

General Rules, Regulations & Code of Conduct Covering the Green Lake County Fair

1. Only residents of Green Lake County or youth enrolled in a Green Lake County or Ripon youth organization approved by the Fair are eligible as exhibitors (please refer to Department 17-Class B for an exception to this rule). Eligible Open Class exhibitors also include Green Lake County Home & Community Education (HCE) members, Green Lake County 4-H members' parents and adults affiliated with a recognized Green Lake County organization. The item exhibited must have been completed since the prior year's Fair.
2. All references to the exhibitor's age and grade is as of January 1st of the calendar year. All individuals (4-H, FFA, etc.) that are 8-19 years of age AND 3rd grade-one year past high school, as of January 1st, are allowed to exhibit in the Junior Division if they belong to a county recognized youth group. The only exception to age is for those individuals enrolled in the 4-H Cloverbud Project. Exhibitors must be at least 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade, as of January 1st, to exhibit animals in any Junior or Open Division Department. Exhibitors must be at least 8 years of age and in the 3rd grade, as of January 1st, to exhibit in the Open Division. Entries will not be accepted from individuals who do not supply age and/or grade information.
3. All exhibitor entries must be turned into or received by the Fair Office on or before July 5, 2018 by 4:00 p.m. Please note that there will be absolutely NO CHANGES/ADDITIONS or LATE ENTRIES allowed after this date. FAXED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
4. There is no exhibitor entry fee charged in any department.
5. Educational Club Booths can be constructed on Monday (8:00 am to 4:30 pm), Tuesday (8:00 am to 8:00 pm) and Wednesday (8:00 am to 8:00 pm) of Fair week. All booths must be completed by 8:00 pm on Wednesday.
6. The leader of each club or organization will be responsible for their organization for certifying that members are in good standing when entries are made.
7. Entry tags must be securely fastened to the exhibit. Claim checks are required for release of entries at the close of the Fair.
8. Entry tags contain limited descriptions. Please refer to the Premium book for complete description pertaining to your exhibit.
9. All sheep and goats must have an official scrapies ear tag. Sheep and goats are not allowed to be removed from the trailer until the Sheep Superintendent verifies that an official scrapie ear tag is present.
10. Each project animal is expected to be in excellent health and condition while at the Fair. Animals in need of ongoing veterinary care and those who do not properly represent their breed and species will be asked to leave the Fair.
11. Exhibitors will treat animals in a humane manner and provide appropriate animal care and management.
12. Entry will be available the Thursday before the start of the Fair (Fair Set-Up/Mandatory Meeting Night). Each Junior/Open exhibitor is encouraged to pick up his or her entry tags at that time. Entry tags after that day can be picked up at the Fairgrounds Fair Office at 570 South Street, Green Lake. All exhibits in the Education Building must be in place by NOON on Thursday. Animals must be in place according to the Judging Schedule.
13. No exhibitors will be allowed to stay overnight in the barns.
14. Livestock exhibitors will furnish their own feed and bedding and care for their animals. Sawdust will not be provided by the fair. It is recommended that exhibitors bring bagged sawdust. All animal exhibitors not providing proper feeding, cleaning and care, will receive one warning notice from the superintendent. If the issue has not been addressed in a timely manner, a second notice in writing will be issued by the superintendent and signed by both the exhibitor and a parent or guardian. If the issue has not been addressed in a timely manner after the second notice, the exhibitor will forfeit premiums and livestock sale privileges. Fitting/grooming must be done by exhibitor or family only. Exhibitors are expected to sweep bedding into center aisle before Fair closing on Sunday with the exception of sheep and swine. A fine of \$10.00 will be imposed on each exhibitor if this rule is not followed. Pens are not to be dismantled at any time. If pens are found to be dismantled, a \$10.00 fee will be assessed.
15. All decisions of the judge are final. Any exhibitor, parent, or spectator who shall attempt to interfere with the deliberations or decisions of the judge, will be excluded from competition in that class and forfeit all rights to premiums. All exhibitors and adults are expected to treat judges with respect. Anyone is welcome to discuss with the judge ways to improve their project or their showing skills after the completion of the show. It is not appropriate to harass or argue with the judge. If the judge files a written complaint to the Fair Committee, that individual will not be allowed to participate or attend the judging competition or show the following year for that department.
16. All animals going to slaughter will be released at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. All other animals/non-animal projects will not be released until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. There are no exceptions. Exhibits not picked up at the close of the Fair will be brought back to the Green Lake County Government Center-Training Room by the end of the day on Monday following the Fair.
17. There shall be no signs posted in any Fair buildings, other than those approved and posted by the order of the Fair Management. The exhibitor may display official entry tags, identification cards and ribbons.
18. No exhibitor shall wear clothing that bears commercial advertising when competing before the judge in any event.
19. All individuals/organizations/businesses renting or leasing space for commercial exhibits or any other special privileges will be required to pay for them in advance. Exhibits must be in place by 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and remain until Sunday at 5:00 p.m.



