

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE RULES

Updated 2026



INTRODUCTION

The following rules established and approved by the Portage County 4-H/Junior Small Animal Committee (hereafter referred to as the SAC), and the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board (aka fair board) are binding upon all Portage County Junior Fair Small Animal exhibitors. Changes may be made as needed by the Small Animal Committee in cooperation with the Portage County Randolph Senior Fair Board. Exhibitors will be notified of any changes.

PORTAGE COUNTY RANDOLPH SENIOR FAIR BOARD:

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 Fair grounds including, but not limited to, meetings, workshops, clinics, contests, shows, county fair, etc.

Exhibitors will adhere to the rules outlined by the SAC and The Portage County Randolph Fair as established for Junior Fair Small Animal 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.

The SAC and show volunteers are not responsible for lost, misplaced, stolen, broken or otherwise damaged displays or posters. Every attempt will be made to enclose the Cloverbud display in a clear plastic covering if possible. It is not the Committee's responsibility to ensure the well-being of any part of this display, though every attempt will be made to do so.

Disciplinary Actions:

Any infraction of the regulations will result in the following progressive disciplinary actions:

FIRST INFRACTION: the sub-committee chair or designee will bring the problems or issues to the advisor's attention by the day of the issue. Documents verbal discussion with the appropriate sub-committed regarding issues.

SECOND INFRACTION: Documented written warning from Small Animal Barn Superintendent, Small Animal Committee President, Fair Board and Extension Office will be notified.

THIRD INFRACTION: Meeting with Small Animal Barn Superintendent for removal of participation for next year's fair. The Fair Board and Extension Office will be notified by the SAC President of decision.

Portage County Small Animal Committee

Meeting Agenda for Small Animal Committee

- 7:00pm-Meeting called to order
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Reading and Approving Treasurer's report
 - Present and Approve bills
- Other Updates/Reports
 - Auction
 - Barn Duty & Work Night
 - County Updates
 - Fair board Updates
 - Rules
- Committee Sub-committee Updates
 - Activities (Cloverbud Show, Costume Show, Fun Show & Rooster Crowing)
 - Cats (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Cavy (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Fundraiser/Concession
 - Market Poultry (Show & Skill a thon)
 - Non-Market Poultry (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Pocket Pets & Reptiles (Show & Showmanship)
 - Rabbits (Show, Showmanship & Skill a thon)
 - Awards (Scholarships, Banners, Ribbons & Trophies)
- Youth Rep Updates/Questions/Concerns
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Pre-Fair Regulations

Ownership of Animals:

1. Animals must be owned by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors by June 1st.
2. Exceptions would be Rabbit/Pocket Pet/Cavy Litter pens, Market Rabbit Pens, Market and Non-Market Poultry Pens where there is a specific age range
 - a. All mothers of the above litter pens must be owned by the 4-H/Jr. Fair member.
3. Animal welfare home visits may be made by the Small Animal Committee members. Committee member's family may be visited by another Committee member. Family will be contacted prior to welfare check.

Entry Forms:

1. All entries that are to be shown at the fair must have a completed entry form which includes all information requested on the entry form. Do not leave sections blank.
2. The deadline for entries is no later than the June SAC Meeting. No entries will be accepted after the June meeting.
3. All entries will be shown as indicated on the entry form. The entry will be judged according to the entry form.
4. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be enrolled in the project they intend to show in through 4-H Online/Jr. Fair.

5. There is a \$3.00 entry fee for non-market, single animal entries and \$5.00 entry fee per market and litter pen entries in the Small Animal or the Rabbit barn. This includes animals that are show & go (entries that come in for the day of show and then are taken home following the show). The entry fee is due at the June Small Animal Committee Meeting with entry form and is non-refundable.

