

Iosco County Market Livestock Producers Association By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization shall be known as Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Producers Association

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The Purpose Shall Be:

- Sec. 1 To promote and encourage youth interest in Small Animals, Beef, Sheep, and Swine Livestock educational projects, activities, and programs.
- Sec. 2 To develop and promote programs that best meets the interest of youth in the Livestock Industry.
- Sec. 3 To conduct the necessary educational programs that will meet the needs of youth now and in the future.
- Sec. 4 To encourage, at all times, the basic objectives of youth programs including that youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers, youth are physically and emotionally safe, and that youth are actively engaged in their own development.
- Sec. 5 To develop and uphold the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Program rules and regulations as set by this association. These rules can be obtained from the MSU Extension 4-H Office.

ARTICLE III: Membership:

Participation in the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Producers is open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status.

- Sec. 1 All youth who enroll in Small Animals, Beef, Sheep, and Swine Projects, which are consigned to be sold at the Junior Market Livestock Sale at the Iosco County Fair, are automatically members. Youth are required to be enrolled in the 4-H program.
- Sec. 2 All members will pay the annual 4-H Participation and Insurance fee to MSU.
- Sec. 3 Members are expected to attend all meetings. If a member misses more than fifty percent (50%) of the organization and club meetings he/she will not be eligible to sell in the livestock sale.
- Sec. 4 Meetings are open to all to attend and voice their opinions.
- Sec. 5 The MSU Extension Staff member with responsibility for the Iosco County 4-H program shall be an ex-officio member of the Livestock Committee and all subcommittees.

ARTICLE IV: Board of Directors:

- Sec. 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) Association members as follows:
 - Three (3) Small Animal Market Project Members
 - Three (3) Market Steer Project Members
 - Three (3) Market Swine Project Members
 - Three (3) Market Lamb Project Members

- Sec. 2 Terms on the Board of Directors shall be two (2) years. On odd number years beef and sheep members will elect two members to the Board and small animal and swine members will elect one. On even years the swine and small animal members will elect two members and beef and sheep will elect one member.
- Sec. 3 The Officers of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer. These officers shall be elected by the membership at large.
- Sec. 4 The Officers are to be elected for a term of one year. Election are to be held at the first meeting of the entire Association. Old officers remain in charge until new officers are elected.
- Sec. 5 If a Director's vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors will immediately appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the first meeting of the entire Association, at which time the species group members will elect their replacement.
- Sec. 6 The President of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. The President will create the agenda, appoint standing committees as needed and in general carry out the usual duties of president. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. In the absence of both, a director shall preside at the pleasure of the directors present.
- Sec. 7 The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association, also that of the Board of Directors. The secretary will return a copy of the minutes to the MSU Extension Office for distribution with the notices of the next meeting or as is appropriate, and record all correspondence to the committee.
- Sec. 8 The Treasurer and an adult volunteer appointed by the board of directors who has successfully completed the Volunteer Selection Process shall keep a debit and credit account of all money received and paid out by him/her for the Association, give a report of amounts money received and paid out by him/her and settle with the Board of Directors by producing vouchers for all money paid out. He/She, at the expiration of the term of office, shall turn over to the successor in office all books, papers, and all property in his/her possession belonging to the Association. The adult treasurer serves as a signatory on the account. They will follow the procedures outlined in the Michigan 4-H Financial Guidelines.
- Sec. 9 The Public Relations Officer is responsible for maintain communication with the membership at large. In addition to maintaining the Facebook page, they will create the calendar of events, submit press releases as necessary, arrange for radio spots as necessary, and serve as a liaison with the Iosco County 4-H Leaders' Council and Fairboard.
- Sec. 10 The Board of Directors has the authority to handle any and all business of the Association when a meeting of the total membership is not feasible.
- Sec. 11 Youth nominated for directors must be actively involved in 4-H or FFA programs during the year of directorships.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

- Sec. 1 As a guideline to running meetings, Roberts Rules of Order, current edition shall be used.

- Sec. 2 Meetings of the executive board shall be held month as determined by the Executive Board members.
- Sec. 3 Special Meetings may be called by the president/board in conjunction with the 4-H Staff member
- Sec. 4 Elected members are expected to attend all meetings. Excused absences can be made by calling the president and/or MSUE 4-H staff assigned to work with the association. Elected members that miss more than three meetings without contacting the President or MSUE staff will be notified, and may be removed from their elected position.
- Sec. 5 The Executive Board will also hold three annual meetings of the entire association as outlined in the rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI: Standing Committees

- Sec. 1 Standing Committees will consist of: Buyer Appreciation, Promotion, and Auction. Appointment to committees will occur throughout the year and are open to all.
- Sec. 2 The President will annually appoint special committees as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII: Fiscal Year

- Sec. 1 The Iosco County 4-H Fiscal Year runs September 1st to August 31st.

ARTICLE VIII: Quorum

- Sec. 1 Eight (8) Board members shall constitute a quorum for meetings.

ARTICLE IX: Restrictions

- Sec. 1 At which time this organization ceases to be, all assets, both material and financial will be reverted to the local Extension office for the purpose of furtherment of the local FFA Chapter and the 4-H Youth Program of Iosco County.
- Sec. 2 Any decision passed by the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Producers Association that is in conflict with the policies or practices of MSUE may be vetoed by the 4-H Staff. 4-H Staff will communicate with the Livestock Association as soon as reasonable of any policy or practice conflicts.

ARTICLE X: Amendments

- Sec. 1 These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the Iosco County Junior Market Livestock Producers Association, provided members of the 4-H Livestock Association and MSUE staff are presented with the proposed changes in writing at least one meeting in advance of the vote.

Adopted December 4, 2016

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