NINTH DEPARTMENT 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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GENERAL FAIR PARTICIPATION RULES

1. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year. 4-H exhibits are to be made for 4-H only. Any project done at school or during school hours or any project made for school or any other organization is ineligible.
2. To be eligible to exhibit at the Greene County Fair, a 4-H member must have selected their projects and be a member of an organized club by the county deadline. These projects must be listed on the enrollment forms and are to be in the Extension Office by the deadline.
3. 4-H members are to assume the major responsibility of management, project care and construction of the project. Advisors and parents should supervise and teach "how" but not do the actual work on the project.
4. All projects and posters must be **new** each year. Violation of this rule will be cause for the project to be considered incomplete and, therefore, ineligible for placing.
5. Any misrepresentation or substitution of projects (i.e., age, ownership, class or exhibitor) will be cause for forfeiture of premium and 4-H credit **and will not be allowed to be exhibited at the fair.**
6. All 4-H members are urged to exhibit their project at the fair. Ribbons, fairbucks, and fair passes can be given only if the project is exhibited. Project removed from exhibit without permission will be cause for forfeiture of fairbucks.
7. To be eligible for placing or awards, a member must: 1) be present for scheduled pre-fair or fair judging unless participating in another 4-H activity or has been detained by an act of God; 2) meet exhibit requirements as stated in the project requirements guide.
8. It is recognized that scheduling conflicts may occur during pre-fair judging. Members should make every effort to utilize their scheduled time slots for pre-fair judging. **If you will not be able to be judged at your scheduled time, and prior arrangements have not been made, there will be a ½ hour leeway given on each time of your scheduled judging slot for you to appear for judging. Failure to appear during this time without previous notice shall be grounds for ineligibility.** Contact 4-H staff ahead of time if you are not able to make your time slot and efforts will be made to accommodate you.
9. Awards such as placing, plaques, trophies, etc., will be given at the discretion of the pre-fair 4-H judge if there are less than five 4-H'ers and five exhibits.
10. An individual banned from participating in the Ohio State Fair or any other Ohio county fair by an Ohio State Fair or County Fair Ruling, may not exhibit at the Greene County Fair while under suspension from that fair.
11. An attempt will be made to solve any problems arising at the pre-fair with Extension Staff.
12. The Junior Fairboard will oversee billing, collection, selection of trophies, and repeat donor solicitation, with major responsibility for soliciting new and additional trophies the responsibility of the respective departments.
13. The Greene County Extension Office shall not be responsible for adult or child on the Fairgrounds or in any barn at any time.
14. The Greene County Extension Office will not issue any overnight passes and will not provide overnight supervision in the barns or anywhere else on the Fairgrounds.
15. 4-H exhibits and fair passes shall not constitute or be interpreted as overnight passes or license to remain in the barns or fairgrounds beyond the fair closing at 11:00 p.m.
16. Only those 4-H members who exhibit their project(s) at the Greene County Fair are eligible to receive a fair pass, ribbons, and fairbucks.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All 4-H members are to exhibit their own livestock projects unless they have two animals in the same class, a doctor's excuse, or are participating in another 4-H or FFA activity which is taking place at the same time. If an exhibitor feels they have an unusual situation which prohibits them from exhibiting their own animals, they should clear their situation with the respective department chairs prior to the show. In this event, another Greene County 4-H member may exhibit the animals, except horses and llamas.
2. Participants cannot exhibit the same animal in 4-H and FFA classes at the Greene County Fair.
3. Only animals which are to be exhibited in a graded class are to be brought to the fair.
4. Exhibitors are expected to keep both their pens and aisles clean and orderly during the fair and are expected to clean their pens at the conclusion of the fair, according to Greene County Fairboard policies. However, this is not during the sale.
5. In regard to grooming: No one other than parents (including step-parents), legal guardian, siblings, other Greene County Junior Fair exhibitors and advisors can help in care or hands-on preparation of livestock during the fair.
6. Livestock entered at the Ohio State Fair will be released early from the Greene County Fair ONLY if there is a direct conflict between normal Greene County Fair release dates and Ohio State Fair arrival dates and times. A copy of a state fair entry form will constitute an early release if needed.
7. It is recommended that advisors and parents should use their own discretion as to the member size, maturity, and ability to carry out any livestock projects.
8. All animals must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member, the member's parents, or in partnership with his or her parents, or in the case of dairy cattle, horses, and other specified species where leasing is permitted, have proper lease papers on file in the Extension Office. 4-H members are to assume the major responsibility for management and project care on their own farm or in the immediate vicinity.
9. All fans are to be installed according to the Greene County Fair Board approved policies.
10. When any rule listed in the Greene County 4-H Project Guide is violated, the exhibitor/or family/guardian and advisor will be verbally warned, the species committee has the right to disqualify the exhibit from the show or sale and no premium awarded.
11. The use of any substance used to enhance or change the color of livestock, including the livestock's hide or hooves and any substance used 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, powders, and pigment grooming aids or materials are **prohibited.** The use of ice or wet towels colder than tap water is prohibited.
12. All animals will be spot checked by members of the species committee and fair veterinarians. Diseased or contagious animals will not be permitted to remain or be allowed in the barns and will not be permitted to be exhibited as per fair veterinarian's decision. Any animal of questionable general health or quality for show purpose will be examined by a fair veterinarian, species representative from the Agricultural Society, committee species chairperson, and 4-H to determine the acceptability of the animal in question to be permitted to remain for exhibition purpose.
13. The same animals cannot be shown in Market and Breeding Class except rabbits and goats.
14. Withdrawal times of **Restricted Use Drugs** must have elapsed before the arrival date of livestock to the Greene County Fair. Animals on non-restricted drugs, including medicated feed (with on withdrawal) may be exhibited and sold, provided the drug is not performance enhancing. A veterinarian must treat animals requiring medication while on the fairgrounds. Medication may not be performance enhancing.
15. All animals are the responsibility of and are to be cared for by the member at the fair until they are released by the committee. Livestock exhibits not properly cared (as determined by the Species Committee) will first receive a verbal warning. After warning, exhibits not properly cared for may be disqualified from the show and/or sale and no premium awarded. Both exhibitor and advisor will receive notification if necessary.
16. All market animals will be shown by weight regardless of breed.
17. The fair judge will have the final say as to whether an animal is purebred.
18. All breeding classes will be based on the age classification of their respective breed associations.
19. 4-H and FFA animals will be shown in the same class.
20. None of the species committees are responsible for lost or stolen 4-H or FFA projects while at the fair.
21. Types of bedding not permitted will be stated in the Greene County Fair book or Project Guide.
22. All items displayed (i.e., signs, decorations, etc.) at the fair are at the discretion of the species committee.
23. Some form of identification may be used for animals selected as Grand and Reserve Champions. That will be announced at a later date.
24. An individual must exhibit his/her livestock project in the appropriate class in order to be eligible to sell the animal in the Greene County Junior Livestock Sale. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the County 4-H Extension Educator in chare of livestock prior to the animal's scheduled show.
25. A Drug Use Notification Form, per animal, is required by The Ohio Department of Agriculture to be completed by the exhibitor and signed by the exhibitor and parent. Forms are handed out when animals are brought to the fairgrounds.
26. Cattle, goats, and sheep may not be fed any feeds containing animal by-products.
27. Exhibitors will be expected to wear proper attire during all shows and sales. No halter tops, mid-drifts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, T-shirts, sleeveless undershirts, shorts, sweatpants or hats with writing.
28. All females, intact males and wethers (goats and sheep) over 18 months of age must have a Scrapies ID tag or tattoo attached to be eligible to exhibit at the Greene County Fair.
29. All Junior Fair livestock exhibitors must complete the skill-a-thon competition to be eligible to show at the Greene County Junior Fair.
30. All livestock exhibitors wishing to sell livestock through the Greene County Junior Fair sales must complete or satisfy the Quality Assurance program as required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
31. Junior Fair livestock exhibitors wishing to sell livestock through the Greene County Junior Livestock Fair Sales will be allowed to sell a maximum of three units total, with a maximum of two units per species where allowed. A unit is described as one market beef (including scramble steer), one market swine, one market lamb, one market goat, one turkey, one pen of broilers, one pen of market rabbits, and dairy cheese. Grand and Reserve Champions will be counted as part of the allowable units being sold. Youth that attempt to sell more than the allowable number of units will forfeit the premium amount of the highest unit. The money will be awarded to the Greene County Junior Fair Sales Committee.

