Iosco County Junior Market Livestock 2016-2017 Program Rules

The Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program is under the jurisdiction of the “Market Livestock Sale Committee” (MLS). This committee is composed of a 4-H staff member, a fair board member, the livestock species leaders, FFA advisor and executive board members of the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Producers. The committee will address disputes regarding the program rules.

1. This program is open to members of Iosco County 4-H and FFA.

2. All members showing and selling rabbits, steers, swine, market lambs or poultry must be registered and pay the $10.00 participation fee and $2.00 insurance fee with the 4-H office by Friday, January 13, 2017. Exceptions to this will be per MLS committee agreement.

3. Anyone planning to sell livestock at the Iosco County Fair must belong to the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program and must abide by the Exhibitor Code of Conduct and all program rules.

4. 4-H clubs must follow 4-H guidelines. 4-H age is the age a member is on January 1. A member must be between the ages of 9 and 19 as of January 1st to be eligible to market an animal.

5. There will be three (3) Junior Market Livestock meetings. The dates are Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM, Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 4:00 PM and Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Members are expected to attend all meetings. For any missed meetings the member must contact their club leader prior to the meeting. Make-up work is required for all missed mandatory meetings. If members do not complete make-up work they become ineligible to sell at the fair.

6. Members are required to attend at least fifty (50) percent of all species/club meetings in addition to the three (3) Junior Market Livestock Meeting or they will be ineligible to sell.

7. Each member will be limited to the selling of one species and one animal within that species. A member enrolling in a youth program in another county with the intent to sell an animal in that county’s sale may not sell an animal in Iosco County.

8. A Licensed Veterinarian or a qualified individual as determined by the MLS Committee will be present at the first weigh-in and final weigh-in of each species to perform a soundness exam.

9. Members may weigh-in an extra animal (floater). Members must select which animal they will show and sell at the weigh-in on the first day of the fair.

10. Members will pay special attention to the health care of their animals. Members have the option of providing their own insurance on the animal.

11. If a member’s animal dies or develops a health problem prior to the final weigh-in that makes it impossible to show and sell at the fair, it is possible to replace the animal with his/her own floater. Under certain circumstances, with the approval of the MLS Committee it may be possible to replace it with another member’s floater.

12. A 3% commission will be charged to the members, to cover the cost of the sale.

13. All sale participants must contact at least three (3) prospective buyers, and no more than six (6). Participants are highly encouraged to contact at least one (1) new prospective buyer. These forms must be turned into the 4-H office by June 26, 2017.

14. Members must register and exhibit an Educational Project related to their species in the youth department at the fair. Exhibited projects must abide by 4-H Achievement Day and Iosco County Fair rules. Achievement Day Interviews will be conducted on Friday, July 21, 2017. Members who cannot attend Achievement Day must contact Kelli Rau, Iosco 4-H Program Coordinator prior to Achievement Day to make other arrangements.

15. A completed record book must be turned into the Sampson Building between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday during fair week. Members from the ages of 9 to 11 will complete the MI 4-H Animal Market Beginner Record Book, members 12-14 year olds and 1st year members will complete the MI 4-H Intermediate Market Record Book, members 15-19 will complete the MI 4-H Advanced Market Record Book. Record books not turned in will cause the member’s animal to be ineligible for sale at the auction.

16. There may be a screening of animals one to two weeks prior to the fair by an MLS Representative. Animals found unacceptable may not be sold.
17. All market animals will be weighed in on Monday of fair week by one official weigh master with two (2) MLS Committee members present to verify. Weigh masters weights are final.

18. Livestock members or an appointed representative must remain with animals from time of arrival, until they are weighed in.

19. All animals must be trained to show and fitted for show. The MLS Committee reserves the right to remove any animal from the show ring not under the control of the member. The MLS Committee will establish weight classes.

20. If a member is not present during the auction to sell their own animal, a leader will take the animal into the ring.

21. All animals must be dehorned for safety reasons.

22. All members exhibit and show their own animals. Only under unusual circumstances will exceptions be granted. Exceptions are under the jurisdiction of the MLS Committee. Only another Junior Livestock member will be allowed to replace the individual.

23. The members must groom their own animal. All members must participate in showmanship classes and market classes with their sale animal to be eligible to sell. Age for showmanship is determined by fair age.

24. A member will be responsible for the care, feeding and delivery, of his/her animal until the animal is delivered to the place of the buyer’s designation. If the animal dies after the sale, but before delivery, the member will replace the animal.

25. Checks will not be issued to any youth until all of the buyers settle for all animals in the sale. Should a buyer default on their purchase, the lost revenue will be paid to that member. The money will come out of the Market Livestock account first, unless funds are not there, then equal percentages will come out of members’ checks. Default payments will be made within 45 days after the sale.

