

# 2024 OPEN ENTRY BOOK

# CHEER LEADING



INDIANA  
**STATE FAIR**

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# OPEN COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

## GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, Open Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
  - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. In the interest of all exhibitors, the Indiana State Fair Board, the agriculture industry, and all breeders of livestock, the following general terms, conditions and listing of prohibited activities are presented to maintain, insure and present a wholesome, high quality educational program. As the showcase of Indiana, it is imperative to promote and allow only ethical behavior by exhibitors at the Indiana State Fair.
3. **The Indiana State Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret any and all terms and conditions, contained in any and all parts of the Handbook/Premium List and to unilaterally settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Indiana State Fair. They further reserve the right to resolve unforeseen matters not covered by general or Department terms and conditions published in the Handbook/Premium List, to amend or add to these terms and conditions as in its judgment it may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all Departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand.**
4. Fraud, deception, any prohibited activities, or violations of general or Departmental terms and conditions, or any activity determined to be improper or unethical by the Board or Department Superintendent shall not be allowed. Any exhibitor found in violation is subject to sanction and/or disqualification.
5. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited
6. No Exhibitor may take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
7. Advertising – Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building, except for those in preapproved areas.

### DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

8. The Executive Director or their designee assigned by the Indiana State Fair Board to the Department where a violation of any term or condition established for the Indiana State Fair is reported to have occurred prior to, during or after judging shall make an initial determination as to whether a violation has occurred upon determining a violation has occurred, the Executive Director or their designee shall make a determination as to the appropriate penalty to impose upon the violating person(s). The Executive Director or their designee may choose to impose one, all, or a combination of the following penalties.

### PENALTIES

9. The exhibitor in question is disqualified and forfeits all entry and other fees and all premiums, trophies, and awards from the Department.
10. Any or all State Fair premiums, trophies and awards won by an exhibitor in any and all State Fair Departments shall be withdrawn and required to be returned to the State Fair. All entry and other fees are forfeited.
11. The exhibitor and/or his/her immediate family shall be barred from State Fair competition for a period determined by the Executive Director or their designee that may include up to a lifetime.
12. The Executive Director or their designee may impose any other penalty deemed appropriate.

### DUE PROCESS

The following due process rights and right of appeal shall be utilized.

13. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing of the violation and penalty imposed within 15 days of the determination of a violation.
14. Within 15 days of receipt of written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board. The written appeal must be delivered to the office of the State Fair Board within the 15 days.
15. Within 15 days of receipt of the written appeal, the Executive Director or their designee may rescind his/her initial determination. No further determination as to the reported violation may be subsequently made by the Superintendent. The exhibitor shall have no further remedy available upon the rescission of the initial determination.
16. Should the Executive Director or their designee take no action on the appeal within 15 days from the date of receipt in the office of the Fair Board, the exhibitor may request an appeal hearing no later than 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, go online to <https://www.in.gov/oalp/>, select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
  - a. Fill out the online form via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination);
  - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to OALP; or
  - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N. Senate Avenue N802, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
17. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.

18. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review.
19. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

#### **GRIEVANCE**

20. Within twenty-four (24) hours of observing any suspected infraction, Exhibitors competing in an Open Class competition shall personally present a Grievance Form (found at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)) to the Entry Office in the Communications Building. No other persons have standing to present a Grievance Form. In all cases of grievance affecting an exhibitor, the statement must be verified.
21. A grievance must also be personally presented to the Entry Office within 24 hours of the occurrence of the suspected infraction for all livestock activities and for all other activities prior to the official closing of the State Fair (5 pm the last Sunday of the Fair). In the event a grievance is presented after judging has begun on the item or activity in question, the judging will proceed, and the grievance will be handled as if the grievance were presented following the judging.
22. A grievance must be presented in writing, verified and accompanied by a \$500 cash or money order made out to the Indiana State Fair. The grievance must state the name of the exhibitor, the exhibit and class in question, the specific reason for ineligibility and the terms and conditions that govern the case.
23. The \$500 will be returned if the grievance is upheld. The \$500 will be forfeited if the grievance is not sustained.
24. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify, in writing and within 15 days of receiving the grievance, the person(s) submitting the grievance as to his/her determination of the validity of the grievance and the actions taken as a result of upholding the grievance. If the grievance is denied, the notifications shall state the reasons for denial.
25. The person(s) submitting the grievance shall have the due process rights set forth in the Due Process section of this Entry Book.

#### **JUDGES AND JUDGING**

26. The awards will be made by judges who are hired by the Executive Director or their designee.
27. The time at which the judges will pass upon the different classes is determined by the Executive Director or their designee. All exhibition times are subject to change without announcement.
28. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called will be ruled out.
29. The judge, must, if any attempt be made by an exhibitor or his agent to interfere with or influence his decision, report the fact at once to the Executive Director or their designee.
30. An exhibitor who removes a placing ribbon, or authorizes another person to do so, in the presence of the judge, or in any manner insults the judge, shall forfeit all premiums, and be excluded from exhibiting, and the Fair Board may impose any additional penalty it so desires.
31. **Regardless of the number of entries in each class by one exhibitor, only two premiums will be paid in any of the single classes and only one premium in any of the group classes.**
32. Judges shall not award prizes to unworthy exhibits, whether there is competition or not, nor shall they award premiums on articles incorrectly entered or incorrectly named.

