



2017 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Alcoholic beverages and controlled dangerous substances (drugs) are **not** allowed on the fairgrounds. Violators will be removed from premises. No smoking permitted in buildings & barns.
2. Anyone exhibiting or participating in activities at the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair MUST abide by all General Rules and Department Rules and is responsible to the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair Association Officials.
3. Disorderly or disrespectful conduct will not be permitted.
4. **Any violation of the 4-H Behavioral Expectations and Code of Conduct will be addressed to the Fair Association Board and may result in one or more of the following:**
 - a. Exhibitor will be placed on probation for duration of the Fair.
 - b. Exhibitor will be removed from activity or event.
 - c. Exhibitor will forfeit all ribbons, premiums and trophies.
 - d. Exhibitor will be disqualified from the Fair.

The Fair Board reserves the right to interpret all rules and regulations and resolve situations with may arise and is not restricted by the lack of a rule or regulation.
5. All Exhibitors must have been enrolled in a Baltimore County 4-H Club on or before May 1 of the current year.
6. All exhibits must be the result of the current year's club work. (August 2016 – July 2017).
7. Only entries in Class Lists will be accepted. Each entry must meet the specification of the class in which it is entered.
8. Competent Judges will be selected and their decisions will be final.
9. **No department or exhibitor is to use latex balloons in decorations.**
10. Indoor project exhibits will be judged on Dual System. Exhibits within a class are judged according to set of standards, and Gold, Silver or Bronze ribbons awarded. The exhibits will then be compared to each other and ribbons awarded to top placements. This group receives premium money. If warranted, Judges have privilege of not awarding first place.
11. **PREMIUMS:** Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Baltimore County 4-H Fair Board, the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the 4-H Fair.
12. **Except where stated in a Department's rules, exhibitors will forfeit all Premium Money, Ribbons and Trophies, on all of their projects exhibited if they remove any one or all of their Indoor Exhibit(s) or Animal Exhibit(s) BEFORE designated release times stated in the Fair Schedule. NO EXCEPTION WILL BE MADE FOR AN EARLIER RELEASE.**
13. **Not more than (1) entry per class may be exhibited by any (1) exhibitor except: Beef, Cats, Dairy Goats, Dairy Steers, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Rabbits & Poultry. See Department rules for exceptions.** Exhibitors with more than one entry in a class may have another 4-H exhibitor of the same age or younger show an animal.

14. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of people while on the Fairground's property but the Fair Board Association will not be responsible for injury to any person.
15. Every animal and article upon the grounds will be under the control of the Fair Board Association, and while every precaution will be taken for the safekeeping of same, the Association will not be responsible for any damage or accident which may occur.
16. **ENTRY Deadline June 1ST**
 - a. Entries made online at www.baltimorecounty4hfair.org. Online Entries close June 1, 11:59pm.
 - b. Exhibitors will be limited to one entry per class unless otherwise indicated.
 - c. Entry fees must be paid in full by June 1st. Cash, check or money order is to be mailed to: VALERIE HARLAN, 129 Greenmeadow Drive, Timonium, MD 21093-3454, and RECEIVED BY JUNE 1st of the current year.
 - d. Youth entering animals must include a signed MD 4-H Show Ring Code of Ethics. Access the form at www.baltimorecounty4hfair.org or contact your Club Leader.
 - e. All animal exhibits must obtain approved health papers for their species. Exhibitors must submit a copy of their health papers on arrival. Health papers must be available for the entire time the animal is housed on the fairgrounds for inspection by official veterinarian.
 - **Entries for Fashion Revue** DEPT 42 must be mailed and received by June 1st in accordance with department rules.
 - **Contests accept entries up to ½ hour prior to event** at the Information Desk or to Superintendent:
 - DEPT 36 –Pedal Tractor Contest DEPT 44 - Judging Contests
 - DEPT 37 - Bicycle Safety DEPT 49 - Scarecrow Making
 - DEPT 39 - Clover Pet Show/Parade DEPT 51 - Small Engines/Garden Tractors
17. In Departments divided into Junior and Senior classes: A Junior is between the ages of 8 and 13 years and a Senior is between the ages of 14 and 18 years as of January 1 of the current year. For Departments with Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes: A Junior is between the ages of 8 and 10 years, an Intermediate is between the ages of 11 and 13 years, and a Senior is between the ages of 14 and 18 years as of January 1 of the current year. A 4-H member may exhibit in a Class above his/her age level, but may not enter in a Class designated for a younger age group. The 4-H member may not enter the same type item in two different age divisions.
18. Only the 4-H exhibitor will be permitted to work on his or her own entries.
19. Exhibitors of animals must furnish their own food and bedding. Animals should be kept in their pens or designated areas at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked or ridden in other areas of the barns or Fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the Animal.
20. Animal Exhibitors must have registration and health papers available at all times.
 - ALL REQUIRED EAR TAGS (farm tag, 4-H tag, RFID tag, scrapie tag) MUST BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIRGROUNDS. Animals without required tags upon arrival to the Fairgrounds will not be permitted on the grounds. In the event that any animal loses the tag prior to the Fair, the 4-H Extension Educator must be notified immediately.
 - In addition, ALL Cattle and Swine (registered or commercial) must have the US official RFID tag via the producer or vet as required by MDA.
 - All sheep and goats are required to have appropriate scrapie identification
 - Horses must be accompanied by a valid Coggins Test done within 12 months.

