

YOUTH Individual and Club Depts

OPEN TO YOUTH 4-H CLUB & FFA MEMBERS

General Rules & Regulations for YOUTH Exhibits & Activities

1. All YOUTH Exhibitors must be members in good standing of either 4-H and/or FFA in Frederick County. (Self Certified in 2021)
2. County age requirements for YOUTH: (Ages 8-18, as of January 1)
 - a. Animal Science Entries
 - i. Juniors (ages 8–10 by January 1 of current year)
 - ii. Intermediates (ages 11–13 by January 1 of current year)
 - iii. Seniors (ages 14–18 by January 1 of current year)
 - b. Building Entries
 - i. Juniors (ages 8–13 by January 1 of current year)
 - ii. Seniors (ages 14–18 by January 1 of current year)
3. Each member may make one exhibit in each class except where otherwise specified.
4. No entry fee is charged to youth exhibitors.
5. The Fair office will not be responsible for any exhibits.
6. Exhibits/animals will not be released during the fair to attend other fairs or shows.
7. Decision of the department superintendent is final. Any continued opposition may result in disqualification of the entry. Any formal complaints can be filed with the appropriate GFF Committee/FFA advisor. The Great Frederick Fair supports disciplinary policies and procedures that are in effect and imposed through proper guidelines and channels of the 4-H and FFA divisions. It is also The Great Frederick Fair's policy to forfeit any and all premiums and prize winnings if for any reason exhibitor dismissal is imposed.
8. All entries must be entered electronically. No paper entry forms will be accepted by the fair office.
9. All Youth exhibitors will follow ALL GFF rules and guidelines and all rules published in fair catalog.
10. YOUTH members may receive assistance with daily care, management and transportation of their project animal(s) from immediate family and Frederick County 4-H/FFA-ers in good standing with the same project discipline. On show day, the YOUTH member is responsible for preparing and presenting his/her project animal(s).
11. YOUTH members may receive a champion and/or reserve champion within the same section and/or class.

IN SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL CLASS & CLUB PROJECT EXHIBITS:

12. This division is open to all in-school agricultural classes and 4-H Clubs. All items entered in the in-school agricultural class or 4-H Club project divisions must have been completed during a 4-H Club meeting or in-school agricultural class session. Items exhibited in the club category will not be eligible for class champion ribbons or champion rosettes. Items entered by FFA members individually (although under the registered class) are not considered Club, but individual entries. FFA instructors/aids and 4-H Club leaders are to enter ALL class entries as a group. (It is hoped that the monies received by the club or chapter will be used to promote agriculture in Frederick County in an educational manner). All 4-H Club and in-school agriculture class individuals will receive one exhibitor wristband if they are not exhibiting in other areas of the Youth divisions at The Great Frederick Fair. There will be a limit of five entries permitted per 4-H/FFA member in the club/class. YOUTH members are permitted to enter individually and under the club.

13. FFA members showing as individuals must enter their own exhibits according to the rules and regulations outlined in the fair catalog. All FFA members entering individually must submit entries by August 15. Only electronic entries will be accepted by the Fair, and must be entered by 11:59 p.m., on August 15.

ADDITIONAL BUILDING RULES

14. First-time junior exhibitors can bring either an adult or older brother/sister in the YOUTH Building to help with their entering.
15. Bring all entries with the tags attached, and a copy of your entries to the YOUTH Building (Bldg. 12) on the days and times specified elsewhere in the fair catalog. (Youth exhibitors are responsible for printing and bringing their own entry tags – HOW TO GUIDE online www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/participate)
16. Upon arrival at the building, proceed directly to the departments that you will be entering in; have the copy of your entries with you.
17. Entries in YOUTH Building classes will be judged as Blue, Red, or White ribbon quality. Juniors and seniors will be judged separately.
18. No item can be exhibited a second year. Each entry must be made by exhibitor and represent work completed since the previous Fair. Exceptions: entries and collections which have been added to (example: leaf, insect collections, sewing samples.)
19. Rosettes will be awarded to both junior and senior champions for each section within each department. Additionally an overall grand champion rosette will be awarded for each department.
20. Exhibits are due according to the schedule listed at the end of the rules and regulation section.
21. Exhibits will be released at 9p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25 for FFA and from 9a.m. - 2p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 for all other Youth entries. Any exhibits not removed by 2p.m. will be disposed of at the discretion of the fair board. Any exhibits leaving without superintendent's permission will forfeit all premium monies.

