

## 2025-2026 TRUMBULL COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR BEEF RULES

1. The Steer/Species' Committee will consist of four (4) adults and five (5) members at a ratio of one (1) adult and one (1) member per club with representation proportionate to each club's membership. The names of these committee members will be submitted with the club and county rules by the November Livestock Sale Committee meeting. The committee will have one (1) chairperson who will be elected by the members of the committee.
2. Exhibitors may acquire their steers any place they choose. The club's Steer (species) Committee will assist those requesting assistance.
3. There is no ceiling set price paid for steers by the exhibitors.
4. It is SUGGESTED steers weigh no less than 450 lbs. on the day of weigh in.
5. Steers must be in possession of the exhibitor by weigh in.
6. All animals (steers/heifers) will be *checked in* at the fairgrounds the first Sunday of December between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. They will be ear tagged, weighed, checked for castration, and any other procedures deemed necessary at the time. **There will be no tagging of animals on trailers/trucks.**
7. First year members may have one (1) steer to be shown live or carcass or one (1) beef feeder; after the first year, members may take a maximum of four (4). (Maximum two (2) to compete in either show - 2 live or 2 carcass). All members, with the exception of first year and last year members, must bring one live project to be able to bring a carcass project.
8. One steer may be tagged by multiple siblings (in the same household) as long as it's declared on all siblings' forms. Steer may be used for showmanship, market or carcass as long as it is declared at fair weigh-in which sibling will be showing the steer.
9. All steers must be polled or dehorned and properly castrated (steered) and completely healed, before December weigh-in and prior to 8 months of age.
10. Animals must be born on or after January 1, 2025. Market animals must not have permanent incisor teeth showing. No market beef animal will be permitted to be tagged in at the December weigh-in if any permanent teeth are evident.
11. All animals showing in the regular beef show must be from herds containing 100% beef ancestors on both the dam and sire sides.
12. A registered steer must be designated as such at the December weigh in where the ear tattoos will be checked. *The copies of the registration papers, which match the ear tattoos, are due by April 1, 2026.* Breed show will be available for three (3) or more steers registered in any one breed. Should three (3) registered steers not be present, they will have the option to declare AOB or crossbred (declared by April 1st).
13. Steers will be placed in as many classes as conditions warrant by the Steer (Species) Committee. The Grand and Reserve Champions will sell first, then the top five (5), and then the Trumbull County Born and Bred followed by the first place Showmanship winners. Then all the first-place winners, followed by the second place animals, and on down the line. Any animal weighing less than 1,100 lbs. will not be eligible to be shown in the

market show or sale. Exhibitors with animals weighing less than 1,100lbs but deemed finished have the right to contest eligibility. Market steers/heifers weighing less than 1,100lb will still be eligible for showmanship. Steer classes will be split by weight. If class needs to be split, it will occur according to tag number (ascending order).

14. Re-Weights must be done at the time of weigh-in. The weight master will determine the weight. Animals will not be permitted to return to the scales.

15. Steers judged as Grand and Reserve Champion must be sold in the Beef Sale at the Trumbull County Fair.

16. Steers and Beef Feeders pulled out of the Sale must be pulled no later than one (1) hour after the completion of the Show. (*Notify Livestock Sale Committee with the pull fee (\$10) and appropriate paperwork.*)

17. Members selling animals in the Jr. Fair Livestock Sale will pay a sale fee determined by the Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee.

18. The Top Five (5) will be selected by the judge pulling various numbers from the classes with the next steer in place from the class of each chosen.

19. Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal but may be assisted by any **immediate** member of the family if help is needed. If an exhibitor has 2 animals in one class, one must be shown by the exhibitor, and the other by any Trumbull Co. Jr. Fair member. Grooming is to be done by the 4-H exhibitor on his or her own animal but may be assisted by an immediate member of the family, advisor or Trumbull County Beef Booster 4-H member if help is needed. **Family as is defined by the Ohio Revised Code.**

20. An exhibitor must show his/her own animal in Showmanship class. Unless, under certain circumstances, the Steer (species) Committee may approve the showing of another animal. Showmanship participation is mandatory for all club members.

21. The club's advisors must check each steer for its ability to be **led by June 1**. Artificial means of controlling animal(s), such as blindfolds, shall be prohibited and deem the animal unleadable. **If a steer cannot be led by the June 1st deadline, it will not be permitted at fair.** If any steer is successfully shown at a show after March 1st, it will be deemed leadable and will not need to be checked at farm tour. All steers must be led outside of the barn by the youth member during this time. No exceptions.

22. Any animal needing blindfolds or other artificial controlling devices (other than halters) will not be permitted to participate in the show or sale at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds.

23. No advertising may appear on the person showing a beef animal in any Jr. Fair Show.

24. Exhibitors must abide by the code of conduct established by the club's advisors, the Extension Office, Jr. Fair Board, and the Senior Fair Board.

25. Representatives from Jr. Fair and the Extension Office may be present during the show.

26. Exhibitors will wear his/her organization attire for the Jr. Fair Show and Sale (i.e. jeans, club shirt, leather boots/footwear).

27. It is mandatory that every member with a Beef Project complete the Beef

**Skillathon in order to exhibit his/her animal at the fair and in order to be eligible for best project award.**

**28. All animals placed in the Top Five (5) will stay in their stall areas, and will be clearly marked as Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion as well as other places in lieu of moving to Champion Row.**

#### **BEEF CARCASS RULES**

1. Exhibitors may tag up to two (2) steer(s)/heifer(s) for the purpose of carcass. The steer/heifer must be acquired by and weighed in by December, as stated in the rules for the live steers.

