

## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Rule 1.** While the greatest possible care will be executed by the management to protect patrons of the York County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his/her actions and the management will not be accountable or responsible for any injury.
- Rule 2.** York County Agricultural Society assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property to the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron, due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.
- Rule 3.** Whenever an entry is made, an exhibitor number will be assigned to each person exhibiting at the fair. A different exhibitor number will be issued for Open Class, FFA and 4-H exhibitors. Once an entry is made in the books, no change of that entry will be permitted nor will anyone be allowed to see the entries as made until after the awards have been placed. The management reserves the right and privilege to refuse entries if there is no space available.
- Rule 4.** All entries must be owned by the exhibitors, all agricultural and horticultural products must be the products of the present year, except crops not yet harvested, in which last year's crops may be exhibited.
- Rule 5.** In case of protest, a written statement setting forth the reasons for protesting must be filed with the secretary before the close of the fair.
- Rule 6.** All articles and animals must remain within the enclosure during the fair and cannot be removed until the last day of the fair without the written permission of the secretary unless otherwise stated. Release of exhibits is from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- Rule 7.** Feed must be furnished by exhibitors. Bedding will be ordered by show management and charged to exhibitors.
- Rule 8.** All livestock exhibitors must clean out their stalls/pens and move the bedding to the proper dumpster. Herdsmanship premiums will not be paid until this requirement has been met.
- Rule 9.** In case of general conflict with department rules the department rules govern.
- Rule 10.** Premium monies will be paid to Open Class and FFA exhibitors at the fair office on the last day of the fair (beginning at 4 p.m.) or at the Extension Office within ten working days after the final day of the fair. PREMIUM MONEY WILL **NOT** BE MAILED. In case there are insufficient funds to pay premiums in full, they will be prorated and paid accordingly. Unclaimed premiums will be forfeited. \*4-H premium monies will be paid only on those projects for which

- 4-H records are completed and returned to the Extension Office by September 30 of the current year. Premiums in turn will be paid to 4-H exhibitors with completed 4-H records on or about October 15.
- Rule 11.** Open class exhibits from the counties surrounding York County will be accepted, except where department rules restrict such entries.
- Rule 12.** All classes of livestock must be shown in the arena to receive premiums.
- Rule 13.** All livestock must be owned by the exhibitor making the entry and must be shown by that exhibitor except in case of injury, sickness or other acceptable reason.
- Rule 14.** In the case that a 4H/FFA member exhibitor is injured or seriously ill at the time of the show, or shall have been called to active duty in the Armed Forces after having started a project, the project may be continued and the animal(s) may be exhibited in the name of the original Club Member. The substitute showman must be a 4H/FFA member currently enrolled in one of the organizations serving York County and be eligible to exhibit 4H/FFA livestock at that years' show, and approved in advance of the show by the Superintendent. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure advance approval for another eligible exhibitor to exhibit one of his/her animals.
- Rule 15.** Open class livestock exhibitors must request pen and stall assignments by July 15 from the York County Extension Office.
- Rule 16.** No animal or exhibit may be entered in open class and youth classes.
- Rule 17.** Each exhibitor may be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying correct withdrawal from legal drugs, vaccines or other substances. They will also certify that their entries have not received any non-approved drugs.
- Rule 18.** All livestock fans must be attached to the tie rails or walls. No fans in rear of animal regardless of equipment.
- Rule 19.** 4-H and Open Class feeder calves may arrive on show day and are dismissed after the show. They may be stalled in the beef barn (provided there is room) for the duration of the fair but cannot return once they are removed.
- Rule 20.** All livestock must be exhibited in a show in order to be stalled on the grounds. Otherwise, you will be charged for advertising space.
- Rule 21.** All animals brought to the fairgrounds are subject to State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Industry and Veterinary Services regulations. Animals include: beef cattle and dairy, sheep, goats, swine and poultry. Complete

Nebraska County Fair Animal Health Requirements are available at the Cooperative Extension Office or from the York County Fair Board.

- Rule 22.** 4-H and FFA exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, dogs, cats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits are required to wear official 4-H or FFA T-shirt. If the 4-Her chooses not to wear a 4-H T-shirt, then they must wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached. Dark jeans (dark blue jeans preferred) are required for beef, dog, cat, sheep, swine, meat goat, poultry and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. Long jeans/pants are required for cat exhibitors. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, commercial or other identification while showing their animals-except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require.
- Rule 23.** Clipping, blocking, trimming or grooming of any animal by anyone other than exhibitors, exhibitors parents, legal guardians, brothers or sisters will not be permitted at the York County Fair. York County exhibitors may also help each other. In case of no family members, all appeals should be brought before the York County Ag Society stating who will be helping with grooming by July 15. If there is a violation of these rules, the exhibitor's animal will receive a red ribbon.
- Rule 24.** The 'Home Raised' classes will be considered as 'Bred and Owned Classes' where animals to be eligible for this class must be the offspring of females owned at the time of breeding for the animal that is to be shown. The owners of the dam must be the youth entering the animal, immediate family members or in the name of the family farm operation. The member entering and exhibiting the animal must have care and management access to the animal throughout the lifetime of the animal to be shown, birth to show. Care and management to be consistent with accepted Nebraska 4-H Policy.

**ENTRY DEADLINES**

All 4-H entries and Open Class Animal entries must be pre-entered at the York County Extension Office no later than July 15th!

Open Class entries (except for Animals) do not need to be pre-entered but you may pick up entry tags at the York County Extension Office prior to the fair so that the entry tags can be filled out prior to bringing entries.