

\*\*\*\*\***News & Rules**\*\*\*\*\*

**FAIR FACTS AND DETAILS**

*Check our website for events, schedules, rules and forms.*

**Fair Rules & Policies:**

1. Violators of Fair Rules and Policies will be penalized by forfeiture of awards and/or will not be allowed to exhibit at the fair the following year. Fair Policy Books are available at the Fair Office.

**Fair Dates/Times:**

1. Entries must be received by **Friday, July 29** at the Entry Office or post-marked by **Wednesday, July 27**. Forms may be copied and are available online. **ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY Monday, August 1 AT MIDNIGHT**. Directions at [www.washingtoncountyfair.com](http://www.washingtoncountyfair.com). There will be an online convenience fee of \$2.00 for each exhibitor.
2. Camper applications are due to Fair Office by **Friday, July 29** or post-marked by **Wednesday, July 27**.
3. Youth Building exhibits (Departments 109 - 118) will be judged "face to face" between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on **Saturday, August 20**. Entry tags for departments exhibited there will be available at those times in the Youth Building. **Department 120** will be judged in the Youth Building on Saturday, August 20 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.
4. Exhibits for Open Class Domestics- **Department 12** must be brought to the Handmade and Homegrown Building on **Saturday, August 20** between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Entry tags for Department 12, 7, 9 & 10 will be distributed in that building. **Please use one-way traffic pattern shown on map.**
5. Animal exhibits and other departments must be in place by **Monday, August 22** at 5:00 pm unless stated otherwise in department descriptions.
6. Displays must remain intact until 9:00 P.M. on Sunday.
7. Exhibits will not be released until **Monday, August 29** during the hours of 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Livestock may begin leaving the fairgrounds at 6:00 am for the safety of the animals, people and vehicles. The fair is not responsible for exhibits left after 6:00 pm.
8. The fair closes daily at 12 Midnight. Gates will be locked at 12:30 am.
9. Curfew for youth under 18 will be 12:30 am from Saturday night prior to the Fair through Sunday night, the last night of the Fair. Overnight exhibitors should be in their designated sleeping areas at that time.
10. No one may spend the night in youth barns.
11. The Fair officially opens at **5:00 pm, Monday, August 22**. *The gates will be manned all day Monday and **admission charged** to those people not directly involved in setting up exhibits and concessions.*

**Entry Process:**

1. **Each exhibitor will put their open & youth entries on the universal entry form.** Indicate entry fees for open class entries. There are no fees for youth departments.
2. Entry blanks should be mailed or delivered to: *Entry Office, Washington County Fair Inc., 392 Old Schuylerville Road, Greenwich, NY 12834* by dates listed above.
3. **The Entry Office is located in the A-frame Building.** Entry office hours are **10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, starting July 18**. To contact Ruth Shippee, Entry Secretary, call **695-4717** or email **entrywashfair@aol.com**. Please leave a message if she is unavailable when you call.
4. Questions can be answered by contacting Department Superintendents, Entry Secretary, or 4-H Office at Washington County Cooperative Extension (for Youth Departments) at 746-2560 or 1-800-548-0881.
5. Check your book for class limits, entry fees and class numbers. No entry changes can be made after entries close.
6. Entries are processed on a first come, first served basis.
7. All entries of livestock are limited to the capacity of our facilities. Entries will be recorded in the order in which received. The Fair reserves the right to reject all entries after the capacity has been reached. In the event that open barns are filled, the last entries received will be the first to be housed in the Youth Barns as space allows.
8. Entry fees must accompany entry blanks. Make check/money order payable to: Washington County Fair Inc. Please use **separate checks** for entry fees & camper fee. There will be **no refund of entry fees**.
9. Entries are to be made in the name of the actual grower, producer, owner, or manufacturer.
10. Entries to the Washington County Fair Inc. are open to the residents of Washington County **ONLY**. (Exceptions are Department 1, 15, Tractor Pull, Demolition Derby, Truck Pull, and Youth exhibitors who qualify under Rule 3 in the Youth Department.) **Exceptions for livestock:** If the primary farm is located and operated in Washington County but the owner is a non-resident, they will be allowed to exhibit their animals at the fair.
11. Non-owned animals must be shown in owner's name in Open Department. Residency rules apply.
12. The fair is not responsible for the omission of any article or animal not entered strictly in accordance with its rules.

