

DARKE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIRBOARD CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name - The name of this organization shall be known as the Darke County Junior Fairboard.

ARTICLE II - Purpose - The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and encourage agriculture, industry, education, science, art and other interests of the youth of Darke County; to increase the interest among youth groups for actively exhibiting at the Darke Co. Fair; to give them a voice in program policies toward improving the quality of the Darke County Fair, and to have youth working with advisors in planning and conducting events.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - All elected members of the Darke County Junior Fairboard will be either 4-H or FFA members with each area of interest including beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, dogs, rabbits, poultry, youth building, horses, cats, Family & Consumer Science, exhibiting in the area they represent throughout their term, being represented by three Jr. Fair teen exhibitors. Exceptions will be in the areas of cats - 2 members, and youth building 4-FFA plus 4-4-H. The following organizations shall be represented by the number of members designated as follows: FCCLA-1 and Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts -1., Gateway - 1, Boys & Girls Club - 1, Grange - 1, We are the Majority - 1.

Section 2 - Additional youth organizations may be represented or existing organizations may increase their representation on the Junior Fairboard by majority approval of the Board. New organizations represented on the Junior Fairboard will be allowed one (1) representative.

Section 3 - All members will be nominated by application form, signed by the applicant. A person may nominate himself/herself if they so desire. Nominations must be turned into the Darke County Senior Fairboard office by August 1. If not submitted by August 1st, an interview will be held before being voted on the Junior FairBoard. In the event of a vacancy, applicants will be interviewed and approved by the Junior FairBoard.

Section 4 - A committee from the Junior Fairboard will be appointed to review the applications and determine the slate of candidates for the Board. No write-in candidates will be accepted.

Section 5 - Each elected member will serve a two-year term. Term expiration dates in each area will be staggered where possible.

Section 6 - A member is permitted to serve a total of 4 years.

Section 7- In the event of a tie, during a general election, the Junior FairBoard will elect one of the candidates.

ARTICLE IV Eligibility - To be eligible for membership in the Darke County Junior Fairboard, an applicant must be an active member in the organization and exhibiting in the department he/she is representing throughout his/her Junior Fairboard term and 1 year prior to running. A Jr. Fairboard member must be at least 14 years old on January 1, current year, and not older than 19 on January 1, current year.

ARTICLE V Voting - The voting for members will be held during the fair, at times and places designated prior to the fair. Ballot boxes may be located in places other than the Youth Building during livestock shows. All youth organization members exhibiting at the fair will be eligible to vote for the candidate in the areas in which they are exhibiting. Must present Jr. Fair pass in order to vote. No write-in candidates.

ARTICLE VI Meetings and Responsibilities

Section 1- The Junior Fairboard meetings will be on a designated Thursday of September, October, [November](#), January, March, May, July and August. Special meetings may be called by request of at least one advisor and three members. Meeting places will be determined.

Section 2- All Board members are required to attend their respective Jr. Fair committee meetings. Board members must attend at least two Sr. Fairboard meetings during the year.

Section 3- A member is expected to attend all meetings. If a member misses two unexcused regular meetings in one year, he/she will go before the executive Committee which may result in dismissal from the Board. If a member is to miss, the Advisor shall be notified before the meeting. Acceptable excused absences; include illness, family emergency, and [sport games/meet](#).

ARTICLE VII Advisors

Section 1- Advisors to the Junior Fairboard will consist of the Coordinator, Entry Specialists, 4-H Educator and one Ag. Ed. teacher selected to represent FFA and selected representatives approved by the Jr. Fairboard.

Section 2- All Jr. Advisors for the Jr. Fairboard will be past members of the Board itself. They shall be no older than 21 years as of January 1. Term shall be for one year and may serve a second year, for a maximum of two years.

Jr. Advisors will divide department and committee responsibilities based on their interests and Board needs.

The number of Jr. Advisors shall not exceed five.

Jr. Advisors will be selected and approved by majority vote of the present Board.

No application is required to apply for Jr. Advisor. Nominees must indicate their interest in writing or be recommended by Jr. Fair Advisor or Board member by the first meeting following the fair.

ARTICLE VIII Quorum - Members of the Jr. Fairboard present at a regular or special meeting of which due notice has been given by the secretary by publication or by letter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business provided the number is not less than 50% of the membership. Excused members shall be considered present for the purpose of counting for quorum.

ARTICLE IX Officer's Duties

Section 1 - President - The president shall preside at the session of the Board, see that the rules of the organization are enforced, appoint committees as needed, and represent the Jr. Fairboard at Sr. Fairboard meetings as needed.

Section 2 - Vice-President - The vice-president shall assume the duties/responsibilities of the president in his/her absence, preside over all Junior FairBoard Committees and attend at least three Sr. Fairboard meetings.

Section 3- Secretary - The duties of the secretary shall be to keep an accurate record of all meetings and record of attendance. Attend at least three Sr. Fairboard meetings. The secretary shall also send a reminder of attendance requirements after each meeting to those members who miss a regular monthly meeting and do not notify the extension office. The secretary will report the names of those who were sent letters as a part of

the secretary's report at the following meeting.

Section 4 - Treasurer - The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep accurate records of all money available to the Jr. Fairboard and give a report of receipts and disbursements at each meeting. Attend at least three Sr. Fairboard meetings.

Section 5 - Reporter/Public Relations - The duties of the reporter shall be to publicize all meetings and activities of the Junior Fairboard in the newspapers, TV personnel and work with radio. They shall also work with special committees in promoting events and activities sponsored by the Junior Fairboard. Attend at least three Sr. Fairboard meetings.

Section 6 - Assistants may be elected to each office as needed.

Section 7 - Elections for the officers of the Junior Fairboard will be held at the October meeting with new officers taking over at the next regular meeting.

Section 8 - Voting for officers of the Junior Fairboard will be done in the following way: The president will (Change to: accept nominations from the floor). Nominees must have at least one year of experience on the Board. The President will announce the names of the nominees to be voted on by the Board at the regular October meeting. The voting will be done by ballot. Both retiring and new members are eligible to vote for officers. The advisors and president or acting chairman will count the votes. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes will be declared as elected.

Section 9 - **Jr FairBoard Assistants** Jr. Fairboard members are encouraged to select an assistant to help them with departmental duties and committee responsibilities before and during the fair. **Jr. Fairboard Assistants must be at least 13 years of age (Removed).**

ARTICLE X Dismissal of Members - these may result in removal of the board

Section 1 - Failure to notify Advisor of missing 2 meetings or with two unexcused absences.

Section 2 - Disobeying the code of conduct.

ARTICLE XI Amendments - The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Junior Fairboard. A committee appointed by the president will review the constitution and make recommendations. Amendments may be added by a simple majority vote.

