

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS

ATCP 160.01 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Class" means a grouping in which exhibits may be entered, including an animal breed or age group for animal exhibits; a type of produce, crop or food; or a specific age, age group, or educational grade level of exhibitor.

(2) "Department" as it relates to the organizational structure of a fair, means an animal species, production group, or other principal classification of exhibits. As used in any other context, department means the state of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.

(3) "Division" means one of 3 exhibitor group classifications for a fair and is limited to junior division, open division and senior citizens division.

(4) "Lot" or "lot number" means the numerical designation assigned by a local fair for a specific category of exhibits within a class.

(5) "Premium" means a monetary prize that a county or district fair awards to an exhibitor after judging all competing exhibits in the class to which the premium pertains.

ATCP 160.02 PREMIUM REQUIREMENTS.

(1) GENERAL.

- (a) The state aid authorized by s. 93.23 (1), Stats., may be paid only on net premiums, which consist of total premiums paid less total entry fees received. The department may withhold state premium aid for any fair which does not enforce the animal health provisions required under ch. ATCP 10 for all classes of livestock exhibited at the fair. State aid will be paid only on premiums actually paid by bank check or draft.
- (b) No deductions may be made from premium money won by an exhibitor. Premiums may, however, be withheld where exhibition rules established by the fair association are violated. A written statement of violation shall be submitted to the department to justify action taken by a local fair.
- (c) Premiums offered shall be definite in amount. No decrease or increase in published premiums may be made because of the financial condition of the organization or for any other reason.
- (d) State aid may be paid on no more than 2 premiums awarded an exhibitor under one premium or lot number in open division individual livestock classes, except poultry and rabbits, and no more than one premium in all other classes, including poultry and rabbits.
- (e) No county or district fair may receive state aid for a premium awarded to any exhibitor in the open division if that exhibitor entered the same exhibit in the junior division at the same county or district fair. This paragraph does not apply if the exhibit was entered in the junior division only as part of a herd group, carcass class or performance class.

- (f) No state aid will be paid on the cost of ribbons, cups, trophy prizes or entertainment contests.

(2) PREMIUM LISTS.

- (a) Premiums for which state aid is requested by county and district fairs shall conform with the uniform premium list and other requirements set forth in these rules. Fairs requesting state aid for net premiums shall submit to the department a printed copy of the premium list used at the fair, as required under s. ATCP 160.92 (3)(d).
- (b) The officers of each fair shall mail a copy of the premium list to other associations, societies, or boards conducting a fair in Wisconsin upon request.
- (c) Sections ATCP 160.01 through 160.07 and 160.91 shall be published in premium books used by a fair for which state aid is requested.

(3) ENTRY FEES.

- (a) A county or district fair may charge an exhibitor an entry fee. The fee may not exceed 10% of the sum of all premiums offered to exhibitors in the same class for which the entry fee is charged. In lieu of an entry fee, a county or district fair may charge stall rents for horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, rabbits or pets. Stall rents shall not exceed \$1.50 per single stall or animal or \$3.00 per box stall for horses; \$1.00 per single stall or animal or \$2.00 per box stall for cattle; or \$0.50 per animal or \$2.00 per pen of swine, goats or sheep. A standard pen of swine, goats or sheep is approximately 64 square feet. Cage rents may not exceed \$0.50 per head for poultry, rabbit or pet exhibits.
- (b) Exhibitors in educational and school departments shall not be required to purchase an exhibitor's ticket. Any other exhibitor may be required, if no entry fee is charged, to purchase an exhibitor's season ticket at a price not to exceed that charged for a non-exhibitor's season ticket.

(4) SPLIT FAIR DATES.

- (a) No state aid may be paid to fairs having split dates, unless prior written approval is granted by the department. Extreme hardship must be established by the fair organization before approval can be granted. A split date is one where exhibits or contests are judged, and premiums paid at more than one time or at more than one location during the current year. When split dates are approved, all blue ribbon winners shall be required to repeat their demonstration or exhibit at the regular fair dates, unless exempted by the department in hardship cases. The repeated demonstration or exhibit may be presented through the use of audio-visual media, still photography or an educational display. Split date approval may not be required for clothing revue, demonstration, favorite foods revue or dogs and small animals.

