

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are made a part of the conditions under which all the entries are accepted, and exhibit space or concession privileges are granted.

- The rules of the Washington County Fair, Inc. meet the Standards for the Conduct of Fairs as set forth by the State of New York Dept. of Agriculture and Markets. If the rules of this Fair exceed the State regulations, the rules of this Fair will apply.
- The Washington County Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine matters, questions and differences in regard to, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Fair.
- The management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules and regulations as in its judgment may be deemed advisable.
- Any person who violates any of the following rules and regulations or any special rule or rules shall forfeit all privileges and awards and be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
- The management encourages the reporting of mistreatment or extortion by concessionaires and any discourtesy or irregularity of its employees. Violations of local, state, or federal laws should be reported promptly.

Care of Livestock: Attendants *MUST* be with livestock AT ALL TIMES.

To properly promote agriculture & educate the public on animal welfare, it is essential that all exhibitors provide proper sustenance, food & drink, at least every 12 hours to all animals housed on the fairgrounds.

Further, pursuant to NYS Agriculture & Markets Law, Article 26, Section 353, states "A person who...deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food or drink, or neglects to furnish it sustenance or drink or unjustifiably injured, maimed, mutilated or killed, or to be deprived of necessary food or drink, or willfully sets afoot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or by a fine of not more than one (1) thousand dollars, or by both." Additionally, Section 373 states "Any such police officer or agent may also lawfully take possession of any animal in or upon any premises other than a street, road, or public place, which for more than twelve (12) successive hours has been confined or kept in a crowded or unhealthy condition or in unhealthful or unsanitary surroundings or not properly cared for or without necessary sustenance, food or drink, provided that a complaint stating just and reasonable grounds is made under oath or affirmation to any magistrate authorized to issue warrants in criminal cases, and that such warrant authorizing entry and search is issued and delivered by such magistrate; if just and reasonable cause is shown, the magistrate shall immediately issue such warrant."

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to properly feed & water their animals, at a minimum, once every 12 hours. Failure to do so may result in the removal of the exhibit and the appropriate authorities may be sought for assistance. As the above law indicates, this may result in seizure of your animals and possible imprisonment.

Display of Exhibits and Animals: Exhibitors must show their exhibits whenever and in such manner as required by the superintendent in charge of the Department.

All exhibits not called for by **6:00 p.m. Monday, August 31st** are left at the owner's risk and unless otherwise arranged for shall be forfeited to the fair, which may dispose of them as it wishes. The Fair management reserves the right to change the hour of release if conditions warrant.

Space and Forage for Animals: Space for livestock will be provided without charge for exhibition stock from **Monday, August 24th** until the close of the Fair.



No feed or bedding of any description will be furnished for animals.

Exceptions: Poultry/Rabbit Barn & FFA Building will still receive feed & bedding.

Liability: Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to exhibitors at the Washington County Fair, but the Board shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals, or equipment from fire, theft or loss from any other cause; and the Fair will not assume any liability for personal injury sustained either by exhibitors, helpers, visitors, or guests. The Fair will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any article on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Fair and Management thereof, against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

Payment of Awards: The Washington County Fair will mail award checks to the winners of the various classes as shown by the judges' records. Exhibitors desiring their award money paid to agent or employees must furnish same with written order of power of attorney to this effect. **No more than two awards in any class per exhibitor in Open Class.** In paying awards, no evidence of award shall be recognized except the Judges' books properly signed by the judges. Ribbons that may be attached to exhibits are not considered proof of awards as ribbons may become changed.

Should stormy weather, unavoidable occurrence or drastic reduction in state funds interpose at any fair to reduce the net receipts below the requirements for awards, the Fair reserves the right to pay awards on a pro-rated basis after all expense is paid.

Protests & Complaints: All protests & complaints must be in writing, plainly stating the situation and must be delivered to the Main Office within six hours after the incident. **All protest s/complaints must be signed.**

Judging: As far as possible, the single judge system will rule & great care will be taken to select only those who are qualified.

- Judges will receive their books from the Entry Secretary and when judging is completed, the books properly signed by the judges in every case, books are to immediately be returned to the Entry Secretary.
- Judging will commence on **Saturday, August 22nd** in departments listed.
- No person or persons will be allowed to interfere with the judges in the discharge of their duties.
- Persons wishing to explain in regard to their exhibits can do so through the Superintendent of the Department. Violation of this rule will automatically disqualify the violator's exhibits in that department.
- No consideration will be given by the Judge to any article to which the entry tag is not attached.
- Any exhibitor or person acting for an exhibitor found looking through the entry books of the exhibits will forfeit all award or money won.
- No additions to or changes in the Judge's Record shall be made by any person except an Entry Clerk in the Entry Secretary's office.
- **The decision of the Judges shall be final in all cases,** except where mistakes, frauds, or misrepresentations are shown. In such cases the directors, or such referee that the directors may select, shall decide.
- All protests must be in writing, plainly stating reason for protest and delivered to the Fair Office within 6 hours of incident. All protests must be signed.

Sales/Solicitation: There shall be no sale of goods or solicitation of funds for any purpose on lands owned by the Washington County Fair, Inc., which lands are commonly known as the Washington County Fairgrounds, at any time during fair week except in connection with sales or solicitation arising from commercial space rented by the Washington County Fair, Inc. Any such sales or solicitations shall be confined to the actual area agreed upon when the rental arrangement is entered into. **Raffles/Donation containers are not permitted on the premises.**

The sale or distribution of any animals or merchandise, including printed or written material except under license issued by the Washington County Fair and/or from a duly licensed location shall be prohibited. **No "For Sale" signs will be permitted.**

RESOLVED that during fair week in each year, alcoholic beverages shall be banned from the fairgrounds. The Manager of the fairgrounds and his duly designated agents are hereby authorized to take any and all appropriate action to carry out the intent of this resolution and they are specifically authorized, in their discretion, to bar any persons from the fairgrounds who are found to be in violation of this resolution.

NOTICE:

**For all competitive events,
A Breathalyzer test may be used at the Management's discretion to ban intoxicated participants.**