

Junior Show Exhibitors,

The champions that have walked through the ring over the last 35 years have not only made the Ohio Beef Expo one of the premier junior events in the state, but also the county. The standard in which the countless number of volunteers and committee members have set over the years left us a tall order to live up to for this milestone event. However, we are confident that the 2023 Ohio Beef Expo will in fact be the biggest and best Expo yet! The committee is excited for your arrival and we are eager to get your feedback on many of the upgrades we have tried to implement this year. A couple of highlights we are excited for you to enjoy *this year because of the generous sponsors*; entry fees lowered to \$45 for BEST and \$50 for Non-BEST participants, provide premiums to every exhibitor that leaves the ring, exhibitor gifts, Cornhole Tournament and a more efficient stalling process when you stop at the “Welcome Station” staging area north of 17th Ave. Follow signage when you get off of I-71 to 17th Ave.

In preparation for your arrival there are a few things that we wanted to remind you of in order to make your arrival as enjoyable and seamless as possible. Similar to last year, we are expecting record number of exhibitors and cattle!

Information:

- New for this year, all cattle at Ohio Beef Expo MUST provide a negative BVD test unless provided during the BEST season
- No cattle or equipment on the grounds prior to 7:30 AM, Wednesday, March 15. (steers must arrive and check-in by Friday at 6:00 PM, heifers must arrive and check-in by Saturday at 11:00 AM)
- All exhibitors wanting to participate in **showmanship** MUST be entered online no later than **Tuesday, March 14th**
- All cattle must be entered online via best.ohiocattle.org
- Exhibitors' cattle that HAVE NOT had their tattoos checked at a previous 2022-2023 BEST show, MUST have proof of registration and tattoos at check-in
- The name on the registration paper MUST match the exhibitor (No farm names)
 - With exception, any cattle purchased in an OBE sale, must provide a Bill of Sale at entry
- Exhibitors MUST show their own animal including showmanship
- There will be an additional BBS division in the steer and heifer show

Stalling:

- All exhibitors will receive formal stalling assignments at the “Welcome Station” staging area and then will be directed where to go to unload. (make sure your OCA membership and entry fees are PAID prior to arrival, to ensure a quick arrival process).
- If you are stalling with a group, be sure ALL exhibitors are paid prior to arriving or stall assignments will not be provided
- Mulch is provided for all indoor stalling; mulch is available for purchase for Viaduct stalling
- **All Horse Stalls MUST be put back in place to receive your \$50 cash deposit back. If you do not check in with the office before you leave, no refunds will be given after the conclusion of the event.**

Schedule:

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:30 am – Cattle allowed on the grounds

Thursday, March 16

- 4:00-8:00 PM – Junior Show Check-In, *Gilligan Building*
- 5:00-PM – Cornhole Tournament, *Show Coat Solutions Cooper Arena (must sign-up online)*

Friday, March 17

- 7:00-8:00 AM – Judging Contest Check-In, *Coliseum*
- 7:45 AM – Cornhole Tournament, *Show Coat Solutions Cooper Arena (must sign-up online)*
- 8:00-11:00 AM – Junior Show Check-In, *Gilligan Building*
- 9:00 AM – Judging Contest, *Coliseum*
- 12:00 PM – Youth BQA Training, *Coliseum*
- 1:00 PM – Showmanship, *Coliseum*
- 2:30 PM – Judging Contest Awards, *Show Coat Solutions Cooper Arena*
- 5:00-6:00 PM – Junior Show Check-In (Steers Only), *Gilligan Building*
- Conclusion of Showmanship – Cornhole Tournament, *Show Coat Solutions Cooper Arena*

Saturday, March 18

- 8:00 AM – Junior Market Animal Show Begins
- 10:00-11:00 AM – Junior Show Check-In (Heifers), *Gilligan Building*

Sunday, March 19

- 8:00 AM – Junior Heifer Show Begins

Follow Ohio Cattlemen's Association and OCA BEST Program on Facebook for information, updates and links. Complete Rules and details at ohiobeefexpo.com

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