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WELCOME, WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITORS!

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR OPEN CLASS AND JUNIOR CLASS EXHIBITORS:

FOR THE CURRENT WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK LISTING AND WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: walworthcountyfairgrounds.com.

SEVERAL CHANGES have been made to the Walworth County Fair Premium Book Rules and Regulations, Codes of Ethics, ATCP 160, Animal Health Requirements, as well as individual Departments. By registering as a Walworth County Fair exhibitor, you agree that you understand and shall abide by all of the aforementioned.

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FOR FAIR ENTRY

2026 DEADLINES:

ALL JUNIOR CLASS AND OPEN CLASS EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE. GO TO: walworthcountyfairgrounds.com. IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE FAIR OFFICE AT 262-723-3228, M-F, 8A-4P, PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE DATE.

JUNIOR CLASS:

2026 JUNIOR CLASS EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026, AT 11:59 PM CST. THEREAFTER, SEE LATE REGISTRATION INFORMATION. NO EXCEPTIONS.

JUNIOR CLASS CORRECTIONS (NO ADDITIONS) AND LATE ENTRY DEADLINE: **MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026**, BY 4:00 PM CST, IN PERSON, AT THE FAIR OFFICE.

LATE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION: ALL JUNIOR CLASS LATE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION REQUIRES A \$100/EXHIBITOR LATE FEE. LATE FEE MUST BE PAID BY CASH OR CREDIT CARD.

Delinquent Junior Class Exhibitor Registration:

All Junior Class youth seeking to register as an exhibitor after the late entry deadline are considered delinquent and must submit to the Walworth County Fair Office in person a written request and completed Junior Class late entry form signed by both the exhibitor and parent/guardian to the Fair Board by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on August 14, 2026. The Fair Board will evaluate all requests to determine whether they are approved or denied. A \$200 delinquent fee per exhibitor is required at the time of filing and must be paid by cash or credit card.

OPEN CLASS:

2026 OPEN CLASS EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026, AT 11:59 PM CST. NOTE - OPEN CLASS CORRECTIONS (NO ADDITIONS) AND LATE ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026, BY 4:00 PM CST, IN PERSON, AT THE FAIR OFFICE.

LATE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION: ALL OPEN CLASS LATE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION REQUIRES A \$100/EXHIBITOR LATE FEE. LATE FEE MUST BE PAID BY CASH OR CREDIT CARD.

NOTE: OPEN CLASS CORRECTIONS AND/OR LATE EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION AND FEE SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE FAIR OFFICE AFTER FRIDAY, **AUGUST 14, 2026**, AT 4:00 PM CST. NO EXCEPTIONS.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR BOARD STATEMENT:

1. The Walworth County Agricultural Society, Inc., (WCAS), a 501(c)(3), owns and operates the Walworth County Fair and Fairgrounds.
2. The mission of the Walworth County Agricultural Society is to enrich the area's quality of life by providing educational, entertainment, recreational, agricultural, commercial, and social activities for the benefit of the businesses, residents, and guests of Walworth County.
3. Wisconsin Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Chapter ATCP 160 governs all Wisconsin county fairs.
4. The Walworth County Fair is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Fairs and the International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE).
5. It is a privilege to participate in the Walworth County Fair. This privilege can be revoked by the Walworth County Fair Board at any time for conduct unbecoming an exhibitor, parent, guardian, relative, leader, volunteer, spectator, superintendent, judge or fair official. Exhibitors, family members or spectators not obeying the rules may result in sanctions listed below in General Rule #19. Conduct in a competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor, dignity, and integrity.
6. The Walworth County Fair Board shall reserve the final and absolute right to interpret all Walworth County Fair rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto and otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to Fair participation. The Board may amend and/or add rules at any time. The Board reserves the right to reject exhibitors and/or entries at any time.
7. The Walworth County Fair is not responsible for any changes made to this book after publication. Please check the current online version of the Fair *Premium Book* for any updates.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Fees. The WCAS/Walworth County Fair has an All-Pay policy. All persons entering the grounds must pay an admission fee; no exceptions. This applies to all exhibitors, vendors, concessionaires, and Fair guests. Specific admission prices are, as follows:
 - a) Junior Class and Open Class Exhibitors:
 1. Exhibitor Season Pass Fees – visit walworthcountyfairgrounds.com
 2. Open Class Livestock Fees will apply; see individual Departments
 3. Preferred Livestock Parking, see below, 1(c)(III).
 - b) General Admission Ticket Fees – visit walworthcountyfairgrounds.com
 - c) Parking
 - I. General Parking ... FREE
 - II. VIP Parking 6-Day Pass ... \$60.00
 - III. Preferred Livestock Parking (Junior Class and Open Class Departments 1-5 only), First Come, First Serve **in designated area**; limited spaces available. **No parking spots guaranteed**. Livestock Parking Passes will be distributed at the Walworth County Fairgrounds on date/time/location specified on notice contained in exhibitor packets. Passes are per family/farm; three passes per family/farm maximum.
 - a. 1st Livestock Parking Pass - \$10 each
 - b. 2nd Livestock Parking Pass - \$20 each
 - c. 3rd Livestock Parking Pass - \$30 each
2. Transfer or loan of WCAS lifetime passes, admission season passes, tickets, or badges is prohibited and will be considered fraud upon the WCAS and the same will be considered forfeited.
3. Keep your passes and tickets safe at all times. Lost and/or stolen admission tickets and passes are non-refundable and Exhibitor/members losing their passes and/or tickets will NOT be replaced free of charge. Replacement passes and tickets must be purchased.
4. All communications in reference to the Walworth County Fair must be addressed by email at officestaff@walworthcountyfair.com and/or by mail at PO Box 286, Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121-0286.

