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FAIR REGULATIONS

Fair Management and Extension Staff reserve the final and absolute right to interpret the rules and regulations of the fair and will arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or in connection with the fair.

Liability

a. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact with them. Every such exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair Association from any and all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which may occur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any exhibit not properly guarded or the public not being properly guarded therefrom. Presentation of entry submission shall be deemed acceptance of this rule.

b. The Fair will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the exhibits sent to the exhibition, but the owners themselves must take the risks of exhibiting them. Should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, lost or stolen, the Fair Association will provide assistance towards the recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make any payment for the value thereof.

c. The Fair shall not be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by fire, accident, condition of structure or the negligence of other exhibitors or officials.

FAIR RULES

GOLF CARTS will be allowed for medical reasons ONLY

All golf carts must be registered once they are on grounds with the Dane County Fair Administration office, upper level of the Exhibition Hall. Golf carts are not permitted in the Midway. All carts are the sole responsibility of the registered user.

1. ****2025 UPDATE**** Junior Fair exhibitors must be members of a youth organization with adult leadership and an educational program approved by the Fair. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the youth organization by March 1 to exhibit at that year's Dane County Fair. **Either** the Exhibitor **or** the Organization **must** be located in Dane County. Exhibitors may be residents of Dane County or a neighboring county, and Organizations may be headquartered in Dane County or a neighboring county (examples include 4-H, FFA, FHA-HERO, YMCA, YWCA, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Pioneers, after school clubs, Youth Civil Air Patrol, Junior Breed Organization, etc.). Junior Breed Organizations may be based in Dane County, the State of Wisconsin, or nationally if a state or county location does not exist. All 4-H enrollments must be filed at the Dane County Extension Office (5201 Fen Oak).

2. Exhibitors must list age & grade as of January 1 of exhibit year on entry form. NOTE: Exhibitors who have learning or physical disabilities may exhibit according to their developmental or functional age. A letter from the parent and adult leader must be emailed to/submitted to the Fair Office to be considered.

3. Exhibitors must not have reached their 20th birthday by January 1 of the current year to exhibit. Other than Cloverbuds, exhibitors must be enrolled in third grade to participate at the Dane County Fair, as of January 1 of the exhibit year.

4. All exhibits must be the result of exhibitor's work in the current exhibit year.

5. ****2025 UPDATE**** 4-H and other youth organizations exhibitors may exhibit only in those departments or classes which correspond to projects in which the exhibitor is enrolled. Market Beef must be enrolled in the 4-H project area by January 1. 4-H project changes (additions/drops) must be filed through the Extension Office and completed by March 1 for that year's Fair.

6. Individual school projects, if enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project, are allowed and will receive no discrimination.

7. Exhibitors from other (non-4-H) youth organizations must exhibit in departments corresponding to the educational focus of their organization.

a. FFA exhibitors may exhibit in departments that correspond with courses taken through FFA or departments in which students have taken courses at school.

b. Other non-4-H organizations may only participate in departments that correspond with the educational focus of the organization.

c. In all cases, entries must be authorized by an advisor or club leader, verifying the departments the exhibitor plans to participate in at the Dane County Fair were in fact part of that exhibitor's educational focus for the current year.

8. **Entry deadlines and leader authorization.**

Dane County Fair entry forms must be received via the Dane County Fair online entry system by 11:59 p.m. CST on **June 1**. All entries must be submitted online at www.danecountyfair.com under the Youth Exhibitors page. Specific department supplemental entry info must also be submitted. All entry fees and season pass orders are due from each club at fair entry tag pick-up, around the end of June.

Late Entries will be accepted for \$25/submission June 2-8, 11:59 p.m. Submission is defined as one or multiple Department/Class/Lot entries in one transaction per exhibitor.

Leaders will be emailed an entry confirmation listing exhibitor, entries and fees due for the club/chapter. Entries must be reviewed for member eligibility and project enrollment by **Noon, June 10**. After the 10th, all submitted entries are final. Leaders are required to reply to the confirmation email stating club/chapter entries have been reviewed and are eligible.

a. A lot entry within a class may be substituted for an existing entry within the same class.

9. Entry Form Instructions:

a. **Only one item may be exhibited in a lot unless specifically stated in the lot description** (ex. Pen of Rabbits, Pair of Calves).

b. Department is represented by a number (located under the department name). Class is represented by a capital letter. Lot is represented by a number followed by a ")".

EXAMPLE:	DEPT	CLASS	LOT	Description
	5	A	3)	Jr. Showmanship

c. Each department has its own regulations. Read carefully. Individual classes may have additional regulations.

d. **Exhibitors may only enter the number of lots permitted by department. Entries with more than the allowed lots will not be accepted.**

e. Other information, in addition to the entry form, are required for some departments (Dairy, Dog, Horse and Shooting Sports). Please review individual department regulations.

f. **** NEW THIS YEAR**** Club entries must be submitted by Club Leader. The Club Only Classes/Lots are noted in the Department where applicable.

