

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
COLUMBIANA COUNTY JUNIOR FAIRBOARD**

Article 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the Columbiana County Junior Fairboard.

Article 2 - Purpose

The purposes of this group shall be to promote the welfare of Columbiana County youth through their activities and exhibits at the Columbiana County Fair. Wherever possible, activities of the junior exhibitors shall be coordinated for the benefit of the total group; to develop Jr. Fairboard members in the areas of leadership, communication, and cooperation, through education, project development, and planning of Jr. Fair activities that involve all county youth organizations participating in the Columbiana County Jr. Fair. At all times the Columbiana County Jr. Fair shall cooperate with and be under the supervision of the Columbiana County Agricultural Society and the Jr. Fair Advisory Committee.

Article 3 - Membership

Any youth living in Columbiana County and/or belonging to an organization within Columbiana County that participates in the Jr. Fair shall be eligible to be a member of the Columbiana County Jr. Fairboard.

SECTION A. The Jr. Fairboard shall consist of:

1. Sixteen members from 4-H
2. Three members selected per chapter from FHA/HERO, FFA & VICA
3. Three members selected from Grange
4. Three members selected from each Scout Division and Camp Fire

Council

5. Three members selected from Farm Bureau Youth

SECTION B. Any other youth organization indicating an interest in the Jr. Fair can be admitted through the recommendation of the Jr. Fairboard.

SECTION C. The above Board members shall be 15 and under 19 years of age. The term of office shall be two years and where a youth organization is represented by more than one member of the Jr. Fairboard, one-half of the board members from that organization shall be selected each year.

SECTION D. Presentation Requirements:

1. Board members are representing the Columbiana County Junior Fair as an organization from Monday through Sunday of the fair and must follow these requirements the entire length of the fair:

- a. No foul language
- b. No foul actions
- c. Must wear name identification badges provided by the Senior Fair Board.
- d. Must wear Junior Fairboard uniform T-shirt provided to members or proper school attire (example B school dress codes).
- e. If a board member is elected as a Show Superintendent, they must wear their Jr. Fairboard uniform T-shirt and identification badge during the full length of the show.

Article 4 - Advisory Committee

SECTION A. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be three Senior Fairboard members; the County Extension Professionals; the Vocational Agriculture Instructors; the Vocational Home Economics Instructors; Farm Bureau, Camp Fire Council, Grange, and Scout representatives, and one adult from any other youth organization represented on the Jr. Fairboard.

SECTION B. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee shall be a Senior Fairboard member appointed by the President of the Senior Fairboard.

Article 5 - Organization and Meetings

SECTION A. The Jr. Fairboard members shall meet and elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, News Reporter, and Public Relations Officer to serve one (1) year and until their successors are elected.

SECTION B. All officers shall be elected from the membership of the Board.

Elections will be held at the October meeting.

SECTION C. Meetings of the Jr. Fairboard may be called by the President of the Jr. Fairboard and/or the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

SECTION D. Meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of the month. February-December. January will be the month in which the new year's members are selected. 4-H members are selected by the Ohio 4-H Achievement Record due in January. All other youth organizations, including FFA, members will be selected by that organizations advisor. Additional meetings will be set up as deemed necessary by the board.

Article 6 - Selection of Board Members

SECTION A. The selection of Board members to represent 4-H will be supervised by the County Extension Professionals.

SECTION B. The selection of Board members to represent FFA/VICA will be supervised by the Vocational Agricultural Instructors.

SECTION C. The selection of Board members to represent Grange shall be supervised by the Deputy.

SECTION D. The selection of Board members to represent FHA/HERO will be supervised by the Vocational Home Economics Instructors.

SECTION E. Other youth groups are responsible for the selection of their representatives.

Article 7 - Qualifications for Officers and Board Members

SECTION A. All officers and Board members must be members of their respective organizations for the current year of their selection and continue in such activity while serving on the Board.

SECTION B. A vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term by the group which they represent.

SECTION C. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board members present at the next meeting after the vacancy occurs.

SECTION D. The position of a Board member who misses three meetings may be declared vacant. After a member misses two meetings a warning letter shall be sent. The warning letter shall be mailed certified with signature required.

Once a member has had four unexcused absences a letter shall be sent stating that their position has been declared vacant upon Board approval. Once a vacancy has been declared vacant, that organization advisor may replace the member up to the month of May. After the May meeting, no new members may

join the Board.

SECTION E. An excused absence is when a member has notified someone on the advisory committee or an officer, who will be attending the meeting, to let them know why they will miss the meeting.

SECTION F. An unexcused absence is when a member misses a meeting and has not notified any member of the advisory committee or an officer.

SECTION G. To hold an office a member must have served one full year on the Board.

Article 8 - Duties of Officers

SECTION A. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the sessions of the Board and see that the rules of the organization are enforced. The President, with the help of the Advisory Committee, shall assign the superintendents to their respective departments and appoint committees as necessary.

SECTION B. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.

SECTION C. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings and business of the organization and perform any other duties pertaining to the office of Secretary.

SECTION D. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate record of all financial transactions. The Treasurer will make a final budget report at the end of the calendar year.

SECTION E. It shall be the duty of the News Reporter to submit articles to local newspapers on Board activities and projects.

SECTION F. It shall be the duty of the Public Relations Officer to work with the media and to promote the Jr. Fair and its activities.

Article 9 - Amendment

SECTION A. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Jr. Fairboard by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided that the proposed amendment has been approved by the Advisory Committee and that each Jr. Fairboard member has been given written notice one week in advance of the meeting for considering the amendment.