

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## 2024 JUNIOR RABBIT ENTRY INFORMATION

*Information may be updated if necessary until online entries open. Please check for final updates.*

Superintendent – Sue Kaminski

### ENTRY CLOSING DATE

Online Entries – Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 22, 2024

**NEW FOR 2024: Quiz and Communications contests must be entered online by the late Entry Deadline**

*YQCA Certification must be completed before entry and remain active through August 11, 2024.*

*Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on May 22<sup>nd</sup> is considered late and late fees apply.*

### ENTRY FEES

Rabbit Breed Classes	\$ 4 each
Roaster	\$ 4 each (must also be entered in breed class)
Stewer	\$ 4 each (must also be entered in breed class)
Single Fryer	\$ 4 each
Meat Pen	\$ 8 per pen
Showmanship	No Charge; all exhibitors will be entered

### LATE ENTRY FEES

Completed and paid by 5 pm Central Time on May 29, 2024    \$130 per exhibitor, plus original entry fees above  
**NO entries will be accepted after 5 pm Central Time on May 29<sup>th</sup>**

### SHOW SCHEDULE

*Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule*

Arrival	July 31	7 to 10 am
		<b><i>Please note:</i></b> Gate 5 hang tags will be provided to coop-in/out rabbits and allow one (1) vehicle and up to three (3) people access through Gate 5 (84 <sup>th</sup> Street) to proceed directly to the Poultry and Rabbit Palace for coop-in/out purposes <u>only</u> . Exhibitors intending to visit the Fair before or after coop-in/out must purchase Fair admission tickets and vehicle parking.
In Place	July 31	10 am
Exhibitor Meeting	July 31	11 am - <i>Rules and expectations will be reviewed and strictly enforced</i>
Show	August 1	10 am Showmanship
	August 2	9 am Rabbit Show 3 pm Award Ceremony
Release	August 2	Staggered Release from 4 to 7 pm

**Junior Rabbits will be featured exclusively** in the Poultry and Rabbit Palace from August 1-2 along with a small poultry exhibit.

## **Rabbit Specific Rules**

**ELIGIBILITY RULES:** See “Junior General Rules and Regulations” on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) and “Junior Show Exhibitor Rules and Regulations” at end of this document.

The Wisconsin State Fair Junior Rabbit Show is not a sanctioned American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) show; however, the show will follow ARBA’s Standard of Perfection guidelines for breed character and judging criteria.

Rabbits must be at least 8 weeks old to be shown.

Exhibitors may enter and show **no more than 16 animals** in the Junior Rabbit show. Exhibitors *MAY NOT ENTER* more animals than the total allowed to show.

**Substitutions:** Substitutions may be made within the department for any entered animal as follows:

- A. At the time of entry, junior exhibitors may **declare** one (1) potential substitute animal (of any sex or breed) for each animal entered. All potential substitutes **must** be declared at the time of entry; complete information must be provided (class number, age, tattoo, name and registration number).

**Example:** An exhibitor enters 10 animals; the exhibitor can identify 10 additional rabbits (of any sex/breed) as substitutes.

- B. After the entry deadline, an exhibitor may only substitute animals from the potential substitutes submitted with entries.
- i. **By July 24<sup>th</sup>** – To activate a substitute animal, send an email to [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) stating the exhibitor name, name/tattoo of animal being dropped, and name/tattoo of animal substitute being activated.
  - ii. **After July 24<sup>th</sup>** – To activate a substitute animal, notify the department staff at check in.

**Animal Health:** Rabbits showing any evidence of disease may not be exhibited. All rabbits exhibited may be subject to quarantine or harvest if any contagious or infectious disease is discovered among any of the rabbits in the exhibit. If, at any time, any rabbit shows evidence of a contagious or infectious disease, it shall be **removed immediately** from the exhibit, quarantined, or harvested as directed by the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian or the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Representative. Owners must plan to pick up their rabbit(s) within 8 hours of notice or rabbit(s) will be disposed of at the Superintendent’s discretion.

**Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver:** It is intended that all animals are housed in Wisconsin and under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor from the time of entry deadline through the end of the Junior Show rotation at Wisconsin State Fair. During that time, the animal(s) entered may only be shown by the exhibitor, immediate family (brother, step-brother, sister, step-sister, mother, step-mother, father, step-father, or legal guardian – with proof of relationship) or family farm, **unless a Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver has been obtained in advance.**

If a junior show exhibitor anticipates that someone other than the exhibitor, immediate family member or family farm may show a project animal after the junior has entered Wisconsin State Fair, a waiver request must be completed by the entry deadline. *Failure to obtain a waiver in advance of the animal being shown by anyone other than those listed below may result in the animal being disqualified from Wisconsin State Fair participation and any awards, ribbons and prize money being forfeited.*

Waiver requests may be found at [wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/](http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/). Waiver requests will be considered on an individual basis by Wisconsin State Fair management, who reserve the right to further review situations with outside sources. Requests will be approved or denied by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Waiver requests must be made by email to [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) by May 22, 2024.

Exhibitors are required to bring their own food for their rabbits. Exhibitors are responsible to feed and water their own rabbits by 9 am each day. The Superintendent may schedule barn duty which may include putting fresh shavings in cages, feeding, watering, sweeping and other light duties. Failure to complete barn duties may result in loss of prize money.

Exhibitors are responsible to carry their own rabbits to and from the judging table or arrange for another junior rabbit exhibitor to do so.

***Areas highlighted in blue are sponsorships pending/being updated for 2024.***

## RABBIT SHOW

The Rabbit Show Entry Information is in addition to the “Junior General Rules and Regulations” located on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com).

1. **Entries** with complete information and proper fees must be submitted online to Wisconsin State Fair.
  - A. **Breeding animals:** class number, age, tattoo, name and registration number.
  - B. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear or they will be disqualified. Tattoos must be stated at the time of online entry.
2. **Open Show:** Junior Exhibitors may enter the same breeding animal in both the Open and Junior Shows. Open and Junior shows must be entered and paid by the respective entry deadlines.

## PRIZE MONEY

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> and up
\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6

**BOB** - \$20      **BOS** - \$15      **BF** - \$10

Division Name	Class Numbers						Do not enter		
	Sr Buck	Sr Doe	6/8 Buck	6/8 Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe	BOB	BOS	BF
American Fuzzy Lop (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Angora (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Angora, Giant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jersey Woolly (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Lionhead (All Varieties)	1	2			5		7	8	9
American (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
American Sable	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Argent Brun	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Belgian Hare	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Beveren (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Blanc de Hotot	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Blue Holicer	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Britannia Petite (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Californian	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Champagne D'Argent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Checkered Giant (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chinchilla (All Breeds)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cinnamon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Creme d'Argent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Czech Frosty	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Dutch (Black)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Dutch (All other Varieties)	1	2			5	6			
Dwarf Hotot	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Dwarf Papillion (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
English Spot (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Flemish Giant (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Florida White	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Harlequin (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9

Division Name	Class Numbers						Do not enter		
	Sr Buck	Sr Doe	6/8 Buck	6/8 Doe	Jr Buck	Jr Doe	BOB	BOS	BF
Havana (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Himalayan (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Holland Lop (Broken)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Holland Lop (Solid)	1	2			5	6			
Lilac	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
English Lop	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
French Lop	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mini Lop (Broken)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Mini Lop (Solid)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Rex (Black)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Mini Rex (Broken Group)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Rex (Castor)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Rex (Otter)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Rex (All other Varieties)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Satin (White)	1	2			5	6			
Mini Satin (All other Varieties)	1	2			5	6			
<b>Netherland Dwarf - Self</b> (Black, Blue, Chocolate, Lilac, BEW & REW)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
<b>Netherland Dwarf - Shaded</b> (Sable Point, Siamese Sable, Siamese Smoke Pearl & Tortoise Shell [Black and Blue])	1	2			5	6			
<b>Netherland Dwarf - Agouti</b> (Chestnut, Chinchilla, Lynx, Opal & Squirrel)	1	2			5	6			
<b>Netherland Dwarf - Tan Pattern</b> (Fox, Otter, Sable Marten, Silver Marten, Smoke Pearl, Marten & Tan)	1	2			5	6			
<b>Netherland Dwarf - AOV</b> (Agouti Lutino, Broken, Fawn, Himalayan, Orange, Orange Lutino & Steel)	1	2			5	6			
New Zealand (White)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
New Zealand (All other Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6			
Palomino	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Polish (Black)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Polish (Broken)	1	2			5	6			
Polish (All other Varieties)	1	2			5	6			
Rex (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Rhineland (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Satin (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Silver (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Silver Fox (All Varieties)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Silver Marten (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Tan (All Varieties)	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
Thrianta	1	2			5	6	7	8	9
<b>Any Certificate of Development Breed/Variety</b>	1	2			5	6	7	8	NA

