

Master Showmanship Contest

Rules and Regulations

The Master Showmanship Contest is scheduled for July 31, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. starting in the swine barn. For any questions regarding the contest, please contact the Ogle County Extension Office at 815-732-2191. In case of the Ogle County Fair being cancelled, this contest will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES:

Ogle County 4-H will be adhering to the following guidelines developed by the University of Illinois, Illinois 4-H, and approved by the Ogle County Health Department. Changes to these guidelines will be sent to families if Illinois reaches Phase 5 or goes back to Phase 3.

1. No virtual accommodations will be made for Master Showmanship.
2. Adhere to 50 people maximum in a defined space if in Phase 4, or 25 people maximum in a defined space in Phase 3.
3. Phase 4 Safety Protocols are as follows:
 - Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff when within the defined 4-H event space (inside or outside).
 - Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
 - Handwashing and/or sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
 - Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.

If any of these guidelines presents a challenge for you, please contact the Ogle County Extension office at 815-732-2191. We can discuss what accommodations are possible so that we can look for ways that all youth can safely participate in this event. Illinois 4-H reserves the right to adjust or cancel events in the case of identified risk, such as changes in local COVID conditions or known instances of non-compliance with safety guidelines.

Ogle County 4-H Master Showmanship Rules:

1. Participants must attend a brief organizational meeting prior to the competition at 6:45 p.m. in the swine barn show arena.
2. Two age divisions will be eligible to participate:
 - Junior Master Showman must be 8 – 13 years of age at the time of the event.
 - Senior Master Showman must be 14 – 18 years of age at the time of the event.
3. Participants must be enrolled in a 4-H Livestock event at the Ogle County 4-H Fair.
4. Participants in the Ogle County 4-H Master Showmanship Contest must supply their own livestock for the competition. Each exhibitor must own or borrow each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt.
5. Participants will be scored based on overall showmanship abilities and given a score after each round.
6. The swine division will run in the swine barn arena, the beef division will run in the beef arena, and the lamb division will run in the sheep arena, if each arena is available.
7. Participants should have all of their animals prepared for competition prior to the start of the contest. Time will be given between each species for participants to bring the animals to the arena.
8. Winners of the Master Showmanship Contest will receive the following awards:
 - The Junior Master Showman Champion will receive a \$50 cash award and belt buckle.
 - The Junior Master Showman Reserve Champion will receive a \$25 cash award.
 - The Senior Master Showman Champion will receive a \$100 cash award, belt buckle, and an opportunity to attend the Master Showmanship Contest at the Illinois State Fair.
 - The Senior Master Showman Reserve Champion will receive a \$50 cash award, and an alternate spot to the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest if the first place winner is unable to participate.
9. To participate in the Master Showmanship Contest, please enroll via FairEntry.com. Registration will be taken until June 14th. **New this year** – Register by June 23 and you will receive a free t-shirt! Late registration can be made the day of the show if space allows. Late entries will not receive a shirt.

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Senior Master Showman Champion

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