#### **APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF JUDGES**

33. The right of an exhibitor to appeal the decision of a judge will exist only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the terms and conditions governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judges has been influenced or interfered with by another person.
34. The appellant must give verbal notice to the Executive Director or their designee in which the judging occurred within 2 hours of the judging. The written appeal as described below must be received within 24 hours of the verbal notice. The written appeal must be given to the Entry Office.
35. Appeals from the decision of a judge must be made in writing and must contain at least one specific charge, stating at length the facts relied upon and the term and condition violated, and naming witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made.
36. The Executive Director or their designee shall notify the exhibitor in writing within 15 days of receipt of the appeal as to their findings and actions resulting therein.
37. The exhibitor shall have the due process rights forth in the Due Process section of the Entry Book.

#### **PREMIUMS**

38. **Premium checks will be mailed in October for all departments.**
39. Premiums will be paid according to official judges' result sheets and payable to exhibitor name as entered.
40. To expedite delivery of premiums, any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be picked up at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Communications Building, or found on the IRS website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).
41. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to **December 1, 2024** for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on **December 1, 2024** and any exhibitor right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished. A \$35.00 handling charge will be subtracted from a replacement check if check is lost, shredded, not cashed timely etc. **Premium checks must be cashed within 90 days of receipt.**

#### **LOSS OR DAMAGE Waiver**

42. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for any loss of property or any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

# Cheerleading Competition

## Hoosier Lottery Grandstand

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## Terms & Conditions

1. **Date and Time of Contest:** The 2024. Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition will be held on **Saturday, August 3, 2024** beginning at 9:30am EST in the Hoosier Lottery Grandstand on the track at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center.
2. **Only one competition session will be held.** There will not be separate Preliminaries and Finals. The competition will be held on the track level.
3. The Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition is open to Indiana junior high/middle school or high school game-cheering squads. (A game-cheering squad is one that cheers in actual game situations.)
4. Each participant, male or female, must be currently enrolled in an Indiana junior high/middle school or high school and must be a member in good standing of the competing game-cheering squad.
5. Squad members graduating from high school in 2025 or after are eligible to compete; 2024 graduates are not eligible.
6. An Indiana school may enter its varsity, junior varsity (reserve) or junior high/middle school squads in the competition. Teams may enter only ONE category for competition with the same team members.
7. The eligibility of all participants must be certified by the cheerleader coach and high school principal or athletic director, both of whom must sign the official entry form.
8. Junior varsity (reserve) and varsity squads MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.
9. Freshman squads that are selected by their high schools as junior varsity squads may compete in the junior varsity competition. Freshman and junior varsity squads MAY NOT COMPETE TOGETHER.
10. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade squads may compete separately or may be combined in the junior high/middle school division.
11. All spotters must be members of the competing game-cheering squad.
12. Any violation of eligibility Terms and Conditions will result in disqualification. If any violation of the Terms and Conditions of the 2024 Cheerleading Competition is observed, a school's coach or adult designee must file a written protest with the Cheerleading Competition Coordinator the day of the competition prior to the presentation of awards. The final decision on any written protest will be made by the Indiana State Fair Executive Director or their designee.
13. **Organization of Competition:** The order of performance for all squads will be determined by a draw. All squads will be advised of their appearance order and approximate performance time prior to the competition.
14. Cheerleaders and coaches only will be admitted to the Indiana State Fairgrounds free of charge for the Cheerleading Competition. In order to receive parking vouchers, cheer coaches must provide on the competition entry the accurate number of vehicles that will transport the squad(s) to the competition.
15. **Performance:** Total performance time for A) non-music routine is two (2) minutes for the Junior High/Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Small and Large Non-Music divisions. B) Small and Large Varsity with Music divisions is two (2) minutes and thirty (30) seconds. Music may only be used for up to one (1) minute and forty-five (45) seconds of the routine. Squads going over this time limit, including the music time, will receive a ten (10) point deduction. C) Open division non tumbling routine is two (2) minutes for Junior Varsity and Open Varsity divisions.
16. Participating teams performing with music are required to complete the **Music Copyright Compliance Form** stating that all copyright requirements were met prior to you obtaining your music from your producer. Forms can be downloaded from the Indiana State Fair website at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/competitive-events/> **Music Copyright Compliance Forms are due by July 29 2024 and should be submitted to Cheerleading@indianastatefair.com.**
17. The announcer will tell the squad they may take the mat. Once they are on the mat, the announcer will say, "You may begin." The timing begins with the first word or motion after the "you may begin" directive. Timing ends when one member of the squad signals by a wave to the judges that the routine done. The squad may then exit the stage.
18. Dimensions of the performance area on the stage are approximately 40' deep by 40' wide.
19. The performance area will be matted with nine (9) mats for safety. Any squad going out of bounds off the designated performance area (mats) will receive ten (10) penalty points.
20. Each participant must compete in the appropriate uniform of his/her school.
21. Jewelry should not be worn during the performances.
22. Pom-poms and signs are the only props permitted for this competition.
23. Applicable safety rules will be enforced in this competition. We will be following the **2024-2025 National Federation of State High School Associations Spirit Rules Book**. It is the coach's responsibility to abide by these rules.
24. **Judging:** There will be three judges for each division. Each judge will score all areas of the competition. The combined total of all three judges respectively will determine the top squads.

