

# Washington County Agricultural Society

## Washington County Fair

### OPEN CLASS REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS and EXHIBITOR RULES

1. All Open Class and FFA exhibitors are urged to PRE-REGISTER ON-LINE using the "EXHIBITOR ENTRY FORM". Advance registration saves time on entry day. **Advance registrations are REQUIRED for Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Dairy Goats, Pygmy Goats and All Other Breeds, Swine, Sheep, Poultry and Rabbits.** ENTRY FORM must be filled out showing: Division, Class, Lot Number and Comment (short description). More than one entry, click on the "+" to the right of the Comment box and enter the next exhibit information. When all your exhibits are listed, click "SUBMIT" to send your entry form to us. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 651-338-0728, to confirm your entry was received send an email to [phyllis.wirth2@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.wirth2@gmail.com)
2. Unless otherwise stated, only one entry per lot.
3. Come to the Fair Office (located in Building B) to pick up your entry tags when bringing exhibits to the fair. For divisions with entry fees, fees must be paid when picking up entry tags. Entry acceptance times vary with each division - check the division for the correct entry time.
4. Each exhibit is required to have entry tag securely fastened to the exhibit, or to the stall, pen or receptacle in which it is shown.
5. All exhibits must be entered in the name of the bonafide owners and must have been made, raised or grown by the exhibitor.
6. Every article in competition must correspond in the number and description with the premium list, be in its proper class and in place on time in order to obtain premiums.
7. All exhibits MUST REMAIN ON EXHIBITION UNTIL 8:00 PM the last day of the fair, with the EXCEPTION of dairy and beef cattle, swine, goats, sheep and horses which may be removed at 7:00 PM the last day of the fair. Exhibits should be picked up between 8:00 PM and 9:00 PM the last day of the fair, or the day after the fair (Monday) between 9 AM – 5 PM. Or make arrangements with the Superintendent of the division or Exhibit Coordinator for later pick up.
8. Exhibitors should pick up their premium checks from the fair office after 8:00 PM on the last day of the fair. **NO PREMIUM CHECKS WILL BE MAILED.** If an error has been made on premium check, come to the fair office for correction before leaving fairgrounds with exhibit.
9. Premium checks not cashed within 60 days after the fair will be considered forfeited to the society.
10. The Superintendent or Assistants of the division shall assist the judges as clerks and keep record of the awards made. The record, when complete, will be returned to the Exhibit Coordinator. The decision of the judges is final.

11. The awards or premiums shall be designated by ribbons, stickers or cards as follows: Sweepstakes or Grand Champion – purple, Reserve Champion – lavender, First premium – blue, Second premium – red, Third premium – white, Fourth premium – pink, Fifth premium – yellow and Sixth premium – green.
12. Any interference by exhibitors to influence or dictate the decision of the judges will be sufficient cause for excluding exhibitor's entry from the competition and must be reported to the Exhibit Coordinator by the Superintendent of the division.
13. Premiums will be paid as listed in the class. Sweepstakes or Grand Champion will be awarded at the discretion of judges. Judges are instructed not to award premiums unless exhibit is worthy of merit.
14. Special awards or premiums may be offered by interested persons which conform to the classification of a division. Permission must be obtained from Exhibit Coordinator before award or premium is given. These special awards or premiums will not be paid for by the society.
15. The Board of Directors reserves the right to adjust premiums, if for some cause beyond control of the board, the receipts of the fair do not warrant the full payment of premiums.
16. Exhibitors not competing for premiums must be arranged for at the fair office, and will be arranged for as far as possible in conformity with the wishes of the exhibitor.
17. The society will take every precaution in its power for the preservation of articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in the delivery, exhibition, or removal of exhibits.
18. Exhibitors of livestock must inform themselves of when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called, and an exhibitor failing to comply with this order will be ruled out of competition.
19. In all cases which call for registered stock, all animals over one year should be accompanied by a certificate of registry showing the animal is properly registered in the herd book or flock book which is recognized as being authentic for breed which the animal is supposed to represent. Purebred animals under one year of age are not required to show a certificate of registry, but the exhibitor of such animals may be required to give a certified statement that both the sire and dam of such animal are properly registered purebreds.
20. Bulls, cows and herds entered as such must be owned by the individual or farm exhibiting them but the progeny of the animals may be shown simply as proof of their breeding qualifications without such ownership.
21. No bedding, hay or grain is furnished. Exhibitors are responsible to keep their portion of the barn neat and clean. All litter must be deposited in a place designated by the Superintendent.
22. No fans allowed that are not OSHA approved.
23. The Fair Manager or Board of Directors reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all questions or differences arising there from.

24. The Fair Manager or Board of Directors have the right to refuse or remove any exhibit not suitable for County Fair Display.
25. No person, group or organization shall sell merchandise or food, distribute literature, solicit or protest on our fairgrounds during the County Fair. However, a person, group or organization may rent a commercial space and operate within the confines of space rented.
26. No smoking or vaping allowed in any exhibit buildings or barns.
27. No one is allowed to sleep overnight in the barns. Animal exhibitors may camp on the fairgrounds, refer to the CAMPING ANIMAL EXHIBITOR tab for further information.
28. Parking tags are required during the Washington County Fair for all vehicles/trailers parked inside the fairgrounds. One parking tag per exhibitor is provided. Tags must be displayed in the vehicle if it is hooked to the trailer or otherwise displayed on the trailer. Tags need to be displayed throughout the duration of the fair. Failure to comply may result in revocation of future parking privileges.  
  
You MUST register your vehicle/trailer and pick up a parking tag at the Fair Office located in Building B. There is no cost for the parking tag. Registration and tags are required for security purposes. Should it be required, fair personnel need to be able to contact those parked within the grounds.
29. In case of an emergency, the Fair Manager and/or the Executive Board present on the fairgrounds, have the right to announce the immediate shut down or cancellation of the Fair.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED

While the greatest possible care will be executed by the Washington County Agricultural Society to protect patrons attending the Washington County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his or her actions. The Washington County Agricultural Society assumes no liability for personal injury, or for loss or damage to any property or stock or exhibitors, concessionaires or patrons due to theft, fire, weather conditions or any other cause.