Menominee County Fair Virtual Showcase 2020

Rules and Procedures

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The Menominee County Fair Virtual Showcase is open to all youth regardless of location ages 5-19 as of January 1, 2020. There will be **no adult** classes held this year.

Menominee County Fair Board reserves to itself authority to make such rules and Regulations governing the control and management of the fair as in its judgment may be necessary and proper to properly carry out the purposes for which said fair is being held.

**EXHIBITORS’ PROCEDURES**

 The Menominee County Fair Manager reserves the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the operation of the Menominee County Fair. Fair reserves the right to hold premiums for excessive mess left.

By disregarding or violating any rules or regulations any exhibitor or contestant forfeits all premiums, rights and privileges without recourse and will be subject to such penalty as the Menominee County Fair Board may order. If doubt arises as to the meaning or application of a rule, the Manager shall interpret the same. Pre-entry is required on exhibits of dairy and beef cattle, goats, sheep, rabbits, poultry, riding horses, draft horses, youth department, home economics, and fair queen/princess entries.

 **Closing date for pre-entry is July 19, 2020 at midnight central standard time**. Registration for 2020 is to do be solely through the Menominee County Fair Virtual Showcase program. No additional entries accepted after entry closing date.

Send payment to:

Menominee County Fair

904 US 41

Stephenson, MI 49887

Payment must be received on or before July 22, 2020. If payment is not received your exhibit will not be judged. Results from the Menominee County Virtual Showcase will be released the weekend of July 25th and 26th. Awards will be available for pickup at the Menominee County Annex on Please contact the Menominee County Fair is you would prefer your awards be mailed at men.co.fair@outlook.com.

Please see the Menominee County Fair requirements spreadsheets for information on what each department requires for exhibits to be shown. Photos of exhibits will be uploaded into the Fair Entry system to be judged. Videos must be uploaded to YouTube, the URL is then linked to the entry for exhibition. You can create a private YouTube account if you do not want the general public viewing your videos.

 All exhibits MUST be the work of the individual in whose name the exhibit is entered. Please see the spreadsheet for the requirements of what to submit for each department.

**JUNIOR SHOW RULES**

1. Competition is open to anyone who has not reached his or her 20th birthday before January 1st 2020. Age of all members will be determined as of January 1st, 2020. Birth Certificate may be required for proof of age if there is a question or protest. **Birth Certificate is required for first time exhibitors (CLOVERBUDS).**

2. Rules: The junior exhibitor will abide by the general exhibitors' rules of the Menominee County Fair and any special rules set up in this Premium Book.

3. Requirements: Animals may be either grade or purebred unless otherwise designated. All animals must be owned for 30 days prior to entry and the exhibitor must feed, fit, groom, train and show the animal himself/herself. All animals must be trained to lead. Rope or leather halters may be used.

4. Identification: Animals must be identified by diagram, picture, or ear tag number; and it is the sole responsibility of the junior exhibitor to have the animal so identified and recorded on the Pre-entry blank.

Registration fees will be invoiced based on registration submission via Showcase program.

Substitutions of animals within the same class, entered for reasons satisfactory to the superintendent and with the approval of the Manager, will be permitted.

If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any class, the matter shall be submitted to the Superintendent in charge of that department for adjustment.

The decision of the judges shall be final, and no appeal will be considered except in the cases of protests to the Fair Manager. Objections to any person serving as a judge must be submitted to the superintendent in writing, *prior to making any award*, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore. The Superintendent shall refer this to the Manager who shall have full power to act.

Formal Protests: A formal protest by an agricultural exhibitor shall be made in writing to the Manager, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for the protest. A formal protest against an agricultural exhibition of animals or articles shall be filed not less than 24 hours before judging. A formal protest against a placing shall be filed no more than six hours after the placing has been made, and shall be considered by the Manager. Interested parties shall be duly notified and given an opportunity to submit evidence pursuant to a procedure established by the Manager, before a final decision is made. In addition to the rights of protest herein guaranteed to interested parties, the Fair Board expressly reserves the right, within the scope or power of its authority, to take cognizance of any attempt at fraud, as may be found from the evidence relating hereto, and to act as may be deemed just and proper.

Awards: Judges' sheets will be used as sole evidence for payment of premiums**. Ribbons and tags are not accepted.**

An entry in any department, including an entry made under the Danish System of judging, does not guarantee a premium award.

**THE MENOMINEE COUNTY FAIR BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PRO‑RATE ALL PREMIUMS.**

Animal rights activists may hand out literature **only** in designated area. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the premises.

