

2026 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY RULES (TURKEY/CHICKEN/DUCK / GOOSE & FOWL)

Poultry Showmanship Rules

1. The exhibitor must use their own bird in Showmanship. In the event that a member only has one project and it gets sent home, the member may request permission from another family to exhibit their bird in showmanship.
2. Showmanship Classes are (as of January 1; 4-H age):
 - Novice: Any exhibitor who has never shown a poultry project before (First year members)
 - Junior: Ages 9-12
 - Intermediate: Ages 13-15
 - Senior: 16-18

*Showman of Showmen: First place winners from novice, junior, intermediate and senior divisions to compete for an overall showman of showmen winner.

3. There will be showmanship for market poultry exhibitors and a separate showmanship for fancy poultry exhibitors. Exhibitors may participate in both.

Poultry Project Judging/Skillathon

1. This will be held prior to the fair during the designated Animal Project Judging date (Tuesday, June 2, 2026).
2. Judging will be on only the species in your project. (i.e. if you are only showing ducks, you will only be judged on ducks).
3. **Project judging is required for all members to participate in Jr. Fair, receive credit for the project for the year and participate in the outstanding project award.**

Non-Market Poultry (Fancy Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Fowl & Egg Production)

1. All exhibitors **must** attend mandatory Quality Assurance Training.
2. All non-market poultry exhibited at the fair must submit registration to the 4-H office by April 1 of the exhibition year.
3. Exhibitors must **CLEARLY** mark the number of birds they will be exhibiting on their registration forms. Breeds must be provided by the skillathon date.
4. The number of allowed chickens per exhibitor is 10 (max; subject to change based on number of exhibitors). The number of allowed turkeys/ducks/ geese/fowl per exhibitor will be determined by the number of exhibitors, registered animals, and cage availability. **First year/Novice members will be limited to 2 birds.**
5. Pullorum Blood Testing is required by the State of Ohio on all Non-Market Chickens and Turkeys over 16 weeks old.
6. **Exhibitors must make arrangements to have poultry pullorum tested prior to fair.** Members **MUST** bring verification of pullorum test with their birds and present appropriate paperwork to poultry species chair before animal is caged/enters barn.
 - a. Exhibitors can enroll in the Ohio Poultry Association NPIP program to have their poultry tested, OR
 - b. 4-H clubs may host a pullorum testing clinic, OR
 - c. 4-H members may have their birds pullorum tested by a licensed veterinarian.
7. Ducks, Geese, and other Waterfowl do not require Pullorum testing.
8. All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their poultry during the fair and cleaning up after their own bird. **All poultry must be fed, watered, and pens cleaned by 10:00 a.m. every day by the youth exhibitor (on respective show days, pens must be cleaned prior to start of show). Birds must be attended to again by 6:00 pm each evening. Pens must have sufficient bedding and remain clean throughout the day.** All pens must be cleaned out prior to leaving the last day of fair.
9. All Junior Fair exhibitors must sign up and serve on barn duty. Remember the care of your poultry is not the responsibility of those serving barn duty.
10. **All birds must be in place by Monday, July 13, 2026 by 10:00 pm.**
11. Non-Market poultry projects cannot be moved and or released until 7:00 p.m. the last day of fair.
12. Poultry barn ventilation will be provided. Exhibitors may bring battery operated fans (only) for their projects.
13. Exhibitors must provide their own feed, appropriately sized feed & water bowls, and bedding during the fair. No solo cups permitted. It is the responsibility of the youth exhibitor to provide sufficient sized bowls to allow access to clean drinking water at all times.
14. Show attire: All exhibitors must wear show attire. This includes: long pants, close-toed shoes, club shirt and white lab coat.
15. **Egg Production Project** - all non-market rules apply, including Skillathon and QA. Youth is required to bring one dozen eggs for judging following the Fancy Show. Youth is not required to exhibit any live poultry during fair week.

Market Poultry Rules (Turkey, Chicken, Duck, & Goose)

<u>Market Poultry</u>	<u>Min/Max Weight Per Bird or Pen</u>	<u>Birds/Pen</u>	<u>Max Birds ordered through club per pen</u>
Broad Breasted White Turkeys	22.0 lbs./45.0 lbs.	1	3
Signature Broad Breasted Turkeys (small breed)	18.0 lbs/25.0 lbs	1	3
Broiler Chickens	5.0 lbs/8.0 lbs./bird 24.0 lbs./pen	3	8
Chickens (Heritage)* (Cockerel only)	5.0 lbs./9.0 lbs./bird 27.0 lbs./pen	3	8
Pekin Ducks	Min. 5.0 lbs.	1	3
White Embden Geese	Min. 8.0 lbs.	1	3

* Suggested Heritage Chicken Breeds include: New Hampshire Red, Buff Orpington, Cornish, Sussex, Dorking, Black Australorp, Barred Plymouth Rock, Dominique, Wyandotte, or Delaware.

ALL MARKET POULTRY EXHIBITORS & PARENTS MUST SIGN A POULTRY SLAUGHTERING AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT IT ON APRIL 1ST TO THE SENIOR FAIR OFFICE.

1. All market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese will be ordered by the Poultry Committee. Members are permitted to hatch heritage breeds if desired.
2. Project birds must be picked up the designated location and time frame TBD. If project birds are not picked during specified time, project will be forfeited.
3. Youth exhibitors must submit registration with the number of market poultry to the 4-H office by April 1.
4. All exhibitors must attend a mandatory Quality Assurance class.
5. All market poultry not meeting weight requirements will be disqualified at weigh-in and must be removed from the grounds immediately.
6. Chicken Pens will consist of 3 birds.
7. In the case a pen does not make weight, a member is able to bring one extra bird per pen exhibited to weigh-in. Any extras must be removed from the grounds immediately following weigh-in.
8. Exhibitors limited to two pens of each poultry species (i.e. 2 turkey pens, 2 chicken pens, 2 duck pens, 2 goose pens). Maximum 4 TOTAL pens per Livestock Sale Committee. Novice/First-Year Members are only permitted to bring one pen of one species of market

poultry.

9. All turkey and goose exhibition pens will be furnished by the exhibitor. Pens must be 3x3x3 and must have a bottom. (Plastic Pet crates and/or Enclosed Pet Taxis are not allowed).
10. All birds must be in place by **6:00 pm on Monday, July 13, 2026**. Weigh-in for market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese will be at **6:30 pm on Monday, July 13, 2026** in the poultry barn.
11. Tags will be provided to market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese project members and should be attached prior to weigh-in.
12. Any market poultry deemed unmarketable by the vet may not be sold in the Jr. Livestock Sale.
13. Show Order will be as follows: Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Places 3-5, Outstanding Project, Showman of Showmen, 1st Place Showmanship Winners (Senior through Novice), Charity Pen, and then descending order by weight (heritage following broilers). Species order follows Livestock Sale order (chicken, turkey, duck, goose).
14. If any market poultry cannot be sold following the Judge's placement, then each placement will move up and rank. (i.e. Reserve Champion will become Grand Champion if Grand Champion cannot be sold).
15. All market poultry must be sold at the Jr. Livestock Sale, or pulled within two hours post-market show and fees paid to the Livestock Sale Committee. Grand & Reserve must be sold as a terminal sale.
16. **All market turkeys, chickens, ducks and goose pens must arrive to the fair clean. All market poultry must be kept clean, fed & watered by 10:00 a.m. each day by the youth exhibitor (on respective show days, pens must be cleaned prior to start of show). Market poultry must be attended to again by 6:00 pm each evening. It is the responsibility of the youth exhibitor to make sure their market poultry have access to clean drinking water at all times. Pens must have sufficient bedding and remain clean throughout the day.** Market poultry will be permitted to be bathed no later than the day before the show.
17. All Junior Fair exhibitors must sign up and serve on barn duty. Remember the care of your poultry is not the responsibility of those serving barn duty.
18. **All Market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese after processing must be picked up by buyer.**
19. Poultry barn ventilation will be provided. Exhibitors may bring battery operated fans (only) for their projects.
20. All Market poultry must adhere to withdrawal times on feed and medication labels.
21. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) must be completed electronically by the evening of weigh-in per pen. (list each tag number)
22. Show attire: All exhibitors must wear show attire. This includes long pants, close toed shoes, club shirt and white lab coat.

