

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Animal & Youth Club Exhibits - AUG. 15 by 7pm
Open & Youth Still Exhibits - AUG. 17 at 6pm

All projects to be dropped off at the Exhibit Building during fair week only, Tues. from 4-7 pm or Wed. from 9-1.

Register one of the following ways:

- ◆ Drop off paperwork during office hours,
- ◆ Use the Houghton County Fair drop box by the MSUE entrance,
- ◆ Fax: 906-483-2101,
- ◆ Call: 906-482-6200,
- ◆ Register online after May 30 at: www.houghtoncountyfair.com.
- ◆ Mail class fees to HCF 1500 Birch St. Hancock, MI 49930
- ◆ There is a \$5 late fee per exhibitor.

1. Entries are generally open only to residents of Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, unless otherwise specified. Pre-printed entry tags available Monday before fair at the FAIR OFFICE at 1500 Birch St., Hancock.
2. Exhibits shall be the result of work completed during current year. **Each exhibit shall have a preprinted tag attached.** Information included: Name, address and class name/number. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class except for various livestock classes. **Only one (1) exhibit per class unless specifically noted otherwise.**
3. **After arrival at Fair Grounds, all entries are under the supervision and control of the Fair Officials.** All reasonable care will be given to prevent damage, loss or injury. (See specific rules for animal departments.)
4. Exhibits to be judged shall be clean, neat and displayed in plastic bags when possible. Judging criteria: appearance, texture, flavor, execution of work, accuracy of design construction, suitability of materials, originality, color and harmony. If in the opinion of the Superintendents, Judge or Fair Official, the exhibit is not worthy, no Premium will be awarded. In case there is but one exhibitor competing for the premium, the judge may recommend any premium as exhibit may warrant.
5. The Danish system of awarding premiums will be used in the Youth departments. The American system will be used for Open Class Livestock and Open Indoor classes.
6. **The Board shall have the power to offer prorated premiums if in their opinion, the financial condition of the association renders it necessary.**
7. Ribbons or rosettes are to be awarded in all classes, unless otherwise specified. Participation ribbons are given for all

8. Youth exhibitors shall be ages 7 to 19 ages as of 12/31 of fair year for Educational Demonstration projects and all other departments unless otherwise specified. Adults are 20 and over. For indoor youth departments only - exhibitors 5 & 6 years of age will receive participation ribbons only, they cannot be judged. No children under 5 years of age will be allowed to exhibit. All ages are based on age as of 12/31 of fair year unless specified in book.
9. **No exhibitor will be allowed in the exhibit building after 10 P.M.**
10. Fair will not be responsible for any exhibit that may be damaged or lost.
11. Exhibit stubs shall be presented to obtain exhibit at close of Fair 5 pm to 6:00 pm SUNDAY. Taking items/animals early results in forfeiture of premiums.
12. To exhibit at the Houghton County Fair you shall follow USDA requirements. In 1988, USDA made some significant recommendations in home canning procedures. Chief among these is the pressure increase in canning; vegetables, meats, fish, and poultry. Up to now, the pressure which was recommended was based at sea level to 1,000 feet. Houghton County elevations are between 1,000 and 2,000 feet above sea level, so pressure used in canning needs to be increased, time may vary, dial gauges should be checked for accuracy every year. Paraffin is NO LONGER recommended for jams, jellies and conserves. Pickles, jams, and jellies need to be water bathed to insure proper sealing and destruction of micro-organisms. All home canning exhibits shall be labeled as follows: Product, Date Canned, Packing used (Water Bath or Pressure Canner) and Processing Time. **Required: Two part lids.** Any questions regarding exhibiting of home canning can be directed to the MSU Extension Office at 482-5830.
13. **Formal Protests -** An exhibitor at the Houghton County Fair has the right to make a formal protest in writing to the Superintendent of the Department or the Board of Directors within 10 days after the fair. The formal protest shall be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth the grounds for protesting. The superintendent of the department shall make his or her recommendation to the Board of Directors or designee based on their investigation. The executive committee or Board of Directors shall issue their notice of finding and recommended action to the person making a formal protest as soon as possible or within 7 days. Livestock: A person making a formal protest shall deposit a sum of \$50.00. If the protest is sustained the deposit is returned to the complainant, and if it is not sustained the deposit shall be forfeited. An exhibitor against whom a protest has been filed shall have the right to read the statement of protest. Protest to MDA within 45 days of initial complaint.
14. **Judges; Duties; Decisions**
 - a. Judges shall comply with fair regulations, procedures, and policies in deliberating awards.
 - b. If a judge has good reason to believe that an exhibitor, by false entry or otherwise, is attempting to deceive the judge or the public to obtain a premium by misrepresentation, then the judge shall report the facts immediately to the superintendent, who shall report to the fair board of directors or designee for determination of the eligibility of the exhibitors to show the animal or

