

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## **2023 JUNIOR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## **Eligibility**

Junior Division competition and contest 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 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.

### **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.

### **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> of the current Fair year. A Non-Resident Youth Waiver Application (found in the General Junior Show Information portion of the Junior Livestock Show page on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com)) for non-resident approval must be emailed to the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department Director or their designee prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> for the current year's Fair ([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>.

### **YQCA Certification Requirement**

All junior exhibitors exhibiting livestock and small animals 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 well-being, food safety and character development). The program is offered online or in person at regional locations throughout Wisconsin. For more information please go to [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).

**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 rooms 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. Younger/older siblings of participants or children of Volunteer Adult Contacts who are not showing are not eligible to stay in the Youth Center. Wisconsin State Fair Junior Division Agriculture employees in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Departments are not allowed to stay in rooms rented by VAGCs or VAICs. Wisconsin State Fair will send reservation forms directly to all approved VAGCs. 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).

## **Entry Requirements**

**Entries must be submitted online.** Entries are not accepted over the phone. Swapping or reselling of entries is not allowed. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right at any time to refuse entry or prohibit the exhibition of any animal entered.

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.

Exhibitors entering registered animals are required to furnish complete information including name and registration numbers of the animal **at the time of entry**. Registration certificates must be available for inspection at any time if requested.

Exhibitors may not enter more animals than the total allowed to show. All potential substitutes must be declared or DNA identified by the exhibitor/sibling **postmarked by the entry deadline: May 24, 2023.**

**No entries will be accepted after late entry deadline.** All entries must be completed and paid by the late entry deadline.

**No refunds:** Once entries are accepted, there are no refunds of entry fees, admission, parking or youth center fees.

Payment returned to Wisconsin State Fair from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$20.00 service fee. Payment must be made within 5 business days of notification from Wisconsin State Fair.

**Junior Show Livestock Exhibit Entries in the Open Show:** Junior show exhibitors may enter and show animals in the Open Show by submitting complete entries and paying all required entry fees for the Open show. ***Some species have restrictions; see individual species Junior show rules for restrictions.*** Open show entries must be submitted and paid online. Junior exhibitors participating in the Open Show must comply with all rules of the Open Show including animal ownership.

### **Volunteer Adult Contacts**

Junior show exhibitors have two (2) options for supervision while participating at the Fair:

**Option 1: GROUP Participation:** The youth exhibitor wishes to participate as part of a group and agrees to be supervised by an approved Wisconsin State Fair Volunteer Adult Group Contact (VAGC). The group may be from a specific organization, geographic area, or any group of exhibitors the VAGC agrees to supervise. It is the youth exhibitor's responsibility to contact the VAGC in advance of entry to discuss participation in their group. ***The junior exhibitor will be stalled in the barn with his/her VAGC group.***

*Examples:* Leaf County Exhibitors  
BRT Exhibit – (exhibitors from Brush-Rhino-Twig Counties)  
Prairie Pioneer exhibitors – (Jones, Smith, Washington and Lincoln families)  
Spotted Leopard Show Team – (breed or other specific affiliation).

**Option 2: INDEPENDENT Participation:** The youth exhibitor chooses to participate as an individual/family and designates a Volunteer Adult Independent Contact (VAIC). The VAIC must agree to supervise said exhibitor/siblings and be approved by Wisconsin State Fair following an application and background check. Independent participation means ***the exhibitor will not be identified/affiliated/stalled as part of a group and will be randomly assigned stalling/pen space.***

Junior exhibitors must declare their participation option at time of entry (no later than the Junior entry deadline). After the entry deadline, exhibitors' names will be shared with the VAGC, who will confirm the exhibitors' acceptance or denial for that group. Youth who are not accepted by an approved VAGC or who do not select a group at time of entry will be considered independent exhibitors and must designate a VAIC who will apply for approval and supervise them. There will be no other group/independent switching after entry.

Volunteer Adult Contact guidelines and responsibilities include:

1. Volunteer Adult Contacts (VACs) are responsible for assisting Wisconsin State Fair with year-round communication, exhibit coordination (pre-fair, fair, post-fair), group decision-making authority and onsite Fair supervision during Wisconsin State Fair for their respective junior show(s).
2. VACs cooperate with, support and accept guidance from Wisconsin State Fair management showcasing agriculture and youth programs at the Fair. VAGCs (group leaders and assistants) and VAICs are approved Wisconsin State Fair volunteers but are not Wisconsin State Fair employees. Therefore, they are not covered by the Wisconsin State Fair Workers Compensation Policy.
3. All approved Volunteer Adult Contacts (VACs) may be required to complete online or in-person volunteer training. It is extremely important each VAC is aware of the procedures involved with supervising youth to protect themselves from risk/liability and unnecessary aggravation. We anticipate training to include identifying sexual harassment, hazing, bullying, first aid, event responder training, etc.
4. VACs must conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interest of youth participants and Wisconsin State Fair. VACs may not use their volunteer authority or title for purposes of private or personal gain. VACs are expected to conduct themselves with courteous manners/language, exhibit good sportsmanship, serve as a positive role

model, treat others with respect and demonstrate reasonable conflict resolution skills. In addition, VACs may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances while in this supervisory volunteer role at Wisconsin State Fair.

5. When transporting youth, VACs must operate motor vehicles and other equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license, legally required insurance and comply with all related state regulations and laws.
6. VACs must see that animals are treated in a humane manner and teach junior exhibitors to provide appropriate animal care and management for public exhibition.
7. All VACs are required to inform Wisconsin State Fair management of any policy/rule infractions or inappropriate behaviors if incidents occur (including but not limited to: poor attitudes, alcohol/drug possession or usage, vandalism, hazing, violence). *Failure to report any policy/rule infractions or inappropriate behaviors may lead Wisconsin State Fair and you (the VAC) to unwanted criticism and/or legal liabilities and challenges.*
8. Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture employees in the Junior Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine Departments are **NOT** eligible to serve as a VAC during their active employment.
9. Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center – Youth Center lodging procedures are updated for 2023. Rooms during Junior sessions may only be occupied by approved VAGCs, VAICs and Junior exhibitors showing in the current show rotation. Wisconsin State Fair will send reservation forms directly to all approved VAGCs in late March, which are due by April 28, 2023. VAICs are eligible to rent a room if space permits; they will be notified if additional rooms are available. 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)
10. Wisconsin State Fair will no longer coordinate nightline. It is up to each individual Volunteer Adult Group Contact to coordinate any nightline duties for his/her group members.

All applications for VACs (Volunteer Adult Group Contact Leaders and Assistants, and Volunteer Adult Independent Contacts) will be reviewed by Wisconsin State Fair management. Acceptance will be based on the applicant's completed application, a criminal background record check, prior Wisconsin State Fair supervisory experience and reference checks. All VACs should be present at Wisconsin State Fair for the duration of their junior show at the Fair.

Approved VACs will be selected by Wisconsin State Fair Management and notified of their acceptance or denial as applications are reviewed. Accepted VAGCs will have their names and contact information posted on the Wisconsin State Fair website in early April, allowing junior exhibitors enough time to contact VAGCs to discuss becoming a part of the VAGC's group exhibit at the 2023 Wisconsin State Fair.

If an approved group has more than 10 junior show exhibitors (determined after the entry deadline), the VAGC must identify a VAGC Group Assistant to help supervise group exhibitors at a ratio of **1 adult to a maximum of 10 junior division exhibitors**.