10. Exhibitor Fees

All youth exhibitors, except Cloverbuds and club-specific entries, will be required to pay a \$8 exhibitor fee by June 1 at 11:59 p.m. (includes wristband). For entries received **June 2-8**, the late entry fee is \$25 per submission. Youth exhibitors entering animals at the Dane County Fair will also be responsible to pay the following fees:

a. Large animal fee \$1 per head

Large animals include: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horses and Donkey

b. Small animal fee \$0.50 per animal or lot - for pens of animals
Small animals include: Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, Cat, Pocket Pets, Peacock/Peahen, Cavies, & Any Other Small Exotic Animal

These fees can be paid by credit card at the time of entry or by check paid by each family payable to Dane County Fair, and mailed by June 8 to PO Box 287, Oregon WI 53575. All fees are non-refundable.

11. The type of judging for each Class or Lot is indicated in the department. The four types of judging are:

a. **Individual Conference Judging (face to face judging):** Allows a youth exhibitor to bring his or her exhibit directly to the evaluator. Together, the evaluator (judge) and project member look at the results of the member's work, talk (individual conference) about the planning and effort that went into the project and decide what kind of placing the exhibit deserves. This decision is based on the individual exhibit and what the exhibitor has learned, not on comparison with other exhibits. Therefore, any number of exhibitors may receive a blue, red, white or pink placing in a Lot. Friends and family in the vicinity of the judging area are asked to respect the need for quiet and private discussion between the judge and the youth exhibitor.

1) Any exhibit that is entered in an Individual Conference judging lot, and the exhibitor is not able to be present for judging, will result in lowering the placing by one color and no premium will be paid for this exhibit. Exhibits will also be ineligible for special awards.

2) Live interactive video judging (by Face-Time, Skype, etc.) is an option for youth exhibitors unable to be present at the Fair during Individual Conference Judging. Project must be physically presented at Fair with a representative for the youth providing their own electronic equipment (i.e. iPad/tablet with an 8-inch or larger screen) for the youth to speak live through interactive video with the judge. Specific Departments/Classes/Lots will

be allowed for live video conferencing. Request to live video judge the project must be made by entry deadline; the form may be found at danecountyfair.com/YouthExhibitors. Youth participating in electronic presentation, as well as their on-site representative, must be prepared to wait in line to present their project(s), as do all youth exhibitors for individual conference. The youth's project must be presented directly and in person to the judge. The on-site representative must establish internet connection and administer their electronic device. All discussion regarding the project must be communicated only by the youth to/with the Judge. Staff and Department chair will be the final decision maker to confirm or deny this live video conference judging request. Technical difficulties experienced with an exhibitor's electronic device, resulting in the inability for the judge to adequately evaluate his/her project will result in rule 11.a.1. above.

b. **Conference Judging (group judging):** Provides an opportunity for the exhibitor to discuss with the judge the qualities of the exhibit, the problems involved and how to make improvements. All exhibitors in the Lot come before the judge at one time. The judge talks to each exhibitor individually, but all present are able to hear what is being said and, thereby, learn. Placement is decided by comparing all the products in the Lot. The Danish Judging system is used to determine the number of blue, red, white or pink placements in the Lot. The major objective is for everyone to learn from each other; therefore, it is important that all exhibitors from the Lot sit and listen as the judging takes place.

c. **Danish Judging:** Exhibits in each Lot are placed into four groupings: 1) Blue - 1st place; 2) Red - 2nd place; 3) White - 3rd place and 4) Pink - 4th place. Exhibitors need not be present as there is no interaction with the judge, with exception of animal lots - exhibitor must present their animal entries to the judge. The maximum placements as established by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection are listed in this book.

d. **Regular Judging:** Occurs when only one first, second, third and fourth placing is given per Lot. Other exhibits may be placed but do not receive premiums.

12. Any rule or regulations not met will result in lowering ribbon placing by one color, only if the exhibit can be placed into a correct lot. No premium money will be paid. If the exhibit does not fit into any lot, the exhibit will be given a participation ribbon and put on display.

Any exhibit that is not entered in the correct class will be allowed to be given comments from the judge and put on display; however, no premium will be paid for the exhibit.

13. **Non-animal project check-in must be made during the check-in time slot per department.** Wednesday animal entry check-in deadline is 8 p.m. Please take into consideration travel time, long judging lines and fair layout. **Beef, Swine, and Sheep must check in by 7 p.m.**

Late check-ins will only be allowed in extreme circumstances (ex. hospitalization, death in the family). Circumstances will be evaluated independently by Fair Management.