## WISCONSIN STATE FAIR BEST IN SHOW

Best in Show	\$150 and Banner
Reserve Best in Show	\$100 and Banner
Third Overall Best in Show	\$75 and Banner
Fourth Overall Best in Show	\$25 and Banner
Fifth Overall Best in Show	Banner

## MEAT RABBIT SHOW

The Meat Rabbit Entry Information is in addition to the “Junior General Rules and Regulations” located on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com).

1. **Roasters and Stewers** entered in the Meat division must also be entered and shown in an individual breed class.
2. **Fryers** entered in the Meat division do not need to be entered/shown in the individual breed division classes.
3. Please advise if separate cooping is needed for fryers. Meat pens will automatically be provided caging.

Class and Class Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> and up
<b>Meat Pen (three):</b> 69 days of age or under and must weigh between 3.5 to 5.5 lbs. Must be of the same breed and variety	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25
<b>Fryer (single):</b> 69 days of age or under and must weigh between 3.5 to 5.5 lbs.	20	18	16	14	12	10
<b>Roaster (single):</b> must be under 6 months of age and 5.5 to 9 lbs.	20	18	16	14	12	10
<b>Stewer (single):</b> must be over 6 months of age and over 8 lbs.	20	18	16	14	12	10

## SHOWMANSHIP

1. Only exhibitors in the department are eligible for the Rabbit Showmanship Contest. Exhibitors must exhibit his/her own animal entered and checked in for one of the individual junior classes.
2. The same animal must be used in all heats and finals of the Showmanship competition.
3. All exhibitors will be entered in Showmanship at no charge. Participation in Showmanship must be confirmed during check in at the Fair.
4. Exhibitors' age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year will be used for determining age division. The Superintendent will post class/heat order at the Fair and reserves the right to break any class with more than 10 participants into heats. Exhibitors will be randomly assigned to heats. The judge will select the top showpersons in each heat (quantity at the judge's discretion) to advance to the final class for that age class.
5. Prize money for the finals will be paid on straight placing. Participants not selected for the final heat will receive \$5 participation prize money.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to wear a Wisconsin State Fair sponsored showmanship shirt if available.
7. Contestants will be judged on rabbit knowledge, handling skills, rabbit appearance, attitude, and appearance of the showperson.
8. Results will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm.

Class Description	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Showmanship - 12 year old</b>	\$100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 13 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 14 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 15 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 16 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 17 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 18 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30
<b>Showmanship - 19 year old</b>	100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30

## **SUPREME CHAMPION SHOWPERSON**

A Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:

\$150, Jacket and Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

A Reserve Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:

\$100 and Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

A Third Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:

\$50 and Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

A Fourth Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:

\$25 and Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

A Fifth Overall Supreme Champion Showperson will be selected from the above age class winners and will receive:

Banner presented by **Wisconsin State Fair**

## **QUIZ CONTEST (Rabbit)**

**Please note:** Entry in the 2024 Quiz Contest must be made with your online entries, no later than the late Junior Entry Deadline. On-site entries will not be accepted.

The Quiz Contest consists of 25 multiple-choice questions and provides junior exhibitors an opportunity to demonstrate both their project knowledge and knowledge of the rabbit industry. Correct answers are worth four points each; tie breaker questions are determined in advance. Entrants must be active exhibitors in the junior rabbit department, with his/her own animal entered and checked in for one of the individual junior rabbit classes.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
\$100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30

## **COMMUNICATION CONTEST (Rabbit)**

**Please note:** Entry in the 2024 Communication Contest must be made with your online entries, no later than the late Junior Entry Deadline. On-site entries will not be accepted.

Junior exhibitors participate in an individual interview related to a rabbit industry topic. Judges score exhibitors on how effectively they communicate and advocate for their industry. Entrants must be active exhibitors in the junior rabbit department, with his/her own animal entered and checked in for one of the individual junior rabbit classes.

