

Portage County Junior Fair Dairy and Pygmy Goat Project Rules

The following rules are established and approved by the Portage County 4-H Pygmy and Dairy Goat and Alpaca Committee and the Portage County Randolph Fair Senior Fair Board. They are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Exhibitors including any members of FFA. Changes may be made as needed by the Portage County 4-H Pygmy and Dairy Goat and Alpaca Committee in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Fair 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. Goats under 30 days old at check-in are not permitted at the Fair. **Goat kids born after June 15th @ 9:00 pm EST CANNOT be shown in the conformation classes or used for showmanship. They may only accompany the doe as a companion goat.**

Absolutely NO PREGNANT goats are permitted at fair.

All goats must have CDT shots between April 1st and July 28th.

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**, and applies to all goats over 60 days old. Without these numbers your goat will not be permitted on the Fairgrounds.

Non-Registered goats must be properly tagged.

Registered goats must be properly tagged or microchipped with the proper tattoos associated with chips.

Registered goats that have microchips **must** have the microchip number on their registration certificate. There **must** be a certificate for each registered goat at the Randolph Fairgrounds during the week of fair.

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.

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 REGISTERED GOATS EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR MUST HAVE USDA APPROVED EAR TAGS OR MICROCHIPS WITH LEGIBLE TATTOOS ASSOCIATED WITH CHIPS. MICROCHIPS MUST MATCH THE MICROCHIP NUMBER ON THE GOAT'S REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

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 1st 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.

All Goats must be leashed at all times. In addition, goats are not permitted to be chained, tied, clipped or attached to any of the show ring or outside of their pens or other pens. 4-H Members, parents, or guardians must be present with their goats at all times when out of their assigned pens. Cloverbuds are NOT permitted to be in charge of a goat outside of the pen as they are not permitted to handle live animals on the fair grounds.

No parents, or guardians are allowed to lead any goats in the show ring. Cloverbuds are not allowed to handle live animals during fair week. This includes but is not limited to- they cannot walk the goat around the barn, they cannot walk the goat in the show ring at all even during fun shows, they cannot be in control of the goat at any time. During fun shows a 4-H Member or advisor must assist in handling live animals for the cloverbuds.

It is **mandatory** for all exhibitors with a Pygmy or Dairy Goat Project who have less than (4) four years of showing experience to attend at least 2 hours of 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. If an exhibitor is unable to be there to clean their pen(s) and feed/water their goat(s), arrangements must be made for another 4-H member to take care of their goat(s). The Goat Committee will supply straw for bedding.

If there are any changes that need to be made to your entry form you **MUST** email pcdairypygmygoat@gmail.com by the first weekend of August each year. After this date no additions or changes to classes can be made and will not be accepted on the day of the show. If a goat needs to be removed due to illness or worse, that is acceptable.

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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 number of exhibitors determines the length of time each exhibitor will need to serve.

Check-in Day at Fair

When arriving at check in. Please unload your animals/tack and then **MOVE YOUR VEHICLE**. Vehicles cannot be parked at the main entrance and left unattended as others need to check in and use the small area provided for unloading.

All goats **BEFORE** entering the barn **MUST** be checked in by a club advisor and/or Goat Committee members. 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, Scrapie ID number with Scrapie ID tags, or Registration Certificate with microchip number and associated tattoos, will be cross-referenced with the goat(s) and the club notebook before the goat may be placed in a pen.

All animals for exhibition must be on the fairgrounds by 7p.m. Monday check in date and must remain until the fair officially closes on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. or trophies and prizes 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. 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

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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 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 31st. 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.

At this time all parents and family members **must** turn in the Rules Acknowledgement Form for Parents/Guardians. If this is not turned into the committee each year then the child/children will not be permitted to show in the Dairy goat or Pygmy goat show. Copies of the rules and additional forms will be present at Skillathon so it can be reviewed while the children are testing.

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.
4. Rules Acknowledgement form if not previously turned in to Advisors.

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.

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.

