

# 2024 TRUMBULL JUNIOR FAIR POULTRY RULES (TURKEY/CHICKEN/DUCK / GOOSE & FOWL)

## Poultry Showmanship Rules

1. The exhibitor must use their own 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 8-12
  - Intermediate: Ages 13-15
  - Senior: 16-18
  - Advanced\*

\*Advanced: First place winners from novice, junior, intermediate and senior divisions to compete for an overall champion winner. Winners in each division (with at least one additional member for competition) will move up to next division. This will also include skillathon. If the senior participant wins before age 18, they must participate in advanced division only for the rest of 4-H career. Exhibitor can win more than once in advanced division.

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 fair during designated Animal Project Judging date (Tuesday, June 4, 2024).
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.**
4. Project judging divisions will follow showmanship class divisions. If a member moves up in showmanship, they will also in skillathon.

## **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.
5. Pullorum Blood Testing is required by the State of Ohio on all Non-Market Chickens and Turkeys.
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 8, 2024 by 11:59 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, Feed & Water Bowls, and Bedding during the fair.
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>Order Deadline</u>	<u>Arrival Date Week of</u>	<u>Min/Max Weight Per Bird or Pen</u>	<u>Birds/Pen</u>	<u>Age to Fair Wk</u>
Broad Breasted White Turkeys	Dec. 1	Mar. 11-12 *Updated 1/8/24	22.0 lbs./40.0 lbs.	1	18 wks.
Blue Slate Turkeys (Heritage)	Oct. 27	April 3-5 *Updated 1/8/24	16.0 lbs./33.0 lbs.	1	15 or 16 wks.
Broiler Chickens	Dec. 1	May 27	5.0 lbs./8.0 lbs./bird 24.0 lbs./pen	3	6 wks.
Chickens (Heritage)	Oct. 27	Feb. 15-16 *Updated 1/8/24	5.0 lbs./7.0 lbs./bird 21.0 lbs./pen	3	21 wks.
Jumbo Pekin Ducks	Dec. 1	Mar. 5-7 *Updated 1/8/24	Min. 5.0 lbs.	1	18 wks.
White Embden Geese	Dec. 1	Mar. 19-21 *Updated 1/8/24	Min. 8.0 lbs.	1	16 wks.

\*Arrival dates are tentative and may be subject to change.

***ALL MARKET POULTRY EXHIBITORS & PARENTS MUST SIGN A POULTRY SLAUGHTERING AGREEMENT AND SUBMIT IT ON APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> WITH FAIR ANIMAL REGISTRATION.***

1. **All market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese** will be ordered through a blanket order by the Poultry Chairmen. (see chart above)
2. **Youth exhibitors must submit registration with the number of market poultry to the 4-H office by April 1.**
3. All exhibitors must attend a mandatory Quality Assurance class.
4. All market poultry not meeting weight requirements will be disqualified at **weigh-in and must be removed from the grounds immediately.**
5. Chicken Pens will consist of 3 birds. Disqualification of 1 chicken at weigh-in disqualifies the entire pen. (see chart above)
6. **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.**

7. All turkey and goose exhibition pens will be furnished by the exhibitor. Pens must be 3x3x3. (Plastic Pet crates and/or Enclosed Pet Taxis are not allowed).
8. Pullorum Blood Testing is required by the State of Ohio for market chickens and turkeys over 12 weeks old.
9. **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.
10. Ducks, Geese, and other Waterfowl do not require Pullorum testing.
11. All birds must be in place by **6:00 pm on Monday, July 8**. Weigh-in for market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese will be at **6:30 pm on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** in the poultry barn.
12. All market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese will be tagged at weigh in.
13. All exhibitors are responsible for the care of their poultry during the fair and cleaning up after their bird. All market poultry must be kept clean and marketable. **Market poultry will be permitted to be bathed the day before the show.**
14. Any market poultry deemed unmarketable by the judge may not be sold in the Jr. Livestock Sale.
15. Judges placement will determine the sale order.
16. 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).
17. All market poultry must be sold at the Jr. Livestock Sale, or pulled and fees paid to the Sr. Fair Board. Grand & Reserve must be sold as a terminal sale.
18. **All market turkeys, chickens, ducks and goose pens must be kept clean and must be 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. Pens must have sufficient bedding and remain clean throughout the day**
19. 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.
20. \*Market poultry projects cannot be moved and or released until **7:00 p.m.** the last day of fair.
21. All Market turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese must be processed and delivered to the buyer within 7 days of the fair's ending.
22. **Poultry barn ventilation will be provided. Exhibitors may bring battery operated fans (only) for their projects.**
23. All Market poultry must adhere to withdrawal times on feed and medicine labels.
24. Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) must be completed electronically the evening of weigh-in.
25. **Show attire: All exhibitors must wear show attire. This includes long pants, close toed shoes, club shirt and white lab coat.**

## Market Class Division- Turkey, Chicken, Duck & Goose

All market classes will be divided according to weight as evenly as possible. Ideally a class will have 6 pens, unless otherwise specified by the poultry chairman based on consultation with the judge.

Each Market Grand Champion species will compete in an overall Best of Market Show.

### Charity Pen Rules- \*pending Livestock Sale Committee Approval

Anyone bringing a project who wishes to also do a charity pen must notify the Species Chair in writing by the October 27 (Heritage) and December 1 (Production) order date. All of those wishing to do a charity pen will have their name placed together and drawn by a lottery. This lottery will be done for every species.

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 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Fair Miscellaneous

#### **1. Poultry Sponsorship**

Each poultry family is encouraged to donate \$10.00 to go towards award sponsorship. Money can be turned into the poultry chair. Sponsorship form is located on the county website with the rules/registration forms.

#### **2. Poultry Barn Marketing**

There will be absolutely no comparing 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.

### 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](mailto:trumbullcopoultry@gmail.com)

## **2024 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** use the animal that he/she designated as his/her outstanding animal on Monday of Fair week.

**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.

**Grand-10 pt BONUS**

**Reserve-5 pt BONUS**

**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.**