

2026 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR GOAT RULES

GENERAL RULES

1. To participate as a Jr. Fair exhibitor, youth must comply with all Jr. Fair Policies.
2. First year exhibitors can't take more than 2 goat projects total. Dairy or Market, Dam & Daughter.
3. Exhibitors can have no more than six pens total of two (2) goats per pen depending on goat size. This includes buffer pen if on Scrapies Program indemnification. Exhibitors can request additional pens, pens will be granted based on pen availability. Extra pens will be awarded to 4H'ers with the most years in 4H first. Do not request tack pens for extra pens. After entries are in and pen assignments are made the Show Secretary, Sr. Fair Goat Committee, & Jr. Fair Coordinator will assign and notify exhibitors of extra pen request. All 4-H goats must be housed in the 4-H goat barn.
4. All breeding goats must be in your possession by April 1st. All market goats must be in possession by tag in.
5. 4-H goat projects may be bred by a 4-H exhibitor or owned by immediate family members, i.e., parents/legal guardians, grandparents, siblings. They maybe also purchased. If purchased, a bill of sale and registration papers must be presented at check-in.
6. Goats may be leased with the exception of terminal/market animals.
7. All goats must have permanent tattoo in ear or tail or Scrapie ID (per breed standards) and must have registration papers or bill of sale/born on farm or electronic implant. A bill of sale must have listed on it, date of purchase, address of seller, date of birth, ear tag or tattoo number, and signature of seller. In compliance with the scrapie regulations.
8. Each goat exhibitor is required to check in with their head club advisor upon arrival at the fair. If the 4-H exhibitor does not check-in with the proper papers you are disqualified from the 4H show. If questions arise, the 4-H goat committee will have the deciding vote.
9. 4-H exhibitors are required to bring healthy goats to the fair. The health of the goats will be checked and addressed at check-in. If a goat is questionable, the vet decides if they stay or go home.
10. Market, carcass, and dairy exhibitors must have their DUNF forms submitted on time and before the animal arrives on the fairgrounds.
11. Grooming is to be done by 4-H members with guidance from parents/legal guardians, grandparents, siblings, 4-H advisors and/or other Trumbull 4-H members. No professional groomers.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding, watering and cleaning stalls daily.
13. Aisle must be kept clean & clear at all times.
14. Show Dress Code: Market, Dairy Market, and Specialty Goats-Members are required to wear a dress shirt or western type shirt that is buttoned to the next to last button, blue jeans, belt and sturdy shoes or boots. Dairy Goats- Will show in all white, shirt and jeans with belt, sturdy shoes or boots.
Sale Dress Code- Club shirt, jeans, belt and sturdy shoes or boots. No farm shirts are allowed in the 4-H show but they can be worn in the open show. Only 4-H

- exhibitors are allowed in show ring during the 4-H show. 4-H members from other clubs are allowed with correct dress. No tennis shoes or shorts allowed be professional.
15. Barn clean-up before Fair (all pens will be assigned at that time. Date: TBD). Members must clean pens before leaving fair grounds. If pens are left uncleaned you will be docked pens the following year.
 16. Goats that have freshened (kidded) within 30 days of the fair date are not to be brought to nor shown at the fair in compliance with Scrapie regulations.
 17. Absolutely no does are to kid at the fair, in compliance with the Scrapie regulations.
 18. A class sponsorship is required from each 4H family, they are responsible for one \$35.00 sponsor; this money is used to purchase awards for each year's fair. If the 4-H exhibitor does not turn in a sponsor they will not receive an award just a ribbon that is provided by junior fair.