14. Protests and Appeals.

a. The decision of judges or superintendents shall be final in all cases except where fraud, misrepresentation or collusion not discovered at the time of the decision is apparent. In such cases, an impartial committee composed of a UW Extension Agent, a Dane County Vocational Ag teacher and a member of the 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. called together by the Fair Manager shall make recommendation(s) to the Fair Manager.

b. Protests based on fraud, misrepresentation or collusion must be made in writing and accompanied by a \$10 cash deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protests must state the reason for the complaint or appeal. It should include facts relied upon or the rule violated and naming witnesses and the witnesses address. The person filing the complaint must sign his/her name and give his/her address and phone number. Protests or appeals must be presented to the Fair Manager prior to the close of the Fair.

c. Other disputes or differences, especially those not provided for under the General Class Rules, shall be referred to the Fair Manager. The Fair Manager may render a decision when it is clear that either the system had failed the exhibitor or the exhibitor had failed the system. When a decision is not clear, the Fair Manager may refer the case to the Education Committee, Executive Committee or Fair Board as deemed appropriate.

d. Decisions made by Fair Management and/or Extension Staff are final.

15. Official forms of identification, including RFID tags, are intended to provide permanent identification of livestock and to ensure the ability to find the source of animal disease outbreaks. Removal of these devices is prohibited except at the time of slaughter and can be heavily fined if illegal removal has occurred. If it is determined a form of identification has been intentionally removed, the Grievance Committee will review the case and determine the appropriate course of action.

16. Special Awards: Departments are encouraged to establish and obtain sponsorship for special awards for the various classes. Special awards must receive approval from Fair Management. The judge's decision on special award winners is final.

17. Premiums offered are at levels governed by established statutes. Actual premiums paid reflect these; or, any statutory revisions that may be made after the publication of this Premium Book. Premiums will be paid after the Fair.

18. All rules and regulations listed within a specific department, class or lot are applicable. Also, management reserves the right to interpret rules and regulations.

19. Animals must be shown by the exhibitor unless the department superintendent grants permission for assistance. Superintendents have authority to designate show people for exhibitors unavoidably absent on show day. Any alternate leadman must meet the eligibility requirements of the Department (ie: education member of project area, department regulations, etc.) and be eligible to participate in the Dane County Fair.

20. All exhibitors are responsible for the general housekeeping and clean-up in their area. Tack, equipment and feed may be transferred to and from the barns daily. **All transfers must be done prior to 8 a.m. and after 9 p.m. Sunday transfers must be done prior to 8 a.m. or after 6:30 p.m.** Vehicles will only be permitted for morning transfers.

Livestock exhibitors must clean up after their animals and regularly dispose of waste in an appropriate manner. Exhibitors must completely clean out their spaces at release time. Examples: cages, clean off boards, fold cages and stack in a pile. Exhibitors must provide their own tools and equipment for clean-up. Department superintendents will explain proper procedure for the department. All exhibitors share the responsibility of keeping the grounds neat and tidy.

21. Livestock exhibitors must routinely feed, water and care for exhibit animals. Health care of exhibited animals will remain the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor. In an emergency and in the absence of the exhibitor, contact the Fair Office. Management will make every attempt to locate the owner/exhibitor. However, in the event contact cannot be made, management reserves the right to seek medical care at owner/exhibitor's expense. Those choosing to not routinely/properly care for their animals will forfeit all premiums as determined by the department's superintendent.

22. No portable misting or sprinkler systems may be used. Discretion by Superintendents and Fair Administration will be used based on weather conditions.

23. All animals must display a barn card with their animal's information.

24. All animals on the Dane County Fairgrounds must be entered in the Fair. Companion animals are not permitted.

25. Alteration of any portion of any stalling panel is strictly prohibited. Drilling, taping, stapling, nailing, welding, screwing, and adhesives are prohibited from use on any livestock stalling or building surfaces. Altering or damaging of any County owned property will result in financial damage repair or replacement.

26. All animal exhibitors must abide by and agree to the Youth Animal Exhibitor Code of Practice to be eligible to exhibit at the Dane County Fair. Failure to sign this form forfeits any opportunity to exhibit. A parent/guardian's name and contact information must be included.

27. Release of Unhealthy Animals Policy (for all departments): Animals must be seen by a veterinarian and a signed health document by a veterinarian must be filed with the Fair Office. Fair Management, together with the Department Superintendent, will then issue a release.

28. No household furniture is allowed in the Pavilions or Arena Building.

29. Overnight Barn Policy. "Sleeping" overnight in any Pavilion or the Arena Building is prohibited. No one under the age of 16 is allowed in the barns after 12 a.m. (midnight) without adult supervision (adult defined as a parent, legal guardian, superintendent or chaperone over the age of 21). Any exhibitor, regardless of age, must request a pass from the Dane County Fair Administration Office to be in the Pavilions or Arena Building after 12 a.m. midnight.

