



## **GOALS OF THE OHIO SUMMER SHOW CIRCUIT**

### **1. Growth**

Increase participation in the OH-PIGS Circuit

### **2. Structure**

Provide a consistency and continuity to create a structured summer show circuit

### **3. Support of Culture**

Increase support of our exhibitors, circuit, and industry

### **4. Tool of Preparation**

Increase exhibitor knowledge to participate and compete on the national level at NJSA or CPS shows in skillathon, showmanship and breeding/ market classes

### **5. Opportunity for Leadership**

OPC/ OH-PIGS Junior Ambassadors program

Further youth development (scholarships, conferences)

## **OH-PIGS EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY**

- 3-21 years (age as of January 1, 2024)
- Any exhibitor from other states may come to jackpot ages 3-21 years.
- **ALL pigs that show on the OH-PIGS Circuit are required to have an 840 tag.**
- Health papers are NOT required for Ohio exhibitors. Out of state exhibitors MUST provide health papers before unloading at any OH-PIGS venue.
- Must be an Ohio resident, or Ohio 4-H member or Ohio FFA member to participate in membership for the OH-PIGS Circuit.
- Minimum age is 3, however, parents are to use their best discretion and a member's points will NOT count if they have someone helping them in the show ring.

## **OH-PIGS MEMBERSHIP FEE**

- \$25.00 – annual fee per OH-PIGS participant.
- Membership benefits: backpack and eligibility for points awards.
- Members must be signed up and paid before a show begins in order for points to accumulate.
- Fee can be paid at any sanctioned show.
- All pigs accruing points must be identified before points will be awarded. Points will not be backtracked if pig has shown prior to being identified for points on the pig ID sheet.

## SHOW INFORMATION

- Shows must follow the guidelines set forth by the OH-PIGS for record keeping and general fairness to all exhibitors.
- All results from the show will be turned into Kelly Morgan, Manager of Showpig Programs, at [kmorgan@ohiopork.org](mailto:kmorgan@ohiopork.org) within three days from the date of the show.
- **ALL pigs that are planning to show on the OHPIGS Circuit are required to have 840 tags**
- Ohio residents do NOT need to bring health papers. **However, out of state exhibitor health papers are required and will be presented in order to show.**
- Out of state residents WILL need health papers stating the following information:
  - ◆ Official ID (ear notch and metal 840 or RFD tag number)
  - ◆ Raw garbage statement stating that you do not feed your herd garbage.
  - ◆ Cannot be from a pseudorabies state.
  - ◆ Any questions, contact the state veterinarian's office at (614) 728-6220
- **ALL participants, members or non-members will follow Ohio Revised Code 901-19-33 - prohibited grooming practices (no paint or dye is allowed)**
- **Participants cannot use 2 utensils to drive any pig while showing in the ring. Pigs should be controllable while using only one utensil. This allows the public to not consider over use of the driving utensil for the animal's well-being.**
- ALL shows are non-terminal.
- Barrows and gilts will be shown separately by all breeds and crossbreds.
- Purebreds will be show separately by breeds. Barrows/ market gilts will show by weight and breeding gilts will show by age.
- ALL purebred barrows/gilts must provide a pedigree AND purebreds must meet breed characteristics.
- All market classes will have weigh backs for top 2 in each class. Weigh back must be within 15 pounds of weight declared.
- No minimum number of head per breed required to form a class.
- Purebred classes will be determined by the show committee based upon number of entries on the show day.
- There are to be NO AOB classes at any show for breeding or market classes.
- Purebred breeding gilts cannot be shown as a purebred market gilt. If you chose to show a purebred as a market gilt, it will have to show as a crossbred.
- Each show will begin with showmanship. (Senior working down to Peewee); followed by Breeding classes; followed by market classes (purebred barrows, crossbred barrows and crossbred market gilts)
- We as a committee ask that a selected judge can only judge 1 OH-PIGS Circuit show per that year's season.

