

2026 TRUMBULL COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SWINE RULES

Tagging Day: April 25, 2026, 8:00-10:00 AM

Fair Live Weigh In: July 14, 2026 8:00-10:00AM

PURCHASE OF MARKET HOG

A. The exhibitor may acquire their projects any place they choose. Exhibitors are encouraged to ask for assistance of their advisors.

B. There is no ceiling set on the price paid for projects.

C. All exhibitors must have projects in their possession and tagged by the 4th Saturday in April (4/26/25) in order to exhibit their hogs in the live and/or carcass show and sale at the Trumbull County Fair. Exhibitors must bring their hog projects to the Trumbull County Fairgrounds on this date between *8 am and 10 am* to be tagged and registered. All hogs must be tagged at this time unless prior approval by the Swine Committee.

D. Exhibit Registration Forms must be turned in at tagging on the 4th Saturday in April (4/25/26). If the exhibit Registration Forms are not received at that time, the exhibitor's hogs will not be eligible to participate in the live and/or carcass show or sale at the Trumbull County Fair, unless prior approval by the Swine Committee.

E. Exhibitors are required to declare on tagging day (4/25/26) on their Exhibit Registration Forms their intent to show a purebred hog. Exhibitors that do not declare participation on their Exhibit Registration Form will not be permitted to participate at a later date. Declaring intent to participate does not make participation mandatory.

F. Exhibitors are required to declare on tagging day (4/25/26), on their Exhibit Registration Forms, that they intend to participate in the Carcass competition in order to be eligible for the Carcass competition. Exhibitors that do not declare participation on their Exhibit Registration Form will not be permitted to participate at a later date. Declaring intent to participate does not make participation mandatory.

G. The Junior Fair is a barrow or gilt show. Only barrows and gilts will be tagged.

H. An exhibitor who has previously shown swine may tag up to five (5) projects which includes one (1) carcass project and two (2) for the live exhibition. First year exhibitors may tag three (3) projects, which includes one (1) carcass and one (1) live exhibition. If the exhibitor chooses not to do carcass, they can exhibit (2) live. All projects must be tagged on the 4th Saturday in April (4/25/26) at the Trumbull County Fairgrounds.

I. Up to three hogs may be tagged by multiple siblings (in the same household) as long as it's declared on all siblings' forms as one of three for first year members or one of five for following years. Hogs may be used for showmanship, market or carcass as long as it is declared at weigh-in which sibling will be showing the hogs.

CHARITY HOG

- A. The 4-H Member chosen to raise the Charity Hog will declare their intent on the 4th Saturday in April (4/25/2026). A letter of intent must be written to the Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee by their June Meeting. One Charity Hog to be raised by each Swine Club.

SHOW AND SALE

A. A market hog must weigh a minimum live weight of 220 pounds or a maximum of 320 pounds. If the hog does not meet the minimum weight requirement or exceeds the maximum weight requirement, that hog will not be permitted to participate in any market hog show and will be sent home immediately following the conclusion of the weigh-in. However, in the case of showmanship, a hog weighing less than 220 pounds, or more than 320 pounds may be shown if the exhibitor does not have another hog meeting the minimum/maximum weight requirements. If a hog weighing less than the 220 pounds minimum weight limit or more than the maximum of 320 pounds is shown in a showmanship class, it is still not eligible to be auctioned off at the livestock auction.

B. Copies of registration papers must be turned in to an advisor during fair weigh-in when declaring your final intent to show in the purebred division.

C. The Weighmasters will weigh all projects. *Re-weighs must be declared immediately. Any overweight or underweight hog may reweigh during the 8:00-10:00 AM weigh-in on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Weigh-in for live projects will be held during the Trumbull county Fair on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 from 8:00-10:00AM. An advisor must be present if you wish to weigh your hog(s) prior to weigh-in.*

D. Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms and the exhibitor (or an appointed representative) must be present at the time of weigh in. If either the forms or exhibitor / representative are not present by the conclusion of weigh in, the hog(s) will not be weighed and the exhibitor will not be permitted to participate and the hog(s) will be sent home. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

E. Each exhibitor of live hogs will be allotted one (1) pen. In the event that there are unused (open) pens, and there are exhibitors requesting more than one pen, those requests will be assigned using a lottery system, at 8:00 pm the night of the weigh in. Lottery awarded pens are to be used for livestock only. On the day of fair clean up, if numbers allow, all youth will be able to have one pen per hog if so desired. Again hogs only, no tack.

F. The purebred show may consist of the following breeds: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Herford, Landrace, Poland Chins, Spot, Tamworth, or Yorkshire.

- i) There must be a minimum of 8 hogs to have a purebred division.
- ii) Each class must have a minimum of 3 hogs per breed
- iii) Breeds not meeting the minimum number of head will show as AOB.
 - (1) AOB classes will be broken down by weight same as the crossbred division.