GENERAL RULES:

1. All rules, regulations, codes and policies, as well as individual Department rules apply to all Walworth County Fair Junior Class and Open Class exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors are expected to read and understand all of the rules and guidelines contained in the Walworth County Fair *Premium Book prior to submitting an entry for the Walworth County Fair.*
3. The Walworth County Fair Board reserves the right to reject exhibitors and/or entries at any time.
4. Exhibitor Fees.
 - a) Exhibitor fees are outlined on the Walworth County Fair website, walworthcountyfairgrounds.com.
 - b) All exhibitor fees shall be paid prior to exhibitor's exhibit(s) being put in place at the Fair.
 - c) Payment returned to the Walworth County Fair for any reason by a financial institution will be charged a \$30 service fee.
 - d) No refunds.
5. **JUNIOR Class Exhibitors:**
 - a) A Junior Class exhibitor must be Ages 8 to 19 years of age on January 1 of the current Fair year and in good standing with **ALL** youth organizations they currently represent and/or have represented in the last 12 months in order to participate in the Walworth County Fair. The Walworth County Fair Junior Class entries are open to Walworth County youth organization members registered with, for example, the Walworth County Agricultural Society Junior Class Projects, 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Scouts, and/or any other recognized Walworth County youth organization under adult leadership that has educational programming and is approved by the Walworth County Fair Board prior to May 1 of the current Fair year.
 - b) Youth organization leaders must supply a complete membership roll by June 1 to the Fair Office. Premiums will not be paid to a Junior Class exhibitor unless reported as a member of the approved youth organization by June 1 of the current Fair year.
 - c) Each Junior Class exhibitor must purchase a Junior Class exhibitor six-day Walworth County Fair Season Pass at the time entry tags are secured from the Fair Office.
 - d) All Junior Class Non-Livestock exhibitors must also follow the Junior Class Non-Livestock Rules & Regulations (see Index).
 - e) Junior Class exhibitors must be present for pre-Fair judging, unless prior arrangements are made and the appropriate form is completed in advance by contacting the Fair Office.
 - f) All Junior Class entries shall be judged by one of the following methods:
 1. Face-to-Face
 2. Conference
 3. Danish
 - g) Any Junior Class exhibit entry that does not meet the entry requirements and/or that is entered in the wrong class will be judged. The exhibitor will receive the appropriate rating ribbon, however, will be ineligible for moneys, premium or otherwise, and special awards.
 - h) **PLEASE NOTE: Junior Class exhibitors entering regular Open Class must pay the full registration fees for both Junior Class and Open Class; however, only one Junior Class season pass will be issued.**
6. **OPEN Class Exhibitors:**
 - a) Open Class is open for entry by anyone, of any age (unless otherwise noted), who has created an item or has an animal that meets the criteria of each Department, Division, and Class description. It must be the exhibitor's own work. An Open Class exhibitor may reside anywhere in the United States.
 - b) Exhibit entries must be entered into their correct Department/Division/Class at the time of registration and shall not be moved. Errors will not be corrected after the Open Class correction/late entry deadline.
 - c) The Walworth County Fair has Open Class Youth Divisions for children Age 8-17 in specified Open Class Departments/Divisions and/or Classes listed below. Youth entering specific Open Class Youth Only classes are permitted to pay the Junior Class Exhibitor Season Pass fee. The specific Open Class Youth Departments/Divisions and/or Classes can be found in these Open Class Departments:
 1. Flowers
 2. Arts & Crafts
 3. Photography
 4. Woodworking
 5. Foods
 6. Knitting & Crocheting
 7. Foods
 8. Clothing
 9. Home Furnishings
 - d) Youth who wish to exhibit animals in Open Class must be at least 8 years of age as of January 1 of the current Fair year, unless Department rules state otherwise.
7. **OPEN Class and JUNIOR Class Exhibits:**
 - a) No exhibit article or animal shall be allowed to be entered in more than one class, nor will any animal or article be awarded more than one premium, except to make up collections, or otherwise listed in the Premium Book.
 - b) When an entry is made, the Fair Office will give the party an exhibit entry tag containing the Department number and the Class number; which entry tag will be attached to the exhibit article. If an animal exhibit, the entry tag must be kept available onsite for inspection, be shown upon entry of class in the show ring and remain onsite until the close of the Fair.
 - c) All exhibits must be accompanied by the party or agent making the entry. Walworth County Fair personnel will not accept

and/or be responsible for any shipped-in and/or dropped off exhibits.

d) Any work not in harmony or good taste with the family-oriented Walworth County Fair will be disqualified.

e) All exhibit entries must be in place by 8:00 PM the Tuesday before the opening of the Walworth County Fair, unless otherwise noted by the applicable Department Superintendent.

8. A Superintendent has the authority to:

a) Place exhibits in the manner deemed to be in the best interest of their department.

b) Make inspection of any exhibit in their department at any time the article or animal is on the Fairgrounds.

9. The Walworth County Fair Board reserves the right to assign or alter space in buildings as deemed necessary.

10. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, Fair Board, superintendent and/or management, fair veterinarian, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. All judges, Fair Board, superintendents, and show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect. Walworth County Fair employees, Fair Board, superintendent and/or management, other exhibitors, or show official including but not limited to those involved in determining the eligibility for and the outcome of competitive events of the Walworth County Fair, are required to avoid situations and actions which could create doubt on the fairness of competitions. Participants in competitions and the public must have confidence that Walworth County Fair competitions remain above reproach. Judges have the final decision.

11. Only 1st Place winners are eligible for Champion/Reserve Champion consideration.

12. No person, except the Secretary and her/his assistants, will be allowed to examine the exhibit entry books.

13. All persons participating in the Walworth County Fair do so at their own risk and further agree to make no legal claim against the Walworth County Agricultural Society, Inc., or person acting for or through the Fair, for lost or stolen articles, damage, and/or injury to property, animal, or person during the progress of the Walworth County Fair. Owners/exhibitors assume full responsibility.

14. 1099s will be issued to exhibitors according to IRS Code.

15. Exhibitors must comply with any additional State-mandated requirement(s).

16. No advertising, including "For Sale" signs, may be posted on/in any building.

17. General supervision of the grounds and exhibition is vested in the Walworth County Agricultural Society. Security guards are on staff and will see that order is maintained.

18. The Walworth County Fair has the right to publish and copyright any exhibitors' image, including audio, moving image or photography, for educational programs, website, and promotion.

19. **VIOLATIONS.** Consequences for violating any Walworth County Fair rule, regulation, code, policy by an exhibitor and his/her family members (if applicable) are, in no particular order, as follows:

Removal from the Walworth County Fairgrounds;

a) Suspension from the Walworth County Fair;

b) Reduction and/or loss of Walworth County Fair premiums, prizes, awards, sale proceeds;

c) Loss of eligibility to exhibit at the Walworth County Fair;

d) Permanent suspension from the Walworth County Fair.

All violations will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, and consequences determined by the Walworth County Fair Board. All Walworth County Fair Board decisions are final.

20) **Formal Protest Process:**

a) Formal protest forms are available at the Fair Office.

b) All protests must be made in writing, must be signed by the complaining party (including name of parent/guardian if under Age of 18), dated, include the complete contact information and accompanied by a deposit of \$100, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protest must fully state the reason for the protest, the rules(s) violated, and the facts related

c) All written protests and accompanying \$100 deposit must be filed in person at the Walworth County Fair Office, Katzman Administration Building, within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence of the incident being protested

d) The written protest will be carefully reviewed and a decision made by the Walworth County Fair Board. The decision will be made within thirty (30) business days of receiving the written protest and will be communicated in writing to the remitting party at the contact information provided.

e) Verbal protests are considered unofficial and do not require action by Staff, Superintendent(s), and /or Fair Board.

f) All Walworth County Fair Board Decisions are final.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR CODE OF CONDUCT

All Walworth County Fair Junior Class and Open Class Exhibitors and their parents/guardians/relatives (if applicable) agree to:

Follow all rules and regulations listed in the current Walworth County Fair *Premium Book*.