- Poultry must arrive with test results of negative testing for Pullorum-Typhoid & Avian Influenza.
- Rabbits must arrive with an individual identification of each animal; a tag, tattoo or microchip if the exhibitor provides the reader.

21. NO SALE OR ADVERTISEMENT OF ANIMALS PERMITTED EXCEPT THROUGH THE LIVESTOCK SALE.

22. With prior approval of the exhibitor, exhibits may be used for judging classes during Judging Contests.

23. **SHOW ATTIRE** The following prescribed show attire is required for all exhibitors in Fitting and Showmanship, Breed classes, Market classes and Livestock Sale:

- No farm names or other identification shall appear on show uniforms.
- Exhibitor should portray a clean, neatly groomed and attired appearance.
- Safe, appropriate attire, including footwear is required at all times.
- Shirts must have collars. No spaghetti straps, tank tops, or exposed midriffs.
- Shirts must be tucked in and no undergarments may be showing.
- No shorts will be allowed.
- Caps or other headwear shall not be worn in the show ring, except for approved headgear in the Horse Show.

EXHIBITORS NOT ADHERING TO THE SHOW ATTIRE requirements will be excused from the show ring and forfeit their premiums.

a. **Livestock Exhibitors (alpaca, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, and swine)** are required to wear the following uniform for all classes:

- Male -Khaki or green trousers . White shirt with collar, tucked in. Green or black neck piece optional, but encouraged. Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece-no exceptions
- Female- Khaki or green slacks or skirt (not above the knees); white shirt with a collar (no tight fit), tucked in. Green or black neck piece optional, but encouraged. Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece-no exceptions.

b. **Dairy cattle and dairy goat exhibitors** are required to wear the following uniform for all classes:

- Male- White trousers, white shirt with a collar, tucked in. Green or Black neck piece optional, but encouraged. Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece-no exceptions.
- Female-White slacks or skirt (not above the knee), white shirt (no tight fit) tucked in. Green or black neck piece optional, but encouraged. Approved neckpieces include: neck tie, bow tie, bolo tie or a tied bandana. Jewelry does not qualify as a neckpiece-no exceptions.

24. PREMIUM AND SALE CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF ISSUE DATE OR CHECKS WILL BE VOIDED AND NOT RE-ISSUED.

25. Bicycles will be allowed at the Fair only during the Bicycle Safety Contest. At all other times they must be parked.

26. **NO COMPANION ANIMALS ALLOWED.** Only animals (beef, cat, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) entered and being shown are permitted on the fair grounds. Only Dogs entered in the Dog Show will be allowed on the Fairgrounds and only during the Dog Show. Public's use of Assistant and Seeing Eye Dogs are permitted.
27. The Fairgrounds will be closed to the public, vendors and exhibitors not authorized to remain overnight (as per rule #28) between 11pm and 6 am each night.
26. Protests must be submitted in writing to a member of the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair Association Board within 24 hours of the incident or appeal in dispute. The reason that prompted the complaint or appeal must be clearly stated and supported by fact. A fee of \$100.00 must accompany the complaint or appeal. The Fair Board will render a decision as soon as possible after receiving the protest. The fee will be returned if the decision is in favor of the complainant. The decision of the Board will be final.
27. No skateboards, roller blades, scooters, skates or glass beverage containers are allowed on the Fairgrounds at any time.

