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All Exhibitors Agree To Be Bound By The Rules And Regulations Of The American Legion County Fair
and

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

“All Registrations Must Be On The Current Years Entry Forms”

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN EXHIBITOR TO READ AND BE AWARE OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Agriculture Building Entries Must Be Received By August 1

Livestock Entries Have Their Own Individual Species Specific Dates, Please Check The Departments.

TO ALLOW THE OFFICE THE TIME NEEDED FOR COMPUTER INPUT OF ENTRIES, ADDITIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS or
CHANGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15th.

1. Fair management will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits but will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause including fire, theft, or water. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage, done or occasioned by or arising from any exhibit entered by him and shall indemnify and hold harmless the fair against such loss, injury or damage in regard thereto. Each exhibitor is required to sign a Liability Waiver/Hold Harmless statement as a condition of entry. For exhibitors under 18 years of age or under this statement will be signed by his/her parent or guardian.
2. ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED (POSTMARKED) BY THE DESIGNATED DUE DATE and contain the current entry form and associated fees. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly name the article or breed of livestock he/she is entering. Improperly entered exhibits will be disqualified to receive a premium.
Entry blanks are found in the respective departments of this book. Each exhibitor is required to sign the statement verifying that they have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by the PA State and Code of Show Ring Ethics. Youth under 18 require a parent/guardian signature. All entries must be registered through the Fair Office; Superintendents will not accept entry forms, or any money associated with entries. Entry fees will not be refunded; the exception is a withdrawal of an entry before the entry closing date, or in the case of lack of available space.
3. With the exception of Livestock going through the Livestock Sale (Thursday Evening) all exhibits both Livestock and Home Produced may not be removed before the close of fair, unless by the consent of the Barn Superintendent **and** Fair Management.
4. Due in part by State Government cutbacks or circumstances that adversely affect the receipts of the Fair, the American Legion County Fair Board reserves the right to prorate the funds available for premiums among the respective winners. Payment on a prorated share, though less than the amount advertised, shall constitute a full and complete discharge of any premium obligation.
5. Fair Management/Superintendents reserve the right to bar from competition any entry of inferior quality and those not possessing sufficient merit to warrant recognition or viewing by the public. The fair reserves the right to determine how many entries they will accept from an exhibitor in the same class or breed or species.
6. Premiums as listed may be given for meritorious exhibits. In the case of no competition, judges may give an award such as they deem the exhibit is worthy to receive. The same rule will apply where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered. All premiums are subject to change by Fair Management dependent upon funding support.

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7. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion – not discovered at the time of the award – is proved. In such cases, the Superintendent, Show Manager, Fair Secretary, and Show Stewards may make the decision. The case may be appealed to the Fair management from whose decision there can be no appeal. All protests regarding the judging must be made in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal. Such protests must be filed at the Fair office within 24 hours of the occurrence.
8. Where award ribbons are stolen or destroyed, the exhibitor may receive a duplicate at the close of the Fair or show, which shall be supplied by the Fair free of charge.
9. Superintendents may enter exhibits in their own Departments, but neither they nor any other exhibitor may communicate with the judges during the time of determining the awards, except to answer questions posed by the judge.
10. Federal law requires that the Fair Board report all premium awards more than \$600. Premium checks for \$600 or more will not be awarded without a Social Security Number.
11. PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS OR AT THE CAMPING AREA. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WILL BE REGISTERED, CERTIFIED AND DOCUMENTED SERVICE ANIMALS.
12. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BARN, EXHIBIT BUILDINGS, OR ON THE MIDWAY. Violators will be subject to dismissal from the grounds and any premiums earned will be forfeited.
13. All exhibit halls and barns are smoke free. Violators will be escorted out of the building.
14. Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these guidelines.

VEHICLES/TRAILERS RULES

1. Trucks/Trailers unloading livestock on Saturday are to use the West Gate (livestock side) and may unload on either side of the respective barns – exiting out the East Gate to the trailer parking area. Those unloading on Sunday must enter from the West Gate side of the grounds and exit through the West Gate. Exceptions must be cleared through the Species-Specific Livestock Superintendent. To avoid congestion, drivers are to move trailers outside of the grounds as soon as the animals/tack are unloaded.
 - Horse trailers are to be kept outside the West Gate and horses are to be walked in to the designated barns.
 - Safety is of utmost importance; therefore, all drivers will adhere to the speed limit (15 mph) and will take all precautions to move safely throughout the grounds. Violators will be asked to remove their animals and will not participate in the current fair, and risk participation in future years.
 - Livestock Trucks and Trailers must park against the fence on the left side of the road outside of the Livestock Gate and use the back road when going to and from the barns/arena.
2. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR VEHICLE STICKERS must be completely attached to the drivers side front window so that can be seen by the gate guards prior to entering the Fairgrounds. Vehicles will be allowed to enter the grounds to unload feed and supplies and must return to the parking area outside the grounds. Those violating this rule will be subject to having their vehicle towed and will lose sticker privileges in the future. Barn Superintendent vehicles may remain on grounds, but must be parked to avoid congestion around barns
3. MOTORIZED VEHICLES for use on the fairgrounds, must be authorized by fair management and registered at the fair office. Drivers abusing this privilege or driving at excessive speeds will lose their privilege and be banned from using such vehicles in the future.

