



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

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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 April-June, with recognition at the Missouri State Fair.
- c. The official website is 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 1st 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 MYSPC and members will predominately occur via e-mail or internet.

II. Eligibility and Membership

- a. Membership is open to Missouri Youth ages 21 and under as of **December 31, 2023**. There will be a 60% payback of dues as premiums at the conclusion of the year. Members will compete using their age as of **December 31, 2023**.
- b. An annual \$30 membership fee will be assessed to become a member of the MYSPC. In addition, members who pay prior to April 10 will receive a t-shirt as part of their membership. Any memberships received after that date will receive a t-shirt while supplies last. MYSPC members will be considered junior members of the Missouri Pork Association.
- c. Family membership packages are available at the following rates:
 - i. 2 memberships in the same family - \$50
 - ii. 3 memberships in the same family - \$70
 - iii. 4 memberships and above in the same family - \$20 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. **New for 2024, members will receive an individual membership number. This number should be used at all shows to assist with identification purposes. If you do not have a number, contact the**

office immediately to be sure we have received your membership. If paying at a show, you will be contacted by the MPA office within five days with your number.

- 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 **2024 Season, or 12 shows**. 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 will be allowed to count top points from **60%** of the total number of scheduled showmanship events for the **2024 Season, or 10 events**. If a member participates in more than **60%** of showmanship events, points from **60%** of showmanship events in which earned points are the highest will be counted.
- j. MYSPC members must also be certified in the Show Me Quality Assurance Program or the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Program to participate.
- k. 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.**
- b. Shows must have a payback of 50% of entries in each class. Shows must also give additional pay for grand and reserve grand champion in each breed. See Section III, bb for additional details.
- c. There will be a \$200 fee to become a sanctioned show with the MYSPC.
- d. Established shows must confirm/reserve their show date with the MPA Director of Communications by December 1 for the following show season.
- e. Shows must submit their judge to the MPA Director of Communications no later than **15 days from show date**. The committee will review judges to avoid duplicates. Judges may NOT be from Missouri. **A list of suggested judges will be provided to inquiring shows.**
- f. Shows shall be registered as a sanctioned show and have the official show flyer in to MPA no later than January 8 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 6.25" black and white ad placed in the official MYSPC pocket guide mailed to approximately 1,000 people and posted online in digital format.
- g. Sanctioned shows must promote the MYSPC to its exhibitors.
- h. 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.
- i. 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
 - EXCEPTION: When two shows are held on the same day in the same location, only one showmanship event is required. See Section III, q, ii for scheduling details. It is up to the shows as to which judge presides over showmanship.
- j. To be eligible, **all PUREBRED pigs must be farrowed after November 1, 2023. Crossbred pigs will not have an age or weight requirement.**
- k. Shows must judge gilts as breeding gilts. If they are judged as market gilts, the show cannot be sanctioned.
- l. Classes are required for the following breeds: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, OPB (includes any breed not listed here), Light Crossbred and Dark Crossbred. See Section III, Item ff for details on Crossbred division changes.
- m. 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 will run each class as normal, then bring class winning animals back for an OPB

Champion and Reserve Champion. *Do not combine barrows and gilts. Example: If there are 4 Duroc barrows and 2 Hampshire barrows, show a class of Duroc's and a class of Hampshires. Then, bring the 1st place Duroc and 1st place Hampshire back for Grand OPB points. Replace that pig with the 2nd place class animal to compete for Reserve OPB points.*

