**PCLA Rules and Guidelines**

(Revised December 2, 2023)

**Membership & Directors**

Membership is open to livestock exhibitors under 21 years of age. Members must be 21 years of age or younger prior to January 1 of the current year. All members and directors must be a full time Pennsylvania resident. Verification or proof of age and/or residency of any member may be requested/required. If an exhibitor is unable to verify age/residency, any animal entered in his/her name is ineligible for points until age/residency is proven.

PCLA will be organized and led by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of but not limited to, two representatives from each PCLA sanctioned show. All board of directors must be 22 years or older as of January 1 of current year. The Board of Directors will appoint 3 at large directors on a yearly basis to settle any disputes. Verification or proof of age of any member may be requested/required.

PCLA directors at large have the right to settle any and all disputes of the organization should they arise. In the event of a dispute, a type-written grievance must be presented to the at-large directors within 24 hours of the incident. The at-large director to contact is Bill Gardner (wsg3@hotmail.com or 724-984-3112), Bill will then present the issue to the other at large directors (Matt Molnar & Brian Hrutkay) who will follow up within 1 week of the date the incident was reported. If the dispute is able to be discussed at the show, all parties involved must remain present while the dispute is discussed.

Exception: In the event of a point dispute, members have 7 days from time official points are posted on the web site to bring disputes to attention of the PCLA. Final decision on points will be determined by PCLA officers and directors in conjunction with show officials. All decisions are final.

All PCLA Board of Directors and Members must conduct good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at all sanctioned shows. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the directors at large for appropriate action. The director’s at large, in conjunction with Show Directors from show where conduct occurred will decide on appropriate action. This action is not limited to the following but may result in the exhibitor found in violation losing points, loss of multiple show points, the exhibitor or director barred from PCLA or removal of director status. The decision of the directors at-large is final.

**PCLA Committees**

**1. Bylaw Committee – Bill Gardner, Brian Hrutkay, Matt Molnar**

**2. Membership Committee – Chrissy Pribisco**

**3. Points Committee – Lexie Mills, Bill Gardner**

**4. Banquet Committee – Dan and Chrissy Pribisco**

**5. Awards Committee – Tiffany Stadtmiller, Ashley Wright, Brian Hrutkay**

**6. Fundraising Committee – Dan and Chrissy Pribisco, Michelle Dull**

**7. Skillathon Committee – Michelle Bear**

**8. Promotion/WebSite/Facebook Committee – Amanda Pennington**

**9. Scholarship Committee – Jason & Jamie McGinnis**

**Top 5 Selection**

All type shows (Crossbred Pig, Purebred Pig, Lamb, White Face Crossbred Sheep. and Goat) will select a Top 5 in each division or breed. The top 5 overall will also be chosen in each show. PCLA points for each placing are listed below.

**Points**

To receive points an exhibitor must be an active member of PCLA. Points will begin to accumulate at the time of membership dues being received. Points are NOT retro-active.

Points will only be accumulated at PCLA sanctioned shows. All sanctioned shows must be held in Pennsylvania. Points will be accumulated for Crossbred Pig, Purebred Pig, Lamb, White Face Crossbred Sheep. and Goat.

There must be a minimum of three (3) shows for a particular specie for PCLA to award prizes.

Points will be accumulated based on total number of shows for each specie using the following criteria:

Three (3) to Six (6) Sanctioned Shows – All show point totals will be counted for final point total.

Seven (7) to Eight (8) Sanctioned Shows – Top Six (6) point totals will be counted for final point total.

Nine (9) shows – Top Seven (7) point totals will be counted for final point total

Ten (10) shows or more – Total number of shows minus three (3) will be counted for final point total (Example 14 shows minus 3 = 11 shows counted for final point total)

Members will compete and receive points in five age divisions for Skill-a-thon and Showmanship. Age divisions are:

Division 1: 0 – 7 years of age

Division 2: 8-11 years of age

Division 3: 12-14 years of age

Division 4: 15-17 years of age

Division 5: 18-21 years of age

Points will be awarded on the following basis to qualified PCLA members.

