

# King County Jr Dairy Show

Exhibitor Guide

King County Fair

July 16-19, 2026



## General Rules & Information

### Welcome to the King County Fair and King County Jr Dairy Show

On behalf of the King County Junior Dairy Show Committee, welcome—and thank you for being part of our second annual Reclaimed Junior Dairy Show at the King County Fair! We are excited to have you here and proud to showcase the dedication, hard work, and passion of our youth exhibitors.

The dairy industry has deep roots in our community, and this show is a celebration of that legacy. By honoring the past, recognizing the present, and inspiring the future of the dairy industry, we hope this event encourages learning, growth, and pride in agriculture. Best of luck to all exhibitors and thank you for helping keep the tradition of dairy strong in King County.

### Mission Statement

**The King County Jr Dairy Show is dedicated to providing youth with the opportunity to develop responsibility, leadership, and agricultural skills by training and showcasing dairy cows. Through this experience, participants enrich their communities and celebrate the tradition at the King County Fair.**

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## **GENERAL RULES**

1. It is the expectation of the King County Jr Dairy Show that all exhibitors' actions, displays and/or behaviors will promote a safe family experience for patrons and exhibitors, and anything judged to be inappropriate by the King County Jr Dairy Show Board are grounds for removal and disqualification from the King County Dairy Show.
2. Exhibitors of animals and/or livestock at the fair accept the risk of loss or damage to their animals and/ or livestock while displayed at the fair and agree to hold the King County Jr Dairy Show and Fair harmless if such damage or loss shall occur. Exhibitors shall be responsible for securing any insurance or other protection against said damage or loss.
3. The Fair Board and King County Jr Dairy Show Board reserves the right to accept, or reject, or accept conditionally any entry or application.
4. Exhibitors entered in the wrong lots may be reclassified by superintendents.
5. Smoking and vaping are prohibited in and around barns and buildings at Enumclaw Expo Center.
6. All exhibitors will be required to sign an Expo Center Code of Conduct to participate in the fair. Included in the entry form.
7. Type Classes- All Entries must be clean, groomed and show ready.
8. Fitting & Showmanship Classes are required, or premium points will be forfeited.
9. No cattle will be permitted into show with horns over 1 inch long unless specified by breed standards.
10. Horns must always have horn protectors on, except in the show ring.
11. If cows are in milk, exhibitors must provide their own portable milking machine.
12. Exhibitors are expected to present a clean, neat, appearance always. Dress should be appropriate and safe for the event. No open-toed shoes in barns during shows and herdsmanship. No vulgar clothing allowed, and no spaghetti straps or cropped tank tops.
13. Practice good biosecurity and wash or sanitize your hands before and after handling any animal and before eating.
14. Exhibitors will promptly lead their animal into the ring for competition by order of the Superintendent or may forfeit premiums. If you are showing both 4H, FFA or open class, you must pay attention to show times and schedules. All youth exhibitors are required to do their own fitting and grooming; assistance from other youth exhibitors is acceptable
15. If any animal is unruly or the exhibitor does not show that he or she can control the animal, the Superintendent can disqualify the animal.

16. Any deviation from these guidelines may result in loss of premiums and/or disqualification from the show.

## DAIRY EXHIBITOR MEETING

A dairy exhibitor meeting will be held every morning at the fair, July 16-19, following the barn meetings. **EXHIBITORS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS AND THANK YOU CARD SIGNING FOR SPONSORS.**

## AGE DIVISIONS

**Pee-Wee** 5-7 years of age

**Junior** 8-10 years of age

**Intermediate** 11-13 years of age

**Senior** 14-19 years of age

## NEW! PEE-WEE SHOWMANSHIP

We are excited to include a Pee-wee Showmanship show. Pee-Wee Showmanship is open to exhibitors ages 5-7. Exhibitors must be able to walk their animals safely and may be accompanied in the ring by an older exhibitor or an adult if needed. Pee-Wee exhibitors may show their own trained heifer or may use a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior exhibitor's cow or heifer.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

No person shall possess or discharge any firearms, bow and arrow, air or gas weapons, slingshot, fireworks or explosives at the Fair. Exceptions made for archery competitions. Persons on the premises must abide by the Enumclaw Expo & Event Center Policies. Prohibited items include skateboards, rollerblades, animals other than registered projects and official service animals, weapons, alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and marijuana. All bags, blankets, coolers etc. are subject to search by Fair Management and /or Security Law Enforcement on-site.