ATCP 160.03 EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS. A county or district fair shall meet all of the exhibition requirements of this section to be eligible for state premium aid.

(1) No Fair society or other organization sponsoring a county or district fair shall require an exhibitor to become a member of the organization in order to enter an exhibit at the fair, nor shall the sponsoring organization make any deduction from an exhibitor's premium as a donation to the fair society, or require an exhibitor in any other way to make a donation to the society.

(2) State aid may not be approved for out-of-state exhibits or for separate classes of local and non-local exhibitors. Aid may not be approved for payment of premiums to an exhibitor having an out-of-state address but claiming Wisconsin residency unless the fair secretary provides the department with an affidavit that the exhibitor's residence is geographically located within the state.

(3) State aid may be paid only on articles or animals actually on display in an exhibit building or actually shown in the show ring on regular fair dates unless approval for split fair dates is obtained under s. ATCP 160.02 (4). State aid may not be paid on Dairy Herd Improvement Association records, transportation aid, production contests or other special educational exhibits unless prior approval is obtained under s. ATCP 160.04 (8).

(4) State aid may not be paid on exhibits removed from the fair grounds before 4 p.m. on the last day of the fair, or such other later time as may be specified by the fair, without prior approval of the department. Authority for earlier removal may be granted by the department in case of meat animal sales or other special classes, if requested before the beginning of the fair. In other hardship cases, approval may be granted by the local fair. Exhibits in dog obedience and small animal pet classes may be judged during the regular fair but are not required to remain present during the entire fair. The local fair may prescribe the length of time junior fair exhibitors of horses shall keep their animals on the grounds.

ATCP 160.04 JUNIOR FAIR DIVISION - General Requirements

(1) Age. In the junior fair division state aid will be paid on prizes offered to exhibitors who are 8 through 19 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year, except for exhibitors under ss. ATCP 160.65(1) and 160.80 who may be 5 through 8 years of age on January 1 of the current fair year. State aid will not be paid on prizes for club parades, club floats, song contests, or project which is not an exhibit or demonstration at the fair.

(2) All exhibitors in the junior fair division shall be members of the 4-H, FFA, FHA-HERO, Scouting programs, breed groups, or any other recognized youth organization under adult leadership and with an education program approved by the local fair.

(3) Exhibits in the junior fair shall be a result of the exhibitor's own labor and may include a study, merit, or other special project, a skill area or a supervised occupational experience in which the exhibitor is regularly enrolled.

(4) State aid may be used for the payment of no more than one premium awarded an exhibitor under any one premium or lot number in the junior fair division, except when awarded as part of a group in livestock exhibits or in showmanship.

(5) Premiums in the educational department shall be paid directly to the exhibitor who made the exhibit and not to the school or teacher, except for group premiums offered to inter-school competitive classes. No aid may be paid on education department premiums unless a complete list of exhibitors and a complete set of judges' sheets for the education department, similar to those required in other departments, is filed with the department. All educational exhibits shall be displayed at the fair regardless of whether they are judged prior to or at the fair.

(6) If 16 or more animals, items or articles are entered in any junior fair class, the class may be divided into 2 or more approximately equal groups according to weight, age or other identifying characteristics and each group judged as a class.

(7) Special educational exhibits may be established if the proposal is presented to the Wisconsin Association of Fairs before Oct 1 of the year preceding its proposed establishment and the exhibit is approved by the department.

(8) Within any junior fair department under subch. IV, a county or district fair may establish special classes, where none are specified under subch. IV. Special classes may include classes for grade and crossbred females in the beef, swine, sheep and horse departments. Premiums for special classes created under this subsection shall be equal to premiums for comparable classes established in the same department under subch. IV.

ATCP 160.05 OPEN DIVISION - General Requirements.

(1) The total maximum premiums set forth for all places in any open division livestock class, excluding poultry and rabbits, may be divided into premiums for a greater number of places, but the maximum premium offered for any additional place shall not be higher than the maximum for last place in the class.

(2) State aid for premiums awarded for horses in open division classes shall be limited to horses which are owned by the exhibitor.

(3) All animals in any open division class shall be owned by the exhibitor, except as provided in s. ATCP 160.09.

