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AUGUST 10-15, 2020

- LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP
- LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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# WMFA 2020 Livestock Expo

# - SHOW & GO -

**MONDAY - AUGUST 10, 2020**

**POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP 9:00am**

**RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP 2:00pm**

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**TUESDAY - AUGUST 11, 2020**

**HORSE GAMES 10:00am**

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**WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 12, 2020**

**SWINE SHOWMANSHIP 12:00pm**

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**THURSDAY - AUGUST 13, 2020**

**BEEF SHOWMANSHIP 10:00am**

**SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP 2:30pm**

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**FRIDAY - AUGUST 14, 2020**

**DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP 10:00am**

**GOAT SHOWMANSHIP 1:00pm**

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**SATURDAY - AUGUST 15, 2020**

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION -  
1:00PM**

CHICKENS, GOATS, LAMBS  
RABBITS, STEER, SWINE  
TURKEYS, YOUNG BEEF

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH THAT  
HAVE WORKED SO HARD ON  
THEIR PROJECTS.

GREAT WAY TO STOCK UP  
YOUR FREEZER WITH  
LOCALLY GROWN, QUALITY  
MEAT.

- STAY SAFE
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- PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING (6ft)
- WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
- FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED
- NO SHARING EQUIPMENT

**MARKET ANIMALS ONLY MAY STAY, IF  
OWNER CHOOSES ... \$2.50 per night for small**

**animal, \$5.00 per night for large animal. YOU must bring your own shavings,  
Shovel, Wheelbarrow and any other equipment you may need.**

**\*\*NO SHARING\*\***

**Market Animals only, may arrive the day of show and stay through the night of  
the Auction. Owner MUST bring all supplies needed to cleanup and care for  
their animals. Shavings are required. Camping will be available.**

**Shavings available for \$6.50 per bag - reserve with animal pens.**

The WMFA would like to extend our thanks to Dr. Rex Payne DVM for his  
willingness to serve as our fair vet .

## For Your Information

**Pro-rating Premiums:** the Western Michigan Fair Association reserves the right to prorate or forego premiums.

**Premium Checks: THERE WILL BE NO PREMIUMS OFFERED.**

**Premium disputes:** Any premium dispute must be filed in writing with the Association Board within three weeks after the conclusion of Fair. Complaints must be submitted to the Board Secretary by mailing to the Association at PO Box 153 Scottville, MI 49454. Disputes will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall report findings to the Fair Board at the next scheduled meeting with a final decision on the dispute within 10 days after the meeting.

### Campers

All campers must register before setting up camp. The camping fee for the Livestock Expo is \$25 per night; Due the second Wednesday in July. Campsite reservations may be made with the Western Michigan Fair Association at PO Box 153 Scottville, MI 49454 or dropping off in drop box at the front of the fair office.

### Household Pets/Dog Notice

Unauthorized animals and / or pets are not allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time with the exception of dogs. Dogs are allowed in the camping area only and MUST be on a LEASH at all times. Fair

animals must be caged or leashed by handlers at all times and stay in areas appropriate for their species. No animals permitted on the midway, with the exception of Service Dogs.

### General Rules:

1. **Pens must be cleaned by 10:00am daily. – See code of Conduct**
2. **All animals must be housed in cages provided by WMFA with the exception of rabbits under 6 weeks of age.**
3. All exhibitors must show in showmanship for each species they are participating with.
4. No sick animals will be accepted. If an animal is suspected of illness, it will be quarantined until examined by vet. Owner will be responsible for treatment costs and or removal.
5. **All exhibitors are required to fill a time slot to watch their exhibit building or awards and premiums will be forfeited.**
6. It's each exhibitor's responsibility to properly feed and water their animal daily.
7. Little Farmers ages 3-4 may show in Showmanship classes only and only in the show area's listed. Little Farmers ages 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in the category they want to participate with.

8. Animals must be kept in their pens at all times except for the showing, bathing, grooming, milking, or routine exercise, that would be deemed appropriate to the showing of exhibitors specific animal in the show ring. Any other exception must be approved by the fair board.
9. No Premiums will be paid at the 2020 Livestock Expo
10. Animals will be released at 6am on Sunday with the exception of milking dairy and market haulers.
11. The WMFA will have a vet on call.

### EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE/SHOW ETIQUETTE

**Please remember you are representing the Western Michigan Fair. In the show ring, you are showing your project that you have worked on. You do not want your attire to take away from your animal. In the auction ring, you are marketing your project animal and once again, you are representing the Western Michigan Fair.**

### EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE FOR SHOWS/AUCTION/BARN DUTY

**The following dress code is to be followed by all Western Michigan Fair livestock exhibitors while in the show ring and auction. Deviations from the dress code will result in a request to change, or you may not show or sell your animal. This dress code is not subject to personal interpretation. A superintendent, assistant superintendent, extension agent or show ring management may deem clothing inappropriate.**

### **The following is considered appropriate dress: CLOSED TOE SHOES ARE MANDATORY**

Clothes must be clean and in good repair, free of holes, tears and slashes.

Clothes must be free of vulgar, violent, alcohol-related, drug-related materials, or anything that alludes to it.

No shorts or cut-offs.

Items designated as underwear are kept under cover.

No halter tops or tops that expose undergarments or midriff.

Full-length shirt (chest and midriff covered).

No pants that expose undergarments.

No see-through clothes, tops with spaghetti straps or muscle shirts

No see-through garments, muscle shirts, or t-shirts.

No hats.

Closed toed shoes must be worn. Hard soled shoes must be worn in the large animal areas.

No cell phones in the show ring. Cell phone usage will result in the loss of placing ribbon and premium for that class. Any fair board member, superintendent or livestock committee member witnessing such behavior has the authority to remove an exhibitor from competition.

### MARKET PROJECT EXHIBITORS

Any exhibitor wishing to market an animal must be a member of a recognized market organization.

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## FOR 2020 HEATH REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN VISIT: WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/MDA



### Department 2 - Youth Dairy Cattle

All Dairy animals moved in Michigan are required to have an RFID (radio frequency identification device) ear tag.

#### Section 1 - Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
1 17-19 yrs.	Award		
2 14-16 yrs.	Award		
3 11-13 yrs.	Award		
4 8-10 yrs.	Award		
5 5-7 yrs.			
6 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.	Award		

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

8 Supreme Dairy Showman Special Award



### Department 4 - Youth Beef Cattle

All Beef animals moved in Michigan are required to have an RFID (radio frequency identification device) ear tag.

#### Section 1 - Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	Award
30 17-19 yrs.	Award
31 14-16 yrs.	Award
32 11-13 yrs.	Award
33 8-10 yrs.	Award
34 5-7 yrs.	Award
35 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.	Award

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

### 37 Supreme Beef Showman Special Award

#### Section 12 - Commercial Feeders

All Market Steers must be tied using both a halter and a neck rope.

#### Class

61 Market Beef Award 1-25 places

64 Junior Beef Award 1-25 places  
65 Junior Dairy Award 1-25 places



### Department 6 - Youth Sheep

All Sheep moved in Michigan are required to have USDA Scrapies identification tag. If tattooed, tag must be given to Superintendent.

1. No muzzles on lambs at any time.
2. Pens to be bedded with natural materials (wood shavings, straw etc.). No carpets.
3. While in the show ring, the lamb is to be shown with all four feet on the ground or surface of the ring.
4. Humane handling practices of sheep at all times.
5. No liquid feeding of lambs.
6. The tail can be lifted from the exterior.

#### Section 1 - Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
70 17-19 yrs.	Award		
71 14-16 yrs.	Award		
72 11-13 yrs.	Award		
73 8-10 yrs.	Award		
74 5-7 yrs.	Award		
75 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.	Award		

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

78 Supreme Sheep Showman Special Award

#### Section 12 - Commercial Feeders

Class	A	B
92 Market Lamb	Award	1-25 places



## Department 8 - Youth Goats

*All Goats moved in Michigan are required to have USDA Scrapies identification tag or tattoo. If tattooed, tag must be given to Superintendent. Tattoo or tag must be checked before Goat can be unloaded from trailer.*

No Bucks over 6 months old. Goats must be dehorned with the exceptions on breed standards.

