

**Meigs County Agricultural Society**  
**GENERAL RULES**

**The Meigs County Agricultural Society reserves the right, the final and absolute right, to interpret these rules and regulations, to settle and determine all matters and questions. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules and to withdraw all premium offerings and/or expel and/or ban individuals from the property in all departments should an emergency exist and circumstances demand it. The Meigs County Agricultural Society will have the final say.**

1. Absolutely **NO REFUNDS**.
2. All open class entries will be taken on Friday & Saturday, August 3 & 4 2018, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These rules will be strictly adhered to. Secretary will be at the Fair Board Office at Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. August 3 & 4, 2018.
3. Exhibitors must determine for themselves in what class or classes they will make entry. The exhibitor will fill out entry blanks.
4. See individual departments for closing time that exhibits must be in place. Still exhibits must remain in place until 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2018. Superintendents will be at their respective departments for removal of exhibits on Sunday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Commercial exhibits must remain in place until close of Fair. Any exhibit removed before that time will forfeit any premium awarded to them.
5. False statements regarding entries or interference with the judges shall be sufficient grounds for exclusion from competition and forfeiture of any prizes awarded.
6. The society will take precaution for the safety of all persons and property and the preservation of exhibits, but will not be responsible for accidents, loss, or damage, should any occur.
7. All premiums will be ready for pick during the fair and will be announced when available or you can pick them up on Sunday after the fair from 1:00pm – 3:00 pm at the Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds. All premiums not claimed before November 1<sup>st</sup> will be forfeited. This is to permit

Fair Officials to complete records for the year and have them submitted to the State Department of Agriculture before December 1st.

8. All claims of errors in awards must be made in writing to the Secretary within five days after the payment of the same has been made.
9. All exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the fair. In departments where registration/ownership papers are required, they must be presented upon request.
10. All exhibits will be judged by competent disinterested judges secured by the Fair board. Judges' decision will be final. Exhibits not deemed worthy will not be given prizes.
11. All exhibitors must purchase season tickets and that ticket number must be present on the entry form. You cannot enter with a one day performance pass, complimentary pass, exhibitor pass, OFMA fair passes or any other type of pass.
12. All decisions made by the Judge, Superintendent of the department and/or Senior Fair Board will be final.
13. No straw and/or bedding are furnished or available.
14. All concessions, games, outside space, inside space, Senior fair exhibits and Junior Fair Exhibits must not leave until Fair is closed on Saturday, August 18, 2018 unless individual rules state differently.
15. **NO** firearms, handguns, intoxicating beverages, alcohol, drugs, laser pointers, ATVs, UTVs, golf carts or any other type of recreational vehicles, no livestock trailers may be left on the grounds at any time, no dogs or animals or any kind are permitted on Fairgrounds. Pet Show entries on day of show, however, they must be on a leash or in a cage.
16. All deliveries **MUST** be made prior to 11:00 a.m. and must be made only through designated delivery gate. **NO** other vehicles permitted on midway without prior approval of Board of Directors, this includes judging days.
17. **No** person shall be permitted to make solicitations of any nature on the Meigs County Fairgrounds except in contracted concession or commercial rented space. No person will be permitted to post or display signs, distribute handbills or advertising material or sell or distribute free any merchandise except persons under contract.
18. Membership tickets for admission & voting privilege are \$19.00. Membership tickets may be purchased from any Fair board member and are on sale

at **The OSU EXTENSION - MEIGS COUNTY OFFICE, 113 E. Memorial Drive, Suite E, Pomeroy, Ohio.** Membership tickets can also be purchased at the Secretary's Office on grounds after paying admission at the gate. **MEMBERSHIP TICKETS ARE SOLD ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS, MEIGS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE TO A COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION.**

19. The owners of all delivery vehicles entering grounds will be required to purchase a season ticket admitting drivers and vehicle. (Only one driver to a vehicle) **ALL DELIVERIES** must be made prior to 11:00 a.m. and trucks may enter only at designated delivery gate (Dog Pound Gate).

20. **Now accepting debit and credit cards at the Secretary's Office on the Fairgrounds.**

(There is a 3% service charge on each transaction)

21. For a complete copy of the "Redbook" Laws and Rules of County and Independent Agricultural Societies go to: <http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/fairs/fairs.aspx> and click Redbook.

22. Financial reports can be viewed by making an appointment with the secretary by calling 740-985-4372.

23. The annual election of Directors of the Agricultural Society is held the first Monday of November at the fairgrounds. The polls are open from 5:00 pm to 9:00 p.m. Anyone holding a membership ticket can vote and or run for Director of the Meigs County Agricultural Society.

### CAMPING

Camping Committee: Tom Pullins, Superintendent  
Kenny Buckley, Wes Karr  
Trailers, Tents & Campers--(1 week) \$175.00

1. Absolutely no wastewater is to be discharged from campers or tents. It must be held in an approved holding tank.
2. No campers on grounds UNTIL 12:00 NOON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018 and must be removed by 12:00 noon the following Sunday, August 19, 2018.
3. Pay privilege and pick spot at Secretary's Office on Saturday, **August 3, 2018 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.** prior to the fair. **NO Earlier.** Must have photo ID.
4. Camping cost does not include entry onto the grounds.
5. You may reserve the same spot for next year if paid by close of fair on Saturday, August 18, 2018. A Refund may be requested before July 1, 2019. Only the person whose name is on the register may physically renew and must have photo ID if requested.