- n. If there is only one breed class with less than 5 head, then that class may be called as is.
- o. 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
- p. Shows must report 1st through 5th place in each showmanship division, and all participants.
- q. Shows are encouraged to be held on weekends. If two shows are held in one day in the same location, they should follow the schedule below:
 - i. **Ring A – Begin with two Showmanship Divisions**, followed by Crossbred barrows, Berkshire barrows, then work through remaining purebred barrows alphabetically ending with Yorkshire barrows. Pick Top 5 in barrows. Next, start with Crossbred gilts, then Berkshire gilts and move through alphabetically to Yorkshire gilts. Pick Top 5 in gilts.
 - ii. **Ring B – Begin with two remaining Showmanship Divisions**, followed by Berkshire gilts, working through the alphabet and ending with Crossbred gilts. Pick Top 5 in gilts. Next, start with Berkshire barrows and work through alphabetically ending with Crossbred barrows. Pick Top 5 in barrows.
 - iii. **A third option would be to host Showmanship the Friday night before the shows**
- r. Sanctioned shows are encouraged to not require hogs to be in place for more than 24 hours.
- s. Entries must be available on the day of the show.
- t. Pigs may only be entered in one class per show.
- u. All animals entered in purebred classes are required to have registration papers or verification of registration by May 15. 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 May 15. If papers are **NOT** provided by this deadline, all points earned in the Circuit for that animal will be voided for the year. Out of state showmen must have purebred papers **IN HAND** at shows.
- v. If an animal is added to the circuit after May 15, purebred papers must be sent in prior to the first show.
- w. Class breaks will be determined under judgement of the show officials. However, the MYSPC recommends that classes be at least 5 animals.
- x. Pigs must be entered in the name of the MYSPC member that wishes to accumulate points from the exhibition of that animal, and must be shown by that member.
- y. **MYSPC members must exhibit their own pigs to receive points. If a member is caught in violation one time, they will lose ALL points for that day. If they are found in violation two times, they will forfeit points for the entire year.**
- z. 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.
- aa. The MYSPC Committee recommends that all sanctioned shows charge more for out of state participants.
- bb. Shows are required to:
 - i. Have a weigh in or weigh back system.
 - ii. Have a minimum payback of 50% of fees as premiums in each class.
 - iii. Additional funds should be allocated to breed champions and breed reserve champions, and overall champions and overall reserve champions.
 - iv. Shows must submit their anticipated class payout schedule **15 days** prior to their show to be reviewed and approved by MYSPC organizers.
- cc. Shows are required to select a top 5. The process is as follows:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Show must then pick a 3rd, 4th and 5th place overall animal. For crossbreds, if the champion and reserve champion have been chosen, the 3rd place crossbred will enter for a chance at the remaining three spots. Each purebred category will utilize only the champion and reserve champion. If 3 crosses, regardless of light or dark, have been chosen, the remaining 3

- animals must be removed.
- iii. Ultimately, the top 5 may have a maximum of 3 crossbreds and a minimum of 2 purebreds.
- iv. Shows must recognize the top 5, but are not required to pay premiums to the additional placements.
- dd. The MYSPC reserves the right to no longer sanction a show, based upon unanimous approval by the committee.
- ee. Light and Dark Crossbred Barrows and Gilts will be shown as separate breeds. Any crossbreds with black hair or skin will be placed in the Dark division and all remaining crossbreds will be in the Light division, including Blue Butts and reds. Both will name a champion, reserve and third place crossbred to represent their breed. Lights and Darks will NOT be combined for Top awards. Only three crossbreds, regardless of light or dark, may be used in the top five overall in both barrows and gilts. If three are placed, the remaining pigs must be removed from top five consideration.

