



2020 Swine Department Rules and Information

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10 am – all weigh cards must be turned in
11:00 am – Mandatory Exhibitor and Parent meeting
12 pm – Purebred barrows (shown lightest to heaviest)
 Ring A (North) – Berkshire, Chester, Hereford, Poland, Spot and Tamworth
 Ring B (South) – Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire
Champion drive will follow the completion of the purebred barrow show.
8:00 am – Showmanship

Thursday, Aug 13

Session 3 – August 14 – 16

Friday, Aug 14

Purebred Gilts

6:00 pm – Earliest hogs can arrive

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Check-in

****No arrival between 12:01 am and 6:00 am Aug 15****

Saturday, Aug 15

10:00 am – All hogs must be on the grounds

8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Check-in

1:00 pm – Mandatory Exhibitor and Parent meeting

2:00 pm – Showmanship

Sunday, Aug 16

8:00 am – Purebred Gilts (shown youngest to oldest)

 Ring A (North) – Berkshire, Chester, Hereford, Poland, Spot and Tamworth

 Ring B (South) – Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire

Thursday, Aug 20

5:00 pm - Online Gilt Auction on showpig.com

OYLE General Rules:

OYLE COVID-19 Risk & Liability Waiver

[Click here to view the waiver.](#)

****At any point leading up to and through the 2020 OYLE, rules and show information may be updated to adhere to COVID-19 best practices, guidelines and restrictions.***

Exhibitor & Livestock Eligibility

1. To be eligible to participate in the OYLE Show, an exhibitor must be a resident of the State of Ohio and be a current member in good standing of either 4-H or FFA, ages 8 years old and in third grade, or 9 years old regardless of grade, as of January 1. Eligibility ends December 31 the year youth turns 19.
2. Exhibitors must have a confirmed project (Breeding or Market) entered for 2020 at the county and/or state level.
 - a. The junior exhibitor's entry will not be finalized until the confirmation is received back from either the FFA Advisor, or 4-H County Extension Profession that the entry is enrolled in the related specie project of that organization. Ineligible participants will be notified if the entry is not accepted, no refunds will be issued.
3. Exhibitors must have completed Quality Assurance in one of the following forms:

- a. Ohio Youth Quality Assurance (county or state)
 - b. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
 - c. Beef Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)
 - d. Pork Quality Assurance (current year, face to face)
4. All breeding & market animals must be owned by the exhibitor by June 1, 2020 and not change ownership from June 1, 2020 through the OYLE show.
 5. Exhibitors must show their own animal. Exceptions will be made only for exhibitors who may be physically impaired, who have two animals entered in the same class, or an exhibitor absent on show day due to other commitments. In case of these exceptions another boy or girl who is eligible to be an Ohio Junior Division Exhibitor, *MUST* be a resident of Ohio, may exhibit the animal with the authorization of the Department Director. If a Junior Fair Livestock Exhibitor cannot be present at the time of judging the exhibitor will need to present to the Department Director a written permission notice signed by the football coach, band director or any other person in charge of an activity that is in conflict and prevents the exhibitor from being present at the time of judging. This notice must be on official letterhead of the organization and given to the department director 24 hours before show day and must include name, county, birthdate, home phone number, and complete address of the exhibitor's, home and work phone number of the person in charge of the event (i.e. football coach, band director, etc.) Also include a brief description of the conflict.
 6. OYLE not a terminal show.

OYLE Code of Conduct

1. All OYLE exhibitors, their family members and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor must display good sportsmanship and act in a courteous manner at the OYLE show. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be referred to the OYLE Committee for appropriate action, if the Committee deems necessary. Unsportsmanlike conduct may include but is not limited to physical actions, threats, or outbursts of profanity, or tampering with another exhibitor's animals. Committee action is not limited to the following, but may result in the exhibitor found in violation to be barred from current or future participation in OYLE shows. The decision of the OYLE Committee regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct shall be final.
2. Alcohol will NOT be permitted in the barn(s), make-up area or show ring of OYLE Shows. The OYLE Committee will strongly encourage local authorities to enforce legal drinking ages and open container laws.