article.

- c. The decision of the judges shall be final, and no appeal shall be considered except in the case of formal protests.
- 15. Cancellation of Entries/Refunds—Refunds are not automatic, they shall be requested in writing.
- 16. An official photographer shall be present on the grounds during the fair. The Houghton County Fair Association reserves the right to use photographs of champions, reserve champions and other exhibits, in any department for publicity or advertising purposes, without compensation to the exhibitor, provided that such use does not represent any endorsement of any commercial product or service.
- 17. Inclement weather: The Fair Board shall have the authority to postpone or cancel an event or contest if deemed appropriate for safety reasons such as rain or lightning.

LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Also look at each department for additional requirements and superintendent or fair official shall approve animals before getting off of the trailer. Livestock determined to be ill or injured shall not be unloaded or shown.)

Admission pass will be provided with a \$7 exhibitor fee for youth, \$10 exhibitor fee for adults due with registration.

-ALL EXHIBITORS NEED AN ADMISSION PASS-

All livestock exhibitors have a mandatory fee, Youth \$7, Adult \$10, which shall be added in registration form. In exchange you will receive a special 4 day livestock admission wrist band. This is due with the registration on or before Wednesday, August 15th and will be issued by the office for the specific exhibitor only.

- 1. ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS SHALL BE PRE-REGISTERED ON THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO FAIR WEEK BY 7 PM. AFTER THIS DATE A \$5 LATE FEE SHALL BE CHARGED. ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FAIR OFFICE
- 2. All animal exhibits shall be in their assigned area at their proper time (See Entry Time Schedule). All animal exhibits will be released between 5 pm and 6:30 pm on Sunday, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Board via the superintendent of that department. Failure to comply will result in premium monies being revoked.
- 3. **Random drug testing of animal exhibits.**
 - a. An animal entered in the fair may be subject to blood, urine, hair, and/or tissue test at the discretion of the Superintendent and Houghton County Fair Board of Directors.
 - b. Samples at exhibitions: The veterinarian or his or her designee may collect test samples before, during, or immediately after a show. Deviations from protocol shall be noted. The drug testing protocol is available for review in the office.
- 4. The veterinarian or his or her designee shall collect urine, blood, tissue and/or other test samples in accordance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture's protocol for the collection of livestock test.
- 5. All animals housed in the Fair barn shall remain on the grounds from Friday to Sunday except for the milking dairy which can be released after show on Friday.

- 6. Exhibitors shall provide their own feed, hay and feeding utensils for all large animals (cattle, horse, sheep, swine, goats, camelids). Exhibitors shall keep all animals and stalls cleaned and manure properly disposed of during the duration of the Fair. Exhibitors shall provide their own cleaning utensils such as shovels and brooms. Stalls shall be cleaned before leaving on Sunday. If this is neglected, premium monies will not be awarded. Exhibitors having someone else care for their animals must let the superintendent know who will be taking care of their animal and a phone number.
- 7. All owners of large animals (horse, beef, camelids, dairy, goat, sheep and swine) shall water, feed and clean stalls between 8 am - 10 am each morning in addition to early afternoon and evening each day of the fair. **See specific departments for additional rules on feeding and cleaning.** If this rule is not observed you will forfeit your premiums and awards and may be charged an additional amount, if superintendent hires someone to care for your animals.
- 8. Responsibility for grooming animals for the Youth shows is the primary responsibility of exhibitor. Exhibitors shall be present if someone else is helping to groom their animal. Exceptions made with the approval of the superintendent.
- 9. Caged animals will remain in pens during judging, except in Showmanship classes.
- 10. Animals shall be owned or cared for by the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to Fair, except for Market animals with earlier deadlines.
- 11. In Youth Shows, Junior Youth age requirement is 7 to 12 unless specified otherwise. **Age restriction is due to safety requirements.** Senior Youth age requirement is 13 to 19.
- 12. Each exhibitor may enter only one animal in the showmanship classes.