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Dairy Goat Project Rules

1. Does/Wethers must be in possession of the junior fair exhibitor by **May 1st** of the current year, except for goats that are under 6 months old at the start of Fair. If a goat 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 1st and agreed upon with the Portage County 4-H Pygmy and Dairy Goat and Alpaca Committee and the Portage County Randolph Fair Senior Fair Board in advance
2. Exhibitors must own or regularly care for one **dehorned** dairy goat or goats as agreed upon with the 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.
3. 4-H exhibitors will use the Goat Resource Guide #135 – R and Record Book #135 – BD or Dairy Goat Project Activities series. All exhibitors will keep a lifetime record for each goat to be judged at fair.
4. First (1st) year dairy goat exhibitors may only show one goat. Exhibitors may take a second goat as a companion.
5. 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.
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 60-90 days 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 (4-H or non 4-H) may not be used as a project and shown at the Randolph Fair for the following two (2) years. They may be used for breeding and their offspring may be shown at the Fair.
10. Any dairy goat that has won Grand Champion for 2 years at the Randolph Fair will only be permitted to participate in the fun shows for the following 2 years and the Champion of Champions 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 1st as agreed upon by the Portage County 4-H Junior Fair Goat Committee.
12. Any dairy 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 the Champion of Champions.
13. Any exhibitor that is showing a goat that does not belong to him or her must have a signed lease agreement as approved by their advisor. A signed copy must be provided to the advisor.

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14. Any dairy goat doe that has won Grand Champion for 2 years at the Randolph Fair will be placed into the Champion of Champions Doe Class. These does will compete against the current year Grand Champion Doe for Champion of Champions.
15. Dam and Daughter Class- All goats being shown must be shown in the correct confirmation classes. This will be a combination of 1 dam and 1 daughter. Both goats must be shown by 1 member, in the correct confirmation classes. 2 members cannot come together to create an entry. If one of the goats is on a 2 year show break, that would disqualify the group from being able to be shown in this class.

Dairy Goat Showmanship

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

Absolutely NO PREGNANT goats are permitted at fair.

Dairy goat exhibitors are to show in a white polo, white button up shirt. **NO T-SHIRTS**. Shirts may have the members club name listed on them. Shirt cannot have farm name or businesses listed on them.

White jeans or blue jeans or knee length skirt, with no tears, holes, fringe, beads, gems, etc., and must be neat in appearance. No Croc's or any style like them, No flip flops, No Sandals, No slides may be worn in the conformation classes. No hats of any kind can be worn when showing in the ring.

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. During 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 by **June 15th**. This is for ALL goats. Goats that are to be shown and companion goats. Each goat must have their full information listed on the entry form.

Any kids born after June 15th at 9:00 pm EST may NOT be shown in the confirmation classes. They may attend the fair as a companion goat ONLY. The exhibitor will not be permitted to show his/her goat at the fair if the entry form is not turned in on time. Companion goats must be listed on the entry form and turned in for the June 15th deadline. This way it allows the committee members to know the head count of goats and plan for pen set up to ensure your family has the needed space. If there are any changes that need to be made to your entry form you **MUST** email pcdairypygmygoat@gmail.com by the first weekend of August each year. After this date no additions or changes to classes can be made and will not be accepted on the day of the show. If a goat needs to be removed due to illness or worse, that is acceptable.

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All Dairy classes are subject to change depending on yearly entry forms and approval from the goat committee. Absolutely NO PREGNANT goats are permitted at fair.

Dairy 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 1st year 13 years and older
- Junior Novice showing 1st year 12 years and younger
- Champion Showmanship
- Champion of Champions Showmanship

Dairy 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 60 days-180 days
- Intermediate wethers 181 days to 12 months
- Senior wethers 1 & 2 years old
- Senior wethers 3 & 4 years old
- Senior wethers 5 years and above
- Baby bucks 60-90 days old
- Grand Champion Wether/Reserve Grand Champion Wether
- Champion of Champions Wether
- Jr. doe 60 days to 180 days
- Intermediate doe 181 days to 12 months
- Senior doe 1 & 2 year olds
- Senior doe 3 & 4 years old
- Senior doe over 5 years old
- Dry yearling- Never Bred- under 2 years as of fair date- NEVER 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
- Grand Champion Doe / Reserve Grand Champion Doe
- Champion of Champions Doe (this class is for current year Grand Champion and all past year Grand Champions)
- Dam and daughter (one dam and one daughter) must be shown in confirmation class
1 Member- Both goats must be shown by one member.
- Junior harness goat born after January 1st of current year
- Intermediate harness second year with same goat
- Senior harness third year and over with same goat