Consent to Medical Care

I consent to first aid, emergency medical care and if necessary, admission to an accredited hospital when necessary for executing such care, and for treatment for injuries or illness that I may sustain while participating in any activity associated with the showing of livestock.

Photograph/Interview Release

I grant permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with OYLE shows. I understand the photographs or interviews may be used for print, digital media or other media. I release and indemnify OYLE for any claims related to photographs and interviews by OYLE.

Skillathon

OYLE will NOT require exhibitors to participate in a skillathon; however, we encourage all exhibitors to complete their species' skillathon. Click here for more details: <https://bit.ly/3fPwckO>

Show Entry & Fees

1. All entries will be made online at the following URL:
<https://showman.app/shows#/ohio-youth-livestock-expo-swine>
2. All entries must be made and paid with a credit card by **July 10th, 2020**. No late entries or entries upon arrival will be accepted.
3. OYLE Entry Fees will be \$30 per head.
4. Limit of 6 total barrows can be shown (sessions 1 and 2), no limit on gilts. Substitutions will be allowed at the show, cost to substitute will be \$10/head. Changes can be made online to your entries until entries close on July 10.
5. The committee reserves the right to make a decision on refunds. No guarantee of refunds will be made, despite a cancellation, due to show expenses that have already been incurred.

Swine Exhibitor Requirements

1. The OYLE swine barn, staff, volunteers, fairgrounds and sponsors are not liable for accidents, theft, injury or property damage.
2. Exhibitors must wear the exhibitor numbers given to them at registration during the gilt and barrow shows and showmanship contest.
3. All entries must be penned in the designated stalling area or on trailers.
4. No clipping of hogs is allowed on the show grounds.
5. No oil or oil-like show dressing will be permitted at the OYLE during the show. Water is the preferred and accepted dressing.
6. Powder, whitewash, paint or oil will not be allowed on hogs. The use of the above will result in forfeiture of premiums.
7. No print advertising is allowed on exhibitor clothing while in the show ring.
8. All OYLE purebred gilt and market hog entries must be registered Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland, Spot, Tamworth or Yorkshire. Registration papers must be presented at check-in. Ear notch of the animal must match the registration paper. Ownership must be transferred to the exhibitor or exhibitors family/farm name.
9. Gilts that are being exhibited must be guaranteed open (not bred).
10. Substitutions will be allowed at the show. Substitutions will cost \$10/head.
11. Gilts and market hogs must meet all registration eligibility requirements of their respective

- breed associations. Field staff or qualified breed representatives will inspect all gilts and market hogs for breed eligibility characteristics. If the animal does not meet breed standards as determined by the breed association representatives, the animal will be excused from the class and will forfeit any premiums and entry fees will not be refunded.
12. Purebred breeding gilt classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class size no larger than ten (10) head.
 13. Crossbred breeding gilt and all market hog classes will be broken according to weight, with class size no larger than ten (10) head.
 14. All barrows must have a measurable ½” of body hair, underline excluded. Ears and tail may be a shorter length. Top placing animals will be checked for hair length at re-weigh. Any other barrow may be checked during the exhibition. Hogs in violation will be disqualified. Lower placing animals meeting requirements will replace these animals in placing order.
 15. Scales will be made available to exhibitors at OYLE shows. Exhibitors must turn in a card with the declared weight of market hogs or crossbred gilts by the specified time. The top five hogs in each class will be re-weighed. Hogs must not be more than 15 pounds over or under card weight. If a hog weighs out, it will be dismissed from the class. You may bring a test scales from home, however no scales are allowed in the barn. Scales have to be placed outside the barn.
 16. No parents, friends, or family members are allowed in the make-up ring or show ring with an exhibitor. All exhibitors must be able to be in the make-up ring and show ring by themselves or are not permitted to show. An OYLE staff member may be requested to assist an exhibitor if necessary.

