

## SWINE

*Chairmen: Mike Smaistrla, Dustin Guthman, Tim Merta & Darrel Garvel*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, January 13, 2024	8 - 9 a.m./\$30 per head
QUARANTINE SWINE:	Saturday, January 13, 2024	9 - 9:15 a.m.
MANDATORY MEETING:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024	7 p.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Monday, March 18, 2024	7 - 10 a.m.
SHOW:	Monday, March 18, 2024	2 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Monday, March 18, 2024	After show
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, March 24, 2024	8 - 9 a.m.

*(for Champions & Top 3)*

1. Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock schedule.
- 2. Tail hairs will be pulled on all Swine at tag in for DNA verification. (See rule #2 of General Rules.)**
3. An exhibitor may tag-in no more than two hogs, and the numbers will be recorded in a specific name.
4. If a swine dies within two weeks of the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another swine, unless an alternate swine was tagged in.
5. If a pig loses its ear tag, exhibitor must notify their Ag Science Teacher, 4-H Advisor, and the Swine Chairmen immediately. The animal must be tagged to show and the old tag turned in.
6. All hogs must be castrated prior to fair check in.
7. Animals will be weighed at check-in. The weight limit is between 230-290 pounds. A three pound over/under tolerance will be allowed. The scales will be official. Exhibitors must clean their hog's ear tags prior to being allowed to unload. If the hog's weight does not fall in this range, if an alternate pig has been tagged in and that alternate hog is on the trailer, exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in the alternate hog. Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds in order to retrieve an alternate.
8. If the swine weighs within the 230-290 weight limit the animal will be considered checked in and will show according to that weight class. Use of an alternate to change the weight class will not be allowed. No altering of hogs of any kind for added weight will be allowed.
9. If a hog is family tagged, the exhibitor must decide which hog he/she will show before the cards are turned in. Once the cards have been turned into the committee it will be official and the exhibitor must show that hog. Be sure the tag number and name on the card matches the exhibitor.
- 10. Only exhibitor and one parent/individual to assist will be allowed in the Johse barn during the show. The only individuals allowed in the show arena and holding pens will be the exhibitor, Swine Committee members and volunteers approved by the Swine Committee. No parents or individuals will be allowed to assist in these areas during the show. At the conclusion of the last class, a 10-minute break will be taken. At this time, the last class winners will be allowed to go back to their pen or wait in the picture alley. Only at this time may a parent assist their child in these areas. No parent will be allowed in the arena for the champion drive.**

11. Once weigh in is complete, hogs will be divided into classes of approximately the same number per class. The Swine Committee will determine the number of classes. Only the 1st and 2nd place swine in each class will be eligible for competition in championship judging.
12. In preparing the animals for show, no clipping, no oil or oil-based grooming aides or powders will be allowed at the Fairgrounds. Use of oil or oil-based grooming aids will be grounds for disqualification from the show.
13. A WATER BOTTLE in the arena during the show is to be used by the exhibitor ONLY. Any spraying of water by anyone other than the exhibitor may be grounds for disqualification.
14. Shavings will be NOT provided prior to the check in for use in the pens. **Exhibitors must furnish their own shavings.** Champion exhibitor will be required to clean their own pens daily. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out his/her Swine pens after the show Monday, March 18, 2024. If the pens are not cleaned after checkout, \$25 will be deducted from the exhibitor's check. Champion pens must be cleaned on Sunday, March 24, 2024.
15. Exhibitors must feed their projects up until the time of judging and must provide feed and water containers. Feeding by exhibitors prior to the show is allowed in the barn, provided that the individuals use dividers in the pens and monitor the feeding of their hog. Exhibitors must provide their own dividers. Exhibitors will not be allowed to take their hogs out of their pens until check-in is completed.
16. After the judging, the exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own hog, this includes top 3 in all classes, champion & reserve champion.
17. Swine check-out will be Monday, March 24, 2024 after showmanship, with the exception of the Champion, Reserve Champion, and the top three swine from each class. Exhibitors MUST BRING SWINE CHECK OUT CARD (included in exhibitor's packet) with them to checkout.
18. ALL SWINE EXHIBITORS will be required to come to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 8 to 9 a.m., to receive final buyer information and disposition instructions. A penalty of \$25 per entry will be assessed if participants fail to comply with this rule. Floored animals are posted on the website at [whartoncountyyouthfair.org](http://whartoncountyyouthfair.org). It is the exhibitor's responsibility to see if their hog has been floored. **Floored animals must be brought back to the fairgrounds Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

### **SHOWMANSHIP** (Current school year)

*Junior* - Grades 3, 4 & 5

*Intermediate* - Grades 6, 7 & 8

*Senior* - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Showmanship refers to the presentation of a livestock project by the exhibitor. It refers to the grooming and handling of the animal in the arena, as well as dress and conduct of the handler. Showmanship will be optional but encouraged. All showmanship will be divided into three age groups unless stated otherwise.

Showmanship will be judged after the judging of the Championship Class. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting his/her swine to the show ring as the showmanship class is called for judging.

Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.