2. In the carcass class, live weight requirements are the same as the live steer show rules (**suggested beginning weight 450 lbs. or greater at weigh in, and final weight of at least 1,100 lbs.**)

3. Carcass participants must declare carcass animal(s) at farm tour in May. You may designate whichever animal(s) at carcass weigh in.

4. Sale fees are the same as for live steers

5. Minimum standards acceptable for sale are:

A.) Carcass size weighing between 550 and 1000 lbs.

B.) Yield Grades of 3.99 and lower, except prime carcass up to yield grade

4.5.

C.) Quality Grades of Prime, Choice, and Select.

6. All carcasses that meet the minimum set standards will be auctioned off by the pound.

7. Exhibitors must complete a carcass project book and will be expected to attend training sessions, and to be present at the live steer evaluation the day the carcass steers/heifers are brought to the fairgrounds.

8. Exhibitors will be responsible for the carcass and all of the processing cost if the steer/heifer does not meet minimum standards to sell. Buyers will be responsible for all processing cost for carcasses just as they would a live steer.

9. Steer/Heifers designated for the carcass class must be able to lead for the live evaluation just as steers scheduled for fair exhibition. All steers must be led outside of the barn by the youth member during this time. No exceptions.

10. There will be a trophy given for the carcass steer/heifer with the greatest rate of gain.

11. Steers/Heifers will be taken to the fairgrounds for display and weighed in at a time to be announced at a later date by the Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee. The steers/heifers will then be taken to the packing house. Judging and results will then be announced at a later date.

12. If calculation error(s) are found, the corrected calculations will replace the

incorrect ones.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Showmanship includes: 1) Appearance of the animal; 2) Ability to properly pose the animal; 3) Ability to move the animal as directed by the judge; and 4) Project knowledge.

**These standards will be communicated to the judge prior to the show and will be applied at the judge's discretion. The judge's decision is final.**

2. Exhibitors may dress in Showmanship attire or organizational attire for showmanship.

CLASSES: (*Age as of Jan. 1*)

NOVICE - any first-year exhibitor (ages 8-11)\*

JUNIOR - ages 9-11

INTERMEDIATE- ages 12-15

SENIOR - ages 16-18

SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN - all division winners of current year

\*Any first-year member aged 12-18 would have the option to show in one division down their first year only.

## **OUTSTANDING MARKET BEEF PROJECT**

The outstanding project award is based on the following components (300 pts max):

- a. Class (market/carcass) Placing (100 pts)
- b. Showmanship Placing (100 pts)
- c. Skillathon Score (100 pts)

The Outstanding Market Beef Project Award will be given to the highest scoring member in each division. In case of a tie, each member will be granted the title. \*Club to purchase additional banner and award if tie occurs.

## **RATE OF GAIN**

All steers weighed in at the fair grounds at the time of weigh in will be eligible for R.O.G. Weights will be turned over to the Extension Office by Jan 20th.

## **TRUMBULL COUNTY BORN & BRED DIVISION**

Any live steer may participate in this class if the following qualifications are met:

1) The steer is to be designated as a Trumbull County Born & Bred calf at the in.

*December weigh 2)* The exhibitor is to have proper documentation, approved by an advisor, as proof of the steer's eligibility. (Examples - certification by breeder, animal registration forms, etc.) *Copies of this documentation need to be turned in at the December weigh in.*

3) Trumbull County Born & Bred steers/market heifers will show in their own class during the market show. Exhibitors will declare their intent to show in the Trumbull County Born & Bred class during weigh-in Monday of fair week.

## **HEIFERS**

1. All animals must be enrolled at the Extension Office by April 1. This being either registered or crossbred heifer (*forms available and must be completed and mailed to Extension*)

*Office by the exhibitor).*

2. Animals must be in the exhibitor's or family farm name.
3. Exhibitors will be limited to three (3) heifers.
4. Any animals not having official registration papers will be shown as crossbreds. All heifers will show by age in accordance with Trumbull County Fair Open Class rules.
5. There must be at least three (3) heifers of a breed to constitute a class for that breed; otherwise, it will show in the All Other Breed (AOB) class. Crossbreds cannot show in the AOB class.
6. All heifers must have all vaccinations and/or medications required by the State and/or County in order to show at the Trumbull County Fair.

#### **COW-CALF**

A cow-calf class will show separate from the heifers after the heifer show concludes.

#### **BEEF FEEDER PROJECT**

1. **Steers** and heifers will be accepted.
2. All calves must be dehorned and/or castrated and completely healed by fair.
3. All calves must weigh between 250-650 lbs.
4. All calves must originate from herds containing 100% beef ancestors on both dam and sire sides.
5. Exhibitors may have only 1 beef feeder project.
6. Feeder Calves will be placed in classes according to weight.
7. Awards will only be given to the first and second place feeder calves.
  8. Feeder Calves must be tagged on the last Saturday in April at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds and registration turned in by the following Monday to the Extension Office.
9. All calves will be weighed in on the first day of fair.
10. All feeder calves must have all vaccinations and/or medications required by the State and/or County in order to show at the Trumbull County Fair.
11. The animal must be in the member's possession 60 days prior to the start of the Trumbull County Fair.

#### **Finley Williams**

**Cory Kibler**

**Ken Steepleton**

**Revised and adopted September 22, 2025.**

#### **2025-2026 Steer Species Committee**

Sarah Imhoff

**Kyle Richards**

**Blake Miller Tyler Palumbo**

**Stephanie Webster**

Jamie Lewis

#### **2025-2026 Steer Show Committee**

Sarah Imhoff

Hunter Miller

**Doug Williams**

Josh Schrock

**Wyatt Steepleton**

**Abba Kibler**

**Tyson Webster**

**Alternate: Kyle Richards**