An overnight pass will be available from the Dane County Fair office for circumstances that require exhibitors to care for animals between 12 a.m. - 5 a.m. Examples of this may include: milking cows prior to show day, tending of animals, veterinary authorization to care for ill animals. Overnight pass requests must come from the exhibitor's parents or legal guardian before 6:00 p.m. on the night the pass is needed. The pass must be worn by the exhibitor at all times between the hours of 12 a.m. midnight and 5 a.m.

Overnight passes must be returned to the Fair Office by 9 a.m. the following morning. Each club or chapter will be allotted two (2) youth passes per night per animal species exhibited. Any adult that intends on being in the barn from 12 a.m. - 5 a.m. is asked to adhere to the same rules and procedures that youth exhibitors do and obtain an overnight pass. This is necessary so our on-grounds security knows who should and should not be in the barns taking care of animals.

A final ruling on whether or not an overnight pass will be given is up to the discretion of the Dane County Fair Staff, Dane County Extension Staff and Department Chairperson.

30. Other than guide or service animals (dog or miniature horse), only animals registered as exhibits are allowed on the grounds. Service animals in-training must be identified with an appropriate jacket, collar, or harness. All exhibit animals must be kept within their respective exhibition areas or barns. Visitors found in violation will be asked to leave the Fair; exhibitors risk expulsion, forfeiture of all premiums, and denial from future Fair participation. This rule applies to junior exhibitors, parents, and Fair attendees.

31. Exhibit Release on Sunday of Fair Week
a. Admission is charged to enter the fairgrounds on exhibit release day. Between 4 - 8 p.m. one parent/guardian and one youth exhibitor will be allowed to show the exhibitor's claim ticket at any gate and receive free admission. This time will be strictly enforced.

b. No animals may be removed from assigned stalling locations to be housed in other areas without approval by the department superintendents and Fair Management.

c. **Release of Animals:** Decorations, tools and tack necessary for daily care of animals must remain in barns until 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening. Animal tack and decorations ONLY may be removed beginning at 5:30 p.m. Animal projects housed in the Pavilions and Arena Building are released Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Swine unable to load out Sunday evening due to biosecurity purposes may be left overnight. Remaining Swine must be removed between 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. Families electing this option MUST designate their intent at Swine registration or the overnight hold will not be allowed.

d. Trailer parking is prohibited in the South Lot (behind the Exhibition Hall). All trailers must be parked in the Upper West and North parking lots. Trailers may queue in the North Lot on Wednesday and Sunday. Walking animals out to trailers on Willow Island or Olin Ave access road is **NOT** allowed.

e. **Release of Projects in the Exhibition Hall:** The Exhibition Hall will close at 4 p.m. to prepare for exhibit release. Exhibition Hall projects will be released Sunday 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Enter through the West doors and proceed to Halls B&C to retrieve your projects; exit through the loading dock. All other doors will be locked.

f. Dane County Fair is not responsible for exhibits that are not picked up after Sunday. Exhibits left in the Exhibition Hall after 8:00 p.m. Sunday will be discarded.

g. **The penalty for early departure, without permission from Fair Management, is forfeiture of premiums. The exhibitor will also be barred from exhibiting for at least one year.**

Wisconsin Administrative Code

ATCP 160 - County & District Fairs

Subchapter 1
General Requirements and Definitions

ATCP 160.01 Definitions:

1. **"Breed class"** and **"breeding class"** mean a specific breed within a class such as holstein in the dairy class.

2. **"Class"** means a grouping in which exhibits may be entered, including an animal breed or age group for animal exhibits; a type of produce, crop or food; or a specific age, age group or educational grade level of exhibitor.

2m. **"Conference judging"** means a judging system using a discussion about each exhibit with the entire group.

3. **"Danish judging system"** means a judging system that allows for multiple first, second, third and fourth class selections as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (b).

4. **"Department"** as it relates to the organizational structure of a fair, means an animal species, production group, or other principal classification of exhibits. As used in any other context, "department" means the state of Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

5. **"Division"** means one of 3 exhibitor group classifications for a fair and is limited to junior division, open division and senior citizens division.

6. **"Entry class"** means a class in which the fair allows exhibitors to submit entries.

7. **"Exotic domestic animal"** means an animal that is not a common farm animal.

7e. **"Face-to-face judging"** means a judging system using a semiprivate discussion between the judge and the exhibitor with the following phases:

- (a) Get acquainted.
- (b) Learn the background of the exhibit.
- (c) Self-evaluation.
- (d) Evaluator comment.
- (e) Parting.

7m. **"Fair"** means a county or district fair eligible to receive state aid under s. 93.23 (1) (b) or (c), Stats.

7s. **"Fair board"** means the governing entity of a fair.

8. **"Lot"** or **"lot number"** means the numerical designation assigned by a fair for a specific category of exhibits within a class.

9. **"Market class"** means a class that includes animals of a certain weight for the species that can be sold for slaughter.

10. **"Premium"** means a monetary prize that a fair awards to an exhibitor after judging all competing exhibits in the class to which the premium pertains.

