

MI Pigs 2023

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MI PIGS is a youth program that recognizes Michigan's youth exhibitors through sanctioned pig shows that include showmanship and educational contests and activities. Youth who participate in the sanctioned shows earn points for their placing. Points are tracked for pigs shown by that exhibitor, showmanship and educational contests and activities.

The **MI PIGS** program goals are to:

- Encourage youth to participate in showing pigs throughout the state
- Develop leadership and promote education
- Recognize the youth showing pigs in Michigan
- Develop youth with a better understanding of the swine industry in Michigan



Youth participants will earn points in the following areas:

Showmanship, Educational contests (held at Green & White, Spartan Classic, MLE and other posted online opportunities) as well as your highest pig placing at sanctioned shows. End of year prizes will be awarded in Showmanship (Top in each of the 5 divisions as well as overall), Educational contests, and Top youth overall (a combination of showmanship, educational and pig placings).

New for 2023, exhibitors will have the opportunity to nominate individual hogs to be recognized at the end of the year! (Additional fee required).

MI PIGS program Rules & Regulations:

1. Only Michigan residents who are 3 years old by January 1, 2023, but not older than 21 as of January 1, 2023 are eligible to participate in the program. MI PIGS sanctioned shows must follow the age guidelines that will allow youngest (3 yrs. as of 1/1/23) or oldest (21 yrs. as of 1/1/23) MI PIGS youth to participate. (MLE age requirements are an exception). We welcome youth with a chronological age greater than 21 years of age who participate in 4-H or school activities with their developmental aged peers, to participate. (As recommended by the American with Disabilities Act).
2. MI SHOWS exhibitors must be a resident of Michigan for more than 6 months in each calendar year and must attend a Michigan school (exception made for Michigan resident college students attending out of state institutions).
3. To participate, MI PIGS exhibitors must pay a \$25 entry fee. This is a one-time fee for the show season. (March to September 2023) Each exhibitor must complete the entry form and the form needs to be returned BEFORE the exhibitor's first sanctioned show. In 2023 educational contests at Green & White and the FFA Show (Jan 2023) will also be included.
4. Online entries – Exhibitors are responsible for completing the registration process using the online system. Online entries will have a date/time stamp and must be completed prior to the first show where the youth exhibitor will be collecting points. (exception in 2023 for educational contests in January)
5. All animals entered in MI PIGS must be in the ownership, possession, and care at the time of the entry by the MI PIGS exhibitor and/or immediate family and must remain in the ownership, possession, and care of the exhibitor/family throughout the remainder of the show season.
6. The animal must be owned by the youth exhibitor and/or family. To receive points the animal must be shown by the youth owner making entry. Exceptions for 2 or more animals in the same class.
7. MI PIGS exhibitors that are physically unable to show their animal, may have another MI PIGS exhibitor show it for them, but the owner must be present at the show and inform the MI PIGS

director of the situation to earn points. If a MI PIGS exhibitor becomes ill after check-in at a show, they must contact MI PIGS director or show staff for approval. If an exhibitor becomes ill at home before leaving for a show, and cannot attend, then no points will be awarded.

8. Showmanship will be offered at every MI PIGS sanctioned show. Exhibitors must show their own animal entered in the show (or a family members pig) in showmanship to receive points . Showmanship divisions: Beginner 3-7 years; Novice 8-11 years; Junior 12 – 14 years; Intermediate 15-17 years; and Senior 18-21 years.
9. If the animal is dismissed during a class, the exhibitor will lose all points for that animal for that show.
10. Any protest regarding the MI PIGS rules not being executed at a sanctioned show must be filed at the MI PIGS sanctioned show. The protest must be written and accompanied by \$100.00. The person placing the protest is responsible for all costs incurred to verify the protest. The written protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be filed before the championship drive at the show. MI PIGS protests need to be turned into a MI Pigs director (or other MI Pigs Committee members) and will be handled by the MI PIGS committee. If protest is valid the \$100 is returned, otherwise MI PIGS retains the \$100. MI PIGS reserves the right to review any possible rule violations.
11. **Conduct.** Any unsportsmanlike conduct or misrepresentation on the part of a MI PIGS exhibitor, parent or board member will not be tolerated. All exhibitors are always expected to be cooperative and courteous. If a MI PIGS exhibitor or parent, is found to have misrepresented themselves potential disciplinary actions may follow. This includes social media. If proof is brought to the attention of the MI PIGS director that you violated a MI PIGS rule or have shown unsportsmanlike conduct, MI PIGS board of directors has the right to remove points from animal/exhibitor that is found in violation or suspend/expel an exhibitor from MI PIGS. MI PIGS exhibitors expelled from a sanctioned show for major rules violations, inhumane treatment, or similar activities, may be considered for expulsion from the MI PIGS program. The board of directors will have the responsibility of determining violations and or sanctions within the MI PIGS program and their determination is final.
12. **Conduct and Registration:** All youth and families who register for MI Pigs are agreeing to abide by the rules and all conduct as stated above. Illegal activities at MI Pigs events by youth/family member as well as unsportsmanlike or unethical conduct may result in expulsion from the MI Pigs program.
13. MI PIGS does not govern sanctioned shows. The show must uphold their own set of rules. If there is a question at a sanctioned show, each individual show will handle the situation accordingly. If an exhibitor is dismissed from a show, the exhibitor will not receive any points from that show.
14. Point totals will be published 2-4 times prior to yearend awards. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to review totals for accuracy and report any discrepancies within 10 days of the posting.