- 1) Follow all rules relating specifically to a department in which they are exhibiting.
- 2) Exhibit proper conduct according to the following guidelines:
 - a) Show respect for the rights of others and be courteous at all times.
 - b) Respect the property of others.
 - c) Demonstrate sportsmanship in the show ring, judging contests and meetings.
 - d) Be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
 - e) Illegal substances are prohibited.
 - f) If under the Age of 21, no possession and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverages, no smoking, vaping, and/or possession and/or use of other tobacco products.
 - g) If over the Age of 21, no smoking in the exhibit barns and/or buildings, and any other areas, as indicated.
 - h) To help maintain a healthy environment for our animals and patrons, we ask that all exhibitors refrain from eating and/or drinking in the barns.
 - i) Refrain from loud, boisterous talk; foul language; inappropriate behavior; and/or horseplay.
 - j) Playing of loud or inappropriate music (all music must be played at a low volume and must be appropriate for all age levels).
 - k) Online fair activity, including social media. Be a positive role model. Remember that you are representing both yourself and the Walworth County Fair. Inappropriate or negative online postings, comments, actions at any time that impact the Walworth County Fair or disparage Fair Board and/or staff will not be tolerated; including, cyberbullying, hate speech, personal attacks, spreading false information, threats, and/or other forms of abusive and/or derogatory comments will be subject to review and action by the Walworth County Fair Board.
 - l) Obey all general Walworth County Fair rules and policies.
 - m) Obey all state laws, county and city ordinances.
- 3) Parents/guardians are responsible for the actions of their children.

**IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the

fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:

These rules apply to all Walworth County Fair Junior Class and Open Class livestock/animal exhibitors.

1. The Walworth County Fair adheres to a Code of Ethics and supports the International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE) Show Ring Code of Ethics. Detailed rules and regulations are found in the current edition of the Walworth County Fair Premium Book.
2. All livestock must be entered under the correct entry number by breed and age of animal. Wrong entries will be disqualified. If an exhibitor makes an entry error for their project, that animal will not be shown or sold at the current Fair.
3. The Walworth County Fair supports the national certification program, "YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals," (YQCA), built around foundational pillars of animal agriculture, animal welfare, food safety and character education. All Walworth County Fair Junior Class youth exhibiting animals in the Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goat Departments must be YQCA certified every two years.
 - a) If you were YQCA certified in 2024, you will need to YQCA recertify for the Walworth County Fair in 2026.
 - b) If you were YQCA certified in 2025, you will need to YQCA recertify for the Walworth County Fair in 2027.
 - c) NEW 2026 youth exhibitors in any of the above-mentioned livestock departments must certify (online or in person) and turn in the certificate to the Fair Office by **JUNE 30, 2026**, and will not have to YQCA recertify until **2028**.
 - d) All currently valid YQCA certificates must be submitted to the Fair Office in person or emailed to officestaff@walworthcountyfair.com. DO NOT USPS MAIL. YQCA certificates will not be accepted after the above-stated deadline.
 - e) Failure to submit YQCA certification guidelines will result in not being allowed to exhibit at the current Walworth County Fair as a Junior Class livestock exhibitor.
 - f) For additional information related to the YQCA Program, please contact the Fair Office.
4. All livestock will follow the same general health regulations. The Department Superintendent will be responsible for all health papers and are to be made available to the veterinarian upon request.
5. Livestock Premise ID numbers are mandatory and must be entered at the time of online Walworth County Fair exhibitor registration. Valid Premise ID numbers are required at time of Fair registration. Invalid Premise ID numbers will result in not showing at the Walworth County Fair.
6. All exhibitors must furnish their own feed and bedding. No bedding is furnished by the Walworth County Fair. Bales may be stacked only three bales high in the barns. Excess hay should be stored in stock trailers.
7. **Walworth County Fair exhibitors shall clean their pen(s), stall(s), cage(s) BEFORE leaving the Fairgrounds** to the satisfaction of the Superintendent. Manure pits are located in designated areas.
8. No exhibitors, Junior and/or Open, are allowed to sleep overnight in the barns.
9. Livestock parking pass information is found under "Fees."
10. All Junior Class exhibitors must house their animals in their district's assigned space. This rule does not include Junior Class exhibitors whose animals are part of their immediate family's Open Class show string. Steers must be kept in the Junior Beef Barn. Wethers will be kept in the Junior Sheep Barn.
11. All intact male animals of all species must be registered and papers presented prior to showing. No certification of eligibility will be accepted.
12. Record of care and management must be for a period of at least four months for junior calves, spring pigs, lambs, goats, and poultry, and six months for animals older. All steers, wethers, and barrows must be in the possession of the exhibitor by identification date.
13. Each animal must be led into the show ring by the exhibitor who is carrying that animal as his/her project, and appear promptly upon call for judging of the class. Another exhibitor may exhibit the animal if extreme hardship exists and prior approval is obtained from the Superintendent for that particular species. The exhibitor must inform when his/her stock will be judged. No adult is permitted to assist exhibitors in the show ring except for ring personnel.
14. All animal exhibits must be well cared for throughout the entire Fair.
15. All owners or persons in charge of property or livestock shall care for, guard, protect, and preserve same, as the Walworth County Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be held responsible for any loss, shrinkage, or damage to said property or livestock or the owners or exhibitors thereof. The Walworth County Fair is not responsible for the acts of third parties.
16. All market animals (beef, sheep, and swine) entering the Fair must have an RFID tag. All other tags must be removed.
17. All market animals (beef, sheep, and swine) entering the Fair must have submitted DNA samples for each to be eligible to show at the Walworth County Fair.
18. If any market animal is missing its RFID tag at the official Fair weigh-in scale, the market animal will be subject to retagging and a mandatory DNA test at the exhibitor's expense.
19. No livestock will be allowed to leave the Fairgrounds until after 4:00 PM Labor Day Monday, except barrows and wethers sold in the livestock sale, Junior market steers exclusively hauled by the Fair-approved contracted livestock hauler (3pm), and carcass steers, barrows, and wethers. Barrows and wethers may not be released before Labor Day Monday morning. Any other exceptions shall be made with full Fair Board approval.

