

2024 Exhibitors & Leaders Meeting Information

General Rules Reminder:

- Changes to classes MUST be approved by the superintendent of that project area. Any additions after the June 15th deadline are subject to the board's late entry policy.
- Participation in the education classes, Showmanship and respective market class by the exhibitor are required to be able to sell the project animal.

Auction Changes

- Sale order on Large Livestock Sale: Goats, Sheep, Beef, Dairy Feeders, Dairy Steer, Hogs, Gallon of Milk
- Small Animal/Still Exhibits Sale: Friday Aug. 2nd at 5pm
 - Sale order: Poultry, Rabbits, Still Exhibits.
- Exhibitors may sell only one bovine total in the Large Livestock Sale.
- Large animal exhibitors wishing to not sell their animal in auction must notify the fair office in writing by 9pm Sunday July 28th .
- We have eliminated the 2.0 sale.
- Resales are allowed in both sales with the resale funds going to the department.
- All Still Exhibit sale items will be delivered to the buyers immediately after the item is sold.

Announcements

- Premiums : As of today, there is no plan for paying out premiums **except for still exhibits.**
- We encourage you to promote the **Add-A-Bid program!**

What is the Add-A-Bid program?

- Add-a-bid is a great way to make a financial contribution to any exhibitors you choose that are showing at the Kent County Youth Fair.

Who uses the Add-A-Bid program?

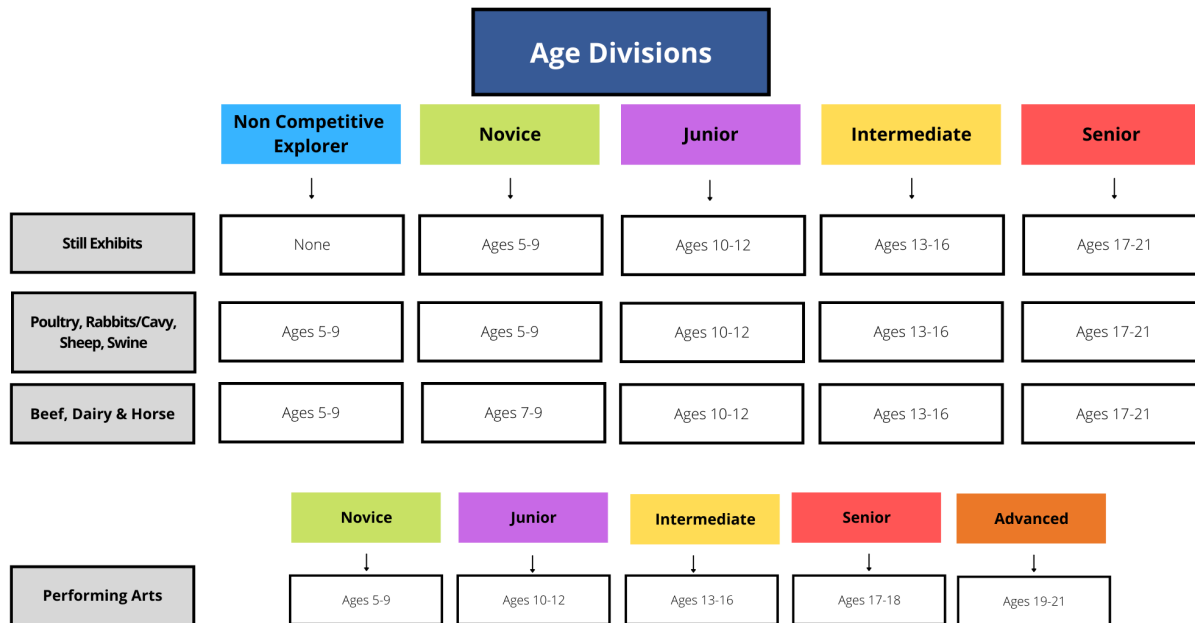
- Businesses, Employees, Family members, Grandparents, Co-workers...anyone can give through Add-A-Bid.

Age Groups

- Explorer (non-competitive): 5-9 (Livestock & Horses Only)
- Novice : 5-9
- Novice 7-9 (Equine and Bovine)
- Junior : 10-12
- Intermediate : 13-16
- Senior : 17-21

Explorers

- Explorer classes are now only in the livestock.
- Exhibitors ages 5 to 9 entering Still Exhibits, Needlework and Performing Arts will show in the Novice class.



Special Needs Advocate

- New this year we have a Special Needs Advocate.
- Kim Mebert will assist in ensuring a safe and enjoyable learning experience for all our special needs exhibitors. See page 13 in our fair book for further information.
- Kim Mebert: 616-370-0658

FFA

- FFA animals need to be signed up under the FFA Chapter, not the exhibitor.
- FFA chapters can not be used as a club.
- FFA exhibitors should sign up as Independents for the required showmanship class.
- FFA chapters can only sell one auction lot per species.

Royal Court

- This year's interviews will be **Friday June 28th, 5:30pm**
- Age changes to Royal Court: Age as of January 1st of current fair year. This brings it in alignment with the fair ages.
- Royal Court Applications are due June 3rd.

