



## **Mission Statement**

To provide Junior Swine Exhibitors the opportunity to further their development of citizenship, leadership and sportsmanship. To reward Missouri youth for their participation and hard work in the statewide exhibition of swine projects, while helping promote a fun and honest atmosphere. To provide educational and skill-building opportunities to enhance the knowledge of Missouri youth about the purebred, show pig and commercial segments of the swine industry.

## **MPA's Youth Show Pig Circuit Guidelines**

### ***I. Organization***

- a. The MYSPC is a summer showpig circuit that consists of sanctioned shows and youth activities, managed by the Missouri Pork Association (MPA) and governed by the MYSPC Committee.
- b. The show season will be from May-June, with recognition at the Missouri State Fair.
- c. The official website is [www.MoPork.com/Youth\\_MYSPC.asp](http://www.MoPork.com/Youth_MYSPC.asp).
- d. Points from 60% of MYSPC sanctioned shows will count towards a member's points.
- e. Any grievances must be presented in writing to an MYSPC representative within 24 hours of the incident and accompanied by a \$100 *non-refundable* fee.
- f. The MPA will post all results as soon as possible after a sanctioned show on the official website. In addition, all show flyers will be posted by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show season.
- g. The MPA will maintain a current MYSPC membership list and manage funds.
- h. The MPA will work with the MYSPC Committee to obtain sponsorships/prizes for the program.
- i. Communication between the MYSPC and members will predominately occur via e-mail or the internet.

### ***II. Eligibility and Membership***

- a. Membership is open to Missouri Youth ages 21 and under as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. There will be a 60% payback of dues as premiums at the conclusion of the year. Members will compete using their age as of January 1.
- b. An annual \$25 membership fee will be assessed to become a member of the MYSPC. In addition, members who pay prior to April 17 will receive a t-shirt as part of their membership. Any memberships received after that date will receive a t-shirt while supplies last.
- c. Family membership packages are available at the following rates:
  - i. 2 memberships in the same family - \$40
  - ii. 3 memberships in the same family - \$60
  - iii. 4 memberships and above in the same family - \$15 per MYSPC member
- d. Members must be signed up and paid before points will be accumulated. Membership may be paid at any show. However, members will not receive points from shows attended prior to membership dues being paid.
- e. Kids are eligible for membership as long as they are a resident of Missouri or a member of the Missouri 4-H or FFA.
- f. The MYSPC is not responsible for the management of sanctioned shows. All sanctioned events are run independently of the MYSPC. All exhibitors are expected to honor the rules of the show in which they are participating.
- g. The MYSPC is not responsible for accidents.

- h. MYSPC members will be allowed to count top points from 60% of the total number of scheduled shows for the 2015 Season. If more than 60% of shows are attended, points from the 60% of shows in which earned points are the highest will be counted.
- i. MYSPC members must also be certified in the Show Me Quality Assurance Program or the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Program to participate.
- j. Premise identification numbers are recommended for the location where an MYSPC member's animal(s) is kept. This number should be noted on the membership form.