ATCP 160.07 SENIOR CITIZEN DIVISION - General Requirements.

(1) The age of exhibitors in the senior citizens division is limited to persons 62 years of age or over.

(2) Exhibitors in the senior citizens division may not enter identical items or articles in both senior citizens division and in the corresponding classes of the regular open division.

ATCP 160.07 CLASSES - General Requirements.

(1) Classes may be combined if the number of entries in several single classes is insufficient. If any classes are combined, state aid shall be limited to the maximum total premiums listed for a single class of animals, items, or articles in the department.

(2) (a) Except as provided under par. (b) no county or district fair may receive state aid for premiums awarded for sexually intact male

dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses unless those animals are registered purebreds. Registered purebred status shall be documented by a certificate of registry from the appropriate breed association or society, or by a copy of the application for registration.

- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to dairy cattle exhibited at a county or district fair if a national breed association certifies that those dairy cattle are recorded in the breed association's qualified herd book which records the genealogy of the breed.
- (3) Any animal entered as part of a group class may also be exhibited in a class for individual animals.
- (4) Boars may not be entered as an exhibit in the swine department unless their tusks have been removed.

ATCP 160.91 JUDGING REGULATIONS.

(1) Judging shall be done at county and district fairs by individuals who are registered with the department and who have knowledge, training or experience in the specific class or classes to be judged as determined by the department. Judging shall be done in accordance with the requirements of s. ATCP 160.92 (3) (a). In no case shall any person who is an officer or director of a fair be eligible to judge exhibits at such fair; or shall any person interested directly or indirectly in exhibits shown in any department of a fair be eligible to judge articles or animals in that department.

(2) Each judge at a county fair or district fair shall be provided with a copy of the fair's premium book or list of entry classes at least 7 days prior to the opening date of the fair.

(3) No animal or article, irrespective of the number of entries in the class in which it is entered, shall be awarded a higher rating than its merit would entitle it to in comparison to the standard of perfection in the class.

- (4) (a) No state aid will be paid on premiums awarded under the Danish system in any classes except in the junior and educational departments.
- (b) When classes in the junior and educational departments are judged according to the Danish system, 4 group placings shall be awarded in any class. When there are less than 8 exhibitors in the class, there shall not be more than 2 in the first group, not more than 4 in the first 2 groups, and not more than 6 in the first 3 groups. If there are 8 or more entries in the class, there shall not be more than 25% in the first group, not more than 50% in the first 2 groups, and not more than 75% in the first 3 groups.
- (c) The number of awards in the last group placing may be increased to the extent necessary to give awards to all exhibitors.

(5) If any class of exhibits at a county or district fair is judged according to the regular system, the judges for that class may give only one first-place, one second-place, one third-place, and one fourth-place award in the class.

WISCONSIN COUNTY, DISTRICT AND STATE FAIRS ANIMAL HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUMMARY

If a fair or livestock exhibition lasts more than 24 hours the sponsors shall appoint a licensed veterinarian to conduct a daily inspection of all livestock at the fair or exhibition. The Veterinarian shall review all records and test results required under ATCP 11.62. If a fair or exhibition lasts less than 24 hours, all records or test results required by ATCP 11.62 shall be reviewed by a licensed veterinarian or by the show chairperson.

This is a summary of DATCP animal health requirements for exhibition only. These requirements may change due to animal disease emergencies in Wisconsin or other states. It is always advisable to check with the Division of Animal Health (608-224-4872 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Time) for the most recent health requirements when planning to exhibit animals. Animals meeting exhibition requirements may not meet all import or movement requirements for other purposes. All livestock (including horses), wild animals and exotic animals imported from states with vesicular stomatitis must call the Division of Animal Health for special instructions and import information prior to entry. If you have questions, call 608-224-4872 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

CATTLE AND BISON

Cattle affected with ringworm, warts, mange or scab may not be exhibited, unless the Veterinarian in charge determines the ringworm lesions or warts are inactive and incapable of transmitting the disease. Any cattle found with ringworm, warts, mange or scab that are active shall be removed from the premises of the fair.