### Section 1 - Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
100 17-19 yrs.	Award		
101 14-16 yrs.	Award		
102 11-13 yrs.	Award		
103 8-10 yrs.	Award		
104 5-7 yrs.	Award		

105 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs. Award

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

106 Supreme Showman Special Award

### Section 17 - Market Goats

Market Goats must be in member's possession at least 8 weeks before fair. All market goats must be dehorned.

#### Class

123 Markey Dairy Goat (born current year)  
Award 1-25 places

124 Market Meat Goat (born current year)  
Award 1-25 places



## Department 10 - Youth Swine

### Section 1 - Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
130 17-19 yrs.	Award		
131 14-16 yrs.	Award		
132 11-13 yrs.	Award		
133 8-10 yrs.	Award		
134 5-7 yrs.	Award		
135 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.			Award

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category

136 Supreme Swine Showman Special Award

### Section 8 - Commercial Feeders

Class	A	B	C
153 Market Hog Gilt	Award 1-25 places		
154 Market Hog Barrow			

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## Department 12 - Youth Poultry

1. Crosses will be accepted only in crossbred production and market classes.
2. Each exhibitor selling market chickens may bring a maximum of nine (9) birds for weigh-in. Two pens of three (3) will be selected to sell and one pen may be entered into production class.
3. Best in Show and Reserve in Show will receive rosettes. All first place poultry are eligible to compete for these awards.
4. Grand Champion market pens and Reserve Champion market pens will receive rosettes.
5. A rosette will be awarded for each Best of Breed with six (6) or more in the class.
6. Premiums will be limited to a maximum of two placings per class, per exhibitor.
7. Identification bands will be required on all birds upon entry.
8. **Exhibitors must carry their own birds for judging.**
9. Birds must be kept in the pens for the Fair. Absolutely NO EARLY withdrawals or premiums will be forfeited.
10. No late entries will be accepted.
11. NO sick birds will be accepted.
12. Poultry judging will be an exhibition show. Birds will not be judged in cages. (with the exception of market)
13. **All exhibitors must be present at judging time to handle his/her birds.**
14. All poultry except MARKET may be purchased where the member chooses, but a copy of the sales slip and a copy of a Pullorum-Typhoid free certificate from the hatchery, must be attached to the record book. All poultry must be in the members' possession no later than 4 days after the hatch date.
15. All poultry must be Pullorum tested and found to be negative before entering cage area.
16. **No food or personal items may be stored in or on cages inside barn area.**

### Section 1 - Chicken Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
160 17-19 yrs.		Award	
161 14-16 yrs.		Award	
162 11-13 yrs.		Award	
163 8-10 yrs.		Award	
164 5-7 yrs.		Award	
165 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.		Award	

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

166 Supreme Showman Special Awards

### Section 2 - Turkey Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
168 17-19 yrs.	Award		
169 14-16 yrs.	Award		
170 11-13 yrs.	Award		
171 8-10 yrs.	Award		
172 5-7 yrs.	Award		
173 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs.		Award	

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

174 Supreme Showman Special Awards

### Section 3 - Waterfowl Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

Class	1	2	3
176 17-19 yrs.	Award		
177 14-16 yrs.	Award		
178 11-13 yrs.	Award		
179 8-10 yrs.	Award		
180 5-7 yrs.	Award		

181 Little Farmers 3-4 yrs. Award

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category

182 Supreme Showman Special Awards

### Section 6 - Market Classes (All Breeds)

#### Class

198 Chickens - pen of 3 cockerels (meat type, each bird 4# or over, hatched 6-8 weeks before fair)  
Award 1-25 places

199 Chickens - pen of 3 pullets (meat type, each bird 4# or over, hatched 6-8 weeks before fair)  
Award 1-25 places

200 Turkeys - pen of 2 Toms (each bird 10# or over, hatched 16-18 weeks before fair)  
Award 1-25 places

201 Turkeys - pen of 2 Hens (each bird 10# or over, hatched 16-18 weeks before fair)  
Award 1-25 places

205 Market Cornish Hens – pen of 4 (each bird must weigh 2# or over, hatched 4-6 weeks before fair)  
Award 1-25 places

206 Chicken – Single Broiler (meat type, 4# or over, hatched 6-8 weeks before fair- may be either pullet or cockerels)  
Award 1-25 places