**Example:** 15 junior exhibitors are exhibiting within group animal exhibit "Blue River Dairy".  
The exhibit will need 1 VAGC and 1 assistant VAGC.

**Group Leader:** VAGCs must be age 21 and over and submit a completed Volunteer Adult Contact application by March 15, 2023.

**Group Assistant:** All assistant VAGCs must be age 21 and over and must complete the same application process and follow the same guidelines and requirements as the VAGC (group leader). Volunteer Adult Contact applications for assistants must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Volunteer Adult Independent Contact:** VAICs must be age 21 and over and must submit a completed Volunteer Adult Contact application at time of Junior entry deadline (May 24, 2023).

**Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver:** It is intended that all entered animals are housed in Wisconsin and under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor from the entry deadline (breeding stock) or time of DNA identification (market animals) 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 (mother, step-mother, father, step-father, siblings, step-siblings or legal guardian – with proof of relationship) or family farm, ***unless a Non-State Fair Animal Show Waiver has been obtained in advance.***

If someone other than the junior exhibitor, immediate family member or family farm may show a project animal after the junior has either entered Wisconsin State Fair or DNA identified the animal with Wisconsin State Fair, a waiver

request must be submitted by the entry deadline. Failure to obtain a waiver in advance of the animal being shown by anyone other than those listed (exhibitor, immediate family (mother, step-mother, father, step-father, siblings, step-siblings or legal guardian – with proof of relationship) or family farm) 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 reserves 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 one of the following methods:

**Fax:** 414.266.7057 (Attn: Entry Department) by **May 24, 2023**

(Please include a cover sheet including the exhibitor's name and number of pages being faxed) – **OR** –

**Email:** [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) by **May 24, 2023** (include exhibitor's name in the email)

## **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, faxes, 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. Requirements vary by species; see individual species rules.
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.

## **Junior Show Exhibitor Expectations**

1. All Junior Show exhibitors/participants must behave in accordance with applicable federal, state, and municipal laws. Junior Show exhibitors/participants must behave in ways which are acceptable to other participants and adult advisors and uphold high standards of behavior by respecting the ideas, abilities, and bodies of others. The use of language, gesture, print or media found to be objectionable to others is not permitted. Wisconsin State Fair Staff management or designees will determine the occurrence of inappropriate behavior and take appropriate actions.
2. Junior Show exhibitors/participants should use good judgment selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion, abiding by any established show dress code. Clothing which is revealing, has obscene language/pictures or drug, tobacco or alcohol advertising is inappropriate.
3. Junior Show exhibitors/participants must cooperate with all adult advisors, Wisconsin State Fair Staff or designees and should contact Wisconsin State Fair Staff with any conflicts or challenges during the event.
4. Junior Show participants should refrain from all sexual activity, participating in initiation ceremonies, hazing, harassment and other behaviors which involve humiliation or embarrassment of another person. Such activities will not be tolerated. Kissing and other displays of personal affection are in poor taste and are not acceptable.

5. **Consequences of disciplinary action:**

- A. Families of participants removed from the program will be responsible for the participants' transportation, including bus/plane fares and supplemental "Unaccompanied Child" fares or expenses for a chaperone. Registration, lodging or other participant fees will not be refunded.
- B. If damage/destruction of property occurred, participants will be assessed the cost of damages/repairs.
- C. Participants removed from the program may be required to relinquish all prize money to meet his/her financial obligations for activities.
- D. Youth participants who do not follow the guidelines listed in this document may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Review Committee in addition to consequences which occur during the event.
- E. Disciplinary action may result in a restricted opportunity or loss of privileges to participate in future Wisconsin State Fair related activities for the involved participant.
- F. Youth who break public laws will be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities in addition to potential Wisconsin State Fair disciplinary actions.

**Judging** 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 the 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 are not permitted to show in classes they are judging. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to change judges at any time.

- 1. A roster of judges will be posted on [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com). It is subject to change.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Animals must enter the show ring when the class is called. The judge, ring steward or show management has the right to close the class. Any exhibitor who misses his/her class is not a contender for the prize money offered.
- 4. Exhibitors must wear the correct exhibitor number to have their animal considered for placement by a judge. Groups will not be considered unless the correct exhibitor's number is displayed.
- 5. 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.
- 6. If only one exhibitor is competing in any class, the judge may recommend any placing at his or her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. **Showmanship:** To show in showmanship classes, the Junior must be an active exhibitor in the department at the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show. The individual must pay an entry fee for an individual class and the animal must be checked in at the Fair. Exhibitors must exhibit his/her own animal entered and checked in for the individual Showmanship classes. The same animal must be used in all heats and finals of Showmanship.

10. **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 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.

### **Prize Money and Awards**

1. Prize money will be paid as soon as possible after the end of Wisconsin State Fair.
2. The signed judging sheets are the only recognized basis for payment.
3. To receive prize money exhibitors must submit a W-9 form to Wisconsin State Fair with their entry. The individual information listed on Form W-9 MUST match the individual on the entry form. This information will be used for tax reporting purposes.
4. Any combination of winnings and prize money could be subject to taxable reporting and will result in a 1099 form being generated and submitted to the IRS for tax purposes.
5. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued prize money checks must be submitted in writing to the Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department prior to **September 30, 2023** for resolution (email to [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com), fax to Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department 414.266.7007, or write to Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department, 640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis WI 53214). Please include department, division, class and explain any discrepancy. Prize money records will be considered closed on **September 30, 2023**, and the exhibitor's right of protest or re-issue is thereafter relinquished.
6. All checks are void one (1) year after they are issued. Checks not cashed result in forfeiture of prize money won.

### **Rule Interpretation and Enforcement**

In the event Wisconsin State Fair rules conflict with other affiliated organizations/associations, the Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Wisconsin State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgment, may deem advisable.

All exhibitors are expected to conform to Wisconsin State Fair Rules and Regulations and Wisconsin Administrative codes and state statutes. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and prize money and be subject to such penalty as the Wisconsin State Fair management may order (Failure to comply may result in award(s) and prize money forfeiture; and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds; and /or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered; and/or in future competition in the Wisconsin State Fair). In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules will govern.

The following due process will be used in the questions of a rule violation: The Department Superintendent will question the exhibitor and/or parties involved. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, the Department Superintendent will make a ruling.

### **Ethics**

1. Exhibitors agree to accept all testing systems/procedures selected by Wisconsin State Fair to verify rule compliance.
2. Tampering, and/or inhumane treatment, and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership, milk status of animals and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
3. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, Wisconsin State 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.

4. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting, showing or misrepresentation of an animal will be subject to award(s) and prize money forfeiture, which may include the forfeiture of auction proceeds, and/or dismissal from the Fairgrounds, and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered and/or in future competition in the Wisconsin State Fair.
5. Read all product labels closely to make sure they do not contain ingredients which may be interpreted as a performance enhancer. Any questions should be directed to Wisconsin State Fair prior to use.
6. **Medication received prior to the show:** Animals under the care of a licensed veterinary and/or taking any type of performance enhancing medication which may include but is not limited to steroids, diuretics, anti-inflammatories, tranquilizers, and pain killers are ineligible for competition. Exhibitors with questions regarding medications and/or eligibility should consult with the Wisconsin State Agriculture Director prior to competition. In instances where an animal has been administered an approved FDA drug for its species, the exhibitor must be aware drugs residue may be found in the system longer than the labeled withdrawal time. Adequate time must have passed so the animal does not test positive for drugs upon arrival. Once the animal arrives on the Fair Park grounds, they must remain free and clear of all drug and chemical residues.