13. Stall information will be available in the evening on the **Thursday** prior to opening of Fair. **No one other than a barn superintendent may make changes in assignments.**
14. Minimum age for exhibitor is five (5) years old by December 1st of current year.
15. A copy of health papers for **all livestock** must be received by Entry Office by **Monday, August 15**. You can mail, drop off or fax them to 518-692-1021.
- ➔ 16. **A copy of all registration papers for All (Open & Youth) Dairy & Beef must be received by Monday, August 15.**
17. **Exhibitor passes will be forfeited**, if required health and registration papers are not received on time.

#### Online Entry Process:

1. Go to our web site [www.washingtoncountyfair.com](http://www.washingtoncountyfair.com) and click on the button for online entries. Go to your account or create a new user account and follow the directions listed. *You will have to have a credit/debit card to make online entries.* There is a **\$2.00 convenience fee** that will be charged to **each exhibitor**. The convenience fee is charged at the time when the exhibitor closes the shopping cart and submits the credit card information to the site.
2. Entry is not complete until you have gone through the check out process: FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. You will receive an email confirmation listing your entries and fees paid.
3. DO NOT enter multiple people on the same account. Make the account in the name of the person(s) who is exhibiting.
4. You will still have to submit a copy of your animal health papers, stall request form, dorm forms and camper registration forms to the fair office. These may be mailed, faxed, hand delivered or emailed.

#### Entry Tag/Report:

1. Entry office (the A-frame bldg.) will be open **Saturday, August 20** from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, **Sunday August 21** from 12 noon - 4:00 pm and **Monday, August 22** from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm for exhibitors picking up exhibitor passes, Exhibitor Entry reports and entry tags/reports not received in Youth Building, Grange or Handmade/Homegrown Building.
2. Check your entry tags or reports. Entry discrepancies must be reported to the Entry Office by **Monday, August 22** by 6:00 pm. No changes will be made by Department Superintendents.
3. All scratches are final. Animal exhibitors will sign a copy of their entry report to verify scratches and entries at animal check-ins. (Dairy cattle in show ring and other animals in their barns.)
4. Departments using entry tags require that they be attached to items for display. NO item without required tag will be judged.

#### Health Requirements:

1. Check the health requirements section for types of vaccines, identifications, exams, etc. required for your animals.
- ➔ 2. You will need to have your **original** health papers and registration papers available throughout the time your animal is on the grounds.

#### Health Check Process for Animal Exhibitors at the Fair:

1. NY State Veterinarians and assistants will check animals for proper identification such as tattoos, scrapie tags, eartags, etc., as required for each species, to match with health papers.
2. NY State Veterinarians and assistants will inspect animals for signs of disease with assistance of exhibitors. Animals deemed unhealthy will be sent home. Times for health checks will be available from your barn superintendents.
3. All original health and registration papers must be kept with animals during entire time of exhibition and may be asked for by Superintendents, judges, or fair officials.
4. Refer to Contagious Diseases section for policy on sick animals during the fair week.

#### Exhibitor Passes: (Passes will not be mailed)

##### Open Class Policy:

1. An admission pass good for the period of the Fair will be given when an exhibitor's entry fee amounts to \$12.00 or more *or* the difference in entry fee and \$12.00 is paid. Any additional passes would be purchased at the regular season rate of \$30.00.
2. **Exception:** As our Fair requires someone to be in attendance for dairy, beef, goats, sheep, & swine if the entry fees do not equal \$12.00, one pass will be issued to the exhibit.