28. **Overnight – Exhibitors & Adults: Objective of Staying Overnight**
To reinforce the responsibility of animal care and ownership and to ensure the safety and health of animals in their respective area. Overnight is not intended as a social event.
ONLY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT.

OVERNIGHT HOURS: The Fairgrounds will be closed between 11 pm and 6 am **for anyone not authorized to remain overnight.**

VIOLATIONS: Any violation of the rules will be addressed to the Fair Board and may result in one or more of the following:

1. Member will be placed on probation for the duration of the Fair.
2. Member will be removed from activity or event.
3. Member will forfeit all ribbons, premiums, and trophies.
4. Member will be disqualified from the Fair.
5. Member will be disqualified from entering the Livestock Sale.

CHAPERONES:

1. There shall be a ratio of one adult for every three members regardless of members' ages.
2. **All adult Chaperones must be UME approved volunteers.**
3. Parents are welcome to stay with their own children, but cannot be responsible for other children if not a UME approved volunteer.
4. **All UME Volunteers and Parents staying overnight must mail to Valerie Harlon by June 1st, a completed Health Form and Adult Release Form.**
5. Parents or emergency contact **MUST** remain available in the event a child must be sent home for any reason. The parent/child remains responsible for the welfare of their animal(s).

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS:

1. A curfew of 11:00 pm will be enforced. All members must be in their designated area by that time, and remain there until morning.
2. Grooming of animals must cease at least 30 minutes prior to the 4-H'ers reporting to their designated sleeping areas.
3. Anyone not staying overnight must be off the Fairgrounds at least 30 minutes prior to 4-H'ers reporting to their designated sleeping areas.
4. Alcohol and other recreational and/or controlled dangerous substances are prohibited.

5. Smoking will NOT be allowed.
6. **Members must have completed the Health Form and Behavioral Expectations Agreement through the MD 4-H online enrollment system. You must abide by the requirements of your Behavioral Expectations agreement. The Youth Release Form must be mailed to Valerie Harlan by June 1st.**
7. Members are discouraged from bringing vehicles to the Fairgrounds. Those who do must give the keys to the designated Chaperone by 10:00 pm.
8. Members are responsible for cleaning up their areas, trash from the Fairgrounds and the bathrooms.



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

DECISIONS MADE BY THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING

The Oversight Committee will be established by the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair Association. The committee shall have the authority to decide the following:

- Cases of alleged violations of the practices & procedures as defined in the MD 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics.
- Cases of alleged rules and regulations violations and incidents involving alleged misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior which are pertinent to the livestock and small animal shows and competitions held at and/or in connection with the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair.

The Oversight Committee will consist of five (5) members as follows:

Two (2) members shall be appointed from the Board of Directors of the Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair Association. Of these two members, one shall be the Fair Board President who shall be the Chairman of the Oversight Committee and one shall be one other member of the Board.

Two (2) members shall be appointed from animal Departments of Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine, Dogs and Cats. Members may not be from the same Department.

One (1) member shall be appointed from the Baltimore County 4-H Faculty (or their designated alternate).

One alternate will be selected to replace any committee member when the violation/incident under review is either from the Department of the member or concerns a person related to the member.

A quorum of the Oversight Committee will require three (3) of the five appointed members to be present at convened meetings. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings of the Oversight Committee and will become a permanent record of the business of the Fair Association. The minutes shall be given to and permanently kept by the current Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Violations of practices and procedures as defined in the MD 4-H Code of Animal Science Ethics will result in the following immediate actions carried out by the Oversight Committee:

- Expulsion of the exhibitor as well as the animal(s) to be shown by the exhibitor in all 4-H/FFA shows and competitions at and/or in connection with the current Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair.
- Forfeiture of all Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair Premiums and awards given for Baltimore County 4-H Club Fair entries.