

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Mississippi Valley Fair reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations, arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the Fair.

ENTRIES

2. All entries must be filed with the Entry Department as provided for in the various divisions.
3. Entries can be made on the printed forms, which are at the back of this book. Or online see our website for more information. Please send a self-addressed stamped (business size) envelope to receive your entry tags from the Fair office.
4. Entries close July 15th, or when available space in the individual department is filled.
5. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.
6. Articles which are the result of mechanical or artistic skill must be entered by the artist, inventor, and manufacturer or authorized agent.
7. Should any individual enter an animal or article in a name other than that of a bon a fide owner or attempt to perpetuate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premium.
8. Exhibits which have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the manager and superintendent of the department, be transferred to their pro- per class previous to the judging. If the classes to which they have been transferred have been judged, they shall not be re judged.
9. All animals must be entered in the name of the owner and must have been owned by him not less than 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair unless otherwise stated in the special rules governing the department in which exhibited. In case of question as to the age of an animal, the super- intendent shall appoint an expert, whose decision shall be final.
10. Substitution of animals entered for reasons satisfactory to the management of the Fair will be permitted prior to the opening day of the Fair, providing conditions as to ownership are complied with. All requests for substitution of this kind and the reasons therefore, together with name, date of birth and registry number of the animal substituted shall be approved by the superintendent of the department and filed in writing with the manager.

PEDIGREES

11. No animal can be entered or exhibited as pure bred unless the same has been recorded in the recognized book of record for their breed, and exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the superintendent in charge any time during the Fair.

STALLS AND PENS

12. Stalls and pens will not be reserved unless application is accompanied by the required fee. All applications should be sent direct to the manager, either previous to or at the time entries are made. Assignments will be made by the department superintendent. Stalls or pens absolutely cannot be used for sleeping quarters or storage of feed, but may be used only for stabling animals. Exhibitors must keep the space in the rear of their stalls clear and clean; all litter must be thrown where indicated by the superintendent of the department.

PLACEMENT OF EXHIBITS

13. All Exhibits must be on the grounds no later than the date and hour specified in the rules for the department, except otherwise provided in special rules.

Times for arrival and departures for all livestock classes are recorded in the rules for the several departments.

14. Articles sent by express or parcel post direct to Mississippi Valley Fair.

Packages will not be received or placed on exhibition unless all charges are prepaid. Address on package should be as follows:

(Entry Form must be enclosed)

Entry Department
Mississippi Valley Fair
2815 West Locust Street
Davenport, Iowa 52804

With sender's name and address printed legibly thereon. Instruction for returning item should be placed inside the package when sent, with shipping costs enclosed, or if by express can be returned express collect.

15. The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of all exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

16. All concessions and commercial exhibits must remain until 10:00 P.M. the last day of the Fair. All competitive open class exhibits must be in place and remain until the prescribed times as recorded for the department entered. Gate keepers and police will restrain any person from passing out the gates before hour of releasement with items or livestock that have been on exhibition, without a written order from the General Manager.

17. Exhibitors in departments where entry tags are used must present entry tag receipt for the return of their exhibit to the superintendent or the assistants

of the department in which the articles were shown. Under no circumstances will the exhibitor be permitted access to display cases or space where exhibits are shown.

AWARDS

18. Where there is competition, prizes will be awarded as far as there are worthy entries. Where there are fewer entries in a class than number of premiums offered, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animal or article deserves.
19. No animal will be awarded a prize unless promptly brought into the show ring when class is called. Animals entered and not brought into the ring at the proper time, unless excused by the superintendent, will be charged double the regular stall or pen fee.

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS

20. Premiums in all departments will be paid as soon after the date of the Fair as practicable.

PROTESTS

21. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$20 in the livestock department and \$10 in all other departments, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the manager within twelve hours after cause of protest. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent will be considered by the Board. Judges decision will be final.

JUDGES AND CLERKS

22. Judges are requested to read carefully the general and special rules under the head of the department in which they are to serve and shall not award prizes to an unworthy animal or article, as it is the intention of the Fair Board that no premium of this kind shall be awarded any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to where there be competition or not.
23. Judges shall report to the superintendent any exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agent or employees, interferes with them during the judging, or show any disrespect to them, whereupon the superintendent shall, at his discretion, demand a proper apology from such exhibitor or exclude him from further competition, and the Board may withhold from such exhibitor any premiums that have been awarded him, and disqualify him for further exhibiting at the Fair.
24. The person acting as clerk to the judge shall make accurate records of the awards granted. In the horse, cattle and swine departments, it is necessary that the name, registry number and date of birth be given for each animal awarded a prize. In case a substitute animal is shown or in case this data was not given, and recorded in the judge's book at the time entries were made, it must be secured by the clerk before animal leaves the ring.
25. The judges and superintendent of the department must sign each judge's sheet immediately after the awards are made. The sheets for each division judged shall be turned in to the Fair Office soon after the judging as possible.

SUPERINTENDENTS

26. Superintendents shall have full charge of their departments, being responsible to the General manager and the Fair Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY

27. The Fair Board has given due consideration to public safety and have arranged for adequate Police and Fire protection for the duration of the Fair. Cooperation by Fair patrons with these staffs will enhance the chances of a "No Accident" Fair. The Mississippi Valley Fair will use all care and caution possible to prevent accidents or damage of every kind, but said Fair assumes no liability or damages to property or person of anyone attending, exhibiting, or doing business at the Fair.

EXHIBITOR RESTRICTIONS

28. Exhibitors must function from space assigned. None are permitted to roam the grounds soliciting orders for goods of any kind, donations for any cause or distribution of literature.

SPECIAL NOTICE

29. NO INTOXICATING LIQUOR, BEER OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CAN BE BROUGHT TO FAIR GROUNDS. THIS FAIR ASSOC. MAKES A SINCERE EFFORT TO ABIDE BY IOWA LAW, ALSO HOLDS AN IOWA LIQUOR LICENSE. WE ASK THAT ALL PATRONS ABIDE BY THESE LAWS.
30. All Exhibitors and Patrons: No overnight parking on grounds prior to fair and all vehicles must be moved daily after midnight during the fair.
31. ANY INHUMANE ANIMAL PRACTICES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR OFFICE.