207 Turkey – Single bird (may be either Tom or Hen 10# or over, hatched 16-18 weeks before fair)

Trophy & Ribbons 1-25 places

208 Duck – Single bird ( 5# or over, hatched 6-8 weeks before fair)

Trophy & Ribbons 1-25 places

209 Goose – Single bird ( 8# or over, hatched 13-15 weeks before fair)

Trophy & Ribbons 1-25 places

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## Section 1 - Rabbit Showmanship

Must have at least 3 entries in each showmanship class or classes will be combined.

<u>Class</u>	1	2	3
252 17-19 yrs.		Award	
253 14 - 16 yrs.		Award	
254 11-13 yrs.		Award	
255 8-10 yrs.		Award	
256 5-7 yrs.		Award	
257 3-4 yrs.		Award	



### Department 14 - Youth Rabbits

1. Rabbits will be judged with placings from one (1) on down, depending on the number in the class. Rabbits will then be given an A-B-C award, depending on their placing, condition and general appearance. All first place rabbits are eligible to compete for these awards.

2. Best in Show and Reserve in Show, will receive rosettes

3. Grand Champion market pens and Reserve Champion market pens will receive rosettes.

4. A rosette will be awarded for each Best of Breed with six (6) or more in the class.

5. Premiums will be limited to a maximum of two placings per class.

6. **Every entry must be placed on the table for judging by the youth at the time of show, otherwise it will be eliminated.**

7. **NO diseased animals will be allowed.**

8. Rabbits may not be shown in both open and youth classes.

9. ALL RABBITS MUST BE TATTOOED WITH A PERMANENT INDIVIDUAL TATTOO PRIOR TO FAIR.

10. Exhibiting 3-6 week old rabbits is discouraged

11. Exhibitors are to use cages provided for rabbits over 6 weeks of age.

12. **NO FOOD or personal items will be allowed to be stored on top of cages, in cages or on the floor.**

Little Farmers 3-4 must be accompanied by a parent or youth exhibitor 13 years or older, that has experience showing in this category.

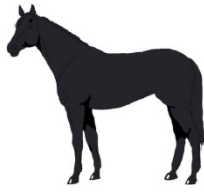
258 Supreme Showman

Special Awards

## Section 52 - Market Classes (All Breeds)

Class	A	B	C
266 Market Rabbits (pen of 3, not over 70 days of age and should weigh between 3-5 lbs.)			
	AWARD		
267 Market Rabbit (Single, not over 79 days of age and should weigh between 3-5 lbs.)			
	AWARD		

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## Department 16 - Youth Horses

### Horse & Pony Rules

1. Exhibitor's Age will be determined by Jan. 1 of the current year.
2. Horse & pony age will be determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they were foaled.
3. Ponies are considered to be 56" or under. Ponies must be measured.
4. No Stallions are allowed.
5. Exhibitors must have a current negative Coggins submitted with fair registration.
6. Exhibitors will be charged \$10 per stall for saw dust due with registration.
7. Judges will award A-B-C ribbons and then place each class 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. Premium money of \$3.00 for an A award, \$2.00 for a B award, and \$1.00 for a C award will be awarded in showmanship, equitation and bareback classes. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> places and ribbons given through 6<sup>th</sup>, excluding championship classes. Championship classes will receive Champion and Reserve Champion awards. Pre-registration is not required for Championship classes.
8. Classes will be split after 12 riders or as deemed appropriate by the show committee.
9. Deadline for registrations will be due the second Wednesday in July. No registrations will be accepted after that date. Scratches should be made as soon as they are known to the exhibitor.
10. All pattern books will be available.
11. Gymkhana will be judged by someone other than the performance judge.
12. Versatility class will be judged as a pleasure class with each exhibitor competing first with English tack and appointments. Each rider will then be allowed 3 minutes to change clothing and tack to Western while in the arena. Each exhibitor may have the help of one groom who will bring in the necessary articles and may assist the rider with changes. At the end of 3 minutes riders **must** be mounted, grooms will leave the arena and the class will continue with riders showing Western. Any rider not mounted when time is called automatically disqualified.
13. Spotters will be provided when deemed necessary by the show committee. Parents, leaders, or trainers acting as spotters **are not** allowed to coach while in the ring. **If an exhibitor is unable to control his/her project animal, they will be excused by the judge.** If a parent or leader is needed in the ring for moral support – but control is not an issue – they must notify the show secretary prior to the start of the class and the exhibitor will not be considered in the placing's. **Leaders and parents should strongly discourage members from entering a class if they are unable to control their horse/pony.**
14. **Horses must be led from the barn to the arena, anywhere around the North and West sides of the arenas and from the arena back to the barns.**