20. Showmanship must be pre-entered.
21. No exhibitor shall wear clothing and/or hats/headwear that bear farm or firm commercial advertising when competing before the judge in any event.
22. JUNIOR EXHIBITOR MEAT ANIMAL SALE
 - a) All animals must be properly identified to be eligible for the Meat Animal Sale. Weights at the official Fair weigh in must be:
 - I. Steers, minimum 1050 lbs., with the exception of Belted Galloways, Murray Grays, and Highlands at 950 lbs.
 - II. Dairy Steers and Dairy Cross (must be at least 50% Dairy breeding), minimum 1150 lbs.
 - III. Barrows, minimum 230 lbs., maximum 300 lbs.
 - IV. Wethers, (Small Breeds, 90 lbs. minimum) (Large Breeds, 120 lbs. minimum)
 - V. **An animal may only be weighed once.** No lightweights (beef) or females of any species may be in the Meat Animal Sale.
 - VI. No shrinkage will be deducted from sale weight, but a percentage per head will be charged for selling your animal in the sale. The commission fees are used for supplies, promotion, and the buyer recognition banquet.
 - b) An exhibitor has the privilege of withdrawing entry prior to sale; except Champions and Reserves must be sold at the Meat Animal Sale.
 - c) Neither the Fair nor the Meat Animal Sale Committee will make a guarantee as to sale price. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to help bring in prospective buyers.
 - d) All exhibitors must present their animal in a clean, presentable fashion for the Meat Animal Sale. Exhibitors not adhering to this rule will not be permitted to sell at the Meat Animal Sale.
 - e) Beef must remain in place until 4:00 PM on Labor Day Monday (see Rule 19).
 - f) All exhibitors are responsible to feed and care for animals until release time and must check with purchaser(s) for arrangements for caring and transportation of animal(s).
 - g) Beef exhibitors not furnishing a rope halter will be charged \$10.00. Sale check will be withheld until payment has been made.
 - h) If youth exhibit four market animals, the two heaviest **will sell** unless the Department Superintendent is notified by 4:00 PM Thursday. Superintendents must notify the designated Meat Animal Sale representative by 4:30 PM Thursday. No substitution of animals is permitted after that time.
 - i) An exhibitor can sell no more than a maximum of two (2) animals.
 - j) If an exhibitor is selling two (2) barrows or two (2) wethers, they must be sold in pairs, with the exception of the champions. Steers will be sold individually.
 - k) STEERS, in order to qualify for the Meat Animal Sale, must exhibit sufficient finish to qualify for a minimum, low Choice grade. Final determination is up to the Grader at the time of weigh in.
 - l) WETHERS, in order to qualify for the Meat Animal Sale, must exhibit sufficient finish and conformation to qualify for the Choice or Prime grade. Final determination of USDA grade is up to the Grader at the time of weigh in on Wednesday (must be grade Prime or Choice to sell.)
 - m) A committee comprised of a representative from the Vo-Ag instructors, Fair Board, Beef, Sheep, and Swine Committees, Buyers, Auctioneers, 4-H, Locker Plant, Member-at-Large, will be responsible for the organization of the Meat Animal Sale and the MAS Buyers' Appreciation Dinner.
 - n) Sale checks must be picked up in person. Checks will be available on the first Monday of October. Please see the Walworth County Meat Animal Sale-Official Facebook page for updated details.
 - o) Animals will not be sold in the Meat Animal Sale if exhibitors are not present to sell their animals, unless the exhibitor has made prior arrangements with the Meat Animal Sale Committee. All animals must be shown in class in order to sell.
 - p) At the time an animal is sold at the Meat Animal Sale, the exhibitor shall be held directly responsible for animals that are rejected at the processing center due to the presence of foreign residues. The seller may be liable to the buyer for an amount equal to three times the purchased price and may also be liable for attorney's fees and civil penalties. MAS officials may share acceptable intelligence and evidence information with FDA and USDA. If for any reason, any part of the meat animal carcass must be removed by the FDA or USDA inspectors, the market price will be discounted.
23. All Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals shall be terminated for slaughter.
24. Meat Animal Sale animals will be removed from the Fairgrounds on Labor Day Monday by the Fair-approved contracted trucking company, unless other arrangements are made.
25. Junior Class livestock exhibitors must show their own or immediate family's animals in the Showmanship contests.
26. Junior Class exhibitors must meet the mandatory requirements for their species.
27. Any use of drugs or substances not approved by the Food and Drug Administration is strictly prohibited. All animals entered into livestock competition shall be subject to testing for foreign substances that exceed acceptable levels established by the FDA, FSIS, USDA, or EPA.
28. The Walworth County Fair reserves the right to drug test and/or test for steroids and/or may also run random DNA comparison samples.
29. Exhibitors and their parent/guardian (if applicable) agree to accept all testing systems/procedures selected by the Walworth County Fair to verify rule compliance.
30. **Violation of any rule is addressed in Walworth County Fair General Rule #19.**

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT RULES

1. **FANS.** The use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter is allowed per animal. No other air movement device is allowed. Fans must be hung from the front wall, on either side of the animal. All fans must conform to the manufacturer's *recommendations and the Walworth County Fair safety regulations. No butt fans allowed. All fans must be plugged directly into provided outlets; no extension cords on fans. All fans must blow air south to north.*
2. **GENERATORS.** The use of portable power sources is permitted during show hours only. Generators must be kept outside the barns. Generators may not be used to power fans.
3. **EXTENSION CORDS.** All cords must meet Walworth County Fair and manufacturer's recommendations for safety. Extension cords cannot be longer than 25' and must be a 12-gauge cord. One appliance per cord. No cords are permitted to be in the aisles or in public areas both above and on the surface without being properly secured. Walworth County Fair retains the authority to determine what is acceptable. Cords may not be used on fans.
4. **GROOMING CHUTES.** Exhibitors using grooming chutes must store them out of the public walkways, in tack areas, or in designated areas outside of the barn when not in use for fitting.
5. **STALLING EQUIPMENT.** The use of stall dividers for the purpose of separating cattle and designating tack areas is permitted. No equipment is approved for use behind the animals or in the aisles.
6. **TACK.** Show boxes, feed, bedding, and other show equipment which is used for the care of the livestock must be kept neatly in the exhibitor's designated area and out of the public aisles and exits. It is important to keep all livestock and livestock housing areas orderly and safe to demonstrate a positive image of animal agriculture to the public.

2025 – 2026 WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR MASTER SHOWMAN CONTEST RULES

Time & Location TBD (See printed fair schedule and the Walworth County Meat Animal Sale-Official Facebook page).