#### ANIMAL INSPECTION/TESTING

**As a condition for Wisconsin State Fair participation, exhibitors must agree to submit their animal entry to any inspection or tests requested by State Fair Management. Exhibitors must also agree any conclusion(s) reached by State Fair Management as to whether such animal is unethically fitted to be final. Tissue, hair, blood samples and/or carcass evaluations which yield a positive answer to tampering or an unethical practice will be sufficient evidence to remove the rights and privileges of the exhibitor(s) and to be subject to award(s) and prize money forfeiture, which may include auction proceeds; and/or dismissal from the Fairgrounds; and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments.**

### **Wisconsin State Fair Junior Fitting and Exhibition Rules**

1. All junior exhibitors are expected to conform to the Wisconsin State Junior Fair participation and exhibition policies. Failure to comply may result in awards and prize money forfeiture, dismissal from grounds, being barred from the immediate exhibition and being barred from future exhibitions. Refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" located on the Wisconsin State Fair website at [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com).
2. Animals deemed uncontrollable and unsafe to exhibit will be dismissed from the show ring and/or Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds. Show Management/staff 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.
3. Junior exhibitors must show their own animals unless the Department Superintendent has granted written approval. Exhibitor substitution forms are available in the Superintendent's office.
4. **Clipping and grooming of exhibits while on the Fairgrounds is to be done only by the exhibitor, his or her immediate family (which includes mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, siblings, stepsiblings or legal guardian with proof of relationship), and/or other participating Wisconsin State Fair junior exhibitors.** Non-owned animals cannot be fitted by the owner unless the owner is a actively-showing junior in the same department or related as stated previously (mother, stepmother, father, stepfather, siblings, stepsiblings or legal guardian with proof of relationship to junior exhibitor). Special consideration to the fitting rule may be granted to other family members in situations where none of the immediate family have project involvement/experience. To request special consideration a "Fitting Rule Waiver Request Form" (found on the Junior Livestock page of [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com)) must be submitted by the entry deadline, May 24, 2023. Waivers will be reviewed on an individual basis by Wisconsin State Fair Management who reserves the right to further review situations with outside sources. Requests will be approved or denied by email or written response by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Failure to comply with this rule will result in animal disqualification, immediate exhibitor disqualification and possible future exhibitor disqualification.



5. All junior exhibitors and family members are bound to the Wisconsin State Fair and IAFE code of ethics. Refer to the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" located on the Wisconsin State Fair website at [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com).
  6. Exhibitors must declare the names of parents/legal guardians and siblings/step-siblings on the online entry to be eligible for a fitting wristband at the Fair. All junior exhibitors and immediate family members wanting to participate in fitting or grooming activities must check in with the Fitting Superintendent or his appointed designee. A wristband will be issued which must be worn while participating and/or assisting with their family member's grooming activities. Lost or broken wristbands must be replaced immediately at the Fitting Superintendent's office. Failure to have the appropriate wristband may result in disqualification of the animal from exhibition and possible removal of the non-compliant person from the Wisconsin State Fairgrounds for interfering with Junior Fair rules.
  7. **Make-up/line-up areas:** Exhibitors and one other affiliated person with a fitting wristband are the only personnel allowed into the designated show class make-up/lineup areas.
  8. The fitting wristband rules listed above do not apply when an animal needs to be held or moved from one location to another to ensure a safe environment for animals, exhibitors, and Fairgoers, or to provide verbal fitting or showing instruction.
  9. **Compliance:** Exhibitors determined to be in non-compliance of any of the junior fitting and grooming rules listed in the "Junior General Rules and Regulations" or this section will be dealt with in the following manner:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Animal in question will be disqualified from show and will not qualify for any prize money or champion awards.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Exhibitor will be disqualified from any further participation at the current Wisconsin State Fair. This disqualification will be for all departments and prize money earned. Exhibitors may also be barred from participating in future Wisconsin State Fairs.  
Exhibitors who are disqualified may file a written protest with the Agriculture Director or designee prior to respective class participation. Refer to the protest procedure in the "Wisconsin State Fair Park Agriculture Department Decision Review Procedures" section beginning on page 13 of the Junior Rules and Regulations.
  10. The Fitting Superintendent reserves the right and responsibility to determine each exhibitor's and family member's compliance with fitting rules and regulations. The Fitting Superintendent also reserves the right to consult with the Agriculture Director or designee in any or all questions of compliance.
- The remainder of this section is to clarify potential concerns about rule interpretations and identify rules in each species:
- A. 4-H leaders, FFA Advisors, Volunteer Adult Contacts, industry professionals and others are encouraged and allowed to give verbal or written educational instructions. This is an educational activity and learning by doing is Wisconsin State Fair's mission.
  - B. The fitting and grooming guidelines are enforced for the duration of the Junior Fair department's exhibition.
  - C. Active use or possession of show supplies or cattle grooming equipment in the direct vicinity of an intended animal by persons without appropriate wristbands is not allowed.
  - D. Enforcement of compliance will be based on visual observation of the infraction by the Wisconsin State Fair Fitting Superintendent or his designee. Video equipment and other technology may be used. Questions or concerns about interpretation and/or compliance and/or other exhibitor's compliance should be directed to the fitting superintendent or their designee.
  - E. Junior Swine: Only Wisconsin State Fair Junior swine exhibitors and Wisconsin State Fair swine staff are allowed in the final holding area before entering the ring.
  - F. Junior Beef: Only Wisconsin State Fair Junior beef exhibitors and one wrist-banded family fitting member are allowed in the final staging and entrance area. The family member must leave the final staging area before the class enters ring.
  - G. Junior Dairy: Normal management such as milking, feeding and barn/parlor management are not restricted by these guidelines.

## **General Rules**

1. **Pre-Fair: Monday, July 31, 2023 through Wednesday, August 2, 2023,** exhibitors will be asked to display admission tickets or parking passes at the gate but they are not required for admittance. **All parking restrictions are in effect and must be obeyed.**