11. **"Regular judging system"** means a judging system that allows for one first, second, third and fourth class selection as provided in s. ATCP 160.91 (4) (c).

12. **"Self determined project"** means a project that meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) It is approved by the fair board.
- (b) Its subject matter is related to any of the junior fair departments 9, 10, 13 to 16, 18, or 20 to 29.
- (c) It does not fall into a defined entry class within any department.
- (d) It is carried out by a member of a youth organization.

13. **"Youth organization"** means an organization under adult leadership that has educational programming.

ATCP 160.02 Premium Requirements:

1. General

a. The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid on net premiums paid by a fair. The department may withhold state premium aid from any fair that does not enforce animal health provisions under ch. ATCP 10 that are applicable to animals exhibited at the fair. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.

b. No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify actions taken by a fair.

c. Premiums offered shall be definite in amount. No decrease or increase in published premiums may be made because of the financial condition of the organization or for any other reason.

e. No fair may receive state aid for a premium awarded to any exhibitor in the open division if that exhibitor entered the same exhibit in the junior division at the same fair. This paragraph does not apply if the exhibit was entered in the junior division only as part of a herd group, carcass class or performance class.

f. No state aid will be paid on the cost of ribbons, cups, trophy prizes or entertainment contests.

2. Premium Lists

a. Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall conform with the uniform premium list and other requirements set forth in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department a printed copy of the premium list used at the fair, as required under s. ATCP 160.92 (3) (c).

b. The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin upon request.

c. Sections ATCP 160.01 through 160.07 and 160.91 shall be published in premium books used by a fair for which state aid is requested.

3. Entry Fees.

a. A fair may charge an exhibitor an entry fee or charge stall rents for animals, or both.

b. Exhibitors in department 35 shall not be required to purchase an exhibitor's ticket. Any other exhibitor may be required, if no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitor's season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for a non-exhibitor's season ticket.

4. Split Fair Dates.

a. For purposes of this subsection, "split fair dates" occur when a fair organization judges exhibits or contests and pays premiums at more than one time or at more than one location during the calendar year.

b. Except as provided under par. (c), the department may not pay state aid for a fair having split dates unless the department gives advance written approval for a split fair. The department may approve split dates based on hardship.

c. The department may pay state aid for the following exhibits or contests in a fair having split dates with advance notification to the department:

1. Clothing revue
2. Demonstrations
3. Favorite foods revue
4. Dogs
5. Small animals
6. Rocketry
7. Shooting sports
- 7m. Mechanical projects
8. Other exhibits and contests that are similar to those identified in subds. 1. to 7.

d. If there are split dates under par. (b) or (c), all blue ribbon winners shall repeat their demonstrations or exhibits at the regular fair dates unless the department grants a hardship exemption. An exhibitor may use audio-visual media, still photography or an educational display to repeat a demonstration or exhibit.

ATCP 160.03 Exhibition Requirements:

A fair shall meet all of the exhibition requirements of this section to be eligible for state premium aid.

1. No fair society or other organization sponsoring a fair may require an exhibitor to become a member of the organization in order to enter an exhibit at the fair, nor may the sponsoring organization make any deduction from an exhibitor's premium as a donation to the fair society, or require an exhibitor in any other way to make a donation to the society.

2. State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aid may not be approved for payment of premiums to an exhibitor having an out-of-state address but claiming Wisconsin residency unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that the exhibitor's residence is geographically located within the state.

3. State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in an exhibit building or actually shown in the show ring on regular fair dates unless approval for split fair dates is obtained under s. ATCP 160.02 (4). State aid may not be paid on Dairy Herd Improvement Association records, transportation aid, production contests or other special educational exhibits unless prior approval is obtained under s. ATCP 160.49 (7).

4. State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fairgrounds before 4 p.m. on the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes may be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The fair may prescribe the length of time junior fair exhibitors of horses shall keep their animal on the ground.

ATCP 160.07 Classes; general requirements

1. Classes may be combined if the number of entries in several single classes is insufficient. If any classes are combined, state aid shall be limited to the maximum total premiums listed for a single class of animals, items or articles in that department.

2. a. Except as provided under par. (b), no fair may receive state aid for premiums awarded for sexually intact male dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses unless those animals are registered. Registered status shall be documented by a certificate of registry from the appropriate breed association or society, or by a copy of the application for registration. [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ATCP%20160.07\(2\)\(b\)](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ATCP%20160.07(2)(b))

b. Paragraph (a) does not apply to dairy cattle exhibited at a fair if a national breed association certifies that those dairy cattle are recorded in that breed association's qualified herd book which records the genealogy of that breed. [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ATCP%20160.07\(2\)\(a\)](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/administrativecode/ATCP%20160.07(2)(a))

3. Any animal entered as part of a group class may also be exhibited in a class for individual animals

4. Boars may not be entered as an exhibit in the swine department unless their tusks have been removed.

5. The age of an animal, for purposes of determining its entry class under this chapter, shall be determined as of the opening day of the fair.