Swine Entry Information

1. No entries accepted at the show. Exhibitors will pay an entry fee of \$30 per gilt or barrow that will be listed on the individual entry form. All entries must be online. No late entries will be accepted. **ALL ENTRIES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**
2. Purebred and crossbred entries may be purchased females or market hogs, but must be owned by the junior exhibitor, the exhibitor’s family name, or exhibitor’s farm name, by June 1, 2020. Ownership will be considered lost if the animal has been consigned or sold to another person through an auction or any other type transaction, even if the exhibitor “buys back” his animal.
3. All gilts must have been farrowed on or after December 1, 2019.
4. Barrows must weigh between 220-290 lbs. The top five hogs in each class will be re-weighed. Hogs must not be more than 15 pounds over or under declared weight. If the hog weighs out, it will be dismissed from the class.
5. Crossbred barrows will be divided into dark cross and other cross divisions.

Crossbred Barrow Classification Guidelines:

Dark Cross - Any Black or Red Pigment shall be classified a Dark Crossbred.

Other Cross - Any white, blue, or roan/sandy color or combination of those colors shall be classified as a Other Crossbred.

Exhibitors, at the time of entry online, will need to select the specific classification of either Dark or Other Crossbred Barrow based on the above guidelines for each entry. If an exhibitor is unsure of the correct classification, he/she may submit a video and pictures to the OYLE Swine Director (kmorgan@ohiopork.org) prior to the entry deadline or request a physical inspection of the barrow prior to weight cards being turned in for the show. If an exhibitor fails to contact the OYLE Swine Director prior to weight cards being turned in and the barrow does not meet the above classification requirements and is entered or shown in the wrong class based on the classification guidelines the barrow will be disqualified from the show. Any premium money or prizes will be revoked.

A panel of 3 people will be selected by the OYLE Swine Director to serve in an advisory capacity to determine barrow classification guidelines. The decisions made by the OYLE Swine Director shall be final.

6. Crossbred gilts must weigh between 220-375 lbs. The top five hogs in each class will be re-weighed. Hogs must not be more than 15 pounds over or under declared weight. If the hog weighs out, it will be dismissed from the class.

Arrival/Dismissal

1. Due to social distancing requirements and limited pens in the barns, swine exhibitors will have two options for penning

Option 1: Purchasing the convenience of a trailer spot and showing off their trailer. Proceeds of the trailer sale will be used towards premiums for this year's show. Only 88 trailer spots are available and will be reserved based on order of entries (first 88 reserving spots will be assigned trailer parking). More than 1 family may combine to show off 1 trailer based on penning in your trailer. All trailer spots will be assigned. A row of pens near the show barn will be available as a staging area for those showing off trailers to use prior to your class on a first come first served basis, if traveling a distance from your trailer between classes or champion drives. Exhibitors that use the trailer option will not have access to a permanent pen in the barn unless space permits after all animals for the show are checked in.

Option 2: Exhibitors may pen in a limited number of pens provided in the barn based on social distancing requirements. 2 pigs per pen will be required. There will be no tack allowed in pens, only pigs. Bring divider gates as each exhibitor penning in the barn will be required to follow the following: 1 pig = 1 pen, 2 pigs = 1 pen, 3 pigs = 2 pens, 4 pigs = 2 pens, 5 pigs – 3 pens, 6 pigs = 3 pens. Based on entries for a show session, changes to these policies may occur based on social distancing, health department regulations and total pen space in each barn. Pen space in the barn is limited and at not additional charge to the exhibitor, however they must comply to the above requirements based on number of pigs shown or they will be asked to combine pigs in pens or be disqualified from the show without refund of

entries if they fail to comply with OYLE penning rules. After check-in is complete and an announcement from the swine barn, any open pens will be released on a first come first served basis.

Be Kind, Be Nice, Be Respectful, Be Grateful and please work together to accommodate a record number of pigs to be shown at the first ever OYLE!

