

# **PORTAGE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR MARKET GOAT RULES**

The following rules established and approved by the Portage County Junior Fair Market Goat Committee (hereafter referred to as the Market Goat Committee) and the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors. Changes may be made as needed by the Market Goat Committee in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Exhibitors will be notified of any changes.

## **The responsibility of knowing and understanding any and all rules pertaining to the Portage County Randolph Junior Fair shall belong to the Junior Fair exhibitor and their parents/legal guardian.**

Anyone attending events either as an exhibitor, advisor, volunteer, parent, spectator, superintendent, judge, committee member or fair official must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct and according to the Rules and Regulations of the Portage County Agricultural Society, dba Randolph Fair. The Code of Conduct and Rules are not limited to the show ring, but are applicable to any location on the fairgrounds and to any event held at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds including, but not limited to meetings, workshops, clinics, contests, shows, county fair, etc.

The Market Goat Committee reserves the right to make any necessary changes to these rules to comply with the regulations set forth by either the Governor, Portage County Extension Office, Ohio State, and/or the Portage County Fair Board due to Covid-19 Pandemic. Exhibitors will be notified of any changes. (01/2021)

### **MEMBERSHIP AND EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY**

Exhibitors will adhere to the rules outlined by the Market Goat Committee and the Portage County Randolph Fair as established for Junior Fair Market Goat projects. Exhibitors must also adhere to the rules adopted by the Portage County Randolph Fair in accordance with the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Act and Ohio Livestock Tampering and Exhibition Rules and the Portage County Junior Fair Code of Conduct.

Exhibitors **MUST** be between the ages of 9 (or 8 and in the third grade) and 18 based on their age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Each exhibitor may bring market goat projects to the Portage County Randolph Fair based on the following schedule:

- First year Junior Fair Market Goat project participants may exhibit one market goat.
- Second year and above Junior Fair Market Goat project participants may exhibit up to two market goats.
- Note: Years are defined as total years exhibiting a Junior Fair Market Goat project and need not be consecutive in nature.

Any Market Goat exhibited at the Portage County Randolph Fair must be sold through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale and be in compliance with the Portage County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee 2-1-1 rule. The 2-1-1 rule states that a market livestock exhibitor may only sell 2 animals of one species, one animal of a second species and one animal of a third species throughout all of the market livestock auctions. For additional information on Portage County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee, see their current rules.

## **GENERAL RULES**

Market goats (wethers or does) recommended to be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Market goats are permitted to have horns; however, they must be dulled off.

Male goats must be banded for castration prior to tag in. (01/2021)

All market goats must have a scrapies tag prior to tag-in. Goats that do not have a scrapies tag will not be eligible to tag-in or weigh-in at the Portage County Randolph Fair.

Tag In and or Weigh In is mandatory for Market Beef, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Market Swine and Market Small Animals during assigned day, time and location. Exceptions must be approved by Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee. (Senior Fair Board 2019)

The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions are considered a terminal sale and must go directly to a licensed slaughter facility. All market wethers can be self-hauled but **must** be slaughtered within 45 days of the conclusion of the fair. Market does (other than Grand or Reserve) may be purchased for breeding purposes.

**All mandatory requirements must be fulfilled or the Market Goat exhibitor will not be allowed to participate in the Portage County Randolph Fair for that year.**

## **BANNER & TROPHY SPONSORS**

Banner sponsors are needed for Market Goat projects each year. Please let any Market Goat advisor know if you have a sponsor prior to the May tag-in. (1/17) (2/18) (01/2021) (1/2022)

## **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

A date (no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>), a time and a central location to be determined by the Market Goat Committee will be set for the market goat ear tagging. The date is normally the Saturday before Memorial Day. At this time and place, it is mandatory for all market goats to be administered two tamper-proof ear tags. If an ear tag falls out, the committee must be notified within 48 hours. A committee member will go out and re-tag the market goat with a new ear tag and new number within a time frame deemed appropriate by the Market Goat Committee.

