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Hello Junior Fair Exhibitors!

For those of you who have exhibited with us in the past, we wanted to highlight a few of the changes in the 2021 Junior Fair Premium Book. This is not an all-inclusive list, so it is still your responsibility to read all Fair Rules and Department specific information so that you are prepared as a Fair Exhibitor. In addition to some changes for 2021, we've added clarification to information throughout the book.

All Exhibitor Information can be found on the Fair Website. We will continue updating and adding resources over the next couple of weeks. <https://winnebagocountyfaironline.com/exhibitors/>

2021 COVID-19 Information

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the WCFA reserves the right to update Fair Rules and procedures to meet the health and safety guidance at the time of the Fair or any Fair-related activities. Exhibitors will be notified of any Fair Rule or Procedural changes as soon as possible.

Approved Exceptions to Junior Fair Rules (2021 ONLY)

- Youth Exhibitors will be allowed to exhibit work they have completed in the last 2 years (since the 2019 County Fair), including items that were submitted for display in the 2020 Winnebago County Fair ONLINE Showcase.
- Any "senior" exhibitors who aged-out of their youth organization or Junior Fair age eligibility since 2020 will be allowed to show as youth/Junior Fair exhibitor in 2021. (Exhibitors may be up to 21 years old of the current year to exhibit in 2021).

The WCFA is still assessing what COVID safety protocols will be in effect for the 2021 Fair.

- Please expect to see procedural and grounds lay-out changes that will allow for social distancing.
- At this time, we are anticipating that activities inside the Expo Building during fair will be LIMITED. We are encouraging vendors & activities to move to outside spaces if at all possible. Pre-fair judging may look different, but the traditional face-to-face judging in Expo Building will still be held (we will provide remote alternatives to exhibitors who have a COVID-related concern).

Entry Deadline is EARLIER this year:

In order to give our volunteers more time to organize the set-up of judging and any COVID-related safety precautions, we have moved the entry deadline to earlier in June. Please use the Premium Book to start picking out your entries for this year, so you are ready when Fair Entry opens in early May.

2021 Entry Deadline: SUNDAY, JUNE 13 at MIDNIGHT

2021 Fair Theme: "American Flair at Our County Fair"

Milk Checks:

It is becoming increasingly difficult for County Fairs to find buyers for their milk. At this time we do NOT have a buyer and will NOT be paying exhibitors for their milk. Exhibitors will be notified if this changes prior to fair.

Judging/Show Change(s):

The Dog Show will be held on Thursday, August 5 at 3:00PM in Barn E. This is a change from prior years.

Horse Exhibitors:

Please read over rules and clarifications carefully this year. While there are no major changes - lots of info has been added to help you be even more successful this year. Check out the improved Equine Education Division!

NEW PHOTO Requirement for DOG, MODEL HORSE, CATS, CAGE BIRDS, SMALL ANIMALS:

Any exhibit that does not stay on the grounds for the duration of the fair is required to provide an alternate display in order to receive a premium. Here is the new rule we have added for these Departments:

NEW RULE: Each exhibitor must provide a 4x6 or 5x7 photo of their animal mounted to white or black tag board (exhibitor may also be in the photo). Entry tag must be attached to the mounted photo and visible when viewing photo from the front. Ribbons will be attached to your entry tag/photo for display throughout the rest of the Fair. Exhibitor will turn photos in to the Superintendent/Clerk when they check in for their show. Photos are required to receive Premiums.

Expo Building - State Fair Changes:

The State Fair announced changes to the process for exhibiting non-perishable, non-animal exhibits. Their Youth Expo Exhibit opportunities are now open to ALL youth ages 12-19 in who reside in the state of Wisconsin. Youth no longer need to qualify at their County Fairs to exhibit at State Fair, but instead will submit their own entries for consideration and will be judged directly through State Fair.

- Entries for the 2021 WI State Fair are due June 3rd. The new rules and entry information can be found here: https://wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/project_exhibits.pdf
- Winnebago County has decided NOT to apply for a waiver and will be adopting the new process effective immediately. Exhibitors from the 2019 County Fair who were selected for State Fair can contact the WCFA (Winnebagocountyfair@gmail.com) for assistance on how to enter their projects under the new system.
- We will be implementing an updated award system in the Expo Building to replace the State Fair awards that have been given in the past. Watch for more details to come!

All Exhibitors - Consider Participation in State Fair:

Reminder to all exhibitors to check out State Fair opportunities in all areas! Even though our County Fair overlaps with the State Fair, there may still be opportunities you can participate in: <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/>

Youth Organization Approval:

We have added clarification to the rules about how youth organizations become “approved” organizations. The new clarification includes:

- In order for youth organizations to be recognized by the WCFA, they must provide documentation of their educational, organizational & leadership structure. Education provided must align to a Fair Dept.
- Youth Organization Leadership will be contacted to confirm that all youth that have entered to exhibit at the Fair under their organization are current members in good standing.

General Reminders:

- All Animals Exhibits need to follow **DATCP Animal Health Rules & Regulations for Fairs and Shows**. Make sure to check this out so you are able to complete all necessary Vet Checks, Testing & Paperwork. Animals without proper documentation will not be able to stay at Fair: <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents/FairRulesAnimals.pdf>
- **Beef, Sheep and Swine exhibitors** that wish to sell their animal at the Meat Animal Show must follow all rules set forth by the Meat Animal Board and complete all educational requirements prior to Fair. See the Meat Animal Board Website for details: <http://www.wcmab.com/>
- **Judging in the Expo Building** begins the Monday and Tuesday prior to Fair start date. Please review all judging times carefully. Certified judges are hired for specific dates/times, so late exhibits are not able to be judged/receive awards and premiums.
- **Tickets/Memberships/Youth Wrist Bands are REQUIRED for EVERYONE to enter the Fairgrounds from Weds Aug 4-Sun Aug 8.** Entry is free for pre-fair events/judging and before 9am Weds-Sun. Discounted ticket prices will be offered this summer, more information coming soon.

The Fair is a chance to show off your BEST work to the judges, fellow exhibitors and the community overall. Fair is also a chance to **Show-off Your BEST ATTITUDE**. The fair is a time for fun and friendship - and also for good sportsmanship whether you have received a CHAMPION placing or are in LAST PLACE. This has been an especially difficult 2 years for EVERYONE, let's make the Fair the place where we unite together in celebration (not conflict) this summer.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL YOUR TALENTS THIS SUMMER!