

Junior Show Exhibitors,

The champions that have walked through the ring over the last 38 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. 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 exit I-71 to HUDSON ST entrance.

With the construction around the Ohio Expo Center, it has presented a few challenges, but with great preparation and several key implementations, our committee is committed to having a fantastic expo! 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. We appreciate your patience during this process and throughout the expo. Please remember, we are volunteers, and we have put in countless hours, to make this experience great for you and your family.

Information:

- We are allowing cattle to arrive a day earlier than in the past, with hopes of spreading exhibitors unloading times out for less congestion at busy times. No cattle or equipment on the grounds prior to 7:30 AM, Tuesday March 17. (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 17th**
- All cattle must be entered online via www.best.ohiocattle.org
- Exhibitors’ cattle that HAVE NOT had their tattoos checked at a previous 2025-2026 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, 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. Due to construction constraints, all unloading will take place on the WEST side of Gilligan ONLY, so please plan ahead if you plan to stall on the East side of Gilligan, as you will have a longer walk to your destination, carts are encouraged.
- 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.
- Mulch in the horse stalls will be inside the stalls (not in the aisle ways as in the past), to ensure an easier, more efficient unloading process for exhibitors.
- **All Horse Stalls MUST be put back in place to receive your \$75 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:

Tuesday, March 17

- 8:00 AM – Cattle allowed on the grounds

Thursday, March 19

- 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*
- 5:30-PM – The Social, Trade Show Floor, *Coliseum*

Friday, March 20

- 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 21

- 8:00 AM – Junior Market Animal & BBS Shows
- 10:00-11:00 AM – Junior Show Check-In (Heifers Only), *Gilligan Building*
- 6:00 PM deadline– Junior Show Check-In (Expo Sale Heifers only), *Gilligan Building*

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00 AM – Junior Heifer & BBS Shows

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