15. All participants in the Lead line, Walk Only, Bareback and Gymkhana classes are **required** to wear protective riding helmets which meet the specifications of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM), are manufactured and distributed by a participant in the certification program of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) and which bears the SEI certification label. Harnesses must be secured and must properly fit the head. The exhibitor or his/her parent/guardian is **solely** responsible for complying with the headgear rule. The Fair board, judge, and show officials are not responsible for compliance with the headgear rule. Show officials reserve the right to spot check helmets at any time to verify compliance with this rule. There will be no discrimination against wearing protective headgear in other classes as well, even if it does not match the style of riding.
16. Protective footwear must be worn.
17. **THESE RULES ARE IN EFFECT FROM ARRIVAL UNTIL DEPARTURE.**
18. For safety reasons, the 4-H "Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations" will be followed.

Section 18 - Gymkhana  
Not offered as premium paid classes.

#### Class

- 410 Indiana Flag Race 14-19 (Arena 2)
- 411 Indiana Flag Race 13 & under (Arena 2)
- 412 Indiana Flag Race W/T 19 & under (Arena 2)
- 413 Cloverleaf 14-19
- 414 Cloverleaf 13 & under
- 415 Cloverleaf W/T 19 & under
- 416 Keyhole 14-19
- 417 Keyhole 13 & under
- 418 Keyhole W/T 19 & under
- 419 Speed Action 14-19
- 420 Speed Action 13 & under
- 421 Speed Action W/T 19 & under
- 422 Stake Race 14-19
- 423 Stake Race 13 & under
- 424 Stake Race W/T 19 & under
- 425 Pole Bending 14-19
- 426 Pole Bending 13 & under
- 427 Pole Bending W/T 19 & under
- 428 2 Man Relay

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## EXHIBITOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION:** We certify that we have not administered to the animal(s), nor will it receive, any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the County the exhibition is being held in, or at the Western Michigan Fair for slaughter/breeding/stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, tranquilizers and analgesics. We also certify that, with a respect to slaughter animals that no illegal use of approved chemicals/compounds has taken place and that the applicable withdrawal period recognized by the FDA has expired prior to shipping out of market livestock or any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered at the Western Michigan Fair may be subject to blood, urine, and tissue tests, and that the Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animals, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals, or feed additives as described above in the Western Michigan Premium Fair Book. Disqualifications will result in the placing(s) of the animal in question being voided, the forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s); the assessment of a fine against the total premiums due equal in the amount to the premium(s) earned and with the animal(s); voiding the sale(s) if the animal(s) has been sold at any sale that occurs at the Western Michigan Fairgrounds. We will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animals.

We will indemnify and hold harmless the Western Michigan Fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations and their employees and agents, against all legal or other proceedings in connection with said testing procedures. We will indemnify and hold harmless the Western Michigan Fair and its sponsors and assisting organizations against all claims of injury to the animal and any damage or injury to any persons or property caused by the animal.

**PROJECT ANIMAL CARE:** We the signed exhibitor, leader, parent/guardian, have read and acknowledge, accept and will abide by all the animal care, housing and maintenance rules set forth in the Western Michigan Fair Premium Book, all rules, set forth by the department and the appropriate species rule books.