2. No trucks, vehicles or trailers are permitted to park around the livestock barns and buildings. No camping is allowed in or around the livestock barns.
3. **FIRE SAFETY:**
  - A. Smoking is strictly prohibited in any Wisconsin State Fair building.
  - B. Wisconsin State Fair's Agriculture buildings do not meet and are not coded for sleeping occupancy per the State of Wisconsin Building Codes. The Wisconsin State Fair Fire Marshal and/or the West Allis Fire Department (WAFD) has the responsibility and authorization to require compliance with the state building codes on the Fair Park and will monitor compliance with these codes. The WAFD will not and cannot condone or approve sleeping in the barns. Violators may be fined by the WAFD and/or the building may be evacuated until policy compliance is met.
  - C. Equipment which is not acceptable in the buildings include microwaves, TVs, coffee pots, refrigerators, portable burners or hot plates, etc. Grilling or barbecuing in or around the barns is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
  - D. Generators must be kept a minimum of 5' from buildings in designated locations in the Fair Park.
  - E. Gas, Diesel, and Propane storage containers cannot be stored in the Fair Park.
  - F. Extension cords must conform to manufacturer and Wisconsin State Fair recommendations for safety. No cords are 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.
  - G. **Electrical equipment policy:** To prevent electrical and safety issues caused by worn, ungrounded and/or unapproved equipment all equipment not properly grounded or not conforming to the manufacturer's specifications for safety and usage will be disconnected. Exhibitors with faulty/unapproved equipment will be warned and if proper corrective action is not taken, the electrical cord will be cut to prevent further use while at Wisconsin State Fair Park.
4. **Stalls/Pens:** Wisconsin State Fair Management will assign Stalls/pens. Stalls and animals must be kept accessible to the public while the barn is open to the public (9 am to 9 pm). Exhibitors are required to keep their space, pens, stalls, and animals presentable and accessible to the public. Exhibitors are required to notify and obtain approval from the Superintendent to alter any assigned stall(s) or pen structure(s) or any part thereof. If the exhibitor does not seek and obtain such approval the exhibitor will indemnify and hold harmless Wisconsin State Fair Park for any damage to any person or property which results from such alteration or removal.
5. **Manure** removed from the barns must be placed inside the manure bin structures. Bins are located on the North side of the Livestock and Swine Barns, the West and North side of the Horse Barn, and the West and South side of the Old Cattle Barn. No trash may be thrown in manure bins. Trash barrels are provided for food stuff, paper, and general trash. Dumping of manure in trash barrels is prohibited.
6. **Recycling** containers will be placed throughout the grounds for certain types of recyclable materials. Red containers for sharp objects/medical waste products are available at the on-site veterinarian trailer or in the backstage animal treatment tent.
7. Fair management has the authority to disqualify/discipline an exhibitor who treats any animal in an inhumane and/or unethical manner.
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.**
  - A. The 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 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 sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits is located just north of the Swine and Goat Barn. These are the only areas to be used to administer treatments (oral, IM, IV, subcutaneous).

- 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 animal treatment protocol may be disqualified.
10. **Advertising Restrictions:** Under no circumstances will any person, firm, club, or association be allowed to place any advertising matter upon or within buildings, trees, or any place on the grounds, nor will it be permitted to distribute advertising matter outside the place assigned them.
  11. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to remove any images, displays, materials, slogans within exhibits/displays/stalls that may be considered/perceived as inappropriate.
  12. Wisconsin State Fair contracts with an official photographer. Only the official Wisconsin State Fair photographer will be allowed in the showrings to take pictures. No additional photographers are permitted in the showrings. Exhibitors wishing to purchase photographs must contact the official Wisconsin State Fair photographer.
  13. Wisconsin State Fair participants are occasionally photographed and/or videotaped for Wisconsin State Fair promotional or educational materials. No personal information about the participant (such as name, age or address) will be used with photos or videos in promotional program materials nor will any compensation be provided. However, photos may be released for local publication where participants may be identified.
  14. If a rule violation occurs related to animal identification (market or non-registered breeding stock), exhibitors may file a DNA Verification Form and \$100 fee with the superintendent. The form will mandate a DNA hair test which will be compared to the sample submitted by the exhibitor/sibling at the initial identification. Exhibitors will be allowed to show, but prize money, awards and/or auction proceeds will be held until results of the DNA identification test are known. If the DNA sample taken at the Fair matches the initial DNA sample submitted by the exhibitor/sibling, prize money, awards and/or auction proceeds and the \$100 Verification fee will be awarded to the exhibitor. If the Fair DNA sample test result does not match the initial DNA sample submitted by the exhibitor/sibling, all prize money, awards and/or auction proceeds and the DNA verification fee will be forfeited. **The exhibitor may also be disqualified from participating at Wisconsin State Fair for the following two years.**
  15. Identifying tags (840 or scrapie) must remain on the animal; they will not be removed at any time.

**Alcohol/Illegal Substance Abuse Policy:** The use of alcohol by exhibitors, adults, adult facilitators or Fairgoers in the livestock barns or other areas where youth are present is strongly discouraged. Exhibitors ticketed by law enforcement personnel for underage drinking and/or possession/use of illegal substances at any point during the Fair will not be allowed to exhibit or show for the duration of the Fair. Entry fees, Youth Center fees and prize money will not be paid or refunded. Exhibitors will lose eligibility for the following year's Fair as well.

**Automated/Golf Carts:** The use of automated/golf carts is limited while Wisconsin State Fair Park is open to the public. All carts must have a valid permit (available for purchase through the Admissions Office) visibly displayed on the hood. While the Fair is open to the public, carts can only be driven from the RV Park to the Cart corral located near "North Point" (Turn 4 of the Racetrack near the Sky Glider ride); or the barns via the Hank Aaron Trail. Carts cannot cross "North Point" while the Fair is open to the public. Before 9 am and after 9 pm (when the Fair is closed to the public) carts can be driven and parked on 5<sup>th</sup> Street near the Double Deck Barn.

**Disability Accommodations:** Those participating in the Wisconsin State Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the Agriculture Department via email ([entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com)), via phone (414.266.7051) or by writing 640 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214 one month in advance of Fair events. The Agriculture department will contact exhibitors as soon as possible to discuss the requests for accommodations and will notify appropriate State Fair Officials of accommodations that have been approved.

**Exhibit Liability:** Wisconsin State Fair will take reasonable precautions to protect the safety of the exhibits sent to the Fair but owners themselves take the risk of exhibiting them. Should any exhibit or portion thereof be injured, damaged, lost or stolen, State Fair Park personnel will give assistance toward recovery of the same, but will not be liable or make any payment for the value thereof.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, State Fair Park, or its employees or agents shall be liable for any loss to an exhibitor occasioned by animal health, fire, accident, condition of structure, terrorism, vehicle, or damage caused by weather to any exhibit, article, equipment, or commercial exhibit left in the building or on the grounds after the close of the Fair.

Exhibitors or owners of animals, vehicles and/or machinery, while stationary or in motion, and any other exhibits or equipment which may cause accidents, injury or damage to persons or animals or property coming in contact with or in proximity to them, shall guard their exhibits, vehicles or machinery, and protect the public from coming in contact therewith at all times while on the Fairgrounds, and every such exhibitor or owner shall indemnify the State of Wisconsin, the Fair Park Board, and its agents and employees from and against claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which it or they might incur, suffer or be put to by reason of failure to take the precaution above referred to or failure to comply with State Fair Park rules, policies or directives. Liability insurance to comply with indemnity provisions is required. Presentation of an entry form shall be deemed acceptance of this provision.

Neither the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Fair Park, nor any of its officers, employees or agents shall be responsible for any bodily injury, damage, or other loss to any Exhibitor or his or her property while off-grounds of the Wisconsin State Fair Park during Wisconsin State Fair.

### **Exhibit Release**

1. Livestock exhibit release time is per each department's regulations or as approved by the Superintendent. Fair management has the authority to change the time of release in any department.
2. Any exhibit removed prior to its official release by the Department Superintendent will forfeit all privileges and prize money and are subject to such penalty as Management may order. Failure to comply may result in award(s) and prize money forfeiture; and/or dismissal from the Fairgrounds; and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered; and/or being barred from future competition in the Wisconsin State Fair.
3. Livestock exhibits that are not removed by the exhibitor at the close of the Fair will be removed or disposed of as Fair Management sees fit.

### **Livestock Premise Identification Requirements**

Wisconsin State Fair Park's Livestock Premise Identification number is # 0033G3P.
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Livestock premise identification numbers are mandatory by state law for all locations where animals are housed in Wisconsin but providing this number is not mandatory to exhibit at Wisconsin State Fair.