## **2024 OH-PIGS CIRCUIT SCHEDULE**

- April 20/21      Opening Weekend at Fulton County – Battle of the Buckeye Pig Show  
8514 OH 108, Wauseon, OH 43567
- April 27/28      Perry County – Rick Wyer Memorial Youth Fund  
5445 OH 37, New Lexington, OH 43764
- May 4/5          Marion County – Marion County Pork Producers  
220 E Fairground St, Marion, OH 43302
- May 11/12       Highland County – In It To Win IT  
604 John St., Hillsboro, OH 45133
- May 18/19       Darke County – Darke County Shootout  
800 Sweitzer St., Greenville, OH 45331
- May 25/26       Pickaway County – Pig-A-Palooza  
415 Lancaster Pike, Circleville, OH 43113
- June 1/2         Clark County – Clark County Classic  
4401 South Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45505
- June 8/9         Ashland County – Ashland Swine Classic  
2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, OH 44805

## **ADVISORY BOARDS**

### **OH-PIGS Senior Board**

OH-PIGS Senior Board will consist of members of the OPC Showpig Committee for the 2024 OH-PIGS show season.

Todd Price, OH-PIGS Committee Chair	Scott Isler
Chery Day, OPC Executive Vice President	Kirsten Kimley
Kelly Morgan, Manager of OH-PIGS	John Heins
Brian Forrest	Jim McCoy
AJ Genter	Kasey Smith
Kevin Wendt	

### **OPC/ OH-PIGS Junior Ambassadors**

- Up to five members will be selected by a process of recommendation.
- Two-year rotation, end of second year may reapply.
- Two term limit.
- Cannot be a member of the OPC/ OH-PIGS Junior Board once they have passed the maximum age of membership.
- Junior Ambassadors can be removed at any time due to failure to uphold duties and behavior of an OPC Junior Ambassadors.
  - In this situation, the Senior OH-PIGS Committee can appoint a replacement for the vacant position.

2021-2023: TBA

2018-2020: Rachel Dickerson, Kolton Keener, Jenna Montle, Frank Reithman, and Becca Scholl

2015-2017: Hunter Frobose, Heather Johnston, Gus Mitchem, Tyla Voight, and Mallorie Whippel

## **COMPETITIONS**

- Market Hog
- Purebred Breeding Gilt
- Showmanship
- Skill-a-thon
- Judging Contest (Meats and Livestock)
- Overall Exhibitor

### **1. Market**

- Market barrows/gilts will not exceed 280 lbs.
- **Weigh backs will occur in all market classes. There is a 15-pound weigh back from weight declared.**
- All pigs will show by weight, sex and breed
- **Barrows/ market gilts must be born on or after November 1, 2023.**
- Crossbred market gilts cannot be shown as crossbred breeding gilts on the same day show. If this happens, points for breeding or market classes will not be earned.
- Classes will be: Purebred barrows – crossbred barrows – crossbred market gilts
- NO purebred market gilts shown – will show as a crossbred if identified as market

**ALL purebred barrows must show a valid pedigree and meet the respective breed characteristics to show as a purebred, otherwise barrow will be shown as a crossbred**

- Members are required to show (exhibition and showmanship) their OWN pigs to earn points. Exception only if exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.
- Members cannot show any other members pigs or share pigs among family members. If you show another member's pig, no points will be awarded in that particular class for that pig.
- Hogs that are brought back from WPX and were not owned and in the possession of the exhibitor prior to WPX, will not receive points
- **NEW FOR 2024 – Light and Dark Crossbred Barrows**
  - Crossbred barrows will be divided into light and dark classes for the 2024 OHPIGS Circuit. The respective show committee and the OHPIGS Manager, will make the final decision on questionable barrows if any issue were to arise. There will be a Grand and Reserve Champion Light Cross Barrow and a Grand and Reserve Champion Dark Cross Barrow. Those respective barrows will be eligible to compete head to head for Champion and Reserve Crossbred Barrow honors to head to the Grand Market Drive.
    - LIGHT CROSS BARROW – to classify as a light cross, the animal must have white and non-black pigment showing no red or black pigmentation on the skin. (i.e. Blues, Blue butts)
    - DARK CROSS BARROW – to classify as a dark cross barrow, the animal must have pigment showing color pigmentation on skin. (i.e. black belted, white hog with black head, whit hog with black spots, Calico, red pigmentation or hair

## 2. Purebred Breeding Gilts

- Gilts will be shown by breed and age.
- **Gilts must be born on or after November 1, 2023.**

**ALL purebred gilt must show a valid pedigree and meet the respective breed characteristics to show as a purebred, otherwise gilt will be shown as a crossbred**

- Members are required to show (exhibition and showmanship) their OWN pigs to earn points. Exception only if exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.
- Members cannot show any other members pigs or share pigs among family members. If you show another member's pig, no points will be awarded in that class, for that pig.
- Hogs that are brought back from WPX and were not owned and in the possession of the exhibitor prior to WPX, will not receive points.