Performing Arts

Schedule changes

- National Anthem -Saturday preceding fair 10:00am
- Vocal and instrumental -Thursday 2:00 pm to 6:00pm (check-in 1:30pm)
- Public Speaking, Demonstration, Broadcasting, Modeling -Friday 8:00am to 11:30am (check in 7:30am)
- Theatre, Clowning, Miscellaneous -Friday 1:00pm to 3:30pm(check in 12:30pm)
- Dance Judging -Friday 4:00pm to 6:00pm(check in at 3:30pm)
- There are a lot of changes to the Performing Arts department that provide more opportunities for our exhibitors.

Still Exhibits

- Creative Writing and Youth Business due date is July 15th
- New department numbering and grouping in Still Exhibits: these changes should make it easier to find classes and align better with judging. Club entries are at the end of Still Exhibits.
- Dept. 60: Performing Arts
- Dept. 62: Needlework
- Dept. 74: Youth Educational & Woodworking -woodworking moved to Dept. 74
- Literary Arts, Culinary Arts, Painting and Drawing, and Photography now all have their own departments.
- Note: If you don't find a class you are looking for there should be an Any Other class that you can enter.

Dairy

- Instead of a Market Dairy Educational Event, Dairy Market exhibitors are required to complete:
 - Class 270-Market Dairy Steer Record Book
 - **OR**
 - Class 271-Forecasted Market Dairy Feeder Livestock Report

These are due June 15th

Beef

- New Beef Co Superintendents: Jenna Young and Josh Beukema
- Saturday : 5:00pm -7:00pm -All animals coming in will have a health and RFIDTagcheck.
- New times for Sunday are as follows:
- Heifer and Feeder check in will be Sunday 10am -12 noon.
- Steer check in and Ultrasound -Sunday 10am -2pm.
- See new rules on animal identification and DNA.

Sheep

- Homegrown class is now titled "Bred and Owned"
- Show order: Breeding Stock, Tykes and Tots, Explorer Showmanship, Market Lambs, all other Showmanship
- All sheep must be at least rough sheared within two weeks prior to fair and sheep may be required to be sheared by superintendent prior to check in.

Goat

- New classes to our Goat Department:
 - Market Goat Showmanship: We will be running a complete set of showmanship for Market Goat Exhibitors. *Exhibitors may choose to compete in either the Market Goat Showmanship **OR** the traditional Goat Showmanship classes.*
 - Club Herd: A club may exhibit their 4 best goats from the entire club to compete for the title of Club Herd. They may be a mix of meat and dairy breeds.
 - Bred and Owned: Exhibitor or immediate family must be the owner of the dam at time of conception.
 - Market Dam and Daughter: Goats exhibited must be a meat breed doe with her doeling.

Swine

- All sale animals stay the whole week of the fair.
 - If showing 2 hogs, the second hog goes home after the show on Monday.
- No Homegrown Class

Poultry

- New Poultry Assistant: Shelly Johnson
- Record Books are due Tuesday July 16 that our Poultry Workshop. We will also have a meeting for first timers to our department in early June date TBD
- Pullorum testing Saturday 10am -1pm and 2pm -5pm.Sunday 2pm to 5pm
- Auction photos will again beMonday at 10:00am
- Schedule change: Market Poultry judging will beMonday of fair 5:00pm
- New Classes: Female Duck Class, Drake Class, Goose Class, Gander Class,
- Tom Breeding Turkey, and Hen Breeding Turkey.
- Market Classes will be A,B,C judging and placed through 5th.

Rabbit/Cavy

- Record Books due June 30th
- Market Pictures Monday 10am
- Schedule changes:
 - Cavy Showmanship Monday 11am immediately followed by breed.
 - Rabbit Showmanship Monday 12pm immediately followed by breed.
 - Explorer:Thursday at 11am
- Exhibitors must bring their own water bottles or crocks. Fresh water must be available at all times.
- Removal of Herdsmanship Class

Horse

- Horseless Record Book Class added. Exhibitors in Horseless class must enter class 1602 Horseless Record Book in Fairentry.
- Explorers also must enter the class 10034 Explorer Showmanship & Record Book in Fairentry.
- Foals being exhibited must be weaned *before* being brought to fair.

Dog

- Obedience, Rally & Showmanship will be at Cedar Rock SportsplexFriday July 26th
- AgilityMonday July 29th at 4:00pm.
- Removal of the "Obedience Started"and "AgilityStarted"classes.
- Add Explorer classes: Rally, Obedience, Agility and Jumpers and Tunnels.

Showmanship Sweepstakes

- The winner of each showmanship class has until the end of their species' show to make a decision regarding their participation in Sweepstakes. Once the exhibitor has committed to representing their species, they cannot renege on their decision without permission from both their department Superintendent and Sweepstakes Superintendents.
- The new Market Goat Showman will be competing in sweepstakes also.

Fair Entry Signup Tips

- [Fairentry Signup Aid \(Click here\)](#)
- Have your information ready before you start!
- Make a list of all the classes you wish to sign up for.
- Gather your RFID, NUIS, Scrapie tag numbers
- Be ready to upload Insurance for Golf Cart/UTV Registration
- Enter all contact information, including an email address that you look at often for our updates and information.
- ***NOTE: All Fairentry approvals and rejections will go to the FairentryLogin email, even if it is different than the one you provide.

