

Noble County Junior Fair Standards of Behavior

Noble County Junior Fair participants and their representatives (such as relatives, friends or advisors) are required to conduct themselves according to the following Standards of Behavior. The Standards operate along with the guidelines and regulations of the specific meeting, event, program and/or activity including, but not limited to, the Noble County Fair Book.

Expectations for Junior Fair participants and their representatives:

- Participate fully in the meeting, program, activity and/or event.
- Be responsible for your own behavior/conduct and accept consequences for inappropriate behavior of yourself or your representatives. Negative behavior by representatives may result in sanctions to the participant.
- Practice good citizenship, leadership and self-governance.
- Follow the direction of the Senior Fair Board, show committees, department chairs, announcers, judges, Extension and FFA personnel, and the fair veterinarian.
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship and attitudes at all times.
- Show respect to others, be courteous and respectful.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Encourage relatives, friends, and advisors to display positive attitudes and good citizenship.

Incidents where these Standards are not followed will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the appropriate members of the Senior Fair Board, Jr. Fair Livestock Sale Committee and other adults in leadership positions (Extension personnel, FFA advisors, 4-H advisors and Scout advisors). Incidents deemed serious enough to cause harm to Junior Fair participants, exhibits, or others, or break the law, may lead to that participant, parent/guardian, relative/friend and/or advisor being removed from the fairgrounds with the resulting loss of privileges to participate in activities this year and in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, showing and selling at the fair. With each incident handled on a case-by-case basis, the primary goal will be to preserve the integrity of and respect for the Junior Fair experience. Examples of incidents that will be handled on a case-by-case basis include, but are not limited to:

- Unfair, unsportsmanlike, or unethical conduct
- Improper content, tone, or timing in communications such as the use of profanity, harassment of show representative, or public displays of hostility
- Possession or consumption of illegal substances by minors
- Destruction of or unauthorized use of property
- Violation of established timelines or curfews
- Disrespect toward adults, other participants, volunteers, staff, and/or those who are in leadership positions during the fair
- Aggressive, physical behavior or fighting
- Failure to maintain proper care of animal.
- Other conduct determined to be inappropriate by the Junior Fair leadership, Extension personnel, FFA and Scout advisors, others in leadership positions and the Senior Fair Board.

Violations of the Standards of Behavior will be handled as follows:

- Senior Fair Board and/or Junior Fair leadership will be informed of the violation.
- The Junior Fair participant and/or their representatives may be dismissed from the Noble County Fair and depending on the severity of the violation may be barred from fair activities in current year such as shows and the Jr. Fair Sale.
- When warranted, the situation will be turned over to local law enforcement.
- The Junior Fair participant, parent/guardian, relative/friend and/or advisor will be informed of any sanctions.
- Any violations of rules set forth by the Noble County Agricultural Society could result in suspension from Open Class or Junior Fair activities at the Noble County Fair for up to a year or more depending on the severity of the violation at the discretion of the Noble County Fair Board.
- The person(s) found in violation of the Standards of Behavior may have the opportunity to address the Senior Fair Board.

By signing this entry, I (print name) _____ as a Noble County Junior Fair participant certify that I have read, will follow, and be bound by the Noble County Junior Fair Standards of Behavior, and further agree to be bound by the decision of the Noble County Agricultural Society and their representatives in case of any dispute arising from the interpretation or application thereof.

Junior Fair Participant signature

Today's Date

I, (print name) _____ have read the Junior Fair Standards of Behavior and support my child's participation in the Noble County Junior Fair Standards of Behavior of the Noble County Junior Fair and further agree to be bound by the decision of the Noble County Agricultural Society and their representatives in case of any dispute arising from the interpretation or application thereof.

Parent/Residential or Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian signature

Today's Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian signature

Today's Date

- **Both parents MUST sign this form. Failure to sign and return form by the May 1st deadline results in the Jr. Fair Participant being INELIGIBLE to exhibit at the Noble County Jr. Fair.**

**** Please share this information with other biological parent, step-parents, relatives and friends that will be helping the Junior Fair participant as their behavior is addressed in this document.**