

## EXHIBIT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. No exhibitors will be allowed in buildings outside regular open hours without superintendent permission.
2. No vehicles allowed on Fairgrounds, Thursday through Saturday except cars and trucks at specified haul in and haul out times.
3. Any persons handling or taking any exhibits that do not belong to them may be prosecuted according to the law.
4. The management shall have the general supervision of the grounds and the entire exhibition, control of the police regulations, and entrance and exit gates.
5. Should there be any disputes or misunderstandings which none of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations will govern, whether in connection with judging or otherwise, they shall be referred to the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.
6. Management reserves the final and absolute right to alter, interpret, or change the rules and regulations as may become necessary; also to determine all matters, questions, and differences that may arise in/or out of an incident at the Fair.
7. The Fair will use every precaution in its power for the preservation of all articles and stock on exhibition, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
8. ALL ENTRIES:
  - A. Entries are required to be entered on-line by deadline listed in each department, or on entry days as specified in department rules.
  - B. Must be entered in the name owner/maker whose name must be endorsed on the entry card.
  - C. Departments will not accept entries except at the published times and dates.
  - D. Entries must be in place and in final proper condition for the exhibition as specified in the department rules.
  - E. Exhibits shall be considered unclaimed thirty (30) days following the last day of the Fair and will be considered property of the Northwest Washington Fair Association. Any cost related to disposal will be passed on to the exhibitor. It is the full responsibility of the exhibitor to pick up their exhibit prior to such disposal and the Fair is not obligated to notify the exhibitor of the unclaimed exhibit.
  - F. Entries not picked up on Sunday at the specified time will remain in buildings which may be unlocked with no security.
  - G. Entries moved or removed before the Sunday release time may forfeit all premiums.
  - H. Ribbons will be available at pick-up/release time. They cannot be mailed and are not available at the office.
9. Any exhibitor or the guardian of a youth exhibitor found to be disrespectful or argumentative with Fair staff may be disqualified and/or forfeit premiums.
10. If it be ascertained that any exhibitor or spectator shall attempt to interfere with the judge in the performance of his/her duty in any matter, or shall refuse to accept the awards made, they shall be disqualified from further competition and shall forfeit any premiums and ribbons already awarded.
11. An exhibitor who may desire to enter a protest must enter such protest in writing previous to the closing of the show and must deposit \$5.00 with the Competitive Exhibits Office for review with management.
12. Any person violating the rules of the Fair may forfeit any premiums that are awarded to them.
13. Exhibitors of animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury, or damage to persons coming in contact herewith shall guard their exhibits in such a way as to protect the public. Such exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair from and against any claims and demands, costs, charges, and expenses which may be incurred by reason of any accident.
14. Under no circumstances will anyone remove from the fairgrounds any hay or straw provided by the Fair.
15. The objectives of the Northwest Washington Fair Association shall be to hold an annual Fair in Lynden, Washington; and to engage in any lawful use, thereby promoting the agricultural, educational, business and cultural growth of Northwest Washington.

### **Method to Register a Formal Complaint:**

Present a signed letter to the Superintendent of that department. Be a current Northwest Washington Fair exhibitor or legal guardian of an exhibitor competing in the same department as the complaint that is being registered. The Fair Management will act upon all formal complaints.

### **PREMIUM INFORMATION**

- ALL premium checks will be mailed no later than September 30th, of the current year, and must be cashed by December 1st of the current year. No checks will be reissued after December 1 of current year.
- Any error in the records of premiums caused by oversight or neglect shall be subject to correction whenever proof is furnished to the Competitive Exhibits Office that a mistake has been made. Errors, including not receiving a check, need to be reported by email at [entries@nwwafair.com](mailto:entries@nwwafair.com) or in writing to the Competitive Exhibit Office at 1775 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264.
- Checks that are lost or damaged will be subjected to a \$35.00 fee for canceling and replacing a check.
- 1099 Information: If you exceed \$600.00 in total premiums, you will need to file a W-9 form. These are available in the fair office. Premium checks will not be issued unless we have the completed W-9 form.

### **HERDSMANSHIP**

1. Good care of your animal and assigned exhibiting space is an important part of the privilege and responsibility of exhibiting at the Northwest Washington Fair. Because many more people see your animal in the barn than the show ring, exhibitors are expected to maintain barn, feeding, and grooming conditions that will ensure the good health and safety of the animals in their care, and will show consideration and sensitivity toward the public visiting the Northwest Washington Fair exhibit. Exhibitors are expected to be available to the fair visitor to discuss their exhibit or project. Exhibitors are reminded that they are hosts/hostesses in their barn.
2. Herdsmanship needs to be performed from 10 AM to 9 PM.
3. 4-H and FFA exhibiting youth members are to perform their own herdsman chores. Herdsmanship done by adults or non-members can result in forfeit of all awards and premiums by the exhibitor involved. No more than one warning will be given by the Superintendent or Fair Staff.
4. An adult needs to be on duty when youth are performing Herdsmanship but shall not assist 4-H or FFA exhibitors.
5. It is the intent of the Northwest Washington Fair to recognize every exhibitor who maintains adequate standards, it is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of participating at the Fair and should come with personal pride and team support. Herdsmanship will be judged 2-3 times daily. Failure to maintain adequate standards may result in loss of premiums.
6. Failure to perform herdsmanhip could result in exhibitor loss of premiums.