ATCP 160.49 Junior Fair Division-General Requirements:

1. In the junior fair division, the department may pay state aid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are ages 8 to 20 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year and exhibitors who are 5 to 9 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year who are exhibiting under s. ATCP 160.65. A fair board may establish specific entry classes within each department. A fair board may establish subgroups within a junior fair entry class based on the exhibitor's age or grade in school. The department may not pay state aid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or a project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.

2. All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of a youth organization approved by the fair board.

3. Exhibits in the junior fair shall be the product of the exhibitor's own labor. An exhibit may include a study project, merit project or other special project, a skill area, or a supervised occupational experience in which the exhibitor is regularly enrolled, provided that the fair board approves the project, skill area, or supervised occupational experience as an exhibit.

4. State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except for any of the following:

a. A premium may be awarded to each member of a group that collectively owns and enters a livestock exhibit in departments one to 5 of subch. IV.

b. An exhibitor may receive a separate premium for showmanship where authorized under subch. IV.

c. An exhibitor may receive more than one premium in a department for which additional premiums are specifically authorized under subch. IV.

5. State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in the junior division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.

6. Special educational exhibits may be established if the proposal is presented to the department before October 1 of the year preceding its proposed establishment and the exhibit is approved by the department.

7. Within any junior fair department, a fair may establish special classes where none are specified under this subchapter. Special classes may include classes for grade and crossbred females in the beef, swine, sheep and horse departments. Premiums for special classes created under this subsection shall be equal to premiums for comparable classes established in the same department under this subchapter.

8. The fair board may establish specific classes are age or grade level groupings within classes for each of the junior fair departments 14 to 16, 18, 20 to 29, 31, 33, and 34.

9. Judging in the junior fair division may be done using the regular, face-to-face, conference or Danish judging system.

ATCP 160.91 Judging regulations

1. Judging shall be done at fairs by individuals who are registered with the department. In no case shall any person who is an officer or director of a fair be eligible to judge exhibits at such fair; nor shall any person interested directly or indirectly in exhibits shown in any department of a fair be eligible to judge articles or animals in that department.

1m. a. An individual shall register by submitting to the department an application. The department shall register all individuals who qualify to be judges, including having the knowledge, training, or experience in the specific classes to be judged and adhering to ethical judging practices. The registration is valid for five years.

b. An individual submitting an application after July 1 may not judge for the current fair year.

c. A fair representative may request the department waive par. b in cases of unanticipated emergency situations.

2. Each judge at a fair shall be provided with a copy of the fair's premium book or list of entry classes at least 7 days prior to the opening date of the fair.

3. No animal or article, irrespective of the number of entries in the class in which it is entered, shall be awarded a higher rating than its merit would entitle it to in comparison to the standard of perfection in the class.

4. a. Danish system judging may be used in the junior fair division. State aid may not be paid on premiums awarded under the Danish system in any other division.

b. When classes in the junior fair division are judged according to the Danish system, 4 group placings shall be awarded in any class. When there are less than 8 exhibitors in the class, there shall not be more than 2 in the first group, not more than 4 in the first 2 groups and not more than 6 in the first 3 groups. If there are 8 or more entries in the class, there shall not be more than 25% in the first group, not more than 50% in the first 2 groups, and not more than 75% in the first 3 groups.

c. (c)The number of awards in the last group placing may be increased to the extent necessary to give awards to all exhibitors.

4g. When classes in the junior fair division are judged using the conference judging system, the judge shall use sub. (4) (b) and (c) to award placements in a class.

5. If any class of exhibits at a fair is judged according to the regular system, the judges for that class may give only one first-place, one second-place, one third-place and one fourth-place award in that class.

County Fairs Rules & Regulations of Animal Health Subject to Change

State Veterinarian
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
(608) 224-4872

All Exhibitors must comply with the following health regulations.

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check

<https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/Fair%20Rules%202025Final.pdf>

****NEW ADDITION****

Lactating Dairy Cattle: Effective April 29, 2024 and June 19, 2024 respectively, all lactating dairy cattle moved interstate and lactating dairy cattle moved to fairs, shows, and exhibitions in Wisconsin are required to have a negative influenza A test from a milk sample collected within 7 days of movement. For more information see: [DATCP Home Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(H5N1\) in Dairy Cattle \(wi.gov\)](https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/Fair%20Rules%202025Final.pdf)

Diseases

Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases may not be commingled (or housed/kept) with other animals at a fair, show, or other exhibition in such a way as to allow disease to spread. Such animals should not attend the fair, show, or exhibition. Animals may be denied entry if they arrive at these events with contagious or infectious diseases, isolated and/or removed if they develop disease after arriving, or be subject to other action as would be necessary to control disease. (Ref. s. ATCP 10.08(1), Wis. Admin. Code)

Bovine animals with ringworm, mange, warts or scab will be removed from the fair or exhibition premises, unless the veterinarian in charge finds warts or ringworm lesions are incapable of transmitting disease.