Cattle originating from within Wisconsin

There are no test or health document requirements for Wisconsin cattle. However, fair management is responsible for maintaining records of persons who have exhibited at the fair and copies of any certificates of veterinary inspection or testing results that are presented. Entry blanks submitted and signed by exhibitors, including one of the forms of identification listed above will fulfill the exhibitor requirements. The fair's records of animals shown and exhibited are to be retained in case these are needed for disease tracing purposes.

Cattle originating from outside Wisconsin

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate shall accompany all cattle documenting animal identification (see above) and all tests or certifications required. Animals must meet normal Wisconsin Requirements for interstate movement.

Steers are exempt from any brucellosis test requirement.

Cattle from Brucellosis Certified Free herds in Class A states may enter Wisconsin without a prior brucellosis test if the certified herd number and the last test date appears on the health certificate.

Cattle Originating from Tuberculosis Accredited Free herds or Accredited Tuberculosis Free states may enter without a prior tuberculosis test if the accredited herd number appears on the health certificate.

Cattle originating from Michigan must have a permit number and require special Tuberculosis testing. Exhibitors should contact the Division of Animal Health at 608-224-4878 well in advance of the fair or exhibition to determine their testing requirements.

Cattle originating from low incidence states may enter without a complement fixation test for anaplasmosis. These states include AK, CT, DE, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OH, PA, RI, SD, VT, and WV.

Cattle from Canada may be exhibited in Wisconsin if they meet current federal requirements to cross the international border.

SWINE

Swine originating from within Wisconsin

All swine shall be accompanied by a Wisconsin Intrastate Movement Certificate stating that the herd of origin has been inspected on the farm within 30 days prior to the exhibition and no apparent disease has been present in the herd for the past 30 days. The certificate must also include all required test documentation. All swine that do not originate from a pseudorabies stage IV or V area shall have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of arrival at the fair, or originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd conducting approved certification testing. Wisconsin is a Pseudorabies Stage V area.

Swine originating from outside Wisconsin

All swine shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate stating that no pseudorabies, swine dysentery or transmissible gastroenteritis has been diagnosed in the herd of origin within the last 60 days, no pseudorabies vaccine has been administered to the swine, and contain all required test documentation.

All swine shall have a negative pseudorabies test within 30 days of arrival at the fair or originate from a qualified pseudorabies negative herd that is qualified by testing 7% of the herd each month or a state classified as Stage IV or V. The date of the last monthly test must be included on the certificate.

SHEEP

Sheep originating from within Wisconsin Sexually intact sheep of any age, and all other sheep 18 months of age and older must be officially identified. Sheep exposed to scrapie will not be allowed for exhibition.

Sheep originating from outside Wisconsin

All sheep shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate stating that the flock of origin is free of foot rot and all other contagious and infectious diseases. Sexually-intact sheep of any grade, an all other sheep 18 months of age and older must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification. Sheep exposed to scrapie will not be allowed to enter Wisconsin.

GOATS

Goats originating from within Wisconsin

Sexually intact goats going to exhibitions or that have resided with sheep, and dairy goats must be officially identified. Goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed for exhibition.

Goats originating from outside Wisconsin

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate shall accompany all goats. Breeding goats, sexually-intact goats going to exhibitions or that have resided with sheep, and dairy goats must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification. Goats exposed to scrapie will not be allowed for exhibition.

HORSES AND OTHER EQUINES

Equine animals originating from within Wisconsin

All equine animals shall be accompanied by documentation (original laboratory report VS 10-11 or certificate of veterinary inspection) of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test conducted within the current calendar year and which clearly identifies the equine by a registration number, lip tattoo or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine.

Equine animals originating from outside Wisconsin

All equine animals shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate and have been tested negative for equine infectious anemia (EIA) within calendar 2008. The Certificate must clearly identify the equine by a registration number, lip tattoo or freeze brand, or a complete description of the equine animal.

POULTRY

Poultry and game birds 4 months of age and older and turkeys 6 months of age and older or have reached sexual maturity shall be accompanied by documentation of a negative test for pullorum-typhoid conducted within 90 days prior to arrival at the exhibition or originate from a flock designated as "U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean" and accompanied by VS Form 9-3, VS Form 9-2 or equivalent documentation.