BREED AND CLASS RULES

1. All goats must adhere to USDA Scrapies Regulations identified with either an official scrapies ear tag or an assigned unique tattoo. Refer to complete USDA and ODA regulations, (Copies are available at Fair Board Office and website).
2. All goats must be dehorned except (per breed standards). Horned goats are the owner's responsibility to adjust the pen, so animals do not get heads stuck in the wire. Also, must leave emergency phone # and Campsite # to be notified.
3. Bucks born April 14 through fair are permitted. Bucks cannot be shown and must always be kept in stall with doe.
4. 4-H exhibitors are limited to only 2 entries per class.
5. Pack and Harness classes must have 4 entries to be held at fair. Limited to two entries per level each exhibitor please indicate what goat goes to what level on the pack goat entry forms, this form is turned in with goat registrations on April 1st. No market animals can enter this project based on this is a six year project and markets are a terminal project.
6. The Show Secretary and Show Chair has the right to change, add or eliminate a class/classes/group/breeds based on numbers of entries received. Head advisors will be notified of changes prior to fair.

SKILLATHON/PROJECT JUDGING

1. Will be held on Tuesday **June 2, 2026** at the fairgrounds 6:00-8:00 pm.
2. Each exhibitor is required to participate. Only those participating on **June 2nd** for skillathon/project judging will be eligible for Outstanding Goat Project.
3. Only one make-up date and time will be given. TBA
4. The skillaton study guide which is given out each year is **not** allowed in the building during project judging, you can not take it to station to station.

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Emphasis will be given to the following areas:
 - a. Ability to move the animal as directed by the judge.
 - a. Setting up the Goat.

- b. Appearance of the handler and goat. (Refer to general Rule #12)
- d. Demonstration of knowledge answering questions the judge asks.
- 2. Showmanship (Meat-Specialty-Dairy) must declare on registration paper can show in each group if they wish.
 - Novice 1st year 11 and under
(12 and over can choose to show one age bracket down.)
 - Junior (ages 8 to 11)**
 - Intermediate (ages 12-15)
 - Seniors (ages 16 -18)
 - Showman of Showman.
- 3. The first-place winner of each division can compete in Super Showmanship (MUST declare within 24hrs after show to give 2nd place winner time to register).
- 4. Exhibitor must show their own project animal in showmanship classes. (Exceptions will be if the exhibitors project animal has expired or due to injury and must go to carcass, and have no other goat at fair, they will be eligible to use another exhibitor's animal.)

BORN & RAISED

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

1. The doe must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor (general rule #5) at the time of kidding of the market project.
2. The market goat is to be a doe or wether, designated on a **Born and Raised** Goat form. A copy of ownership of the dam, of the market project (Example: registration papers or bill of sale with address of seller) must be turned in with form. The form must be approved by an advisor, as proof of the project's eligibility and turn in on the April 1st registration deadline. **NO EXCEPTION WILL BE MADE, ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY TAG IN DATE.**
3. The dairy market projects also must provide registration numbers on the **Born & Raised** form.

MARKET GOATS -----

MARKET GOATS (Meat)

CARCASS GOAT

Markets can be does or wethers and castrated by weigh-in tagging time. (Will be checked, bands must be in place or healed when crossing the scale or they are DQ.)

THEY MUST ALSO HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG OR TATTOO AT WEIGH-IN.

1. Market can be any meat breed of goat but all must be dehorned. (Checked by vet and No more than 1 inch)
2. Market goats must be born after December 1st of preceding calendar year.
3. Market minimum weight of 50# by fair (goat weight-in) all exhibitors must also show at least a 10-pound gain by the July weigh-in.
4. All goats must weigh on same scale. Only 4-H member with market project and one adult are permitted in the scale house. If there is a question on weight, they must be re-weigh before leaving the weigh/scale house. If there is a question on

scurs they must be checked right after weigh-in is done while advisors and a vet is present. No exceptions.

