Pickaway County 4-H Dog Rules

Refer to the following website for Ohio 4-H Dog Program information:

www.go.osu.edu/dog

Project information, opportunities and Ohio State Fair dog information will also be listed on the Pickaway County Extension website http://pickaway.osu.edu

Project Eligibility

- 4-H members must be enrolled in the appropriate project in which they plan to show Project #200 to participate in All About Dogs class; #201D to participate in the You and Your Dog class; Project #201O to show in Obedience classes; Project #201S to show in Showmanship classes; Project # 201P to show in performance classes such as agility, drill team and freestyle; Project #201W to show in the Assistance Dog class.
- 2. Youth enrolled in #200 should not be entered in any other dog projects. As this project does not require a dog, no dogs are permitted to be brought to project judging. Project #200 does not require permission or vaccination forms.
- 3. 4-H dog registration forms must be turned in to the Extension office by **MAY 1** (if May 1 falls on a week-end then forms are due the Monday following). If you are not registered, you will not participate in any of the dog project activities at the county fair. Registrations are required for the following dog projects: You and Your Dog, Obedience, Showmanship, Performance, and Working Dogs.
- 4. To advance to the state, You and Your Dog members must utilize the 2017 version of the 4-H Dog Project and Record Book at the State Fair.
- 5. For Showmanship judging and You and Your Dog interviews questions asked during the interview will come from www.go.osu.edu/dog. The Dog Resource Handbook was updated for 2016. To continue using the 2012 book, we recommend you view/print the updates which can be found on the State Dog website.
- 6. 4-H members enrolled in Working Dogs #201W are eligible to show in the Assistance Dog class, and are eligible to show in You and Your Dog, Showmanship and/or Obedience provided they are also enrolled in each of the respective projects.
- 7. Only domestic dogs can be shown. Wolf and wolf hybrids are not permitted.
- 8. All state and county laws pertaining to vicious dogs will be upheld and no dog under this law will be shown in Pickaway County.
- 9. All dogs exhibited must be six months of age by the date of the show. This includes Pilot Dog puppies and other assistance dogs. Dogs exhibited in Agility must be 18 months or older. Proof of age is the burden of the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family. Dogs not meeting this age requirement cannot be shown.
- 10. The project advisor of all dog obedience projects <u>reserves</u> the right to drop any dog if they feel it is in the best interest of the club; for example, if the 4-H member appears too small or too young to handle the dog. A good rule to follow is the handler should be twice the weight of the dog.

Ownership

Dogs participating in Obedience, Showmanship, Drill Team, Agility, Rally, Brace, and Freestyle activities must either be owned by the junior fair exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family. Ownership of Assistance Dogs is respective of each applicable organization. Dogs must be in the continual care of the junior fair exhibitor for the duration of the project. The date of ownership must be no later than April 1, or earlier as the date specified by the exhibitor's county. Proof of ownership is the burden of the exhibitor and exhibitor's family.

Definitions

- a. *Immediate family* is defined as the member's father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the corresponding step and half relations, or by a member of the exhibitor's household.
- b. *Continual care* is defined as the member being responsible for and involved in the feeding, cleaning, and caring of the project.

- c. Ownership Registered dogs: The exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, must appear on the registration certificate of a dog registered by AKC, UKC, individual breed registries, herding dog registries, etc. Co-ownership of a dog is permitted provided the exhibitor's name, or a member of his/her immediate family's name, is listed on the registration certificate.
- d. Ownership Non-registered purchased dogs: A non-registered dog purchased from a private owner, pet shop, humane society, dog rescue, etc., must have the exhibitor's name or a member of his/her immediate family's name, on the bill of sale.
- e. Ownership Dogs found/gifts: If a dog was given to the exhibitor or immediate family, or found by the exhibitor or immediate family, the exhibitor or a member of his/her immediate family receiving or finding the dog, should verify the date received or found by use of veterinary records, dog licenses, and other forms of records, and write a statement as to the definite or approximate date the dog was received as a gift or found.

