

# JUNIOR CLASS RULES

## ALL DEPARTMENTS

- 1) Junior Class Eligibility:
  - a. **All exhibitors in the Junior Division departments shall be members of a Waukesha County 4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, or other organized youth organization under adult leadership (Church youth groups, Jr. Breed Groups, etc.) with an educational program approved by the Fair Board. All youth organizations looking to have the educational program's approval shall submit a request to the Fair Board by January 1st of the current Fair year.**
  - b. **Junior exhibitors shall be between the ages of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 19 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year (with the exception of Mini Members).**
    - **Posted in 2025 & in effect for 2026:** All Junior Exhibitors must be age 9 by January 1. Exhibitors ages 5-8 on January 1 must register as Mini-Members only. Junior Exhibitor maximum age is 19 on January 1.
  - c. **Mini Members are not allowed to exhibit any live animals.**
- 2) In accordance with Wisconsin Administrative Code for County & District Fairs 160.02(2)(c), The Waukesha County Fair follows the guidelines posted in [ATCP 160.01](#) through [ATCP 160.07](#) and [ATCP 160.91](#).
- 3) Junior Class exhibitors may not enter in the same Junior and Open Class Departments within the same Fair year.
- 4) Entries must be properly filled out and submitted online. Entries must reach the Waukesha County Fair Office, 506 Lincoln Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186, by June 15. Entries postmarked June 15 will be accepted. Absolutely no late entries will be permitted nor will any changes or additions be permitted on your entries after June 15. **Entries must include ALL entries judged prior to the Fair including Rabbit Hopping, Angling, Drone Course, RC Car Course, Cat, Small Animal, Family Dog, and Stuffed Animal Show judging.**
  - a. Exhibitor registration will be allowed a 1 week (7 day) penalized extension after the strict, June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. This penalized extension will have a firm \$100 fine per exhibitor, not per exhibit, to enter and exhibit at the upcoming Waukesha County Fair.

***Absolutely no late entries will be allowed after this penalized extension.***

- 5) Each exhibitor must pay a \$7.00 processing fee. A \$55.00 processing fee will be added to any checks returned with insufficient funds.
- 6) Any premium check that is requested for re-issue is subject to a \$40.00 processing fee at the Fair Board's discretion.
- 7) An exhibitor is permitted to exhibit only one exhibit per entry number.
- 8) No premiums will be paid on exhibits which are not properly registered before being judged.
- 9) The Waukesha County Fair Assn., Inc., will take every precaution for safekeeping of exhibits and livestock, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. **All articles and livestock exhibited at the owner's risk. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.**
- 10) Award of Merit, Grand Champion, and Judge's Favorite awards may be given in selected Departments. These awards recognize specific outstanding qualities a judge may desire to honor. Award of Merit and Judge's Favorite awards may be given in addition to or in lieu of championship ribbons in Departments 210 and 213-340.
- 11) For sale signs or selling of exhibits during Fair are not permitted.

### ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DEPARTMENTS 201-209

See Livestock Rules document for additional rules.

- 12) The Danish or Group System of judging will be used in Departments 201 through 209.

### ADDITIONAL RULES FOR DEPARTMENTS 210-340

- 13) Exhibits are required to follow Junior Class requirements as follows;
  - a. Absolutely no kits unless otherwise stated.
  - b. Projects will be judged on craftsmanship, design, originality, and usefulness.
  - c. All articles and design must be original or adapted from another source.

- d Incomplete or unfinished items will not be allowed to enter.
  - e All articles intended for use as hangings must be ready for hanging. Hangers must be strong enough to support the picture. String, tapes, and paperclips are not acceptable.
  - f. Articles must be made by exhibitor within the current project year.
  - g SCHOOL PROJECTS: Articles made and/or graded as part of school curriculum may be submitted if it was made within 1 year of the current Fair.
  - h POSTERS: All posters must be 14"x22" in size and on poster board. Those not adhering to these two rules will be dropped one placing. Posters will be hole punched by superintendents for hanging. Photo credits must be attached to the back of the poster if using photos exhibitor did not take.
  - i DISPLAYS: Displays should be more detailed in explanation than a poster. They must be 3dimensional and include articles to assist in explanations. A display needs to be more than a 14"x22" poster to be permitted as such. It may be larger or smaller in size than a poster and the use of a tri-fold is allowed. Photo credits must be attached to the back of the poster if using photos exhibitor did not take.
  - j ENTRY TAGS: Entry tags should be attached to project. For photography, the tag should be stapled directly to the lower right corner.
- 14) Exhibits not fulfilling all department requirements will be lowered one placing.
  - 15) Entry tags (which must be securely fastened to exhibit) should be picked up from each club. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make arrangements with the club leader to receive entry tags. Tags that have not been received by the club can be picked up at the Fair Office on judging day when exhibits are brought into the fair.
  - 16) Check the scheduled times your exhibits are to be in place. Please check the Waukesha County Fair website ([www.waukeshacountyfair.com](http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com)) under the Entry Info Page for the current Fair Judging Schedule.
    - a Projects in Division 217, 218, 250 & 330 (Arts & Communications only) should be brought in **Monday** to be judged Face to Face from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.
    - b All other non-livestock exhibits must be in place by 7:00 pm on **Tuesday**.
  - 17) Projects will be awarded based on a Face-to-Face judging system. Face-to-Face method of judging will be used in Departments 210-340.
  - 18) Any exhibit received after the scheduled judging times will be marked LATE ENTRY and will automatically receive a pink premium. In Divisions with Face-to-Face judging, exhibitors must take a "judging number" before the end of the scheduled judging time.
  - 19) Junior Class exhibitors in Departments 210 - 340 that cannot present their exhibits for Face-to-Face judging must write a description of the project and what was done to complete it on a 3"x 5" card. The entry and description may be presented to the judge by a parent, sibling, friend, or leader. If the description is not presented with the entry, it will be dropped one placing.
  - 20) **Non-Livestock Exhibits (Departments 210-340) must remain in place until exhibit release at 7:15 pm on Sunday of Fair.** Any exhibit removed before 7:15 pm on Sunday will forfeit the premium awarded.
  - 21) **Exhibits not picked up on Sunday by 9:00 pm can be picked up after August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fair Office on Silvernail Road. Any items not picked up from the Fair Office by September 1<sup>st</sup> will become property of the Waukesha County Fair. It is highly recommended to reach out with a courtesy call or email ([info@waukeshacountyfair.com](mailto:info@waukeshacountyfair.com)) for any projects not picked up at Fair to ensure items are available and/or are in our possession.**