Skill a Thon Rules:

1. If 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors wish to help administer the test, the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must first go through the test before they can help administer it or forfeit their right to take that test.
2. Mandatory: There must be at least 1 advisor or parent from each 4-H Small Animal Club signed up to assist during Skillathon.
3. The age breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Novice: 1st time enrolled in that project (any age).
 - b. Juniors: 9-11 years old, 4-H age (as of Jan 1st current year).
 - c. Intermediate: 12-14 years old, 4-H age (as of Jan 1st current year)
 - d. Seniors: 15-18 years old, 4-H age (as of Jan 1st current year)

Fair Regulations

Barn Information:

1. All animals, displays, and decorations must remain in place until the Barn Superintendent or representative releases them. Any deviation from this rule will result in non-participation at the Portage County Randolph Fair the following year. This includes crocks, water bottles, bowls, etc.
2. No carriers, boxes or containers are permitted to be left in the barns during fair week. They must be brought in at release time Sunday night.
3. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors registered in the barn that have animals that come the day of the show only or have transported to the processor, may borrow another animal displayed for the week with the owner's permission to use for the Costume and Fun Shows.
4. All animals must stay in the Small Animal barn or the Rabbit barn. Except for transportation to auctions or open shows.
5. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors/participants may only use battery operated fans directed on or in their pens.
6. Only club tack boxes are permitted, no individual tack boxes allowed.
7. All new tack boxes coming to the fair must not exceed 3'X3'X5" (Width of 3 feet, depth of 3 feet and height of 5 feet). All tack boxes must be on working casters.
8. All pens must be cleaned, taken down (disassembled) and returned to the lean-to at the close of the fair before going home.
9. Cages must be cleaned by:
 - a. 8:00pm Monday prior to fair
 - b. 9:00am Tuesday through Sunday of fair week. Barn rules over club rules.
 - c. Night/evening pen cleaners, their pen cleaning time is to be completed between 7pm-10:00pm each day.
10. Parents should not be at show tables while the 4-Her is showing their animal. The only exception to this is for market chickens, market turkeys, and 4-H Winning Plans.

Check-In Day:

1. All small animals must be checked in and in their pens by designated check-in day and time. Exhibitors' name plates must be in place by the start of the fair. Name plates must have the exhibitor's name and club name on them. (Do not use foam or toxic materials).
2. Check-in is on the Sunday before the fair from 11:00am-7:00pm.
3. Any sub-committee member that is scheduled to check in animals for that sub-committee may check in their family's animals from 10:30am-11am.
4. Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) must be submitted online as per current Junior Fair Rules in the Fair book. One form per pen.

Feed and Water:

1. Exhibitors are responsible for their own food.
2. Feed and water containers:
 - a. Require all exhibitors to bring their own water and feed dishes/bottles. For poultry and waterfowl, 1-gallon containers are preferred.
3. Do not feed your animal grass from the fairground. It may have been sprayed for insect control.

Pens:

1. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 10 entries (e.g. 1 litter pen=1 entry, showing doe is separate from litter=1 entry, so that equals a total of 2 entries) in the Small Animal/Rabbit Barns.
2. No padlock is permitted on any cages. You may use zip ties if you provide them and bring your own tools to remove.
3. When cleaning pens, put used bedding in the proper location only. DO NOT put bedding in trash cans.
4. No commercial signs, advertisements or business cards permitted on any pens.
5. Cavy personal cages can only be brought to the fair for Skinny or litters that might be able to fit through the wires of the fair cages. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must bring their own cage (Skinny or litter), the cages cannot be larger than 20"X24". If there are any concerns, please contact the show chair.
6. Barn cage set up diagram must be reviewed and approved by the Small Animal Committee, sub-committees and barn superintendent prior to installation.

Show and Go Projects:

1. Projects must be brought in on the day of the show in an appropriate, safe and healthy carrier with food and water as needed.
2. The show and go project(s) must arrive in the barn 30 minutes before the project's show begins.
3. The show and go project(s) must be removed from the Small Animal barn within 30 minutes of the end of the show.

Showmanship Rules-All Species:

1. Sign up through fair entry to participate in your species showmanship.
2. The age breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Novice: 1st time enrolled in that project (any 4-H age).
 - b. Juniors: 9-11 years old, 4-H age (age as of Jan 1st current year).
 - c. Intermediate: 12-14 years old, 4-H age (age as of Jan 1st current year).
 - d. Seniors: 15-18 years old, 4-H age (age as of Jan 1st current year).
3. Poultry exhibitors may borrow a non-market poultry animal with permission.