Co-Chairs: Megan Wieners (262) 210-2383
Mindy Tracy (Compeer Financial) (608) 754-4273
Committee: Katie Greidanus (262) 745-7316
Samantha Piper (920) 723-9811

General Rules:

1. Species to be included in the Master Showman Contest: ***Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat and Meat Goat.***
2. The species representative will be the winner of their respective species Senior Showmanship Class (6 contestants' total).
3. If the original winner of the species showmanship wishes to not compete the option defaults to the 2nd place winner of the species. If the contestant becomes eligible in more than one species to participate in the Master Showman, they must choose which species they would like to represent. This **MUST** be done by 1 hour after winning the second contest. Both Superintendent's and Master Showman Committee must be informed of the decision.
4. The overall winner of the Master Showman Contest is no longer eligible to participate again in the Master Showman Contest. It is each species decision to allow the individual to still compete in that departments Showmanship Class. Those contestants who place 2nd thru 6th place is eligible to compete in the contest again.
5. Each contestant will show an animal from each of the five species included. This will **NOT** include a contestant's own animal.
6. Animals are chosen by the species superintendent not the Master Showman Committee.
7. Each species superintendent (or species representative) will be present in the show ring during the showing of that species. They will act as ring men and safety advocate for the animals.
8. Contestants will be judged out of 30 points per species. Judging will be based on showmanship, knowledge of the species, attitude & appearance.
9. Judges are selected by the Master Showman Committee. Recommendations for judges are always accepted and will be considered.
10. Any items needed to show a specific species will be supplied along with a show number that is to be worn for the duration of show. Items supplied may include but not limited to a show stick, comb/brush & halter.
11. All contestants will receive a cash prize at the conclusion of the show. Exact amounts are TBD.
12. Contestant information sheets are due to the Master Showman Committee by Noon on Saturday.
13. Contestants have till one hour prior to the show to learn everything they can about each of the species in the contest.
14. White show attire is not required for the contest. Each contestant will receive a show shirt courtesy of Compeer Financial.

***The WCMSC runs completely on donations. Any amount is accepted.
Please contact Megan, Mindy, Katie or Samantha for details***



Animal Health Regulations

Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin: 2026 Season

This is a summary of animal health requirements for fairs, shows, and exhibitions. They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes. They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so always check datcp.wi.gov or contact us for current information. Fairs or exhibitions may have their own additional requirements. Exhibitors should contact the event organizers for more information. Ref. s. ATCP 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code.

<p>General requirements for event organizers</p>	<p>All fairs or exhibitions of any length must obtain, review, and keep for five years all required records and test results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibitor's name and address • Animal identification (number, type, description, and, when required, official identification (<i>see requirements for different animals below</i>)) • Documents showing compliance with disease testing and other health requirements • Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated • Documentation showing legal importation to the event (if applicable) and, when required, movement to the event (<i>see requirements for different animals below</i>) • For swine, a record of any swine transported directly to a slaughtering establishment • For swine, a record of any swine transported to an animal market where all animals sold at the market sale for that day were shipped directly to a slaughtering establishment <p>Fairs or exhibitions lasting more than 24 hours must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all animals daily.</p> <p>Note: Except in specific circumstances, if an animal already bears an official 840 eartag, that eartag must not be removed and additional official eartags must not be applied. Instead, the existing eartag must be read and recorded when a record of that animal is required. (Ref. s. ATCP 10.045, Wis. Admin. Code)</p> <p>These regulations apply to all fairs and exhibitions, including additional events (like rodeos, shows, or other organized events) that occur in conjunction with the fair.</p>
<p>Diseases</p>	<p>Lactating Dairy Cattle:</p> <p>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 seven (7) days of movement. For more information see: DATCP Home Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) in Dairy Cattle (wi.gov)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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.</p>

Cattle and bison

Cattle and bison FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN: Effective June 19, 2024, all lactating dairy cattle are required to have a negative Influenza A test^c on milk samples collected within 7 days prior to movement to a fair or exhibition. Official ID is required for influenza testing.

Cattle and bison FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s. ATCP 10.22, Wis. Admin. Code) must:

- Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a documenting official animal identification (ID) and all required tests and certifications
- Have official individual ID (including steers)^b
- Meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import (see below and https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx)

Acceptable official IDs^b for cattle and bison

- 15-digit "840" RFID tags
- Valid only if applied before November 5, 2024:
 - Visual only 15 digit "840" tags
 - USDA metal ear tag number that starts with the state 2-digit code and is followed by 3 letters and 4 numbers (e.g. 35ABC1234). This includes the orange brucellosis vaccination tag.
- Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015:
 - Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s
 - American ID tag – 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA"

Influenza A requirements^c 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 and bison from outside Wisconsin

No cattle are currently required to be brucellosis tested or vaccinated for fairs/shows in Wisconsin.

Tuberculosis (TB) requirements^c for cattle and bison from outside Wisconsin

All cattle from **Texas** and **Michigan's TB Free Zone** (for cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone see below), regardless of sex or age are required to have a negative TB test within 60 days prior to import. For details and requirements by state, see:

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx

Cattle and bison from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone – Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties - (for cattle and bison from Michigan's TB Free Zone, see requirements by state above) also need:

- Import permit^e
- 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^c
- Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin^c
- A statement indicating the animals will return directly to the state of origin after the show^d.

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx
- Email DATCPanimalimports@wi.gov
- Call (608) 224-4874

Cattle and bison from Canada must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States and may have additional requirements to return to Canada. See aphis.usda.gov, choose "Trade", Live Animal Import or Export as needed, and then species and country to find requirements.

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx.

Swine

Note: *These regulations apply to all swine, including pet pigs and racing pigs.*

Swine FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN (Ref. s. ATCP 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code) need a Wisconsin intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a:

- Stating that the entire herd of origin on the farm was inspected within 30 days before the show and no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection^d

New for 2026: No testing requirements^c for Terminal and Non-terminal Exhibitions

Effective 3/5/2026: PRRS and PEDv testing is no longer required for swine to attend terminal or non-terminal fairs, shows, or other events.

Swine FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s. ATCP 10.30 and 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code) need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a that includes the following:

- A statement that the veterinarian has inspected the entire herd of origin within the past 30 days and that no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection^d.
- Official individual identification (ID)^b
- **New for 2026: No testing required^c for Terminal and Non-terminal Exhibitions**
Effective 3/5/2026: PRRS and PEDv testing is no longer required for swine to attend terminal or non-terminal fairs, shows, or other events.

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are^b:

- 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
- Ear notch if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered

Note: Microchips are not accepted as official ID for any swine including pet pigs.

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information 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. See Exotic Ruminants below.*

Sheep and goats FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN need:

- If sexually intact, need official individual identification (ID)^b *at any age*.
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID^b if they are *12 months or older*.
- See below for Official ID options.
- Sheep and goats that go to a slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the slaughter establishment.