Training/Showing/Titles

- 1. Lessons, instruction and advice for the member are encouraged. As long as the member is present in the learning situation, and handles or trains the dog the majority of the time present, such assistance can include occasional handling or training by another person. Only the member can train the dog at any type of training class on or after April 1, of the current year.
- 2. No one other than the 4-H member is permitted to show the project dog at any type of dog show, including fun matches, on or after April 1, of the current year.
- 3. Project eligibility and class or classes entered must be determined at the county level. It is the responsibility at the county level to determine what class the exhibitor is eligible for, and that the exhibitor understands the *Rules for State Fair Participation*, including the exercises to be performed for the judge.
- 4. 4-H members in respective activities and classes are expected to perform in those events and demonstrate those skills which are listed in the *Pickaway County 4-H Dog Rules*, in the Ohio 4-H Dog Resource Handbook, Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book, on the various dog 4-H judging score sheets, and in the USDAA® Official Rules and Regulations. Score sheets used in judging are in the Ohio 4-H Dog Project and Record Book. They are also posted on the Ohio 4-H Animal Science website. These score sheets must be used for evaluating 4-H dog projects.
- 5. Exhibitors showing their dogs at any Licensed or Member Obedience Trial or at a Sanctioned Match must show their dogs at the same or higher B level classes than they are showing in AKC, UKC, or other titling shows. Dogs completing their Companion Dog (CD) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in the Graduate Novice B class at the very minimum. Dogs completing their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title (or UKC or other titling equivalents) prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in Open B or Graduate Open B classes. Any dog receiving one or more legs toward a title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the first leg was earned.
- 6. For Showmanship classes, dogs with AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences must be shown in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Dogs completing a title prior to, or anytime during, the project year must show in exhibitor age-appropriate B classes. Any dog receiving points toward a championship title anytime during the project year must then move into the appropriate B class at the time the points were first earned. This rule, if applicable, super-cedes exhibitor and dog information listed in the class descriptions found later in this document. Fun matches do not apply.

License and Health Requirements

- All dogs must be currently licensed in the exhibitor's county of residence. (Exception: Assistance Dogs. Many Assistance Dog Organizations (i.e. Pilot Dogs, Inc.) provide the appropriate licensing document for exhibitors. If they do not, the exhibitor is responsible for licensing. Guide, hearing, or service dogs are exempt from any fee.
- 2. All dogs participating in the county fair shall be immunized against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza (CPI), Parvovirus (CPV), and rabies by a licensed, accredited veterinarian. While the state does not require the Bordetella vaccine because kennel

cough is not a fatal disease, it is strongly recommended that dogs receive the Bordetella vaccine due to how easily the illness is spread.

- 3. A Junior Fair Dog Project Identification Form and Vaccination Certificate completed and signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian is required for exhibition. Veterinarians must also provide their name/address stamp used in practice in the space provided. These certificates must include the name, breed, and age of dog. Other certificates of vaccination, computerized vaccination records, pet record cards, or kennel records will not be accepted. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that all vaccination requirements for exhibition are met.
 - a. The veterinarian must list the dates of the required vaccinations, or the reason for not giving one or more vaccinations, on either an ODA Health Certificate or the Current Junior Fair Dog Show Certificate of Vaccination. Rabies is a required vaccination without exception. Most dogs, unless it is their first time for a rabies vaccination, will receive or have received a three-year vaccine. The veterinarian must circle which vaccination (1 yr. or 3 yr.) was given, record the date it was given, and list the rabies tag number.
- 4. All vaccinations must be current through **June 24** of current year for county exhibition and **July 26** of current year for state fair exhibition.
- 5. Veterinarians must note any deviations from the required vaccinations (i.e. leptospirosis vaccination not given by veterinarian; dogs titer tested in lieu of vaccinations; or the veterinarian following the AAHA recommendations for giving vaccinations; etc.) on the ODA Official Health Certificate, the Junior Fair Dog Show Certificate of Vaccination, or on veterinarian's letterhead that accompanies the required health papers.
- 6. Any dogs exhibiting abnormalities or symptoms of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. If a dog is under veterinary care for a health condition that is not infectious or contagious, the exhibitor must bring a health certificate from the attending veterinarian verifying the condition and treatment.
- 7. Bitches showing signs of heat are not permitted to be shown and are not permitted on the Fairgrounds. If a bitch shows any signs of heat, she will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. Decision of the judge is final.
- 8. Pregnant and/or lactating (nursing) bitches are not permitted to be shown and are not permitted on the Fairgrounds.