Private Animal Sales:

1. All sales of small animals are to be handled by the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who should be available in the Small Animal barn.
2. For Sale signs may be posted after the species show is completed, not before.
3. Private sale animals will be released from the barn at designated release time.
4. All animals being offered for sale at the fair must be tagged with a sign with the following information: Exhibitor's Name, Club Name, Telephone Number and with or without pedigree papers.
5. Failure to follow set sale rules will eliminate you from selling any animals in the Small Animal/Rabbit barn the following year.

Auction Rules:

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair market exhibitors must meet current eligibility rules as noted below, but not limited to:
 - a. Enrolled in that market project.

- b. Complete Quality Assurance requirements.
 - c. SAC entry form.
 - d. Complete Fair Entry.
2. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors that are auction 4-H/Jr. exhibitors must find their own buyers.
3. The number of animals each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may sell at the Livestock Sale will be limited to 2/1/1. Example: 2 sheep, 1 pen of chickens and 1 pen of rabbits. There will be a maximum of 2 small animal market entries per exhibitor. Small Animals for Auction consist of the following:
 - a. Chickens (150CM)-Pen of 2
 - b. Rabbits (228MA)-Pen of 3
 - c. Turkey (150TM)-Pen of 1
 - d. Duck (150DM)- Pen of 1
 - e. Goose (150GM)-Pen of 1
4. 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 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 Suspension of Participation form to the Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee for review. The form is available on the fair website Sr. Fair Board Market Livestock Committee decision is final. If the form is not submitted and the show or sale is missed, the exhibitor will be paid the market price. The remainder of their market proceeds check will be donated to the Jr. Fair Market Livestock Sale Scholarship Fund.
5. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors need to remain at the auction until their market species have finished selling the last “donated back” animal/pen.
6. 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. No exceptions.

Barn and Concession Stand Duty:

1. All 4-H/Jr. Fair clubs in the Small Animal & the Rabbit barn must do barn and concession duty during the fair.
2. Clubs are responsible for the Small Animal barn, the Rabbit barn and the area around the barns.
3. While on duty, you are to check water containers and water as needed without opening the cage.
4. Don't feed animals.
5. Even with clubs on barn duty, each member/exhibitor is responsible for keeping their own area clean and picked up.
6. An adult must be present at all times in the concession stand. If there is no adult present, then your club will be fined \$50 for each time an assigned adult didn't show.
7. Rules for Complimentary Beverages:
 - a. Free coffee, hot tea and water bottles are provided for judges and those working at the show only during their show.
 - b. No free drinks or candy for any 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.

Activities: Cloverbud, Costume and Fun Show, Rooster Crowing:

Cloverbud Small Animal Display-In addition to general rules:

1. Cloverbuds must be a registered, active 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor with an established Portage County 4-H/Jr. Fair club.
2. Cloverbud pens must be set up on Sunday or Monday by 8pm. Cloverbuds must turn in an entry form at the June SAC meeting even if they do not want to decorate a pen. Cloverbuds do not need to decorate a pen to participate in the Cloverbud show.
3. Cloverbuds may create their own “Cloverbuddy” to display in the Small Animal barn at the Portage County Randolph Fair during the entire fair week. At the end of fair, during barn teardown, all items must be removed from the display and the pen taken down and stored.

4. Display space is limited by barn space availability in the 4-H Small Animal barn and should be accompanied by a cage tag.
5. All entries should be marked with an ownership label (put your name on it) in an inconspicuous place, i.e. at the bottom of foot or wherever the display meets the shelf. Consider describing this as a tattoo.
6. Cloverbuds may tear down their exhibit after the Cloverbud show.

Costume Show-In addition to general rules:

1. The backdrop and/or costume should not be larger than 28"X28".
2. Must be able to fit on the table.
3. Only one entry per member.
 - a. May use one or more animal.
 - b. May join together for a combined entry. This equals 1 trophy.
4. Open to all Small Animal project members except Cloverbuds.
5. No show and go animals can be used in this show.
 - a. Members may borrow another member's small animals with the owner's permission.