LEADERSHIP, LIFE SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY (Special Interest) RULES

1. After being judged, all projects are to be brought back in on July 24 and 25 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Release Time: Exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m. Projects must be picked up by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3. PLEASE NOTE: **Projects will not be available for pickup on Sunday. Any projects left after this time will be discarded. If you cannot pick up your project at either of these times, please make an arrangement with your advisor or a friend (with a note) to have them pick up your project for you.**
2. All articles for exhibit must be labeled for identification purposes.
3. All members will be interviewed by the project judge during pre-fair according to the pre-fair schedule.
4. Members receiving first place in a project or division / class will not be eligible to compete for awards in the same project or division / class the following year.
5. At the discretion of the Extension Educator and the committee involved, juniors and seniors in a project may be grouped into one division for awards or separated into two divisions. Similar projects with small enrollments may be treated likewise.
6. Ohio State Fair participants will be selected by the pre-judge and posted before the July 23 registration deadline.
7. For poster or tri-fold size, refer to specific project guidelines (Greene County 4-H Guide and Project Requirements). Some projects will have different size requirements from others. Be aware that committee members may need to punch holes in posters in order to hang them for display.
8. Exhibitors will be expected to wear clean, neat, proper attire during all judging and fair activities. No halter tops, mid-drifts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, sleeveless undershirts, T-shirts, short shorts, sweatpants, or hats with writing. Shorts, dresses and skirts are permissible but need to be mid-thigh in length and clean.