

REGISTRATION IS BETWEEN APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 AND MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:59PM

## ANIMAL EXHIBITORS INFORMATION & ANIMAL SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Animal Exhibitors Information & Animal Specific Rules and Regulations

1. **GET READY**-Gather forms and scan for Animal Registration, be prepared to upload at registration
  - i. premise ID (No premise id is needed for cats, dogs, or rabbits)
  - ii. Animal identification info
  - iii. Swine Identification Sheets
2. **EXHIBITOR WORKS**-All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and must be work done since the last fair.
3. **ALL ANIMALS** and livestock must be shown by the exhibitor unless special permission is granted by the person in charge during judging.
4. **OPEN CLASS**-Boys and girls belonging to any Sauk County youth organization entered as a junior exhibitor shall not be permitted to show in open classes if exhibiting in Junior Fair, only in classes that are not projects being carried by exhibitor in the junior fair.
5. **MARKET CLASSES** (ATCP 160.12) (a) General. A fair board may establish market beef entry classes under pars. (b) and (c). Animals entered in market beef entry classes shall be raised to be sold at market and shall be shown by weight. Entries may include beef, crossbred beef, dairy beef cross or dairy beef breeds. A fair board may establish weight limits for each entry class but may not limit entry classes by breed or sex. If 16 or more animals are entered in any entry class, that class may be divided into 20 or more approximately equal subclasses and each subclass may be judged as a separate entry class. An exhibitor may not enter more than one animal under this subsection.
6. **ANIMAL ENTRIES- All animals must be identified and entered to show at the fair. COMBINED ENTRY STALL, & WASTE REMOVAL FEE\*\*FEE IS PER ANIMAL, NOT per pen-**  
\*\*Sheep, Swine and Goats and Exotics will be combined in the same pens by family/farm; but, stall rent is per animal in combined pens for those animals.  
Dairy/Beef\$15.00/animal (not per pen) Swine/Sheep \$ 7.50/animal (not per pen)  
Goats \$7.50/animal (not per pen) Exotics \$7.50/animal (not per pen)  
Horse \$15.00/animal (not per pen) Poultry \$1.50 /per bird (not per cage)  
Rabbit \$1.50/per animal (not per cage)  
**Please note: \*There will be no refund on entry/stall rent fee**
7. **CHECK- IN \*TIME\*\*\*\***  
\*\*\*\*Wednesday (7am- 1:00PM) is Entry Day for exhibitors having animal exhibits \*\*\*\*REMEMBER TIME\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*All animals must be on the fairgrounds by 1:00PM. \*\*\*\*  
Exhibitors bringing in exhibits after 1:00PM to check in will NOT be eligible for show.
8. **FAIR LOAD AND VET CHECK-IN FORM - MUST accompany ALL animals** upon arrival at the Sauk County Fairgrounds. *ONE form should be completed PER LOAD, not by each exhibitor.* This form should be completed prior to arriving at the fair. Forms are available online at [www.saukcountyfair.com](http://www.saukcountyfair.com). Also, at the end of the fair book.
  - a. Veterinarians will be at the entrance gate to review and collect the Fair Load and Vet Check-In Form. Veterinarians will also collect all state mandated health certificates. (refer to health rules above)
9. **VETERINARIAN**
  - a. Veterinarians will perform a well animal check at the gate before animals are cleared for unloading.
  - b. A veterinarian will conduct a daily inspection of all livestock at the fair. The appointed licensed veterinarian shall also have the responsibility of reviewing all records required for entry to the Fair. If the veterinarian detects a problem with an animal, the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of treatment.
10. **SWINE**: An exhibitor may enter up to 3 swine in entry classes under this subsection and may receive up to 2 premiums in any entry class under this subsection.
11. **HEALTH CERTIFICATES EXHIBITORS NAME MUST BE ON HEALTH CERTIFICATES- IF IN PARENTS NAME-** Use a marker and add name at top of certificates, for fair identification.
12. **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**
  - a. All animals must be identified with the name of the exhibitor and the youth organization they belong to. (Barn Cards can be picked up at the Fair Office).
  - b. You may also use your own as long as they have the proper information on them.
13. **CATTLE ANIMAL DISEASE**
  - a. Cattle affected with ringworm, warts, mange, or scab may not be exhibited. Unless the veterinarian verifies in writing that the ringworm lesions or warts are inactive and incapable of transmitting the disease.
  - b. Any cattle found with ringworm, warts, mange, or scabs that are active shall be removed from the premises of the fair.
  - c. If the exhibitor questions the superintendent about the removal of the animal, a veterinarian will be called to the fairgrounds to determine if the ringworm is active and the vet on call shall be the expense of the exhibitor. (See specific Health Rules under each dept.)
14. **PENALTIES**