CERVIDS

Cervids originating from within Wisconsin

All cervidae must be officially identified, be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection, be enrolled in a chronic wasting disease monitoring program and originate from an accredited tuberculosis-free herd, tuberculosis qualified herd, or the individual animal must be isolated from the herd by 10 feet and perform two tuberculosis tests 90 to 270 days apart - with the last test being done within 90 days of movement.

Dogs and cats originating from within Wisconsin

Dogs over 5 months of age must have proof of current rabies vaccination.

Dogs and cats originating from outside Wisconsin

All dogs and domestic cats shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or Interstate Health Certificate and have proof of a current rabies vaccination. See ATCP 11.52 for specific vaccination information.

CIRCUS, RODEO, RACING AND MENAGERIE ANIMALS

All shall have a permit from the Department, and shall be isolated from all non-circus, non-rodeo, non-menagerie other animals at the exhibition. They must meet current import requirements. Phone 608-224-4872 for a permit application. Fair managers: Please note that this requirement applies to all animals belonging to midway attractions and rodeos.

ADVISORY FOR HOUSING NON-TRADITIONAL LIVESTOCK AND FOR MANAGEMENT OF OTHER ANIMALS WHILE THE FAIR IS UNDERWAY:

The Department makes the following recommendations, but these are not required by statute or administrative rule.

1. Exotic camelids (llamas, vicunas, alpacas, and guanacos) other exotic ruminants and cervidae not be housed with domestic cattle.
2. Ratites (ostriches, emus, rheas, and cassowaries) should not be housed with domestic poultry.
3. Swine should not be housed with other mammalian species.
4. Bovine viral diarrhea (BVD) is an infectious disease of cattle that can spread rapidly under the conditions of a livestock show. The Department strongly recommends that all breeding cattle exhibited at Wisconsin fairs be properly vaccinated against BVD at least 30 days prior to the show. Exhibitors should consult with their veterinarians regarding the proper choice of vaccine and the correct schedule for its administration.
5. Recommend that cattle be test negative for BVD-PI by immunoperoxidase test and negative for Johnes disease by the ELISA test.
6. Prohibit the use of common watering and feeding troughs.
7. Requires all vehicles used to transport animals to and from the exhibition be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after use for this purpose.
8. Requires all animals found to be afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease to be removed from the premises.

OPEN CLASS DIVISION

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. You must be at least 9 years of age or have completed the fourth grade to enter unless otherwise specified in the rules of the department.
2. An exhibitor is permitted to exhibit one exhibit per entry number unless otherwise specified in the department rules.
3. Entry blanks must be properly filled out and signed by the exhibitor. Entry blanks must reach the Waukesha County Fair Office, 2417 Silvernail Road, Pewaukee, WI 53072 by June 1. Entries postmarked June 1 will be accepted. Absolutely no late entries will be permitted nor will any changes or additions be permitted on your entries. Entry blanks must include ALL entries. A processing fee of **\$4.00** per entry card must be included along with any other applicable fees.
4. All entry tags and any passes which have been purchased will be mailed to the exhibitor for both Open Class and the Senior Citizen's Department.
5. Awards will be made on a single judge system. A maximum of four places will be awarded in Open Class and Senior Citizens, unless stated otherwise under department rules.
6. Exhibitors may not enter in both Open Class and Junior Fair if they are entering in the same or similar classes or departments.
7. All animals exhibited must meet the health requirements given in this premium book.
8. Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed and bedding and be responsible for their cattle. (No bedding furnished by Association.)
9. Each exhibitor staying overnight at the fair must register with the Fair Office.
10. All exhibits must be completed and in place no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday except in departments where specified differently.
11. Exhibits must remain in place until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. Any exhibit removed before 7:00 p.m. will forfeit the premium awarded. **Exhibits not picked up on Sunday, can be picked up on Wednesday after Fair at the Fair Office on Silvernail Road. Any items not picked up by August 1st will become the property of the Waukesha County Fair. Items not picked up by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday will forfeit all premiums.**
12. All articles and livestock are exhibited at the owner's risk. The Fair Management assumes no responsibility for losses. Entries should be removed promptly after the close of the Fair. The Waukesha County Fair Assn., Inc. will

take every precaution for their safekeeping, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident, which may be caused by their entries.

