

## GENERAL RULES

- 1) Except as hereinafter otherwise stated, entries in all departments will close on July 6<sup>th</sup> or as soon as capacity is reached. The Association reserves the right to accept or reject entries as may be needed to insure a complete show without overtaxing our exhibition space.
- 2) The entries must be made in the name of the actual growers, producers or owners. Exhibitors are required to make themselves acquainted with the prize list and be sure in what sections and departments their entries belong.
- 3) Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell goods during the fair unless they buy a privilege for the same. Fair will retain a 20% commission on all sales.
- 4) The Board of Directors of the Monroe County Fair and Recreation Association, Inc., reserves the right to postpone the Fair on account of the weather or other causes and in event of such postponement, the words, "The Last Day of the Fair," published in this catalog, shall be construed to mean the last day to which the Fair is postponed.
- 5) All protests must be in writing, must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to the Fair Manager within 24 hours after the event or award.
- 6) No exhibitor shall receive more than (2) awards in any one class.
- 7) The Fair reserves the right to combine entries if fewer than 3 entries shown by 2 exhibitors are received for a class. All entries must be received by July 6, 2009.
- 8) All animals must be accompanied by registration and health papers, which must be presented when requested by the Management.
- 9) All livestock and poultry must be bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned by him/her for at least thirty days preceding the opening day. All exhibitors should be prepared to furnish an affidavit of such ownership on request of the judge.
- 10) The ages of all animals must be given and satisfactory evidence furnished if required. To determine in what division the animals shall be entered, ages will be computed as stated in the rules of several departments.
- 11) Feed or bedding for livestock will not be furnished by the Association, except as indicated in department rules.
- 12) This Association or other Fair sponsors assume no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibits for any cause and upon this condition only are entries received. The Association does not assume any liability for personal injury or accident from any cause whatsoever.
- 13) All exhibits must be on display before Noon on opening day except where indicated in department rules. Any exhibits not then in place may be excluded from competition for premiums at the option of the department superintendent.
- 14) All exhibits must remain on display until 7pm on Sunday, closing day of the Fair, except where otherwise specified. Exhibitors violating this provision will not be allowed to exhibit at future fairs and will forfeit premiums awarded on exhibits.

## Entry Fees and Admissions

- 15) Entry fees are 20% of first premium offered except where otherwise specified. Classes where no entry fee is required are accepted with no other requirement.
- 16) Exhibitors whose entry fees are \$5.00 or more will receive a pass good for one day's admission. Department superintendents will distribute admission tickets when exhibits are brought to the Fair. This is gate admission only and does not include rides or grandstand events. (Late fees are excluded.)
- 17) No entries accepted unless listed in this book, but classes may be sub-divided, if necessary.
- 18) Articles erroneously entered or placed in wrong classes will be barred from competition, except that where exhibits have been erroneously entered, the judges may have the same corrected by the Secretary before they judge upon that class, but not after.
- 19) The Fair reserves to itself the right to refuse or to cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, curtail or prohibit exhibitions of entries and to cancel awards of prizes, as may be deemed necessary or expedient. All entries must be made and are received subject to this rule. Entry fees are not refundable for any reason.
- 20) Livestock exhibitors whose entry fees total \$5.00 or more will receive a weekly admission pass and an additional one day pass for each animal not to exceed 3 passes per family. Additional weekly passes may be purchased for \$2.00. Additional 1-day passes may be purchased for \$1.00 each. These extra passes may be ordered on the entry form. Please enclose a check. Children 12 & under have free daily admission.
- 21) Livestock and horse exhibitors coming for one-day show will be admitted free.

## Awarding Premiums

- 22) As far as possible, the single judge system will rule and great care will be taken to select only those who are qualified. No person will be allowed to act as judge who is in any way interested in the article to be examined.
- 23) Judges will receive their books from the Fair Secretary and when the judging is completed, the books must be returned to the Fair Secretary at once. For time of judging, see rules for the respective departments.
- 24) Premium awards will be indicated as follows: First Premium, by Blue Ribbon, Second Premium, by Red Ribbon, Third Premium, by White or Yellow Ribbon.
- 25) In no case will judges award a prize where there is no merit and in the event of a premium being withheld from any exhibit for that reason, the judge will write "Not Worthy" in the award column opposite each entry. In case there is no competition in a class, it will be awarded a premium according to the merit of the article or animal, such as first, second or third, as in their judgment, the article or animal deserves.
- 26) Judges must not award prizes to any exhibit to which the entry tag is not attached (except livestock). They must exclude from competition the exhibit of any person, who in any way, whether in person or by his/her agents, interferes with them, during their adjudication or shows disrespect to them or who violates any rule or regulation of the Association. Any exhibitor who violates this rule will thereby forfeit all premiums in the section being judged at the time of such violation.
- 27) Judges will be careful to attach tags denoting first, second or third premium to exhibits, make their awards and be especially careful that tag and corresponding entry in Judge's Book agree.
- 28) When the judges have reason to doubt the pedigree of any animal or the representations made of an article, they must report at once to the Superintendent of that department who will gather such evidence and report same to the Fair Office.
- 29) 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 that department.
- 30) The decisions 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 as the Directors may select, shall decide.
- 31) All premium ribbons must be displayed during the exhibition. No person can make any change or withdraw any article entered for competition or exhibition after having once entered it. This rule will be rigidly enforced in all departments. Positively no entry fee refunded.
- 32) Competition defined. Competition is defined as a contest for supremacy between two or more products or articles or animals owned by separate exhibitors. Exhibitors having no competition in a class or section will be awarded premiums based on the exhibit's individual merit, unless otherwise noted under Special Department Rules and all premiums shall be awarded subject to action of the Board of Directors.
- 33) All trucks, trailers, campers and cars must be parked in an area designated by the Fair management.
- 34) Open class winners will receive their premium checks by mail.
- 35) As the Association is required by law to make an early detailed report to the State Agricultural Department, all checks issued for premiums must be presented for payment on or before 30 days from date of issue.
- 36) Any entry fee checks that are returned for insufficient funds will be charged an additional bank fee and no premium check will be issued to that exhibitor until all remedies are made.

## Privileges

- 37) All matters in this department are under the supervision of the Executive Director.
- 38) The Association reserves the right to cancel any permit, lease or privilege at any time, for any infraction of the rules of the Association, by those operating hereunder and by such infraction and cancellation, the holder operating hereunder shall forfeit all rights under said permit, lease or privilege, including monies paid and on notice shall at once surrender the grounds occupied by him/her.

## Interpretation of Rules & Regulations

- 39) The Association reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters and questions arising from or connected with an incident during the Fair.