

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Exhibitors are urged to READ THE RULES, not only the General Rules and Regulations below, but the Special Rules governing the entries in each Department.

1. In the event of a storm/disaster, the TCF Association will not be held liable if damage is incurred.
2. Competition is open to all residents of Hardy, Grant and Pendleton counties.
3. No charge will be made for entries except as provided in the horse shows, sheep, cattle, swine and goats.
4. All products must be made, grown or owned by the exhibitor.
5. This association reserves the right to reject or refuse any article not in proper condition for exhibition.
6. Due care will be taken of all exhibits, but the Association will not be responsible for any breakage or loss which might occur.
7. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people, but each animal exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the fair against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
8. Only Service Dogs are permitted on the fairgrounds. Exception is on Saturday to exhibitors participating in the Pet Show (two hours only).
9. Judges may pronounce any exhibit as unworthy of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd whether or not there is any competition.
10. Exhibits will be judged by as competent judges as can be secured.
11. Additional copies of this list may be secured from the secretary, county extension offices in the Tri-County area or those that advertised in this supplement.
12. Farm and home products, other than livestock, which were exhibited at the Fair last year are not eligible for competition but may be placed on exhibition.
13. Exhibit buildings will be open Monday-Friday from 4-10 pm and Saturday from 2-9 pm.
14. No smoking/controlled substances permitted on fairgrounds.
15. The Board of Directors reserves the right to restrict backpacks on the premises.
16. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final on all matters pertaining to the Fair.
17. Entries in **Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat and Junior Horse departments** should be made by July 1. Entries postmarked AFTER July 1 will be charged \$20 per exhibitor late entry fee. **NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 10!** Send entries to: Tri-County Fair, PO Box 1197, Petersburg, WV 26847.
18. West Virginia 4-H and FFA Online Animal Husbandry & Quality Assurance (AH&QA) Program: 2025 Program Requirements – All 4-H/FFA members enrolled in beef, goat, horse/pony, poultry, rabbit, sheep and/or swine projects are required to complete the online QA training to be eligible to exhibit their project animals at 2026 West Virginia county and state 4-H/FFA shows and events. All 4-H/FFA members are required to complete the **online** training program in 2026. West Virginia 4-H/FFA members will have access to the AH&QA program from April 2026 through June 30,

- 2026, and must complete the online QA training no later than June 30, 2026. 4-H/FFA members may access the AH&QA via a link at <https://ahqa/umdeu/>.
19. All 4-H and FFA market animals are required to be weighed and tagged at designated dates and times prior to the 2026 fair to be eligible to exhibit.
 20. The show ring shall only be used for practice and showing. No feeding or watering in the show ring. All livestock, except those showing, shall remain in their stalls each day between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm.
 21. An **Entry Fee** of \$5 per head of all Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb, Breeding Cattle, Market Steer, Market Hog, Market Goat and Feeder Calves and \$5 per head for 4-H/FFA Horse Show must accompany the entry form.
 22. There will be a fee collected for each trimming chutes (\$10) and/or trimming stands (\$5). Equipment will be marked with a label, all unlabeled stands, and chutes will need to be removed from premises. **This fee is now listed on the Livestock Entry Forms.**
 23. Only 4-H and FFA members in the Tri-County area, that meet 4-H and FFA membership age requirements and enrolled in the project by January 1, 2026, are eligible to compete in the junior shows.
 24. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are required to show in the **showmanship** for each animal species they are exhibiting and use their **own project animal** to receive any premiums from the Junior shows. 4-H and FFA members with Market lamb exhibits must use their Market lamb for Showmanship. Previous winners are not allowed to compete in the division they have won. Division will be determined by age as of Jan 1, 2026. **In the event the exhibited animal does not meet the required weight specifications, and the animal has to leave the fairgrounds due to space availability, the exhibitor must consult with their 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor regarding project completion.**
 25. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors **must** complete their market animal consignment form as specified to be eligible to sell an animal(s) in the Junior Livestock Sale.
 26. Market beef animal exhibitors must participate in a carcass evaluation on Sunday at weigh-in.
 27. **Junior Livestock Dress Code for All Shows, Pictures & Sale Ring:**
 - A button or snap-style, collared shirt allowing only one button or snap to be opened at the top (i.e., western or polo).
 - T-shirts allowed but no logos or advertisement on shirts other than 4-H Club, FFA chapter, family farm name or agricultural related firm.
 - Shirts may be long or short sleeved. No sleeveless or altered shirts.
 - Shirts must be tucked in all the way around the waist.
 - Long pants, no shorts. Must be neat and clean. No rips or tears.
 - Wear closed toe shoes (i.e., boots or tennis shoes). No sandals.
 - No hats of any type or style are permitted. (This includes the swine show)
 28. Junior exhibitors will nominate one 4-H or FFA member from each county who has exhibited the leadership to represent them by serving on the Junior Department Committee. Senior exhibitor nominees are encouraged.

29. Livestock exhibitors will be allowed to walk animals down the dirt road to the horse barn as well as in the track area to eliminate manure on the pavement areas of the fairgrounds.

30. All 4-H and FFA members must abide by their respective Codes of Conduct and Ethics while participating in the Tri-County Fair. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, which may include the member being prohibited from showing or selling their animal(s) and/or being asked to leave the fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair week.

FARM, HOME, ART & PHOTOGRAPY EXHIBITS

31. Baked Goods, Flowers, Farm Products, Applied Arts, Canning, Art and Photography entries **must be brought to the grounds for entry between the hours of 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. No entries in these departments will be accepted** at a later time. Much confusion and misunderstanding can be avoided if exhibitors prepare their exhibits and enter them according to the premium list.

32. Only one exhibit per class per exhibitor for judging. Extra exhibits will be accepted for display only.

33. Separate departments will be provided for FFA & 4-H, however, in addition to exhibiting in their own department, youth also may exhibit additional items in the open departments.

34. There will be no parking beside barns for exhibitors.

35. Exhibits will be released on **Saturday, August 1, at 9 p.m.**

Under no condition may an exhibit be removed before that time, except as specified under livestock. Premium money due will be forfeited. Exhibits remaining after 10 p.m. on Saturday will be strictly at the owner's risk.

REGISTRATION SYSTEM

A system has been devised for the purpose of entering exhibits. All open class exhibitors must register at the exhibit registration table. Upon this proper completion of the EXHIBITOR'S REGISTRATION FORM (name, Address and Phone), the exhibitor will receive an exhibitor's number. This number must be used to enter exhibits in ALL departments. This system has been developed to assist Fair officials in the tabulation of premiums and to ensure that all premium winners receive their money.

RENTAL CONCESSION

1. All rental concessions are to be used solely by the person renting them for the purpose rented and cannot be subrented with anyone else or shared with anyone except with permission from concession committee.
2. General liability insurance required.
3. All renter or worker must have a valid daily admission pass or pay regular gate admission.
4. Vehicles not permitted on grounds without fair permit parkin tag and permitted at North Avenue gate only.

HANDICAP PARKING AVAILABLE