

Rabbit Family,

Your committee has been hard at work all year trying to keep up with this ever-changing world that is COVID-19. We have put a lot of info on facebook about how the fair, barn and show will be setup and run this year. It is incredibly different. Our goal was to give the kids the best show we could! If any of you have been to an ARBA show it will look closer to that than what you have seen in the past. Please note these changes were necessary for this year as we had to make changes based on State and local health district requirements.

We have also been part of several fair board meetings during COVID with the Sales Committee and FAC (sometimes twice a month). I wanted to follow up on a few things from those meetings and how they impact our show. Please note that we have some "requirements" that our health district states we must follow. Please note the Health district will have inspectors walking the fair.

Rabbits have the largest show and are table shows compared to other animals. We need to make sure we are following the requirements the best we can so that our committee isn't the reason the fair gets fined or worse, shut down for violations. We are asking for your personal beliefs around COVID or what you have seen other fairs do to be kept to yourself. We are well past the point of trying to change the state and local mandates and need to do the best we can for the kids!

We ask for Grace and patience as we are trying to make this year run smooth, but there will be bumps in the road as show day, but we will adjust on the fly.

Below are the bullet point items to review and then how the shows will run along with attachments (this was all posted on facebook)

Below are a few items to point out and plan for. (Attached is also the health requirements)

1. Health department verified that if you have a table show, you must sanitize between exhibitors that use the table.
  - a. Rabbits: that means each judging coop needs sanitized between each exhibitor.
2. 10 exhibitors per show ring.
  - a. Rabbits: we are creating 3 show rings under our tent with rope and plan on having the kids enter the ring, drop rabbits off in the coop and then leave the ring. This will allow for more rabbits to be judged then 10 at a time. Showmanship will only have 6 at a time in each ring as we only have room for 4 kids and 1 judge with 6' social distancing.
3. Social Distancing required
  - a. We are required to have 6' social distancing between, kids, judges, JR Fair kids and volunteers.
  - b. We are also asked to police the crowds at our event
    - a. Our Job: "Ask them to social distance, they refuse or become aggressive, back off and document who or description of what they are wearing so if it becomes an offense with the health department, at least we have it documented"
4. Masks required
  - a. Masks are required to be worn when in a Barn/ Tent and outside when unable to consistently maintain 6' social distancing.
  - b. We are also asked to police the crowds at our event.
  - c. Our Job: "Ask them to put a mask on and offer them a mask if they do not have one. If they have a documented health reason or under 10 not required. If they refuse or become aggressive, back off and document who or description of what they are wearing so if it becomes an offense with the health department, at least we have it documented"
5. Physical contact
  - a. No physical contact will be permitted between the judges, exhibitors, participants, etc.
6. Microphone rules
  - a. Sanitized between users
  - b. Planning on having 2 microphones, 1 for announcements and 1 for judges.

7. Curfew – 10pm and within 30mins after the event concludes.
8. Conflicts with attending the show. If someone can't attend the show due to COVID Isolation or for any other reason Fair rule 24 will be the guiding rule.
  - a. "Exhibitors who are sick, injured or cannot be present at show or sale time may have another Delaware County Junior Fair member in good standing weigh, show or sell their animal if and only if the actual exhibitor submits a request to do so, in writing to the show chairperson and the Fair Office asking for permission to do so and stating who will show the animal. Requests must be on file with the Fair Manager." IF an exhibitor cannot attend the show, you must receive approval for someone else to show your animal.
10. Sales is virtual – we need to push for kids to enter their info on breeder's world so they can sell.
11. All market projects are leaving the day of show.