Each Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor may tag-in one more goat than they can exhibit at the fair, with a maximum of 2 being taken to the fair in accordance with the Portage County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee 2-1-1 rule. If the Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor tags in more than one goat, he/she must declare a primary goat and only that exhibitor may bring that goat to the fair. An exhibitor's second or third goat may be taken to the fair by any member of his/her immediate family (immediate family as defined by the State Junior Fair rules) that is registered and eligible to exhibit a Market Goat project. A fee of \$25 per market goat tagged will be collected by the Market Goat Committee at tag in. Each exhibitor must submit a (4X6) landscape photo of exhibitor with each market goat project at weigh in to be given to buyer at auction. Failure to turn in a picture will result in your goat(s) being sold at the end of the sale.-(1/2022)

## **DAILY CARE**

Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors must be in possession and provide continual care of the market goat(s) by tag-in day; however, it is not necessary to keep the market goat at the owner's premises. Market goats may be kept at a premise other than the owners at the discretion of the Market Goat Committee. Each Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor who will NOT be keeping their project animal at their residence will be required to complete a "Housing for Market Goat Projects" registration form obtainable from their 4-H/Junior Fair advisor. This form must be submitted to the Goat Committee by the specified tag-in date. The Market Goat Committee will review

the requests and will decide to either accept or deny them. Market goats **MUST** remain in Portage County, unless previously approved by OSU Extension and Portage County Randolph Fair Board. (2/18)

### **MANDATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**

All Portage County Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors must attend an approved OSU Extension quality assurance program prior to the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which they will exhibit. Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors not meeting this requirement will **NOT** be permitted to bring their Market Goat project to the fair.

### **PRE-FAIR**

Every Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitor is required to submit a Junior Fair Market Livestock Entry Form to the Portage County Randolph Fair secretary prior to the due date. Please refer to the Portage County Randolph Fair website or fair book for deadline date and time.

The Committee recommends that all market goats be clipped prior to the Portage County Randolph Fair Market Goat Show. (02/20)

### **MARKET GOAT SKILL-A-THON**

Skill-a-thon will be held on a date prior to fair. Participation is **not mandatory**. All Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors may participate on the designated day. (2/18)

Market Goat exhibitors **should** bring their Record Book with them to skill-a-thon. (2/18)

Skill-a-thon 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 skill-a-thon at pre-arranged time. Prizes will be awarded at the fair as a result of skill-a-thon scores. (02/20)

If an exhibitor does not participate in skill-a-thon, they will receive zero points toward the OME score for their Market Goat project at the fair. (2/18)

### **WEIGH-IN AT FAIR**

All market goats that will be exhibited at the Portage County Randolph Fair **MUST** be in place in the Market Goat barns according to the guidelines set forth by the Portage County Randolph Fair Board. All market goats will go through an official weigh-in on Monday of fair week. Each animal's official weight will then be used during all of the shows and sale during the Portage County Randolph Fair. The Market Goat Committee and Sale Committee will conduct the weigh-ins according to a time schedule set up by those committees. The date, the place and the time for the weigh-in will be provided to all of the clubs with market goat exhibitors.

Market goats weighing less than 55 pounds will sell at the end of the sale unless they are selected as Grand or Reserve Grand Champion.

### **RE-WEIGH PROCEDURE AT FAIR WEIGH-IN**

**ONLY** the person taking the market goat over the scale can ask for a weigh-back and **MUST** do so before the goat returns to its pen. The person taking the goat across the scale will be given the weight and asked if they agree or disagree with the weight. If the weight is accepted (a **YES** answer), the weight stands, and the goat can return to the pen. If the weight presented is not accepted (a **NO** answer), the goat returns to the scale and is re-weighed immediately. If a goat is re-weighed, the second weight is what is used for the fair. (02/20)

## **MANDATORY STATE HEALTH/DRUG FORMS**

All Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors must completely fill out and turn in a drug use notification form (DUNF) for **each** market goat brought to the fair. Forms are to be ~~turned in to the Market Goat Committee on Monday of fair week at initial weigh in. (1/19)~~ **completed online before weigh-in on Monday. (1/2023)**

## **FAIR PROCEDURES**

Exhibitors must supply their own feed, tack and shavings at the fair. Pens must be kept clean at the fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor the cleanliness of their animal's pen. Bedding does not need to be changed during the week unless it is wet or extremely dirty.