20. Green Lake County, the Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee, Agriculture Agent, Family Living Educator, Community Resource Development Educator, 4-H Youth Development Educator, FFA Advisors, Youth Exhibit Committee, and Green Lake County Board of Supervisors, their agents or employees shall not be liable for any property damages or loss due to personal injury of Fair visitors or exhibitors.
21. General supervision of the grounds and exhibitors is vested in the Fair Committee who shall see that order is maintained. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident, which may be caused by their entries. It is further understood that Green Lake County can only accept responsibility for damages when legally liable due to negligent acts of county officials and/or employees.
22. The Green Lake County Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and resolutions and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and difference in regard hereto, or otherwise rising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.
23. All Green Lake County Junior and Open Class premiums paid out to exhibitors must be cashed within 60 days of the date issued on the check. After 60 days have expired, the check is void and will not be reissued.
24. Recipients of donated awards will be selected by the judge of that department in which the award is donated. Exception to this rule is a family memorial.
25. Any exhibitor who violates fair rules, or is guilty of misconduct such as the possession and/or use of alcohol or drugs during the Fair, will be disqualified from competition and forfeit all premiums at the discretion of the Fair Committee.
26. Exhibitors are expected to refrain from gambling, sexual misconduct and objectionable language (including swearing).
27. All fair exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per premium or lot number in the Junior and Open Divisions.
28. If a substitution is allowed, it may be made only within that department and division. The Department Superintendent will make the final decision as to whether a substitution will be allowed prior to judging.
29. All exhibitors have the responsibility of showing their own exhibits in individual conference judging. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE is sickness, injury or death in the immediate family. The Youth Exhibit Committee will make the final determination. If other activities such as camp, vacation, school activities, job, or skill lessons will interfere with the exhibitor showing their own exhibits, the exhibitor should consider entering the project in Open Class, or making changes in their schedule to accommodate attendance at the fair with their project. Individual conference judging is an important aspect of the 4-H and youth project areas and it is important that the exhibitors show their own exhibit.
30. If an exhibitor or exhibitor's entry is in question due to misrepresentation, validity of ownership or management, the same item was exhibited at previous fairs, or any other violation of rules, the person questioning will take their concern in writing to the Youth Exhibit Committee and the members will make the final decision. If the Youth Exhibit Committee determines the exhibitor to be in violation, the exhibitor will be disqualified.
31. No private "for sale" or advertising signs may be posted in the Junior or Open Class exhibit areas, unless pre-approved by the Fair Committee (with the exception of rabbits and poultry). Sign may only be the size of a postcard.
32. Parents and exhibitors are required to attend mandatory educational sessions that are scheduled. Failure to attend such sessions will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor in that department.
33. Premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors as soon as they are processed. Because premiums are funded through WDATCP and with the uncertain state budget situation, premiums stated in the Fairbook (Premium List) may be reduced or eliminated.
33. Respect of Self – Self-respect is most important. It is extremely difficult to respect others if you don't respect yourself. Respecting yourself includes good personal grooming, neatness and cleanliness (pertaining to your person and immediate personal surroundings). Respect for Adults – Respect for adults reflects a willingness and choice to learn from their knowledge and wider experiences. Respect of Children – Children deserve respect that comes with patience and understanding of their special needs. Respect of Peers – Peer respect means choosing to treat people with whom you associate with fairly and with dignity. Respect of Property – The word property covers many things. Respect means choosing to use another's property with permission and handling it with care while in your possession. Respect of Country – Recognizing our country's symbols like the flag, national anthem, etc. is a way of demonstrating respect.
35. Personal Grooming and Dress – During judging you are expected to use good judgment in selecting appropriate clothing to wear. It is an expectation that you wear clothing that fits properly, is neat and is not revealing as to cause a distraction. For safety reasons, shoes must be worn. Clothing or articles displaying obscenities, suggestive slogans and/or images, nudity, gangs, crime, violence, occult worship, slanderous or harassing, encourages disruptive behavior. You should have no skin exposed from mid-thigh to the armpit line. Undergarments are to be completely covered at all times. Muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, tank tops, see-through clothing, bare midriffs, torn or ripped clothing, chains, strapless and/or backless outfits, spandex and beachwear should not be worn. If you choose to dress inappropriately, the 4-H Youth Development Educator will ask you to correct the problem by changing clothes.
36. Exhibitors violating any of the above will be subject to any or all of the following consequences.
 - Notification of emergency personnel if there is reason to believe it is necessary.
 - Notification of parents or guardians.
 - Individual may be required to appear before the Green Lake County Fair Committee to explain his/her actions
 - Removal of individual and his/her exhibits from the present year's Junior Fair. Any premiums earned will be revoked.
 - Revocation of privilege to enter exhibits in future Green Lake County Fairs.