Market Class Division- Chicken, Turkey, Duck & Goose

All market classes will be judged per pen and the top 5 will be chosen by the judge, brought up to the table where Grand, Reserve, and 3rd-5th place will be decided.

Charity Pen Rules- *pending Livestock Sale Committee Approval

1. If an exhibitor has done a charity within the last year that exhibitor will not be permitted to do a charity in that certain species, unless no one else has submitted their name for the particular species. (I.e. you had a charity pen of chickens in the previous year; you would not be able to have a charity chicken pen in the current year).
2. There will no longer be add-on charity pens during the fair. When a name is submitted to the poultry chair, the charity name must also be submitted at this time.
3. A letter/form must be written/completed to the Livestock Sale Committee stating your charity pen by June 1st. The poultry chair must also be notified of intent.

Fair Miscellaneous

1. Poultry Sponsorship

Each poultry family is encouraged to use the sponsorship form to collect donations to go towards the poultry program. Money is to be turned into club advisor(s) who will provide those funds to the poultry committee treasurer. Sponsorship form is located on the county website with further guidelines and recommendations.

2. Poultry Barn Marketing

There will be absolutely no comparison of birds in the poultry barn.

3. Sale Thank You Cards

Addressed and stamped thank you cards must be submitted at check pick up from the Livestock Sale Committee.

4. Club Meeting Attendance

Youth members must attend 50% or more of scheduled club meetings and/or activities in order to exhibit their poultry projects at the fair.

5. Barn Duty is defined by:

- a. Rake aisles
- b. Oversee barns (ensure rules are being followed i.e. public interaction with birds)
- c. Interact with public/fairgoers

6. **Health Checks-** All poultry will be subject to a health check upon arrival prior to being placed in a cage. Any unfit or questionable birds will be checked by a fair veterinarian who will make the final decision to be sent home or not.

7. **Rule Infractions-** Rule infractions of any type may be punishable by loss of privileges, loss of sale pens, removal of project(s) by Sr. Fair Board, etc.

Poultry Committee

All poultry supporting clubs are encouraged to attend Poultry Committee meetings. Poultry related information will be relayed there as well as via the county Facebook page- [Trumbull County \(Ohio\) 4-H Poultry](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1633040427152847/)

All members involved in poultry are encouraged to join for quick and up to date information. Information, rules and forms can still be found on the official county 4-H website.

Questions for poultry chair: trumbullcopoultry@gmail.com

Rules reviewed and revised on October 21, 2025.

2026 OUTSTANDING POULTRY PROJECT

The Outstanding Poultry Project Award will be open to all 4-H Poultry Project Members. One outstanding award will be given for each of the following divisions: 1. Fancy 2. Market.

The Outstanding Poultry Project Award Scoring will be based upon the following:

- Poultry Project Judging Score
- Showmanship Placing (at fair)
- Animal Placing (at fair)

*In order to qualify for the Outstanding Poultry Project Award, 4-H members **MUST** participate in all three of above activities.

Poultry Project Judging Score is based upon 100 possible points.

Showmanship Placing is based upon the following scoring system for the top 5 places:

- 1st place- 100 pts.
- 2nd place- 80 pts.
- 3rd place- 60 pts.
- 4th place- 40 pts.
- 5th place- 20 pts.

Side note: For Showmanship, members **MUST** declare the animal that he/she designated as his/her outstanding animal on Monday at Health Check.

Animal Placing is based upon the following scoring system for the top 5 places in each class:

- 1st place- 100 pts.
- 2nd place- 80 pts.
- 3rd place- 60 pts.
- 4th place- 40 pts.
- 5th place- 20 pts.

In case of a tie.... Questions will be asked until the tie is broken. Questions will be selected from information found in project books, quality assurance related or 4-H in general.