

## **Portage County Junior Fair Dairy and Pygmy Goat Project Rules**

The following are rules established and approved by the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee and the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. They are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Exhibitors including any members of the FFA. Changes may be made as needed by the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board.

### **General Goat Information**

It is strongly recommended that 4-H advisors of any club having members taking non-market goats to the fair attend the monthly meetings of the Goat Committee. It is essential that they attend the Goat Committee meetings in March, April, June, and July as this is when information essential to fair participation is handed out. Anyone who is showing a goat who is not in a club with a goat advisor must notify the Goat Committee that they are showing a goat.

All Dairy and Pygmy goats **must** be dehorned.

**All exhibitors of Registered and Non-Registered** goats must have their Premise ID form and Scrapie ID form at the Randolph Fairgrounds during the week of fair. A premise ID number can be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture. A Scrapie ID number can be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture. This is **mandatory**, without these numbers your goat will not be permitted on the Randolph Fairgrounds, exceptions include any doe or buck under 14 days old.

**Non-Registered** goats must be properly tattooed. Before bringing any goats to check-in, be sure that your **goat's tattoo can be clearly read**.

**Registered goats** that have Micro Chips **must** have the Micro Chip number on their registration certificate. There **must** be a certificate for each goat at the Randolph Fairgrounds during the week of fair and a Micro Chip reader, exceptions include any doe or buck under 14 days old.

**In lieu of tattoos and/or microchips, registered and non-registered goats may be tagged with scrapie id tags as approved by the United States Department of Agriculture.**

All junior fair dairy goat exhibitors and a parent/legal guardian must attend a **mandatory county quality assurance program** prior to the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which they will exhibit. 4-H junior fair animal exhibitors not meeting this requirement will be ineligible to participate in the junior fair. In subsequent years' members, must attend a quality assurance training session or successfully complete the "test out" procedure. Parents are not required to attend after the first year.

All Pygmy and Dairy Goat project exhibitors **must** participate in a goat showmanship class. The only exceptions will be for pre-approved health reasons, or they are showing another animal and then must be approved by the show secretary and goat advisors.

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**No** parents, guardians or advisors are allowed to lead any goats in the show ring unless it is a cloverbud class, then it is required that a parent lead the goat.

It is **mandatory** for all exhibitors with a Pygmy or Dairy Goat Project to attend at least three or more showmanship clinics. Time and location of showmanship clinics will be announced no later than the April meeting. **There will be no clinics after July.**

Exhibitors must supply their own hay, grain, hay board, feed pan, water bucket, tack box and clips for pens at the fair. Pens with one goat must be cleaned on Thursday of Fair week by 9:00 am, or after 10:00 pm. Pens with two goats must be cleaned on Wednesday and Friday of Fair week by 9:00 am, or after 10:00 pm. Goats must be fed by 9:00 am every day. If an exhibitor is unable to be there to clean their pen(s) and feed/water their goat(s), arrangements must be made for someone else to take care of their goat(s). The Goat Committee will supply straw for bedding.

All Pygmy and Dairy Goat project exhibitors must serve barn duty in the goat barn. While on barn duty exhibitors are to sweep floors, answer questions, keep their club area clean and check on goats. While on barn duty, the exhibitor must remain in the barn at all times. Watch that fair goers don't bother/feed the goats without permission of the owner-exhibitor.

In addition to barn duty exhibitors are required to work the Fudge booth. Proceeds from the Fudge booth go towards the purchasing of trophies, straw and anything else needed for the benefit of the goat barn.

It is recommended that each club decorate the area around their pens. If they chose not to decorate they must at least cover the wall space behind their pens.