**NO COOKING IS ALLOWED IN THE BARN.** For your own health, and to demonstrate to your fair visitor appropriate hygiene habits for when humans are near farm animals, please do not cook, eat or drink while in the penning/stalling/public areas in livestock and equine barns. This applies to exhibitor and chaperone/parent, etc. and will be enforced by the Fair.

## SHOW RING ETHICS

1. The act of entering of an animal in the Fair is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person that he or she has read the Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
2. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
3. Administration of drugs of any kind or description, except for treating a recognized disease or injury and for the tranquilizing of bulls that may otherwise be dangerous to females in heat, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
4. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance is prohibited. Exceptions include external applications of substances to the hair, hoofs, or horns of animals which affect appearance only and surgical procedures performed for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, such as sheep tail docking. Exhibitors may use adhesives to fit the animal's hair; adhesives may not be used to attach hair or other objects.
5. **The use of illegal drugs and/or the improper use of animal health products or foreign substances will not be tolerated.** Exhibitors, families, youth, and fair/show officials have a legal and moral obligation not to misuse these products. We have the responsibility to tell others not to use these substances and to report those who do use any illegal substance. Additionally, there are federal penalties for using illegal substances in animals that are going into the nation's food supply.
6. **The administration of any drug, medication, or supplement, which could affect an animal's performance resulting in an unfair advantage or the disposition of the animal, is unacceptable.** The use of non-medicated external products such as lotion, Vicks, or lavender oil is allowed to help calm animals for safety reasons.
7. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. Spectators may not coach/instruct exhibitors during shows. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individuals to disciplinary action.
10. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether he or she was instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
11. **4-H and FFA exhibitors must fit and show their own animals.** No one may fit a 4-H or FFA animal other than the exhibitor. Help from others must be limited to teaching and holding, but not doing.

## **QUALITY ANIMAL CARE AGREEMENT**

This is an agreement, formal or implied, between exhibitors and the management of this Fair. Its purpose is to: Encourage ethical decisions and activities by exhibitors. Ensure the overall well-being of all animals exhibited. Ensure the use of commonly accepted practices in preparing and exhibiting animals for show. Maintain a safe and wholesome food supply. Maintain the intent and integrity of animal competitions and displays for future generations.

1. The purpose of my participation in the NW Washington Fair is to strengthen my own knowledge, ability, and skill as a feeder, manager, trainer, caregiver, and exhibitor of animals and to develop my sense of responsibility and good character. If my project includes food production animals, my goal is to produce safe and wholesome food.
2. As a 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor, I will perform the work for my own project(s). More experienced exhibitors may teach how to fit and show. Parents/leaders may supervise but not participate in herdsmanship, cleaning, grooming, or feeding. Exception: when safety is a concern, the exhibitor must remain present.
3. I will not use or allow abusive, fraudulent, or illegal practices or products to be used in the feeding, care, fitting, training, and showing of my animals.
4. I will not misrepresent my animals or myself in any way.
5. I will read, understand, and follow the rules, without exception, of animal shows in which I am a participant and ask that my parents and my leaders do the same.
6. My animal project is an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and bad, and how to live with the outcome. I will treat other people's animals with the same respect and care I give my own animals.
7. I realize that I am responsible for the proper care and safe, humane treatment of my animals. I realize that I am also responsible for demonstrating strong moral fiber and good character as an example to others.
8. I will voice any objections to events related to my participation by using the protest policy described in the premium book. I will not directly interfere with the judge, show management, or other exhibitors before, during, or after the event.
9. I accept that failure to uphold this commitment could result in forfeiture of my right to participate in the NW Washington Fair.

## **VETERINARY INFORMATION**

The check-in exam will be limited to meeting only the Health Requirements for entry into the Fair. No additional healthcare exams will be done during this time.

A KVH Veterinarian will stop in twice each day (a.m./p.m.) starting Thursday afternoon to attend to animal health needs. They will be available to answer general questions regarding animal health. Owners will be required to pay KVH for services (including exams and treatment if needed). There will be no farm call charged during a scheduled walk through. Any other calls to the Fair outside of the above scheduled visits will be subject to a farm call as well as the appropriate veterinarian fees.

The fair veterinarian's professional decision as to the health status of an animal is final and will be upheld by the fair board. Any animal refused by the veterinarian at check-in must be removed from the fairgrounds and returned home immediately. There are no facilities to house animals that cannot be exhibited. Animals on exhibit at the Fair are the very best of their species and must present this image to the viewing public.

Exhibitors should note and respect the potential for exposure to health-threatening conditions while at a fair. Crowding of animals, long distance hauling and changing environmental conditions are major stresses to which exhibit animals are subjected. Animals, like humans, have the capability to become recovered carriers of viruses or other infectious agents. Exhibition-imposed stress may cause a recrudescence or reactivation with resulting outbreaks of disease, as occurs with malaria in humans. The Fair management will do all in its power to protect each exhibit while on display.