

GRANT COUNTY FAIR JUDGING REGULATIONS

1. Bona fide judges will be selected. **ALL PERSONS WHEN MAKING ENTRIES AGREE TO ACCEPT THESE JUDGES AND ABIDE BY THEIR DECISIONS.**
2. **No person shall be entitled to a premium who was not the bona fide owner of the property at the time of entry.**
3. Premiums are paid ONLY from awards made by judges as they appear on the judge's sheets and NOT from ribbons attached to the exhibit. This rule is strictly enforced because of the fact that judge's reports are the only official records of correct awards. Ribbons may be misplaced or tampered with.
4. **All judges please report to fair office before judging.**
5. Please have your entry tag on all items, articles and animals that require tags which are to be exhibited; failure to do so means that you will not receive the premium even though a ribbon was won by you. This applies to all departments.

ENTRIES

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

1. Entries in Junior class are open to any boy or girl who is under 20 years of age as of January 1st of the current fair year. Also, they must be regularly enrolled by April 1 of the current fair year and in good standing in a Grant County 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, Girl Scouts, or Boy Scouts, Jr. Holstein Association, or other youth organization that that are educating members in project areas. The fair will not accept an entry in Junior Class if you are not enrolled in good standing by April 1. **Members of these organizations may exhibit only in departments in which they carry a project. Members of other youth groups wanting to exhibit MUST SHOW EVIDENCE OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM BEING CARRIED out in a project and be approved by the local fair board prior to entry.**
2. **Junior Fair exhibitors are not allowed to enter both Open and Junior Classes. Cloverbuds are to exhibit in the Cloverbud section only.**
3. **Livestock exhibited in the Junior Fair cannot be exhibited by another exhibitor in the Open Class.**
4. **Each exhibitor is to show his own animal and control that animal in the show ring. Exhibitor must be the primary handler of the animal.** The Superintendents may give special permission under extenuating circumstances only.
5. Junior Fair livestock exhibitors shall not have firm or farm identification on clothing worn in the show ring and no firm or farm identification shall be carried into the show ring while livestock is being shown. Failure to comply with this regulation will permit the Superintendent to bar the exhibitor from showing until the regulation is complied with.
6. Exhibits in the open classes are open to the State of Wisconsin, except for Department (14) Plant and Soil Sciences which is open only to Grant County residents.
7. **All entries including junior, open, and senior class can be brought to the fair office any time after June 1, Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm. If mailing entries, they must be postmarked by Thursday, July 9, 2026. Last day to register will be Tuesday, July 21 from 8am to 8pm at the Youth and Ag Center, Fairgrounds. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for entries received between July 22-July 24. After 4:00pm on July 24, no new entries will be accepted.**
8. The Fair Director can be contacted at the Fair OFFICE Monday - Friday. Remember, mail entries must be postmarked by July 9.
NOTE: If you have not received your tags and exhibitor's ticket within 12 days after closing of entries, call the Fair Office at 723-2135.
9. All sheep and goats need to have their blankets/coats/wraps removed for weigh-ins at the fair.
10. All animals being shown in the market division below need to be ID'ed at/by the appropriated dates in order to show in the market classes at the Grant County Fair. This includes the following:

- Market Beef

- Market Goats
 - Market Lamb and Market Ewes
 - Market Barrows and Gilts
11. Only one entry under each number will be accepted in the Junior Department unless it specifically states differently.
 12. A \$4.00 entry fee is required for each exhibitor in the Junior Classes.
 13. Boys and girls exhibiting livestock, including dairy, must be able to show that animals exhibited have been cared for by the exhibitor for a period of at least three months previous to the fair.
 14. Any exhibit in the Junior Classes must be the product of a project carried on by the member during the current club year.
 15. **The Fair Board or association is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen articles or exhibits.**
 16. The Fair Board reserves the right to refuse to accept entries in the livestock department after enough entries have been made to fill up the stalls or pens.
 17. The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences connected with an incident as to the Fair.
 18. Biosecurity and safety of all animals and attendees. The Grant County Fair livestock animals are to remain in the barn area only, not on the midway or vendor, grandstand area.

GRANT COUNTY FAIR

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To be familiar with the rules and regulations of the Grant County Fair.
2. Responsible for the orderliness, placement and upkeep of exhibits in the assigned exhibit areas. One or more superintendents may be present at all times during the Fair.
3. Be familiar with the PREMIUM LIST in their Department(s).
4. Be familiar with the system of judging which is used in their Department(s); Danish or regular.
5. Be responsible for seeing that the judges' sheets are properly filled out and signed.
6. Inform the judge that exhibits not meeting the necessary requirements will automatically be awarded a fourth placing.
7. Be responsible for developing suggestions and comments in regard to judges, exhibits and fair book that will help improve future exhibits and fairs.
8. **Pick up trophies, ribbons and other necessary materials from the Fair Office.**
9. Write down judges' comments on exhibitor cards. Encourage judges to give comments that will help the exhibitor improve on his/her skills.
10. Establish, communicate and monitor show and judging procedures.
11. Monitor and report violations of the Grant County Fair Code of Conduct. Document verbal warnings and other actions taken by the superintendent as a result of violations of the code of conduct.