**Procedure for Filing A Complaint Or Appeal With the Fair**

 Exhibitors have 10 days from the close of the fair to file a complaint or appeal with the fair. The fair must define the steps for the board review, investigation and issuing a notice of finding and recommended actions. The exhibitor has 45 days from the date that the complaint was filed with the fair to file an appeal with the Department of Agriculture. The department has 60 days to investigate the appeal and issue a report on the findings.

Person wishing to file a complaint can pick up a form at the Fair Office at S904 US 41, Stephenson, MI 49887 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Return completed form to the Fair Office. A Fair Board of reviews meeting will be called to investigate the complaint and return recommended actions. If said person is not happy with the recommended actions, they can then file an appeal with the Department of Agriculture.

**\*\*All sheep and goats must have official USDA tag showing they have undergone testing for scrappies. All cattle must provide evidence of negative testing for BVD PI and have RFID ear tags. The complete set of requirements can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan Department of Agriculture website: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdard/2016\_EXHIBITION\_REQUIREMENTS\_FINAL\_WITH\_COVER\_449520\_7.pdf**

**RULES FOR THE DAIRY AND BEEF SHOW**

 1. BE SURE YOU ENTER YOUR ANIMALS IN THE RIGHT CLASS, ACCORDING TO THE AGE OF THE ANIMAL.

 2. A $10 entry fee will be charged for each entry.

 3. All animals must be pre‑registered. The entry fee must be paid at the time of pre-registration. No animal may be shown unless animal is pre‑registered by July 19, 2020.

 4. Cattle will be shown according to their age, as determined by registration papers. Grades may use DHIA records to prove age of animals.

 5. Each farm is limited to 10 animals, in addition to the Youth Department entries from the farm for dairy and beef.

 6. Youth Department entrants may exhibit one animal per class in Open Class in addition to the other animals from that farm.

 7. Dairy Herd Classes 20 & 21 must be made up from the animals from one farm, including Youth Department entries from the farm.

 8. All animals must be identified by ear tag or tattoo.

9. Production premiums will be paid on the high DHIA or Owner‑Sampler actual record certified by the DHIA supervisor. There will be a $3 per cow entry fee, paid when the records are submitted.

10. Only first place animals are eligible for Grand Champion.

11. First place animals are also eligible for Reserve Champion. The second place winner in the class from which the champion was selected will be in the judging.

12. All decisions of the judge will be final. Premiums will be paid on the judge's placing of the animals.

13. Youth between the ages of 9 and 19 may enter the Youth Departments. **Ages 5-8 are eligible for Cloverbud Classes ONLY. Parents must accompany Cloverbud exhibitors.**

14. All 4‑H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and any other youth groups may enter group classes

**RULES THAT APPLY TO SHEEP & GOAT SHOW**

1. Sheep exhibits in the Youth Department are open to any youth who has reached age 9 by January 1st of fair year, or has not reached his/her 20th birthday by January 1st of fair year, with the exception of any Cloverbud Youth Classes for ages 5 – 8.

2. **Junior Showmen may enter the same animal in both the Junior Show and Open Show. If a junior sheep exhibitor shows his/her animal in both the junior and open class, he or she must pay the entry fee in both departments.**

3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in each youth class and open class (only 1 market lamb may be exhibited).

4. Market lambs shall have wool covering of not more than one inch. The market lambs will be judged on the basis of best finish for that day. Market lambs can only be shown in the market lamb class and will not be allowed to enter a ewe lamb class with the same animal.

5. Exhibitor’s Flock animals must include at least a ram and ewe of any age.

6. First prize winners only can compete for champion prizes.

7. The Sheep Open Class is open to youth having reached the minimum age of 9 by January 1st of fair year.

8. The goat show is open to youth and Exhibitors are limited to 2 entries per class.

19. **All sheep and goats must have USDA ID ear tag showing they have been tested for SCRAPIES**

**RULES FOR POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW**

1. Judging of the rabbits will follow the A.R.B.A. (American Rabbit Breeders Association) Standard of Perfection

2. Poultry and rabbits in the Youth department are open to any youth who has reached his/her 9th birthday or has not reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of fair year.

4. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter up to 5 exhibits per class.

5. Birds shown as individual exhibits will not be able to be shown as part of a pair or pen or as the mother and offspring. All birds shall be a recognized breed.

9. The entry fee will be charged per class, limit 10 entries per show. Youth can enter in both open and youth with separate rabbits. Fee must be paid at the time of invoice. Poultry and Rabbits must be pre-registered by July19th.

**RULES FOR MINIATURE HORSE SHOW**

1. Show is open to all miniature horses, including those from areas other than the Upper Peninsula. Animals should be pre-registered

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT 91**

**FAIR QUEEN CONTEST (Age 14-19) and**

**FAIR PRINCESS CONTEST (Age 9-13)**

**RULES:**

1. Queen candidates must be between the ages of 14- 19. Princess candidates must be between the ages of 9-13.

3. All participants must be single.

4. All participants must be a Menominee County resident for at least one year and/or have attend a Menominee County school for one year.