Total Points for each show will be awarded to each animal is descending order:

Overall Champion: 100 points

Overall Reserve Champion: 90 points

3rd Overall Champion: 85 points

4th Overall Champion: 80 points

5th Overall Champion: 75 points

Champion/Breed Champion Division: 70 points

Reserve/Reserve Breed Champion Division: 65 points

3rd Division/Breed: 60 points

4th Division/Breed: 55 points

5th Division/Breed: 50 points

1st place in class: 40 points, 2nd place in class: 30 points, 3rd place in class: 25 points, 4th place in class 20 points, 5th place in class: 15 points, 6th place and lower: 10 points

Points will be awarded to each participant for showmanship and Skill-a-thon in descending order:

1st place in class: 40 points, 2nd place in class: 30 points, 3rd place in class: 25 points, 4th place in class 20 points, 5th place in class: 15 points, 6th place and lower: 10 points

Animals must be entered and shown by the individual PCLA member for the points to be accumulated in their name, unless that member has two (2) or more animals in the same class, in which case the animals may be shown by another PCLA member.

**White Faced Crossbred Sheep Show**

White Faced Crossbred Sheep will show, accumulate points, and receive year end awards **separate** from crossbred sheep.

White Faced Crossbred Sheep is defined as:

Wether or Ewe. Must be white faced, brockle faced or show evidence of at least 50% white face or more throughout the face and ears.

All WFX sheep will be classified at the first PCLA sanctioned show they show at and if approved may show in WFX category for remainder of 2024 show season. Any sheep not meeting the physical criteria outlined above will have the option to be shown in the lamb show and not be eligible to show as a WFX at any PCLA sanctioned show.

~~Any sheep not meeting the physical criteria outlined above (as determined by the PCLA executive committee) will be placed into the black face cross division and ineligible for the white division at any future PCLA shows.~~

No minimum number of head per breed required to form a class. Wether and Ewes will show together by weight. Sheep cannot show in both the White Face Crossbred Show and Lamb Show.

Note: - Year end awards for top 5 White Faced Crossbred Sheep will be determined by PCLA directors and may vary from other divisions

**Purebred Pig Show**

Purebred pigs will show, accumulate points and receive year end awards **separate** from crossbred pigs.

Note: - Year end awards for top 5 purebred pigs combined not by individual breeds. Prizes will be determined by PCLA directors and may vary from other divisions.

~~ALL purebred gilts and barrows must show a valid pedigree, otherwise pigs will show as a crossbred.~~ All purebred pigs must be registered in the showman’s name by the first show of the season. Boars will not be included in the breed show. All purebred gilts and barrows must be born on or after November 1, 2023.

All purebred pigs pedigrees will be checked at the first PCLA sanctioned show they show at and if approved may show in purebred pig category for remainder of 2024 show season. Any purebred pig mot having a valid pedigree will have the option to be shown in the crossbred show and not be eligible to show as a purebred pig at any PCLA sanctioned show.

The following breeds will be recognized at each show, all others will show with crossbreds. No minimum number of head per breed required to form a class. There will NOT be an AOB class. Barrows and gilts will show together by weight. Pigs cannot show in both Purebred and Crossbred Pig Shows. Shows should show Purebred pigs by breed in alphabetical order.

1. Berkshire 6. Landrace
2. Chester 7. Poland
3. Duroc 8. Spot
4. Hampshire 9. Tamworth
5. Hereford 10. Yorkshire

**Year End Awards**

All PCLA year-end awards will be based on the following criteria according to the number of shows (see Rule above).

Animal - based on cumulative points for each individual animal

Showmanship – based on cumulative points accumulated in each individual species.

Skill-a-thon – based on cumulative points for each Skill-a-thon category.

If a member is in the top five of any individual specie (Crossbred Pig, Purebred Pig, Lamb, White Face Crossbred Sheep. and Goat) or in the top five for Showmanship or Skill-a-thon that member is required to attend the end of year banquet, or send a representative, to receive their prize(s).

A member may let any at-large director know of absence from the banquet at least 24 hours in advance.

If a member wins a sponsored prize with the sponsor's name located on the prize the member must leave the sponsor's name on that prize for a one (1) year time period.