EXHIBITOR ENTRY STATEMENT

22. All Exhibitors of the GFF upon entry submission agree to follow the rules and regulations of The Great Frederick Fair and the IAFE Code of Ethics. www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/exhibitorethics

ADDITIONAL RULES FOR ANIMAL YOUTH EXHIBITORS

23. Exhibits are due in their respective departments on the fairgrounds at the specified arrival/release times in the Fair Book.
24. All breeding animals, must be registered or a YOUTH Lease completed in the name of the enrolled YOUTH member of Frederick County on or before July 1 of the current year.
25. Registration and health papers must be presented and checked upon entering the fair.
26. All entries must be in accordance with state health regulations (NO EXCEPTIONS)
27. All animals (except steers, market lambs, market hogs, and poultry) entered in the YOUTH classes will be eligible to compete in the open classes, subject to rules of the open classes. Members must enter animals on open class entry form online.
28. The exhibitor's area must be inspected for cleanliness by the respective superintendent(s) upon check-out.
29. All exhibits will be housed as directed by superintendents.
30. Any YOUTH member found with alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be escorted from the fairgrounds and will forfeit all premium monies.
31. The GFF Exhibitor Code of Ethics will be enforced by the appropriate YOUTH superintendents with their decision being final.

32. For a breed designated show, a minimum of two exhibitors and four animals is required. This is at the discretion of the fair livestock oversight committee.
33. An exhibitor may exhibit one animal per bred and owned class upon meeting the Frederick County YOUTH Bred and Owned guidelines.
34. YOUTH members may have substitutions in the show-ring when:
 - a. YOUTH member is injured, with a doctor's note
 - b. YOUTH member becomes injured during or the day of the event
 - c. Multiple entries in one class
 - d. Participating in two YOUTH events simultaneously (Superintendents must be notified at the beginning of the show)
 - e. YOUTH member is a GFF ag advocate member/ambassador attending an event
35. Bred and Owned Project Criteria for YOUTH Members
 - a. YOUTH member must carry the respective breeding project
 - b. Female must be solely owned by the YOUTH member, if purebred, registration papers at the time of breeding must reflect
 - c. YOUTH member must submit complete breeding records for review by department superintendent or identified individual
 - d. YOUTH member must designate the animal on registration papers as Bred and Owned animal
36. The exhibitor is responsible for the preparation and presentation of their animal on show day. Verbal guidance may be received from others. Frederick County Youth members in the project area may assist. Immediate family may help with the daily care of the livestock.

(Many dept. have specific rules in their respective catalog sections)

DAIRY

37. YOUTH members can only show in one (1) Fitting & Showing Class.
38. A dairy cow must have been owned by the exhibitor before the animal was a two year old to be exhibited in the cow classes.
39. In Dam & Daughter Class, both animals must have been exhibited by the same member in the previous classes. Definite entry should be made for each entry in the Dam & Daughter Class.
40. YOUTH follows PDCA rules in addition to the Frederick County YOUTH rules.
41. YOUTH members are allowed 1 entry per class. YOUTH members must show their own entry.
42. All Breed Youth cow classes will be shown in breed order Sunday afternoon.

BEEF

43. A beef steer exhibitor can show a maximum of five market steers and is limited to no more than two per weight class per breed unless there are not enough steers at weigh-in for that breed, at which time the steer will be added to the cross breed class.

SHEEP

44. A sheep exhibitor can show a maximum of five market lambs and is limited to no more than two in a weight class. Ewe lambs shown as market lambs cannot be shown in breeding classes. Exhibitors can enter two animals in each of the breed classes.
45. Any sheep or lamb that are showing a rectal prolapse at a YOUTH activity will be ineligible for that show and be sent home by the sheep superintendent or other appropriately deemed individual. The following will be used as a guideline for making this determination: "rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4 cm (1.6 in) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing. (Journal of Animal Science, 2003, Thomas, et ae.) If a lamb is

observed with a rectal prolapse, (by one of the above people) and in the future is not observed within a rectal prolapse, it is still classified as having a rectal prolapse.

46. Market lambs must be slick shorn to within 5 inches above the center of the hock at which point they may be blended to the center of the hock.