5. All participants must be an exhibitor at the County Fair..

6. The Fair Queen and Fair Princess must be available for local parades and Fair promotional activities throughout the year of their reign.

Youth Still

**Youth Age 9-19**

**\*\*\*Cloverbud Age 5-8\*\***

**PUT ITEMS IN ONE BOX**

**NO INDIVIDUAL**

**EXHIBITS ALLOWED FOR**

**CLOVERBUDS!**

**Premium for Departments 60-72:**

Judging is Danish except for Cloverbud

**1st –Blue Ribbon - $4**

**2nd- Red Ribbon - $3**

**3rd –White Ribbon - $2**

**RULES:**

1. See General Rules & Regulations.

2. There will be no late registrations accepted.

3. The Danish system of A-Blue, B-Red, and C-White, will be used in judging. An award will be given to each exhibit if the judge feels it is worthy of a placement.

4. Exhibit must be work of the exhibitor within the last two years.

5. There is a limit of one entry per Class

6. All judge’s decisions are final.

7. Special Rosettes may be given for outstanding exhibits to be determined by the Judges and Superintendents.

8. Please be sure to read section instructions for preparation ie: recipes, labels, size requirements…

**DEPARTMENT 61**

**YOUTH CULINARY ARTS (Food)**

**\*One entry per Class**

**\*Recipe for each exhibit should be written on a 3X5 card included with entry.**

***Improper entries will be disqualified.***

**DEPARTMENT 62**

**FINE ARTS**

**Artwork must be framed or mounted on heavy cardboard.. Exhibits must have been made between August 2019 and July 2020. Artwork must be original by design. NO PAINT BY NUMBER!**

**\*One entry per Class.\***

**The Fine Arts Department will be divided up into 3 age categories this year. Please pay attention to your age category for entering. Age is determined as of January 1st of current Fair Year.**

**DEPARTMENT 62 & 64 ONLY**

**Age Categories as Follows:**

**Section A: Ages 9-12**

**Section B: Ages 13-15**

**Section C: Ages 16-19**

Dept 64 Photography

**\*All photography prints must be taken by the exhibitor between August of 2019 and now. Prints must be at least 5 X 7, must be mounted or framed. Entries are limited to 5 per Department. A total of 5 pictures per exhibitor are allowed.**

**The Photography Department will be divided up into 3 age categories. Please pay attention to your age category for entering. Age is determined as of January 1st of current Fair Year.**

**For example on Youth Entry Form:**

**Age 10, Animal Life -Color Picture would be entered as:**

**DEPARTMENT SECTION CLASS**

 **64 A 4**

***Improper entries will be disqualified.***

**Age Categories as Follows:**

**Section A: Ages 9-12**

**Section B: Ages 13-15**

**Section C: Ages 16-19**

**DEPARTMENT 66**

**AGRICULTURE**

**\*Grains should be tied in bundles of 3 inches in diameter and bound at both ends and at the middle. Sheaf samples should show the full length of the straw. Hay samples, if baled, should show a slice of approximately 18”x18”x4” tied together crosswise with twine.**

***Improper entries will be disqualified***

**DEPARTMENT 67**

**FLORICULTURE**

***Improper entries will be disqualified.***

1. Only one entry per Class

2**. All entries must be grown and arranged by exhibitor.**

3. No Styrofoam or plastic cups allowed as vases.

4. Only fresh flowers may be used in arrangements .Invasive species should not be used in arrangements.

5. No artificial flowers, foliage or fruit allowed.

6. Bases and figurines are permitted to further a theme.

7. It is considered disrespectful to use the American Flag in any arrangements.

**DEPARTMENT 68**

**HORTICULTURE**

1. Only one entry per Class

2. All entries must be grown by exhibitor.

**SECTION B –HERBS Exhibit can be a bunch of 15 stems, a potted plant or dried in a ½ pt. glass jar.**

**DEPARTMENT 72**

**YOUTH EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS**

**INDIVIDUAL OR CLUB DISPLAYS**

**\*Entries must be done by Youth.**

The Cloverbud display has been created especially for youth exhibitors age 8 and under. Michigan State University released the 4-H **Cloverbud** Programming Official Policy that outlines working with and regarding the 5 to 8 year old age group. Even though entries for this fair do not need to be from 4-H members, the new policy was implemented at the 2003 Menominee County Fair for all exhibitors.

For various reasons, it has been recommended this age group receive participation ribbons for projects that they exhibit, and not 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbons or any premiums.