**Barn duty hours: 10:00 am-11:00 pm.**

**Fudge booth hours: 10:00 am-10:00 pm Tuesday -Thursday.  
10:00 am -11:00 pm Friday and Saturday.  
10:00 am -8:00 pm Sunday.**

***The schedule and sign up for barn duty and fudge booth will be completed at the July meeting.  
The number of exhibitors determines the length of time each exhibitor will need to serve.***

### **Check-in Day at Fair**

All goats **BEFORE** entering the barn **MUST** be checked in by a club advisor and/or Goat barn superintendent. All goats at check in will be checked for lice and their feet will be checked for proper trimming and hoof rot. Verification forms for shots must be in the club notebook which needs to be at the fairgrounds no later than the Sunday before Fair. The 4-H Members' Premise ID number with tattoo number, Scrapie ID number with tattoo number or Scrapie ID tags, or Registration Certificate with Tattoo number or Micro Chip number, will be cross-referenced with the goat(s) and the club notebook before the goat may be placed in a pen.

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### **As per Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board rules**

All animals for exhibition must be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 p.m. Monday and must remain until fair officially closes on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. or premiums and trophies will be forfeited. The only exceptions to this rule will be an animal showing health problems or unexpected emergencies.

### **Pen Tear Down**

Pen tear down will begin promptly at 8:00 Sunday night, goats **MUST BE** out of their pen **NO LATER** than 8:15.

All pens must be disassembled and the panels must be placed behind the wall pockets on the south side of the goat barn. Dairy panels are marked with yellow paint and must go in the sections marked "DAIRY". Pygmy panels are marked with red paint and must go in the sections marked "PYGMY". Pygmy panels have to be placed with the red paint either on the left or right (not top or bottom) so that 2 panels can fit side by side in each space.

### **Fudge Booth and Fundraising for the Goat Committee**

Each exhibitor must participate in all Goat Committee fundraisers. The committee's primary means of fundraising is through the sale of goat fudge, pop, and water during the week of Fair. **ONLY** goat members and parent or guardians may work in the fudge booth. No more than two teens are allowed in the Fudge Booth at any given time, unless there is an adult with them. Also, an adult must accompany any 4-H member who is 15 and under when they are working in the Fudge Booth.

### **Skillathon for Pygmy and Dairy Goat**

Skillathon will be held on a date prior to fair. Participation is **mandatory**. All junior fair goat exhibitors will participate on the designated day unless they present a valid excuse to their club advisor. Each club's advisor will be responsible for a make-up date for their club members. All make-ups must be completed by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Exhibitors who do not belong to a goat club may contact any goat advisor if they unable to attend on the designated day (with a valid reason) to arrange a make-up day.

Exhibitors need to bring with them to the skillathon:

1. Exhibitors completed Record Book
2. Exhibitors completed Member Project Handbook.
3. Exhibitors are to wear their club shirt.

Skillathon is an opportunity for exhibitors to show their skill by answering questions from the appropriate level books and by naming goat parts, recognizing different breeds etc. at different stations. Exhibitors will report to the skillathon at the pre-arranged time. Acknowledgement and rewards will be awarded at the fair as a result of skillathon scores.

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If an exhibitor does not participate in the skillathon they will **not** be permitted to bring their goat project to the fair.

**All mandatory requirements must be fulfilled or the 4-H member will not be allowed to participate in the Randolph Fair for that year.**