## DOGS & PETS

No dogs or other pets are permitted at Enumclaw Expo's Event Center. Exception: on-duty police dogs, service animals (as defined by ADA), trained animals in scheduled acts, and animals entered in competition. 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.

## PROPERTY OF ENUMCLAW EXPO CENTER

The general supervision of the grounds and the entire exhibition is vested in Enumclaw Expo Center management. Property of Enumclaw Expo Center may not be removed from the grounds.

## HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship at the King County Fair is required in each animal department. The purpose of herdsmanship is to encourage exhibitors to care for livestock, pens, and equipment properly and always keep stalls and animals clean and attractive.

## STALL REQUESTS

The Dairy Superintendent shall assign all spaces and stalls. Entry forms must indicate the number of stalls/ or feet requested. Space will be assigned on set up day. Structure of stalls will not be altered without approval from Fair Manager or designee-NO EXCEPTIONS.

## FEED & ANIMAL BEDDING

### ANIMAL FEED

Each exhibitor shall furnish the necessary feed for their animal and arrange for their care.

### BEDDING

Sawdust bedding will be provided by the Fairgrounds for all barns. Sawdust is to be used moderately. The amount used will be monitored and regulated by superintendents. Straw will be ordered in advance and must be included on the supply list by each superintendent or leader. Straw will be made available to other exhibitors based on leftover availability only.

### BEDDING AND MANURE

Bedding and manure must be deposited in DESIGNATED AREAS. Dumpsters are provided at the North end of the Livestock Barn and on the East side of the Horse Barn for bedding and manure disposal. Anyone dumping or depositing bedding or manure in the Fair garbage containers or any other area is subject to forfeiture premiums or disqualification in future fairs.

In conclusion to the fair, all animal owners will completely remove all bedding before departure from the fairgrounds, leaving the floor bare. If the exhibitor does not comply, they will be billed for a \$50.00 stall cleaning charge, or the amount will be withheld from premium checks.

## PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be made available on or before October 1 of the current year and will be mailed to exhibitors at the mailing address on the entry form. Checks must be cashed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year issued. No checks will be reissued after December 1 of the current year. All checks not cashed by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered a donation to the King County Jr Dairy Show.

Any error in the records for premiums caused by oversight or neglect shall be subject to correction whenever proof is furnished to the King County Jr Dairy Show that a mistake has been made. Errors and checks not received by November 1<sup>st</sup> of current year should be reported via email to [entry@KCJDS.com](mailto:entry@KCJDS.com)

Checks that are lost or damaged will be subject to a \$35.00 fee for cancelling and replacing a check.

1099 information: If you exceed \$600.00 for total premiums, you will need to file a W-9 form. These are available through contact with King County Jr Dairy Show committee. Premium checks will not be issued unless we have a complete W-9 form.

## EXHIBITOR ENTRY

It is mandatory that all exhibitors, volunteers, and their families/ supporters purchase entry passes to attend the fair.

Discount tickets for exhibitors, volunteers, and family tickets can be purchased ahead of time. Order forms are available on the King County Fair website. Discount forms are due to the fair office by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. See the order form for details.

## LOAD-IN-DAY

Please contact your Department Superintendent for the authorization date and time to drive onto the fairgrounds. Load-in times will be assigned by animal species. Non-authorized vehicles are not allowed on the fairgrounds. No vehicle entry on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Absolutely, no single fairground parking is allowed. Your vehicle will be towed.

## VETERINARIAN AND ANIMAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

All animals will be subject to a clinical inspection by the veterinarian in charge at the time of entry. Any animals showing evidence of contagious or infectious disease, including but not limited to abscess, sore mouth, mastitis, foot rot, warts, boils, or ringworm, will be refused entry into the fairgrounds or removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the superintendent.

If an animal develops a medical issue during the Fair, please notify the barn superintendent to begin the process to determine if the animal will need to be released.