SWINE

47. Exhibitors can show one pure bred barrow per breed, and enter two animals in each of the swine breed classes. NOTE: Purebred Barrow must be used as a Market Animal (3 max in Market Class).
48. In the market hog classes, an individual may show three animals.

POULTRY, RABBITS AND MEAT TURKEY RULES & REGULATIONS FOUND IN SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS

GOATS

49. ALL breeding goats MUST be solely owned by the exhibitor and MUST be registered in the exhibitor's name ONLY by JULY 1 of the current year. No stamped copies for animals over six months old. All market goats must be born after January 1 of the current year.
50. Tattoos will be checked upon entry. ALL Breeding goats must be tattooed and the tattoo must be READABLE! All tattoos must be healed and dry prior to entering the Fair. All market goats must be identified with a MD 4-H Market Livestock tag in order to show.
51. All dairy goats will adhere to the milkout schedule to be posted and announced by the superintendents.
52. All dairy goats must have horns removed and completely healed before coming to the fair.
53. A YOUTH member must be present to both show and sell his/her animal.
54. All goats (breed & market) must be shown with an approved collar.
55. A goat exhibitor can show a maximum of five market goats. Exhibitors can enter a maximum of two animals in each of the goat breed classes. A doe shown as a market goat cannot be shown in a breed class in the same year.
56. Any animal being shown in a group class, showmanship or pretty goat contest must have been shown in a breed or market class.
57. Dairy Goats will follow American Dairy Goat Association Rules.
58. If an exhibitor is showing a leased market animal, they cannot show an owned market animal; however, they can show an owned dairy animal. If an exhibitor is showing a leased dairy animal, they cannot show an owned dairy animal; however, they can show an owned market animal.

CAMELIDS

59. All camelid exhibitors must have an ID card into the Fair office by July 1 of current year.
60. All camelid exhibitors who do not own their own animal must have a signed lease agreement into the Fair office by July 1 of current year.
61. Rules subject to change—any additional changes will be sent to Exhibitors
62. PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors must comply with Maryland Health Regulations. You must present a copy of all health certificates to your superintendent upon the arrival of your animals at the fairgrounds. Health papers must be available on your animals from arrival until departure and a representative of the state veterinarians office will spot check animals.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK MARKET SALE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Refer to GFF Youth Livestock Rules & Regulations (www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/youthshow) {Rabbits & Turkeys; Goats, Beef, Sheep & Swine}- *Animals will be released to the buyer at the conclusion of the market sale or any time thereafter until 8:00 p.m. on the last Saturday of the Fair; any animals remaining after 8:00 will need to be removed from the barn by the seller. All sold animals must be outfitted with a collar to aid the buyer; if no collar is on the animal, a \$5.00 collar fee will be deducted from the sale check.*

Youth Exhibitor MARKET ANIMAL Disclaimer: Youth members are encouraged to participate in any and all livestock sales in Frederick County. However, IF a market animal is registered in another livestock auction, it is NOT eligible to show, or sell at The GFF. If an exhibitor shows an animal that is registered in another sale, that exhibitor forfeits all premiums and awards, as well as the privilege to participate in the Fair indefinitely.

Bullying & Harassment Policy Among Exhibitors *Adopted: 2017*

Everyone has the right to feel respected and be treated with dignity. The Great Frederick Fair encourages that exhibitors are to act in a courteous, honest manner, to provide an optimal competitive environment for achievement and be free from verbal assault, violence and harassment. This includes both in the exhibit area and the show ring.

Superintendents establish clear behavior standards and make every effort to be aware of problems, provide proper guidance and supervision and consistently and fairly enforce policies. If a mutual agreement cannot take place. Then a letter must be sent with the superintendent or directly sent to the Fair Office.

Bullying incidents, however, usually tend to occur out of sight of fair-going public. While poor sportsmanship may also be interpreted as bullying or harassment, care should be taken and clear narratives of any incident should be documented. A comprehensive approach that includes youth, youth leaders, parents, superintendents, show staff, and exhibitors has the most promise in reducing bullying. It is not helpful to simply tell a person to ignore bullying or encourage a person to fight the bully. It is important to report bullying because it may not stop without help.

First Offense – Letter of Reprimand

Second Offense – Dismissal from Fairgrounds

Third Offense – Permanent dismissal from Fairgrounds