**McKean County Fair Talent Show Rules**

1. Open to all ages. There will be a youth division and an adult division.
2. Contestant must be available to attend the 2 nights of competition if necessary. Wednesday, August 16th, is the preliminary competition starting at 7PM. The finals take place Friday, August 18th, starting at 6PM. Contestants must qualify during Wednesday’s competition to perform in the finals Friday night. Contestants should arrive an hour before the competition begins.
3. Contestant will provide own soundtrack on a CD or IPod, or instrumental accompaniment if needed. No lead vocals allowed on soundtrack.
4. A limit of 5 minutes will be put on the length of each performance.
5. The judges’ decision is final. Contestants will be judged on the following:
6. Technique and natural ability 1-30 points
7. Execution/choreography, quality of performance 1-30 points
8. Stage presence and showmanship 1-30 points
9. Length of show – deduct 1-30 points if over 5 minutes
10. Any acts the fair association feels are unsafe will not be allowed.
11. The McKean County Fair will provide lighting and sound.
12. Must perform different “material” each night.
13. Each performer will perform twice during the final competition Friday night. There will be a short intermission after everyone performs once.
14. Acts must be appropriate for the family atmosphere of the fair.
15. The McKean County Fair and the Talent show committee have the right to disqualify a contestant from the show, for improper conduct.
16. The Talent Show Committee shall make the final ruling on deviation or conflict of the rules or a question that may arise that is not covered by these rules.
17. The McKean County Fair Board and members of the Talent Show Committee are not responsible for theft/damage and/or injury to persons or personal property during before or after the performance.
18. The stage used during the fair is approx. 8’6”x50’.
19. Entries open June 20 and close July 29, 2016.
20. Entry forms can be picked up at the fair office or downloaded from the fair’s website.
21. Participant should arrive early the night(s) of performance.