Wisconsin State Fair believes producers who register their premises are better informed to protect their premises and their livelihood. In turn, they help prevent disease spread and minimize the economic damage of an animal disease outbreak or animal health event. Registering a livestock premise involves obtaining an alpha-numeric identifier for the farm, ranch, veterinary clinic, or other site where livestock/fowl are handled, housed, managed, or processed.

When including the livestock premise identification number on the entry form, please use the identification number for the location where the animal is primarily housed.

To register for a Livestock Premise Identification number, go online to [wiid.org](http://wiid.org).

**Non-Ambulatory/Deceased Animals:** Wisconsin State Fair will not allow exhibitors to unload animals that are non-ambulatory or unable to walk off the vehicle/trailer under their own power. The exception to this policy will be unloading the animal for euthanizing and/or disposal. If an animal becomes non-ambulatory after arrival at Wisconsin State Fair Park, the following policies will be strictly enforced:

1. The owner of any animal which becomes non-ambulatory (unable to move under its own power) after arriving on Wisconsin State Fair Park grounds shall immediately notify the Department Superintendent. The Superintendent shall immediately notify the Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian and the Agriculture Director.
2. The contracted Wisconsin State Fair Veterinarian, Department Superintendent, Agriculture Director, and the owner/parent (or representative) of the animal in question will consult each other to come to the best decision for the animal with the emphasis being the best welfare of the animal. Only persons listed above who are available should be involved in the decision.

3. Livestock that become non-ambulatory after arriving at Wisconsin State Fair Park must be disposed of or removed for treatment within 12 hours of discovering or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and the above committee agrees, the owner must remove the animal from the Fair Park (at the owner's expense) within the 12-hour period. If euthanasia is determined to be the best option, it will be at the owner's expense.
4. If an animal dies while at Wisconsin State Fair Park, Fair management is responsible for coordinating the removal of the carcass from the Fair Park at the owner's expense.
5. Wisconsin State Fair management and/or contracted Wisconsin State Fair veterinarians reserve the right to test all non-ambulatory animals in instances where symptoms of contagious disease or suspected ethic violations are present. Testing will be done at the owner's expense.

**Vehicles:** Between 9 am and 9 pm vehicles CANNOT cross Grandstand Avenue (the intersection between the upper Livestock Barns/Youth Exhibits Building and the Racetrack). The only exceptions will be during major changeovers. Please plan accordingly.

**Wisconsin State Fair Employees and Conflicts of Interest:** Wisconsin State Fair Park employees, including but not limited to those involved in determining the eligibility for and the outcome of competitive events of the Wisconsin State Fair, are required to avoid situations and actions which could create doubt on the fairness of competitions. Participants in competitions and the public must have confidence that Wisconsin State Fair competitions remain above reproach. To this end, Wisconsin State Fair Park employees shall abide by the State of Wisconsin's ethics and conflict of interest statutes and administrative rules as well as Wisconsin State Fair Park Board policies. See the Wisconsin State Fair Park Ethics document located on the website at [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) for more information.

## WISCONSIN STATE FAIR PARK AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT DECISION REVIEW PROCEDURES

### DEFINITIONS AND ESCALATION SEQUENCE:

<b><i>Complaint (Verbal):</i></b>	Express verbal opinion on a decision or matter to Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) staff.
<b><i>Complaint (Written):</i></b>	Written opinion submitted to Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) staff via mail, hand delivery or email on a decision or matter.
<b><i>Protest:</i></b>	Action requesting the review of a decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park (WSFP) Agriculture Director; the official protest must be submitted in writing on a WSFP Protest Form via mail, hand delivery or email. The WSFP Agriculture Director must respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Protest.
<b><i>Appeal:</i></b>	Action requesting the review of a decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Agriculture Committee (WSFPBAC). An Appeal must be submitted in writing on a WSFP Appeal form via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days from the date the protest decision was received. The WSFPBAC Chair or designee must respond with a decision in writing via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Appeal.
<b><i>Final Appeal:</i></b>	Action requesting the review of an Appeal decision by the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board (WSFPB). A Final Appeal must be submitted in writing on the WSFP Final Appeal Form along with a deposit of \$250 (check or money order via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days from the date the Appeal decision was received. The WSFPB Chair will review the Final Appeal and has the authority to determine if this appeal will be reviewed by the WSFPB of Directors. The WSFPB Chair or designee must respond with a written decision via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the Final Appeal.

## PROCEDURE:

### **Complaints:**

**Verbal complaints** are considered unofficial, may be received at any time, and do not require action by Staff, Superintendent or Management.

**Written complaints** are considered official, and do not require formal action or a decision. Written complaints must be signed by the remitting party and dated, with complete contact information. The complaints will be evaluated/discussed within program reviews and/or considered while making program enhancements. Written complaints may be hand-delivered, mailed, or emailed to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Agriculture Department  
640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Allis, WI 53214  
entryoffice@wistatefair.com

Agriculture Department staff may or may not choose to respond to a written complaint. Please note: Official written complaints may be subject to open records requests.

### **Protest:**

To challenge a decision, an official protest must be submitted in writing on an official WSFP Protest Form via mail, hand delivery or email within seven (7) business days of receiving the decision. The Protest must substantiate the concern and justification for the review of a decision and sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Agriculture Director  
C/O Official Protest  
640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Allis, WI 53214  
Robin.Hensersky@wistatefair.com

The WSFP Agriculture Director must respond in writing with a decision via mail, hand delivery and email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Protest.

### **Appeal:**

To challenge the WSFP Agriculture Director's Protest decision, a written WSFP Appeal Form must be submitted and received in care of the WSFP CEO via email, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the protest decision. The Appeal must substantiate the concern and justification for the Protest to be reviewed. Appeals may be sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park CEO  
c/o Official Appeal  
640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Allis, WI 53214  
Shari.Black@wistatefair.com

The appeal will be reviewed by the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Agriculture Committee (WSFPBAC). The WSFPBAC may choose to gather information from the protesting party and/or WSFP Management. The WSFPBAC Chair or designee will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Appeal.

If the WSFPBAC decision on the Appeal overturns the WSFP Agriculture Director's Protest decision, the WSFP Agriculture Director may challenge the Appeal decision of the WSFPBAC to the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board (WSFPB). This Appeal must be submitted and received in care of the WSFPB Chair via mail, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the WSFPBAC appeal decision.

The Agriculture Director's Appeal will be reviewed by the WSFPB Chair who will determine if the Final Appeal has merit to be reviewed by the WSFPB Directors.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal has merit for an appeal the WSFPB Directors will be presented with the Appeal. The WSFPB Chair/Directors may choose to speak with the WSFP Agriculture Director and/or the WSFPBAC and/or other WSFP Management. The WSFPB Chair or designee will respond with a decision in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the Agriculture Directors Appeal. The decision of the WSFPB Directors/Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

#### **Final Appeal:**

To challenge the WSFPBAC's Appeal response, a written WSFP Final Appeal Form must be submitted and received in care of the WSFP Board Chair via mail, hand delivery or email, within seven (7) business days of receiving the appeal decision. Additionally, a deposit of \$250 (check or money order) will be required with Final Appeal submission; the deposit will be returned if the decision of the appeal is overturned but retained if the decision of the Final Appeal is not overturned. The deposit is a recovery mechanism to offset labor costs incurred during the entire decision review process. Final Appeals must be sent to:

Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Chair  
c/o Official Final Appeal  
640 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Allis, WI 53214  
Shari.Black@wistatefair.com

The appeal will be reviewed by the WSFP Board Chair who will determine if the Final Appeal has merit to be reviewed by the WSFP Board of Directors.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal does not merit consideration by the WSFPB the WSFPB Chair or designee will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the final appeal. The decision of the WSFPB and/or Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

If the WSFPB Chair rules the Final Appeal has merit for an appeal the WSFPB of Directors will be presented with the Final Appeal. The WSFPB Chair/Directors may choose to speak with the protesting party and/or the WSFPB Agriculture Committee and/or WSFP Management. The WSFPB Chair or designee will respond in writing via mail, hand delivery or email, explaining the rationale for any decision rendered within seven (7) business days of receiving the final appeal. The decision of the WSFPB Directors/Chair is final and not subject to further appeal.