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
\$100 & Award	90	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30

## **JUNIOR RABBIT SUPREME EXHIBITOR AWARD**

The Junior Rabbit Supreme Exhibitor award is based on the exhibitor's overall achievements at the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair. All Junior Rabbit exhibitors who actively exhibit at the Fair are eligible. The award is announced in the fall of 2024. Wisconsin State Fair will automatically enter/calculate points for active Junior Rabbit exhibitors as follows:

### **1. Animal Placing (150 total points)**

Exhibitors will receive points for each of his/her **ten highest placing animals** in the Junior Rabbit Show (Breed and Meat). Only one placing will be considered per animal; the animal's highest class placing earned will be calculated (**Example:** a Rabbit exhibited in both the Breed and Meat divisions will only receive points for the division in which the animal places highest.)

Points are not assigned for Champion awards (Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex and Best Fur). Points are awarded for each placing as follows:

Animal Placing	Points per animal
1 <sup>st</sup>	15
2 <sup>nd</sup>	14
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13
4 <sup>th</sup>	11
5 <sup>th</sup>	10

6 <sup>th</sup>	9
7 <sup>th</sup>	8
8 <sup>th</sup>	7
9 <sup>th</sup>	5
10 <sup>th</sup>	4
11 <sup>th</sup> and up	3

## 2. Showmanship (150 points)

An exhibitor will receive points for his/her overall placing in their Junior Rabbit Showmanship **age class**. Points are not awarded for Supreme Champion Showperson awards. Points are awarded as follows:

Showmanship Placing	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	150
2 <sup>nd</sup>	138
3 <sup>rd</sup>	126
4 <sup>th</sup>	114
5 <sup>th</sup>	102
6 <sup>th</sup>	90
7 <sup>th</sup>	78
8 <sup>th</sup>	66
9 <sup>th</sup>	54
10 <sup>th</sup>	42
Participation	30

## 3. Quiz and Communications Contests (150 total points)

Exhibitors will receive points for his/her placings in the Rabbit Quiz and Communications contests. Points are awarded for each contest as follows:

Quiz or Communications Contest Placing	Points per contest
1 <sup>st</sup>	75
2 <sup>nd</sup>	69
3 <sup>rd</sup>	63
4 <sup>th</sup>	57
5 <sup>th</sup>	51
6 <sup>th</sup>	45
7 <sup>th</sup>	39
8 <sup>th</sup>	33
9 <sup>th</sup>	27
10 <sup>th</sup>	21
Participation	15

**Overall tie-breaker:** If a tie exists, the person with the higher individual placing in the following divisions will break the tie:

1. Communications/Quiz combined points
2. Showmanship points
3. Animal Placing combined points

### JUNIOR RABBIT SUPREME EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Supreme Exhibitor	Belt Buckle & Rosette
Reserve Supreme Exhibitor	Rosette
Third Overall Supreme Exhibitor	Rosette