MI PIGS Points System

1. Total points will be kept for each individual exhibitor and their individual animals entered at each show.
2. Awards will be presented to Top Overall Exhibitors, Top Showmanship exhibitors (overall and in each age division) and Top Educational Contest division. (Top Pig awards described below).
3. Each youth entered in MI PIGS must exhibit in at least 4 sanctioned shows to be eligible for year-end awards.
4. The exhibitor's top points from not more than 8 shows will be used for the year-end totals.
5. If a MI PIGS exhibitor is beat by a non-MI PIGS exhibitor, the MI PIGS exhibitor will receive points for the actual place in the class.
6. The single highest placing pig for each exhibitor will be counted for each show.

7. Points shall be earned on the following basis:

Class placing:

1st place = number of head in class x 6

2nd place = number of head in class x 5

3rd place = number of head in class x 4

4th place = number of head in class x 3

5th place = number of head in class x 2

6th place to last place = number of head in class x 1

Division Champion = 15 pts + class pts are replaced by the 1st place pts of the largest class of that division.

Reserve Division Champion = 10 pts + class pts are replaced by the 1st place pts of the largest class of that division.

For shows that offer market and gilt classes – Each division will be counted separately.

For shows of less than 50 head:

Overall Champion = 40 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

Overall Reserve Champion = 35 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

3rd Overall Champion = 30 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

4th Overall Champion = 20 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

5th Overall Champion = 10 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

For shows 51 to 199 head:

Overall Champion = 50 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

Overall Reserve Champion = 45 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

3rd Overall Champion = 35 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

4th Overall Champion = 25 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

5th Overall Champion = 15 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

For shows over 200 head:

Overall Champion = 60 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

Overall Reserve Champion = 50 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

3rd Overall Champion = 40 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

4th Overall Champion = 30 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

5th Overall Champion = 20 pts. (+ largest class of day market/gilt and champion points)

8. All points recorded for a class are based on the actual number of hogs that enter the show ring for that particular class.

9. Exhibitor MUST show their own animal (entered in the show) in showmanship.

10. **SHOWMANSHP** points shall be earned on the following basis:

a. For shows greater than or equal to 110 exhibitors

i. Points will be given for the top 10 showman in each age division –

ii. Champion Showman 60 pts

iii. Reserve Showman 55 pts.

iv. 3rd Overall Showman 50 pts.

v. 4th Overall showman 45 pts.

vi. 5th Overall Showman 40 pts.

vii. 6th Overall Showman 37 pts.

viii. 7th Overall Showman 34 pts.

ix. 8th Overall Showman 31 pts.

x. 9th Overall Showman 28 pts.

- xi. 10th Overall Showman 25 pts.
 - xii. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 15 pts.
 - xiii. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.
- b. For shows less than 50 - 109 exhibitors
- i. Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –
 - ii. Champion Showman 50 pts.
 - iii. Reserve Showman 45 pts.
 - iv. 3rd Overall Showman 40 pts.
 - v. 4th Overall Showman 35 pts.
 - vi. 5th Overall Showman 30 pts.
 - vii. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.
 - viii. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.
- c. For shows less than 50 exhibitors
- i. Points will be given for the top 5 showman in each age division –
 - ii. Champion Showman 40 pts.
 - iii. Reserve Showman 35 pts.
 - iv. 3rd Overall Showman 30 pts.
 - v. 4th Overall Showman 25 pts.
 - vi. 5th Overall Showman 20 pts.
 - vii. Exhibitors that make the cut in showmanship 10 pts.
 - viii. All exhibitors who show in showmanship – but don't make the cut 5 pts.
11. Educational Contest Division
- a. For a participant to be eligible for the Top Overall Exhibitor awards the exhibitor will have to participate in at least 4 Educational activities.
 - b. Educational Contest points will count from Green & White, Summer Classic and other shows/events as assigned.
 - c. Educational Contest activities will include photography, essay, poster, graphic design, speech, livestock judging and skill-a-thon, quizzes and similar activities.
 - d. We will be offering a variety of educational activities. These will be offered throughout the MI PIGS show season. Please watch Facebook for these activities and due dates.
 - e. Educational Contest points shall be earned on the following basis:
 - i. 1st place will receive 20 pts. in each contest
 - ii. 2nd place will receive 15 pts. in each contest
 - iii. 3rd place will receive 10 pts. in each contest
 - iv. All participants not placing in the top 3 will receive 5 pts for each contest.
 - v. The top 4 Educational activity points will be used toward the total points for Premier Exhibitor.
12. In the case of a tie – all ties will be broke using educational activities completed. (Total Educational points)

MI Pigs Top Pig Contest rules:

- 1. Individual pigs may be entered, and points will be tracked and recorded. Each pig must participate in a minimum of 4 sanctioned shows. Points will be calculated for the top 8 shows.
- 2. Each pig will be entered and record EID tag numbers as well as ear notches, breed and barrow/gilt. Sanctioned shows will be asked to record EID tag number/ear notch for all hogs entered.
- 3. Entry fee is \$25 per hog.
- 4. Pigs must be shown by immediate members of the family making entry (members of the same household/address). All names must be listed at time of entry.

5. Pigs must be in the constant care and ownership of the family making entry.
6. End of year awards will be made to the top 5 crossbred pigs and top 5 breed pigs overall. If entries support, awards will also be awarded to individual breeds.
7. Entries must be completed using the online form prior to the first show where points are awarded. Copy of breed certificate must be included with entry.
8. Points will be awarded to pigs using the same sliding scale listed above.
9. Points in only one division at each show will be counted for each pig.

Registration for youth participation:

<https://form.jotform.com/230116448236047>

Registration for hogs to be eligible for MI Pigs "Top Pig": Available after April 1.

<https://form.jotform.com/230606471891054>