OPEN CLASS RULES

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors in the Open Class must meet the minimum age requirements as of January 1st in the current fair year. Exhibitor must be at least 9 years of age or have completed the third grade unless otherwise specified in the rules of the department.

2. Open Class exhibitors may not enter in the same Junior and Open Class Departments within the same fair year.

3. Entries must be properly filled out and mailed, dropped off, or submitted online. Entries must reach the Waukesha County Fair Office, 506 Lincoln Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53186, by June 15. Entries postmarked June 15 will be accepted. Absolutely no late entries will be permitted nor will any changes or additions be permitted on your entries after June 15.

4. Each exhibitor must pay a $9.00 processing fee. A $55.00 processing fee will be added to any checks returned with insufficient funds.

5. An exhibitor is permitted to exhibit only one exhibit per entry number unless otherwise specified in the department rules.

6. No premiums will be paid on exhibits which are not properly registered before being judged.

7. Exhibits not fulfilling all department requirements will be disqualified from ribbon placement.

8. All entry tags and any passes which have been purchased will be mailed to the exhibitor prior to the fair.

9. Check the scheduled times your exhibits are to be in place. Any exhibit received after the scheduled judging times will be disqualified from receiving placement. Please check the Waukesha County Fair website (www.waukeshacountyfair.com) under the Entry Info page for an updated calendar of dates and times.

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 will be awarded based on a single judge system. A maximum of four places will be awarded in Open Class, unless stated otherwise under Department rules.

12. All articles and livestock are exhibited at the owner's risk. The Fair Management assumes no responsibility for losses. The Waukesha County Fair Association, Inc., will take every precaution for safekeeping of exhibits and livestock, but will not be held responsible for any damage or accident that may occur. All articles exhibited are at the owner's risk. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident which may be caused by their entries.

13. Award of Merit, Grand Champion, and Sponsored awards may be given in selected departments. These awards recognize specific outstanding qualities a judge may desire to honor. Awards of Merit and Sponsored awards may be given in addition to or in lieu of championship ribbons.

14. Exhibits must remain in place until exhibit release on Sunday of the fair. Exhibit release will be at 7:15 pm for departments 115 thru 128 and 7:00 pm for departments 101 thru 105, with the exception of lactating cows (see rule #12 under department 201). Any exhibit removed before the specified time on Sunday will forfeit the premium awarded.

15. Exhibits not picked up on Sunday by 9:00 p.m. will forfeit all premiums and must be picked up after August 1st at the Fair Office on Silvernail Road. Any items not picked up from the Fair Office by August 31st will become property of the Waukesha County Fair.

16. Any premium check that needs to be re-issued will be subject to a $40-dollar processing fee.

17. All livestock animals exhibited must meet health requirements. See additional livestock requirements and Testing for Drugs.

18. Each livestock exhibitor must furnish their own feed and bedding. Each exhibitor is responsible for their animal. (No bedding will be furnished by Waukesha County Fair.)

19. For sale signs or selling of exhibits during fair are not permitted.

20. Superintendent's and Judge's may use their discretion to move classes that fall under "Any Other Item" to other classes for judging purposes.

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