Premium(s) must be picked up only during the hours designated. All Open Class premiums will be paid cash premiums. **Sale checks will be mailed 30 days after the fair. There will be a \$35 charge to reissue any check with a stale date that is past the 60-day cashing period. Checks will be mailed to the Address given to the 4-H Extension Office / School. CHECKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE PICKED UP.**

21. Watering of animals at the water spigots is prohibited. Water tanks are not permitted in the barn. Manure must be placed in designated areas. Wash racks will be shut down daily from 6 pm to 9 pm.
22. **All livestock weights will be taken/recorded on the Hartford Fair "County Certified Scales" and will be final. No other scales will be allowed on the fair premises.**
23. No livestock or other exhibits are to be removed from the grounds before the closure of the Fair without a proper release form signed by the exhibitor and the superintendent of the Department. Violators of this rule will not be permitted to participate in the following year's fair under the division violated.
24. Any official fair board announcements made during the week of the fair will take precedence over any printed material.
25. Our fair will operate under the provisions of Ohio's Department of Agriculture Administrative Code Rules. "Livestock Health Exhibition Rules & Livestock Exhibition Tamping Rules are printed in this publication and can also be found on the Ohio Department of Agricultural website.
26. An animal may only be exhibited and sold by the 4-H/FFA project member.
  - a. If unable to do so, due to extenuating circumstances (i.e.: show or sale conflict, injury), the animal may be shown by a 4-H/FFA member that is a current Junior Fair exhibitor at the Hartford Independent Fair. Permission for another member to show the animal must be received from the appropriate Senior Fair Boar Department Chair prior to the start of the show or sale.
  - b. This excludes class conflicts where the exhibitor has multiple animals in a class. In these instances, the exhibitor must show one (1) animal and may have additional animal(s) in the class shown by another 4-H/FFA member that is a current Junior Fair exhibitor at the Hartford Independent Fair. In these instances, approval is not required.
  - c. Animals may be denied entry into the class/show or disqualified from the competition that are in violation of 26a or 26b.
27. **Junior Fair Dress Code for Show & Sale Ring**
  - a. A button/snap and collared shirt closed within one (1) button/snap from the top. (i.e.: western or polo).
  - b. Shirts may be long or short sleeves. No sleeveless shirts.
  - c. Shirts must be tucked in all the way around the waist.
  - d. No logos or advertisements on shirts other than 4-H club FFA chapter, or family farm name
  - e. Long pants, no shorts. Must be neat and clean. No rips or tears.
28. All barns close at 11:00 pm every night.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

**Monday, August 5, 2024, | 9:00 a.m. – Grubb Arena**

The contest will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. with instructions being provided at that time in Grubb Arena. Contest resource materials will also be distributed to contestants at the beginning of the contest prior to classes being viewed. The contest will consist of six (6) classes of livestock – Market Lamb, Breeding Ewe, Market Goat, Dairy Goat and Dairy Feeder (2 classes). Awards will be given on an individual basis only in two divisions (Junior / Senior) – no teams, and in each of the three species. Junior division will consist of youth ages 8-13 (as of January 1st of current year) and Senior division will be for those youth ages 14-19 (as of January 1st of current year). Awards will be presented @ 9:00 am on Saturday, along with skillathon awards, in Grubb Arena.

# HARTFORD INDEPENDENT FAIR SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

## Super Showmanship

**Friday, August 9, 2024, | 9:00 a.m. Grubb Arena**

**Jr Fair Committee:** Amelia Savage (Chair), Aubrey Barger, Cassie Lahrmer, Austin Mauger, Jessica Savage, Jack Van Fossen

**Chairpersons:** Lisa McCutcheon & Adam Wampler

**The Super Showmanship Contest is open to one species representative that has been selected from the current year. Expert Showmanship winners in the following species areas:**

**Beef** (Breeding Beef/Market Beef Steer/Dairy Feeder & Steer Pool).

**Sheep** (Breeding Sheep/Market Lamb)

**Dairy Cattle Goat**

**Horse** (English Tack/Western Tack/Draft)

**Market Hog**

**Rabbit** (Meat Rabbit/Other Rabbit)

**Poultry** (Meat Poultry/Other Poultry)

The Super Showmanship Contest is open to one (1) species representative that has been selected from current year Expert Showmanship classes in the following species areas: Beef (Breeding Beef / Market Steer / Dairy Feeder), Sheep (Breeding Sheep / Market Lamb), Dairy Cattle, Goat (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), Horse (English / Western), Market Hog, Rabbit (Meat Rabbit / Other Rabbit), and Poultry (Meat Poultry / Other Poultry).

Super Showmanship participants may not have won Super Showmanship in a previous year and may no longer compete in Junior Fair showmanship classes following their selection as the Super Showmanship winner.

