

# **RULES & REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS**

## **CONDUCT POLICY**

**Anyone** participating in a 4-H activity, who is caught in the act of theft or vandalism, or caught with illegal drugs, alcohol or under the influence of, who is involved in such act as unsportsmanlike conduct, foul language or animal abuse, may be dismissed from the county park. Premium monies will be forfeited and if it is determined by the 4-H staff, leaders, or persons in charge of the activity that the offense warrants it, the offender may be turned over to the proper authorities.

**1.** Rules found in this premium list take precedence over similar regulations appearing in publications published or revised previous to June 1st.

**2.** An exhibitor can enter an unlimited number of classes in most departments unless otherwise noted. However, the exhibitor will receive premium money only on the top three ratings in each department, and will be paid only once in each class.

### **3. Eligibility:**

To participate as a youth, exhibitors must have reached their eighth birthday as of January 1 of the current year. Upper age limit, exhibitors to have reached their 19th birthday by January 1 of the current year. Fair age will be determined as of January 1 of the current year.

#### **If you were born in:**

(Age as of Jan. 1)

- 2002 you are 8 years old
- 2001 you are 9 years old
- 2000 you are 10 years old
- 1999 you are 11 years old
- 1998 you are 12 years old
- 1997 you are 13 years old
- 1996 you are 14 years old
- 1995 you are 15 years old
- 1994 you are 16 years old
- 1993 you are 17 years old
- 1992 you are 18 years old.
- 1991 you are 19 years old.

Clover Sprout age is determined as of January 1 of the current year. If you were born in: (Age as of Jan. 1)

- 2005 you are 5 years old
- 2004 you are 6 years old
- 2003 you are 7 years old.

**4.** Enrollment: 4-H and Youth exhibitors must be properly enrolled, registered and entered with the fair office. Each exhibitor must turn in Entry Form, Livestock Drug Form, Livestock Care Agreement, and any Pre-Entry Forms by July 1st. **For paperwork deadlines, please refer to individual project areas, along with the Livestock Rules & Regulations.**

**5.** Each exhibitor will assume all risk in taking his exhibit to the fair. If exhibits are brought in before exhibit time, you must properly label your exhibit and leave in proper exhibit area. The Fair Board carries a general insurance policy for the fair. Exhibitors and spectators are largely responsible for their projects and self while at the fair. In the event of a claim, please report to the fair office immediately.

**6.** Exhibitors will be provided with exhibit tags.

**7.** Market sale animals released 6 a.m. Sunday. All other livestock will be released at 6 a.m. Sunday of the fair, or at Fair Board's discretion.

Still exhibits released between 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday. All exhibitors exhibiting livestock, dairy, poultry, and rabbits must clean and help dismantle pens when removing exhibits.

**8.** Any livestock or still exhibit project that is not pre-registered will not be allowed to show.

**9. Exhibits leaving before release time will forfeit all premiums.**

**10.** No unauthorized solicitation in county park.

**11.** Exhibitors may not show the same project in multiple counties, or in the same project area in multiple counties.

### **12. Premiums:**

**a.** Premiums will be mailed to exhibitors after the fair. Exhibitors will be paid on the basis of their A & B. Only three classes per department will be paid. Funds to pay premiums come from the St. Clair County Agricultural Society and payment may be subject to fair receipts and may be prorated.

**b.** Exhibitors with livestock, including poultry or rabbits must clean their pen or stall at the end of the fair. Superintendents will withhold premiums from exhibitors who do not clean their respective pens or stalls.

**c.** Persons not turning in Entry Forms will not receive premiums. Premiums are not paid for Best of Class or Championship Classes. Entry forms are due July 1st.

**d.** Premium check discrepancies must be settled with the Society within 60 days of the date checks are issued.

**e.** The Society reserves the final and absolute right to mind all matters, questions or differences. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, and in the case the receipts of the fair are insufficient to pay premiums and expenses, the Society may prorate sums on all awards.

**13.** Every article or animal upon the grounds will be under control of the Society. While the Society provides this precautionary measure for the protection of all exhibits and articles brought upon the grounds, it will not be responsible for loss, theft, injury or damage by fire, lightning, wind or any other act to such animal or article on exhibition or display, and upon which condition all entries are accepted.

**14.** The Society cannot be held responsible for mistakes in this book or on the web site and we reserve the right to make corrections where and when they appear.

### **15. RIBBON GUIDELINES:**

**a.** Each exhibit will receive a rating ribbon, A, B or C.

**b.** Grand and Reserve ribbons awarded in all project areas, if warranted.

**c.** Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Best of Class ribbons can only be awarded to A rated exhibits.

**d.** Animal/Livestock projects will receive placing ribbons, 1st - 10th.

**e. EXHIBITORS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR ANY CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES/AWARDS IN THE PROJECT AREA IN WHICH A DEADLINE WAS MISSED.**

### **16. TROPHY GUIDELINES:**

**a.** Trophies will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

**b.** All trophies awarded must be sanctioned by the St. Clair County Agricultural Society.

**c.** The Society reserves the right to revoke any/all awards, if deemed necessary.

## **LIVESTOCK**

**1. Exhibitors must fit, show and take care of their own animals at the fair.**

**2.** Ear Tags, tattoo markings, ear notches or color markings must correspond to the registration papers.

**3.** All state sanitary and health regulations must be met, and will be checked prior to unloading animals.

**4.** All livestock exhibitors must help set up & tear down pens prior to and after the fair.

**5.** All exhibits of livestock and the area occupied by them must be kept in good order by the exhibitor as directed by the superintendent in charge. Each exhibitor and/or exhibitor's group is responsible for their own cleaning equipment such as rakes, forks, shovels, feed dishes, water buckets, hoses & wheelbarrow.

6. Market sale livestock released Sunday 6 a.m. Animals will not be released before this time unless express permission has been granted from the Society.
7. Each exhibitor must provide his own hay, straw, wood chips, sawdust & feed for their project animals at the fair.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for the immediate removal of any deceased animals from the county park.

### **OPEN CLASSES**

1. All general rules apply to open class exhibitors.
2. All health requirements same as for 4-H and youth exhibitors.
3. Ribbons and rosettes will be awarded for all places listed for each class unless otherwise specified.
4. Exhibitors must fill out entry form and submit them by July 1st. Exhibitors showing in Open Horse show must fill out premium statement on day of show with name, address & social security number, or checks will not be mailed.
5. Open class saddle horses should not be at County Park until 7 a.m. Saturday.

### **CLOVER SPROUT CLASSES**

1. Youth between 4-H ages of 5-7 can enter in the fair as Clover Sprouts.
2. Projects restricted to still exhibits that can be displayed in the green building.
3. No live livestock or animals may be exhibited.
4. No premiums awarded-only exhibitor ribbons will be awarded.