2. All pens will be assigned based on 2 pigs per pen. All trailer parking will also be preassigned. Requests to be penned or parked next to another exhibitor(s) must be received 7 days prior to the start of the show by emailing Amy Smith (amy@theoyale.com) or Kelly Morgan (kmorgan@ohiopork.org) – make the subject of the email OYLE Pen Request. Do not call or text with pen requests. Pens assignments and trailer spots will not be the same for each Session.
3. Exhibitors must check in upon arrival with animals for correct pen assignments before bedding down. Exhibits incorrectly located will need to move to the assigned area. If the exhibitor fails to follow pen assignments, they will be asked to leave.
4. Two pigs per pen per family may be required depending on the number of entries.
5. Divider gates will not be provided.
6. Pen space is limited to pigs only. NO TACK or FEED in pens. Boards will be put across the top of pens for tack and feed storage. Pens are approximately 5' x 6'. No tack allowed in the isles.
7. Each exhibitor must furnish his/her own feed troughs, buckets, etc. Feed and bedding will not be furnished.
8. All fans and cords MUST be inspected by an OYLE official in the Swine Department before being plugged in. Only three (3) plug prong fans will be accepted. When your fans and cords have been certified to be free of defects they will be sealed with a band allowing them to be used. Any fan or cord found in the swine barn without the inspectors band will have to be removed.
9. Pen cards cannot be moved once posted at a show.
10. During the shows, no trucks or trailers can be moving in the barn/trailer parking area. If you want to leave before the completion of the show, you must walk your hogs to the trailer, you can't bring your trailer to the barn. Hogs must be removed from the grounds as quickly as possible following the completion of the show.
11. All belongings must be removed between sessions, so barns can be disinfected.

Health Requirements

1. Swine moved within Ohio for exhibition must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious or contagious disease.

Additional Information

1. All hogs must be identified by a permanent ear notch.
2. Exhibitors of Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions must come to the ring for the Overall Champion Drive (where applicable) or exhibitor will be disqualified and forfeit

- all premiums.
3. If a gilt or market hog is unable to compete for division champion, breed champion or overall champion due to sickness or injury incurred after winning their respective class, the exhibitor is able to keep their class winning premiums. A committee of 3 or more OYLE or veterinarian staff will make the decision if the gilt or market hog is too sick or injured to compete. If it is determined that the hog is too injured or sick to compete, the reserve will move up. Only reserve will move up, no 2nd place class winners.
 4. OYLE reserves the right to pull DNA samples.
 5. OYLE reserves the right to test for the presence of unapproved drugs or unapproved residue levels in swine entries.
 6. The OYLE is not a terminal show. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own hogs at the completion of the show.
 7. The Champion and Reserve Champion Dark and Other crossbred barrows will be reweighed at 8 am on Wednesday, August 12th. They must weigh within 20 pounds of the declared weight. The Champion and Reserve Champion crossbreds must stay on the fairgrounds. They may NOT go home and come back for session 2.

Champion Selection

1. The following selections will be made:
 - a. Barrows:
 - Top 5 in each Division—open to the top 5 in each class.
 - Top 5 Overall in each Breed—open to top 5 in each division.
 - Top 6 Overall Barrows – open to breed Champions and Reserve Champions
 - b. Gilts:
 - Top 5 in each Division—open to the top 5 in each class.
 - Top 5 Overall in each Breed—open to top 5 in each division.
 - Top 5 Overall Gilts – open to breed Champions and Reserve Champions
 - There will be a top 5 Team Purebred gilt and a top 5 NJSA gilt selection
 - c. If there is one class within the breed, the 1st-5th place pigs from the class will be awarded as the top 5 overall gilt/barrow in the breed. If barrows, all 5 will need to be weighed back.
2. Divisions will be broken by OYLE staff based on the number of classes within each breed.
3. If there is no division within a breed, the 1st-5th place pigs from each class will be eligible to compete for the Top 5 Overall Gilt/Barrow in each breed.
4. If you are exhibiting a Champion or Reserve Champion, and you do not come up for the Grand Champion Selection, you will not receive your premium checks and you will be disqualified from the event.

OYLE Show Premiums

Premiums and awards at the OYLE show will be allotted as follows, but are subject to change under these conditions:

1. A minimum of eight hogs must be shown per breed, including crossbred, in order to receive the full, published premiums. If less than eight head show up per breed, the champion and reserve champion will receive half of the published premiums. Class placings are excluded from this rule.
2. All class premium checks will be mailed out after the conclusion of the show.