26. Animals and display areas must be kept clean and neat at all times. Animals and members must be ready and present in their species barn 30 minutes prior to the start of the livestock show and sale.

27. Iosco County Agricultural Society may withhold premiums (based on a recommendation by the MLS Committee) from any exhibitor for not maintaining their animals or pens during fair week and on Sunday. Each member or a representative will be present on Sunday morning for clean-up and loading of animals.

28. Each member is **required** to participate in a minimum of one leader approved community service project each year.

29. Appropriate show attire for beef, sheep, and swine projects includes; general western style clothes, white dress shirts and dark pants, free of holes. Official FFA dress and 4-H show jackets or vests are allowed during all events. No hats may be worn. Rabbit and Poultry should consult their leader and/or superintendent to determine proper attire.

30. Individual species groups may have additional rules that must be followed.

31. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the ineligibility of a member to sell at the livestock sale or lose their placing at the sale.

32. Infraction of these rules will be at the discretion of the MLS Committee.
Market Steer Rules
2. All steers being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before January 1, 2017.
3. All steers will be weighed on the same scales and on the same date sometime between January 1 and January 15. All steers will be tagged with a county tag and have RFID Tag numbers and starting weight recorded for official entry for beginning rate of gain. The second weigh-in will be scheduled for mid-April. Weigh-ins are mandatory.
4. All market steers must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. All steers must be tagged with an RFID tag prior to the first weigh-in and species leaders will verify these numbers at the weigh-in.
6. To sell, market steers must weigh between 1,000 pounds and 1,600 pounds.
7. Market steers must be checked in at the fair by 12:00 p.m. (noon) and remain in their stalls off of all feed and water until the weigh-in.
8. Steers are required to be shown to the MLS Committee no later than one (1) week prior to fair and the Monday of the fair week. Exhibitors must demonstrate that the steers are trained and ready for show.
9. No heifers or bulls will be included in the sale.
10. All steers are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Hog Rules
2. All market hogs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before May 1, 2017.
3. All market hogs will be weighed in at the Iosco County Fairgrounds between 2:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, May 6, 2017. All sale participants are responsible for ensuring that their market hog project and floater are tagged with the state required ID tags and that a completed market hog verification form is turned into their leader at this weigh-in.
4. All market hogs must be castrated by May 6, 2017.
5. To sell, hogs must weigh between 220-300 pounds.
6. All members selling hogs at the fair must have a current quality assurance certification completed by July 1, 2017. Iosco County 4-H will offer PQA training at Whittemore-Prescott High School on March 19th.
7. A mandatory meeting for all swine exhibitors will be held on Monday afternoon following the completion of the weigh-in.
8. All hogs sold at the auction must be slaughtered or sold at another market location.
9. Market hogs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

Market Lamb Rules
1. All market lambs must be born after January 1, 2017.
2. All market lambs being raised for the sale must be on feed and under the member’s ownership and management on or before May 1, 2017.
3. Market lambs will be weighed and tagged with a club tag on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. A second weigh-in will be held in June.
4. All market lambs must be castrated prior to the first weigh-in.
5. To sell, market lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds.

6. A mandatory pre-show and meeting will be held on the Monday of the fair.

7. All market lambs must have a USDA premise ID tag.

8. All market lambs are required to follow state health guidelines and fair requirements.

**Market Poultry Rules**

1. All market poultry being raised for the auction must be under the member’s ownership and management within one week of the chick’s hatch.

2. A market pen of broilers will consist of a pen of three (3) birds of the same breed between eight (8) and twelve (12) weeks of age, and weighing a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of six (6) pounds. Sex of the birds is not considered.

3. A market turkey will consist of one bird of either sex between four (4) months and eight (8) months of age, and weighing a minimum of twelve (12) pounds and maximum of thirty (30) pounds.

4. All poultry must be inspected and undergo pullorium testing before they will be accepted for entry.

**Market Rabbit Rules**

1. All market rabbits being raised for the auction must be under the member’s ownership and management four (4) weeks prior to the first day of the fair.

2. All market rabbits will be weighed and tattooed by species leader on the last weekend of June. Leaders must record all weights & tattoos. An identification tattoo is mandatory to sell at the auction.

3. A market pen of rabbits will consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and variety between eight (8) and twelve (12) weeks of age, and weighing a minimum of three (3) pounds and a maximum of six (6) pounds.

4. Market pens must be of a commercial breed. Mixed rabbits will be allowed, but must be a cross of commercial breeds.

5. A market pen does not necessarily have to come from the same litter, but must be of the same breed or breed cross.

6. All rabbits must be inspected before they will be accepted for entry.
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4-H Club Name: ________________________________

Market Species (circle): Beef Lamb Swine Rabbit Poultry

Signature of Member: ________________________________ Date: ______________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ________________________________ Date: ______________

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