Safety and Sportsmanship

- Dogs must be kept on leash while on the fairgrounds, except when participating in the ring during judging. Exhibitors are totally responsible for their dogs while on the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to clean up after their dogs. Dogs must not be left unattended.
- 2. Dogs are not permitted to war any type of muzzle, prong collar, or electronic collar while on the fairgrounds.
- 3. Any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior at any time before, during, or after exhibition MUST be removed from the fairgrounds and will not be permitted to return at any time throughout the Dog Show.
- 4. The judge or show officials will immediately excuse from the ring any dog exhibiting unsafe or threatening behavior. The judged will immediately excuse any dog that appears dangerous or that snaps, bites or attempts to bite. If a judge determines that a bitch in the ring is in season or appears attractive to males and is a disturbing element, the bitch is immediately excused.
- 5. The 4-H professionals and show officials in charge will have the right and responsibility to order the removal from the grounds any person verbally or physically abusive to show personnel.
- 6. Participants exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct will have points deducted from that category on their score sheets and/or will be disqualified from the dog show.
- 7. Only the exhibitor's dog, exhibitor, and show officials are permitted in the show ring area at any time throughout the show.

Show Equipment/Handler's & Dog's Appearance

- 1. Exhibitors must provide their own collar, leash, water dish, kennel and any equipment needed.
 - a. Obedience collars include well-fitting plain buckle or quick release collars, or slip collars of an appropriate single length of leather, fabric or chain with two rings, one on each end. Fancy collars, harnesses, studded collars, pinch collars, collars with prongs or spikes on inside or outside, electronic collars, or any other special training collars, or collars that are either too tight or so large that they hang down unreasonably in front of the dogs are not permitted. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars. Leashes may be of fabric or leather and must be 6 feet in length for sub-novice classes. For novice, graduate novice classes, open, and graduate open classes, the leash need be only of sufficient length to provide adequate slack in the heel on leash exercise. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
 - b. Head halters are permitted in Assistance Dog and You and Your Dog classes only. They are not permitted in any of the Dog Obedience or Showmanship classes.
 - c. Grooming and Handling collars include a chain or fabric slip collar, or martingale-type show lead. Nothing shall be hanging from the collars. Leashes may be of fabric or leather and long enough to allow for easy handling of the dog. Chain leashes are not acceptable.
 - d. *Dumbbells* must be made of one or more solid pieces of one of the heavy hardwoods, or of a rigid or semi-rigid, firm, nontoxic, non-wooden material, similar in size, shape, and weight to a wooden dumbbell. Metal dumbbells are not permitted. Dumbbells shall not be hollowed out. They shall have no decorations or attachments, but may bear an inconspicuous mark for identification. The size of the dumbbell shall be proportionate to the size of the dog.
- 2. Food, treats, or toys are not permitted in the show ring areas during obedience classes. Youth may take dogs out of holding rings and off show floor to give rewards, bathroom break, etc., and then return immediately when finished.
- 3. Handler's appearance: exhibitors should be neat, clean, and well-groomed in appearance. They should wear clothing that is comfortable to handle in and appropriate for dog shows. Clothing should not distract, limit or hinder the judge's view of the dog. Inappropriate clothing includes T-shirts, jackets or other apparel with slogans, 4-H club, or dog club names, etc., halter tops, tank tops, blue jeans and shorts, sandals, clogs, high-heeled shoes, and other similar footwear. For Showmanship classes it is recommended that girls wear skirts, dresses, skorts, dress shorts or similar attire, and boys wear dress shirts, ties, and dress slacks. For Obedience, and You and Your Dog classes colored dress jeans and dress shorts are appropriate.
- 4. Dog's appearance: Dogs should be clean, well brushed and in good physical condition appropriate for the dog's age. The coat should be free from mats and loose hair. Ears should be clean and free from hair in the ear canal. The eyes should be free from matter, and teeth should be free from tartar. Some staining on the teeth of older dogs is permissible. Toenails should be trimmed and the hair between the pads should be trimmed to prevent matting and collecting dirt. It is not required that whiskers be trimmed, but if the dog's face is shaved, the stubble should be removed. Regulation show clip is not required for purebred dogs.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

Exercises to be performed in all Showmanship classes include:

(1) Interview: Age-appropriate questions will be posted at www.go.osu.edu/dog (2) Handler Appearance & Attitude; (3) Grooming; and (4) Handling. Toy breeds and other small breeds are not required to do a courtesy turn. (small breed dogs are defined as breeds shown on a table) New: Use of bait is permitted in the show ring.

