

RULES & REGULATIONS

ENTRIES:

1. **No person will be permitted to enter the Fair Grounds without a proper pass or ticket. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. All patrons must procure tickets.**
2. **ALL OPEN CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE 5:00 p.m. TUESDAY** before the fair, **except Open Beef and Open Dairy entries, which are due by the Monday, 2 weeks before opening Monday of the Fair.** Entries may be made in person or by mail at the Fair Office, PO Box 96, Angelica, NY 14709. Commencing July 5 the office will be open from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. **No call-in entries accepted.**
3. All Youth entries shall be made through the 4-H Office and are due by the date on the 4-H entry form.
4. No entries shall be made in the show ring. Animals previously entered in the wrong class may transfer to the correct class. Health papers must accompany the animals and be presented before unloading.
5. Competition open to Allegany County residents except as otherwise specified herein.
6. A 4-H member may not enter a class unless enrolled for that project before closing date for enrollment as announced by the 4-H Office. "Cloverbuds" in the Youth Building receive ribbons only.
7. Exhibits must be in place by 9:00 AM Monday of the Fair. 4-H and FFA Milking Class cows in place by 10:30 AM Tuesday. **Open Class Dairy cows in place by Wednesday, 11:00 AM, there will be no Thursday entries.** Open Beef in place by Friday, 11:00 AM. May arrive Thurs. 7:00 - 8:00 PM and Friday, 7:00 to 11:00 AM. **STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
8. Entry tags will be issued by the Fair Office and must be securely attached to each article exhibited.
9. All exhibits must be made in the name of the actual owner, except 4-H and FFA "non-owned" animals. Vegetable entries must have been raised by the exhibitor, within the past year. 4-H, FFA and Open Class Livestock must have been owned by the exhibitor at least 30 days preceding the Fair.
10. The name of the exhibitor will not be displayed before completion of judging, but may be included in display of entries.
11. Junior members will pick up entry tags at the Youth Building for all exhibits except livestock. Livestock entry tags may be picked up at the Main Office.
12. All premium cards and ribbons must be displayed during the exhibition. No person can make any change or withdraw any article entered for competition or exhibition after being judged. This rule will be rigidly enforced in all departments. Positively no classes accepted except those listed on the Website. 4-H and FFA members are not to have more than 2 entries per class.
13. The Society reserves the right to refuse any entry in any department for sufficient reasons.
14. The rules printed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully, thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair.
15. All bedding to be furnished by exhibitors.
16. Refer to Domestic Arts Department for all rules governing Domestic.

JUDGES AND JUDGING:

17. No person shall be a judge in any class in which he or she is an exhibitor.
18. All judges must report to the Director/Superintendent of the appropriate area before leaving grounds on day they serve.
19. For youth or 4-H entries, judges are requested to hold demonstrational judging explaining their reason for awards, thus increasing the educational value of that exhibit.
20. Judges are required in all cases to examine all entries, even where there is no competition. In order to be granted an award or premium the entry must be worthy of said recognition. Where the judging is based on the group award system, the award of EXCELLENCE will be awarded a blue ribbon, the award of GOOD a red ribbon, and the award of WORTHY, a yellow ribbon. **NO RIBBON MEANS NOT SALE WORTHY.**
21. A written and signed complaint against the action of any officer or official of the Fair, or any judge, may be brought before the Board of Directors at a regular meeting. The Board will consider the evidence and then take appropriate action upon it. The decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

22. Any discrepancies concerning the payment of premiums shall be made in writing, signed by the party making the complaint and submitted to the Board of Directors by **September 1**, of the fair year.
23. Any misrepresentation regarding any entry, interference with any official of the Fair or judge, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be dealt with by the Board of Directors in accordance with the merits of the case.
24. Judges and superintendents are requested to check every entry shown on the judges' book and mark entries not present or unworthy as such.
25. If NY State should remove its subsidy for premiums or if there is stormy weather or any other unexpected event occur at the Fair to reduce the net receipts below the requirement for premiums, the Board of Directors reserves the right to pay premiums on a pro-rated basis after all expenses have been paid.
26. Annual Membership ticket entitles the owner to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society held in December, and vote for the Directors of the Society whose election is held at this meeting.
27. Directors of other Agricultural Societies and representatives of the press are cordially invited to report to the Fair Office, where they will receive the customary courtesies.
28. All persons are forbidden to enter or leave the Fair Grounds except through the gates during the Fair.
29. No rain checks because of inclement weather or mechanical problems will be given.

REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS:

30. NO ARTICLE OR EXHIBIT ENTERED FOR A PREMIUM SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIR GROUNDS UNTIL SUNDAY UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the cancellation of premium awards. Market Animals sold at Auction on Wednesday evening may be removed on Sunday from 7AM to 8AM. NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS.
31. All registered animals must be registered in the stud, herd, or flock books of their respective breeds and the exhibitor must present his registration papers to the Superintendent in charge of that department before show day. In case the animal is being registered or transferred and the certificate of registry has not been returned, a sworn statement to this effect from the secretary of the association in question will be accepted.
32. All animal exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. This includes wash racks and walking to and from wash rack and show rings.
33. **ATTENTION ALL EXHIBITORS: ALL MEDICAL SHARPS OR MEDICAL WASTE PRODUCTS MUST BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.** Medical waste receptacles are available near the end of each animal barn. **DO NOT**, under any circumstances, throw sharps in the trashcans, feedbags, or bedding. **ANY** exhibitors failing to follow this procedure will automatically **FORFEIT** all prize money and **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW** at the Allegany County Fair for **THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS**. There will be **ZERO** tolerance for such offense.