G. All hogs that meet the minimum weight requirement will be divided into weight classes for the Market Hog Show using the following guidelines:

- Classes will begin with the lightest hog(s) first and go up in weight.
- Classes should consist of no more than 8 hogs per class.
 - Classes will be made up of hogs of varying weights while maintaining the smallest possible weight ranges.
 - Class sizes should be adjusted to keep all identical weight hogs in the same class. For example: All hogs weighing 254 lbs. need to be in the same class.
 - If identical weight hogs must be split between two different classes, then they will be placed by ear tag number with the lowest ear tag numbers going into the earlier class and the higher ear tag numbers going into the following class.
 - There is no set number of classes, the number of classes will depend on the total number of hogs meeting the minimum weight specification and consisting of no more than 8 hogs per class.
 - Then the classes will be divided into two divisions, referred to as the lightweight and the heavyweight divisions. The two divisions will be divided, as equally as possible, with preferably an equal number of classes and an equal number of hogs in each.

H. In the case an exhibitor has two (2) projects in one class, one will be shown by the exhibitor, the other by another member or person of the Jr. Fair qualification for Trumbull County.

I. Each exhibitor entering a class must show their own animal except as provided in H above.

J. All members must abide by the rules for grooming established by the State and Sr. Fairboard. Both showmanship and the market show will be water-only shows with the exception of shampoo.

K. The Jr. Fair Swine Show is a partial-terminal show, meaning that the Grand & Reserve Champion Hogs must sell and be sent directly to slaughter following the conclusion of the fair.

L. 2026 Show Judge Committee will be the following: **Tyler Palumbo, Hunter Miller, Cayden Rappach, Gary Rice, Kyle Quinn and Missy Harper**. These members will research potential judges for our 2026 fair and meet to discuss these judges. Once a top 5 list of judges has been decided on, a **club advisor** will then contact the judges to see who is available and work the list top to bottom, contacting the 1st choice judge first and then down through the list until one is available and confirmed to judge our show. The top five judge selections must be announced at the first meeting in January 2026.

M. **SHOW ORDER:** Hogs will be judged in weight classes. A process of elimination will occur within the class. With the poorest animal being released first.

- The show will begin with the Purebred Division and will show alphabetically those breeds meeting the minimum number required for the breed and proceeding onto the AOB with the lightest class competing first and proceeding onto the next heaviest class, until all of the classes within the Purebred Division have been judged. After all of the Purebred Division classes have been judged and placed, all of the first place hogs from each class will return to determine the Top Five hogs within the Purebred Division. After the Purebred Division overall winner has been

chosen, the second place hog from the winner's original breed/weight class will enter the show ring to compete for second overall within the division. This process will continue with bringing in the next placing hog from the next chosen hog's original breed/weight class until the Purebred Division Overall Top Five have been chosen.

- The Lightweight Division will follow the Purebred Division with the lightest class competing first, and proceeding onto the next heaviest class, until all of the classes within the Lightweight Division have been judged.
- After all of the Lightweight Division classes have been judged and placed, all of the first place hogs from each class will return to determine the Top Five hogs within the Lightweight Division. After the Lightweight Division overall winner has been chosen, the second place hog from the winner's original weight class will enter the show ring to compete for second overall within the division. This process will continue with bringing in the next placing hog from the next chosen hog's original weight class until the Lightweight Division Overall Top Five have been chosen.
- The exact same process will be used to determine the Heavyweight Division Overall Top Five.
- Then the **top hog** from each division will return to the show ring to compete for Grand Champion. After the Grand Champion has been chosen, the second place hog from the Grand Champion's division will enter the show ring to compete for Reserve Champion. This process will continue with bringing in the next placing hog from the chosen hog's division, until the Top Five Overall hogs have been chosen.

N. All market hogs must be sold at the Trumbull County Livestock Sale unless pulled out by 8pm on Thursday July 16th in writing to the Swine Committee and/or Swine Advisor with the appropriate fee attached.

O. The sale order will be as follows: (1) Grand & Reserve Champion. (2) The remaining Top 5 Overall Hogs. (3) Showmanship Winners: Supreme Showman, followed by remaining showmanship winners in the order of Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice (excluding the division winner that won Supreme Showman). (4) Outstanding Project Winners in the order of Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Novice excluding showmanship winners selling before (5) The remaining Top 5 of the Purebred, Lightweight and Heavyweight division excluding the top 5 overall in the order of grand, reserve, third and so on. (6) Order of placing in each class, beginning with the next heaviest class throughout the classes. (7) Charity Hog.

P. The Trumbull County Livestock Sale Committee will determine all sale fees.

Q. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals until they are picked up by the buyer. This means feeding, watering, and clean bedding.

R. If a hog is unable to enter the scales, show ring, or the sales ring under its own power, it will not be permitted to show or sell, and is subject to dismissal pending Junior Fair Board and the fair veterinarian's recommendations.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

A. Showmanship includes: appearance of the exhibitor and project, ability to show the animal using only steering instrument chosen, and the ability to move as directed while maintaining proper eye contact.

B. Classes are: Novice – 1st year swine members ages 8-11 years of age, Junior – 9 to 11 years of age, Intermediate – 12 to 15 years of age, Senior – 16 to 18 years of age. First year members over 12 years of age may choose to show one age group below those stated above. A member's age is based upon their 4-H age, which is their age on January 1, 2026.

