

## Kalamazoo County 4-H Fair Exhibitor Agreement

By checking yes in FairEntry, you acknowledge, accept, and will abide by all the rules as set forth in the MSU Extension 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy.

You further certify that you have not administered to the identified animal(s), nor has it received, any substance not approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the Kalamazoo County Fair for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents, and tranquilizers.

You also certify that no illegal use of approved chemicals/compounds or drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals has taken place, and that the applicable withdrawal period will have expired prior to load-out of livestock for all approved chemicals/compounds administered to market livestock.

You acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered in classes at the Kalamazoo County Fair are subject to blood, urine and tissue testing, and that MSU Extension, Kalamazoo 4-H reserves the right to disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the MSU Extension Participation/Conduct Policy.

Disqualification will result in voiding of the placing(s) of the animal(s) in question; forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/special awards earned with the animal(s); voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has already been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale and disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting in 4-H classes at the Kalamazoo County Fair for a period of three (3) years. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

You will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw all samples deemed appropriate from your animal(s) and acknowledge and accept the fact that the 4-H Superintendent/ Assistant Superintendent for a given animal species, Kalamazoo County MSU Extension personnel and Kalamazoo County Fair personnel have the authority to examine a given project animal in our absence for identification purposes and/or health-related concerns, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question, calling the on-call vet (at the expense of the owner) and quarantining the animal if necessary.

Project Animal Care: The 4-H exhibitor and parent/guardian have read, acknowledge, accept, and will abide by all the animal care/housing maintenance rules as set forth in the Kalamazoo County 4-H Fair Book and those listed below:

Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of assigned fair housing is the responsibility of the 4-H member. Project animals must be cared for in accordance with commonly accepted feeding/handling practices, and the animal's pen/stall cleaned and re-bedded as necessary daily. Proper care and maintenance of all animals and their assigned housing areas will be monitored by the appropriate 4-H species superintendent/assistant superintendent(s).

If animal care and/or housing maintenance do not meet commonly accepted practices (as defined by the superintendent), a written warning will be given to the exhibitor in question. (The written warning will be in the form of a "red tag" placed on the pen/stall directing the member to "Report to the 4-H Superintendent Immediately!") At that time a Time Schedule Agreement will be signed by the 4-H youth, the youth's parent(s) and the superintendent and a copy will be turned into the 4-H Office.

If the exhibitor fails to correct the animal care/housing maintenance problem after receiving the first warning, or a second violation occurs later, his/her animal(s) will be sent home immediately upon report by the superintendent. In addition, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting that species of animal in 4-H classes at the Kalamazoo County Fair the following year.

But, If at the point dismissal of an animal(s) is deemed necessary, the animal(s) in question has already been sold to a second party at the 4-H Market Livestock Sale, the animal(s) will remain on the fairgrounds and will be properly cared for by the exhibitor until it is shipped out. The exhibitor in question will receive only market value for sale of his/her animal, with the "sale premium" (difference between the 4-H sale price and market value) being paid to the 4-H Livestock Superintendent Association.

In addition, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting that species of animal in 4-H classes at the Kalamazoo County Fair the following year. If the exhibitor under penalty fails to properly care for his/her animal(s) until it is shipped out, he/she will receive one (1) additional year of disbarment from exhibition of said species of animal, for a total of two (2) consecutive years disbarment.