The WSFPB's: Chair, Directors, Agriculture Committee Members and the WSFP CEO/Executive Director and Agriculture Director reserve the right to discuss the protest/appeal/final appeal with legal counsel, or other parties relevant to render a conclusion to a Protest/Appeal/Final Appeal.

#### **Additional Decision Procedures related to LIVESTOCK SHOWS/COMPETITIONS:**

##### **Before an Animal is shown (i.e. - the actual competitive event):**

If Wisconsin State Fair Park Management suspects a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics and/or published Wisconsin State Fair rules/regulations will occur if an animal is shown, and the violation is reasonably well-established before the animal is shown, WSFP Management will discuss the potential violation and possible actions with the exhibitor; and:

- 1) if, at the exhibitor's discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
- 2) if the exhibitor wishes to challenge WSFP Management's decision that a violation will occur/has occurred; the exhibitor will have the opportunity to submit an official protest and enter the WSFP decision review procedures. If the decision is upheld, the exhibitor will be denied the opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

##### **During and after an animal is shown (i.e. - the actual competitive event):**

All animals are subject to examination prior to, during and after judging. A violation may be considered because of failure to comply with guidelines, rules and regulations as established by recognized breed associations, the judge, and/or Show Management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Agriculture Director for action. The WSFP Agriculture Director and other pertinent Show Management will notify the exhibitor of the violation at which time the exhibitor will be invited to present a response (verbal or written) to the allegations. Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of Show Management. Sanctions may include any one or a combination of the following:

- forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, prize money, or proceeds;
- written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter or responsible person;
- disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
- disqualification of the exhibitor from the show;
- publication of offense (as these actions may be subject to open records review).

Disqualification may include any or all shows/classes for an indefinite number of years.

#### **JUDGES, JUDGING AND/OR AWARDS REVIEWS:**

**Verbal complaints** are considered unofficial, may be received at any time, and do not require action by Staff, Superintendent or Management.

**Written Complaints** are considered official. The written complaint must clearly state the concern(s) and justifications. Written complaints will follow the “Written Complaints” protocol as listed above. Of special note:

- Written complaints pertaining to judge qualifications/potential conflicts of interest must be submitted in writing a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the judging date. Judges are selected through a formal review process prior to WSFP issuing a service agreement. In consideration of this process, complaints based solely on unsubstantiated concerns questioning the competency of judges will not be considered. Parties involved will be notified and given the opportunity to submit evidence to the WSFP Agriculture Director whose decision is final and not subject to appeal.

**Protests and Appeals:** Protests and Appeals must clearly state the concern(s) and justifications. Protests and Appeals will follow the decision review protocol listed above. Of special note:

- Award protests must be submitted to the WSFP Agriculture Director within five (5) hours of the award being presented. An award is deemed presented when the notation of the decision is entered on the official judging sheets. Overturning a judging decision will only be considered if it is determined an award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit.

## **IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)**

### **NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to Junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics,” fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit prize money, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:



- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other samples taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian

- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including *Fairs and Expos* and any special notices to members.

- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions provided by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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## Animal Health Regulations

*This is a summary of animal health requirements for Wisconsin State Fair only. They are not necessarily the same as requirements for importing animals into Wisconsin or moving them within the state for other purposes.*

*They may change if animal diseases occur in Wisconsin or elsewhere, so you should always check with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection website ([datcp.wi.gov](http://datcp.wi.gov)) for current information.*

*Ref. s. ATCP 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code*

<p><b>General Requirements for show organizers</b></p>	<p><b>All fairs or exhibitions of any length</b> must obtain, review, and keep for five years all required records and test results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibitor's name and address</li> <li>• Animal identification (number, type, description, and, when required, official identification (<i>see requirements for different animals below</i>))</li> <li>• Documents showing compliance with disease testing and other health requirements</li> <li>• Livestock premises number, if any, where animals originated</li> <li>• Documentation showing legal importation to the event (if applicable) and, when required, movement to the event (<i>see requirements for different animals below</i>)</li> <li>• For swine, a record of any swine transported directly to a slaughtering establishment</li> <li>• For swine, a record of any swine transported to an animal market where all animals sold at the market sale for that day were shipped directly to a slaughtering establishment</li> </ul> <p><b>Fairs or exhibitions lasting more than 24 hours</b> must appoint a licensed veterinarian to inspect all animals daily.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Except in specific circumstances, if an animal already bears an official 840 eartag, that eartag must not be removed and additional official eartags must not be applied. Instead, the existing eartag must be read and recorded when a record of that animal is required. (Ref. s. ATCP 10.045, Wis. Admin. Code)</p> <p><b>These regulations apply to all fairs and exhibitions</b>, including additional events (like rodeos, shows, or other organized events) that occur in conjunction with the fair.</p>
<p><b>Diseases</b></p>	<p><b>Animals that show evidence of having contagious or infectious diseases</b> may not be commingled (or housed/kept) with other animals at a fair, show, or other exhibition in such a way as to allow disease to spread. Such animals should not attend the fair, show, or exhibition. Animals may be denied entry if they arrive at these events with contagious or infectious diseases, isolated and/or removed if they develop disease after arriving, or be subject to other action as would be necessary to control disease. (Ref. s. ATCP 10.08(1), Wis. Admin. Code)</p> <p><b>Bovine animals with ringworm, mange, warts or scab</b> will be removed from the fair or exhibition premises, unless the veterinarian in charge finds warts or ringworm lesions are incapable of transmitting disease.</p>

<p><b>Cattle and bison</b></p>	<p><b>Cattle from within Wisconsin</b> have no requirements for tests or health documents.</p> <p><b>Cattle from outside Wisconsin</b> must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be accompanied by certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) documenting official animal identification (ID) and all required tests and certifications</li> <li>• Have official individual ID (including steers)</li> <li>• Meet all of Wisconsin's normal requirements for import (see <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Acceptable animal IDs for all cattle from outside Wisconsin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA metal ear tag number that is part of the National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) (starts with state 2-digit code, also known as "brite" tag); this includes the orange brucellosis vaccination tag</li> <li>• 15-digit "840" tags (visual or RFID)</li> <li>• Valid only if applied before March 11, 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manufacturer-coded RFID tag - 15-digit number with the first three digits in 900s</li> <li>○ American ID tag – 8 to 12-digit number prefaced with "USA"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Brucellosis requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin</b> No cattle from outside Wisconsin are currently required to be brucellosis tested or vaccinated to come to fairs and shows in Wisconsin</p> <p><b>Tuberculosis (TB) requirements for cattle from outside Wisconsin</b> As of 1.1.23, all cattle from <b>Texas</b> and <b>Michigan's TB Free Zone</b> (for cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone see below), regardless of sex or age are required to have a negative TG test within 60 days prior to import. For details and requirements by state, see <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Cattle from Michigan's Modified Accredited Zone – Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties – (for cattle from Michigan's TB Free Zone, see requirements by state above) also need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import permit</li> <li>• To originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older</li> <li>• Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin</li> <li>• A statement indicating the animals will return directly to the state of origin after the show.</li> </ul> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx</a></li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov">DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov</a></li> <li>• Call 608-224-4872</li> </ul> <p><b>Cattle from Canada</b> must meet current federal requirements to enter the United States. (See <a href="https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca-protocol-imp-cattle-bison.pdf">https://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca-protocol-imp-cattle-bison.pdf</a>) Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CattleBison.aspx</a>.</p>
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## Swine