Showmanship Junior A

This class is for the 4-H member 8-11 years of age as of January 1 of the current

year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences or a champion title *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Junior B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 12 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Intermediate B. A dog shown in this class cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor.

Showmanship Junior B

This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Junior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1 of the current year or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 8-11 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class can return to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

Showmanship Intermediate A

This class is for the 4-H member 12-14 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Neither the exhibitor nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Intermediate B provided he/she is still within the age requirements. If the exhibitor will be 15 years of age as of January 1 the next year, then he/she will move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level of the appropriate age of the exhibitor.

Showmanship Intermediate B

This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Intermediate A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 12-14 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class to this class with the same dog every year provided age requirements are met. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

Showmanship Senior A

This class is for the 4-H member 15-18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Neither the 4-H member nor the dog has had any prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* Once an exhibitor and dog show in this class, he/she must move to Showmanship Senior B. A dog shown in this class at the Ohio State Fair cannot return to this class. It must be shown at the Showmanship B level.

Showmanship Senior B

This class is for the 4-H member or dog who has shown in Showmanship Senior A or has had prior experience in Showmanship, AKC Jr. Handling or like experiences, or a champion title before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. The exhibitor must meet the age requirements of 15-18 as of January 1, current year. The exhibitor who wins first place in this class can return to this class with the same dog every year provided he/she meets the age requirements. A dog shown in this class must be shown at the Showmanship B level and cannot go back to an A-level class.

Obedience Classes include:

Exercises to be performed in Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B classes include: heel; figure 8; sit for examination; sit stay; recall. All exercises will be performed on leash except Recall for Beginner Novice B.

Beginner Novice A

This class is for the first year exhibitor and first year dog. Neither exhibitor nor dog has had any prior obedience experience before April 1 of the current year, or the county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. This means that the exhibitor and/or dog cannot have any kind of formalized training. If they have had any training, they must enter the Beginner Novice B class or the Pre-Novice level. Once an exhibitor or a dog has shown in this class, he/she must move to Beginner Novice B OR Pre-Novice at the very minimum.

Beginner Novice B

This class is for the exhibitor or dog that has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. Youth cannot show in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice in the same year, same for a dog. The first place winner must move to Pre-Novice or Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first place winner in the Beginner Novice B class must then be shown at the Pre-Novice or Novice A level at the very minimum.

Exercises to be performed in Pre-Novice class include: heel; figure 8; stand for examination; recall; long sit (1 minute); long down (1 minute). All exercises will be performed on leash.

Pre-Novice

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice A or has had experience at the Beginner Novice level before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. They have not yet progressed to Novice level.

Exercises to be performed in Preferred Novice class include: heal on leash and figure eight; stand for examination; heel free; recall; stay-sit or down; sit stay-get your leash.

Preferred Novice

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice or has had training or showing experience at the Preferred Novice level prior to the county's current project year. They have not yet progressed to Novice level or higher. Once a dog shows in Preferred Novice, that dog cannot go back to either Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice. The first-place Preferred Novice class winner must move to Novice A or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first-place winner in the Preferred Novice class must be shown in the Novice A class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Preferred Novice at the Ohio State Fair, they can repeat this class at the state fair provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Novice level or higher.

Exercises to be performed in Novice A and Novice B classes include: heel on leash & figure 8 on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free; recall off leash; Sit Stay-Get Your Leash; Group Exercise-Sit & Down Stay.

Novice A

In this class neither the exhibitor nor dog has had any prior experience at the Novice level before April 1of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first. Once an exhibitor shows in this class, he/she must move to Novice B at the very minimum. Once a dog has been shown in this class, the dog must be shown at the Novice B level at the very minimum.

Novice B

This class is for the exhibitor or dog who has shown in Novice A or has had experience at the Novice level *before April 1 of the current year, or their county's 4-H enrollment deadline, whichever comes first.* They have not yet progressed to Graduate Novice or higher. The first-place winner must move to Graduate Novice or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first-place winner in the Novice B class must then be shown at the Graduate Novice level at the very minimum.