### **Dairy Goat Project Rules**

1. Does must be in possession of the junior fair exhibitor by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year. Junior kids born after May 1<sup>st</sup> are only to be shown if the dam is their primary 4-H project. If a doe dies or becomes ill, it may be replaced within 30 days of loss and the replacement goat may be shown at the fair if replaced by August 1<sup>st</sup> as agreed upon with the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee
2. Exhibitor must own or regularly care for one dehorned dairy goat or goats as agreed upon with advisor. Exhibitors should be responsible for most of the daily feeding, health care and record keeping. Project record books must be kept until the end of the project year and turned into their advisor.
3. 4-H exhibitors will use the Goat Resource Guide #135 – R and Record Book #135 – BD. All exhibitors will keep a lifetime record for each goat to be judged at fair.
4. First (1<sup>st</sup>) year dairy goat exhibitors may only show one goat. Exhibitors may take a second goat as a companion.
5. Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year exhibitors and above may take any number of goats with the permission of their advisor.
6. All wethers (castrated males) **MUST** be healed before the first day of the Fair. If the wether is not completely healed by check-in for Fair, then they must be checked by the vet on the Fair Grounds to decide if they can stay.
7. Bucks up to the age of three months old may participate in the Dairy Goat Show at the Fair.
8. Each dairy goat used for showmanship must also be shown in the appropriate confirmation class. All exhibitors must have worked with their goat for at least two months prior to the show.
9. Dairy goats that have won a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion at another fair may not be used as a project and shown at the Randolph Fair. They may be used for breeding and their offspring may be shown at the Fair.
10. Any dairy goat doe that has won Grand Champion for two (2) years at the Randolph Fair will only be permitted to participate in Dam and Daughter Class or the Showmanship Class.
11. If an exhibitor's only goat project dies, is injured, or becomes ill, it may be replaced with a goat of similar age and sex within 30 days of loss. The replacement goat may be shown at the Fair if replaced by August 1<sup>st</sup> as agreed upon by the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee.

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### **Dairy Goat Showmanship**

All dairy goats must be clipped within three (3) weeks of the Fair.

Dairy exhibitors are to show in a white shirt and white skirt or white pants, and be neat in appearance.

**Classes will be divided by age or years as Junior Fair exhibitor as appropriate for friendly competition.**

Each exhibitor will fit and show his or her own goat. Fitting will include condition, quality, finish, cleanliness, and general appearance of the goat.

Showmanship will include exhibitor's cleanliness, appearance, and ability to handle the goat, and knowledge of goats.

In showmanship, the exhibitor may be asked to handle another exhibitor's goat in the ring.

**Entry Forms** must be turned in to an advisor or submitted online prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May. The exhibitor will not be permitted to show his/her goat at the fair if the entry form is not turned in on time.

***All Dairy classes are subject to change depending on yearly entry forms and approval from the goat committee.***

### **Dairy Goat Showmanship Classes (Project should fit into one of these classes)**

- Jr. doe - zero to six months
- Intermediate doe – six to twelve months
- Senior doe – over 1 year old
- Dry yearling under 2 years as of the fair date. Not in milk
- Milking yearling under 2 years as of fair date
- 2-year old milker
- 3-year old milker
- Dry doe 2 years old and older
- Dam and daughter
- Junior harness goat born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year
- Intermediate harness second year with same goat
- Senior harness third year and over with same goat
- Junior wether - zero to six months
- Intermediate wether – six to twelve months
- Senior wether over 1 year old

***Exhibitors will be graded at the fair on the general care of their goat and pen. Knowledge of***

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*goats will be tested and their record keeping checked.*

### **Harness Goat Project Rules**

This is a three-year project. This project is not recommended for 1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitors unless they are an older member or have had previous experience handling goats.

1. First (1<sup>st</sup>) year exhibitor: Wether kid must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year and in possession by May 1<sup>st</sup>. A first-year harness kid should be halter broken and led with a lead strap. The goat should be able to respond to stop/go and back signals.
2. Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year exhibitor: The harness yearling should be halter broken and pull an empty cart. The animal should respond to voice commands of stop, go, back, left, and right.
3. Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year exhibitor and beyond: Harness goats will be shown pulling a child driven cart. The animal must respond to commands of stop, go, left, and right while pulling the cart through an obstacle course.

