CLINTON COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR RULES

2026

Protests-For protests claiming unethical practices, a person or persons who are reporting such claims are to present a written, signed claim to the Senior Fair Board along with a $100 fee within one hour of the completion of the Jr Fair event. The fee is refundable only if such accusation is found true. Project Committee or 4-H Committee members can report unethical practices without posting money for the protest up until the conclusion of said show/awards presentation, after which they will post the $100 fee.

The Protest Committee shall consist of a minimum of the 4-H Committee chair, the Project Committee chair, the Project Senior Fair Board representative and the Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator or their designees. If the Protest Committee determines an infraction may have occurred, they will conduct a hearing with the accused and the accuser(s) to address the matter. After the hearing the Protest Committee will decide if further action is required for a penalty.

1. Youth enrolled in 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, Farm Bureau Youth, Grange, Camp Fire, church, school and other youth serving agencies during the past year are eligible to exhibit. Youth planning to exhibit at the county fair must register in the OSU Extension office by **March 15.**
2. Project Registration & Junior Fair Entries (Entry forms are located at **clinton.osu.edu**.)
    a. All Special Emphasis and Family and Consumer Sciences projects and market poultry exhibitors use the **March 15** registration as their fair entry.
    b. Equine members must complete EquiStep and upload the Certificate of Completion by **May 1** in 4honline. A Horse ID must be completed in 4honline by **May 1** for each horse project. Lease forms must be completed and entered in 4honline by **May 1**. Horseless Horse exhibitors working with a horse and mentor must complete EquiStep by **May 1**.
    c. Breeding rabbits must be tattooed and checked at the May Check In where entries will be completed.
    d. Market rabbit fryers must be tattooed and checked in at the June Check In where entries will be completed.
    e. Market beef projects must be tagged in/checked in December of the previous year.
    f. Market & breeding hogs, market goats, pygmy goats, breeding goats, dairy goats, market lambs, production ewes, beef breeding, feeder calves, dairy cattle, dairy beef feeder calves, breeding poultry, small animals, and dogs must submit an entry form with a permanent ID by **May 1**. Please see the 2026 Enrollment Chart for forms that need to be uploaded in 4honline for dog & horse exhibitors.
    g. Horse fair entries are due **June 1**.
3. Late Junior Fair Entries
    a. All project entry deadlines will have one calendar week to correct and complete the entry and turn it in with a $20 fee if originally turned in by the deadline. The entry will be recorded and returned to the parent/volunteer/member at the time of turn in. The corrected entry will be accepted within one calendar week after the original deadline.
4. All animals must be fully owned or leased including all showing rights by the Jr. Fair member and personally provide daily and continual care of their animal(s) regardless of where the animal(s) are housed on and after May 1. All animals must be in your possession by May 1. (Steers acquired by Dec. 1 of the previous year. See poultry rules for hatch dates. See departments for homegrown guidelines.)
5. The member's exhibition age is that on Jan. 1 of the current year. Ages listed in this book are as of Jan. 1, current year.
6. For a member to achieve the progression of goals needed for youth development, 4-H projects and exhibits must be separate and different from those carried in other organizations, such as FCCLA, FFA, Scouts, Camp Fire, church, school, industrial arts class, science fairs, etc.
7. Junior Fair exhibitors must pay entry fees when entering open class but are not required to purchase exhibitor tickets. Junior Fair members will need to make their own open class entries.
8. Junior Fair participants may stay overnight on the ffairground after receiving permission from the Senior Fair Board. Members must register in the Senior Fair office. All vehicles will be parked in the areas designated by the Senior Fair Board.
9. All volunteers and members need to pick up a fair wristband on the designated pick up days declared by the Ag Society.
10. All club booths must be set up in the Junior Fair Building **Monday, July 6, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.** and taken down on the last Saturday of the fair from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.
11. All 4-H/junior fair members must be present at their respective judging(s) and exhibit their projects at the fair to be eligible for awards. Non-livestock members must complete a judging interview and bring their completed project and project books to judging. Please refer to the clothing guidelines for additional project requirements.
12. Non-livestock projects must be put on display in the Junior Fair Building **Wednesday, July 8, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.,** and removed on the last Saturday of the fair from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.
13. Non-livestock projects must be put on display in the Junior Fair Building from **7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8 until 9 a.m. on the last Saturday of the fair** to be eligible for awards and participate in the Ohio State Fair unless written permission is granted by the Senior Fair Board. (Please see Pre-Fair Schedule for dates and times.) Other Junior Fair exhibits must be in place according to each department's regulations.
14. Junior Fair Building exhibits will be released on the last Saturday of the fair from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Exhibits not picked up at this time will be discarded immediately following the fair.
15. Placing rosettes will be awarded as warranted by adequate competition. Awards will be presented at the Awards Presentations & Shows/Judgings.
16. Projects/exhibits must have been completed by the exhibitor during the current project year.

CODE OF CONDUCT. Each exhibitor and his/her family participating in the Clinton County Junior Fair is a representative of hundreds of 4-H and FFA members. Each exhibitor and his/her family must accept the responsibility of creating a positive image that reflects all Junior Fair members and the program. The show management reserves the right to send any junior exhibitor or parent home with

his/her exhibit if he/she is guilty of conduct unbecoming to the show or failing to follow barn rules. Any exhibitor that shows misconduct will not be eligible for sale. Any Junior Fair member violating a Junior Fair rule can be barred from showing in that project area next year.