

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

FAIR PREMIUMS WILL NOT BE MAILED TO AWARDEES. YOU MUST PICK THEM UP AT THE FAIRGROUNDS OFFICE.
THE PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY LOCAL BANKS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2020 TO BE WORTH MONETARY VALUE.

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- 2) All rules and regulations governing interpretations, amendments, violations, entry requirements, protests, and appeals, powers and liberties of association, and premiums and awards, required by Oklahoma Statutes applicable to Washington County Free Fair.
- 3) The rules and regulations in the Premium List are a part of all contracts made by the Washington County Free Fair Association and the conditions agreed to and accepted by the contracting parties are as being in fulfillment of the terms and agreements of said contracts.
- 4) In no case shall the Washington County Free Fair Association or any of its officers, be held responsible in damages for any loss, damage, injury, death or disability by disease, or from theft or from any other cause to any such property or to any person coming upon said fairgrounds, while said persons or property are in the fairgrounds. The Washington County Free Fair Association hereby refuses to assume any responsibility for the safety as bailee or otherwise, of any property brought upon said fairgrounds, said property being brought upon said grounds at the owner's risk. If the property owners or others interested in the property desire protection against loss, damage or injury from fire or any other such cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance.
- 5) If any exhibitor shall attempt to interfere with the judges in the performance of their duties, he or she shall be immediately excluded from ALL competition.
- 6) Nothing shall be sold or given away, or otherwise disposed of by an exhibitor,

which will in any way conflict with or which is the subject matter of any privilege or concession granted or sold by the Washington County Free Fair Association.

- 7) The Board of Directors reserves the right to hold any of the exhibits in the following departments: Agriculture, Apiary, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, and Culinary, for the purpose of placing them on exhibition at either of the State Fairs.
- 8) The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds any exhibit, animal, concession, show, or advertising matter that may be falsely entered or may be deemed unsuitable or objectionable, and, if necessary, to return any money already paid them, without assigning any reason therefore, the same exonerating them from any claim on the part of the exhibitor.
- 9) The Washington County Free Fair Association will exercise due care and diligence in the protection of all exhibits from loss or injury, but will in no way be responsible for any loss or injury to the exhibit.
- 10) The Washington County Free Fair Association refuses to assume any liability for injuries to the person on any of the exhibitors or their officers and employees, or any patrons or persons coming upon the grounds of the Washington County Free Fair Association and no claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted or suit instituted or maintained against the Washington County Free Fair Association, its officers, agents, representatives, servants or employees for said cause by any person having license or privilege to exhibit on the fairgrounds, or occupying any space thereon, and it is a part of the consideration for such licenser or privilege that such claims for damages are specifically waived. If any damage, or loss or injury to person or property shall be proximately caused by reason of negligence or willful act of any

person, firm, or corporation or their agent representative, servant or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Washington County Free Fair Association shall in no manner be responsible therefore and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the said Washington County Free Fair Association at Dewey, Oklahoma.

- 11) No general exhibit of any nature will be permitted to leave the grounds before Saturday, September 12, 2020, 5:00 pm without a written order from the Washington County Free Fair Chairman. Failure to comply with this rule will forfeit all rights of the exhibitor to any premium and awards on their entire list of exhibits.
- 12) All bids and claims against the Washington County Free Fair Association shall be made in detail upon voucher claims furnished by the manager and sworn to and bills contracted in the conduct of the Washington County Free Fair or in preparation thereof must be okayed by the officer on whose order the service was furnished.
- 13) The Department superintendents shall reserve and arrange all animals or articles exhibited in their several departments and are requested to enforce all laws and rules as set by the Board of Directors and carry into effect the program in their several departments and are requested to make written suggestions to the Board of Directors in relation to improvements that will be beneficial to the Washington County Free Fair.
- 14) All entries and all exhibits in the main building must be in place by 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. All outside exhibits and livestock must be in place by 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, except horses. **See rules under Horse Department.** No livestock exhibitors shall stay overnight on the fairgrounds. No animal or article exhibited

can draw more than one premium or prize except 4-H, FFA, or championship. All entries for sweepstakes or championships will be made by the superintendent of the department from the winners in the classes. A winner without competition in a class is eligible to enter in the championship and sweepstakes classes. Any animal may be entered in its breed class and NOT in more than one. No article can be entered more than once, except in livestock groups such as herds, get of sire, produce of dam, etc.

