

## **Oswego County Fair Youth Code of Conduct**

All youth exhibitors must read the following with their parents/ guardians. To participate in youth activities at the Oswego County Fair, exhibitors and parents/guardians must sign and attach this document to youth entry forms at the time of registration.

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that participating in the Oswego County Fair is a privilege. Many people have worked hard to provide this opportunity for me. I am representing myself, my family, my community, and the organizations with which I participate. As such, I agree to:**

1. Be courteous, helpful, and respectful of others, including adult supervisors, fellow youth participants, evaluators, and the public.
2. Be respectful of and help maintain the Oswego County Fairgrounds.
3. Be respectful of and show appreciation toward adult advisors and superintendents.
4. Respect the personal privacy of all others.
5. Contact adult supervisors or superintendents to report any issue or conflict.

**In the interest of everyone's safety and personal comfort, Oswego County Fair strictly prohibits the following:**

1. Possession of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, weapons, or illicit drugs.
2. Possession of unapproved medications (please have a parent/guardian inform your supervisor of any required medications you may have).
3. Playing of loud or inappropriate music (all music must be played at a low volume and must be appropriate for all age levels).
4. Engaging in inappropriate displays of affection.
5. Using inappropriate language or gestures.
6. Mocking, bullying, or harming the physical or emotional well-being of another.
7. Wearing inappropriate clothing (Clothing that is revealing, displays obscene pictures/language, or advertises drugs, tobacco, or alcohol is NOT permitted).
8. Visiting sleeping areas of any member of the opposite gender.
9. Switching of beds once assigned.

**To make the Oswego County Fair run smoothly, youth must:**

1. Attend and participate in program orientations.
2. Confirm with entry clerk any entries prior to exhibiting.
3. Be on time and participate in all scheduled workshops and meetings.
4. Remain on the fairgrounds and at assigned program areas unless given adult permission to leave.
5. Abide by curfews as assigned by advisors and superintendents, Exhibitors must be in bed with lights out by this designated time.

**Because youth exhibitors are representing Oswego County Agriculture, Animal Exhibitors must:**

1. Keep their animals on the fairgrounds for the durations of the fair, with the exception of dog, horse, and Sanctioned Goat and Rabbit Show exhibitors.
2. Keep their animals clean at all times.
3. Keep their animal pens/housing area neat, with aisles raked.
4. Keep obstacles out of walkways between animal pens.
5. Be willing to answer questions to educate the public.

Youth found not abiding by the above rules and standards will be asked to leave the fairgrounds and will forfeit premiums. Removal of their animals will be the responsibility of their family. Any cost incurred as a result of damaged property will be paid by the offender and his/her parents/guardians. The Oswego County Fair Director has the authority to enact any further disciplinary measures, which could include, but not limited to, legal action and appearance before a county disciplinary review board, restricted participation in future youth/ 4H activities, and losing the privilege to represent Oswego County at the New York State Fair.

**I have read and understand this Code of Conduct, I agree to abide by it and understand the consequences if I choose not to:**

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_