If the sponsor's name is somehow removed PCLA will cover the cost of having the name put back on the prize.

If a member does not show up to receive their prize at the end of year banquet, there will be a single date and location within 30 days following the banquet for the members to receive their prize(s). This will only apply to members who notified the executive committee of their absence from the banquet.

Year-end awards will be given to the top five members for each Specie category, Showmanship, and Skill-a-thon divisions.

Awards are to be determined by the PCLA Board of Directors.

For the purpose of awarding prizes, all ties will be broken using only the scores that were counted in determining the tie by following criteria:

Most Overall Champions

Most Overall Reserve Champions

Most 3rd Overall Champions

Most 4th Overall Champions

Most 5th Overall Champions

Most Champion Divisions

Most Reserve Champion Divisions

Most 3rd Divisions

Most 4th Divisions

Most 5th Divisions

Most First Place in Class

Most Second Place in Class

Most Third Place in Class

Most Fourth Place in Class

Most Fifth Place in Class

Coin Toss

An award for participation will be awarded at the year-end banquet. Members will receive one entry in the participation drawing for each of the following:

1. Present at the year-end banquet
2. Each specie shown at each show (for purposes of this award – Crossbred and Purebred pigs count as 1 entry in drawing and Lamb and WFX lamb count as 1 entry in drawing.)
3. Each Specie of showmanship a member competes in at each show
4. Skill-a-thon events each member compete in at each show

**Health Requirements**

All Pigs are required to have a RFID tag and use the last four (4) numbers on RFID tag to identify the pig for points.

Lambs and goats must be identified using the last 4 digits of scrapie tag number.

**It is the responsibility of the member to use consistent animal identification throughout the show season. If not consistent the points will not count when calculating for year-end awards.**

Animals exhibited by PCLA members must be accompanied by a health chart and be free of infectious or contagious diseases. Health charts for all pigs will be required within 14 days of show. See individual shows for official health requirements.

**Other**

A member may enter Showmanship or Skill-a-thon if they are not exhibiting an animal. Member is responsible for any required show entry fees.

Maximum of 15 showman per class, if maximum is exceeded in a class show is responsible for breaking into multiple heats. Show must determine top 5 in each age group.

No parents, friends, or family members are allowed in the show ring with an exhibitor. All exhibitors must be able to be in the show ring by themselves unless deemed medically necessary. A written medical letter will need to be provided to the directors before the start of the show season if the showman requires additional help. If deemed medically necessary for help by the directors, then another PCLA member will help the individual. A show official may be requested to assist an exhibitor if necessary.

PCLA recommends a judge can only judge 1 show and 1 specie on the PCLA circuit per year.

**Skill-a-thon**

Skill-a-thon will have a specific start time for each show and will only last for two (2) hours.

No cell phones or internet capable watches are allowed during skill-a-thon.

Parents are not permitted into the designated skill-a-thon area and cannot help during skill-a-thon. There will be appointed individuals at each show to help kids read questions if needed.

**Multiple Ring**

If the show is running multiple ring formats and multiple rings are concurrently running with the exhibitor being in the show ring, another youth who meets the PCLA eligibility guidelines may show in the classes for points to be accumulated on the animal.

The only classes that are subject to delaying (holding) will be showmanship and only if another round of that age group of showmanship is running concurrently.

**2024 Show Schedule**

Fayette County Premier - May 18 & 19 Fayette County Fairgrounds

Bedford Spring Fling - May 25 Bedford County Fairgrounds

Juniata County Chase the Banner Jackpot Show– May 26 Juniata County Fairgrounds

Indiana Jamboree – June 1 & 2 Dayton Fairgrounds

Westmoreland Showcase – June 8 & 9 Westmoreland Fairgrounds

Somerset Pro Sho – June 15 & 16 Somerset County Fairgrounds

Washington County Classic – June 22 & 23 West Alexander Fairgrounds

Susquehanna Valley Showdown – June 29 & 30 Lebanon Valley Exposition Center & Fairgrounds

PCLA Banquet – August 3 Donegal Community Center

All PCLA shows must be scheduled between May 15 and July 15 of the current year to allow time for year-end awards and banquet to be held.