Sheep and goats FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.69, 10.76, Wis. Admin. Code) need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a and official individual ID^b 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 slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the slaughter establishment.

Official Identification^b includes:

- Scrapie eartags (including tags on durable and unremoveable *neckstraps for animals with absent/injured ears or with official tattoos – see DATCP Website*)
- USDA 840 ear tags
- Legible breed tattoos (see DATCP Website* and NOTE below)
- Legible scrapie tattoos (see DATCP Website* and NOTE below)
- Approved microchips (Electronic Implantable Identification/EID) – There are many requirements that need to be met to use microchips including a requirement for accompanying tattoos. See DATCP Website* and NOTE below.
- **NOTE:** *All sheep and goats that 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 Tuberculosis (TB) Modified Accredited Zone –Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda counties- also need:

- Import permit^e
- 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^c
- Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin^c
- A statement indicating the animals will return directly to the state of origin after the show.^d

For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx
- Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov
- Call 608-224-4874

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx.

<p>Equine</p>	<p>Equine animals FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN need documentation of a negative EIA (Coggins) test^c with a blood collection date 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official test report VS 10-11, <i>or</i> • USDA-approved electronic test form, <i>or</i> • Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, <i>or</i> • Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed <p>Equine animals FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.36, Wis. Admin. Code) need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a which clearly identifies^b the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip • Negative EIA (Coggins) test^c with a blood collection date within the previous 12 months reported on the CVI • No EIA test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams <p>Equines from Minnesota are exempt from the CVI requirement if all conditions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (Coggins) test^c in previous 12 months accompanies the animal <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx</p>
<p>Exotic Ruminants</p>	<p>Note: <i>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.</i></p> <p>Exotic ruminants FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN have no requirements.</p> <p>Exotic ruminants FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.82, Wis. Admin. Code) must have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a • Official individual identification (ID) as required for tuberculosis and brucellosis testing^b • Import permit^e • Proof written on the CVI that they meet requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Tuberculosis (TB)</i> – negative test required within 60 days before entry^c ○ <i>Brucellosis</i> – negative test required within 30 days before entry^c <p>Please call 608-224-4874 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.</p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx • Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov • Call 608-224-4874 <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx.</p>

<p>Poultry and waterfowl (Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)</p>	<p>Poultry and waterfowl FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN need ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean flock or NPIP affiliate flock^c or • For eggs and birds of all ages, documentation the flock of origin is a WI Tested Flock and has tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>,^c or • For eggs and birds of all ages, documentation the flock of origin is a WI Associate Flock^c, 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 <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>. 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, WI Tested, or WI Associate flock. <p>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.</p> <p>ALL birds in a flock with status must meet the requirements. Existing flocks lose their status when new additions do not meet requirements.</p> <p>Poultry and waterfowl FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.42, Wis. Admin. Code) need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) specifically showing movement to the fair or show that states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For eggs and birds of all ages, they originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean under NPIP or an equivalent program^c, or • For sexually mature birds, they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> for turkeys) within 90 days^c before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID^b. 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. <p>Not required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import permit number <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx.</p>
<p>South American camelids: llamas, alpacas, guanacos, vicuñas</p>	<p>South American camelids FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN have no requirements.</p> <p>South American camelids FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.85, Wis. Admin. Code) must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a and official individual identification (ID)^b. Official ID may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved USDA ear tag number • Microchip number • Breed association registration number • Breed association tattoo <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx.</p>

<p>Small animals: Dogs, domestic cats, and other household pets (ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, hedgehogs, chinchillas, domestic mice and rats)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>DOGS FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN (Ref. s.95.21, Wis. Stats.) that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.^f</p> <p>CATS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD PETS FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN have no requirements.</p> <p>DOGS AND CATS FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.80, Wis. Admin. Code) that are 5 months or older need to be vaccinated against rabies^f by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates)^a stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date.</p> <p>OTHER HOUSEHOLD PETS FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.06, Wis. Admin. Code) need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates)^a but have no testing or vaccination requirements.</p> <p>Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (608-662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (1-800-232-4636).</p> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx.</p>
<p>Exotic small animals (any species not covered by "small animals" above), exotic large animals, and other wild animals</p>	<p>Note: Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.</p> <p>Animals FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.^f</p> <p>Animals FROM OUTSIDE WISCONSIN (Ref. s.ATCP 10.84, Wis. Admin. Code) generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)^a • Import permit number^e <p>Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin.^f 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.</p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx • Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov • Call 608-224-4874 <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx.</p>

<p>Circus, rodeo, racing and menagerie animals</p>	<p><i>Note: Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.</i></p> <p>Animals FROM WITHIN WISCONSIN must meet vaccination and testing requirements for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.</p> <p>Animals 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.</p> <p>They also need import permit numbers^e (Ref. s.ATCP 10.81, Wis. Admin. Code) if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>They do not need import permit numbers if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodeo horses owned by individual participants • Single-species groups <p>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</p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx • Email DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov • Call 608-224-4874 <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CircusesRodeosMenageries.aspx.</p>
<p>Guidelines for housing and managing animals</p>	<p>The State Veterinarian recommends that exhibitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinate breeding cattle against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) at least 30 days before the event • Test cattle for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test, and bring to shows only if negative test • Test cattle for Johne's disease by ELISA test, and bring to shows only if negative test • Clean and disinfect vehicles used to transport animals to and from the show, and vehicles used on the grounds before, during, and after the show • Isolate exhibited animals returning to their farms or animals purchased at the show for 21 days before mingling them with other stock • Additional biosecurity recommendations can be found at: www.youtube.com/widatcp. Go to "Created Playlists" and "View Full Playlist" under "Farm Biosecurity Practices" <p>The State Veterinarian recommends that show organizers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House cattle separately from South American camelids, exotic ruminants, and poultry • House cattle separately from small ruminants, especially sheep • House ostriches, emus, rheas and cassowaries separately from domestic poultry • House chickens and turkeys separately from waterfowl • House swine separately from any other mammals • Include a space for the premises registration code on livestock entry forms • Provide hand-washing stations near all livestock facilities • Provide individual watering and feeding troughs rather than common ones

Summary of Requirements for Animals from **WITHIN** Wisconsin Attending Events

*See animal page for full details. Note that fairs & shows may have additional requirements.