6. Everyone over two (2) years of age staying in a camper must purchase a Fair ticket.
7. Only one tent/camper per space.
8. 20 feet of space is allotted to each camper. Awnings, tables, etc. must be kept within assigned area.
9. Quiet hours begin at 12:30 a.m. Please consider others. A disturbance may cause you to be evicted from the grounds.
10. The person whose name appears on the register **must** occupy camping spots.
11. **YOU MAY NOT SUBLET YOUR SPOT.** Any violation may cause you to lose your spot.
12. Pets must be on leash or in a cage if outside camper.
13. You **must** have a camper or tent on lot. Can **NOT** be used solely as a parking space
14. **NO Campfires on grounds**
15. **ANY VIOLATION MAY CAUSE YOU TO LOSE YOUR SPOT.**

### RESERVE and PULL TRACK PARKING

**Parking Committee:** Chris Lambert & Brian Windon,  
Superintendent, Steve Swatzel, Ed Holter,  
Sam Evans, Adam Smith, Brent Rose, Buddy Ervin.

1. Reserve Parking is **\$25.00** and Pull Track Parking is **\$50.00.**
2. Pay privilege and picking of site at Secretary's Office Saturday, August 4, 2018
3. Only one vehicle per space at a time. The vehicle parked must have, at all times a hang tag or sticker or it may be towed.
4. Parking cost does not include entry onto the grounds. You may reserve the same spot for next year by paying before close of Fair on Saturday, August 18, 2018.
5. Each space will be approximately 10' wide x 20' deep for the entire week at pull track.

### GIRL SCOUT RULES

1. The Girl Scouts consider participation in the Meigs County Fair a privilege and an opportunity to share accomplishments, interests and ideas.
2. All registered Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Troops and Camps in Meigs County are eligible to enter.
3. Exhibits and displays must show high quality in effort, originality, neatness and be consistent with the Girl Scouts program.
4. Exhibit and equipment will be supervised and every effort will be made to protect them, however, neither the Meigs County Fair, Meigs County Agricultural Society, Meigs County Extension nor the

Girl Scouts will be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits or equipment. Judges select all winning entries.

### **BOY SCOUT RULES and GUIDELINES**

1. All Explorer Posts, Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs in Meigs County are invited to exhibit at the Meigs County Fair. Any unit wishing to exhibit should contact Greg McCall so space can be reserved.
2. There will be one grand and one reserve champion ribbon given in each level of Scouting (i.e. Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelo, Tenderfoot, First Class, etc.).
3. All work should be done by the exhibitor with adult supervision/help, when needed.
4. Each exhibitor may enter only one item per category and may enter no more than five (5) items. Each item must be labeled as follows: Age (when Made), Pack/Troop, Why was it made, rank and how made.
5. Each unit is responsible for setting up and taking down their own booth and cleaning before and after the fair. Any unit interested in displaying a group project should contact Greg McCall as soon as possible for details

### **FFA Rules and Guidelines**

FFA is a dynamic youth organization within agricultural education that prepares students for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. The variety of activities offered by this organization leads students to over 300 career opportunities in the agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industry. FFA was founded in 1928 as the Future Farmers of America; however the name was changed to the National FFA Organization in 1988 to reflect the growing diversity of agriculture.

FFA is structured at the local, state and national levels. In Meigs County, this program is open to high school students enrolled in an agricultural education course at either Meigs or Southern Local Schools. Presently there are over 150 members in the two FFA programs in Meigs County. FFA is part of a larger program called agricultural education. Agricultural education works to prepare students for future careers through three integral components: Classroom/laboratory work, FFA involvement and the supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program. Each member has an individual project related to a personal topic of interest. Projects exhibited at fairs are the results of these learning activities.

Members of the organization are offered a variety of leadership opportunities through committee involvement, serving in officer roles and practicing parliamentary procedure. They are involved in the community with fundraisers, service projects and agricultural awareness programs. Students may also explore career options through business and industry tours, professional networking and by engaging in career development events.

1. Only 1 entry per person, per class.
2. All exhibits shall be correctly named and labeled.
3. All produce must be grown by the exhibitor.
4. In classes where there are 5 or more entries, the judge may award a grand or reserve champion.
5. Produce must be of proper maturity and good quality.
6. All general rules apply.

### **JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES**

The purpose of the Junior Fair is to encourage the boy or girl to learn how to do specific things. **THE EXHIBIT IS EXPECTED TO BE THE WORK OF THE EXHIBITOR, NOT THE PARENTS, RANDPARENTS, OR FRIENDS.** A lower quality of work actually done by the individual is much better than the higher quality work done by an adult.