Cattle and Bison

From within Wisconsin: Effective June 19, 2024, all lactating dairy cattle are required to have a negative Influenza A test on milk samples collected within 7 days prior to movement to a fair or exhibition. Official ID is required for influenza testing.

From outside Wisconsin must be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) documenting official animal identification (ID) and all required tests and certifications; have at least one form of official individual ID (including steers); meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import. (see https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)

Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin:

USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as "brite" tag) - this includes the orange brucellosis vaccination tag; 15-digit "840" tags (visual or RFID); valid only if applied before March 11, 2015; Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s and/or American ID tag - 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA".

Influenza A requirements for lactating dairy cattle from outside Wisconsin: Effective April 29, 2024, all lactating dairy cattle are required to have a negative Influenza A test on milk samples collected within 7 days prior to interstate movement.

Brucellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin: No cattle from outside Wisconsin are currently required to be brucellosis tested or vaccinated to come to fairs and shows in Wisconsin.

Tuberculosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin:

For requirements by state, see: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx

Cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone (for cattle from Michigan's TB Free Zone, see requirements by state above) also need: Import permit; to originate from a herd that has a negative

whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older; negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin; to return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so.

For information on obtaining an import permit: Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx, Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov, Call (608) 224-4872

Cattle from Canada must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (See <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca-protocol-imp-cattlebison.pdf>)

Swine

Swine from within Wisconsin need a Wisconsin intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate):

Note: *Herd of origin means the herd in which the pigs currently reside, likely the exhibitor's herd. When pigs are purchased from a herd, the herd from which they originate is the herd of origin for the seller. Once the purchased pigs are added into the buyer's herd (even if the buyer's herd only consists of one or just a few animals), the buyer's herd becomes the new herd of origin and that herd must meet testing requirements to move pigs again.*

- Stating that the entire herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease.
- **Non-terminal Exhibitions:** All swine must have a PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome) and PEDv (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus) test of the herd of origin within 90 days of the exhibition. Include test date, type, and results on the CVI. For swine originating from herds with positive tests, include the herd plan number on the CVI.
- **Terminal Exhibitions:** No testing requirements.

Note: *Terminal Exhibitions are those at which the swine go directly from the fair/show to the slaughtering establishment OR to a slaughter only market sale.*

Swine from outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following: the negative results of the PRRS test from the swine's herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results; the negative results of the PEDv test from the swine's herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results; a statement that the veterinarian has inspected the entire herd of origin within the past 30 days and that no clinical signs of PRRS and PEDv or any other apparent disease was present at the time of inspection; official individual identification (ID). If the herd of origin tests positive for PRRS and/or PEDv, contact the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at 608-224-4872 for options.

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are: USDA silver ear tag, USDA 840 ear tag (either visual or RFID), breed association tattoo if the pig is a purebred and the tattoo is registered, an ear tag with the premises identification number and a unique identifier or ear notch if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered.

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information and for PRRS and PEDv testing options, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SwineMovement.aspx

Sheep and Goats

Note: *These rules do not apply to non-domestic sheep and goats. For these animals see the section on Exotic ruminants.*

From within Wisconsin need: If sexually intact, need official individual identification (ID) at any age. If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are 12 months or older. See below for Official ID options. Cannot be under restriction for movement to fairs and shows. Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment.

From outside Wisconsin need: Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual ID for all animals. See below for Official ID options. See below for additional requirements for goats from Michigan's Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone. Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment.

Official Identification includes: Scrapie eartags (including tags on neckstraps for animals with absent/injured ears or with official tattoos – see DATCP Website*); USDA 840 ear tags; legible breed tattoos; legible scrapie tattoos; approved microchips (Electronic Identification/EID) – There are many requirements that need to be met to use microchips including a requirement for accompanying tattoos.

Note: *All sheep and goats that may go through a market or to slaughter and require Official Identification must be eartagged with Official ID. Official ID in the form of a tattoo or Electronic Implantable Identification (EID) is no longer sufficient when moving through a market or going to slaughter.*

Note: *If a Wisconsin origin animal is neutered, less than 12 months of age, and moving through a market after the fair, the market may require Official ID in the form of an ear tag.*

For more information on official identification and for owner hauler statements see DATCP Website at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/OfficialID.aspx

Goats from Michigan's TB Modified Accredited Zone also need: An import permit; to originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older; negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin; to return directly to the state of origin after the show, and there must be a statement on the CVI that they will be doing so

For information on obtaining an import permit: online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov; Call (608) 224-4872

Equine

From within Wisconsin need documentation of a negative EIA test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available). No test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams. Documentation may be: Official test report VS 10-11, or USDA-approved electronic test form, or Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, or certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed

From outside Wisconsin need: Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip; negative EIA test done within previous 12 months that is reported on the CVI. No EIA test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams

Equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if: Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin; the animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than 7 days; proof of a negative EIA test in previous 12 months accompanies the animal.