Specific Horse Rules (see rest of rules pgs. 9, 10, 11, and department for more detail)

- 1. All cattle shall be able to be head-tied.
- 2. All horses shall be exercised in designated areas. Those who ride in any other areas may be disqualified from competition or forfeit all premium monies. Absolutely no riding in barns will be allowed. Horses shall be led to the show ring and back.
- 3. The junior horse show will be governed by the State of Michigan 4-H rules and the open horse shows by the Houghton County Fair rules and regulations.
- 4. Open Class horses will be allowed in the barn if space permits and then shall stay in barn until 5 pm. Sunday. Horses that cannot be tied and if no box stalls are available may be trailered back and forth but not allowed in the barn. There will be a designated area for tack and storage. See Horse Departments for additional horse rules.
- 5. There are box stalls available and will be given out on a first-come basis by contacting the FAIR OFFICE after August 1. Include horse's name on registration form.
- 6. Approved safety helmets shall be worn during the games and jumping with horse exhibits.
- 7. Two people may show the same horse, but not in more than six money classes total.

Specific Poultry/Rabbit Rules (see rest of rules pgs. 9, 10, 11 and department for more detail)

- 1. Rabbit and poultry feed and utensils will be provided by the

FAIR ASSOCIATION.

2. The Superintendent or person responsible for cleaning & feeding is the only person allowed to open the poultry and rabbit cages. Please do not provide any type of food in cages such as apples, lettuce, etc.
3. All poultry and rabbit exhibitors will be responsible for daily cage cleaning by 11 am each morning. Report to the superintendent when it is done. Failure to clean cages will result in a fine of \$1 per cage per day and will be deducted from premium.
4. In the rabbit and poultry divisions a different animal shall be exhibited if you are entering both junior and open classes.
5. All poultry and rabbits rules and definitions are printed in Poultry & Rabbit Division.
6. Shows, Fairs, and Exhibitions may require additional health requirements but may not allow less stringent requirements than specified by the Michigan Dept. of Ag.
7. A Code of Ethics form shall be filled out for each exhibitor which is found on the back of the fair entry form.
8. The public address system in the barns is only a convenience for the exhibitors. The responsibility lies totally on the exhibitor to be on time for their class.

Specific Cattle Rules (see rest of rules pgs. 9, 10, 11, department for more detail)

1. Cattle coming to the Houghton County Fair do not have to be BVD (Bovine Viral Diarrhea) tested but it is highly suggested to be tested or vaccinated.

JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE RULES

1. Preliminary entries shall be made on the preliminary entry blank for the market beef steer show by February 15, the market hog show by May 15, the market lamb show by June 1 of the current year and turned into the Fair Office at 1500 Birch Street, Hancock, MI, or given to the appropriate superintendent. Exhibitors shall weigh or tape and tag cattle prior to registration deadline and turn in to the office. Superintendents shall be notified by the office and verify tags and weight after paperwork is in the office.
2. Eligibility is open to any Houghton and Keweenaw County youth. Exhibitors shall be 7 to 19 years of age as of 12/31 of fair year for the market lamb and market hog show, and 9 to 19 years of age as of 12/31 of fair year for market steers.
3. All market livestock shall be owned by the junior market exhibitor and in their care prior to the registration deadline for each species.
4. Alternate animals are permitted following this rule: A junior market livestock exhibitor may register and tag a maximum of two animals from the same specie or of two species for the junior market livestock show and sale by the registration deadlines, but enter only one animal for the market show and sale. A family may choose to register and tag one or more "floating alternates" instead of each youth in the family registering two separate animals. Each youth shall stipulate the tag number of only two animals on his/her registration form, although the same animal may be