Animal (page #)	Official		Testing	Veterinary Statements	Other
	CVI	ID			
Cattle & bison (2)	No	No – See “other”	Negative Influenza A test ^c within 7 days for lactating dairy cattle	No	Official ID required for influenza testing.
Swine (3)	Yes ^a	No	No - Effective 3/5/2026: PRRS and PED testing is no longer required for swine to attend terminal or non-terminal fairs, shows, or other events. ^c	Yes: The entire herd of origin has been inspected within the past 30 days, and no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection. ^d	
Sheep & goats (4)	No	Yes, ^b see “other”	No	No	Official ID not required if not sexually intact AND under 12 months of age.
Equine (5)	No	No	Yes: Negative EIA test (Coggins) within 12 months. ^c See “other”	No	Nursing foals with EIA test negative dams exempt from testing.
Exotic ruminants (5)	No	No	No	No	
Poultry & waterfowl (6)	No	No	Yes: <u>ONE</u> of the following ^c : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For eggs and birds of all ages: Originate from NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean (and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean) flocks or affiliate flocks with documentation. ● For eggs and birds of all ages: Originate from WI Tested pullorum- typhoid (and turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>) flock or Associate flock with documentation. ● For sexually mature birds: Individual birds tested negative within 90 days for pullorum-typhoid (and turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>) with documentation. See “other” 	No	Only turkeys over 6 months and other birds over 4 months eligible for individual testing. 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. Individually tested birds require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wing or leg band ID ● No owner change ● No commingling with other birds that are not part of the flock except at other fairs/exhibitions.
South American camelids (6)	No	No	No	No	
Small animals (7)	No	No	No	No	Dogs 5 months and older require proof of current rabies vaccination. ^f
Exotic small animals (7)	No	No	No	No	Must be legally possessed in WI. ^f

Summary of Requirements for Animals from **OUTSIDE** Wisconsin Attending Events

*See animal page for full details. Note that fairs & shows may have additional requirements.

Animal (page #)	CVI	Official ID	Testing	Veterinary Statements	Import Permit	Other
Cattle & bison (2)	Yes ^a	Yes ^b	Negative Influenza A test ^c within 7 days for lactating dairy cattle. TB testing required for MI and TX cattle. See pg. 2. ^c	No, unless imported from MI MA zone. See pg. 2 ^d .	No, see "other"	Import permit needed if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie and for cattle/bison from the MI MA zone. See pg. 2 ^e .
Swine (3)	Yes ^a	Yes ^b	No - Effective 3/5/2026: PRRS and PED testing is no longer required for imported swine including those attending terminal or non-terminal fairs, shows, or other events. ^c	Yes: The entire herd of origin has been inspected within the past 30 days and no apparent disease was present at the time of inspection. ^d	No, see "other"	Import permit needed if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie. ^e
Sheep & goats (4)	Yes ^a	Yes ^b	Only <u>goats</u> from the MI MA zone have TB test requirements. See pg. 4. ^c	No except for <u>goats</u> from the MI MA zone. See pg. 4 ^d .	No, see "other"	Import permit needed if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie and for <u>goats</u> from the MI MA zone. See pg. 4 ^e .
Equine (5)	Yes, ^a unless all of the following apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Imported from MN. ● No change of ownership while in WI. ● In WI for no more than 7 days. 	Yes ^b	Yes: Negative EIA test (Coggins) within 12 months. ^c Nursing foals with EIA test negative dams exempt from testing.	No	No, see "other"	Import permit needed if imported as stock horses for rodeo/circus/menagerie (not individual participants horses). ^e
Exotic ruminants (5)	Yes ^a	See "other"	Yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TB testing^c within 60 days prior to import. ● Brucellosis testing^c within 30 days prior to import. 	No	Yes ^e	Official ID required as used for TB and Brucellosis testing. ^b
Poultry & waterfowl (6)	Yes ^a (or VS9-3 for this specific import).	No, see "other"	Yes: <u>ONE</u> of the following ^c : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For eggs and birds of all ages: Originate directly from NPIP pullorum typhoid clean and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean flock or equivalent flock. ● For sexually mature birds: Individual birds test negative for pullorum-typhoid (and turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>) within 90 days. 	No	No, see "other"	Import permit if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie. ^e Only turkeys over 6 months/ other birds over 4 months eligible for individual testing. Eggs/sexually immature birds not eligible for individual testing and cannot be shown unless they originate from enrolled NPIP or equivalent flock. Individually tested birds require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wing or leg band ID. ● No owner change.

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Animal (page #)	CVI	Official ID	Testing	Veterinary Statements	Import Permit	Other
South American camelids (6)	Yes ^a	Yes ^b	No	No	No, see "other"	Import permit needed if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie. ^e
Small animals (7)	Yes ^a	No	No	No	No, see "other"	Dogs 5 months and older require proof of current rabies vaccination. ^f Import permit needed if imported for rodeo/circus/menagerie. ^e
Exotic small animals (7)	Yes ^a	No	No	No	Yes ^e	Must be legally possessed in WI and legal for import. ^f

REGULATIONS FOR STATE AID FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS

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ATCP 160.01 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

- (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.

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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

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.
- 4m. Cats.
5. Small animals.
6. Rocketry.
7. Shooting sports.
- 7m. *Mechanical projects.*

8. Other exhibits and contests that are similar to those identified in subsds. 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.

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(1) (a), (b), renum. (1) (d) to ATCP 160.05 (3), am. (1) (e), (3) (a), (4) (b), (c) (intro.), cr. (4) (c) 4m., 7m., (4) (d) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

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.

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ATCP 160.05 Open division; general requirements.

- (1) The total maximum premiums set forth for all places in any open division livestock class, excluding poultry and rabbits, may be divided into multiple premiums for a greater number of places, but the maximum premium offered for any additional place shall not be higher than the maximum for the last place in the class.
- (2) All animals in any open division class shall be owned by the exhibitor, except as provided in s. ATCP 160.09.
- (3) State aid may be paid on no more than 2 premiums awarded an exhibitor under one premium or lot number in open division individual livestock classes, except poultry and rabbits, and no more than one premium in all other classes, including poultry and rabbits.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item or animal that has been exhibited in open class division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item or animal.
- (5) The fair board may establish specific classes by professional and amateur level groupings within classes for open class departments 14 to 28.

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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.
 - (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.
- (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.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; renum. and am. (2) to be (2) (a) and cr. (2) (b), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; CR 11-037: cr. (5) Register April 2012 No. 676, eff. 5-1-12; CR 21-093: am.

(2) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

ATCP 160.39 Senior citizens division; general requirements.

- (1) The age of exhibitors in the senior citizens division is limited to persons 62 years of age or over.
- (2) Exhibitors in the senior citizens division may not enter identical items or articles in both the senior citizens division and the corresponding classes of the regular open division.
- (3) State aid may not be used to award more than one premium to an exhibitor in a premium or lot number in the senior citizens division.
- (4) State aid may not be used to award a premium to an exhibitor who exhibits an item that has been exhibited in the senior citizens division previously in a state aid funded fair in that calendar year and resulted in a premium being awarded for that item.