South American Camelids

From within Wisconsin have no requirements.

From outside Wisconsin Must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual identification (ID). Official ID may be: approved USDA ear tag number, microchip number, breed association registration number or breed association tattoo

Poultry and Waterfowl

(Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)

From within Wisconsin need ONE of the following:

- For eggs and birds of all ages, an NPIP certificate stating the flock of origin is a US pullorum-typhoid clean and for turkeys a Mycoplasma gallisepticum clean flock or NPIP affiliate flock or
- For eggs and birds of all ages, documentation the flock of origin is a Wisconsin Tested Flock and has tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and for turkeys Mycoplasma gallisepticum, c or
- For eggs and birds of all ages, documentation the flock of origin is a Wisconsin Associate Flock, or
- For sexually mature birds (turkeys over 6 months, all other birds over 4 months), individual tests within 90 days before arrival at the

show. These birds also need wing or leg band identification (ID). All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for *Mycoplasma gallisepticum*. After testing there can be no change of ownership or commingling with other birds that are not part of the flock except at other shows/fairs. Eggs and sexually immature birds are not eligible for individual testing and cannot be shown unless they originate from an enrolled NPIP, NPIP affiliate, Wisconsin Tested, or Wisconsin Associate flock.

Note: *Flock of origin means the flock in which the birds currently reside, likely the exhibitor's flock. Once purchased birds are added to the buyer's flock, even if the buyer's flock only consists of one or just a few birds, the buyer's flock is the flock of origin and that flock must meet NPIP or WI Tested or Associate Flock status to avoid individual bird testing for shows/fairs.*

From outside Wisconsin need a certificate of veterinary inspection or equivalent (such as form Ref. s.ATCP 10.42, Wis. Admin. Code) need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) specifically showing movement to the fair or show that states:

- For eggs and birds of all ages, they originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean and for turkeys *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* clean under NPIP or an equivalent program

OR

- For sexually mature birds, they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band IDb. Eggs and sexually immature birds are not eligible for individual testing and cannot be shown unless they originate from an enrolled NPIP or equivalent program flock.

Small Animals: Dogs, Domestic Cats, Other Household Pets
(Includes: ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, domestic mice and rats)

Note: *For animals that are part of menageries, see also rules below for menageries. Pot-bellied and miniature pigs fall under rules for swine. Dog hybrids, domestic cat hybrids, or exotic small cat species such as servals fall under rules for Exotic small animals. Native wild animals and birds, including raptors, and captive wild animals such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks fall under rules for wild animals.*

Dogs from within Wisconsin that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.

Cats and other household pets from within Wisconsin: See page 42 for DCF Cat health requirements. No DATCP requirements for other household pets.

Dogs and cats from outside Wisconsin - 5 months or older need to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date.

Other household pets from outside Wisconsin need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) but have no testing or vaccination requirements.

Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture ((608) 662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (800-232-4636).

Exotic Ruminants

Note: *Exotic ruminants are ruminants that are not native to Wisconsin, and are not cervids – for example, Old World camels, yaks, water buffalo, pronghorn antelope, giraffes, and non-domestic sheep and goats. In addition, please contact your county and local municipality for any restrictions.*

From within Wisconsin have no requirements.

From outside Wisconsin must have: A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate); official individual identification (ID) as required for tuberculosis and brucellosis testing; import permit; proof written on the CVI that they meet requirements for: Tuberculosis (TB) – negative test required within 60 days before entry and Brucellosis – negative test required within 30 days before entry. Please call (608) 224-4872 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.

For information on obtaining an import permit: Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx, Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov, Call (608) 224-4872

Exotic Small Animals

(Any species not covered by "small animals" above)

Note: *Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.*

From within Wisconsin do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.

From outside Wisconsin generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need: a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and an import permit number

Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin. These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Some animals may require permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See <http://dnr.wi.gov>.

For information on obtaining an import permit: online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx, email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov or call (608) 224-4872

Circus, Rodeo, Racing and Menagerie Animals

Note: *Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.*

From within Wisconsin must meet vaccination and testing requirements for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.

From outside Wisconsin need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) and vaccinations, identification, and tests required for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document. They also need import permit numbers if they are: circuses and individual circus acts; rodeo stock other than individual participants' horses; multi-species menageries (defined as any animals kept in a collection primarily for purposes of exhibition or competition); petting zoos. They do not need import permit numbers if they are: rodeo horses owned by individual participants or single-species groups

Note: *Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin. These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Some animals may require permits from the Department of Natural Resources. See <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/captive.html>*

For information on obtaining an import permit: online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx, email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov or call (608) 224-4872