JUNIOR AND OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT INFORMATION

1. All Junior Class livestock should check that Department for the time when they should be in place.
2. All exhibits in the Junior and Open Classes **ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER** and are to be in place by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, (check time for livestock in each department), except all baking is to be in place by 9:15 a.m., open & senior citizen class floral by 9:00 a.m., junior floral by 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Floral arrangements and baking goods for Exploring are to be in place by 8:45 a.m. on Saturday.
3. Only articles listed in the premium book may be exhibited.
4. The Fair Board is not responsible for exhibits shipped or mailed to us. All exhibitors must bring their exhibits to the Fair on Thursday, and pick them up on Sunday after 4pm, at the close of the fair. **NO EXHIBITS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL.**
5. Entry tags must be attached by the exhibitor when the exhibits are brought in.
6. Upon arrival at the fairgrounds with exhibits, report to the department superintendent for instruction and assignments to stalls, pens or

spaces. Open Class livestock will be assigned stalls together in the same Department. Junior Class livestock will be assigned stalls together in the same Department. In case a family has both Open Class and Junior Class livestock of the same species, the superintendent will try to assign stalls as close together as possible. If you know in advance you will have Open and Junior Class livestock in the same species and want them tied close together please write a note and give it to the fair office in advance.

Stall rent for the Junior Class shall be:

Dairy Cattle, \$1.00 per head Swine, Sheep and Goats 50¢ per head
Beef Cattle, \$8.00 per head, Poultry 50¢ each, Rabbits 50¢ each

Stall rent in the Open Classes shall be:

Dairy Cattle \$1.00 per head, Beef Cattle, \$8.00 per head
Sheep 50¢ per animal

7. **Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their animal during the fair until it leaves the fairgrounds.**
8. **All sheep and goats need to have their blankets/coats/wraps removed for weigh-ins at the fair.**
9. **All animals being shown in the market division below need to be ID'ed at/by the appropriated dates in order to show in the market classes at the Grant County Fair. This includes the following:**
 - **Market Beef**
 - **Market Goats**
 - **Market Lamb and Market Ewes**
 - **Market Barrows and Gilts**
10. **Exhibitors understand that by bringing an animal to the fair they agree that the Grant County Fair is not liable if an animal dies on premise, in transit, or at the processing plant. Both exhibitor and purchaser agree to hold Grant County harmless and indemnify against any loss.**
11. Livestock exhibitors shall have a copy of the required health certificate or test reports available for inspection by the department at the fair or livestock exhibition.
12. Only Swine, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits are allowed on the grounds Wednesday night. All other livestock/species comes in on Thursday. Again, check your department for specific times.
13. Exhibits of livestock must be cared for by the exhibitor. **Cloverbuds are not allowed to enter livestock. Exhibitor must be in 3rd grade to show at the Grant County Fair per recommendation from the Livestock Committee and agreed upon by the Grant County Fair Board.**
14. Random drug testing will be done at the fair to any animal at the discretion of the Grant County Fair Board. Consequences will be at the Grant County Fair Board's discretion.
15. The schedule for the exhibit buildings will be as follows:

Wednesday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Entries in place
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
16. **The Fair Board or association is not responsible for lost or damaged or stolen articles or exhibits.**
17. **The management is not responsible for articles left on the fairgrounds at the close of the fair. Articles will be put on Youth & Ag Center stage.**
18. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and bedding (except beef, poultry & rabbits bedding).
19. Exhibitors are requested to pay particular attention to their article or animal on exhibition and at the close of the fair take charge of the same. The Grant County Fair Board will take every precaution for the safekeeping, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. **Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.**
20. A Veterinarian will be on the grounds from 9a.m. to noon Wednesday & 8:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. Thursday. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday check at the fair office.

21. NO DOGS allowed on the grounds during fair, except for assistance dogs and the dogs at the dog show (these dogs must stay in the judging area only).

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

1. With superintendents' consent, exhibitors may set up educational displays and exhibits related to the department in which their display is set up. The display must be educational in nature and cannot in any way promote or advertise any firm, business or farm. If live animals are to be used, the exhibitor must use animals which are currently on exhibit at the fair and may not use animals which have not been checked in by the local veterinarians. In addition consent from the superintendents must be received before live animals may be used in educational displays. No trophies or ribbons are allowed in these displays.
2. With superintendents' consent, exhibitors may also put on educational demonstrations related to the department in which their demonstration is given. These demonstrations must be educational in nature and cannot in any way promote or advertise any firm, business or farm. If live animals are to be used, the exhibitor must use animals which are currently on exhibit at the fair and may not use animals which have not been checked in by the local veterinarians. In addition consent from the superintendents must be received before live animals may be used in educational demonstrations. No trophies or ribbons are allowed in these educational demonstrations.

GRANT COUNTY MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

The Grant County Fair Master Showmanship Contest will be held on Sunday, at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the open show barn.

What YOU Need to Know:

1. Participants in this year's contest will represent the Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat Departments. The first or second place senior (or older) division showmanship winner will represent all departments except for goats, which will be represented by the first place meat goat and first place dairy goat showmanship winner. If the first or second place individual is unable to participate, then the third place senior showman will become eligible.
2. In the event a previous Master Showman should win one of the above stated classes, the option to participate in the Master Showman class will default to the third place winner in the class.
3. Each participant will bring the animal they won their species with to the Master Showman competition. The swine superintendents will select additional animals for the swine rotation.
4. Exhibitors will have 15 minutes to show each species. After the allotted amount of time, participants will rotate to a new species.
5. If a participant chooses not to participate in the Master Showman class, the option to participate will default to the third place winner in that class.
6. If a member is eligible to participate in the Master Showman contest in more than one species, he/she must choose in which species he/she will participate within one hour of winning the second species contest. The member must inform BOTH species Superintendents of his/her decision. The third place winner in their non-chosen species will have the option to participate.
7. There will be a judge to represent each species (5 judges total).

4-H FAMILY PROJECT DAY PRIZE DRAWING

Members that bring a project they made at 4-H Family Project Day or a duplicate of that project to the Grant County Fair will sign in on a special form. The 4H Family Project Day committee will draw 5 names, verify they are a project day project and award 5 -\$20 gift certificates. Certificates will be presented at 4-H Awards Night. Sponsored by Dewey Tire Repair.