Showmanship Contest

1. All four (4) swine sessions will have showmanship. Exhibitors may participate in all 4 sessions of showmanship if they want.
2. All contestants must be entered into the OYLE.
3. Divisions will be randomly broken into classes according to entries, with no more than 10 exhibitors per class.
4. Any hog that is entered for the session can be used for showmanship.
5. Any animals that do not meet breed eligibility requirements may NOT be used for showmanship.
6. The divisions will be as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Junior (8-12); Intermediate (13-15) Senior (16-18).
7. Format for showmanship - Showmanship (Age as of January 1) will have 20 classes. We will have 2 classes for each of the following ages (Exhibitor Age as of January 1) 8/9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Each age division will be broken by month of birth – everyone born January – June will show in ring A, July – Dec will show in ring B. Preliminary Heats will be no larger than 10 kids. We will continue to have heats (of around 10 kids) to pick a top 10 overall in each class. The winners of the following classes 8/9, 10, 11, 12 = Junior Champion and Reserve; 13, 14, 15 = Intermediate Champion and Reserve; and 16, 17, 18 = Senior Champion and Reserve.
8. A Supreme showman for each session will be selected from the Junior Champion, Intermediate Champion and Senior Champion.

Online Gilt Auction -- Aug 20th

1. Online gilt auction for purebred and crossbred gilts will be hosted by Showpig.com.
2. Entry fee will be \$30/head and will include a digital photo and video, taken at the show.

3. Commission rate is 15% (Proceeds to benefit Champion and Reserves and the OYLE show)
4. After entry, if you pull your gilt from the auction, you will pay the 15% commission on the sale average price. (Example: if the average price across all lots is \$2,500, you will be charged \$375.)
5. Seller is responsible for trucking arrangements.
6. Seller is responsible for health papers.
7. Code of Fair Practice will be followed. Click here to review the Code <https://auctions.thewendtgroupp.com/pages/478>

Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules

[Click here for a list of definitions pertaining to livestock exhibitions in the Ohio Revised Code.](#)

The exhibitors and their animals, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitors, will follow Ohio's Livestock Show Reform Law, Chapter 901 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all rules under Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules, as set forth in Sections 901-19-1 through 901-19-21 and Section 901-19-33 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The OYLE Committee reserves the right to test and/or Ultrasound any animal at an OYLE Show. The OYLE Committee, at its sole discretion, may test and/or ultrasound winners, at random, or upon reasonable suspicion of possible violations of any of the Ohio Livestock Show Reform Law and its related rules or other OYLE Specie Rules. By participating in an OYLE show, exhibitors consent to OYLE Committee members, and show management entering the tents, trailers, and other areas where animals may be housed at an OYLE show, prepared for the show, or transported to or from the show.

Definitions:

- **"UNETHICAL FITTING"** — Means to alter or change the natural appearance, weight, musculature or conformation of an animal in an unnatural or artificial manner, including but not limited to, the removal of animal tissue or body part, to cut or tear the hide, to cover, dye or color the hair or hide, to add artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair, or heels, or to administer, feed, give or inject any substance or drug to an animal exhibited, except when medically necessary or when the drug used has been approved for such use by the Food and Drug Administration or United States Department of Agriculture.
- **"CLASSIFICATION"** — Means the eligibility requirements and qualifications for a competition of a particular breed or animal.
- **"IMMEDIATE FAMILY"** — means a mother, father, guardian, brother, sister, grandparent, uncle or aunt of an exhibitor by marriage or by law.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- No exhibitor shall enter a barrow or gilt in a competition in the Junior Livestock Division of the OYLE that has not been fully owned, cared for or in the custody of the exhibitor; on or before **June 1, 2020**.
- No exhibitor shall enter an animal in a competition in the OYLE that has been handled, fitted, groomed, shown, or exhibited by another person other than a registered member of the exhibitors **immediate family** (parents, grandparents, guardians, aunts, uncles, brother, sister of an exhibitor by marriage or by law, or another junior exhibitor while on the Fairgrounds during the OYLE. Each exhibitor showing a market animal shall register with the OYLE or his designee on the first day of the OYLE the name of the person from the immediate family who will be helping the junior exhibitor.
- No exhibitor shall enter an animal in the OYLE that has been unethically fitted in any way.
- No exhibitor shall enter an animal in competition that is ineligible as to age for the particular classification.
- No exhibitor shall falsify any information included in an entry form submitted to the OYLE.
- No exhibitor shall engage in unsportsmanship like or disorderly conduct.
- No participant shall unethically fit or alter another exhibitor's animal.