CAMPER RULES

1. All Campers/tents must be registered by, August 1, with the appropriate registration form and fee.
2. **Camper drop is Saturday, August 28, and Sunday August 29, 2021** only unless other arrangements have been made with the Camper Superintendent.
3. Due to electrical consumption campers are not permitted to run air conditioning.
4. All camper/tent placement will be arranged by the Camper Superintendent, Tim Mullen.
5. **All vehicles must be parked in the parking area outside of the gate not at the camper.**
6. Children under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
7. Failure to comply with the general camper rules will result in dismissal of you and your camper from the grounds and forfeiture of any premiums.

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1. With the exception of Livestock going through the Livestock Sale (Thursday Evening) all exhibits both Livestock and Home Produced may not be removed before the close of fair, unless by the consent of the Barn Superintendent **and** Fair Management. Early removal of Livestock requires that Livestock be walked to their designated trailer exiting out the West Gate.
2. **it will be the responsibility of the exhibitor, to care for the animal that was brought in for exhibition and sold at the Livestock Sale but not loaded out on sale night. Barn Superintendents will not be held responsible for the care of Sale animals remaining in their barns.**
3. Livestock Barns will be open and available for cleaning and decoration prior to the opening of the fair. Please check with the fair office for dates and times.
4. Exhibitors of Livestock are asked to decorate their quarters as tastefully as possible and keep the space neat and attractive. Once entered, exhibitors are responsible for the management of their exhibits. Animals are to be kept clean, properly bedded, fed and watered, and aisles must be kept clean. Bedding will not be furnished.
5. Barn Awards: Inspections will be made unannounced daily. Awards cannot be paid without a name. Please have your name on your stall. Exhibitors must keep their display up until the close of fair on Saturday. Each barn is eligible for Good Housekeeping and Stall Decoration awards.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AWARD POINTS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS

Cleanliness of Animals	15
Cleanliness of Bedding	15
Entry Card/Ribbons properly displayed	20
Keeping Hay/Feed Presentable	10
Keeping All equipment sanitary and neat	10
Keeping Aisles clean	15
Courtesy to exhibitors/public	15
Total Points	100

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6. All Health papers and Livestock will be checked and rules will be enforced.
7. All animals will be checked by barn superintendents, upon entering the barn and exhibitor must provide the appropriate health papers. Any questionable health concerns or paperwork will be further examined by the veterinarian appointed by the fair board, who will be called in at the expense of the exhibitor. It will be the right of the Species-Specific Livestock Superintendent and/or the Veterinarian to order the pre-emptory removal of the animal/s in questions.
8. All animals will be weighed directly off the truck/trailer at their individual species assigned times. Identification will be verified upon arrival at the fair. Animals will then be permitted in the barn to be placed in their designated pen. Every effort will be made to get the animals off the trucks/trailers in a swift manner, however, please be prepared to keep your animals comfortable if warm weather is a factor.
9. Exhibitors will receive their Lanyards once exhibits have been placed. Lanyards may be picked up in the tent in front of the sheep barn between 10 am and 2 pm during check in (the Saturday before Fair). Exhibitors must have their identification when entering the grounds, and while on grounds, the exception being when you are working with /showing animals where the tag could cause a hazardous situation.
10. There will be no altering of pens or stalls, unless authorized by the barn superintendent, who will contact the appropriate maintenance person to take care of your needs.
11. To avoid fire hazards, electric shock to animals, or power outages the Fair Management asks that exhibitors execute caution when placing electrical cords, fans, extension cords, etc.
12. Manure must be dumped in the designated Pit Areas Only. Do not dump trash (bags/cans/bottles) in the pits-use the trash cans throughout the grounds.
13. No person other than those holding animals being exhibited will be allowed in the show ring during the time of judging, except the judge, show stewards and any accredited media.
14. False representation, or un-sportsmen like conduct on the part of the exhibitor, will be dealt with by the Barn Superintendent. All protests must be in writing and must plainly state the cause of the complaint or the appeal. It will then be delivered to fair management within six (6) hours after the occasion. If animal age is brought into question the protest must be filed on the day prior to the one on which the animals are to be judged.
15. Livestock and horses are not permitted down the Midway. Violators will be escorted out and any premiums will be forfeited.
16. Livestock barns will be closed to the public at 10:00 pm. Exhibitors may have access to their animals after barn closing but are expected to clear it with the barn superintendent, to avoid any misconduct or accusations of such. Anyone found to be abusing this privilege and/or involved in any misconduct within the livestock barns will forfeit all premiums, be banned from exhibiting in the future. If necessary local law enforcement will be contacted.
17. VCPR Form –EVERY EXHIBITOR MUST SIGN the Vet-Client-Patient-Relationship statement on the livestock entry form. This must be completed at the time of entry.

PA STATE & NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall always deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show

Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial & national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of drugs. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the approved laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise at any hearing in regard to the matter conducted by the fair or livestock show. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed vet.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

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7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show against such individuals published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics" and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ON CURRENT 2021 ENTRY FORMS

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