### III. **Sanctioned Shows**

- a. Shows must follow the guidelines set forth by the MYSPC for record keeping and general fairness to the exhibitors. A standardized reporting system will be furnished by the MYSPC for all sanctioned shows.
- b. There will be a \$200 fee to become a sanctioned show with the MYSPC.**
- c. Established shows must confirm/reserve their show date with the MPA Director of Communications by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the following show season.
- d. Shows should send the name of the judge(s) to the MPA Director of Communications as soon as the judge has been confirmed. Shows are encouraged to select a judge(s) that is not associated with another show.
- e. Shows shall be registered as a sanctioned show and have the official show flyer in to MPA no later than **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** of the current show season. **Payment must be received by March 1.** All shows will be listed on the official MYSPC website, and will have one 4" x 6" black and white ad placed in the official MYSPC pocket guide mailed to approximately 1,200 people.
- f. Sanctioned shows must promote the MYSPC to its exhibitors.
- g. All shows must submit a finalized list of class placings, champions and showmanship participants/winners within seven days of the conclusion of the show. E-mail them to [diane@mopork.com](mailto:diane@mopork.com).
- h. All MYSPC Sanctioned shows are required to have three aspects to their show:
  - i. Classes for purebred and crossbred market barrows.
  - ii. Classes for purebred and crossbred breeding gilts.
  - iii. Showmanship
- i. To be eligible, all pigs must be farrowed after December 1, 2014.
- j. Shows must judge gilts as breeding gilts. If they are judged as market gilts, the show cannot be sanctioned.
- k. Classes are required for the following breeds: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, OPB and Crossbred. The only exception is if there are less than 5 animals in a class (see Section III, Item I).
- l. A minimum of 5 animals are required to have a class. If there are less than 5 in more than one breed class, the show must combine those animals into an Other Breeds class. Points will be given for placing in that class, regardless of breed. This is the only acceptable reason to combine breed classes. *Do not combine barrows and gilts. Example: If there are 4 Duroc barrows and 2 Hampshire barrows, combine these animals into one Other Breeds class. If a Duroc places 1<sup>st</sup>, the corresponding 1<sup>st</sup> place points will be listed in the Duroc barrow category. If a Hampshire places 2<sup>nd</sup>, the corresponding 2<sup>nd</sup> place points will be listed in the Hampshire category.*
- m. If there is only one breed class with less than 5 head, then that class may be called as is.
- n. Showmanship divisions should be:
  - i. Novice – ages 7 and under
  - ii. Junior – ages 8 to 11
  - iii. Intermediate – ages 12 to 15
  - iv. Senior – ages 16 to 21
- o. Shows must report 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place in each showmanship division.**
- p. Shows are encouraged to be held on weekends. If two shows are held in one day, they should be run concurrently.
- q. Sanctioned shows are encouraged to not require hogs to be in place for more than 24 hours.
- r. Entries must be available the day of the show.
- s. Pigs may only be entered in one class per show.

- t. All animals entered in purebred classes are required to have registration papers or verification of registration by June 1. At this point, the animal will be shown as a crossbred until papers are provided. Papers MUST be faxed or emailed to the MPA office by June 1. MPA will send the list of verified purebreds to shows after that date.
- u. Class breaks will be determined under judgement of the show officials.
- v. Pigs must be entered in the name of the MYSPC member that wishes to accumulate points from the exhibition of that animal.
- w. MYSPC members are expected to exhibit their own pigs.
- x. The MYSPC will not be responsible for the formation or the enforcement of the individual show rules. These are the sole responsibility of the show management.
- y. The MYSPC Committee recommends that all sanctioned shows charge more for out of state participants.
- z. Shows are required to:
  - i. Have a weigh in or weigh back system.
  - ii. Have a minimum payback of 50% of fees as premiums.
- aa. **Shows are required to select a top 5. The process is as follows:**
  - i. **Select a 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall crossbred from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place representatives. Shows are required to recognize this 3<sup>rd</sup> overall crossbred, but are not required to pay premiums past champion and reserve champion.**
  - ii. **Overall grand champion will be chosen from all breed champions. The respective breed reserve champion will replace that animal, then an overall reserve champion will be chosen.**
  - iii. **Show must then pick a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place overall animal. For crossbreds, if the champion and reserve champion have been chosen, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place crossbred will enter for a chance at the remaining three spots. Each purebred category will utilize only the champion and reserve champion.**
  - iv. **Ultimately, the top 5 may have a maximum of 3 crossbreds and a minimum of 2 purebreds.**
  - v. **Shows must recognize the top 5, but are not required to pay premiums to the additional placements.**

