

Hancock County Agricultural Society Specific

Animal Exhibitor Rules and Regulations

The following are Rules and Regulations adopted by the Hancock County Agricultural Society in addition to those adopted for the protection of exhibitors and exhibits; to try and insure a disease-controlled atmosphere and to instill a feeling of security for all concerned.

1. Dairy Feeders must be vaccinated for respiratory disorders prior to entry to fairgrounds.
2. We strongly recommend that all horses and ponies be vaccinated for Flu-Rhino after July 3 and before August 14, 2022, to house and exhibit at the Hancock County Fair.
3. We strongly recommend that all exhibitors (Open Class and Junior Fair) use their own feed pans and water buckets or tubs. Do not leave other exhibitors use your containers.
4. These Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by the Hancock County Agricultural Society and the Hancock County Veterinarian Association.

The following veterinarians have been approved by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to serve as the Official Veterinarians for the 2023 Hancock County Fair. They are all members of the Hancock County Veterinarian Association.

Dr. Greg Haas	Dr. Tim Stacy
Dr. Rick Henninger	Dr. DeWayne Weaver
Dr. Earnest Kearns	Dr. Jenna Gettings
Dr. Michael Kerns	Dr. Nikki McCabe
Dr. Beth Skaggs	

Exhibit and Exhibitor Entry Rules and Regulations

The following rules apply to all departments unless noted with exceptions or noted in the department.

OFFICE HOURS AND ENTRIES

The Senior Fair Office shall be the headquarters for the transaction of business. The following rules and hours are for making open class entries.

1. Office hours for making open class entries will be: Tuesday, August 1 thru. Friday, August 18 - 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On-line entries can still be entered on Saturday, August 18 till 5:00 p.m.
2. Each exhibitor must purchase an Adult Season Ticket. The Adult Season Ticket provides fair admission daily (one admission per day) for the holder and accompanying dependent members of the family under nine (9) years of age; to enter exhibits in the open shows and parking. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per Adult Season Ticket. Adult Season Tickets may be purchased on line and will be Online Only after August 29.
3. Residents of Hancock County may purchase a 2022 Hancock County Agricultural Society Membership Certificate for the annual fee of \$2. The Membership Certificate must be purchased in the fair office, during posted office hours, and must be purchased by 5:00 PM, August 25, 2023. The holder of the Membership Certificate shall have voting rights at any membership meeting and the annual election of directors. The Certificate must be properly signed, and the holder must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. An Adult Season Ticket or Lifetime Membership is also required to be eligible for membership. Your Adult Season/Lifetime Membership Ticket provides eligibility for fair admission daily (one admission per day) for the holder and accompanying dependent members of the family under nine (9) years of age;

to enter exhibits in the open shows and parking. Membership Certificates do NOT provide admission to the fair.

4. Entries shall be made in the name of the bona-fide owner.
5. Exhibitors shall determine for themselves under what department and class they will make their entry/entries.
6. Entries will be accepted online or at the Senior Fair Office beginning August 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. thru August , 2023 at 5 p.m.
7. All entries must be processed on-line. Computers will be available in the Senior Fair Office during regular office hours. Fees for entries can be paid by credit card on-line or in the Senior Fair Office with credit card, cash or check. If you require additional tickets, please include the correct amount with your entry and provide names and addresses of the individuals obtaining tickets. Check each department for entry fees. You can send payment by check to:

**Hancock County Agricultural Society
P. O. Box 148
Findlay, OH 45839-0148**

8. Some departments are limited to number of entries. Please refer to department section for limits on exhibits.
9. **The final day to make open class entries shall be by 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2023.**
10. No animal may compete for more than one (1) Premium, except as follows: A single animal to be exhibited as one (1) of a pair or herd may be shown as a single. No animal may compete in two (2) single classifications. (exception Horses)
11. For age of animal requirements, check department section.
12. All exhibits must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of the fair, unless otherwise noted in department section.
13. Exhibitors must deliver their animals or articles properly entered to the Superintendent of the appropriate department for housing and placement of exhibit. This must be done at the direction of the Superintendent or official in charge. Exhibits must be claimed promptly at the appointed time at the close of the fair.
14. Competition shall be open to any resident of Ohio, except special classes or departments which will be noted
15. Exhibits may not be released prior to the release date unless the proper release form is obtained and completed. Contact your Department Superintendent or the Fair Manager. If there is a sick animal to be released, a written release must be signed by the Department Superintendent, exhibitor, Fair Manager, and veterinarian and filed with the Fair Manager so premiums can be paid.
16. Release time for all departments is 6:00 p.m. on Labor Day. Premiums will be dispersed in cash on Labor Day between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in tent located in front of the Senior Fair Office.
- PAYMENTS NOT PICKED UP BY 6:00 p.m. ON LABOR DAY WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, UNLESS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE SENIOR FAIR OFFICE.**
17. The exhibitor shall furnish all bedding and feed unless otherwise noted in department section.
18. All animals shall be properly confined in spaces assigned for same. Bulls and stallions must be

properly secured by ropes, chains, or stall and shall be under the control of the exhibitor at their own risk.

