GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors assume all risk in exhibiting. Fair Board will not be responsible for damage, theft, etc. of projects.
2. No exhibit shall be entered in more than one class, unless otherwise specified.
3. No placements shall be awarded when animal or article is not deemed worthy by the judge
4. Exhibitor failing or refusing to exhibit any animal or article that has been duly entered shall forfeit all fees that have been paid.
5. PLACEMENTS ARE MADE ONLY FROM THE RECORDS OF THE JUDGE'S BOOK. If you have any questions check with department superintendent as soon as the department is judged.
6. Group booths must be completely set up on Monday**, July 13th** by noon.
7. Any animal substitutions must be arranged prior to the fair with the project superintendent and the fair office.
8. All exhibitor's and parent/guardian must sign the exhibitor agreement and code of conduct **on fair entry** .
   Any persons associated with an exhibit that fails to act in accordance with the code of conduct and/or its intent can be expelled from the fairgrounds at the discretions of the department superintendent and Fair Board The duration of the expulsion will be determined by the Fair Board.
9. **NO LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT** will be released **until 6:00 am**. on **Sunday, July 19th**, unless special written permission is given by the project superintendent and Fair Board representative. All decorations, gates, tack, bedding and anything used for the purpose of exhibition of a project shall remain in place until the designated release time. No ancillary fans are allowed in any of the livestock barns.
   Non-livestock exhibits will be released on **Sunday, July 19th at 8:00 am**. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release time without permission and signed early release from their superintendent and Fair Board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit will not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.
10. Any exhibitor under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal substances will not be allowed to participate at the fair, will remove projects from exhibit, forfeit all premiums, ribbons, trophies, awards and placements, and will not be allowed to enter exhibits in following years.
11. No alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances allowed on the fairgrounds.
12. No pine or conifer boughs in barn decorations, only fire- resistant materials may be used.
13. Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
14. Only exhibitors, parents and leaders are allowed in their exhibit area after 12:00 midnight.
15. No bicycles are allowed on the fairgrounds.
16. To reduce the risk of introducing or transferring pathogens or other health problems, pets are not allowed in the camp-grounds or in the livestock exhibit areas after 12 noon on Sunday. The only exception is clover bud show day.
17. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit when exhibitor fails to comply with the regulations.
28. All Fair Board decisions are final.
19. Project animals may be subject to drug testing.
20. Any exhibitor may file a complaint regarding any of the following:
    (a) Conflict of interest of the judge.
    (b) Disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor.
    (c) Exhibitor, group leader, or superintendent behavior.
    (d) Eligibility of the exhibit.
    Should the complaint request in writing that additional testing be performed on livestock a $100 cash (non-refundable) fee will accompany the request. If the requested test results are inconclusive or negative the complainant agrees to be responsible for all additional collection, veterinary, shipping, lab, and all other invoiced fees associated with the requested tests. If the test results are positive the aforementioned costs shall be borne by the exhibitor whose animal was tested.
    All other complaints shall be in writing accompanied with $40 cash (non-refundable) fee and be in the hands of the Fair Board Secretary no later than ten days from the end of fair. All protests shall be referred to a special committee which shall review the protest and report their findings to the executive committee of the Fair Board. The executive committee will make the final decision on the protest. The executive committee shall have ten days after receipt of a filed complaint to notify the exhibitor of their recommended actions. The exhibitor filing the complaint may make an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the association's action. The Department Of Agriculture shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and shall issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions for the association.
21. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of ribbons, trophies, awards and/or expulsion from the fairgrounds.
22. No golf carts, 4-wheelers; etc. will be allowed, unless approved by the Fair Board.
23. **Only Fair Exhibitors, Livestock & Small Animal Project Leaders, FFA Advisors, and other volunteers as defined by the Eaton County Agricultural Society will receive a pass. All Exhibitors must wear a wristband at all times.**
    Each Group will submit a list of youth exhibitors and leaders needing wristbands/passes. A form will be available online to place order. Submit completed form and payment to the fair office no later than June 26th. 2026 by 4:30pm.
    Group Leaders will pick up an envelope of youth exhibitor wristbands and leader passes at the front office on Saturday July 11th, 2026 from 8:30 – Noon. Anyone not on the list from the leaders must pay $20.00 each wristband & passes on Monday Morning from 9:00am – Noon at the front office.
    Each Exhibitor may purchase a total of 4 extra passes for family for $10/pass. Extra passes exceeding 4 will be $20/pass.
    Each volunteer may purchase 1 extra pass for $10/pass.
    Extra passes exceeding the 1 pass will be $20/pass.
24. All exhibitors must prepare, fit, decorate and maintain their projects themselves. Exhibitors are responsible for daily cleanup of barns & pens before 10:00 am.
25. All 4-H, FFA and Independent youth exhibitors' age requirements for showing both Non-Livestock Projects and Species Projects are age 8-19. Exhibitor's age is determined by the age the exhibitor will attain as of January 1st of the current year. Pee Wee / Clover Bud classes are for ages 5-7.

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ENTRY FORM INFORMATION

1. All youth entries must be entered into Fair Entry by **June 1st, 2026** by 11:59 pm. Please submit entries as early as possible, to allow time for the approval process. Once entries have been approved additions can be made up until deadline of June 1st, 11:59pm. **No late entries will be accepted**

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2. Open class entries are **due June 12th by 11:59 pm.** No changes or late entries will be accepted. Open Class Entry Fees can be submitted to the office prior to show date or upon entry at check-in on show day. See Open Class Rules for Fee information.

3. Non –Livestock Auction Entry form is due Saturday **July 11th,** please drop the forms off in Theo Savage Exhibit Building with your projects in the designated area by July 11th. Each exhibitor is allowed to enter **2 exhibits.**

4. The Eaton County Agriculture Society reserves the right to refuse entry if or when space is unavailable.

5. Only enter into class in which you plan to participate.

6. **ALL FAIR BOOK CHANGES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FAIRBOARD BY SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR THEIR APPROVAL. NO LATE CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED**