

# 2025 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

## PYGMY GOAT RULES



*Remember: You are responsible for your own entry!!*

**Entry Deadline is July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Fair Haul In: Goats may be brought to the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 25, 2025  
and must be in place by 8 p.m.

**Website: [www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com](http://www.starkcountyjrfair4h.com)**

**Committee Facebook Page: Stark County Jr. Fair Pygmy Goat Committee**

## **Stark County Junior Fair – OVERALL General Rules for ALL Species**

The Stark County Junior Fair operates under the authority of and in conjunction with the Stark County Senior Fair Board. The Junior Fair Board is a department of the Stark County Fair with its own objectives. These objectives in many instances, require rules or guidelines that differ significantly from those of other Stark County Fair Departments.

Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County Youth organization is eligible to participate in the Stark County Junior Fair. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4H, FFA, Grange, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.)

1. To participate in 4H activities, youth must comply with the State 4H membership policy. 4H eligibility begins at age 5 (and in kindergarten as of January 1) and ends December 31st of the year in which they attain the age of 19.
2. Exhibitors in 4H classes must be enrolled in 4H club work in Stark County. Exhibits must be from 4H projects approved by the State or Local Extension office.
3. All members are encouraged to show in open class events.
4. Health rules for the livestock exhibits are the same as those governing all open class exhibits. Health papers must be shown, if requested, to the proper person before an animal is assigned a stall.
5. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agricultural Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, theft or loss of any kind.
6. Animals released due to illness or injury must have a signed release from the Fair Veterinarian, Junior Fair Coordinator and/or Barn Superintendent. Any animal removed without proper permission will be subject to 1-year suspension for the exhibitor.
7. Members are required to clean stalls or pens daily and maintain a neat and presentable area. Failure to keep the area clean or properly feed and water livestock may result in the committee withholding payment.
8. Anyone assisting with showing another exhibitor's animal must be enrolled as a current 4H or FFA or other youth organization member in Stark County.
9. All animals must remain on exhibit at the fair until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, the last day of the fair.

10. All animals sold remain the property of the member and in the member's care until Fair release time, 4:00 p.m., Monday, the last day of the fair. *Please be advised, some market animals may be released to contracted Livestock Brokers prior to the 4pm release time.*
11. Animals sold are not eligible to be shown again by that exhibitor or any other 4H or FFA member in any Junior Show in the County or State or Independent Fair in the calendar year. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals are terminal\*\*. \*\*Does NOT apply to the Dairy Beef Feeder project\*\*
12. Exhibitors are responsible for their own veterinary bill.
13. Veterinarians assigned to the Fair for check-in will decide all matters of health, presence of disease and stall release.
14. The Fair Board will provide ribbons and/or appropriate awards. If the budget is exceeded, the Fair Board reserves the right to prorate cash premiums.
15. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H (clubs) and Vocational Agriculture (FFA) or be members of either organization. However, those involved in both must carry separate and distinct projects, including different animals and/or products, for each organization. Examples of distinct projects include Sheep Breeding, Market Lambs, Pullets, and Broilers. The same or similar animals or products cannot be exhibited in both organizations, even if classified under different projects or programs. Additionally, an animal or product may not be shown in more than one county in 4-H or FFA classes.
16. Stark County youth programs and the Junior Fair Board will not condone the use of alcohol or drugs by any of its members, volunteers or anyone else associated with the Junior fair. The Junior Fair Coordinator, Junior Fair Board advisors, FFA advisors, Extension office and the Senior Fair Board will contact parents or legal authorities to handle individuals caught using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
17. In the event that a project animal dies after the designated possession date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event.
18. **All Entries are Due at midnight By or On The final Friday of July - NO EXCEPTIONS - No Changes will be permitted after entry deadline.**
19. All market animal grooming must be performed by the Stark County Junior Fair exhibitor or their immediate family, as defined by Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 901-19(P). "Family" includes, but is not limited to, the exhibitor's parent, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, sibling, step-sibling, half-sibling, son, daughter, step-child, or guardian. Additionally, a current Stark County Junior

Fair exhibitor may assist. This rule applies to all projects entered in the Stark County Junior Fair show during the Stark County Fair from August 26, 2025, to September 1, 2025. Violation of this rule will result in the animal being ineligible for sale.

20. No one may handle a Junior Fair exhibitor’s animal(s) without the exhibitor’s permission, except in an emergency. Committee members are permitted to handle animals as part of their regular duties, including during the show, sale, weigh-in, photos, loading, and unloading.
21. Judges’ Decisions are Final.
22. Any Medical/School excuses must be submitted in writing to Committee Chair and Junior Fair Coordinator.
23. **ALL Junior Fair Exhibitors are REQUIRED to attend a QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) CLINIC by JUNE 1 before the fair. Exhibitors who do not complete this requirement will be ineligible to show at the fair or bring a carcass.**
24. **Exhibitors must complete a DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM (DUNF) for all market and lactating animals before the show. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification from showing. This requirement is mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture under Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All Junior Fair livestock must be free of drug residues on the first day of the fair unless otherwise noted on the DUNF. Exhibitors are responsible for the care of their market animals until the fair concludes, the drug withdrawal period ends, or if the animal is placed under quarantine.**