5. Weight Class to be divided after fair weigh-in, by weight (each advisor must be present for division or have a representative from their club) *LIGHT *MEDIUM *HEAVY. Must have at least 10 goats exhibited to divide into two weight classes, 15 or more goats will be divided into three weight classes. (If divided). If the same weight ends up at a division break, goats will be split by tag number, the lower tag number will go in the lower division. Division will be posted Tuesday evening in goat barn. Top five goats in each division are eligible to return for top 5 overall.
If goat doesn't make weight, it cannot show or sell at Livestock Sale (exhibitors must take the animal home right after weigh-in unless it's the only animal they are bringing therefore it can stay for showmanship class).
6. Exhibitors have the option to tag five (5) market goats at initial weigh-in and are limited to bringing four (4) market goats of any combination to the Fair and must attend Quality Assurance. (Can only sell four (4) animals total).
7. Exhibitors are responsible for their market animals until the packers take possession. This means feeding, watering & keeping clean. Market goat members are required to MOVE THEIR GOAT TO DESIGNATED AREA AND MUST STAY WITH GOATS TILL PICKED UP. Goat pack-out list to go also.
8. All market goats must be tagged & weighed on the 4th Saturday in April at the Fairgrounds. Time 10:00-12:00.
9. All market goats must be clipped to 3/8 inch or less above the knee and hock
10. Bracing of a market animal is acceptable.
11. Rate of Gain Award—this will be awarded to goats only in the live market division. Goats must have initial first weight at weigh in April, and then the final weight at fair and the difference is the rate of gain.
12. All market goat clubs/exhibitors are required to help serve at the hospitality table during the livestock sale. Time to be broken down by number of exhibitors and posted at fair. If you are selling other market animals at this time it will be your responsibility to find a replacement.
13. Market goat pens will not count toward your 6-pen count in Rule #3

SALE ORDER

1. Top five overall will sell first. Born and raised winner will sell 6th. Rate of Gain winner will sell 7th. Following this start rotation of heavy, mediums, lights.

CARCASS GOATS

1. Must be enrolled in carcass goat project on 4-H online.
2. Carcass goats do not need to be declared until carcass weigh-in at the fair.
3. Live minimum weight of 50# by fair (goat weigh-in) all exhibitors must also show at least a 10-pound gain by the July weigh-in.
4. Exhibitors must inform advisors of intention to participate in carcass class at April weigh-in. must pay \$.50 per head at that time. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE AT FAIR WEIGH-IN
5. Carcass goats will be taken to the fairgrounds. Day and time to be announced.

6. Exhibitors will be responsible for carcass and all processing costs if the animal does not sell at the sale.
7. It is in the exhibitor's best interest to participate in carcass goat class if doing a market project in case something arises with market project- (i.e. Injury).
8. DUNF forms must be turned in on time.
9. See advisor for pull form one hour following carcass results. There is a \$10.00 pull fee that goes to sale committee.

OUTSTANDING GOAT PROJECT

1. Goat project judging score
2. Showmanship placing
3. Exhibitor placing in show or live/carcass placing
4. A 4-H member must compete in the above 3, show placing or live/carcass placing, skillathon & showmanship to be eligible for Outstanding Goat Project.
5. If running unopposed, in a division a 4H exhibitor must have a score of at least 90 to be awarded the outstanding project award.
6. 100 points skillathon score, 5 points showmanship placing, 5 points class placing.

GOAT SHOW COMMITTEE

Will consist of two advisors along with one adult and one goat member of each club.

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Will consist of one adult and two members of each 4-H club registered with multiple goat projects by deadline date of OSU Extension office.

Livestock Sale Representative- Becky Hubbard, Goats N More

Disclaimer: 4 total goat votes

GOAT SHOW

Tuesday 9:00am

Open Dairy Goat Show

Wednesday 9:00 am. Livestock Sale Barn -Meat and Specialty Show

Showmanship (Meat followed by Specialty)

Meat Market Goat

Dairy Market Goat

Cloverbud Class

Meat Goat Breeding classes

Specialty Classes

Fiber Classes

Pack Goat Classes

Open Meat Classes

Open Pygmy Classes

Friday 12:00 pm. Livestock Sale Barn – Dairy Goat Show

Showmanship - Dairy

Carcass Results

4H Dairy Breed Show
Outstanding Project Awards
Senior Awards
Open Dairy Goat Show

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