Penalties for Violation of Livestock Tampering & Misrepresentation Rules at OYLE Shows:

The OYLE Department Committee may impose discipline, and/or the Ohio Department of Agriculture may take disciplinary action in accordance with O.R.C. 901.74. When determining penalties, OYLE will consider, among other factors, the fact that the OYLE program is for the development of youth, the desire and necessity of maintaining the integrity of the OYLE program, the severity of the violation compared to industry standards, and how similar violations have been handled in the past. OYLE Committee sanctions may include, but not be limited to, the following: the participant, family members (including but not limited to siblings who are OYLE participants), or business partners (including but not limited to their children who are OYLE participants) associated with the specific violation(s) be barred from current or future participation in the OYLE program and other OYLE events and programs. Persons found to have violated OYLE rules by the OYLE Committee have the right to appeal in writing within 30 days of the OYLE Committee's decision to the OYLE Committee and OYLE Executive Committee. The OYLE Executive Committee's decision will be communicated in writing and will be final.

OYLE rule violators will be responsible for reimbursing legal fees incurred by the OYLE before they are considered in good standing with OYLE for the purposes of future event or program eligibility.

Any exhibitor and the exhibitor's animal, their family members, and others acting on the behalf of the exhibitor, that violate mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (including Rule 901-19-13 G pumping of cattle) or other

OYLE rules not part of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will cause the exhibitor and the exhibitor's animals to be subject to severe disciplinary action. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's immediate family members (siblings with the same address), may also be subject to being barred from participating in an OYLE show for a period of up to three years from the date of the violation. The barred exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's family may request a hearing for reinstatement with the OYLE Committee at any time during the penalty period determined by the OYLE Committee. The Committee reserves the right to adjust the penalty period based upon the findings of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In the final months of any penalty period, the OYLE Committee, in its sole discretion, may review the facts and circumstances prior to reinstating barred exhibitors. If the OYLE Committee has not notified the exhibitor of the status of reinstatement prior to the last day of the penalty period, the exhibitor will be deemed reinstated.

OYLE reserves the right to publish names of all parties, youth and/or adult involved in a rule violation through official OYLE print publications and digital communication.

OYLE Show Eligibility Resulting from Violations of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at Other Shows - Any individual and his or her immediate family or member of the individual's household who has been found by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to be in violation of mandatory Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules 901-19-01 through 901-19-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code and has been barred for future show participation (with any species) will be barred from exhibiting cattle in any OYLE show. OYLE will give all decisions of sponsors and other bodies holding fairs and shows full faith and credit and will observe and enforce such decisions coextensively at shows.

Complaint or Protest Procedure

Anyone who seeks to file a complaint or protest regarding a perceived infraction of an OYLE rule must submit a fee of \$250 to the OYLE Species Committee. The OYLE Committee will not release the name of the individual filing the protest. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is sustained by the OYLE Committee. Formal protests pertaining to the OYLE must be made during the species' session in which the protest is being filed. The OYLE Committee also reserves the right to review any potential rules violation on its own without a complaint first being filed. The OYLE Committee, in its discretion, will determine the appropriate action, if any, and reserves the right to use any combination of tools and/or technology to conduct a thorough investigation pertaining to the protest.

If the results of the investigation clearly do not support the complaint or protest, the matter will be dropped. If the results of the investigation appear to support the complaint or protest, the OYLE Committee will provide the participant who is the subject of the complaint or protest with at least 10 days' notice of a meeting, where the participant and the participant's family and any other involved parties will have an opportunity to present evidence or argument in their defense. The party making the protest also may attend and present evidence or argument in support of the protest. The OYLE Committee will share the results of its investigation. Following the meeting, the OYLE Department Committee in conjunction with the OYLE Executive Committee will make a determination and inform the participant of its decision in writing.