**Junior Fair Coordinator**

Julie Pinter [jrfair@starkcountyfair.com](mailto:jrfair@starkcountyfair.com) 330.455.7856

**Junior Fair Livestock Barn Superintendents**

Beef	Amber Shoemaker	Justin Durkin
Dairy	Justin Durkin	Dan Farnham
Goat	Jill McNeil	Mikayla Durkin
Horse	Mikayla Durkin	Justin Durkin
Poultry	Julie Nicholas	Justin Durkin
Sheep	Dave Stock	Jill McNeil
Swine	Sarah Yungen	Kevin King
Rabbit/Cavy	Jill Sterling	Julie Nicholas

(Please refer to the Fair Book for contact information or leave a message at office@starkcountyfair.com)

## PYGMY GOAT PROJECT RULES

Junior Fair exhibitors can exhibit goats as follows: (Please Note: Rule changes in RED)

- A **first-year** exhibitor can show up to two (2) pygmy goats,
  - A **second-year** exhibitor can show up to three (3) pygmy goats,
  - A **third-year and above** exhibitor can show up to four (4) pygmy goats (max)
1. Four (4) animals is the maximum number of animals any exhibitor can show, and these exhibitors must be in their third year (or later) in their goat breeding projects.
  2. **\*Same age/same sex goats CAN now be shown in the same class. You MUST provide your own 4-H showman to show the other goat.**
  3. All goats must be tattooed, microchipped or scrapie tagged for ID purposes. Consult your veterinarian.
  4. No extra pens will be assigned for companion animals. If you cannot make use of the pen(s) that is assigned, you will be unable to bring any companion animals.
  5. **All pens must be cleaned out before September 07, 2025.** No pen cleaning during load out of animals on Monday, September 1, 2025. If your pen is not cleaned out by September 7<sup>th</sup>, you will be unable to show at the 2026 Fair.
  6. Bring your own hay, feed, water buckets, brushes, etc.
  7. Feed and water your animals daily.
  8. Maintain a clean pen area throughout the fair.
  9. You may display your name and club name if it is sturdily placed out of the reach of the animals.
  10. No BUCK goats allowed at the fair.
  11. No horns on any goat at the fair.
  12. All Pygmy's should be clean and have hooves trimmed.
  13. Judges' decisions are FINAL.

### **POSSESSION OF ANIMAL**

Projects must be started before June 1, 2025. **\*\*Except for a junior kid which must be started before July 1, 2025\*\***

- An exhibitor must own his/her project on or before the above-mentioned deadlines.
- **NO LEASING OF PYGMY GOATS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- All goats must be tattooed, microchipped or scrapie tagged for ID's and registered with the Junior Fair Office by July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- Only the animals which have been entered on the OFFICIAL STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR ONLINE ENTRY FORM, may be shown.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

- All goats must be healthy and free from disease.
- Animals must be dehorned.

### **SKILLATHON**

It is a mandatory requirement for the Pygmy Goat Project that you complete the Pygmy Goat Project Judging for official completion of your project. Any project member that does not complete a Pygmy Interview and Book Review will be turned into the 4H Extension as having an incomplete project and not receive credit within their 4H Club. If you cannot attend the scheduled Project Judging for Pygmy Goats, you must call a committee member BEFORE the scheduled date to set up a make-up time.

### **HAUL-IN**

Goats may be brought to the Fairgrounds on Monday, August 25, 2025. All goats must be in place by 8 pm on Monday.

## **CLASSES**

### **EXHIBIT CLASSES:**

- Class P1**      **Pygmy Doe Kid Classes** – Purebred or high-grade animal.  
 Senior Pygmy Doe Kids – Over 6 mos, but under 1 year as of show time.  
 Junior Pygmy Doe Kids – 6-mos and under as of show time.
- Class P2**      **Yearling Pygmy Does** – Purebred or high-grade animal. It is recommended as a second-year continuation with the same animal if possible but is not mandatory. These does **must** be one year old or older and will include those who have freshened, and those who have not freshened. It is not mandatory that the Pygmy doe be milking.
- Class P3**      **Pygmy Doe Class 2-Year-Old & Under 3 years** – Purebred or high-grade animal. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible but is not mandatory. These does must be at least two years old, including those who have freshened or have not freshened. It is not mandatory that the Pygmy doe be milking.
- Class P4**      **Pygmy Doe Class 3-Year-Old & Under 4 years** – Purebred or high-grade animal. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible but is not mandatory. These does must be at least three years old, but no older than 4-years-old, including those who have freshened or have not freshened. It is not mandatory that the Pygmy doe be milking.
- Class P5**      **Pygmy Doe Class 4-Year-Old & Older** – Purebred or high-grade animal. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible but is not mandatory. These does must be at least four years old or older, including

those who have freshened or have not freshened. It is not mandatory that the Pygmy doe be milking.