Section 95.19 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides in part: "No person shall...exhibit at any fair any animal afflicted with or exposed to any contagious and infectious disease." It is a misdemeanor to exhibit animal contrary to this section. In addition, it is provided that any person violating this provision shall be liable to any other person who sustains damages be reason of such violation.

## **15. LIVESTOCK RULES**

- a. All livestock buildings will close at 10 PM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Signs will be posted in all livestock buildings. Exhibitors must leave the barns at this time.
- b. Once all livestock buildings are closed, gates will be put up on the entrances of each barn to contain livestock overnight.
- c. For security purposes, livestock building lights will be kept on overnight. (This rule is adaptable to change per species superintendent)
- d. Exhibitors bringing in exhibits after WED. 1 PM to check-in will **NOT** be eligible to show.
- e. Market livestock weighing over the maximum weight will still be eligible for the market animal sale, but the buyer of the market animal will only have to pay up to the maximum weight.
- f. dairy or meat buck weighting over 83 ½ lbs. will be disqualified and not eligible for show and may be sent home \*\*\*

## **16. PREMISE ID/ANIMAL ID**

- a. The premise ID # and animal Id are required to be entered online, to have entry accepted.
- b. Animals must have an ID. If you do not have this information, your animal will be sent home. This applies to ALL animal entries staying at the fairgrounds. It does not apply to cats, dogs, or small animal pets, which are all shown and then leave the fairgrounds the same day.

## **17. EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS- Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit & Domesticated Exotics must complete one YQCA course. YQCA- [www.saukcountyfair.com](http://www.saukcountyfair.com) for weblink**

Goals of YQCA-Ensure the safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects. Ensure a safe food supply to consumers. Enhance the future of the livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry. Maximize the limited development time and budgets of state and national youth program leaders to provide an effective quality assurance program. Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors. The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals national multi-species quality assurance program embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that its educational programs are available to youth and adults on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with U.S. civil rights laws and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

***Education is a tenant of the Sauk County Fair, thank you for completing and providing excellent examples of animals in the agricultural industry. There is no reimbursement. . If it is a struggle to pay, contact the fair. YQCA Completion Educational***

**Certificate** Answer and Follow the Directions Below

- a. Are you entering an animal in the Sauk County Fair any day July 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2026?

No = You are done, you do not need to go any further. Yes= Go to Question number b.

- b. Are you entering either a dog, cat, or both, **but no other animal?**

A. YES= You are done, you do not need to go any further.

B. No= If you are entering other animals, Go to Question c.

- c. **If you are entering an animal in the following departments: Dairy, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, and Domesticated Exotics you will need to complete ONE (only ONE) YQCA Completion Certificate.**

EXHIBITOR ONLY NEEDS ONE CERTIFICATE FOR THE FAIR EACH YEAR. MAKE SURE IN EXHIBITOR'S NAME If the exhibitor has more than one species staying at the fair, the exhibitor may choose one of the species to complete the certificate.

The YQCA curriculum is broken into four levels: Junior ages 8-11, Intermediate ages 12-14, Senior ages 15-18, and Young Adult ages 19-21. Three or four levels of content focused on food safety, animal well-being, and character are outlined for each level.

**YOU DO NEED TO UPLOAD THE CERTIFICATE AT REGISTRATION**

## **18. BARN DECORATIONS**

- g. It is recommended that barn decorations be the same within each club.
- h. If several clubs are sharing space, the decorations should be the same.
- i. Check your specific animal department and superintendent for specific decorating directions.

## **19. DRESS CODE**

- a. Exhibitors are allowed to wear tasteful clothing in the show ring that **excludes** farm/club/chapter/association affiliation wording and logos.

## **20. EARLY RELEASE-**It is up to the Fair Board's discretion to release animals due to environmental c conditions or for the safety/health of the animal.