IN LIEU OF THE CERTIFICATE – NOTE!!! Papers pending will be accepted **only** for junior calves on which application for registry has been made. Animals born after March 1, current year, and purchased by exhibitor less than 90 days (but must meet the 30 day ownership rule) before deadline for entry, may be entered with papers pending if the certificate of transfer and papers pending notice from the breed association is presented to the superintendent.

The Society reserves the right to withhold the premium on alleged purebred or alleged standard bred stock until satisfied that said stock is entitled to the premium awarded.

Any judge who may suspect the pedigree of or representations concerning any article or animal will at once report the same to the Superintendent of that department. The Superintendent will investigate the matter at once by referring to the Secretary's books and taking other evidence.

AGES:

34. The ages of animals entered for premiums will be computed as stated in each appropriate department.

SUPERINTENDENTS:

35. Superintendents of the Fair Departments act in accord with the Director-in-charge of the area. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: listing the number and kind of ribbons and/or rosettes to be ordered, and changes desired on the Fair Website. These lists and changes should be left at the Fair Office.

ANNUAL MEETING:

36. The Annual Meeting of the Fair Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of general business will be held the second Tuesday of December at 6:30 PM, in Angelica, NY, in the Fair Office.

CONCESSIONAIRES:

37. Concessionaires must keep their space in a neat and sanitary condition by removing any filth or refuse, and placing same in garbage cans. Concessionaires must have suitable sanitary and safe equipment, must comply with all Health Laws, Child Labor Laws, Insurance Laws, and any other Laws, Rules, or Standards applicable.
38. Under no circumstances will any person or firm be allowed to place any advertising matter upon buildings, trees, or any place on the grounds, nor will they be permitted to distribute advertising matter outside the place assigned to them.
39. Sales representatives of newspapers will be assigned permanent locations, and they will not be permitted to solicit subscriptions except at the location so assigned.
40. No exhibitor or concessionaire will be permitted to sublet or share any portion of the space allotted to them. A violation of this rule will result in the original purchaser of space forfeiting all his rights and ejection of himself, partners, employees, and wares from the grounds.
41. A charge per foot will be made to exhibitors of Commercial displays.
42. No supply or truck wagons will be admitted to the grounds any day of the Fair after 11:00 AM. Regular admission fee will be charged at all times.
43. A police force will be present to maintain order on the Fair Grounds and to maintain a vigilant night watch during the exhibition. The society will take every precaution possible for the safekeeping of all exhibits, but assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to person or stock or other exhibits, and upon these conditions only, are entries received.
44. No gambling, games of chance, immoral exhibitions, nor intoxicated person, will be allowed upon the grounds. An exhibit, which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is unworthy, or has not met Health requirements, may be rejected, refused, or ordered to be removed from the grounds.
45. All Commercial booths must be in readiness to operate by 10:00 AM first day of the Fair, and remain until close of the facility on Saturday Close of fair. STRICTLY ENFORCED.

PREMIUMS:

46. Premium ribbons or cards have no value as to payment of premiums, since premiums are paid only from the records of the Judge's books.
47. Premiums will be paid on/or before September 1st, current year. PLEASE NOTE: **ALL PREMIUM CHECKS ARE VOID IF NOT CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS.**

CAMPING ON GROUNDS:

48. Camper space will be made available to 4-H, FFA and Open Class animal exhibitors on a first come-first served basis, as space is available. A \$20 fee will be assessed for, each camper and each tent, for electric hook up (no air conditioners). **RESERVATIONS FOR SPACE MUST BE MADE THROUGH RON FREEMAN, 607-478-8268.** 4-H EXHIBITORS WHO STAY OVERNIGHT on the Fair Grounds MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Violation could result in expulsion from the Fair, and forfeit of awards and premiums as Officers of the Fair Board and 4-H Agent deem necessary.
49. Camping for Concessionaires and Carnival people will be available for the week on a first come basis, and will include electric and water if available. Admission tickets are NOT included. **RESERVATIONS FOR SPACE MUST BE MADE THROUGH RON FREEMAN, 607-478-8268.**
50. Camping in the Directors Compound will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and Director in Charge. **RESERVATIONS FOR SPACE MUST BE MADE THROUGH RON FREEMAN, 607-478-8268**

POSTING OF SIGNS:

51. On the opening day of the Fair, each concessionaire shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous manner at the front or entrance to his place of business a neatly PRINTED OR PAINTED sign showing price of meals, lunches, and all articles of food and drink as well as prices of admission, games, rides, or any other goods for sale or services offered, as approved by the Fair Society.
52. The public welfare must be taken into consideration in the important matter of foods, beverages, etc. The practice of boosting prices on meals beyond reasonable limits and charging extra for drinks, etc., will not be tolerated. The concessionaire shall not increase or reduce the established and posted price of any item of merchandise or meal sold under his contract without the consent of the Fair Society.