##### Youth Department Policy:

1. One week pass will be given to a parent or guardian (*1 per family*) of Youth exhibitors entering cattle, horses stabled on grounds, goats, sheep or swine. If any additional week passes are needed for a parent, they are asked to purchase the second pass at the regular season rate of \$30.00.

2. One (1) day pass will be given to a parent or guardian (*1 per family*) of Youth exhibitors entering rabbits, cavies, poultry, or horses coming in for their show day(s).
3. Any youth 14 or over exhibiting horses not staying on grounds, rabbits, cavies, or poultry will receive one (1) day pass for show day(s).
4. Any youth 14 or over exhibiting cattle, horses staying on grounds, goats, sheep, or swine, will receive a week pass.
5. **For any youth staying on grounds**, the week pass should be traded in for a wristband at the office.

#### **Camper Information & Rules:**

1. Camper application **must be completed in full** in order to be processed. **Unlisted persons in camper/tent are in violation of the rules & may be evicted from camper/tent.**
2. Application and fee must be received by **Friday, July 29.**
3. Campers/tents will be placed on the grounds through a lottery drawing. Lottery results will be made known in the evening of the **Thursday** prior to the opening of Fair. Campers/tents may be brought to the fair **after 1:00 pm** on the **Friday** prior to the opening of Fair.
4. **Camper placement hours the weekend before the fair will be: Friday 1-8 pm, Saturday 9 am-8 pm, Sunday 10 am-6 pm. DO NOT PLACE CAMPER WITHOUT APPROVED SUPERVISION.**
5. All campers must be **pre-registered at the fair office and display camping permit on camper.** Attach permit on the latch side of doorway on the outside of camper.
6. **All persons staying on the grounds must have a wristband.**
7. Persons under 18 years old must have a chaperone present.
8. **Due to NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF HEALTH RULES; AWNINGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
9. No open fires or BBQ grills are allowed. Air conditioners may only be used in designated areas.
10. No dumping of waste water or gray water on the grounds.

#### **Parking/Vehicles:**

1. Vehicles, including stock trailers and large trucks must be parked in assigned areas outside of Exhibitor Parking. These areas will be marked.
2. The Fair shall not be liable under any circumstances, whether of negligence of itself, its agents or otherwise, for any personal injury or for any loss or injury to property.
3. **There is no parking around fairground buildings.** Violation of this rule may result in the loss of award from exhibit connected to the vehicle, whether owned by exhibitor or not.
4. Violators may be towed at the owner's expense.
5. There will be no moving vehicles on the Fairgrounds from 10:00 am to 10:30 pm on Tuesday - Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 9:30 pm with the exception of emergency vehicles and trash removal equipment.
6. Exhibitor Car Tags will be limited to two (2) per exhibit.
7. Follow weekend traffic patterns indicated on fairground map inside front cover.

#### **ATV/Golf Carts:**

1. Operation of ATV's/golf carts on the grounds will be by authorized personnel only & only for Fair business.
2. All ATV's and golf carts must be registered at the Fair Office. **Permit plates will be issued at that time.** A valid driver's license for all operators and proof of insurance will be required.
3. Speed is limited to that of a brisk walk.
4. **For safety reasons, if your ATV/golf cart is not registered with the Fair Office, it will be removed from the grounds.**

#### **Pets:**

1. No pets except Seeing Eye Guide dogs or those in training, animals used for law enforcement, and animals entered for exhibition and/or competitions will be allowed on the Fairgrounds.
2. Pets associated with the carnival or concessionaries must not be visible. They are to be confined and under control at all times.
3. Policy Book has additional information.

#### **Music/Recreational Activities:**

1. Radios, etc. must not cause annoyance or inconvenience to other exhibitors or fair patrons.
2. Unauthorized recreational activities such as balls, Frisbees, skateboards, riding toys, scooters, etc. are prohibited on the fairgrounds.