



Bates County Fair Junior Rules



DEPARTMENT J Junior Rules

1. Open to 4-H and FFA members only. All 4-H and FFA members must be in good standing with their club or chapter.
2. All exhibits and entries shall be owned by the youth member and shall represent the current year's work.
3. Requirements for a 4-H member to exhibit at the Bates County Fair: Member must attend six (6) or more club meetings and attend a majority of project meetings prior to the Bates County Fair. It shall be the club leader's responsibility to notify the Extension Office if these requirements were not met.
4. To show in the youth division as an FFA member, that individual must be a member in good standing of his/her respective chapter at fair time, according to that chapter's Constitution, By-Laws, and Working Rules.
5. Exhibitors are limited to a single entry per class, in each youth organization, except where otherwise stated.
6. Judging will be done by the Danish system and the point system will apply in each individual group in accordance with the Missouri statewide system. Purple ribbons will be awarded to 4-H articles qualifying for State Fair exhibits. Green ribbons will be awarded to exhibits qualifying for the Ozark Empire Fair.
7. The Finance Committee will distribute the money available for premiums in accordance with the total number of points in the fair. The rules governing state classes will apply where no specific rule is herein set forth.
8. All exhibits displayed in the Youth Building will be released on Saturday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Absolutely no early release of exhibits will be allowed.
9. All exhibits other than livestock, dairy and horses must be correctly tagged with the tag provided. These tags must be secured

from the leader of the youth group or from the secretary of the fair.

10. Do not attach tags to coat hangers. Attach tags as follows: Dresses, coats, blouses - outside of the left sleeve or underarm seam. Shirts, aprons, shorts - left side of the waist band. Food preparation - top of exhibit plate. Woodworking, electricity, farm mechanics, etc. - attach with masking tape in article or tie to easily seen place.
11. Judges are carefully selected and each is recognized for his/her capability. The decision of the judge will be final. If any exhibitor attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner or voices disapproval of the judge's decision, the exhibitor will be disqualified and all premiums previously won will be forfeited.
12. All major decisions that are not covered by the rules and regulations shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Missouri State Fair rules if the State Fair has a rule that applies.

Interpretation and violation of rules:

The Junior Division Grievance Committee reserves the final right to interpret all junior rules and regulations of the Bates County Fair and to settle all differences pertaining thereto. State Fair rules will be used as a guide. The committee reserves the right to amend or add such rules as its judgment shall determine.

Any person who willfully violates the rules may forfeit all privileges and premiums. Junior exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves according to the best traditions of their organizations. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.

The Junior Grievance Committee shall consist of the following:

- a. One fair board member
- b. One 4-H member appointed by 4-H Youth Specialist



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- c. One FFA member to be appointed by FFA advisor on a rotating basis in the following order Adrian, Appleton City, Ballard, Butler, Miami, Rich Hill.
 - d. Overall livestock committee chairman.
 - e. 4-H Youth Specialist
13. Premiums are paid according to points received.
 14. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 4-H SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: This is a county award given to the 4-H club having the best participation in the Bates County Fair. This award is sponsored by the Butler Chamber of Commerce and is awarded in November at the Member/Leader Recognition Reception.
 15. BUTLER LIONS CLUB SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: The Butler Lions Club will award the high point individual boy and girl in the Junior Division an engraved trophy. The points will be determined by a 30 point limit per division in the Junior Division in which the individual has shown.
 16. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered in any division may be transferred to its proper class prior to judging. If such article or animal has been judged, it shall not be re-judged. If such article or animal has been misrepresented, it shall be cause for disqualification and the judge's placing adjusted.
 17. Open classes are open to anyone regardless of age or place of residence. There is a limit of two cash prizes per class to any one exhibitor. Junior Exhibitors: See the special rules for the Junior Division.
 18. The time of exhibit releases is listed under the various departments. The fair manager requests that all exhibits be removed promptly. Any exhibit remaining after 48 hours after the

closing of the fair shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of as the management may see fit. Removing an exhibit prior to the release time without authorization from the superintendent of that department may cause for forfeiture of all premiums won.

19. LIMITATION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

- a. Exhibiting – College and university students who are away from home are eligible to compete in Meat, Animal and in District, State and Interstate shows provided that they assume full responsibility for all except daily care when they are away from home. Selection of animals, choices or rations, measuring out feeds, keeping records and the like are the exhibitor's responsibilities throughout the project period.
- b. Judging – Contestants in national 4-H competitive events must not have participated in official post-secondary (university, college, junior college or technical school) competitive events of a similar nature and in the same subject matter area. (For example, a contestant who has competed in an official collegiate livestock contest may not compete.)

Under the request of the Fair Board: We ask that all animals stay from the time of check-in until the Jr. Livestock Sale for public viewing. This is mandatory to be able to participate in the Livestock Sale.

Out of county participants will be released at the end of the show. Thank you.