19. Exhibitors shall personally be responsible for keeping aisles in barns and buildings clean and free of litter at all times.
 20. Exhibitors are liable for any and all damage to persons or property caused by their exhibits or themselves.
 21. No animal that is unsound, blemished, poorly groomed or in poor condition will be awarded a premium. No premium will be awarded in any other department, with or without competition, unless the judge feels it is worthy.
 22. If an exhibitor has no competition and is exhibiting entries in the same class [two (2) or more entries] they may only be awarded first and third premiums.
 23. A time limit of two (2) minutes will be set between classes after the gate is opened or show area is ready for the next class. Those not arriving within the time limit may be disqualified from that class.
 24. Stall and pen assignments and locations will be made as soon as possible after all entries are completed. Contact the Department Superintendent for information.
 25. No exhibit may be brought in and offered for sale to the public. Some exhibits may be offered for sale after they are shown and judged. Check with your Department Superintendent of judging. (Please have your entry tag or back number available.)
 26. Exhibitors shall be present and show their entry at time of judging. (Please have your entry tag or back number available.)
 27. No prize ribbons or trophies from other fairs or exhibits may be displayed until all judging is completed.
 28. Premiums will be dispersed in cash Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the tent located in front of the Senior Fair Office.
 29. **All Open Class** exhibit buildings and barns will open to the public at 9:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. daily. Sunday hours are 12:00 noon until 10:00 p.m.
 30. All buildings and barns are patrolled.
 31. All animals requiring exercise will be restricted to designated area. (Contact your Department Superintendent.)
 32. Registration Certificates for animals are required for certain classes and departments. Check department section for your entries to verify if Registration Certificates are needed.
- ### Judging
33. Only exhibitor, entry fair officials and judges will be allowed in the show ring or show pen when judging is in progress.
 34. No person may act as judge or clerk in any class in which he/she exhibits.
 35. No person shall interfere with judges while exhibits are being judged.
 36. Judges will make awards on entries deemed worthy.
 37. No premiums will be awarded to unsound animals.
 38. Judges of animals will have regard to symmetry, early maturity size and general characteristics of the animals they judge.
 39. The decision of the judge is final. Exhibitors are to respect all judges.

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40. All judges' books shall be returned to the Entry Office immediately following completion of judging.

Health Rules

- 41. All entries must be free of visible signs of disease.
- 42. The management reserves the right to take additional measures prior to assigning entries to pens or stalls or during the fair that may be deemed necessary to protect the health of animals or entries shown at the fair.
- 43. Health papers (if required) must be submitted at the time animals arrive at the fairgrounds. See health rules.
- 44. **Veterinarians will be checking all animals.**
- 45. No dogs, cats or other pets are allowed on the fairgrounds during the fair. Exceptions: Junior Fair Dog Show, 4-H judging or used as Seeing Eye or Service dogs.
- 46. The sale of intoxicating drinks of all kinds or drinking of same and any immoral exhibition of any kind are strictly forbidden on the fairgrounds during any time of the year.
 - A. Intoxicated person will be escorted from the Fairgrounds.
 - B. Public drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- 47. Smoking is prohibited in any tent, building or shelter housing livestock or exhibits, also in or around storage of hay and straw and any other building on the fair grounds.
- 48. Race horses are brought on the grounds at the owner's risk. The Hancock County Agricultural Society, under no circumstances, will be liable or responsible for losses, injuries, or damages sustained to or by owners, drivers or horses entered and participating or warming up for any of the racing events. The owners and drivers of the entries and their servants, employees and agents assume all risks involved in connection therewith in full.
- 49. All bills made during and previous to the fair must be presented for payment no later than November 1, following the fair.
- 50. The Fair Board reserves the right to suspend or alter rules and to make new rules or take other action it may deem necessary to protect the interest of the fair, the exhibit or the public.
- 51. Protest: Any exhibitor may file a protest on any decision by depositing fifty dollars (\$50.00) in cash with the Superintendent or Operations Manager and presenting the written protest. The Board of Directors will review the protest and their decision is final. If the protest is not sustained the deposit is forfeited. All protests must be filed by the close of the fair.
- 52. No household fans are to be used in any of the barns used to house animals. Check with your Department Superintendent regarding the use of electric fans.
- 53. Only the fair authorized electrician is to make electrical connections in our boxes. A charge will be made for this service.
- 54. The Hancock County Fair Board will take every precaution in its power for the safe preservation of livestock and articles on exhibit after their arrival and while on the grounds. The Board and Officers will use diligence to avoid accidents and afford protection and will demand the utmost care and attention in the operation of concessions affording amusement, etc. During the fair, however, the Hancock County Fair Board and its officers will not

be responsible for damage to exhibits or livestock by fire, water, wind, storm or any act of God, nor does the Board assume any liability for loss by theft or accident to persons or property; nor errors or omissions in the premium book.

Trucks, Trailers, & Campers Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors has adopted the policy that no vehicles will be permitted to be parked around any of the buildings after 10:00 a.m. All feed supplies and concessionaire supplies should be delivered before this time. Any vehicle found in the **NO PARKING AREAS** will be towed at owner's expense to an area so designated on the fairgrounds. **GOLF CARTS, etc. on the fairgrounds require a permit and we must have a copy of proof of insurance. Permits and Rules may be obtained at the Senior Fair Office.**

All supply, livestock trailers, and trucks must park in a designated area. Any unit being used for sleeping **MUST** park in areas approved by the City Health Department. We are required by law to meet certain requirements. **All persons sleeping on the grounds must get a sleeping permit from the Sheriff's Department. Their office will be located on the fairgrounds.**

The Secretary shall receive the application and fee of \$225 before any camping is assigned. A copy of the Camping Rules is available at the Senior Fair Office.

DELIVERIES MUST BE MADE BEFORE 10:00 a.m BEFORE 10:00 a.m Absolutely no vehicles/golf carts except emergency personnel are allowed on the midway after 10AM. Violation equates grounds for removal from the fair.

