

## GENERAL RULES/REGULATIONS

- ◆ Entries may be made by mail, on the computer, or in person to the Central Wisconsin State Fair, 513 E 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshfield WI 54449. Checks should be made payable to Central Wisconsin State Fair. Entries may also be processed online by visiting [www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com/openclass](http://www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com/openclass)
- ◆ Entry tags and relevant information will be mailed to exhibitors for entries received on or before August 1st. For entries received after August 1st either in the mail or online, exhibitors must pick their entry tags, etc. up at the Entry Office located at 513 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshfield WI. All entries requiring more than a 2 ounce stamp must be pick up at the Entry Office.
- ◆ **No entries will be accepted after the date listed for each Department.**
- ◆ All entries in Departments 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, and 13 must be made in the names of the owners. Entries in Departments 14, 15, and 16 may be made in the name of the actual growers, producers, investors, or manufacturers.
- ◆ A \$30.00 exhibitor processing fee must accompany all entries, which includes a season exhibitor pass.
- ◆ No animal or item exhibited in the current year's Junior Fair may be exhibited in the Open Class division for premium.

**Any Exhibitor's check(s) returned to the Central Wisconsin State Fair from a financial institution for any reason will be charged a \$30.00 service fee.**

1. There will be no refund of entry fees.
  2. Exhibitors are requested to acquaint themselves with the rules and regulations of the premium book in order to make certain which departments and classes their entries belong as well as to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations for those departments.
  3. All exhibits must be in place as specified for each department and remain until stated release time for the specified department of entry.
  4. The Central Wisconsin State Fair and its Association assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to stock or other exhibits from any cause and upon this condition only are entries received.
  5. Exhibitors will be held responsible for any damage or accident, which may be caused by their entries.
  6. Exhibitors are responsible for delivering, placement and removal of their entries. All entries are to be removed from the fairgrounds within 24 hours of the close of the fair.
  7. Exhibitors must show their exhibits whenever and in such a manner as required by the Superintendent in charge of the Department.
  8. All items entered in non-animal departments must be made or grown by the exhibitor. Items may not have been exhibited at this year's fair if they were exhibited in any prior years.
  9. No professionals may exhibit in non-animal departments. A professional is defined as someone who consistently derives monetary income from work in the area of exhibiting or who is paid to teach in the area of exhibiting. An amateur is defined as someone who makes less than 30% of their income from the area in which they are exhibiting.
  10. Exhibitors are required to keep their spaces and stalls clean, **removing any debris and placing it in the proper containers that are provided.**
  11. No person having entered anything for competition or exhibition may afterwards withdraw it. In the instance of unusual and extraordinary circumstances, consideration will be made for such withdrawal.
  12. Awards (ribbons, etc.) must be displayed during the fair.
  13. Premium checks will be distributed as soon as possible following the fair.
  14. The Central Wisconsin State Fair Association or its designated representative has the right to request such tests and examination as may be necessary to determine the disease status of any animal exhibited and to exclude or request removal of any animal afflicted with or suspected of being afflicted with any contagious, infectious or communicable disease.
  15. Superintendents of livestock departments have the authority to request the removal of any animal that is suspected of being afflicted with a contagious, infectious, or communicable disease.
  16. Exhibitors will be required to remove any animal(s) found to be afflicted with a contagious, infectious, or communicable disease.
  17. The decision of the judge(s) shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is proven.
  18. The decision of the judge(s) for premiums will be based on the merit of the entry, not on the number of entries in the class.
  19. All farm trucks and trailers must park in designated parking areas. No trucks, vehicles, or trailers are permitted around the livestock barns. Violators will be ticketed and/or their vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.
  20. Please comply with all **"No Parking"** and other posted safety regulations.
- 21. Those exhibitors with parking passes must park in designated parking lots; parking permit/pass must be prominently displayed on the dash area of the driver's side of the vehicle.**
22. No camping is allowed around the livestock barns/facilities or in the general parking lots.
  23. Camping in designated areas by permit only.
  24. Request camping form from Fair Office, 513 E 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Marshfield 54449 or [www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com](http://www.centralwisconsinstatefair.com).
  25. Generators are not to be used in any of the barns.
  26. All fans used in the livestock area must conform to the manufacturer's specifications.
  27. No dogs are permitted on the grounds.
  28. **Cattle washing** must be done in designated wash rack areas.

29. Animal waste must be properly disposed in designated areas. No dumping of animal waste outside of barns **except** in designated areas.
30. The rules and regulations printed in this book are made as part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read and follow such rules and regulations.
31. Any person who violates any of these rules and/or regulations will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the management may order (failure to comply may result in award(s) and premium(s) forfeiture; and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds; and/or being barred from competition immediately in the department in which the violation has occurred and/or from all departments entered; and/or in future competition in the Central Wisconsin State Fair
32. **There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds, in the barns or tents other than the areas designated by the Fair Association (during the annual Fair.)**
33. The following due process will be used in the questions of rule violation: the Department Superintendent will question the exhibitor and/or parties involved. If it is felt that a violation has occurred, the Department Superintendent will make a ruling recommendation to the Central Wisconsin State Fair Manager and/or Executive Board; the decision of the Fair Manager and/or Executive Board will be final.
34. The Central Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the Central Wisconsin State Fair. It further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as they, in their judgement, may deem advisable.
35. **State Statute (HFS 196) strictly prohibits the serving or preparation of food in or within 100 feet of any barn.**

<p><b>IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)</b>  <b>NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS</b></p>
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Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event, which culminates with the animal entering the food chain, shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

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.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. 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, except external application of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. 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.
7. 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. 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.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely 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 individual to disciplinary action.
9. 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 or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of 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.

*The Central Wisconsin State Fair has adopted the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show*