# JUNIOR SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

## ANIMAL CARE and EXHIBITOR SAFETY

1. All exhibits receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk. All exhibitors are expected to conform to Wisconsin State Fair participation and exhibition policies. Failure to comply may result in award and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from the grounds, and being barred from immediate and/or future exhibitions. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to interpret and enforce the rules and regulations; split or combine classes; accept or reject any entry entirely, partially, or conditionally.
2. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to display positive animal care/welfare practices while at the Fair. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to disqualify and/or remove exhibitors/entries deemed by Fair management not presenting positive care/animal welfare practices. Refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" section on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) for statements about drug testing/unethical fitting and additional rules and information.
3. Due to animal wellness and safety concerns all animals are restricted to their assigned barn area. Animals found outside of the designated areas will be immediately disqualified. The department superintendent has the discretion to approve special circumstances.
4. No animals are allowed at the designated Wisconsin State Fair off-site parking lots.
5. No animals other than those entered will be permitted in the barn (**no** newborn young).
6. Pets, whether on a leash or carried or in a container, are not permitted on site during the Fair, unless the pet is part of a Fair event, e.g. K-9 Sports. Service animals are, of course, permitted.
7. Once any animal is checked in at the Fair they shall not be removed from the Fair unless released by the Superintendent or Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian.
8. **Animal Inspection:** All animals may be examined *at any time* while they are on Fair Park grounds by Wisconsin State Fair management or a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian. Sheep prolapsing, showing symptoms/exhibiting ringworm, fungus or other contagious diseases will be disqualified. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be permitted to exhibit and must be removed immediately from the Fair Park. The decision of a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian regarding the health of an animal and suitability for exhibition is **final** and not subject to appeal.
9. **Animal Treatment:** While on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds, the Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian must administer all medication, treatments, and therapies.
  - A. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian will inspect, treat, and record all information on an official 3-ply Treatment Record Form. There will be no charge for the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian to treat an animal. Only medication costs will be charged to exhibitors.
  - B. The Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian trailer is on 5<sup>th</sup> Street north of the Double Deck Barn. The animal treatment tent for horses and cattle is on 5<sup>th</sup> Street; the animal treatment tent for goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits is located just north of the Swine and Goat Barn. This is the only area to be used to administer treatments (oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous, and alternative treatments/therapies).
  - C. Exhibitors are not allowed to move animals from the barn to the treatment areas without a Wisconsin State Fair veterinarian present.
  - D. Exhibitors who violate the authorized treatment protocol may be disqualified.
10. For animal welfare, public safety and liability reasons exhibitors may not use space in or around their exhibits to conduct any type of direct contact/petting/feeding or photo opportunities geared toward fairgoers/public.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

1. **Online Entry** –To enter online, please go to [entry.wistatefair.com](http://entry.wistatefair.com). Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express are accepted. Any online entry not completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on May 22, 2024, is considered late and will be charged late fees; entries not paid by 5 pm Central Time on May 29, 2024, will not be accepted.
2. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions. There are no refunds of entry fees once entries have been accepted. Entries are not accepted over the phone. There is no swapping or reselling of entries.
3. Entries will not be considered complete unless all required information is fully completed and full remittance is submitted online. **Entries must contain complete exhibitor information** (including properly completed form W-9) **and complete animal information** as required by each department (including for example: birthdate, ear notch, ear tag/scrapie tag, name, registration number, etc.). Entries without required information and/or fees, including department fees (including



but not limited to horse fees, stall fees, pen fees, etc.) will not be accepted. See the “Junior Rules and Regulations” section on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) for additional rules.

4. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any entry or late entry from any exhibitor.

#### **ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Ownership Requirements:** Junior exhibitors may enter and show *owned, co-owned and non-owned* breeding stock animals. There are no mandated registration paper ownership requirements and/or registration/transfer deadlines for owned, co-owned and non-owned animals.
  - A. **Owned:** animals registered in the name of the Junior exhibitor only.
  - B. **Co-Owned:** animals registered in the name of the Junior exhibitor and another person(s) or farm.
  - C. **Non-Owned:** animals registered in the name of anyone other than the Junior exhibitor.
2. **Bred and Owned Requirements:** The junior exhibitor’s name must be currently listed on the registration certificate as an owner or co-owner of the entry, and also as the original breeder or co-breeder.
3. **Registration Certificates:** The breed association original, a breed association duplicate, and emails directly from the breed associations to verify registration will be accepted and checked by Wisconsin State Fair management or authorized breed association representatives.
4. **Identification:** All animals are subject to a permanent identification and age inspection by representatives of the breed associations, Wisconsin State Fair on-site veterinarian, or Wisconsin State Fair management. Questionable age verification will be determined by Wisconsin State Fair management and that decision is final.

#### **CLASS ELIGIBILITY**

1. **Any Other Breed Division:** Registered animals MUST show in the offered/published breed division (if applicable). If no breed division exists the animal will be shown in the Any Other Breed Division if offered. Animals shown in the Any Other Breed Division must be registered through their national breed association. An animal registered with multiple national breed associations may only be shown in one breed division at the current Fair.
2. **Champion Classes:** Only first and second place winners in the respective classes are eligible to compete for champion and reserve champion awards. All first-place animals are required to show in champion classes unless excused by the Superintendent.