We acknowledge that the above-mentioned animal(s) have been under proper daily care since the initial tagging or project registration date. Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of the project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of the assigned fair housing is the responsibility of the exhibitor. Project animals must be cared for in accordance with the commonly accepted feeding/handling practices, and the animals pen/stall cleaned and bedded by 10:00 AM daily and additional cleanings if needed. Proper care and maintenance of all animals and their assigned housing area will be monitored by the appropriate species Department Superintendent of the Fair.

**EXHIBIT OR AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT:** We agree to conduct ourselves with honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship. We will treat all fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges and exhibitors with courtesy, cooperation and respect and shall not direct abusive or threatening conduct towards them. Furthermore, we will not direct criticism or interference with fair and livestock show management personnel, fair officials, judges and exhibitors in conducting the activities associated with the event. We understand that any conduct that is contrary to these items will be brought before the Fair Board for review and may result in the disqualification of individual people and the animal(s) from the activities associated with the Western Michigan Fair.

**ETHICAL AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS:** We acknowledge that the inhumane filling, showing and/or handling practices or devices shall not be used. Furthermore, surgery, injections, or application of a foreign material under and/or into the flesh of the animal to physiologically of physical change the natural contour of conformation of the animal is illegal. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, insertion of foreign material in the animal or other such practices (icing) are not acceptable and will be prohibited. Violation of the above mentioned items could result in the disqualification of the animal and/or the exhibitor. We acknowledge and accept the fact that the Department Superintendent for a given animal species and the Western Michigan Fair Board may authorize the examination of a given animal for the identification purposes and/or health related concerns in our absence, including obtaining the temperature of the animal.

### EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT:

I certify that all of my animal projects are drug free by Federal Food and Drug Administration standards. I have followed all withdrawal substances used, practiced good animal husbandry, and my project has been ethically and humanly cared for. I acknowledge and accept the fact that my animals may be subject to drug residue testing. Upon a positive confirmation, forfeiture of all prize monies, sale and/or market value, premium(s), and trophies will be the forfeiture penalty. My parent(s), or guardian(s) assume equal responsibility for following these and the other prescribed guidelines set by the Western Michigan Fair Board of Directors and Superintendents for these projects.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signatures are required or registration will be considered incomplete

## COMPLAINT APPEALS PROCESS

Any exhibitor may file a written complaint regarding any of the following:

- Conflict of interest of the judge
- Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor
- Exhibitor, group leader or superintendent's behavior
- Eligibility of exhibit
- Leader, Parent or Exhibitor may not file a complaint or appeal on judging results. All judging results are final.

**The procedure for filing such a complaint/appeal shall be:**

1. Exhibitors are allowed to file a written complaint within 10 days after the end of fair, mailed to Western Michigan Fair P.O. Box 153 Scottville, MI 49454, accompanied by a complaint fee of \$25, which is Non-Refundable.
2. The exhibitor will be notified in writing by the Western Michigan Fair of receipt of his/her complaint/appeal.
3. The complaint/appeals committee shall consist of the Executive Board and the Area Superintendent of Chairperson of the Western Michigan Fair.

4. The committee shall meet to review all written complaints/appeals within 15 days of receipt.
5. The committee shall investigate on a per case basis by contacting all parties involved to ask questions and clarify details of the incident, as well as, reviewing rules and pertinent documentation.
6. The committee shall meet within 15 days of the review meeting to discuss the information obtained through the investigation process and will make a final decision regarding the complaint/appeal. The exhibitor will be notified in writing of the committee's decision within 5 days of this meeting.
7. The leader, parent, or exhibitor may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Department of Fairs, Exhibitions, and Racking P.O Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 within 45 days of filing the initial complaint/appeal if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the Western Michigan Fair's decision. The department shall have 60 days after the receipt of any appropriately filed complain/appeal to investigate the complaint/appeal, and shall issue a finding of the fact and notice of department action and pay recommended actions for the Western Michigan Fair.