Advanced Obedience:

Beginning in 2023, Grad Novice, Open and Grad Open will no longer have or recognized A or B levels, showing as single classes without designation of experience.

Youth may show two project dogs in each of the following Obedience classes: Graduate Novice, Open, Graduate Open, and Utility provided youth and dogs meet eligibility requirements. Youth may show the same dog or different dog in other non- obedience disciplines and/or a different dog in other obedience levels provided they meet those eligibility requirements. Youth may NOT show the same dog in another obedience class the same year. If a youth and/or dog wins the first-place trophy, they must move to a higher level with the same dog; however, can continue to show at the same level with other dogs, providing they meet eligibility requirements. Exception: Youth/dog team winning Open may repeat this class until ready to move to Graduate Open. Youth winning Graduate Open may repeat this class until ready to move to Utility.

Exercises to be performed in Graduate Novice classes include: heel free and figure 8 off leash; drop on recall; dumbbell recall; dumbbell recall over high jump (see Ohio 4-H Dog rules for height jump requirements); recall over broad jump; stand stay-get your leash

Graduate Novice

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Novice B or has had any training or showing experience at the Graduate Novice level prior to the county's current project year. They have not yet progressed to Open class or higher. The first-place winner must move to Open or higher with that same dog. The dog of a first-place winner in the Graduate Novice class must then be shown in the Open class at the very minimum. If an exhibitor and/or dog places in Graduate Novice at the Ohio State Fair, they can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Open level or higher. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

Exercises to be performed in Open classes include: heel free and figure 8; command discrimination (stand, down, sit), drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; stand stay-get your leash. All exercises will be performed off leash.

Open

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Graduate Novice or has had any training or showing experience at the Open level prior to the county's current project year. They have not yet progressed to the Graduate Open level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins first place **or** places in Open at the Ohio State Fair, they can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Graduate Open level. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

Exercises to be performed in Graduate Open classes include: signal exercise; scent discrimination; go out; directed jumping; moving stand & examination; directed retrieve. All exercises will be performed off leash.

Graduate Open

This class is for the exhibitor and/or dog who has shown in Open or has had training or showing experience at the Graduate Open level prior to the county's current project year. They have not yet progressed to the Utility level or higher. If an exhibitor and/or dog wins

first place **or** places in Graduate Open at the Ohio State Fair, they can repeat this class at state provided the county requirements have been met, and the dog is not performing at the Utility level. Dogs shown in this class are not permitted to show in any lower levels of dog obedience.

SUMMARY OF PROGRESSION OF OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Beginner Novice A - 1 year, then move to Beginner Novice B or Pre-Novice (Beginner Novice A class can never be repeated by handler OR dog)

Beginner Novice B - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner OR

can show in Pre-Novice unless class winner. Once class winner in both

Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, then move to Novice A

Pre-Novice - can repeat class with same or different dog unless class winner OR can

show in Beginner Novice B unless class winner. Once class winner in both Beginner Novice B and Pre-Novice, then move to Preferred Novice

Preferred Novice - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then

move to Novice A

Novice A - 1 year, then move to Novice B (Novice A class can never be repeated by

handler OR dog)

Novice B - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner, then

move to Grad Novice

Graduate Novice - can repeat class with same dog or different dog unless class winner,

then move to Open

Open - can repeat class *with same dog regardless of winning* if not moving to

Graduate Open

Graduate Open - can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning if not moving

to Utility

Utility - can repeat this class with same dog regardless of winning

Exercises to be performed in the Assistance Dogs class will follow the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test® and include: Accepting a Friendly Stranger; Sit Politely for Petting, Appearance & Grooming; Out for a Walk; Walk Through a Crowd; Sit and Down on Command/Staying in Place; Come when Called; Reaction to Another Dog; Reactions to Distractions; Supervised Separation.

Criteria to be evaluated in all You and Your Dog classes include: (1) Member's Interview, (2) 4-H Dog Project & Record Book; (3) Member's Appearance and Attitude; (4) Dog's Appearance and Manners; (5) Creative Achievement of Member and Dog. Youth must bring their dogs to You and Your Dog judging.

**NOTE: Any class or exercise descriptions not included in these rules will be conducted/followed as listed in the Ohio State Fair Rules. If youth are interested in state fair participation, check that both state and county rules are being met. In most cases, the rules and dates are set to meet both county and state participation.

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