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ATCP 160.49 Junior fair division; general.

- (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.

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) 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.
- History:** Cr. Register, April, 1976, No. 244, eff. 5-1-76; am. (1), Register, March, 1980, No. 291, eff. 4-1-80; renum. from Ag 5.07, Register, November, 1990, No. 419, eff. 12-1-90; am. (2), and cr. (5), Register, July, 1995, No. 475, eff. 8-1-95; CR 21-093: am. (1), cr. (1m), am. (2), (4) (a), (b), cr. (4g), (am) (5) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.
- (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.
- History:** CR 21-093: renum. (title), (1) to (4) from ATCP 160.04 (title), (1) to (4) and, as renumbered, am. (1), (2), (4) (intro.), cr. (5), renum. (6), (7) from ATCP 160.04 (7), (8) and am., cr. (8), (9) Register September 2022 No. 801, eff. 10-1-22.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR CLASS EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. Registration for fair exhibits must be completed online using “ShoWorks,” found at walworthcountyfairgrounds.com. Please read and follow the step-by-step instructions. SAVE, print and review your exhibitor registration receipt for accuracy of Fair entries.
2. **NEW!** ALL WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR CLASS REGISTRATION FEES must be paid for ONLINE through ShoWorks.
3. One exhibit entry per Class number, unless otherwise stated.
4. Exhibitors will agree that they have read, understand, and will abide by:
 - All rules and regulations and codes of conduct.
5. **DEADLINE** for registering Junior Class fair exhibit entries online is Friday, **June 19, 2026**, at 11:59 PM CST. After that date and time, see Subsection (5); no exceptions.
6. Corrections (not additions) may be made until Monday, **June 29, 2026**, at 4:00 PM CST, in person at the Fair Office.
7. Additions and/or late registration will be at the rate of \$100 per Junior Class exhibitor, cash or credit card, by **Monday, June 29, 2026**, at 4:00 PM CST, in person at the Fair Office. No exceptions.
8. **DELINQUENT JUNIOR REGISTRATION: ALL JUNIOR CLASS DELINQUENT EXHIBITORS MUST PUT THEIR REQUEST IN WRITING SIGNED BY PARENT AND EXHIBITOR AND SUBMITTED TO FAIR BOARD. THE FAIR BOARD WILL REVIEW THE SUBMISSION FOR APPROVAL. ALL JUNIOR CLASS DELINQUENT EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION REQUIRES A \$200/EXHIBITOR DELINQUENT FEE. THE DELINQUENT FEE MUST BE PAID BY CASH OR CREDIT CARD.**
9. Entry packets containing Fair tags, passes, etc. will be distributed by individual clubs/chapters.
10. Family livestock parking pass distribution information will be contained within entry packets.
11. Please review the contents of your entry packets for accuracy upon receipt.

OPEN CLASS EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. Registration for fair exhibits must be completed online at walworthcountyfairgrounds.com. Please read and follow the step-by-step instructions. Save, print and review your exhibitor registration receipt for accuracy of Fair entries.
2. One exhibit entry per Class number, unless otherwise stated.
3. Exhibitors will agree that they have read, understand, and will abide by:
 1. All rules and regulations and codes of conduct.
4. **DEADLINE** for registering Open Class fair exhibit entries online is the Friday, **August 7, 2026**, at 11:59 PM CST. After that date and time, see Subsection (5). No exceptions.
5. Open Class corrections (no additions) and late entry deadline: **Friday, August 14, 2026**, by 4:00 PM CST, in person, at the Fair Office. Late exhibitor registration information: All Open Class late exhibitor registration a *\$100/Exhibitor late fee. Late fee must be paid by cash or credit card. Note: Open Class corrections and/or late exhibitor registration and \$100 fee shall not be accepted in the Fair Office after late entry deadline. No exceptions.*
6. Exhibits must be the result of the exhibitor’s own work and may not have been shown at a previous Walworth County Fair, with the exception of animal exhibits.
7. **NEW!** Entry packets containing Fair tags, passes, etc. will be available for YOUR PICK UP AT THE FAIR OFFICE on designated dates and times (see Fair website in August for specifics). Entry packets will not be mailed.
8. Family livestock parking pass distribution information will be contained within entry packets.
9. Please review the contents of your entry packets for accuracy upon receipt.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR JUDGING STANDARDS:

Please ask Department Superintendents for individual department judging standards. The following judging standards may be used for Walworth County Fair judging:

Danish

Face-to-Face

Conference American

JUNIOR CLASS DEPARTMENTS 110-134 RULES & REGULATIONS

Superintendent in Charge of Youth Building – Caroline Cornelison
Director in Charge of Youth Building – Susan Earle and Cindy Klewin

1. 2025-26 Walworth County Fair overall Rules & Regulations apply and are at: walworthcountyfairgrounds.com
2. Age classification is based on your age as of January 1 of the current year.
3. Champion & Reserve Champion Awards will be given per the judges' discretion per department, division, or class.
4. Judging can be face-to-face or conference style during pre-fair judging week unless otherwise noted.
5. Exhibitors must be present for pre-fair judging unless prior arrangements are made by contacting the Fair Office and submitting a completed pre-fair judging form.
6. Only one exhibit per class number.
7. Any posters are limited to a size of 14" x 22". **No foam board, please.** Scrapbooks not larger than 12" x 12". Displays not larger than 20" x 24", unless otherwise stated.
8. Any displays are limited to a floor/shelf space of 20" x 24".
9. Entry tags are to be securely attached to each exhibit. For exhibits that are on poster board or paintings, please attach tag to upper right-hand corner of exhibit.
10. Entries in Department 110-134 that do not meet requirements or are entered incorrectly will be judged and awarded the appropriate ribbon. Premium money will not be given and the entry will not be eligible for champion or reserve champion awards.
11. Entries must remain on display following judging, unless otherwise stated in Department rules. Exhibit pick up is between 3:00 and 6:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately following Labor Day. Exhibits not picked up on Tuesday may be discarded. Entries removed early will not receive premium money.
12. If audio-visual equipment is needed to showcase any aspect of a particular exhibit during judging, exhibitors must provide their own, and take it home with them immediately following judging. WIFI connection is not guaranteed.
13. If video recording, audio recording, CD, flash drives or slide show is created as part of the exhibit, a written and/or pictorial description of the content should accompany it for display purposes.
14. All exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor, completed as part of the current year's project, and not previously exhibited at the Walworth County Fair.
15. If an exhibit consists of multiple parts that may become separated, exhibitor name should be put on each entry part, container, etc. Examples: Looking Good outfit accessories, Child Development games with multiple parts, LEGO trays, etc.

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AND
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EXHIBITORS!