- listed on more than one family member's registration. This only applies to members of the immediate family (brothers or sisters). Records shall be kept by each exhibitor on each animal. Each exhibitor shall decide at the time registration is due, by 7 pm the Wednesday before the week of the fair which animal will be in the show and sale. The exhibitor and his/her family assume full responsibility for the sale or disposition of the alternate animal. There is no guarantee that there will be room to ship it on the truck. An exhibitor would be allowed to exhibit the animal not exhibited in the market show in the regular show if it meets the criteria for another class, but would not be allowed to place "For Sale" signs until after the auction. The Houghton County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the marketing or transporting of the alternate animal if the exhibitor chooses to raise one.
5. The junior market livestock exhibitor shall show the animal in the appropriate market class in order to sell it in the auction. Market livestock will be sold at the Junior Market Livestock Sale. Sale order will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, followed by blue, red and white ribbon winners alternating by weight classes with the exception of hogs. See superintendent.
6. Market livestock record books shall be turned in to the superintendent to qualify for premium awards by noon on Sunday. Records shall be started by the registration deadline. Exhibitors may complete their books and turn them in any time after the weigh in and figure out the break even price instead of the actual profit or loss after the sale.
7. Market beef, lambs and hogs exhibited in market classes will not be exhibited in breeding classes except showmanship classes. Steers, lambs and hogs not making the minimum weight may be shown in the junior or open show in an appropriate class.
8. Both wether and ewe lambs and barrows or gilts are permitted in the market classes. Market lambs shall be at least 50% meat or dual purpose breed. Lambs and hogs shall be born after January 1 of the current year. Lambs with yearling teeth will be disqualified.
9. Market Steers shall be born after January 1 of the previous year and shall be 50% or more beef-type breeding to be eligible. Horned steers will be disqualified. Market steers shall be double head tied during the fair. An adequate rope halter of 1/2 inch by 8 feet shall be left on each steer Sunday evening of the fair or a \$5 penalty will be deducted from the exhibitor's premium.
10. All exhibitors shall be present or have someone on their behalf be present three times daily to clean, feed, and water their animals. Stalls shall be cleaned by 10 a.m. every morning, and the animals shall be fed by 10 a.m. every morning. Hogs will be fed in the afternoon 4 to 6 p.m..
Exhibitors shall bring food for their own animals. Shavings will be provided by the fair. Failure to follow these rules will result in a forfeiture of premiums and awards.
11. The Auction sale order will be rotated as follows but will begin with Grand and Reserve Champions of each species: 2018 Fair: Steers, Lambs, Hogs, 2019 Steers, Hogs, Lambs. Youth are expected to find potential buyers prior to the fair, and are expected to place thank you signs at the fair.
12. The weigh-in times will be from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday

evening, and will be done in whichever order is most convenient. Exhibitors shall have their animals into the fair by 6 p.m. Lambs shall be dry and have a wool covering of no more than 1 inch. Minimum weights for lambs are 100 pounds, hogs are 200 pounds and steers are 850 pounds.

13. There will be a mandatory meeting of all livestock exhibitors immediately following the weigh in. Those not able to attend shall make an appointment with their department superintendent to go over the rules.
14. Groups of steers, hogs, and lambs will be judged on the basis of weight, starting with the lightest weights. All breeds are shown together in their respective market classes.
15. The Danish system will be used for premium awards.
16. A 3% commission fee for each market animal sold will be deducted to cover market costs.
17. A Code of Ethics form shall be filled out by each exhibitor.
18. Livestock Auction Exhibitors: Thank you sign recognizing buyers at the HCF is the exhibitors responsibility. Signs shall be put up near the animals. Suggestions for signage: Foam board, poster board or lightweight cardboard that will hold up until the fair is over. Check daily and fix or replace as needed. Stencils will be available to borrow from the livestock barn office. Sign should have bold letters 3 inches tall and be easy to read from 5 to 10 feet away. Dark lettering on a light background is easiest to read.
19. Any animal which appears to be unsafe for handlers or the general public attending the show can be required to be removed from the show facility by show management.