Other topics:

1. Live stream: fair is working on the possibility of live streaming our shows. They are supposed to test this week. More info to come as we know more.
2. Popup tents allowed if families prefer this to being in the barn. See map attached for location
3. Show programs are on the 4H app. So download that.
4. Market Weight Rule Change 2020 Fair only:
  1. Since the check-in dates were adjusted only just recently and are 3 days later than the original rules and dates indicated we are going to update the weight range for the Market Project: Pen of 3, Single Fryers & Roasters.
  2. Pen of 3 & Single Fryers - New weight ranged: 3.5 lbs – 6 lbs
  3. Roasters - New weight ranged: 5.5 lbs – 9.5 lbs
5. Donations Needed:
  1. Your Rabbit & Poultry Committee is asking for donations to help offset additional cost due to COVID-19. These funds will be used for the additional sanitation requirements, assisting to pay our judges and additional show costs. We are a Non-Profit and donations are tax deductible (consult your tax professional).
  2. We appreciate your continued support as we are working to make the best fair experience possible for the kids in this weird COVID-19 world.
  3. You have 2 ways to donate:
    - a. Paypal: [delawarerabbits@gmail.com](mailto:delawarerabbits@gmail.com)
      - i. Must use the family and friends options so we do not have fees
    - b. OR
    - c. Mail a check made out to RPSA to Betsy Hildebrand 6171 Condit Road Centerburg, OH 43011
6. Rabbit costume contest update: deadline for entry and voting is 11:30AM the day of show! Costume awards will be at noon, immediately preceding showmanship. We'll start counting the votes at 11:30am. Make sure to hashtag your entry #DCFCCRabbits so we can find it to count it. Invite your friends and family to vote! Top 5 vote-getters receive awards this year.
  1. <https://m.facebook.com/groups/780506372776321?tsid=0.006749250099231774&source=result>
7. SALE INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS
  1. Rabbits will have a cull buyer available. Market Poultry will have a truck available. Second animals as well as the animals going through the sale have a packer lined up, as had been offered in previous years. You may have entered information at the time of your fair entry and you will be asked for your animal's destination again at your specie weigh-in. For the animal that will be going through the sale, the exhibitor must take the sale picture and upload it into Breeder's World at <https://form.jotform.com/202437568962061>.

2. This is due by 11:50 PM, Friday, September 18th. Pictures must include both the youth and their market project, preferably in a showmanship pose. The youth must still abide by the sale dress code, which is:
  - A button/snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt, long or short sleeves permitted.
  - No sleeveless shirts allowed. No bare midriffs allowed.
  - No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
  - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn, no shorts.
  - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots. No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
  - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.
  - Baked Goods Grand Champions do not need to wear a button/snap collared shirt, but will follow a similar protocol to provide professional appearance and adhere to safety restrictions.
8. SALE INFORMATION FOR BUYERS
  1. The sales committee has contracted with Breeder's World to run the virtual auction. Buyers will need to register on their web site at [www.bwfinaldrive.com](http://www.bwfinaldrive.com) to participate. The sale will run from Noon, Wednesday September 23rd through 8 PM, Saturday, September 26th. The sale format is add-on 3 only, which means you are making a donation to their project as opposed to trying to have the winning bid. To donate on a youth's project, find the individual you would like to support and click on the "donate" button and then enter the amount. Any bid made will need to be paid to the Delaware County Fair. The youth will receive the total proceeds of all donations made toward their project. A flyer with more details is available at <http://www.delawarecountyfair.com/> under Events.
  - 2.

Please let me know what questions you might have, and we will get them answered.

We thank you all for your continued support in making the best fair for the kids!

Your Rabbit Committee:

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Betsy Hildebrand

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## **Show Day: Monday 9/21/2020**

### **Show schedule: (subject to change)**

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- 9:00 am – 11am – Market Show
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### **Check-in:**

Requirements:

1. Verification of animals – Tattoo, Breed, Sex, Class
2. Verification of exhibitor – Exhibitor numbers
3. DCAS animal pen use agreement
4. Speed!

### **Process:**

1. All Market projects must be checked-in by 9am.
  - a. (Note: We are going to have a rolling check-in so we can speed the checking process and maintain show schedule. We have intentionally scheduled the market show first, so we can limit amount of people during the day. Not all Exhibitors do both market and show.)
2. All Other projects must be checked-in by 1030am.
  - a. (note: If you are only doing showmanship and / or Breed/ show rabbits, please wait until after 9am to check in so the market show can start on time.)
3. Exhibitors are to bring a control sheet that indicates each rabbit's sex, class, breed, tattoo – see attached sheet.
  - a. (Note: Market weights will be taken at table during show.)
4. Exhibitors will write with a sharpie in the right ear their exhibit number.
  - a. (Note: Market projects are not tattooed this year)
5. Exhibitor to receive their exhibitor # to pin on their coat during Check in
6. Exhibitor will receive 1 note card per rabbit (provided at check in). This note card will have their name & exhibitor number, sex, class, tattoo for show rabbits & breed on the card for each rabbit.
  - a. (Note: When the rabbits are placed In the judging coop, they will place this card on top of the coop. this is how we will know whose rabbit is who once judge places winners)
7. Health Check: No Official Health Check this year. If rabbit presents sickness at table, animal will be disqualified and removed.
8. DCAS animal pen use agreement for those who are using fair coops this year.
9. Do not bring your animals to the check in station this year. Please bring yourself, the check in sheet and DCAS animal pen use agreement. Please leave animals where you are keeping them for the day.