Market goats must be fed and watered by 9:00 a.m. every day. If the exhibitor is unable to be there to feed/water their goat(s), they must make arrangements for someone else to take care of their goat(s).

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to fit and groom their market goat at the fair.

1. After arrival on the fairgrounds, each market goat project exhibitor who has shown goats for two consecutive years must groom their own animal. They may seek the advice of current Portage County Market Goat exhibitors.
2. First or second year market goat exhibitors can be assisted by parents/legal guardian, current Portage County Market Goat Exhibitor or a Portage County Market Goat Committee member. (02/20)
3. Only the following grooming products are allowed to be used to fit and groom market goats on show day: Adhesive, adhesive remover, shampoo, and colorless sheen. (01/2021)

All Jr. Fair Exhibitors in Market projects are expected to exhibit and sell their own animals. Exhibitors must be present to show in their market or showmanship class in order to be eligible to sell. Another Portage County Jr. Fair Exhibitor within the same species may show in the market class or in the sale, but not both.

Any Jr. Fair Market Exhibitor that will miss either market show or sale must submit a form to the Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee for review. Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee decision is final. If form is not submitted and the show or sale is missed the exhibitor will be paid market price. The remainder of their market proceed check will be donated to the Jr. Fair Market Livestock Sale Scholarship Fund. (Senior Fair Board 2019)

4. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be in the ring at their designated show time. (01/2022)

## **MARKET GOAT CLASSES**

Market classes will be divided by weight from lightest to heaviest with the classes being divide equally as possible. The number of market classes and the number of animals per class will be determined at the discretion of the Market Goat Committee officers. (1/17) (2/18)

Only class winners will return for the initial final drive for Grand Champion Market Goat. In the champion final drive, the judge will place five animals. As a goat is selected in the champion final drive, the next goat from its class will be brought to the champion final drive. This process will be continued until the top five animals overall have been placed. If an exhibitor cannot be found to bring their goat into the final drive, the show will proceed without them based on the discretion of the Market Goat Committee.

A Portage County Born & Raised class may be created at the discretion of the Market Goat Committee. Market goats must be born and bred in Portage County in order to be eligible for this class. This class is in addition to the market classes and will have its own separate award. The overall Market Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will not be permitted to participate in the Portage County Born & Raised. (01/17) (2/18). An exhibitor must declare born and raised at tag in. (01/2022)

### **MARKET GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors **MUST** show their own project during the showmanship class unless otherwise approved by the Market Goat Committee prior to the show. If the exhibitor has two market goats at the Fair, the exhibitor **MUST** show the same goat throughout the entire Market Goat Showmanship contest.

Showmanship will include the exhibitor's cleanliness, appearance, ability to handle the goat and knowledge of goats. The exhibitor may be asked to handle another exhibitor's goat in the ring during showmanship.

#### Showmanship Classes

Novice Class	Any Age (Instructional Only Class) (2/18)
Junior Class	age 9, 10 & 11
Intermediate Class	age 12, 13 & 14
Senior Class	age 15, 16, 17 & 18
Show of Showman class	

All ages are based on the exhibitor's age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Exhibitors that show in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Instructional Class will also show in their age-appropriate class.

If you win your class, the following year you move up to the next age class. You will stay in that age class until you win to move up or you age out. (1/2023)

#### **Show of Showman Class**

Exhibitors that will participate include:

1. Current year class winners.
2. Previous year Show of Showmanship winner.

Winner of the Show of Showmanship contest will automatically compete in next year's Show of Showman contest. Winner will return to their appropriate age class the second year after they won the Show of Showman, provided that they did not win again.