**Michigan Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 30017
Lansing, MI 48909
Animal Industry Division:
(800) 292-3939**



**2018 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
FOR LIVESTOCK
EXHIBITED IN MICHIGAN**

A complete copy of the health requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan

Department of Agriculture website

http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_7075---,00.html

or by contacting the fair office.

Livestock Sample Collection Procedures

Performed by a Veterinarian/authorized representative

Prior to the Fair

Request the animal drug testing supplies from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Laboratory Division, at least thirty days prior to the event. The request shall be made by mail or fax (517) 337-5094. For questions or information contact Gina Dewitt, Drugs, Disease & Fuel Testing Manager at (517) 337-5082 or email: dewittg@michigan.gov.

Note: The fair has legal authority to require drug testing under the Animal Industry Act, Act 466 of 1988, as amended, in Section 40(3): "A fair, exhibition, exposition, or show authority may require additional testing or vaccination of animals before entry and during the fair, exhibition, exposition or show."

At the Fair

1. Verify the animal you are about to test. Identify any tattoos, ear tags or ear notches that are on the animal. Whenever possible use USDA official identification vs. farm identification. Be sure to include this information on the "Sample Tag".
2. Present the container for examination to the animal representative/exhibitor, making sure to verify with the animal representative that the security seal has not been previously broken. If the sample container is rejected for any reason, use another container and return the defective one to the laboratory.

Note: The animal representative shall remain with the animal at all times during the sample collection process.

3. Record the seal # in the top right box of the Sample Transmittal Packing List.
4. Open the container by pressing upward on the tab marked open, breaking the seal.
5. Place the container in the catching stick; fold the lid back and anchor it under the metal finger welded on the handle.
6. If a urine sample can not be obtained, a Michigan Licensed Veterinarian/Veterinarian Technician may collect five tubes of blood from the animal. Each tube of blood shall be identified with one of the six small sticker tags provided on the "Sample Tag". Place the five labeled blood tubes inside a plastic sample container and seal as described below.
7. After collecting the sample, close the lid and snap it completely shut. Loop the barbed plastic strip on the sample container through the two holes in the container tabs and pull snug. Apply a short piece of evidence tape across the protruding end of the plastic barbed strip and also across the lid and down sides of the container.
8. Complete the information on a "Sample Tag" substituting the name of the fair for "Track", the name of the animal (Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Champion Swine, etc.) for "Horse" and the ear tag number or other unique identification number for "Tattoo". After the animal representative has watched the sample collection and sealing, they shall sign under "Witness" on the sample tag. The person collecting the sample shall sign under the "Sampled By" on the "Sample Tag."
9. Place one completed large sticker tag from the top of the "Sample Tag" on the top of the sample container over the evidence tape and the other completed large sticker tag on the side of the container. The remaining portion of the completed "Sample tag" shall be kept and NOT returned to the lab.

10. Lock the sealed and labeled sample container in a metal can. *Note: Once the can is locked it can not be opened until it reaches the lab.*

11. Samples shall be held secure and cold until transferred to the laboratory.

Note: Urine may be frozen; blood shall be kept refrigerated and never be frozen.

12. Any discarded needles should be placed in an approved "Sharps" container by the veterinarian/veterinarian technician.
13. When all sample collection has been completed, fill out the "Sample Transmittal Packing List." The packing list shall identify the tag number of all samples included in the case. Enclose the completed "Sample Transmittal Packing List",

and unused supplies and regenerated/refrozen freezer packs in the case and seal it with the provided intact case seal.