Fun Show-In addition to general rules:

1. Only one entry per member - may use one or more animals; members may join together for a combined entry, this equals one trophy.
2. Open to all Small Animal Project Members except Cloverbuds.
3. No show and go animals can be used in this show; members may borrow another member's small animal with the owner's permission.

Rooster Crowing Show

1. The contest is open to any 4-H/Jr. Fair Exhibitor and any registered rooster at the fair.
2. The rooster does not need to be registered with you but you must have permission from its owner.
3. Judging is based on the number of times that your rooster crows in the allotted time.
4. The 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors who are participating must stay with their roosters during the entire show.
5. Verbal coaching of the rooster is permitted during the show.
6. Sign-up sheets are available during fair week at the advisor's table in the Small Animal barn.

Cat Rules-In addition to general rules:

1. The certificate must be dated a minimum of 30 days before the show. Rabies certificate must be included with fair entry sign up.
2. Cat entries must be completed in online entry system prior to the show date or the general county deadline whichever occurs first.
3. All kittens/cats must be on leashes or harnesses.
4. All kittens/cats must be in good health. No open sores, wounds or fleas.
5. No nursing queens.
6. All kittens/cats must be brought in a secure carrier.
7. Kittens must be 4 months to 9 months old by the show date.
8. Cats must be 9 months old by show date.
9. Only one (1) entry per age and class per 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor.
10. Pure breed does not show against domestic cats.
11. All cat entries will participate in showmanship during the cat show.

Cavy Rules- In addition to general rules:

1. Senior boar or sow- over 32oz
2. Intermediate boar or sow-22oz-32oz
3. Junior boar or sow-12oz-22oz
4. All cavy 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own food.
5. No nursing sows.

6. Litter pens must be 2 weeks old and not nursing.

Pocket Pet Rules-In addition to the general rules:

1. Pocket Pets (Small Animal 4-H Project #220)
 - a. Acceptable species are gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats, chinchillas, ferrets, hedgehogs and degas.
2. Limited to 5 Jr. Fair entries per species.
3. Exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closure (no padlock) and proper ventilation. Bedding is the member's responsibility.
4. Litter pen: no nursing females. Mother must accompany the litter to the fair.
5. Chinchillas and ferrets are required to be show and go projects. Other pocket pets may be show and go.
6. Ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination. Rabies certificate must be included with the online entry submission. The certificate must be dated a minimum of 30 days before the fair show date.

Reptile Rules- In addition to the general rules:

1. Reptiles (Small Animal 4-H Project #365 Self-determined)
 - a. Acceptable species Reptiles (lizards, turtles, snakes), Amphibians (salamanders, newts, frogs), Arthropods (spiders, hermit crabs)
2. Limited to 5 Jr. Fair entries per species.
3. Spiders and scorpions will stay at the fair all week. No venomous creatures are permitted on the fairgrounds.
4. Reptile 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must provide their own cages with secure closures (no padlock) and proper ventilation.
5. Reptiles requiring daily food must have leftover food removed each day and fresh food supplied.
6. Electrical connections for lights and heating units will be provided.
7. Reptiles may stay the entire week of the fair or can be Show and Go.
8. Judging will be based on 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor's completion of the Reptiles & Amphibians Idea Starter Project (#365.13) and supplemental questions, his/her animal and its habitat.
9. An educational poster to display at the fair is also required.
10. No reptile will be permitted outside its cage without the supervision of an advisor or the judge.
11. Hands must be promptly disinfected/washed after handling any reptiles.

General Poultry Rules- In addition to general rules:

Definition of Poultry-Poultry is defined for the purpose of this document as any fowl falling into the following groups: chickens, pheasants, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl, grouse, ducks, geese and turkey. Poultry does not include pigeons and doves.