C. Classes with more than 8 participants will be split equally using an alphabetical system, based upon the participant's last name, starting with the A's and continuing through the alphabet until the classes are split as equally as possible. In cases where siblings are competing in the same age group with a class split, the siblings will be assigned separate classes, with the alphabetical system being used to fill the remaining class participants. Selection of the top participants from each class will then compete for division champion. The four division champions will then return after all the divisions have been determined and compete against each other to determine the "Supreme Showman". *Participants must use same hog throughout showmanship competition.

D. Outstanding Swine Project will be awarded to an exhibitor in the Novice, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions. Exhibitors score in project judging, class placement (using either your live OR carcass class placement, whichever is higher), and showmanship placement determines the winner. In case of a tie, the exhibitor with the highest placement in showmanship wins. Members must make initial skill-a-thon date or official makeup date specified by the 4-H Educator in order to be eligible for outstanding project.

SAFETY AND APPAREL

A. Exhibitors may choose to wear either their club shirt or a button up, collared style western shirt while participating in the showmanship competition. Exhibitors must wear their club shirt while participating in the market hog competition and while selling their projects(s). Exhibitors are expected to dress in a clean, neat, and orderly fashion when showing and selling their project(s). Exhibitors are not permitted to wear any type of hat or any type of advertising while showing or selling their project(s). The charity hog exhibitor is exempt from above apparel rules.

B. All pens must be cleaned daily.

C. Proper attire should be worn at ALL times when dealing with hogs. This especially includes **NO OPEN TOED SHOES** (flip-flops, sandals, etc.) **Participation will be denied until proper footwear is acquired.**

D. Any problems with the aforementioned rules will be brought to the Swine Committee for a final decision. **Swine Committee: *The members of the committee will pick the Chairperson of the committee. The Chairperson is responsible for holding a meeting of the entire committee within 5 days of being notified.*** The Swine Committee members are: Sarah Imhoff (330-246-0819), Cory Kibler (330-770-8023), Hunter Miller (330-240-1569), Avery Rice (330-978-4038), Annslee Quinn (330-442-8233) Alternatives: Sophia Balzer (330-719-1123), Brian Luoma (330-442-6020).

SWINE CARCASS CONTEST RULES

A. A Carcass hog must meet the minimum live weight of 220 pounds. If the hog does not meet the minimum weight requirement, that hog will not be permitted to participate in the carcass hog competition. However, that hog is still eligible to be used in the live market show if it meets the minimum weight requirement at the time of the market show weigh-in. A member may choose to weigh more than one hog to determine which hog they will enter into the carcass hog competition.

B. The Weightmasters will weigh all projects. *Re-weighs must be declared immediately and reweighed within the Carcass weigh-in time given.* **Carcass weigh-in is to be determined. Youth will be notified of weigh-in date and time once it is scheduled.** An advisor must be present if you wish to weigh your hog(s) prior to weigh in.

C. Drug Use Notification (DUNF) Forms and the exhibitor (or an appointed representative) must be present at the time of weigh in. If either the forms or exhibitor / representative are not present by the conclusion of weigh in, the hog(s) will not be weighed and the exhibitor will not be permitted to participate and the hog(s) will be sent home. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

D. ALL carcass hog exhibitors will complete and turn in a cutting instruction sheet prior to their animal being loaded on the truck for the packing plant (slaughterhouse). This sheet will include, but not be limited to the exhibitor's name, address, phone number, who is to process (cut) the animal, and how to package the cuts of meat (i.e. how many pork chops in a package etc.). Exhibitors will be responsible for the carcass and all processing costs if the animal does not sell at the sale. Animals need to be picked up as soon as possible after processing. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE PACKING PLANT WITHOUT CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS.**

E. In order for an exhibitor to be eligible for the Carcass competition, they must declare their intent to participate on their Exhibit Registration Form on tagging day (4/25/26).

F. The carcass animal may be either a barrow or gilt. This animal is chosen from the previous 3 or 5 tagged.

G. All carcass hogs must meet the Pork Carcass Evaluation Guidelines, established by the Trumbull County Fairboard, in order to be eligible for sale at the Trumbull County Livestock Sale. All eligible carcass hogs must be sold at the Trumbull County Livestock Sale unless pulled from the sale by 8pm on Thursday, July 16th, 2026 in writing to the Swine Committee and/or Swine Advisor with the appropriate fee attached.

H. All carcass animals will be sold by hanging weight.

I. Trumbull County Sale Committee will determine all sale fees.

J. Cooler participation is at the discretion of the Trumbull County Fair Director(s).

K. If a hog is unable to enter the scales, show ring, or the sales ring under its own power, it will

not be permitted to show or sell, and is subject to dismissal pending Junior Fair Board and the fair veterinarian's recommendations.

CARCASS STANDARDS

Per Carcass Guidelines adopted by Trumbull County Fairboard.

Judge(s) decision is final.

**Note: Carcass Competition is under the jurisdiction of Trumbull County Fairboard:
Junior Fair Committee Directors.**

Approved by the majority of members present October 5, 2025.