1. Youth must be enrolled in the 4-H or FFA species projects they are tagging in by **April 3**, of the current year.
2. Dress Code for all livestock events: Exhibitors will be required to wear long pants/slacks or jeans. Shirts are to be respectable for a livestock show which means they must have some type of sleeve, short or long. **No sleeveless shirts.** The shirt must have a collar and be long enough to be tucked into your pants. If the shirt has buttons, then the only button to be unbuttoned will be the top button. All other buttons must be buttoned. **No mesh shirts or tank tops (muscle shirts) are allowed in the show ring.** No clothing with adverse language or any slogans relating to tobacco, drugs, alcohol or advertising. Hard soled shoes are required while in the show ring. **Violation of this rule can cause you to be asked to leave the ring and forfeit all premiums for that project.** This pertains to show and sale. Lab coats for rabbit and poultry projects are strongly encouraged for your protection.
3. All Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitors, including all 4-H and FFA members, must participate in a Quality Assurance Training and project book judging to exhibit, show and/or sell at the fair. If Exhibitor fails to bring book to project book judging, the grade will be dropped

one letter and exhibitor will not be eligible to compete for grand and reserve, place in the show and will sell last.

4. **EXHIBITS** - must be carried as Vocational Agriculture, Vocational Home Economics or 4-H projects or supervised practice or under supervision of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. When question of doubt shall arise, the decision of the Meigs County Agricultural Society will be considered final.

5. **SCORING** - The method of scoring will be using A, B, C. An "A" exhibit will consist of exhibits of superior merit. "B" exhibits will be that midway between "A" and "C" exhibits. "C" exhibits will be of average merit. Those that do not meet desirable standards will be graded "D", and will not receive a ribbon or award. The final grade to determine ribbons will be based on pre fair judging, and judging at the fair. **All project books must be brought to the pre fair judging.** Basic awards will be made to each exhibitor on basis of grades as follows: No award will be made on D grades.

6. **EXHIBITS** - Livestock must be in place no later than 12 Noon Sunday, August 13, 2017. Booths must remain in place until Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Any exhibit removed before that time will forfeit any premiums awarded to them. All livestock, including 4-H Horses will be released Sunday morning. All livestock must be off grounds by Noon Sunday, August 20, 2017.

7. Junior Fair Building Exhibits: Booth set-up times are 10:00 am - 7:00 pm on Friday, August 11, 2017, and on Saturday, August 12, 2017, 10 am - 1 pm. The exhibits may not be removed before Sunday after the fair. All booths must be taken down between 10:00 am and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

8. **BOOTH SPACE** - each club, troop, chapter, etc., will choose one of the following types of booth exhibits they want to display in the Junior Fair Building.

(1) Group educational exhibit - 4 feet of space will be provided for the group.

(2) Individual exhibit - amount of space will be determined by the number of group members who will be exhibiting individual projects in the booth. (Part of this space may be used for a group educational display if the group desires to do so, but the amount of total space will still be determined on number of members exhibiting.)

A deadline before the fair will be set at which time each club will need to contact the Meigs County Extension Office concerning which type of exhibit they will have and number of individual exhibitors. After the space needed for group exhibits has been determined, the remaining space left in the Junior Fair Building will be divided equally on the number of members who will be exhibiting from each club, etc. Each group will be

contacted to inform them of the amount of space assigned. Each club, group, chapter, etc., will receive an **\$8.00 booth premium**, regardless of the site or type of exhibit, if deemed worthy by the judges.

9. Any prompting, coaching or any aid at the show ring will forfeit any premium awarded the exhibitor and the exhibitor will be ruled out of all competition in the Junior Division of the Fair. Only exhibitors, designated officials and judges are allowed in the show ring.

10. Junior exhibitors must do all fitting and care of animals exhibited in the Junior Division of the Fair. Otherwise it is not 100 percent Junior Fair.

11. **RIBBONS** - Each exhibitor shall receive ribbons indicating the quality of the project. Ribbons must be displayed ON and BY exhibits during the fair. Ribbons will be determined by grade.

12. **JUNIOR FAIR** - Participation will be restricted to members of Meigs County groups. Each Exhibit must be carried as a project in the club, department or troop the year it is exhibited. No article (excluding breeding animals and horses) may be exhibited more than once.

Eligible youth may be members of more than one youth organization. In all cases, separate and different projects (also different animals and/or items) must be carried in different organizations. When showing at fairs or other exhibitions, the same or similar animals and/or items cannot be shown in both organizations even though they may be carried under different projects or programs.

13. Project animals to be exhibited in the Junior Fair cannot be changed after tag-in date. Paperwork identifying 4-H project animals must be submitted to the Junior Fair Coordinator by July 31, to be eligible to receive premiums.

14. Registration papers for registered animals must be checked by the Junior Fair Superintendent in charge of the respective department for identification purposes.

15. All showing must be done by Junior Fair members only in Junior Fair classes.

16. All animals exhibited at the Fair must be inspected by the Fair Veterinarian and accompanied by health papers indicating that the livestock meets state health requirements.

19. Meigs County Livestock Rules were distributed at each Quality Assurance Training and are available online at [www.meigs.osu.edu](http://www.meigs.osu.edu)