*Exhibitors who choose to replace a harness goat during this progression will start over to the new goat's age.*

### **Pygmy Goat Project Rules**

1. All Pygmy goats must be dehorned.
2. Pygmy does must have two functional teats.
3. All wethers (castrated males) **MUST** be healed before the first day of the Fair. If the wether is not completely healed by check-in for Fair, then they must be checked by the vet on the Fair Grounds to decide if they can stay.
4. Bucks up to the age of three months old may participate in the Pygmy Goat Show at the Fair.
5. Exhibitors who are purchasing goats, or borrowing goats, must have purchased the goat or assumed primary care by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** of the current year.
6. If an exhibitor's only goat project dies, is injured, or becomes ill, it may be replaced with a goat of similar age and sex within 30 days of loss. The replacement goat may be shown at the Fair if replaced by August 1<sup>st</sup> as agreed upon by the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee.
7. Exhibitors may show more than one goat after the first year, but no more than two 2 goats in any confirmation class. If an exhibitor has more than one project, they may ask another Junior Fair exhibitor to help show one of the animals.
8. Exhibitors are to show wearing their club shirt or a plain polo or plain t-shirt, dress pants, knee length skirt, or jeans neat in appearance (no shorts).
9. Each pygmy goat used for showmanship must also be shown in the appropriate confirmation class. All exhibitors must have worked with their goat for at least two months prior to the show, except as provided for in Rules # 6.
10. Pygmy goats that have won a Grand Champion or Reserve Champion at another fair may

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not be used as a project and shown at the Randolph Fair. They may be used for breeding and their offspring may be shown at the Fair.

11. Any pygmy goat doe that has won Grand Champion for two (2) years at the Randolph Fair will only be permitted to participate in Dam and Daughter Class or the Showmanship Class.
12. Any pygmy goat wether that has won Grand Champion for two years at the Randolph Fair will be placed into a Champion of Champions Wether Class. These wethers will compete against the current year Grand Champion Wether for Champion of Champions.
13. 4-H exhibitors will use the 4-H Pygmy Goat Member's Project Guide and Member's Yearly Record Book, in conjunction with the N.P.G.A. Pygmy Goat Basic Owner's Manual.
14. **Entry Forms** must be turned in to an advisor or submitted online prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May.. The exhibitor will not be permitted to show his/her goat at the Fair if the entry is not turned in on time.
15. **County skillathon** will be held on a date prior to fair. See general rules.
16. A 4-H pygmy goat member interview consists of: two project questions / two 4-H questions (interview to take place at the skillathon by a club advisor or during pen judging at the fair by a club advisor.)
17. Exhibitors will be graded at the fair on the general care of their goat(s) and pen(s). This will be monitored during fair week.

***All Pygmy classes are subject to change depending on yearly entry forms and approval from the goat committee.***

### **Pygmy Goat Showmanship Classes**

- Senior Showmanship (showing goats 7 years or more)
- Intermediate Showmanship (showing goats for 4, 5 or 6 years)
- Junior Showmanship (showing goats for 2 or 3 years)
- Senior Novice showing 1<sup>st</sup> year 13 years and older
- Junior Novice showing 1<sup>st</sup> year 12 years and younger
- Champion Showmanship
- Champion of Champions Showmanship

### **Pygmy Goat Show Classes (classes are determined yearly based on number of entries)**

The animal's age is determined from the date of birth to the day of the show.

- Junior wethers 0-12 months
- Senior wethers 1 & 2 year olds
- Senior wethers 3 & 4 year olds
- Senior wethers 5 years and above
- Baby bucks 0 to 3-month-old
- Grand Champion Wether/Reserve Grand Champion Wether
- Champion of Champions Wether
- Doe kid 0 to 3-month-old
- Junior doe kid 3 to 6-month-old

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- Senior doe kid 6 to 9-month-old
- Yearlings 9 to 12-month-old
- Junior yearlings 12 to 18-month-old
- Grand Champion Junior Doe / Reserve Grand Champion Junior Doe
- Senior yearlings 18 to 24 months' old
- Two-year-old doe
- Three-year-old and four-year-old doe
- Five-year-old doe and above
- Grand Champion Doe / Reserve Grand Champion Doe
- Dam and Daughter
- Nursing Doe (doe must be nursing kids at the fair)