#### **EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

Junior Division competitions, contests, exhibits, demonstrations and special activity opportunities are provided by Wisconsin State Fair for Wisconsin residents/participants who have a desire to demonstrate outstanding youth achievement. Youth are encouraged to actively participate in youth educational programs/organizations which enhance project awareness but there are no youth organization membership requirements to exhibit in Youth Expo or the Junior animal Departments of Wisconsin State Fair. Wisconsin State Fair Park does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), physical ability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

1. **Age Requirement – Animal Shows:** Participation in Wisconsin State Fair Junior livestock and small animal shows (beef, dairy cattle, boer and dairy goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine) is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
2. **Wisconsin Residence Requirement:** Eligible youth must be residents of Wisconsin or have been approved as eligible by Wisconsin State Fair as of January 1<sup>st</sup> for 2024. Inquiries for non-resident approval must be made to the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department Director or a designee prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> for the current year’s Fair (email [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com)). Consideration for approval of non-resident participation will only be reviewed for non-Wisconsin residents who are affiliated with Wisconsin-based youth organizations and/or Wisconsin County Fairs and who do not exhibit in County/State Fairs in another state. Applicants will be notified of approval/declination by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified at time of entry: Certification must be active for the dates of the Fair.** All junior exhibitors exhibiting animals in any Junior Departments must be YQCA certified at the time of entry. The certification must remain active through the dates of the Fair. The YQCA certification program is a national education program built around foundational pillars of animal agriculture (animal welfare, food safety and character education). The program is offered online or in person at regional locations throughout Wisconsin. For more information go to [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).

**EXHIBITOR VENDING:** Junior exhibitors are not permitted to sell anything (goods or services) to Fairgoers and exhibitors out of their assigned exhibitor space.

**FEED AND BEDDING Service:** Wisconsin State Fair will have limited amounts of feed and bedding for sale. Orders may be placed during the Fair but to ensure availability exhibitors are encouraged to place orders in advance.

**Advance Orders:** Order forms can be found on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) in June. Orders can be mailed or emailed to [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) after June 15th.

All orders must be paid in full **at the entry office** before receiving an official exhibitor release. Check or credit card payments will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to Wisconsin State Fair. In the event of nonpayment, prize money will be withheld, and future entries will not be accepted until the balance is settled.

Feed and bedding orders will be delivered mornings and evenings during the Fair. Orders placed in the morning will be delivered that evening. Orders placed in the afternoon/evening will be delivered the next morning. Please plan your needs accordingly.

**FITTING:** Fitting includes, but is not limited to, the day-to-day management practices of feeding, exercising and show preparation. Complete information regarding junior fitting rules is found in the Junior General Rules and Regulations on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com).

### **SHOWRING EXPECTATIONS**

1. Animals deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit will be dismissed from the showing and/or Wisconsin State Fair grounds. Show management retains the right to warn the exhibitor and dismiss any animal deemed unsafe or uncontrollable at any time. No prize money will be awarded if an animal is dismissed.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to have entries ready to enter the showing when show management calls for the class to enter the ring. Animals must enter the show ring when the class is called. The judge, ring steward or show management has the right to determine the deadline for late arrivals and close the class. Any exhibitor who misses his/her class is not a contender for the prize money offered. Classes will not be re-run for any animals missing a class. If an animal misses a class, the animal cannot be put in another class to be judged.
3. Exhibitors are required to wear an official harness or clip to display the assigned (5"x 7") exhibitor number when in the ring. Exhibitors must wear the correct exhibitor number to have their animal considered for placement by a judge. Violators will not be permitted to enter the ring.
4. All exhibitors must be properly dressed while in the show ring. No firm, farm or name identification shall be carried, worn or displayed on the exhibitor or animal while in the makeup area or the show ring. Fair management may remove the exhibitor/animal from these areas until compliance is met.
5. Judges have been carefully selected. All exhibitors making entry for the Fair accept these judges and agree to abide by their decisions. It is prohibited for exhibitors to contact or attempt to contact a judge pertaining to judging of classes after the judge has accepted the assignment of judging at Wisconsin State Fair. No exhibitor should socialize, fraternize, or visit with a judge during the show(s). If any exhibitor, exhibitor's family member, employee, or adult facilitator attempts to interfere with the judge in any manner, the exhibitor shall forfeit all prize money awarded and may be excluded from further competition. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases. Judges will not be permitted to show in classes they are judging. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.
6. The decision of the judge will be final in all cases except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven. The Agriculture Director reserves the right to consult with the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Committee on any or all cases.
7. Each animal shall be exhibited to the entire satisfaction of the judges. After a class has started no animal(s) shall be permitted to leave the ring before the entire class has been judged/placed without the approval of the judge. Upon final placing, exhibitors are requested to remain in position in line or parade while the judge is giving his/her reasons. Any violation of this rule will cause forfeiture of all prize money won by the exhibitor.
8. Regardless of the number of exhibitors competing in a class, the judge may recommend any placing at his or her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries.
9. Should a first placed entry be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second-place animal is disqualified, the third-place animal will move up. Should a division animal champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.

10. **Junior Exhibitors must show the animals they entered** unless the Superintendent has granted prior approval. Approval may be considered for the following reasons: multiple animals in the same class, multiple animals in the show ring at the same time in different species, serious injury, or hardship. An exhibitor substitution form to request approval for another active (checked in and actively showing within the department) Wisconsin State Fair junior exhibitor to show the exhibition animal may be obtained from the Superintendent's office and must be submitted to the department Superintendent by 7 pm the day prior to the start of the show.
11. **Junior Exhibitor Conduct:** Wisconsin State Fair management has the authority without liability or recourse to the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board to bar any exhibitor or his/her representatives in the event of a discourteous act to a judge or an official of the Fair and will have the power to disqualify the entry/entries of said exhibitor. In the event of such disqualification, the exhibitor forfeits all fees paid as well as any prize money and awards won.

## **STALLING and EQUIPMENT**

1. **Barn Hours:** Stalls and animals must be kept accessible to the public while the barn is open (9 am to 9 pm).
2. No one is allowed to sleep in the barns.
3. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their stalling area to promote a positive image of agriculture.
4. All waste, feed, manure and trash should be disposed of properly.
5. **Stall Equipment:** Exhibitors are encouraged to bring pen dividers for separating animals and designating tack areas. Pen dimensions in the Sheep Barn are 5' wide x 6' deep x 46" tall; in the Swine Barn, pens are 6' wide x 8' deep x 42" tall. No equipment is approved for use in the aisles.
6. **Bedding:**
  - a. The use of sand for bedding is prohibited.
  - b. Exhibitors using carpeting must remove all carpeting prior to leaving the Fair.
  - c. Dairy Cattle: No more than 8 inches of straw pack is recommended. Large square bales are permitted but the use of motorized handling equipment is prohibited. Wisconsin State Fair is not responsible or liable for movement. Large bales left behind after the show may be subject to a removal fee.
7. **Extension Cords:** All cords must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. No cords will be permitted in the aisles or in public areas (above or on a surface) without being properly secured. Wisconsin State Fair management retains the authority to determine what is acceptable.
8. **Fans:**
  - a. **Beef and Dairy Cattle:** The use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per animal is allowed.
  - b. **Goats, Sheep, and Swine:** the use of one (1) fan no larger than 24" in diameter per pen is allowed.
  - c. All fans must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. Overhead fans must be hung from the front wall on either side of the pen. Floor fans may only be used to move air for the entire display and must be kept out of the aisles. The Superintendent reserves the right to determine acceptable placement and usage.
  - d. No other air movement, chilling and/or cooling devices are allowed.
9. **Generators:** The use of portable power sources is permitted. Generators must be kept a minimum of 5' from buildings in the designated locations on the Fairgrounds.
10. **Gas/Diesel/Propane Storage Containers:** Containers holding hazardous/flammable materials cannot be stored on the grounds.
11. **Livestock Scales:** No personal livestock scales are allowed on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Exhibitors using an unofficial scale will be disqualified from participating and/or placing, and prize money in the shows will be forfeited.
12. **Show Equipment:** Show boxes, feed, bedding, and other show equipment used for the care of livestock must be kept neatly in the exhibitor's designated area and out of the public aisles. All livestock and livestock housing areas must be kept orderly and safe to demonstrate a positive image of animal agriculture to the public.
13. **Grooming Chutes/Grooming Stands/Milking Stands:** Chutes/Stands are only allowed in the barn aisles 60 minutes before the show until 30 minutes after the show. Exhibitors using chutes/stands must store them out of the public walkways. Chutes/Stands **MUST** be placed in tack areas or other designated areas when not in use for fitting.
14. Exhibitors may not bring their own skidsters or other machinery to offload any equipment or supplies. Wisconsin State Fair is not able to unload personal equipment and supplies.