- Class P6** **Freshened Pygmy Doe** – Purebred or high-grade animal. Does can be any age BUT must have freshened in the current calendar year. Doe does not need to be in milk at show time.
- Class P7** **Pygmy Mother/Kid Class** – Purebred or high-grade animal. Does must be owned by the exhibitor at time of breeding. The Mother **must** be on the entry in regular class. The Mother may be any age. The kid **must** be under one year of age at show time. The kid may be either a doe or wether. Only **one** entry per Junior Fair exhibitor. **(Mother and kid must be on the entry form and entered in individual classes under the proper age class.)**
- Class P8** **Pygmy Wether Under One Year** – Purebred or high-grade animal. The male **must be castrated** and **under one year** of age at show time.
- Class P9** **Yearling Pygmy Wether** – Purebred or high-grade animal. The male **must be castrated** and **under two years** of age at show time. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible.
- Class P10** **2-Year-Old Pygmy Wether** - Purebred or high-grade animal. The male **must be castrated** and **two years of age and under 3 years** at show time. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible.
- Class P11** **3-Year-Old Pygmy Wether** - Purebred or high-grade animal. The male **must be castrated** and **at least three years of age and under 4 years** at show time. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible.
- Class P12** **4-Year-Old and Older Pygmy Wether** – Purebred or high-grade animal. The male **must be castrated** and **four years of age or older** as of show time. It is recommended as a continuation project with the same animal if possible.

### **SHOWMANSHIP (age as of January 1, current year)**

**Showmanship Change:** The winners of each division are eligible for the Champion of Champion class until they become eligible for the next age division. They must win that division before they are eligible for the Champion of Champions class again. Winners can only win once in their age group, then they are eligible for Champion of Champions only until they reach the next age division.

- All members must show in Showmanship classes unless approved otherwise by committee.
- No Club Shirts
- Appropriate dress for Pygmy Showmanship is neat, clean attire.
- Members must show their own goats in Showmanship classes:

Seniors	Ages 16 and Up
Intermediate	Ages 13-15
Junior	Ages 9-12
First-Year Member	Up to 12-years old

## **LOAD-OUT**

All goats must be on display for the entire fair. Release time will be 6 pm on Monday, September 1, 2025. **All displays must remain intact until 6 pm the last day of fair. NO PEN CLEANING UNTIL BARN IS EMPTY OF ANIMALS!**

**\*\*Individual help is available from any of the committee members\*\***

## **2025 JUNIOR FAIR PYGMY GOAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Kirstin	Cheyney	Canal Fulton	330.854.2496	<b>Chairman</b>
Laura	Greene	Massillon	330.418.6646	
Mark	Lutz	Canton	330.232.2882	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
Emillie	Blackwood	Gnadenhutten	740.922.2119	
Taylor	Brennan-Jordan	Lawrence Twp	330.417.4542	<b>Treasurer</b>
Tristin	Kelly	Alliance	330.206.4547	<b>Secretary</b>
Kyle	Kelly	Alliance	330.612.6774	
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Promotions & Advertising Committee Reps: Mark Lutz & Kirstin Cheyney

## **2025 YOUTH PYGMY GOAT COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Bailey Greene – Ashley Fether – Peyson Fletcher – Brincyn Boyce

**\*\*Exhibited Pygmy Goats must follow USDA Guidelines for the Scrapies Program. You will not be allowed on the Fairgrounds if you are NOT in compliance. \*\***

## ***Important Dates – Mark Your Calendar!***

### **Pygmy Goat Clinic**

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Sheep & Swine Arena from 10am – 12pm

### **Pygmy Goat Skillathon/Book Judging**

Saturday, August 16, 2025, in the Sheep & Swine Arena **from 3pm-5pm.**

### **Make-up Date for Skillathon/Book Judging**

Thursday, August 21st in the Sheep & Swine Arena from 6pm-8pm

### **Pygmy Goat Showmanship & Show**

**Thursday, August 28, 2025, in the Sheep & Swine Arena at 12 noon.**

### **Pygmy Goat Fun Show (Costume)**

Sunday, August 31, 2025, in the Sheep & Swine Arena 4pm-5:30pm

### **Pygmy Goat Obstacle Challenge**

Sunday, August 31, 2025, in the Sheep & Swine Arena 5:30pm-6:30pm



**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 25, 2025 – Please use this as a guide for your ONLINE ENTRY**  
**2025 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR PYGMY GOAT ENTRY FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Online entry forms are due by **JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Stalls and pens will not be assigned without a completed entry form. Each family member must have a separate form.

**Please use this sample entry form as a GUIDE for your online entry!**

**PYGMY GOATS**  
**DEPT. 108**

Wether or Doe	Date of Birth (Animal)	Registration #	Scrapie Tag, Chip, or Tattoo # Mandatory	Goat Class (See Rules)	# of Years in Goat Project	I will be showing in the Showmanship Class below:

TOTAL NUMBER OF PYGMY GOATS COMING TO FAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

**A SCRAPIE TAG NUMBER, TATTOO, OR MICROCHIP IS MANDATORY FOR EACH PYGMY GOAT! IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE OF THESE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR! EXHIBITED PYGMY GOATS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE USDA GUIDELINES FOR THE SCRAPIE PROGRAM.**