

# GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

**All exhibitors and participants shall read carefully the following rules and regulations as rules will be strictly enforced without deviation of any kind.**

1. The Washington County Fair Association reserves to its Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Washington County Fair, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. An exhibitor/participant who violates any of the general, division, or show rules as published will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such.
2. Division Rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary. If there is a conflict between any division rules or conditions of any division and the general rules and regulations, the division rules or conditions will prevail.
3. **The Fair will open Friday, September 12, 2025** unless postponed by the Executive Board, which they hereby claim the right to do, either in part or whole, for cause whatsoever, for the general good of all concerned.
4. The act of entering an animal in the Washington County Fair is the giving of verification by the exhibitor and parent/guardian that they have read the Washington County Fair Association Code of Show Ring Ethics and understand the consequences and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code.
5. Exhibits owned by 4-H or FFA Chapters may not be entered in the Junior Division of the Washington County Fair.
6. All entries shall be numbered by tag and/or label attached to such animals or articles before being entered and must remain with the animal or article for the duration of the fair.
7. All exhibited articles must be called for within ten days after the Fair or they will become property of the Washington County Fair Association.
8. During the Fair, no exhibits in any department will be allowed to be removed from the grounds without a permit. Permits can only be obtained from the fair office with permission for removal being authorized by the show superintendent and/or committee chairperson(s) and approved by the Fair Manager. All livestock entries must remain in place throughout the Fair dates unless permitted to be removed.
9. Premiums will be designated by a blue ribbon for first, red for second, white for third, etc. Receipt of any ribbon does not guarantee participation in any sale conducted during the Washington County Fair.
10. Premiums will be paid on **November 3, 2025**. The Fair Association reserves the right to pay all premiums on a percentage basis of the net profit if enough money is not taken in during the Fair to pay the full amount as shown in this catalog.

11. Exhibitors will be required to keep their spaces in clean condition by removing waste and litter and placing same in designated areas where the cleanup crews may get to it with ease.
12. It shall be left to the discretion of the judges whether or not an exhibit is sufficiently up to standard of that class to be given any premiums.
13. All attendees of the Washington County Fair are required to have gate tickets, either season or daily. The Washington County Fair Association assumes no liability for vehicles parked on the fairgrounds. All trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds and parked in designated trailer parking area. Gate/Parking Passes do not guarantee availability of parking.
14. Every effort will be made for the security of the exhibitors and others in attendance, but the Washington County Fair Association will not be responsible for any loss or damage to articles or animals while on the grounds or in transit thereto from any cause whatsoever.
15. No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted, nor suit instituted or maintained against the Washington County Fair Association or its officers or agents, Washington County, Texas, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents or representatives, servants or employees, having license or privileges to exhibit on the fairgrounds or occupy space thereon.
16. The members of the press and directors, secretaries and fair queens of adjacent fairs are invited to attend our Fair and exhibitions. They are requested to make known their intentions to the Fair Manager, who will send them the required tickets by mail.
17. The Washington County Fair Association reserves the right to use any Junior Livestock Division sale animal for the Champion Drive and the Livestock Judging Contest.
18. A 6% commission will be retained by the Fair on all Junior Auctions.
19. All protests must be in writing using the official Washington County Fair Association protest form found on both the Competitive Events Page and Livestock Page of the fair's website ([www.washingtoncofair.com](http://www.washingtoncofair.com)). It must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. All completed protest forms must be delivered to the Vice President of the protested division no later than noon of the day following the protested incident. Any protest of eligibility as to age or breeding of animals must be filed with the appropriate Division Vice President prior to judging. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for a protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a thorough investigation is complete.