1. Pullorum Testing
 - a. If you are bringing poultry to fair, pullorum testing must be completed as follows:
 - i. If exhibiting market poultry, testing on poultry already on the property must happen prior to market bird pick up.
 - ii. If only exhibiting non-market poultry, testing must be completed by Aug 1.
 - b. Pullorum testing-refer to the Ohio revised code: 901:1-18-05 Poultry Fowl.
 - c. The SAC provides testers and antigen for testing. Testing will be done in the spring when the weather begins to warm up.
 - d. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors are responsible for calling one of the testers to schedule the test. **Chickens, game birds and other poultry must be 4 months of age or older to be tested.**
 - e. It is the tester's discretion if they decide to test flocks with external parasites.
 - f. Pullorum testers can test their own flocks.

- g. The Pullorum paperwork must be included with online entry form, this includes paperwork from a pullorum free hatchery.
- h. Turkey 12 weeks and older on property must be tested by veterinarian.

Market Poultry Rules-In addition to general rules:

Ordering Market Poultry

1. All market poultry projects must be ordered through the Small Animal Committee.
2. Communication will be sent to all families regarding the ordering of market poultry. Market poultry must be ordered online for each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor (not a family order) by the deadline.
3. This will be the time to sign up for a market job during and after the fair. The market poultry committee will then assign jobs after the entry forms are received and notify club advisors of the job assignment.
4. The failure of the family to show up or find a replacement for the assigned job and complete their assigned job will result in the family's club being fined \$150 per non-compliant family for lack of family support to the market poultry committee. If all of the market animals die or the project does not come to the fair the family is still required to fulfill their assigned jobs or find a replacement.
5. All non-compliance fees must be paid by November Small Animal Committee meeting. Families cannot participate in small animal market projects for future years until fees are paid.
6. Market animals must be picked up within the designated timeframe or the animals, and the purchase cost will be forfeited.

Check-In Rules:

1. Animals must meet or exceed the following weights.
 - a. Market chickens-Birds will be 7-9 weeks old with a minimum weight of 6 lbs. each. There will be 2 birds to a pen.
 - b. Market turkey-Birds will be 17-20 weeks old and a minimum of 18 lbs. each and is a hen show/sale only.
 - c. Market ducks: Ducks will be at least 7 weeks old with a minimum weight of 5 lbs. each.
 - d. Market geese: Geese will be 16-19 weeks old with a minimum weight of 7 lbs. each.
2. All birds must be washed and dry before they can be checked in. Dirty birds may be sent home at the discretion of the market poultry sub-committee
3. Once the poultry is brought to the check-in table, checked in and banded, there will be no changes/switching out birds.
4. The entire pen needs to be checked in at the same time.
5. DUNF forms must be submitted online as per current Junior Fair rules in the Fair Book at check-in.
6. All poultry needs pullorum tested or proof or purchase from pullorum free hatchery before entering the fairgrounds. If not tested, they cannot participate in the fair. Waterfowl doesn't need pullorum tested.

Death of a bird:

1. Death of an animal in a multiple market animal pen exhibit (chicken) or in a single market animal pen exhibit (turkey, duck, goose):
 - a. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors wish to participate in the auction, they must replace the dead market animal prior to the auction.
 - b. If the market animal goes through the auction and is not replaced load out, all the proceeds of the sale are forfeited to SAC.
2. Any animal purchased through SAC cannot be shown in the non-market division the same year.

Market Poultry Showing

1. All market 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitors will be responsible for the showing of their own animals. This includes taking the animal from the cage if needed, to the show area or to the show table to be judged.
2. If the exhibitor is not physically able to handle their animal, they may have someone show their animal, but they must be next to the person showing it.
3. If the exhibitor has someone else show their animal and they are physically able to show this animal, then they will only be paid the market price. The remainder of the sale will go to the scholarship fund.
4. If the 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor is unable to be present for the show, it is his/her responsibility to designate another 4-H/Jr. Fair Poultry exhibitor or 4-H/Jr. Fair Parent to present his/her bird(s) for judging. Market project participants must refer to the Fair board Rule under Auction Rules.
5. Committee members will NOT be responsible for removing any poultry from their cages.
6. If the bird(s) are not presented for judging, they will place last in their class and/or last in their species.