#### **IV. Points System**

- a. Points will be awarded for the exhibition in classes as follows:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> – 25
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20
  - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> – 10
  - v. 5<sup>th</sup> and below – 5 points
- b. **Breed Champion's Points for Crossbreds will be awarded as follows:**
  - i. **Champion – 10 points**
  - ii. **Reserve Champion – 6 points**
  - iii. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Crossbred – 3 points**
- c. **Breed Champion's Points for Purebreds will be awarded as follows:**
  - i. Champion – 10 points
  - ii. Reserve Champion – 5 points
- d. **Overall Champion's Points will be awarded as follows:**
  - i. **Grand Champion – 20 points**
  - ii. **Reserve Grand Champion – 15 points**
  - iii. **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall – 10 points**
  - iv. **4<sup>th</sup> Place Overall – 5 points**
  - v. **5<sup>th</sup> Place Overall – 2 points**
- e. **Showmanship points in each division will be awarded as follows:**
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> – 25
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15

- iii. 4<sup>th</sup> – 10
- iv. 5<sup>th</sup> and below – 5
- f. Points will be accumulated for members in each of the following breeds for both market barrows and breeding gilts for the MYSPC show season: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, OPB and Crossbred.

#### V. **Prizes and Awards**

- a. Prizes are solely dependent upon funding. There will be 60% payback of membership dues.
- b. **Prizes and Awards will be given out at the Missouri State Fair during an Awards Luncheon at the Pork Place on Wednesday, August 12, 2015.**
- c. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the following categories:
  - i. Barrows and Gilts by Breed – Prizes to be awarded to top five finishers in each breed for both market barrows and breeding gilts. In the crossbred divisions, the top ten will be awarded.
  - ii. Overall Exhibitors – Prizes to be awarded to top ten exhibitors in both overall barrow and overall gilt categories.
  - iii. Showmanship – Prizes to be awarded to the top five finishers in each age division.
- d. In the event of a tie, a point system will be used to break the tie: **Grand Overall=8, Reserve Overall=7, Grand Champions=6, Reserve Champions=5, 1<sup>st</sup>=4, 2<sup>nd</sup>=3, 3<sup>rd</sup>=2, and 4<sup>th</sup>=1.**
- e. Barrows, gilts and showmanship are all separate categories and points for each will not be combined at any time.
- f. To be eligible for top awards in breeds or overall gilt/barrow, the MYSPC member must participate in that category at least 5 times during the show circuit. *Example 1: To be eligible for top awards in Chester Barrows, the exhibitor must have shown a Chester barrow at 5 sanctioned shows or more.*
- g. **The MYSPC is proud to support the breeds listed in Section III. k., and will award prizes regardless of the number of animals in the breed category.**
- h. Members will receive points for the highest placing animal by breed by sex by show. *Example: If two crossbred barrows are shown, points will be received for the highest placing barrow.*
- i. Overall points will be calculated using the highest placing in each show attended at up to 60% of sanctioned shows. *Example: If a member receives 1<sup>st</sup> in Duroc, 4<sup>th</sup> in Crossbred, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hampshires and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Spotted, only points from the Duroc will count.*

#### VI. **MYSPC Committee**

- a. The MYSPC Committee will be comprised of representatives from across the state as well as from the Missouri Pork Association.
  - MPA – Diane Slater, Director of Communications
  - UMC – Dr. Marcia Shannon
  - Missouri State Fair – J.R. Reid, Sweet Springs
  - Northeast – Jesse Heimer, Taylor
  - Northwest – Lance Martin, Chillicothe, and Bryan Williams, Princeton
  - Southwest –
  - Central – Eddie Robinson, Wellsville; Michael Curtis, Thompson and Tim Gamm, Bowling Green
- b. The Executive Committee will assist MPA staff with day to day management activities:
  - Jesse Heimer (fundraising/prizes)
  - Lance Martin (guidelines/points)
- c. Terms of Committee Members

**All rules are subject to the discretion of the Missouri Pork Association and the MPA Youth Show Pig Circuit Committee and are subject to change.**