

## 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. PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 90 DAYS. Any un-cashed premium checks by the end of one (1) year from issue date shall be considered a donation to the Eaton County Fair.
7. Club/Group booths must be completely set up on Monday, **July 11<sup>th</sup>** by noon.
8. Any animal substitutions must be arranged prior to the fair with the project superintendent and the fair office.
9. All exhibitor's and parent/guardian must sign the exhibitor agreement and code of conduct that accompany the entry form. 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. The duration of the expulsion will be determined by the Fair Board.
10. **NO LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT** will be released until **6:00 am**, on **Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.
11. 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.
12. No alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances allowed on the fairgrounds.
13. No pine or conifer boughs in barn decorations, only fire resistant materials may be used.
14. Ribbons or rosettes will be awarded for all places as listed for each class, unless otherwise specified.
15. Only exhibitors, parents and leaders are allowed in their exhibit area after 12:00 midnight.
16. No bicycles are allowed on the fairgrounds.
17. To reduce the risk of introducing or transferring pathogens or other health problems, pets are not allowed in the camp-grounds, livestock exhibit areas or Fair Grounds after 12 noon on Sunday. The only exception is for the clover bud and their exhibits on show day and for Service Animals.
18. The Fair Board reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit when exhibitor fails to comply with the regulations.
19. All Fair Board decisions are final.
20. Project animals may be subject to drug testing.
21. 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.
22. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of premiums, ribbons, trophies, awards and/or expulsion from the fairgrounds.
23. No golf carts, 4-wheelers; etc. will be allowed, unless approved by the Fair Board.
24. **Only Fair Exhibitors, 4-H Gold level volunteers, FFA advisors and other volunteers as defined by the Eaton County Agriculture Society will receive a pass. All Exhibitors must wear a wristband at all times.**  
**Exhibitor wristbands will be available for pick up on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 1:00pm in the Theo Savage Exhibit Building;**  
**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> Noon – 4:00pm in the Back Office;**  
**Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-10:00am in the Front Office.**  
**Each Exhibitor may purchase a total of 4 extra passes for family at \$10/pass. Extra passes exceeding 4 will be \$20/pass. Each Exhibitor may purchase a total of 4 extra passes For family at \$10/pass. Additional passes exceeding the 4 pass will be \$20/pass. Each Volunteer may purchase 1 extra pass for \$10/pass. Additional passes exceeding the 1 pass will be \$20/pass.**
25. Wristbands **MUST** be picked up by the designated times. **Any wristband picked up after Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> will be charged a fee of \$20 (\$10 for wristband & a \$10 late fee).**
26. All exhibitors must prepare, fit, decorate and maintain their projects themselves. Exhibitors are responsible for daily cleanup of barns before 10:00 am.
27. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 printed and in the fair office by Wednesday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022** by 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>. (See rule 9 above). **No late entries will be accepted.**
2. Open class entries are due **June 10<sup>th</sup>** by 5:00 <sup>pm</sup>. No changes or late entries will be accepted.
3. Non –Livestock Auction Entry form is due Saturday **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, please drop the forms off in Savage Hall. Place the project in the Non- Livestock Auction Booth in the Savage Hall by Sunday **July 10<sup>th</sup>** at noon. No changes or late entries will be accepted.
4. Be sure correct name and address are clearly printed or typed on entry form. Write club name, if applicable, on top of form, and sign form.
5. The Eaton County Agriculture Society reserves the right to refuse entry if or when space is unavailable.
6. Only enter into class in which you plan to participate.
7. **Entries will not be accepted without signatures on both the Entry Form and the Exhibitor Agreement.**
8. **ALL FAIR BOOK CHANGES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FAIRBOARD BY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THEIR APPROVAL. NO LATE CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### SERVICE ANIMALS

The Eaton County Agricultural Society recognizes “ **SERVICE ANIMALS** ” as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act ( ADAAA ). Pursuant to that law, a **Service Animal is defined as any dog or miniature horse that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.**

**Assistance Animals ; i.e. emotional support animals (ESA’s) , therapy pets may do work or perform tasks but are not considered Service Animals under the ADAAA.**

Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained, or untrained, **are not service animals** for the purposes of this definition. The crime deterrent effects of an animal’s presence and the provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks as defined in 28 CFR 36.104 ,

1. As an effort to protect the well-being of the fair’s participants and the various animal exhibits (pursuant to rule 17 above) a person with a disability attempting to enter the fairgrounds with a Service Animal will be ask answer two questions to determine the difference between a service animal and a pet ;  
- *Whether the service animal is required because of a disability.*  
- *What work or task the service animal was trained to perform.*
2. Any animal entering the grounds is required verify they are up to date with all local animal control or public health requirements, i.e. licensing and vaccinations.
3. A service animal is to be under the control of the handler, and shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether or the use of a harness, leash, or tether would interfere with the service animal’s safe and effective performance of work or task, in which case the service animal shall be otherwise under the handler’s control. If the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action, the animal is not house broken, or the behavior of the animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others it may be removed.

4. In most settings, the presence of a service animal will not result in fundamentally altering or disrupting the nature of a program provided to the public. However, there are some exceptions where the service animal may be removed. For instance, at a zoo, service animals can be restricted from areas where the animals on display are the natural pray or natural predators of dogs, where the presence of a dog would be disruptive, cause the displayed animals to behave aggressively or become agitated. Persons making false statements whether through conduct, verbal or written notice, as using a service animal , being qualified to use a service animal or as a trainer is guilty of a misdemeanor.

### ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

#### Psychiatric Service Dogs

1. Psychiatric service dogs are service animals that have been actually trained to perform certain tasks that are directly related to an individual’s psychiatric disability. **The dog’s primary role is not to provide emotional support.** These dogs are recognized as service animals by the ADA and afforded the same accommodations.
2. A person with a disability attempting to enter the fairgrounds with a Service Animal will be ask answer two questions to determine the difference between a service animal and a pet ;  
- *Whether the service animal is required because of a disability.*  
- *What work or task the service animal was trained to perform.*

#### Emotional Support Dogs

1. Emotional support dogs is a **pets** that is not trained to perform specific acts directly related to an individual’s psychiatric disability. Unless the dog is trained to work – to independently recognize and respond to its owner’s psychiatric disability – the dog dose not qualify as a psychiatric service dog and dose not receive the protections of the ADA.
2. Request for the admittance of an assistance animal can be made to the Fair Board by submitting the “Assistance Animal at the Eaton County Fair – Documentation Form” and the “Assistance Animal at the Eaton County Fair – Request Form” at the Eaton County Fair web site.

#### Service Animal in Training

Under the ADA, the dog must already be trained before it can be taken into public places. A dog that is a service animal in training shall wear a harness, collar, leash, cape or backpack that identifies in writing that the dog is a service animal in training. Other service animals in training shall be identifiable by written identification as a service animal in training. The written identification for a service animal in training shall be visible and legible from a distance of at least 20 feet.

To determine the difference between a service animal in training and a pet, a public accommodation may ask the following ;

- *If a trainer is an owner trainer with a disability or a qualified trainer with at least one year’s experience training animals.*
- *For a photo identification stating that the trainer is an employee, volunteer, agent or graduate of a school for seeing eye, hearing, service or guide dogs, or an organization generally recognized by agencies involved in the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities as reputable and competent to provide dogs with training, and who is actually involved in the training process.*
- *What task the animal is being trained to perform, and if the trainer is currently engaged in the training of the animal.*