**Note:** These regulations apply to all swine, including pet pigs and racing pigs.

**Swine from within Wisconsin** (Ref. s. ATPC 10.32(2) and 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code) need a Wisconsin intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate):

**Note:** *Herd of origin means the herd in which the pigs currently reside, likely the exhibitor's herd. When pigs are purchased from a herd, the herd from which they originate is the herd of origin for the seller. Once the purchased pigs are added into the buyer's herd (even if the buyer's herd only consists of one or just a few animals), the buyer's herd becomes the new herd of origin and that herd must meet testing requirements to move pigs again.*

- Stating that the entire herd of origin was inspected on the farm within 30 days before the show and showed no signs of disease.
- Stating that the farm of origin has not had pseudorabies or swine dysentery in the past 12 months, has not had any clinical signs or diagnosis of TGE or PEDv in the past 60 days, feeds no garbage, uses no PRV vaccine, is not under quarantine for any disease condition and vesicular stomatitis has not been diagnosed within 10 miles of the farm of origin within the past 30 days.
- **Non-terminal Exhibitions:** All swine must have a PRRS (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome) and PEDv (Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea virus) test of the herd of origin within 90 days of the exhibition. Include test date, type, and results on the CVI.
- **Terminal Exhibitions:** No testing requirements.

**Note:** *Terminal Exhibitions are those at which the swine go directly from the fair/show to the slaughtering establishment OR to a slaughter only market sale. If going to a slaughter only market sale, contact the Division of Animal Health fair inspector for required information to collect.*

**Note:** *If the fair intends to use a load-out facility, contact the Division of Animal Health in advance to discuss requirements that must be met.*

**Swine from outside Wisconsin** (Ref. s. ATPC 10.30 and 10.87, Wis. Admin. Code) need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) that includes the following:

- The negative results of the PRRS test from the swine's herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results.
- The negative results of the PEDv test from the swine's herd of origin conducted within 90 days prior to movement into Wisconsin including test date, type, and results.
- A statement that the veterinarian has inspected the entire herd of origin within the past 30 days and that no clinical signs of PRRS and PEDv or any other apparent disease was present at the time of inspection
- A statement that the farm of origin has not had pseudorabies or swine dysentery in the past 12 months, has not had any clinical signs or diagnosis of TGE or PEDv in the past 60 days, feeds no garbage, uses no PRV vaccine, is not under quarantine for any disease condition and vesicular stomatitis has not been diagnosed within 10 miles of the farm of origin within the past 30 days.
- Official individual identification (ID)

Acceptable methods of ID for swine are:

- USDA silver ear tag
- USDA 840 ear tag, either visual or RFID
- Breed association tattoo if the pig is a purebred and the tattoo is registered
- An ear tag with the premise identification number and a unique identifier
- Ear notch if the pig is a purebred and the notch is registered

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information and for PRRS and PEDv testing options, check

[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SwineMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SwineMovement.aspx).

## Sheep and goats

**Note:** *These rules do not apply to non-domestic sheep and goats. See Exotic Ruminants below.*

### Sheep and goats from within Wisconsin need:

- If sexually intact, need official individual identification (ID) *at any age*.
- If not sexually intact, need official individual ID if they are *12 months or older*.
- See below for Official ID options.
- Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment.

### Sheep and goats from outside Wisconsin need:

- Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual ID for all animals.
- See below for Official ID options.
- See below for additional requirements for goats from Michigan's Tuberculosis Modified Accredited Zone.
- Sheep and goats that go to a market or slaughter establishment after the fair should have an owner hauler statement to move from the fair to the market/slaughter establishment.

### Official Identification includes:

- Scrapie eartags (including tags on neckstraps for animals with absent/injured ears or with official tattoos – see DATCP Website\*)
- USDA 840 ear tags
- Legible breed tattoos (see DATCP Website\* and NOTE below)
- Legible scrapie tattoos (see DATCP Website\* and NOTE below)
- Approved microchips (Electronic Identification/EID) – There are many requirements that need to be met to use microchips including a requirement for accompanying tattoos. See DATCP Website\* and NOTE below.
- **NOTE:** *All sheep and goats **that go through a market or to slaughter** and require Official Identification **must be eartagged** with Official ID. Official ID in the form of a tattoo or Electronic Implantable Identification (EID) is no longer sufficient when moving through a market or going to slaughter.*
- **NOTE:** *If a Wisconsin origin animal is neutered, less than 12 months of age, and moving through a market after the fair, the market may require Official ID in the form of an ear tag.*
- \*For more information on official identification and for owner hauler statements see DATCP Website at [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/OfficialID.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/OfficialID.aspx)

### Goats from Michigan's Tuberculosis (TB) Modified Accredited Zone – Alcona, Alpena, Monmorency, Oscoda counties - also need:

- Import permit
- To originate from a herd that has a negative whole-herd TB test within 12 months before arrival in Wisconsin that includes all animals 1 year and older
- Negative individual TB tests within 60 days before entering Wisconsin
- A statement indicating the animals will return directly to the state of origin after the show,

### For information on obtaining an import permit:

- Online [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx)
- Email [DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov)
- Call 608-224-4872

Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SheepGoatMovement.aspx)

<p><b>Equine</b></p>	<p><b>Equine animals from within Wisconsin</b> need documentation of a negative EIA (Coggins) test done within the previous 12 months, which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip (if a reader is available). No test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams. Documentation may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official test report VS 10-11, <i>or</i></li> <li>• USDA-approved electronic test form, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Global Vet Link EIA electronic form, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Certificate of veterinary inspection with the test results listed</li> </ul> <p><b>Equine animals from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s. ATPC 10.36, Wis. Admin. Code) need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) which clearly identifies the animal by complete description, digital photographs, or an approved microchip</li> <li>• Negative EIA (Coggins) test done within previous 12 months that is reported on the CVI</li> <li>• No EIA test is needed for nursing foals accompanying negative dams</li> </ul> <p><b>Equines from Minnesota</b> are exempt from the CVI requirement if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ownership does not change while the animal is in Wisconsin</li> <li>• The animal remains in Wisconsin no longer than 7 days</li> <li>• Proof of a negative EIA (Coggins) test in previous 12 months accompanies the animal</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HorseOtherEquineMvmt.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>Poultry and waterfowl (Pigeons are not considered poultry for fairs and shows)</b></p>	<p><b>Poultry and waterfowl from within Wisconsin</b> need ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A NPIP certificate stating that the flock of origin is a US pullorum-typhoid clean and for turkeys a <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean flock or NPIP affiliate flock <i>or</i></li> <li>• Documentation the flock of origin is a Wisconsin Tested Flock and has tested negative for pullorum-typhoid and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Documentation the flock of origin is a Wisconsin Associate Flock, <i>or</i></li> <li>• Individual tests for sexually mature birds (turkeys over 6 months, all other birds over 4 months) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band identification (ID). All birds must test negative for pullorum-typhoid, and turkeys must test negative for <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i>. After testing there can be no change of ownership or commingling with other birds that are not part of the flock except at other shows/fairs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Flock of origin means the flock in which the birds currently reside, likely the exhibitor's flock. Once purchased birds are added to the buyer's flock, even if the buyer's flock only consists of one or just a few birds, the buyer's flock is the flock of origin and that flock must meet NPIP or WI Tested or Associate Flock status to avoid individual bird testing for shows/fairs.</p> <p><b>Poultry and waterfowl from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s. ARCP 10.42, Wis. Admin. Code) need a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) or equivalent (such as form VS 9-3) specifically showing movement to the fair or show that states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They originate from a flock classified pullorum-typhoid clean and for turkeys <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> clean under NPIP or an equivalent state program, <i>or</i></li> <li>• If they are sexually mature, that they have tested negative for pullorum-typhoid (and <i>Mycoplasma gallisepticum</i> for turkeys) within 90 days before arrival at the show. These birds also need wing or leg band ID.</li> </ul> <p><b>Not required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Import permit number</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryMovement.aspx</a></p>

<p><b>Exotic Ruminants</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b> <i>Exotic ruminants are ruminants that are not native to Wisconsin, and are not cervids – for example, Old World camels, yaks, water buffalo, pronghorn antelope, giraffes, and non-domestic sheep and goats. In addition, please contact your county and local municipality for any restrictions.</i></p> <p><b>Exotic ruminants from within Wisconsin</b> have no requirements.</p> <p><b>Exotic ruminants from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s. ATCP 10.82, Wis. Admin Code) must have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)</li> <li>• Official individual identification (ID) as required for tuberculosis and brucellosis testing</li> <li>• Import permit</li> <li>• Proof written on the CVI that they meet requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Tuberculosis (TB)</i> – negative test required within 60 days before entry</li> <li>○ <i>Brucellosis</i> – negative test required within 30 days before entry</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Please call 608-224-4872 beforehand to determine which TB test to use.</p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx</a></li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov">DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov</a></li> <li>• Call 608-224-4872</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/ExoticSpeciesMvmt.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>South American camelids: llamas, alpacas, guanacos, vicuñas</b></p>	<p><b>South American camelids from within Wisconsin</b> have no requirements.</p> <p><b>South American camelids from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s. ATCP 10.85, Wis. Admin. Code) must have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate) and official individual identification (ID). Official ID may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved USDA ear tag number</li> <li>• Microchip number</li> <li>• Breed association registration number</li> <li>• Breed association tattoo</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/LlamaAlpacaMovement.aspx</a>.</p>



<p><b>Small animals: Dogs, domestic cats, and other household pets (ferrets, pet birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, domestic mice and rats)</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b> For animals that are part of menageries, see also rules below for menageries. Pot-bellied and miniature pigs fall under rules for swine. Dog hybrids, domestic cat hybrids, or exotic small cat species such as servals fall under rules for Exotic small animals. Native wild animals and birds, including raptors, and captive wild animals such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks fall under rules for wild animals.</p> <p><b>Dogs from within Wisconsin</b> (Ref. S. 95.21, Wis. Stats.) that are 5 months or older need proof of current rabies vaccination.</p> <p><b>Cats and other household pets from within Wisconsin</b> have no requirements.</p> <p><b>Dogs and cats from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s.ATCP 10.80, Wis. Admin. Code) that are 5 months or older need to be vaccinated for rabies by a licensed veterinarian, and regardless of age, need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) stating the age of the animal and for animals 5 months and older the date of last rabies vaccination and revaccination due date.</p> <p><b>Other household pets from outside Wisconsin</b> need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) but have no testing or vaccination requirements.</p> <p><b>Small animals from other nations need to meet requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (608-662-0600) and Centers for Disease Control (1-800-232-4636).</b></p> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>Exotic small animals (any species not covered by "small animals" above), exotic large animals, and other wild animals</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.</p> <p><b>Animals from within Wisconsin</b> do not have any requirements as long as they are legally possessed in Wisconsin.</p> <p><b>Animals from outside Wisconsin</b> (Ref. s.ATCP 10.84, Wis. Admin. Code) generally have no testing or vaccination requirements, but do need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI or health certificate)</li> <li>• Import permit number</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin.</b> These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Some animals may require permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. See <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov">http://dnr.wi.gov</a>.</p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx</a></li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov">DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov</a></li> <li>• Call 608-224-4872</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PetMovement.aspx</a>.</p>

<p><b>Circus, rodeo, racing and menagerie animals</b></p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Local jurisdictions may have requirements beyond the state requirements listed here.</p> <p><b>Animals from within Wisconsin</b> must meet vaccination and testing requirements for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.</p> <p><b>Animals from outside Wisconsin</b> need certificates of veterinary inspection (CVIs or health certificates) and vaccinations, identification, and tests required for their species. See these requirements earlier in this document.</p> <p>They also need import permit numbers (Ref. s.ATCP 10.81, Wis. Admin. Code) if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circuses and individual circus acts</li> <li>• Rodeo stock other than individual participants' horses</li> <li>• Multi-species menageries (defined as any animals kept in a collection primarily for purposes of exhibition or competition)</li> <li>• Petting zoos</li> </ul> <p>They do not need import permit numbers if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rodeo horses owned by individual participants</li> <li>• Single-species groups</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Some animals may not be brought to Wisconsin.</b> These are North American prairie dogs and the following African species: tree squirrels, rope squirrels, dormice, Gambian giant pouched rats, brush-tailed porcupines and striped mice. Some animals may require permits from the Department of Natural Resources. See <a href="https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/captive.html">https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/captive.html</a></p> <p>For information on obtaining an import permit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalMovementPermits.aspx</a></li> <li>• Email <a href="mailto:DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov">DATCPAnimalImports@wi.gov</a></li> <li>• Call 608-224-4872</li> </ul> <p>Requirements are subject to change as conditions warrant. For current information, check <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CircusesRodeosMenageries.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/CircusesRodeosMenageries.aspx</a>.</p>
<p><b>Guidelines for housing and managing animals</b></p>	<p><b>The State Veterinarian recommends that exhibitors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccinate breeding cattle against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) at least 30 days before the event</li> <li>• Test cattle for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative</li> <li>• Test cattle for Johne's disease by ELISA test, and bring them to shows only if they test negative</li> <li>• Clean and disinfect vehicles used to transport animals to and from the show, and vehicles used on the grounds before, during, and after the show</li> <li>• Isolate exhibited animals returning to their farms or animals purchased at the show for 21 days before mingling them with other stock</li> </ul> <p><b>The State Veterinarian recommends that show organizers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House cattle separately from South American camelids and other exotic ruminants</li> <li>• House cattle separately from small ruminants, especially sheep</li> <li>• House ostriches, emus, rheas and cassowaries separately from domestic poultry</li> <li>• House swine separately from any other mammals</li> <li>• Include a space for the premise's registration code on livestock entry forms</li> <li>• Provide hand-washing stations near all livestock facilities</li> <li>• Provide individual watering and feeding troughs rather than common ones</li> </ul>