



## Wisconsin Show Pig Association

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#### **Mission Statement:**

To foster and promote Wisconsin's growing show pig industry by providing opportunities for youth to develop their knowledge, leadership, fellowship, life skills and respect for themselves, the swine industry, agriculture and its goals by working with swine producers, other showmen and allied industry professionals.

#### **I) Organization**

- a) The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Show Pig Association.
- b) The WSPA is a summer show pig circuit that consists of sanctioned shows and youth activities
- c) Promotes Wisconsin Show Pig Producers
- d) Educational platform for youth and producers involved in the swine industry
- e) The Executive Board of Directors will serve as the official record keepers
- f) The show season will take place, followed by an awards ceremony immediately after the junior swine showmanship at the Wisconsin State Fair.
- g) [www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com](http://www.wisconsinshowpigassociation.com) is the official website of the WSPA.

#### **II) Eligibility, Membership & Voting**

##### **a) Membership**

- i) Youth Membership: Open to any Wisconsin youth ages up to 21 years of age as of January 1 of the current year upon payment of dues. Youth must be able to handle hog independently.
- ii) Producer Membership: Open to any individual breeder, family, partnership or corporation actively engaged in the production of show pigs and who reside within the state of Wisconsin, upon payment of their dues.
- iii) General Membership: Open to anyone with interest, upon payment of dues.

##### **b) Voting**

- i) Each Youth Member is allowed one (1) vote.
- ii) Each Producer Member is allowed one (1) vote regardless of how many families belong to producer membership.
- iii) Each General Member is allowed one (1) vote.

##### **c) Termination of Membership**

- i) Any member, either youth or adult, who engages in fraudulent or unethical practices, who violates the bylaws or rules of this association or whose actions adversely affect the association may be terminated by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors.

### III) Meetings

- a) Meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure as set forth by the latest version of Roberts Rules of Order. Meeting dates and locations will be determined by the board of directors and need.
- b) A quorum shall consist of 20 percent of the total number of members with voting privileges. A board of directors quorum shall consist of 50 percent of the total number of directors. The board of directors may appoint such other temporary or standing committees from membership as deemed appropriate.

### IV) Board of Directors

#### a) **WSPA Executive Board**

- i) The WSPA Executive Board of Directors shall manage the property and affairs of the association.
- ii) The WSPA Executive Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two Directors At-Large and two youth members.
- iii) Directors shall be elected by ballot.
- iv) Three-year term, end of third year may reapply
- v) Two consecutive term limit
- vi) Board members can be removed at any time due to failure to uphold duties of a WSPA Executive Board member.
- vii) Duties of Executive Officers:
  - (a) **President:** The president shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors and with said board, have general supervision of the affairs of the association.
  - (b) **Vice President:** The vice president shall discharge the duties of the president in the event of absence or disability of the president.
  - (c) **Secretary:** The secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings and keep such books, papers and documents pertaining to the organization as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
  - (d) **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall have custody of the funds, and keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements; disburse the funds of the association as ordered by the board and keep record of all financial transactions of the association.
  - (e) **Directors At-Large:** The two Directors At-Large are to sit on the board of directors to provide input, feedback, and suggestions to changes or potential changes that will affect the WSPA
  - (f) **Youth Members:** The two youth members are to sit on the board of directors to provide input, feedback, and suggestions to changes or potential changes that will affect the WSPA youth membership.

#### b) **WSPA Junior Activities Board**

- i) The Junior Activities Board shall prepare, plan and execute youth educational activities of the WSPA with oversight from the Executive Board and other tasks as directed by the Executive Board.

- ii) The Junior Activities Board (JAB) shall consist of 6 youth members between the ages of 12-21 as of Jan. 1 of the election year.
  - iii) JAB members will be elected by a full membership ballot.
  - iv) JAB Board members will select a chairperson and secretary as representatives on the executive board. Chairperson and secretary will be elected from board members in their second year of their term.
  - v) Two-year term
  - vi) Terms cannot be consecutive
  - vii) One youth member per family is allowed to serve on the JAB. Replacements for individuals who reach adult member age in their second year will be elected at the annual meeting.
  - viii) Board members can be removed at any time due to failure to uphold duties of a WSPA Executive Board member.
- c) **Vacancies:** Shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at their next meeting.

**V) Dissolution**

- a) In the event of dissolution of the WSPA, all remaining funds will be transferred to other youth livestock organizations.