IV. Points System

- a. Points will be awarded for the exhibition in classes as follows:
 - i. 1st – 30
 - ii. 2nd – 25
 - iii. 3rd – 20
 - iv. 4th – 15
 - v. 5th – 10
 - vi. 6th and below – 5 points
- b. Breed Champion Points for Light and Dark Crossbreds will be awarded as follows:
 - i. Champion – 15 points
 - ii. Reserve Champion – 11 points
 - iii. 3rd Place Crossbred – 8 points
- c. Breed Champion Points for Purebreds will be awarded as follows:
 - i. Champion – 15 points
 - ii. Reserve Champion – 10 points
- d. Overall Champion Points will be awarded as follows:
 - i. Grand Champion – 20 points
 - ii. Reserve Grand Champion – 15 points
 - iii. 3rd Place Overall – 10 points
 - iv. 4th Place Overall – 5 points
 - v. 5th Place Overall – 2 points
- e. Showmanship points in each division will be awarded as follows:
 - i. 1st – 30
 - ii. 2nd – 25
 - iii. 3rd – 20
 - iv. 4th – 15
 - v. 5th – 10
 - vi. 6th 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, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, OPB, and Light and Dark 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 on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.**
- 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.
 - 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.
- iv. Overall Exhibitor – One awarded per year. (see section j below)
- v. Rookie of the Year – One awarded per year. (see section k below)
- vi. Premier Exhibitor of the Year – One awarded per year. (see section l below)
- vii. Top Show of 2023 – One awarded per year. (see section m below)
- 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, 1st=4, 2nd=3, 3rd=2, and 4th=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. I., 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 1st in Duroc, 4th in Crossbred, 3rd in Hampshires and 2nd in Spotted, only points from the Duroc will count.*
- j. The Circuit will award an Overall Exhibitor for the year. To be eligible, members MUST show in the Barrow, Gilt and Showmanship categories. The top points from **60%** of shows in each category will be considered. *Example: We will take the highest placing gilt from up to **60%** of shows, highest placing barrow from up to **60%** of shows and highest placing in showmanship from up to **60%** of shows and add them together to get an overall score.*
- k. The Circuit will award a Rookie of the Year. To be eligible, the member must be a first-year member of the MYSPC (member can be any age as long as they haven't been a member of the Circuit before). Member does NOT have to participate in all 3 categories to be eligible. *Example: We will take the highest placing gilt from up to **60%** of shows OR highest placing barrow from up to **60%** of shows, and highest placing in showmanship from up to **60%** of shows and add them together to get an overall score.*
- l. The Circuit will award a Premier Exhibitor Award. To be eligible, members MUST show in the Barrow, Gilt AND Showmanship categories. Points will count from ALL shows in the Circuit.
- m. The Circuit will award a Top Show for the year. This award will be based on overall reviews/evaluations of all shows. To be eligible, the show must meet all guideline requirements, which includes submitting results within seven days of show completion, submitting a payout schedule and the judge's name 15 days prior to the show, and be paid in full by March 1.

VI. **MYSPC Committee**

- a. The Missouri Youth Show Pig Circuit is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of no more than 10 adults who have an interest in working with Missouri youth in the exhibition of swine. Committee members will include a staff member of the Missouri Pork Association, the Missouri State Fair Swine Superintendent, up to six At-Large Members, and up to two Advisory Members.

At-Large Members shall:

- i. be elected to a four-year term on the committee and shall be limited to two full four-year terms in succession.
- ii. be voted on by the current/outgoing executive committee.
- iii. be comprised of a combination of show pig breeders, parents of MYSPC youth members, and other individuals involved in the industry.

Advisory Members shall:

- i. be appointed by the Executive Committee for a four-year term.
- ii. be knowledgeable in the history of the show pig industry.

Responsibilities

Members of the Executive Committee will agree to be highly involved in making decisions for the MYSPC. Members are expected to:

- i. Attend all planned committee meetings.
- ii. Attend scheduled shows during the Circuit, assisting with any guideline questions that may arise from show organizers or youth members.
- iii. Assist in fundraising for the Circuit and Awards Banquet.

2024 Members

Diane Slater (Missouri Pork Association) J.R. Reid, Sweet Springs (Missouri State Fair)

At-Large Members

Brent Boland – 2024-2027 (1st) Tayler Cope – 2024-2027 (1st)

Tanner Ellison – 2022-2025 (1st) Emily Gerke – 2020-2023 (1st)

Paul McAlexander – 2021-2024 (2nd) Scott Nolting – 2021-2024 (1st)

Allison Troesser – 2024-2027 (1st)

Advisory Members

Eddie Robinson – 2023

- b. The MYSPC Junior Board will be comprised of no more than 8 youth members. Junior board members must be 14 to 21 years of age and must go through an application process. Applications will be due January 15, 2024. Members will be required to attend shows during the Circuit, watch for rule adherence, be mentors to younger MYSPC members, and be responsible for certain programs throughout the year. Members will attend a training session at the 2024 Missouri Pork Expo on February 20, 2024 at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach.**

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.