## 3. Crossbred Breeding Gilts

- Crossbred breeding gilts will show by weight.
- **Crossbred breeding gilts must be born on or after November 1, 2023.**
- **Crossbred breeding gilts cannot exceed 280 pounds weekends 1-3 (Fulton, Perry and Marion) and cannot exceed 325 pounds weekend 4 and after (Highland County and after).**
- **Weigh backs will occur in all crossbred breeding classes. There is a 15-pound weigh back from weight declared.**
- Crossbred breeding gilts CANNOT be shown as crossbred market gilts in the same show on the same day. If this happens, points for both breeding and market classes will not be earned.
- Members are required to show (exhibit and showmanship) their OWN pigs to earn points. Exception only if exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.
- Members cannot show any other members pigs or share pigs among family members. If you show another member's pig, no points will be awarded in that class for that pig.
- Hogs that are brought back from WPX and were not owned and in the possession of the exhibitor prior to WPX, will not receive points.

## 4. Showmanship

- Peewee – ages 3-4
  - Novice – ages 5-8
  - Junior – ages 9-12
  - Intermediate – ages 13-16
  - Senior – ages 17-21
- The age the exhibitor was as of January 1, 2024
  - Must KNOW and SHOW in your age/division
  - If you show in wrong age/division you will NOT receive points for your correct division.
  - Divisions are randomly broken into classes in each age division with no more than 10 in a class.
  - Exhibitors may use November age pigs in showmanship.
  - Exhibitors cannot use sibling's pig in showmanship.

- If an exhibitor is late for the class/ heat, he or she will not be allowed to enter any other class/ heat in that age division.

## 5. Skillathon

- Peewee – ages 3-4
  - Novice – ages 5-8
  - Junior – ages 9-12
  - Intermediate – ages 13-16
  - Senior – ages 17-21
- Skillathon will be given at **Pickaway County, May 25**. Skillathon will take place 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.
  - No cell phones are allowed to be used during the skillathon.
  - Exhibitors will have a packet skillathon and/or may have to rotate throughout stations that cover information from the swine industry.
  - Parents cannot complete the skillathon helping their own child. We have helpers to help the little guys. 😊
  - Exhibitors will be offered assistance with any trouble in reading or reading the questions.
  - Exhibitors need to plan a time where the exhibitor can compete the skillathon test in one sitting.

## 6. Judging Contest

OH-PIGS exhibitors are encouraged to judge at both of the judging events:

### A. Livestock Judging

- ♦ One class of market barrows/gilts and a one class of breeding gilts.
- ♦ Livestock Judging Contest will be held at **Marion County (May 5)** and **Clark County (June 1)**
- ♦ Exhibitors will have 4 placings to mark on card for breeding and market.
- ♦ Exhibitors will answer 4 questions for breeding and market classes.

### B. Meat Judging

- ♦ Meats Judging Contest will be held at **Perry County (April 28)** and **TBA**
- ♦ Meats judging will consist of retail meat identification and placing 2 classes of retail cuts.

### C. Judging contest expectations

- ♦ No cell phones are allowed during the contest
- ♦ Parents cannot assist their own child during the judging contest. We have the older exhibitors assist the younger exhibitors.
- ♦ OH-PIGS exhibitors only have to participate in one of the judging contests, however, if the exhibitor does both livestock and meats contests, the highest score for each will be tabulated into Overall Exhibitor Points.

## 7. Photography Contest

OH-PIGS encourages our exhibitors to use photo to communicate about the swine industry. This is a standalone contest and will NOT be calculated in the Overall Exhibitor Point totals. All photos will be turned in by the last OHPIGS show of the season.

