The Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Livestock Exhibition Reform Administrative Code Rules (Livestock Exhibition Rules) will be strictly enforced. Rules are subject to change, pending official notice from ODA. Please see the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Redbook for complete and updated yearly information.

http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/fairs/fairs.aspx#tog

The Pike County Senior Fair Board reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, or differences in regard there to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Pike County Fair. They further reserve the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment may determine, and to withdraw all premium offerings in all departments should any emergency exist and circumstances demand it.

### ADDITIONAL RULES ADOPTED FOR USE IN PIKE COUNTY

For any exhibition held on the Pike County Fairgrounds and/or in association with the Pike County Senior Fair Board. The following will be in full effect for the current year. The Pike County Senior Fair Board will accept a zero tolerance standard concerning drug residue in an exhibition livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food purposes. This means that once an animal is on the Pike County Fairgrounds or is brought for exhibition in association with the Senior Fair Board, anything considered a DRUG by the FDA or an UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCE by the ODA cannot be used under any circumstances in any form if the animal is going to enter the show and be sold at auction. **Added as of 2014, must be drug free at time of show, sale, and slaughter!** Any questions concerning drug use in exhibition livestock bred, raised, and intended for slaughter for food should be addressed to your veterinarian or to fair vets.

The exhibitor and parent or guardian are responsible for knowing the guidelines, rules and laws set forth by ODA, the Senior Fair Board, 4-H, and FFA Programs., and are responsible to abide by these rules. The exhibitor and their families are absolutely liable for any unlawful or unacceptable practices done to livestock. Ignorance of the law or rules will not be accepted. To maintain a high degree of confidence in the livestock show, the aforementioned entities reserve the right to disqualify any animals that are found not be to free of an unlawful substance or an unacceptable practice. All animals, and the exhibitors and families involved, giving evidence of such treatment, will be barred from competition at the Pike County Fair.

Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Pike County Senior Fair Board be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale, such animal(s) shall not be permitted to sell.

Should violations be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the carcass shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in show will stand. No animals will move up.
Protests and Appeals

1. Protests must be made in writing, signed by party or parties making protest, and filed with the Senior Fair Board president by noon of the day following award, or violation, accompanied by a protest fee of $50, which will be retained by the Pike County Senior Fair Board if protest is not sustained. The Senior Fair Board shall hear protests with the Barn Superintendents and Senior Fair Board Directors in charge involved as designated by the Committee and Board.

2. A protest may be filed anytime during the project year prior to the fair and will follow the procedures outlined above.

3. All protests will be considered at a time set by the Senior Fair Board, and all parties will be notified.

In all livestock classes (beef, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine) these laws, rules and regulations will be in full force and effect.

Rule Violations

In the question of rule violations, the following due process will be used. The exhibitor and/or parties involved will be questioned by the Pike County Senior Fair Board Directors responsible for that animal department. If it is felt a violation has occurred, they will make recommendations to the Senior Fair Board. After the Barn Superintendents and Directors responsible for that animal department hear the exhibitor and/or party's case, and recommendations are presented to the Senior Fair Board, the Board will decide if the case should be brought before the entire Board.

If the decision of a case being brought before the entire Board, all parties involved will be notified of a hearing date with all parties having the right to present their case. Upon hearing the case, the Pike County Senior Fair Board will make a ruling.

When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Pike County Senior Fair Board that any of the livestock rules have been violated, the exhibitor and their family may be barred from showing in any future fairs. Violations of Pike County Rules and Procedures may cause the exhibitor to be banned for one to three years subject to interpretation of the Pike County Senior Fair Board.

In case any premium shall have been awarded to animals shown in violation of this rule, the Pike County Senior Fair Board will request the exhibitor to refund all premiums, trophies, awards, ribbons and sale money under each violation.

Testing for Drugs

The Pike County Senior Fair Board shall have the right to require at random, or placings 1 through 5 in each class of animals, or any suspected animal, or all animals to be subject to inspections or tests as prescribed by the Senior Fair Board to determine if an unlawful substance or an unacceptable practice has occurred. The Pike County Senior Fair Board shall have the right to inspect each animal as it enters the show ring to determine if an unlawful or
unacceptable practice has occurred. Positive test or inspection results of any substance administered to the animal to alter the conformation, color, temperament, or other as specified in the rules, will be considered fraud and deception.

Urine, blood, tissue and other test samples shall be collected in accordance with the Ohio Department of Agriculture protocol for the collection of livestock test samples at exhibitions. Test samples may be collected before, during or immediately after a show. Deviation from protocol shall be noted. Unless otherwise requested by the Director of Agriculture, urine is the only test sample the Director’s designee shall be responsible for collecting from the grand champion and reserve champion market steers, market hogs, and market lambs at terminal shows.

OHIO FARM ANIMAL CARE COMMISSION
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POLICY STATEMENT
The Ohio Farm Animal Care Commission was organized in 1990 in the State of Ohio to provide leadership on matters related to farm animal care. The commission has dedicated itself to the promotion of sound animal husbandry practices in the care and efficient production of animals used for food and fiber. The use of proper animal husbandry practices minimizes stress, improves animal efficiency and profitability for the farmer and insures a safe, healthy and wholesome product to the consumer at a reasonable price.

The Ohio Farm Animal Care Commission believes animals play a vital part of human existence and therefore, deserve our protection and compassion. Humans have an inseparable relationship with animals and nature, as man has served as their sole caretaker for centuries. Yet, humanity is answerable to another set of laws and concepts that is uniquely a product of human society. Animals cannot be made subject to the laws that we as human beings are governed by and therefore, do not have the rights of humans.

The Ohio Farm Animal Care Commission firmly believes that all animals use other animals for their existence. Thus, the responsible use of animals by humans is natural and appropriate.

The Ohio Farm Animal Care Commission believes that farmers take pride in their responsibility to provide proper care for their animals and endorse the following ‘Code of Practices.’

“Code of Practices”

The following describes general responsibilities of the farmer and all persons in their authority, in the proper care and handling of animals raised for food and fiber.

- To provide food, water and care necessary to protect the health and welfare of my animals.

- To provide a safe and healthy environment for my animals, that is clean, well-ventilated and provides ample space.

- To provide a well-planned disease prevention program to protect the health of my herd or flock. This includes a strong veterinarian/client relationship.
- To use humane and sanitary methods when it becomes necessary to dispose of my animals.

- To make timely inspections of all animals to evaluate the health and insure that all basic requirements are being met.

- To insure proper handling techniques are used to eliminate any undue stress or injury when manual manipulation is necessary.

- To provide transportation for my animals that avoids undue stress or injury caused by overcrowding, excessive time in transit or improper handling when loading or unloading.

- The willful mistreatment of my animals or the mistreatment of any animal will not be tolerated. In cases of mistreatment, I will notify the proper authorities.

- To make management decisions based on scientific fact and to consider the welfare of my animals.