

Junior Show Exhibitors,

The champions that have walked through the ring over the last 36 years have not only made the Ohio Beef Expo one of the premier junior events in the state, but also the country. 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 2025 Ohio Beef Expo will in fact be the biggest and best Expo yet! The committee is excited for your arrival, with the 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:

- No cattle or equipment on the grounds prior to 7:30 AM, Wednesday, March 12. (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 11th**
- All cattle must be entered online via www.best.ohiocattle.org
- Exhibitors’ cattle that HAVE NOT had their tattoos checked at a previous 2024-2025 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
- NEW for 2025, there will be an additional BBS division in the steer and heifer show, that will show immediately following the regular show, in a separate ring, under a separate judge.
- All cattle at Ohio Beef Expo MUST provide a negative BVD test unless provided during the BEST season

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 \$150 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 12

- 7:30 AM – Cattle allowed on the grounds

Thursday, March 13

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM – Judging Contest Check-in, *Coliseum*
- 10:00 AM – Judging Contest, *Coliseum*
- 2:30 PM – Judging Contest Awards, *Coliseum*
- 4:00-8:00 PM – Junior Show Check-In, *Gilligan Building*
- 7:30-PM – The Social, Hilton Columbus/Polaris

Friday, March 14

- 8:00-11:00 AM – Junior Show Check-In, *Gilligan Building*
- 9:30 AM – Youth BQA Training, *Coliseum*
- 11:00 AM – Showmanship, *Coliseum*
- 5:00-6:00 PM – Junior Show Check-In (Steers Only), *Gilligan Building*

Saturday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 16

- 8:00 AM – Junior Heifer & BBS Shows

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