Market Poultry Sale Order Determination

1. The Judge will place the Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd through 10th for each species.
2. The donated pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion and before the 3rd place pen.
3. First place Skill-a-thon winners will sell after the 10th place pen in their species starting with the Senior Class and ending with the Novice class.
4. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (10th) pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back-to-back until all that species has sold. (04/2018 Fair Board)

Hauling to Processors:

1. Hauling times will be announced prior to fair week.
2. The Auction Animals of the Small Animal or the Rabbit Barn will be loaded onto the processor's truck, and the pens will be taken down and barn cleaned.
3. Load out adults will be assigned as a market duty.
4. All Auction 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be present to remove pens, clean the barn and rearrange as needed. Times will be announced prior to fair week.

Non-Market Poultry Rules – In addition to general rules:

1. The Non-Market Poultry Committee follows the Standard Book of Perfection as a guideline.
2. All poultry must be pullorum tested or proof of purchase from pullorum free hatchery before entering the fairgrounds. If not tested, they cannot participate in the fair. Waterfowl doesn't need pullorum tested.
3. The age and breed of bird is required information on the entry form. (If the above information is not known, please contact the appropriate poultry chair for assistance.)
4. All forms must be completed, and a copy retained by the family of the exhibitor for entry day.
5. The Non-Market Poultry Committee will no longer require the banding of birds. Birds may be banded with temporary color-coded plastic bands if more than one bird of the same breed and sex is entered by the same exhibitor.
6. Pens will be supplied for all poultry except for quail. Quail must be in a secure cage which has been approved by the Poultry Committee. It is recommended, but not required, that pheasants be housed in a cage brought from home. These cages must also meet approval.
7. There will be one fancy bird per pen unless otherwise dictated by the committee.
8. Any animal purchased through SAC cannot be shown in the non-market division the same year.

Rabbit Rules – In addition to general rules:

1. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors must be in the Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Project.
2. Rabbits are shown following the ARBA book of standards as a guideline.
3. All rabbits entered must have a permanent legible tattoo in the left ear prior to being checked in at the fair.
4. Tattoos must match what is on the entry form.
5. No movement of rabbits to other pens without prior approval from a member of the Rabbit subcommittee. Non-approved movement may result in awards being forfeited.
6. Per ARBA Standards, fixed/neutered rabbits are not permissible to show and are to be disqualified for alterations, therefore they are deemed pet rabbit and are not shown at fair.
7. **Utility Class**
 - a. This class is done by weight.
 - b. Small Bucks and Does weighing under 7 pounds.
 - c. Large Bucks and Does weighing 7 or more pounds.
8. **Litter Pens**
 - a. Does must stay with her litter.
 - b. Age limit is 6-8 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
 - c. It must be in Breeding Rabbit or Market Rabbit Book.
 - d. Each 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor will only be allowed to bring three (3) litter pens to the Fair.
9. **Market Rabbit Project:**
 - a. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor must be in the Market Rabbit Project.
 - b. Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits from the same litter.
 - c. Age limit is 8–10 weeks old as of entry day of fair.
 - d. Each market rabbit must weigh between 3 to 5 1/2 pounds.
 - e. 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors may not show these rabbits in the regular rabbit show.
 - f. 4-H/Jr Fair Exhibitor must also bring and show the doe of the market pen and it must be included on the entry form with tattoo #. The doe will be considered one of the 10 pens.
 - g. There is no sharing of a doe between family members or club members who are market rabbit exhibitors.
 - h. The emphasis of judging for meat pens will be on meat type, (confirmation), condition of flesh, uniformity in body and weight, condition of fur, and uniformity of exhibit (all 3 animals).
 - i. Animals must have meat type characteristics.
 - j. All meat pens that do not conform to the requirements and are disqualified will be sent home.
 - k. If one (1) rabbit in the pen weighs less than the minimum or more than the maximum weight, the entire pen will be disqualified or moved to one (1) Fryer Pen and the other two (2) will be sent home.
 - l. Fryer Pens – 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor may change from a Meat Pen to a Fryer Pen, if their entire meat pen doesn't meet the Market Rabbit rule requirement of 3 to 5 1/2 pounds, or if one of their meat rabbits die.
 - m. Exhibitors will then be allowed to enter one (1) rabbit per meat pen entered as a fryer or have a meat pen and one (1) fryer pen – following the SAC market rule. The rabbit entered, as a fryer must follow the Market Rabbit Rules of 3-5 1/2 pounds, 8-10 weeks old.
10. **Market Rabbit Sale Order Determination**
 - a. The Rabbit Sale Order will be determined as follows:
 - b. The Judge will place the Grand Champion Rabbit Pen, Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.