**21. HERDSMANSHIP:** Herdsmanship is important to the public image of agriculture. Herdsmanship helps youth learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness and proper care of animals. Herdsmanship Judging will take place on Wednesday- Sunday 9 am and 9 pm by two to four individuals. Results will be announced Sunday at 3pm. All ties will be broken by the Livestock Superintendent or Herdsmanship judges. The 1<sup>st</sup> place herdsmanship award recipients for each species (beef, dairy, goat, exotics, sheep, swine, horse) will receive their name on a plaque that will be in each barn. The plaque will be added to each year. Herdsmanship Judges will be scores will be based on the following: cleanliness and care of the animal, aisles and walkways, equipment storages, identification and signage, decorations, educational components, and public presence.

## **22. PROFESSIONAL FITTERS/FITTING**

- a. **Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat** - Only the father, mother, guardian, grandparent, siblings or other Sauk County Fair junior exhibitors may assist in fitting a beef, swine, goat or sheep project.
- b. **DAIRY** - Fitters are allowed to clip animals on the Fairgrounds. It is highly recommended that the exhibitor be present to observe the fitter, so it may be a learning experience for the exhibitor.
- c. **ALL Species:** To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, Sauk County Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor. Unethical fitting is prohibited

and shall include any injection of gas, solid or liquid to alter the normal conformation. Treating the udder internally or externally with an irritant or other substance to artificially improve conformation is prohibited. Additionally, any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting, or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance is prohibited. Attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair, and heels, as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state is prohibited. The use of clenbuterol is prohibited.

**23. SHOWMANSHIP**-*Grades are based on the grade you are currently in (or just completed in May). All showmanship classes are under placed using Danish Judging.* Showmanship will be judged on the basis of: Showmanship, appearance and neatness of showman

**24. TRAILER/VEHICLE INFORMATION\*\*\***

- a. \*\*Please take your trailer home after animals are unloaded. Trailers are not allowed to stay on the fairgrounds.
- b. No vehicles or trailers will be allowed in the barn area, during the week, including Sunday prior to the exhibit release time of 4:00 PM. Violators will be subject to fines by Baraboo Police Department.
- c. EXHIBITORS BREAKING THE RULE WILL RESULT IN THE EXHIBITOR LOSING THEIR CURRENT Year PREMIUMS.
- d. **\*DO NOT BRING TRAILERS AND TRUCKS PAST BARRICADES BEFORE 4 PM ON SUNDAY, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME NOT LISTED!**
- e. \*\*The only exception is for pre-approved trailers, including trailers loading animals going directly to market at 2:00PM Sunday.

Each Project (dependent on number in project) may apply to their superintendent for an approved feed trailer, to be shared. There are a limited number of these trailer passes available to projects.

- a. Submit form by Monday of fair, to superintendent or office. An approved trailer will be registered and given a pass by the fair office; approved trailers will have the pass displayed on the trailer. The trailer will need to stay parked in the approved location until 4:00PM Sunday of fair. Trailers approved for project are for all project members.
- b. Sunday of fair. Trailers approved for project are for all project members.

**25. \*\*TACK SUPPLIES\*\***

- a. Extra feed, etc may be unloaded, next to buildings-
- b. **ONLY between 6AM - 8AM each morning of fair & between 9PM - 10PM each evening**
- c. NO VEHICLES will be allowed next to buildings at any other time.

**26. OTHER ANIMALS** Dogs and / or other pets will not be allowed in the barns except for service dogs, check in at office.

**27. TENTS/ PORTABLE AWNINGS-** Tents, Portable Pop-up Tents and Awnings need to go in approved areas. Ask if you are unsure where the tents can be put up. We suggest that clubs and projects go together to share tents. To prevent blockage of fire lanes, roadways or entrances ask for guidance or you may be asked to take down the tent.

**28. WASH RACK**

- a. Washing animals is only allowed at the wash rack(s).
- b. Any exhibitor found to be washing animals outside of those areas will not be allowed to show their animals in competition.
- c. Be considerate of exhibitors trying to wash animals on that animal's show day.

**GO TO EACH DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIES SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS. READ THROUGH EACH SPECIES-SPECIFIC RULE AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.**

**When you check the box in registration it says you have read and understand.**