### **Fair Setup**

1. We have a new tent this year that will be our show area.
2. Barn:

- a. Cages and animals only are permitted in the barn. Please set-up your animal with water and feed (if needed for the day) and bedding if needed, then leave the barn until you are called to get your animal for show. If you choose, you may keep your animals(s) safely with you in your outdoor space.
  - b. Do not leave animals in hot cars or trailers.
  - c. Participants and families will social distance outside of the barn.
  - d. Pop-up tents are allowed in grass areas with appropriate social distance and for families only (not a gathering zone). As this is a one-day show, please keep all supplies in your car or truck. We will have the grassy area across from the barn to park in and use for pop-ups as well. No cars are allowed to park besides, between, or in front of the barn.
  - e. This year we are only setting up cages for those families that indicated they needed them. DCAS animal pen use agreement for those who are using fair coops this year.
3. Animals outside the barn - Your animals are not required to stay in the barn. If you have a pop-up tent and want to keep your animals with you under the tent, you are more than welcome to keep them under the tent with you (contained in cages, of course). Or you just brought one or two and want to sit in the car with them in the AC - you can do that. Our goal is to maintain safe social distancing, and if you feel that is achieved by keeping them outside the barn, you can do that this year.
  4. Canopies/ Pop up tents at the fair - these are permitted, since our goal is to use the barn for the animals and limit activity within to exhibitors tending to their animals. Where can you put them? At least 20 feet from our show tent. Social distancing between families must be observed. We must keep drive aisle clear – see map
  5. The barn will not be set up as usual this year. Bringing your own cages/containers for the day, you will select an 8ft zone marked on the floor of the barn. Keep your cages as tightly condensed as possible to facilitate distancing between spaces and allowing 6ft distance/walkway between you and the next exhibitor.
  6. You will be responsible for collapsing and restacking the fair cage appropriately at the end of your show. Everyone must bring your own supplies to clean this space yourself at dismissal – No bedding, feed, containers, or trash can be left in the barn.

### **Spectators:**

1. There are no spectators allowed this year. That being said, you as family may watch your child show their project animal. A standing space will be provided distancing you from the ring and participants, please follow guidelines and help distance yourselves as well.
2. Once your child has finished, please move out of the area to allow other parents to view their own kid(s) and follow distancing guidelines. Again, the tent area is considered show space, so masks will be required to stand and view.

### **Masks:**

1. Face masks should be worn at the fair by all attending - please refer to the rules stated in the Delaware County 4-H news updates.
2. No one will be permitted at the check-in tables, to enter a barn or show ring without a face mask (strictly enforced).
3. If you or a family member has a medical reason to not wear a mask, you must contact the 4H office prior to Friday, 9/18, to complete and provide documentation. Delaware County 4-H Office Phone: 740-833-2030

### **Symptom Check:**

1. Just a Band Apper that state and 4-H protocol is to do a daily Covid self-symptom check. Again, please refer to your 4-H updates for details. If you have symptoms, please stay home and reach out to Justin Mack the Rabbit Committee Chair 740-815-8556

## **Market Show:**

1. 3 show rings within the tent – See picture for setup
2. Judging Stations – total of 6, 2 per show ring:
  - a. judging coops
  - b. 1 Judge
  - c. 1 Writer – JR Fair Kid
  - d. 1 Volunteer – Adult to help organize/ weigh
  - e. 1 sanitizer per show ring (help weigh)

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### **Communication day of show:**

1. Show program will be on 4-H app
2. Will utilize Band App: This will be used to call classes to table, and get people on deck.
  - a. (Note: People are going to be in the Barn, under the tent, in the parking lot, and outside. Our sound system is not going to reach that far. We will be using the Band App to announce classes, location and on deck so we can reach everyone.

