

**Showman of Showmen**  
**Saturday September 16, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Junior Fair Arena**

1. The Showman of Showmen show is a competition between the representatives of the senior showmanship classes. All senior showmanship division winners in beef, feeders, dairy, dairy feeders, dairy steers, goats, horses, market beef or beef breeding, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine departments are eligible to compete. In order to add a livestock species to this list there must be a minimum of 10 exhibitors showing that species in one year. Additions and changes will be made the following year to the livestock list as long as 10 exhibitors are expected that year. The departments will determine how their senior age participant is elected.
2. Dress for the contest should reflect proper and appropriate show ring apparel for the specific species represented. The junior fair dress code requirements are pants/jeans with no holes and full button up shirts, no polos, to be buttoned from bottom to at least two buttons from the collar and tucked in. Dairy and horse exhibitors may have additional dress code requirements. Livestock do not need to be groomed, only presented clean and with proper show equipment.
3. Should one contestant have won two Senior Showmanship Divisions, they must decide which species they choose to represent with the runner-up in the other division taking their place.
4. Should someone be unable to participate, the runner-up will show. It is the responsibility of the winner to notify the runner-up of their opportunity.
5. Each participant will sign a release of liability form in order to participate.
6. The contest participant will provide their animal and show equipment for the competition in the fair arena at 4:50 p.m. Saturday of the show. If you feel your animal would not do well in the Showman of Showmen and be able to be handled by all contestants, please find a suitable replacement. The poultry division must be represented by a market broiler, no matter what was shown by the winning poultry exhibitor. Animals may be switched out between rotations if needed due to animal fatigue.
7. Due to the similarity of the style of showmanship between the market beef and dairy steers and the beef feeders and dairy feeders, these exhibitors will show based on rotation basis every two years (even years = market beef and dairy feeder, odd years = dairy steer and beef feeder).
8. Contestants will be asked to rotate to different species every five minutes. In addition, one rotation will be a 10-question general knowledge test on the species exhibited and the livestock industry. A second rotation will be public speaking where participants will introduce themselves, tell where they are from, what organization they represent, which species they represent, which species they show, what they like about the fair, what they are most looking forward to showing and most scared of showing, and then any additional comments they would like to make.
9. Each judge will rate the participants on a scale of one (1) to ten (10), with ten being the best. The highest cumulative score will win the contest. Each contestant's score on their own species will not be used in the scoring, though they will begin by showing their own species. The livestock species "out" for the year will begin at the general knowledge test and public speaking.
10. In order to account for an uneven number of scores for those representing the cattle departments, the beef feeder and dairy feeder participants will not receive a score in either area and the market beef and dairy steer participants will not receive a score in either area as well. This equalizes the number of scores.
11. Calculating the deviation in the contestant's scores will break a tie. The highest score will be subtracted from the lowest score, yielding the deviation in the contestant's scores. If a tie still exists, then the tiebreaker will be the contestant's score on the general knowledge test.
12. A suitable representative or representatives chosen by the Wyandot County Agricultural Education Instructors will judge each division.
13. An exhibitor may only win the Showman of Showmen contest once during their Junior Fair Career. Contestants may participate more than one time depending on senior showmanship eligibility as set by the departments.

Exhibitors winning their age division (with the exception of the senior division) have the option of moving up an age division or remaining in that age division the following year(s) until they age out of the division.

**Unless noted for the department,** exhibitors may show multiple years in senior showmanship, even after having won that senior showmanship division previous years.

**As of January 2023, Advisor Update, the following is correct. Subject to change.**

## **BEEF**

### **Market Beef/Breeding Beef**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

### **Beef Feeders**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **DAIRY STEERS**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **DAIRY**

Must advance to Dairy Showman of Showmen after winning Senior Showmanship. Dairy Showman of Showmen (any Jr. Fair Exhibitor who has previously won Sr. Showmanship). Winner of Dairy Showman of Showmen represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **DAIRY FEEDERS**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **GOATS**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **LLAMAS**

Not represented in Showman of Showmen

## **POULTRY**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **RABBITS**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **SHEEP**

### **Breeding Sheep**

Senior winners of the Sheep Showmanship and Breeding Sheep Showmanship will show against each other and the overall winner will represent the department in Showmanship of Showmen.

## **SWINE**

Winner of senior showmanship represents the department in Showman of Showmen.

## **HORSES**

See Horse & Pony Department for age and category divisions.

The highest placing senior in the Overall Senior Showmanship class who has never represented the horse department will compete in Showman of Showmen.