

MURRAY GREY SHOW RULES FOR OHIO BEEF EXPO
Approved by OMGA Trustees, January 17, 2004
Rules Go into Effect for 2004 OBE Show and all Future OBE Shows

General Regulations

1. Ohio Murray Grey Association, Ohio Cattlemen's Association, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, OBE Management, Event Facilities Management, Ohio Legal Code and Ohio State/Federal Veterinary Regulations will apply to all animals and conduct of exhibitors. **All regulations of the Ohio Beef Expo general rules and regulations and the general livestock rules and regulations of the State of Ohio apply to all exhibitors and cattle; no exceptions granted.**
2. All animals entered must have been owned by the exhibitor at least 60 days prior to show date. In cases of dispute, exhibitor may be required to produce receipt of sale or other documents for review by show committee.
3. Veterinary regulations will be supplied from the OBE Office in advance of the Expo, to allow exhibitors time for required health tests and documentation to be secured.
4. Except for the steer class(es), only purebred Murray Greys are eligible to show.
5. Exhibitors shall be permitted to enter more than one animal per individual class without limit.
6. At the option of the exhibitor, each animal may be weighed, measured for hip height, thickness of back fat, or rib eye muscle area. OMGA encourages exhibitors to obtain these measurements.
7. Entry and/or administration fees will be set by OMGA Show Committee. All entry fees must be paid at the time of application for show, with all checks made payable to Ohio Murray Grey Association. Entry documents, DNA reports-if needed, and other required fees, are described below, and in the accompanying detailed documents supplied for the event each year. Fee entitlements are also found in the detailed information sheets each year. Entry and other information requested in detailed information sheets about each animal entered are due by the date indicated, so that the show manifest can be compiled.
8. All entry and administrative fees are non-refundable. In the event of illness or injury to an original show entry, exhibitor may substitute another animal of the same show class, provided all show rules are met by the substitute.
9. All entries must be made in the name of the bona fide owner. Affiliation of the animal(s) and exhibitor with the bona fide farm of the exhibitor is also required.
10. For OBE-entered animals that are also 4-H or FFA projects in the exhibitor's county or state of origin, the OBE-entry application of the animal for Ohio Beef Expo must match the 4-H/FFA records for animal ownership and project. Ownership of animal(s) that are market steer projects in 4-H/ FFA must match records of ownership by the single 4-H or FFA member that actually owns the animal(s).
11. Only OMGA members in good standing will be allowed to exhibit cattle in this show. Membership dues for 2004 must be paid by the time of OBE entry deadline in order to be considered a member in good standing, in addition to other OMGA membership regulations.
12. Arrival Time - Cattle are to be stalled by the date and time and location specified by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association.
13. Show Day - Date, time and location to be announced by Ohio Cattlemen's Association. All exhibitors are expected to have their entries groomed and ready for parading into the show ring when their class is called. Failure to arrive at show class after three show ring announcements will disqualify an animal from that class.
14. Show Ring Attire - All exhibitors must be neatly attired. However, due to the possibility of severely inclement weather, exhibitors will be allowed to show wearing heavy outerwear clothing, as needed. Exhibitors are requested to refrain from wearing hats into the show ring.
15. Show Classes - The OMGA Show Committee will set the show classes, and class descriptions and requirements will be published in the detailed entry sheets for each year's show.
16. Show Awards - Ribbons, rosettes, banners, monetary premiums, etc. or other incentives will be offered at the discretion of the OMGA Show Committee. Awards offered will be described in the detailed information sheets for each event.
17. All show animals must be halter-trained and well-dispositioned. Animals must be clean when on display in the barn and in the show ring. The use of artificial colorants, hair, tails, etc., and the gluing or otherwise placing of previously removed hair on an animal is not allowed. Adulteration of an animal by injection of any material to enhance the appearance of an animal is prohibited. Hooves should be trimmed, clean and

natural - no polish to be used, to enable the judge to see the pigmentation. Use of any artificial enhancers listed constitutes fraud, and if detected, exhibitor will forfeit all entry fees and awards. Hair clipping and styling of each animal is optional and is at the discretion of the exhibitor. Reminder: Ohio Law requires the use of a nose restraint for all bulls 12 months of age or older. Bulls 365 days of age or older by show day must be equipped with a nose restraint. Reminder: Ohio's Livestock Tampering Act strictly forbids actions detrimental to breeding animals and actions detrimental to animals destined for human consumption; exhibitors should consult Ohio Dept. of Agriculture for details.

Additional Regulations for Purebred Animals

1. For general appearance, color shadings including silver grey, grey, grey, dark grey, or dun will be allowed. In cases of animals appearing to be black or red roan, exhibitor must supply to OMGA Show Committee, along with the completed show entry application form (by application due date), a DNA marker report from a recognized independent testing laboratory, verifying that the subject animal has been identified by genotype as a purebred Murray Grey.
2. White on an animal's underbody is permissible, but white elsewhere is not acceptable. Cattle must be naturally polled, with no scurs or horns. Muzzle must be dark in color. Skin should be dark colored, loose and supple.
3. Ohio Murray Grey Show Committee will have the authority to inspect each animal prior to show time and their decision is final.
4. Animals must be registered with a global, national, or international Murray Grey registry and have original registration certificates available for inspection by Ohio Beef Expo Management, Ohio State or Federal Veterinary Inspection, and/or Ohio Beef Expo Murray Grey Show Committee as needed. Exceptions: a) baby calves less than 30 days of age on show day; b) animals 31 to 250 days of age must furnish proof of application for registry with original temporary registration certificates. (No photocopies or faxes.)
5. Each animal must have a legible permanent identification in order to be eligible to show. Tattoos or other ID's must match registration papers. OBE Management, Ohio State or Federal Veterinary Inspectors and or Ohio Murray Grey Show Committee may undertake tattoo check as needed.
6. All bulls 365 days of age or older by show day must have a nose lead to be shown (nose ring or clip).
7. If an animal is not shown in an individual class, it is not eligible to be shown in a group class.
8. Requirements for pregnant females or females with calf at side and definitions for Group Classes are found in the Show Classes document that is part of the detailed information package provided for each show.

Additional Regulations for Steers

1. Each animal entered for steer category must be a minimum of 50% Murray Grey, which is demonstrated by a valid recordation or registration certificate from a Murray Grey registry.
2. Steers shall be divided into classes, based first upon percentage of Murray Grey blood, then by age within the bloodline percentage group.
3. Original recordation or registration document must be submitted for inspection with animal upon arrival at show barn; photocopies are not acceptable.
4. All animals must be sound, dehorned, and fully healed prior to arrival at fairgrounds.