

4-H Heartland Show Rules

1. This is a carry case show. Coops/cages will not be provided. Carry cases must have leak proof bottoms. No tables available.
2. Cloverbuds (youth age 5-8 years old as of Jan. 1 of current year) may participate in showmanship and non-competitive classes. Show sponsors will follow the Michigan 4-H Age Policy.
3. Rabbits and cavies will be judged by the current ARBA standards. Pre-juniors will be accepted in breeds as recognized by the ARBA. No mixed breeds. Poultry will be judged by the current APA standards.
4. Animals must be entered in proper breed, color, sex and class. All entries must be made by 8:00am.
5. Exhibitors may enter in as many breeds and animals as they wish.
6. All rabbits must have a legible and permanent earmark. Cavies must have an ear tag or legible and permanent tattoo. Poultry may have leg bands but it is not required.
7. Exhibitors must be present for showing their animals and are responsible for transporting their animals to and from the show table. Each exhibitor who is showing more than one breed at the same time may have another youth exhibitor help show.
8. No classes will be re-judged due to late arrivals.
9. All animals must be shown in their natural state. No trimming, plucking or otherwise altering the normal appearance of the animal.
10. No animals showing signs of illness or disease will be removed from the event.
11. The show sponsors and/or property owners are not responsible for losses due to theft, fire, accident, etc. However, every precaution will be taken to eliminate any danger or mistake in the showroom.
12. Exhibitors will be allowed to advertise and sell their stock during the show.
13. Animals will be released upon the completion of judging of the breed. However, we suggest that all BOB winners stay for the judging of the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show competition.
14. NO ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed. NO SMOKING allowed in the show building or surrounding area.
15. Showmanship will be judged first. Age divisions are classified as Cloverbuds (age 5-8 years), Juniors (age 9-11), Intermediate (age 12-14), and Seniors (age 15-19). Age is determined as of January 1st of the current year.
16. Educational posters must be on a poster board or display board. Exhibit should focus on educating first year or non-members of all ages. Age divisions will be the same as showmanship classes.
17. If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the Show Superintendent, Brenda Spivey, at 231-429-4230.