- c. The rest of the sale order will be determined by adding 2 to the last placed (6th) pen number placed by the judge. The sale will proceed in sequential order from that number. If the child has more than 1 pen to sell, then they will sell both of their pens back-to-back until all of that species has sold. (04/2018 FB)
- d. The donated rabbit pen(s) will sell after the Reserve Champion Rabbit Pen and before the 3rd place pen.
- e. The Fryer Pens will be placed in the sale order after all regular Market Rabbit Pens (3 rabbits in a pen) sell, starting with 1st place and continuing down to 6th place per the judge's determination.

11. Pet Rabbit Project:

- a. Exhibitors are not permitted to bring their animal to the fair because the state 4-H office's interpretation of "Pet Rabbit" is that the animal is housed in the house, away from the weather elements and stress. They are strictly companion animals which means inside.
- b. All 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitors in this book may Participate in Grade Day prior to the Fair. 11/10/25- Dan Martin made a motion to approve. Seth Allen 2nd. Motion passed.

Scholarships:

1.4-H Camp Scholarships

- a. Requests for camp scholarships can be submitted to the Small Animal Committee for up to \$25.00. These scholarships are for any Small Animal 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor needing assistance with camp fees. Requests are to be submitted in writing by the June Small Animal Committee meeting. Requests should include member's name, member's address, club and a short description of their needs.
- b. Limited to 12 individuals. Will be awarded on a 1st time basis. Then, if any scholarships remain, they will go to 2nd year, 3rd year, etc. until 12 scholarships have been given out.

2. Richard Mansfield Scholarship

- a. The purpose of the Richard H. Mansfield Memorial Scholarship is to recognize the special small animals 4-H/Jr. Fair exhibitor who has shown a profound interest in their project area. High school seniors and vocational/college freshman as of January 1st of the award year may apply. The scholarship is awarded to one individual per year and has a value of \$500 with a certificate, which will be presented on opening day of fair. The scholarship may only be received one (1) time.
- b. Applications must be submitted no later than June 1st to the extension office and are available on the OSU Extension website under Youth Opportunities.

Small Animal Fair Schedule

	2025		2026		Highlighted in Orange are Changes
Sub-Committee	Day	Time	Day	Time	Comments:
Check-in	Sunday	11am-7pm	Sunday	11am-7pm	
Market Poultry	Tuesday	8:30am	Tuesday	8:30am	Skillathon awards announced prior to show
Rabbits	Tuesday	8:30am	Tuesday	8:30am	Skillathon awards announced prior to show
Cavy-Show & Showmanship	Tuesday	2:00pm	Tuesday	2:00pm	Skillathon awards announced prior to show Showmanship after the show
Small Animal Auction	Wednesday	5:00pm	Wednesday	5:00pm	
Fun Show	Thursday	5:00pm	Wednesday	12:00pm	Location: Rabbit Barn
Non-Market Poultry	Wednesday	8:15am	Thursday	8:15am	Skillathon awards announced prior to show
Poultry Showmanship	Wednesday	3:00pm	Thursday	3:00pm	
Rabbit Showmanship	Friday	9:00am	Friday	9:00am	
Costume Show	Friday	1:30pm	Friday	1:30pm	
Pocket Pets Show and Showmanship	Friday	3:00 pm	Friday	3:00pm	
Reptiles Show and Showmanship	Friday	5:00pm	Friday	4:00pm	
Rooster Crowing	Sunday	11:00am	Sunday	12:00pm	
Cloverbud	Sunday	1:00pm	Sunday	1:00pm	
Barn Closes	Sunday	8:00pm	Sunday	8:00pm	