Entries will be judged in 3 categories:

➤ **Pigs**                      ➤ **People**                      ➤ **Industry**

- Photo must be taken by a 2024 OH-PIGS exhibitor.
- Photo submitted cannot have the exhibitor submitting the photo in the picture.
- Photo must be taken by the OH-PIGS exhibitor within the last calendar year.
- An OH-PIGS exhibitor may enter any number of photos into each category.
- Photos cannot be digitally altered or the photo will be disqualified.
- Photos should not have captions.
- Photos will be accepted in color, black/ white or sepia.
- All photos submitted must be a 5x7 print with an index card stating exhibitor name, age, and category to be judged in

## 8. OH-PIGS Overall Exhibitor

Members of the OH-PIGS Circuit will accrue points once membership fees are paid. There will be a Top 5 OH-PIGS Exhibitors awarded in each age division and a Top 5 Overall OH-PIGS Exhibitor by earning points in the following areas:

- Pig points = 2 highest placing pigs (can be 2 market, 2 breeding, 1 of each)
- Showmanship
- Skillathon
- Judging Contest (may count highest score from each livestock and meats judging contests)

## POINTS

Points will be kept as follows: member can accumulate points from all shows; however, awards will be based on the grand total points from member's top TWO pigs earned from **TEN (10)** of all OH-PIGS sanctioned shows (18) offered during the 2024 season. Showmanship points will be based off the best **5 out of 8** placings earned on Saturday showmanship in 2024.

- a. Show coordinators will record and send results to Kelly Morgan.
- b. The Ohio Pork Council ([www.ohiopork.org](http://www.ohiopork.org)) will have a link to the OH-PIGS website which will serve as the official site for the summer circuit
- c. The show dates for the summer season will be verified by the OH-PIGS Committee. The 2023 OH-PIGS Circuit will have 18 total shows over 8 weekends.
- d. Points will be accumulated from all sanctioned shows, however overall awards will be based on points earned from the member's top two pigs at **TEN (10)** most successful shows.
- e. Points will be accumulated from all sanctioned shows; however, overall showmanship awards for 2024 will be based on points earned from the member's top performances in **5 out of 8** showmanship competitions.
- f. Exhibitor **MUST** attend **TEN (10)** shows to be in running for high points of a breeding or market category.
- g. Points will only be earned for the identified pigs of an specific exhibitor. That exhibitor is the only one who may show the identified pig(s).
- h. ALL pigs (purebred gilts, market barrows, and crossbred breeding/market gilts must be born on November 1, 2023 and after to be eligible to show on the OH-PIGS Circuit to accrue points for the season.
- i. Any grievance must be presented to the OH-PIGS Senior Board, within 24 hours of incident, in writing and accompanied by a \$100 non-refundable fee.

## Point Breakdowns

- **Breeding and Market Classes** - top five placings in each:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> = 10 x number of head in class with max of 5 head
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> = 9 x number of head in class with max of 5 head
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8 x number of head in class with max of 5 head
  - 4<sup>th</sup> = 7 x number of head in class with max of 5 head
  - 5<sup>th</sup> = 6 x number of head in class with max of 5 head
  - 6<sup>th</sup> and below = 5 points each
    - Examples
      - 5 head or over in a class: 1st = 50 points
      - 4 head in a class: 1st = 40 points
      - 3 head in a class: 1st = 30 points
      - 2 head in a class: 1st = 20 points
  
- **Breed winners:**
  - Champions = 10 points
  - Reserves = 7 points

- **Overall Breeding and Market winners:**

- Grand Overall = 5 points
- Reserve Grand = 4 points
- Third Overall = 3 points
- Fourth Overall = 2 points
- Fifth Overall = 1 points

- **Showmanship Classes:**

The following points will be used to determine Champion Showman through 10<sup>th</sup> Overall in each age division at each show.

- 1<sup>st</sup> = 10 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = 9 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> = 8 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> = 7 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> = 6 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> = 5 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> = 4 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> = 3 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> = 2 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

- Exhibitors will be selected from each class to come back to an Overall Showmanship drive in that respective division. They will return at the end of their age division to compete for Overall Showman of that division. (ie: If there are four novice classes, the selected class exhibitors would return to compete for Overall Novice Showmanship drive).
  - Exhibitors asked to come back will receive 7 points for being asked back to final.
  - These points are what exhibitors accrue for Overall Showman of their respective division and go towards the exhibitor's overall point totals.

## **EXHIBITION**

Members are required to show (exhibit and showmanship) their own pigs to earn points. Pigs cannot be shared among siblings. The respective pig in question must be listed to accrue points for a specific sibling. Exception only if exhibitor has more than one animal in a class.

- Substitute showman must be 3-21 years of age.
- For exhibit and showmanship classes, members are required to show their own pigs to earn points; however, if an exhibitor has more than one animal in a given class, the member will show one animal and have a substitute showman (3-21 years old) show another. Also, no additional showman or drivers on that 1 pig.
- Must show own pig in showmanship, failure to do so will result in loss of points for that pig for that show on that day.