Reminders for Fairentry

- Double check that you're signed up in all the classes you wish to enter.
- Choose to pay by cash, check or credit card.
- When you are sure you got everything don't forget to press **SUBMIT!**
- Watch your **login email** for a message from Fairentry, (may not necessarily be the email you entered in the contact form but the one used to login INTO FairEntry)
 - If you get a Rejection Notice just look at the notes on why it was rejected, make the corrections and resubmit. Watch for APPROVAL email.

Late Entry Policy (no change from last year)

1. Late entries, upon Superintendent approval, must be submitted by July 1st.
2. Exhibitors agree to the following:
 - a. A late entry fee of \$100 for each exhibitor will be assessed.
 - b. Entry fees will be doubled for each class that the exhibitor enters late.
 - c. Late entries must be paid in full within 24 hours of submission.

NEW - Department 1 in FairEntry

- In Department 1 you can:
 - Purchase your KCYAA Membership \$20.00 in Section 1
 - Sign up for Camping. Members \$100 and Non Members \$125.
 - **MUST SIGN UP FOR CAMPING IN FAIR ENTRY!**
 - Just fill in your camper info when you enter Section 2 .
 - Parking Passes are easy to purchase in Section 3
 - You can choose weekly for \$20 or daily passes at \$10 each.
 - Golf Cart/UTV Registration can be done in Section 4.
 - Be ready to upload your Insurance & fill in Fully Licensed Drivers

Membership and Camping

Membership:

- Dues are \$20 and are due October 1st
- Receive discounts on rentals for their membership year.
- Includes a weekly parking pass and discount on camping for *the following year*.
- Membership is NOT required, but encouraged. Our fair is put on by the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association. Being a member allows you to vote at the annual meeting and elect our

fairboard as well as receiving more updates on goings on in the association dealing with the fairgrounds and events.

Camping:

- Absolutely no overnight parking in the visitor lot.
- Cars WILL be towed between midnight and 5 am at the owner's expense. Overnight parking is in designated lots ONLY!

General Fair Book Rules

Golf Carts:

- All golf carts must be registered with the official permit visible to all times. No limit to clubs
- UTVs allowed, but MUST have utility function
- Forms must be filled out with copies of licenses of all allowed drivers, No one without a driver's license can drive a golf cart!
- Must have insurance on file, must have certain limits! No golf carts/ UTVs will be allowed without insurance.
- Forms submitted through FairEntry!

Deadline Dates

- May 1st Dog Declarations
 - Declaration Link available on website on Dog Department Page
- May 1st Horse Declarations
 - Declaration Link available on website on Horse Department Page
- June 15th - All Other Entries
- Online Entry begins on May 1st
- Credit Card payments will be accepted by STRIPE on FairEntry, paying via credit card outside of FairEntry will incur a processing fee.
- Payment MUST be received by **July 1st**.

Volunteer Service Hours

- Club work nights can be scheduled through the office.
- Sign Up Genius will be used for the following:
 - Little Red Barn
 - Exhibit Building
 - Table Cleaning
 - Shuttle Drivers
 - Courtesy Cart Drivers : MUST be 18

AVAILABLE ON Website → Exhibitors → Service Hours

<https://www.kcyf.org/exhibitor-service-hours>

Fair Week Activities

- Live (FREE) Entertainment Nightly
 - Monday- Hungry Hungry Hippo Game
 - Tuesday - Laser Tag
 - Wednesday - Laser Tag
 - Thursday - Archery Tag

- Friday - Axe Throwing & The Throwdown
- Saturday Afternoon - Foam Cannons
- Talent Show – Monday 7pm
- Carnival Rides & Games- Tues - Saturday
- Draft Horse Pulls – Tuesday 7pm
- Tractor Pulls- Wednesday 7pm
- Mini Horse Pulls – Thursday 4pm
- Rodeo – Friday 7pm
- Ice Cream Social – Saturday 2pm

Ride Information:

- Tuesday Day Armband cost will be \$25
- Wednesday-Saturday daily armband cost will be \$30
- Ticket cost will be...\$1.50 each, 15 for \$20, or 50 for \$50.
- All rides will take 3 or more tickets, every person will need an armband or a ticket to ride.
- Open:
 - Tuesday: 6pm
 - Wednesday: 2pm - [Reading for Rides \(\\$10 discount armband\)](#)
 - Thursday & Friday: 2pm
 - Saturday: 1pm

Contact Information

- FairEntry <https://fairenter.com/Fair/SignIn/19821>
- Membership, Parking, Golf Cart/UTV:
 - Morgan Doyle, Executive Directoroffice@kcyf.org
 - Alex Johnston, Deputy Executive Director ajohnston@kcyf.org
- Entries, Exhibitor and Fair Related Questions:
 - Mary Crosby, Exhibition Manager exhibition@kcyf.org
- Camping:
 - Duane Watson 616-690-2725

Office Hours: Tuesday 9am – 4pm and Thursday 9am – 6pm starting May 14th