After Sample Collection is Completed

1. Transport samples to the lab either in person or by overnight express. Arrange samples to arrive at the lab during normal business hours (7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday). The lab is located on the campus of Michigan State University at: 1615 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823.
2. Collect and retain signed Animal Certification Forms and the remaining portion of the completed "Sample Tag".

Note: Both of these documents should be kept in a secure place for cross-reference when sample results are received. In the event of a positive result these documents shall be kept as evidence.

**Dairy Cattle Volunteer
Superintendents:
Judy Szyszkoski and
Arthur Lampinen**

**Show Sponsor:
Virgil and Lucille Davis**

Registration Deadline: August 15, 7 pm
Entry Times: Wed. 6-9 pm and
Thur. 9 am –6 pm or
Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am (optional)
Judging Time: Friday 1 pm
Note: Dairy shows are open to residents of
Houghton, Keweenaw,
Baraga & Ontonagon Counties.

**Department 1
Open Dairy Show**

Premiums: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th to 8th
\$20 \$18 \$16 \$14 \$12 \$10

Registration Not Required for Grand & Reserve Champion

Entry Fee: \$2 per class

Limit: 3 animals per exhibitor per class.

Section A - Open Dairy Show

Class

- 1- Jr. Calf - Heifer (up to 6 months)
- 2- Sr. Calf - Heifer (7 to 12 months)
- 3- Jr. Yearling Heifer (13 to 18 months)
- 4- Sr. Yearling Heifer (19 to 24 months)
- 5- Cow (2 years and under 3)
- 6- Cow (3 years and under 4)
- 7- Cow (4 years and under 5)
- 8- Cow (5 years and under 6)
- 9- Cow (6 years and over)
- 10- Grand Champion Dairy Female - Trophy Only
Sponsored by: Virgil and Lucille Davis
- 11- Reserve Champion Dairy Female - Rosette Only

- 12- Cow and last calf
- 13- Jr. Calf - Bull (up to 6 months)
- 14- Jr. Calf - Bull (7 to 12 months)
- 15- Jr. Steer (up to 6 months)
- 16- Sr. Steer (7 to 12 months)
- 17- Yearling Steer (13 to 24 months)
- 18- DHIA Milk Production Records-Milking cow must be shown at the fair.

Section B - Showmanship

Entry Fee: \$2 per class

Note: Not required to bring "own" animal but shall obtain permission from owner.

Class

- 19- Adult Dairy Showmanship
- 20- Adult Dairy Showmanship Champion - Rosette Only

**Department 2
Youth Dairy Show**

Premiums: A-\$17 B-\$15 C-\$13

Note: Junior & Senior exhibitors are combined except for showmanship

Registration Not Required for Grand & Reserve Champion

No Entry Fee

Section A - Showmanship

Class

- 1- Senior Dairy Showmanship (13 to 19)
- 2- Senior Dairy Showmanship Champion - Rosette Only
- 3- Junior Dairy Showmanship (7 to 12)
- 4- Jr. Dairy Showmanship Champion - Rosette Only
- 5- Grand Champion Showmanship - Award Hooded Sweatshirt
Sponsored by : Virgil and Lucille Davis

Section B - Youth Dairy Show

Class

- 6- Jr. Heifer (up to 6 months)
- 7- Sr. Heifer (7 to 12 months)
- 8- Jr. Yearling Heifer (13 to 18 months)
- 9- Sr. Yearling Heifer (19 to 24 months)
- 10- Cow (2 years and under 3)
- 11- Cow (3 years and under 4)
- 12- Cow (4 years and over)
- 13- Grand Champion Dairy Female - Trophy Only
Sponsored by : Virgil & Lucille Davis
- 14- Reserve Champion Dairy Female - Rosette Only
- 15- Jr. Bull (up to 6 months)
- 16- Sr. Bull (7 to 12 months)
- 17- Jr. Steer (up to 6 months)
- 18- Sr. Steer (7 to 12 months)
- 19- Yearling Steer (13 to 24 months)

**See Costume Class/Obstacle Course Rules in
Youth Beef Show.**