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Harness Goat Project Rules

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

1. First (1st) year exhibitor: Wether kid must be born after January 1st of current year and in possession by May 1st. 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 (2nd) 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 (3rd) 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 60-90 days 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 1st** of the current year except for goats that are under 6 months old at the start of Fair.
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 1st 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 polo, a plain polo or a button up dress 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 (4-H or non-4-H) may not be used as a project and shown at the Randolph Fair for the following two (2) years. They may be used for breeding and their offspring may be shown at the Fair.
11. Any pygmy goat that has won Grand Champion for (2) years at the Randolph Fair will only be permitted to participate in the fun shows for the following 2 years and the Champion of Champions Class.

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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 by June 15th. 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. Any exhibitor that is showing a goat that does not belong to him or her must have a signed lease agreement as approved by their advisor. A signed copy must be provided to the advisor.
17. Any pygmy goat Doe that has won Grand Champion for two years at the Randolph Fair will be placed into a Champion of Champions Doe Class. These does will compete against the current year Grand Champion Doe for Champion of Champions.

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 1st year 13 years and older
- Junior Novice showing 1st year 12 years and younger
- Champion Showmanship
- Champion of Champions Showmanship

Pygmy Goat Show Classes

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

- Junior wethers 60 days to 12 months
- Senior wethers 1 & 2 year olds
- Senior wethers 3 & 4 year olds
- Senior wethers 5 years and above
- Baby bucks 60-90 days old
- Grand Champion Wether/Reserve Grand Champion Wether
- Champion of Champions Wether
- Doe kid 60 days to 3-month-old
- Junior doe kid 3 to 6-month-old
- 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

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- 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
- Champion of Champions Doe (this class is for current year Grand Champion and all past year Grand Champion)
- Dam and Daughter (one dam and one daughter) must be shown in confirmation class 1 Member- Both goats must be shown by one member.
- Nursing Doe (doe must be nursing kids at the fair)

Goat Fun Shows- Sign up at fair for participation in these shows

- **Costume show**
 - Classes will be broken down by age of the 4-H Member.
 - Cloverbuds will have a 4H member or advisor help handle the goat to be shown.
 - Restrictions on the size of the costume- Cannot be larger than 3 foot wide by 5 foot tall and no more than 1 inch past your goats behind.
 - Only allowed to use 1 (**ONE**) goat per member for the costume contest. Multiple goats cannot be used.
- **Dress A Goat**
 - Classes will be broken down by age of the 4-H Member.
 - Cloverbuds will have a 4H member or advisor help handle the goat to be shown.
- **Goat Obstacle**
 - Classes will be broken down by age of the 4-H Member.
 - Cloverbuds will have a 4H member or advisor help handle the goat to be shown.
 - This is a timed event. If you have not made it through the course in 3 mins then you will be timed out and done with the course.
 - Members can use any snack that they choose to get the goat to follow. If possible please use a container that keeps the snack contained so the course does not have treats sprinkled in it.
- **Goat Races**
 - Classes will be broken down by age of the 4-H Member.
 - Cloverbuds will have a 4H member or advisor help handle the goat to be shown.
 - This is a timed event. If you have not made it through the course in 3 mins then you will be timed out and done with the course.
 - Members can use any snack that they choose to get the goat to follow. If possible please use a container that keeps the snack contained so the course does not have treats sprinkled in it.

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Rules Acknowledgement Form for Parents/Guardians

I hereby confirm that I have read and received the 'Portage County Junior Fair Dairy and Pygmy Goat Project Rules'.

I have read and understand the contents of this Rule Book, and will act in accordance with these policies and procedures. I have explained the contents of the Rule Book to my child. I agree that I am responsible for my child's adherence to the policies of this Rule Book.

I understand that this Rule Book supersedes any other previously issued Rule Book and that all previous versions are hereby revoked.

I understand that the Goat Committee reserves the right to add, amend, modify, or discontinue any of the policies and procedures as set forth in the Rule Book at any time, with or without notice.

Print Name

Signature

Name of Child/Children

Club Name

Date Signed