#### **Outstanding Market Exhibitor (2/18)**

The Market Goat Committee will keep records and track of each exhibitor's efforts to reward an exhibitor in each of the three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) with an award of Outstanding Market Exhibitor (OME) and an Overall Outstanding Market Exhibitor for the one with the highest score. AN exhibitor is eligible for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor award regardless of any previous winning of the award. An exhibitor's total score is the sum of their score in each of the three competitions described below.

The Overall Outstanding Market Exhibitor award is given to the exhibitor with the highest total score. Each exhibitor earns their score based on the following point system:

**Skill-a-thon – 100 points (2/18) 80 points (1/2023)**

A test (**written and hands on**) to evaluate the exhibitor's knowledge of the Market Goat project will be given to each exhibitor. ~~The person scoring the highest will be given 60 points. (1/2023)~~

~~Hands-on stations worth a total of 40 points will be set up on skill-a-thon night to test the exhibitor's knowledge and understanding of their Market Goat project. (2/18)~~

### **Showmanship contest – 80 points (2/18)**

The Goat shown by the exhibitor in the Showmanship contest will be designated as the OME Goat. Only the points from its placing in Showmanship and Market classes will be used in the determination of the OME award. In order to be eligible for the OME award, the OME Goat must be shown by the exhibitor in showmanship and market classes themselves. The exhibitor will receive their points from the age division contest according to the following schedule.

Age division placing	1 <sup>st</sup> place	80 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	78 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	75 points
	4 <sup>th</sup> place	71 points
	5 <sup>th</sup> place	66 points

~~Age class 'held' exhibitors (1/2023) That don't place in division — 63 points (1/2023)~~

All others	60 points
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Showmanship judge will place four places in the Show of Showmanship Final Drive in order to give those who are only able to show in this class an equal chance of gaining showmanship points. Points will not be added to anyone who has already received showmanship points in an earlier age division.

### **Market Goat Class (live placing) – 80 points (2/18)**

The exhibitor will receive their points from their market class contest according to the following schedule;

Weight class placing	1 <sup>st</sup> place	80 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	78 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	75 points
	4 <sup>th</sup> place	71 points
	5 <sup>th</sup> place	66 points
	All others	60 points

### **Tie Breaker**

~~The Market Goat Showmanship judge will ask questions of those exhibitors tied for first place after the showmanship judging in order for the Outstanding Market Exhibitor winners to be announced on the day of the Market Goat showmanship show. (2/18) If the judge does not want to break the tie the decision will be made by the Market Goat Committee. (02/20) If there is a tie for OME, the tiebreaker test questions from skill-a-thon will be used to determine the winner. (1/2023)~~

## **SALE**

### **Sale order:**

Grand Champion

Reserve Grand Champion

Overall Outstanding Market Exhibitor (goat tied to that award) (1/19)

Show of Showman (goat tied to that award) (1/19)

Third Place Overall

Fourth Place Overall

Fifth Place Overall

Portage County Born & Raised

First Place Market Class winners from lightest to heaviest class

Second place Market Class animals from heaviest to lightest class

Third place Market Class animals from lightest to heaviest

Fourth place Market Class animals from heaviest to lightest class

Fifth place Market Class animals from lightest to heaviest class

Sixth place Market Class animals from heaviest to lightest class

Seventh place Market Class animals from lightest to heaviest class

Any exhibitor who does not turn in a picture. (1/2022)

## **POST FAIR**

Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors are required to clean their pen at the conclusion of the fair, **once the animal has been removed from the fairgrounds. (1/2023)**

All Junior Fair Market Goat exhibitors are required to write thank-you notes to their buyers after the fair per the Portage County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee rules. The exhibitor must show proof that these letters have been written by turning the thank-you notes in to the Portage County Junior Fair Market Livestock Sale Committee treasurer. Premium checks will not be released to the exhibitor unless the letters have been turned in.