25. In addition, two penalty/**technical** judges will be seated with the other judges and will score all penalties for NFHS rules. The penalty/**technical** judges will record penalty points on one penalty sheet for each squad. Any penalty points will be deducted from a squad's combined total score. A point deduction form will also be used in judging each team.
26. Ties in all divisions will be reviewed and broken by all three judges.
27. **Presentation of Awards:** All trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the Large Varsity with Music division at approximately 3:00 pm, pending the total number of contest entries. Award prize money for top 4 teams in each division will be mailed to the schools by mid October 2024. At the end of the Fair, a complete list of finishers and their points for all squads in the competition will be available to all cheer coaches whose squads participated in the competition
28. **Video-Taping:** Videotaping of the competition will be allowed. Attendees may videotape from their seats in the Grandstand, but please use courtesy while taping.
29. **Inclement Weather: Indiana School for the Deaf** (Indianapolis, IN) has been secured as the alternate, indoor competition location in the event of an inclement weather forecast. Monitoring the forecast, a decision will be made by 12pm EST on Friday, August 2, 2024 whether to move the event indoors. Squad coaches will be notified by email shortly after Noon on August 2, 2024. In the event of inclement weather on the date of the event (Saturday, August 3, 2024) with the Competition remaining on the Fairgrounds, all attempts will be made to hold the contest.

## Entry Information

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1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. **Online Entry** - To enter the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> and enter online follow the prompts. Each exhibitor/squad is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor /squad will not be considered entered the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entry fee will cover Fair admission for all participants (see number 12). Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
  - a. If the Cheerleading Coach has access to and approval to use the school credit card: Complete the online entry, proceed through "checkout," enter the card information and complete the online entry process.
  - b. If the Cheerleading Coach does NOT have access to or approval to use the school credit card: Complete the online entry to the point of "checkout". Leave the registration in the "cart" but do not pay. The registration will remain in the Indiana State Fair Entry system, incomplete. Coaches must MAIL the entry fee, paid by school check, made payable to: Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition. Upon receipt by the ISF Entry Department, the Cheerleading Coach will receive an email when the registration has been updated and deemed "complete". **Entry fee checks postmarked after July 19, 2023 will not be accepted.**
3. **Entry Deadlines and Fees** - see below.

**Enter between May 1, 2024 – July 1, 2024**

Department Fee: \$50

**Enter between July 2, 2024 – July 19, 2024**

Department Fee: \$100

4. As part of the online entry, the Cheerleading Coach will be asked to submit their School Principal's name and email address. By completing the online registration, the School Principal will be sent an email notification letting him/her know the squad(s) entered the 2024 Indiana State Fair Cheerleading Competition.
5. **Music Compliance Forms** after July 29, 2024 will not be accepted.
6. Entry questions? Call 317-927-7515

## Projected Schedule ---

(Time approximate depending upon number of entries – please arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes to warm-up time)

Date	Time	Description	Location
Saturday, August 3	9:30am	Junior High/Middle School and Junior Varsity (These will alternate.)	Hoosier Lottery Grandstand
	10:45am	Small Varsity and Large Varsity No Music (These will alternate.)	
	11:30am	Open High School Division (Grades 9-12, cheer/chant, no tumbling/no music) Max 20 team members	
	12:30pm	Small Varsity and Large Varsity with Music (These will alternate.)	
	1:30pm	Announcement of all Division Winners. <i>The top 4 in each division will receive awards</i>	

## Awards ---

Description	Awards	Premiums
Large Varsity No Music/Large Varsity with Music (squads of 13 and over)	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place trophies	\$300-250-200-150
Small Varsity No Music/Small Varsity with Music (squads of 12 and under)	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place trophies	\$300-250-200-150
Junior Varsity	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place trophies	\$300-250-200-150
Junior High/Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place trophies	\$300-250-200-150
Open High School Division (Grades 9-12, cheer/chant, no tumbling/no music) – Maximum 20 team members	1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> place trophies	\$300-250-200-150



# INDIANA STATE FAIR

## Safety Information

***All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.***

### Prohibited Items

- No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
- No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
  - The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
  - Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
- Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2 (a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 (1) and (2)).
- Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
- No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

### Animal Policies & Procedures

- The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
- Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

### General Safety Policies & Procedures

- Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
- Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
- Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
- Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

### Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering.

### Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisle or in front of exit doors.

### Severe Weather



- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

#### **Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures**

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
  - Cooking devices that use open flames, including charcoal and gas grills, exposed heating elements and non-electric power/ fuel sources are not permitted inside or outside barns or buildings.
  - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
  - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

#### **Extension Cords**

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

#### **Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip**

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1)
- Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2)
- Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

#### **Animal Wellness & Care**

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

#### **Biosecurity**

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.