If the event requires a veterinarian to be called for an emergency, all attempts to contact the exhibitor will be made. However, if the exhibitor cannot be reached, the superintendent or staff will contact a veterinarian. The exhibitor will be responsible for any veterinary fees incurred.

## RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

No livestock exhibitor will be permitted to be removed before 6:00PM, Sunday of Fair. Any medical or other emergencies that require an animal to leave must be approved by fair representatives using the Expo Center release form. Any animal released early will not be permitted to return to Fair.

Animals located in the Livestock barn will be informed of the time vehicles can enter through gate 1. The livestock that was auctioned at the sale is transported off-site. These transporters have priority through gate 1, and it must be kept clear until all auctioned large animals are loaded and removed from the grounds. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Superintendents	Leanna Suhovernik and Kevin VanHoof
Ownership	Ownership of dairy project must be by May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Age requirements	Exhibitors must be at least 5 years old by July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026.
Qualifying for State	This is an open show; however, if you are affiliated with King County 4H, this is a qualifying show. If you are in another county, you must contact your own county office to see if you may use this show as a qualifier.
Posters	Displayed at the King County Fair for premium points only. Due Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> by 10:00am. Premium Points: Blue 75 Red 55 White 40

Costume Contest	Costume Contest will be 11AM Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> . Exhibitors can dress up along with animals but not required. Judged based on creativity, originality, craftsmanship and overall presentation. Premium Points: Blue 75 Red 55 White 40
Fitting and Showmanship	Required of all participants to receive awards. Premium Points: Blue 75 Red 55 White 40
Herdsmanship	Required of all participants to receive awards. Premium Points: Scores
Entry Date	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b> Entry form is submitted through King County Fair Website
Barn Setup	To be announced –check in with Superintendent
Load in & Vet Check	Wednesday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> - See Load in & Vet Check schedule for appropriate time.
Exhibitor Release Time	Sunday, July 19 <sup>th</sup> (end of Fair, 6PM)- barn needs to be cleaned of all stall waste and stall panels need to be put away.

## EDUCATIONAL POSTER

The purpose of the Educational Poster is to educate other Exhibitors and the public about your animals. Entries are limited to one poster per individual. Educational Poster must be turned in by Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> by 10AM to your Superintendent. Premiums will be paid on a point basis according to the ribbon received. Points are outlined in this premium book. Educational Poster will be judged on the following criteria:

Coloring, Lettering, Illustration, Layout, Originality, Creativity, and Educational Value

- A. Limited to one 22”X28” current year poster
- B. Must be readable from 10ft away
- C. A tag with name, age (Division), to be placed on the back of the poster.

FITTING AND SHOWING Premium Points: Blue 75 Red 55 White 40

## DAIRY CLASSES

Premium Points: Blue 75 Red 55 White 40

Eligible Breeds:

Jersey, Guernsey, Holstien, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorns

Type Classes: Premium Points Blue 75 Red 55 White 40

**Fall Heifer Calf** (Born September 1, 2025-November 30, 2025)

**Winter Heifer Calf** (Born December 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2024)

**Spring Heifer Calf** (Born March 1, 2026-May 31,2026)

**Summer Yearling Heifers** (Born June 1, 2025- August 31, 2025)

**Spring Yearling Heifers** (Born March 1, 2025- May 31, 2025)

**Winter Yearling Heifers** (Born December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

**Fall Yearling Heifers** (Born September 1, 2024- November 30, 2024)

**Unfreshened 2 Year-Old** (Born September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024)

**2 year olds** (Born September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024)

**3 year Olds** (Born September 1, 2022- August 31, 2023)

**4 Year Olds** (Born September1, 2021- August 31, 2022)

**5 Year Olds +** (Born before September 1, 2021)

**Supreme Champion** Top Blue and Red of each class are eligible

## QUALIFYING FOR STATE

Exhibitors must be enrolled in a 4H Dairy project through 4H online. The Dairy Superintendent and the King County 4H rep will record who has qualified. If you have any questions, please contact the Dairy superintendent Leanna Suhovorsnik at 425-449-9321 or Nancy Baskett at 425-738-0111

Placing to qualify for state:

<b>Type</b>	<b>Showmanship</b>
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Blue	Blue
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Red	Blue
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Blue	Red
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\*no white ribbons