The Super Showmanship Contest shall consist of Expert Showmanship winners and the animal that they used throughout the selection process – which must be their project animal. (**Note:** Exception may be made for swine exhibitor if animal has already sold / left the grounds).

The contest shall operate in the form of a “round-robin” with each exhibitor demonstrating their skills with a particular animal for a period of not more than four (4) minutes.

A judge will be present with each animal to interview and observe exhibitors during that time.

Each exhibitor will receive a perfect score of 200 points in the species in which they advanced to the Super Showmanship Contest. Therefore, the final point tally for each individual will be out of a maximum of 1,600 points. Immediately following the contest, results will be announced with awards being presented.

**Lester Williams Family** - \$75 cash premium and plaque will be presented for 1st place Super Showmanship

**Nuway Incorporated** - \$50 cash premium and plaque will be presented for 2nd place Super Showmanship

**Zimmerman Family** - Rosettes

## Expert Showmanship

The Expert Showmanship class is comprised of current year Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship class winners, as well as previous Senior and Expert Showmanship winners who remain to be age-eligible and junior fair exhibitors within that species / department. Previous Super Showmanship winners are not eligible to compete. The exhibitor selected as winner of the Expert Class will represent that species in Super Showmanship. (Note: Some species have an additional contest / class to determine which Expert Showmanship winner will represent their species: i.e., Beef (Dairy Feeder / Market Steer / Breeding Beef), Goat (Meat / Dairy / Pygmy), Horse (English / Western), and Sheep (Market Lamb / Breeding Sheep).

In the event that an exhibitor is chosen as a species representative to Super Showmanship in more than one species during a given year, that exhibitor will be given the opportunity to choose which one species they represent in the contest. The species that they do not choose will then be represented by the next highest-ranking exhibitor from the Expert Showmanship / selection class of that species. Each exhibitor is only eligible to represent one species during Super Showmanship, and each species should be represented.

## Showmanship Division Winners

When an exhibitor wins their respective division (Junior / Intermediate / Senior) in a given species, they must move up to the next division the following year (i.e., Junior would move up to Intermediate, Intermediate would move up to Senior, Senior would move up to Expert.) Once an exhibitor has won Expert Showmanship within a species / department, they must remain eligible only in the Expert division until they are no longer eligible to show or win Super Showmanship. Once an exhibitor has won Senior Showmanship in a species / department, they are only eligible to return in the Expert division.

**NOTE:** Exhibitor's age on January 1st of current year is to be used when signing up for appropriate showmanship class. Exhibitors must show their own project animal, which is appropriately entered in junior fair classes, and must use that same animal in their age division, followed by Expert (should they advance), and Super Showmanship (should they advance). The only exception that will be made is for the designated swine exhibitor participating in Super Showmanship in the case that their market hog has been sold or already left the grounds at the time of the Super Showmanship contest. In this case, the hog showman must secure another animal to use in the contest that is of a similar and appropriate showmanship quality.

## HARTFORD FAIR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2004	Marlena Hosler and Jenna Smith	2015	Kierra Braskie, Travis Higgins, Torrie Purdy
2005	Molly Lauglin and Randee Russell	2016	Tyler Day, Michaela Graham, Emily Hayes
2006	Christina Harper and Jena McLaughlin	2017	Lindsay Cooperrider, Madison Layman, Samantha Jo Edwards
2007	Nicholas Higgins and Jared McLaughlin	2018	Chelsea Graham, Morgan McCutcheon, Jordan Aronowitz
2008	Ryan Edgington and Stephanie Sherburn	2019	Creta Buckenberger, Caroline Liggett, Malia Jones
2009	Candance Higgins and Kristen Twork	2020	Cole Foor, Ethan Gum, Sarah New
2010	Cathryn Clark and Alaina Schraufnagel	2021	Madeline Frazure-Lauth, Shala Graham, Jarrett Pfister
2011	Keilah Ketron and Stephanie McDougal	2022	Allison Beekman, Silas Buckenberger, Ryan Schmechel
2012	Hanna McLaughlin and Tamara Melrose	2023	Alicia Graham, Cassie Orr, Darla Dorman, Marcus Ryan
2013	Austin Campbell and Caillyn Tullos	2024	Travis Allen, Natalie Jungers, Lily Swearingen, Kenzie Giffin
2014	Madison Blair, Jana Choberka, Molly McDougal	2025	Arthur Hollenback, Grace Humphrey, Kyle Gilbert Kaylee Goodwin

As of 2022 there will be a maximum of four (4) \$1,500 - "non-renewable scholarships" awarded annually in June. We are grateful to the following donors for making it possible to award this scholarship:

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