

2023-2024 Citrus County Fair Association Pee Wee & Youth Poultry Show Rules & Regulations

1. (A) All Pee Wee Exhibitors must be **under** 8 years of age as of September 1, 2023 to show in the Pee Wee Poultry program. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association. All Youth Exhibitors must be 8 years of age or **older** as of September 1, 2023 to show in the Youth Poultry program. Exhibitor must register their animal with the Citrus County Fair Association.
(B) **Pee Wee** Entry form and Entry fee of \$5.00 per bird (non-refundable) must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, December 15, 2023. No posted marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. You may enter a maximum of 2 birds.
(C) **Youth** Entry form and Entry fee of \$5.00 per bird (non-refundable) must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, December 15, 2023. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. You are limited to a total of 4 birds. Youth exhibitors must be a Citrus County 4-H or FFA member for the duration of their project. The 4-H Club or FFA Chapter must be recognized by the 4-H office or School to register to show.
(D) The Livestock Committee will present at least **two** educational meetings during the project period (August through February). **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.** The Exhibitor and a Parent or Legal Guardian **WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER**, at least **ONE** of these to **SHOW**. **Exhibitor and Parent or Legal Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show. Pee Wee Exhibitors are encouraged to attend the Youth Educational Meeting.**
Only purebred birds will be accepted in the Pee Wee and Youth Show, with the exception of the Production class. There will be no advertising or “For Sale” signs for animal at the educational meeting or during the Fair. All animals must be at least **3 months of age** at registration.
2. NO SICK OR DISEASED ANIMALS WILL BE ALLOWED. They will be inspected.
3. This project begins on the registration deadline for Poultry. Preparing for the arrival of chicks is an important part of this project. The project will end on Poultry check in day. Youth Exhibitor is responsible for submitting a completed record book before Poultry can be checked in at the Poultry barn.
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5. Refer to the Daily Barn Schedule for the date your animals should be delivered to the Fairgrounds for check-in. Your Poultry **Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting** will be held after check-in is completed. It’s the Exhibitor’s responsibility to check the Fair’s website for updated information. All exhibitors must bring in a labeled waterproof container with enough food to feed their animal for the duration of the fair. **All Livestock exhibitors will be admitted Free during their program through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**
6. Poultry Superintendent may ask the Exhibitor to be present for showing during the showing of the poultry. This will be announced at the Exhibitor Meeting on the day of entry to the Fair. Check General Rules 5A and/or 5B for the appropriate dress code for your project.
7. Pee Wee exhibitors may enter a total of 2 birds and Youth exhibitors may enter a total of 4 birds. Limitation of entries may be enforced by the show superintendent due to limited space available.
8. Exhibitors cannot compete against themselves.
9. Poultry will be released on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 between 10:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. Animals will not be released before this time. We will not be responsible for any animals left after this time. Other arrangements must be made in advance and approved by the show superintendent. Release time may change - you will be notified of any changes.

10. Thank you letters for Skill-a-thon and all Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up)**. Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies and Exhibitor will become ineligible to Show for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors Info with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.

11. **AWARDS & PREMIUMS: RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1th - 6th**
1st \$10, 2nd \$5.00, 3rd \$4.00, 4th \$3.00, 5th \$2.00, 6th \$1.00

Youth Poultry Grand Champion.....\$25.00 Youth Poultry Reserve Grand Champion.....\$15.00

AWARDS:

Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Class Winner - awards will not be given out if animal isn't awarded a blue ribbon. Class Winner award will be for classes with 3 or more entries in a class. In the event that there are single or double entries then they will be combined to one class and winner will be selected from them.

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP

Youth Exhibitor wishing to compete in the optional showmanship must designate so at time of Registration and pay a Non-Refundable fee of \$5.00.

PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP

No Fee - Pee Wee Showmanship, exhibitors wishing to compete in the optional showmanship are encouraged to pre-register.

PAYOUT FOR YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP IS A PERCENTAGE OF ENTRY FEES COLLECTED:

1 ST	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 TH	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 ND	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 TH	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 RD	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 TH	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED 1ST - 6TH

12. Failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations will subject the exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or Fairgrounds.

13. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Poultry Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2023.

14. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.** Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a \$150.00 fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund. If you do not attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up you will not be allowed to show in the Youth Poultry Show the following year. **Pee Wee exhibitors are encouraged to attend but not MANDATORY.**

EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS, LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.