### **Process:**

1. Show start: Microphone & Band app for 1<sup>st</sup> class to start.
2. Exhibitors enter show rings 10 at a time, 6' apart.
3. Place rabbits in coop.
4. Place note card from check-in that has their Name, Exhibitor number & class in front of coop.
5. Leave the show ring.
6. Committee to weigh rabbits at the show table.
7. We are asking the judges not to move the rabbits around so the Exhibitors can easily find where they placed the animal.
8. Writer comes in and records placements.
9. Microphone & Band app for top 10 to come in and stand with their rabbits for recognition and awards.
10. Microphone & Band app for rest to come into ring and grab their animals
11. Animals are to be taken to the buyers trailer inside the barn, right away unless being used for showmanship or not selling.
12. Committee is required to sanitize coops between exhibitors. Before next class is called up.
  - a. spray and wipe down.
13. Call next class up.

### **Buyer setup:**

1. All rabbits being listed in the virtual sale will be placed on the buyers trailer right after show.
2. Culls will be allowed after the market show for 2 hrs. Paying \$1/LB

## **Showmanship:**

1. 3 show rings within the tent – See picture for setup
2. Judging Stations – total of 6, 2 per show ring:
  - a. Remove judging coops.
  - b. Place carpet squares on table – Replace Between Kids
  - c. Place 3 Exhibitors per station
  - d. 1 Judge
  - e. 1 Writer – JR Fair Kid
  - f. 1 Sanitizer per show ring

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### **Class Sizes:**

1. 8-9 Year: 13 – Ring 3
2. 10-11 Year: 18 – Ring 2
3. 12-13 Year: 24 – Ring 1
4. 14-15 Year: 8 – Ring 2
5. 16-18 Year: 11 – Ring 3
6. Showman of Showmen: 5
7. 74 total exhibitors

### **Process:**

1. Show start: Microphone & Band App for 1<sup>st</sup> class to start.
2. Kids enter show rings 3 per table at a time, 6' apart.
3. Kids stand at table with rabbits.
4. Judge to start,
5. Committee is required to Sanitize tables & carpets between exhibitors. Before next group is called up.
  - a. spray and wipe down.
6. Writer comes in and records placements.
7. Microphone & Band App for top 5 to come in and stand with their rabbits for recognition and awards.

## **Breed/ Show Rabbit:**

1. 3 show rings within the tent – See picture for setup
2. Judging Stations – total of 6, 2 per show ring:
  - a. judging coops
  - b. 1 Judge
  - c. 1 Writer – JR Fair Kid
  - d. 1 Volunteer – Adult to help organize/ weigh
  - e. 1 sanitizer per show ring (help weigh)

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### **Class Sizes:**

1. Californian: 44
2. New Zealand: 44
3. Satin: 20
4. Other Breeds 6 Class: 13
5. Dutch: 12
6. Holland Lop: 13
7. Mini Lop: 14
8. Netherland Dwarf: 21
9. Mini Rex: 29
10. Jersey Wooley: 2
11. Other Breeds 4 Class: 30

### **Process:**

1. Show start: Microphone & Band app for 1<sup>st</sup> class to start.
2. Exhibitors enter show rings 10 at a time, 6' apart.
3. Place rabbits in coop.
4. Place note card from check-in that has their Name, Exhibitor number & class in front of coop.
5. Leave the show ring.



6. We are asking the judges not to move the rabbits around so the Exhibitors can easily find where they placed the animal.
7. Writer comes in and records placements.
8. Microphone & Band app for top 5 to come in and stand with their rabbits for recognition and awards per class.
  - a. Breed Class winners will remain at the table until best of breed.
9. Microphone & Band app for rest to come into ring and grab their animals
10. Committee is required to sanitize coops between exhibitors. Before next class is called up.
  - a. spray and wipe down.
11. Call next class up.

**End of Show:**

1. Once your show is complete and you are done for the day you are free to leave. Please clean up your area before leaving.