- 16) Where there is no competition, the judge shall award first, second, or third premiums, according to their merits of the article. Premiums shall not be awarded to unworthy articles.
- 17) Closely examine and understand each of the rules in each department for rules on purebred and registered stock. Judges and Superintendents are not responsible for exhibitor's lack of compliance to the rules set forth in each department.
- 18) An official representative of the Washington County Free Fair Association shall have access to the premises of any exhibitor or concession at any and all times.
- 19) The Directors and Manager will use every precaution to guard against extortion in any form practiced upon the visitors to the Washington County Free Fair, and violation of this rule by any concessions will cause forfeiture of contract money and expulsion from fairgrounds. A sign will be posted at the front of each stand or enclosure showing prices charged for lunches and drinks, and signs in view of the customer.
 - A) Commercial booth inside main building will be charged \$60. Outside Commercial booth will be charged \$40.
 - B) All exhibits must have been made or produced and owned by the exhibitor.
- 20) All outside exhibitors need to place their stall bedding into the barn aisles at the conclusion of the fair.
- 21) All cattle must be tied inside the barns between the hours of 9:00am and 7:00pm.
- 22) All animals **MUST** have an exhibitor card posted on the pen/cage/stall for any animal housed during the fair. The exception would be horses that show from a trailer. The exhibitor card should have point of contact information in case of an emergency.

- 23) Caution must be observed when horses & livestock are co-mingled in wash rack areas. Adult supervision is highly recommended to ensure safety of animals and people.
- 24) For safety of riders, animals and general public, there will be no riding of horse(s) inside of any barn or areas that are marked so.

JUDGING AND AWARDING OF PRIZES

- 25) Judges will award premiums only on articles regularly mentioned in the premium list. Awarding will be made by the "Single Judge System". THE DECISIONS OF A JUDGE SHALL BE FINAL AND NO APPEAL WILL BE CONSIDERED EXCEPT IN CASE OF PROTEST.
- 26) No one will be allowed to act as a judge who is a resident of Washington County or in a class or ring in which he exhibits. This rule subject TO WAIVER AT DISCRETION OF THE FAIR BOARD.
- 27) All premiums awarded under the rules and regulations of this premium list will be paid according to the rules, but in no case shall a premium be awarded on any article unworthy of the same.
- 28) When special premiums are offered, they shall be paid directly by the donors upon the presentation of written orders for the Secretary.
- 29) In paying premiums, no evidence of award will be recognized except the judge's book properly signed by the judge and superintendent.
- 30) All protests must be made in writing accompanied by a deposit of \$20.00 which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained and the said protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint and must be filed with the Chairman within four hours after the award is made and ribbon is placed.
- 31) The right of an exhibitor to protest the decision of a judge will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of rules governing the exhibits, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another and naming witnesses by whom proof is to be made.
- 32) Any person who has or shall willfully misrepresent the eligibility of any entry, either his own or others, shall be barred from exhibiting until this disability be removed by action of the Board.

- 33) Exhibitors will be required to keep their space and stall in a clean condition by removing their filth or litter.
- 34) All animals exhibited must show proof of ownership by entry date, or upon request by the Superintendent.
- 35) Eligibility: Residents of Washington County, but who are official members of organizations in adjoining counties (such as FFA, 4-H, OHCE, Girl Scouts) may exhibit in Open and Junior divisions. Residents may exhibit in both the Open division plus their respective Junior and OHCE divisions. Non-Washington County residents who are members of above organizations in Washington County, and/or attending school in this county may exhibit in both the Open division plus their respective Junior and OHCE divisions. Exhibitors may be asked for proof of residency within Washington County Oklahoma.
- 36) Exhibitors of Livestock will be allowed to show only two animals in any one class, except in case of herds and groups (one entry per person).
- 37) In no case shall a premium be paid in any entry not listed in this catalog.
- 38) Animal must be owned and entered by exhibitor. Junior division consists of exhibitors who are 8- 13 years of age inclusive. Senior Division will be those exhibitors who are 14 years of age and older. Areas include: Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry & Rabbits.
- 40) PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO ONLY EXHIBITING IN **ONE** COUNTY FAIR. IF CAUGHT COMPETING IN TWO DIFFERENT COUNTIES YOU CAN BE BANNED FOR UP TO AND INCLUDING FOR LIFE AS DETERMINED BY THE FAIR BOARD.