# **Admissions, Parking and Lodging**

## **FAIRGROUNDS ADMISSION**

**Exhibitor Admission:** Limit of 50 admission tickets per exhibitor

Exhibitor Tickets Purchased from May 1 to July 15 \$7

Exhibitor Tickets Purchased after July 15 at Case IH Coliseum Entry Office \$9

**General Admission tickets purchased during the Fair at the Gate:**

Adults (12 & over) \$18

Seniors (60 & over) \$13

Military/Veterans with ID \$13

Youth, ages 6 – 11 years \$13

Children 5 and under Free

1. Exhibitors may choose downloadable or mailed exhibitor admission tickets at time of order.
2. All exhibitors and family members must have valid admission to enter the Fair Park August 1-11, 2024.
3. Each admission ticket can only be scanned once. If an exhibitor would like to exit and re-enter the Fair Park during the day, he or she **MUST** get his or her hand stamped at the admission gates.
4. Admission tickets which are wet, sun-damaged, lost or stolen will not be replaced. No refunds are given for any unused admission tickets.
5. Admission fees do not include vehicle parking.

## **EXHIBITOR PARKING**

### **1. Vehicle Parking:**

#### **A. Blue Ribbon Off-site Parking: Free**

- i. Off-site Agriculture Exhibitor vehicle parking lot with easy access from I-94.
- ii. This lot has 24-hour attendant, in and out privileges and overnight parking.
- iii. A free shuttle will be run continuously from noon, Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, through the duration of the Fair. The shuttle will pick up and drop off near Gate 5.
- iv. Trailers are not allowed to park in this lot (see trailer parking below).

#### **B. General Fair Park Parking: \$15 per day/vehicle.**

- i. Valid for one vehicle admission per day (no in and out privileges).
- ii. Purchase upon arrival at any vehicle access gate (except Gate 5). Parking is not guaranteed.
- iii. No overnight parking is allowed

2. **Trailer Parking:** A **free** Wisconsin State Fair off-site trailer parking lot will be available and assigned upon arrival. All trailers **MUST** be parked offsite. Exhibitors cannot sleep in their trailers overnight or keep any animals in trailers at the offsite lots.

## **HOUSING OPTIONS**

1. Wisconsin State Fair Livestock barns are not approved for overnight sleeping accommodations by the local fire department. Sleeping in the barns is not permitted.
2. **Campers/RVs:** Please contact the Wisconsin State Fair RV Park at 414.266.7035 for availability and rates. This is the only location on the grounds where camping is permitted.
3. **Hotels near Wisconsin State Fair Park:**
  - A. Hampton Inn & Suites Milwaukee West, 8201 West Greenfield Ave, West Allis, 414.436.2300.
  - B. Best Western Plus Milwaukee West, 5501 W National Ave, Milwaukee 53214, 414.671.6400.
  - C. Days Inn by Wyndham Inn West Allis/Milwaukee, 1673 S 108<sup>th</sup> St, West Allis, 414.651.1480.
  - D. Forty Winks Inn, 11017 W Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa 53226, 800.946.5746.
  - E. Baymont by Wyndham, 2111 E Moreland Blvd, Waukesha 53186, 262.232.7980.
4. The Greater Milwaukee Convention & Visitors Bureau ([visitmilwaukee.org](http://visitmilwaukee.org); 800.554.1448) has a list of all hotels in the greater Southeastern Wisconsin area.
5. **Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center:** VAGCs are given the first opportunity to rent Youth Center rooms for their group use during Junior Show sessions; VAICs are eligible to rent a room if space permits after the VAGC reservation period is closed. Rooms may be occupied only by approved VAGCs, VAICs and Junior exhibitors showing in the current session. Wisconsin State Fair will send reservation forms directly to all approved VAGCs in April. Additional information is available at [wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry\\_info/TGT\\_Junior\\_Summary.pdf](http://wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/TGT_Junior_Summary.pdf)