



## 2021 Horse Show Rules, Regulations & Guidelines

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We welcome you to the 2021 Erie County Fair Horse Show! Please note that this year will be VERY different for all of us. We ask that you embrace the changes as we move forward toward a new ECF Horse Show program. Please pay close attention to all rules, regulations, guidelines, payment information, payouts & show bills.

Remember, the Erie County Fair Horse Show is a privilege for both exhibitor and spectators. Please be courteous to staff, fellow exhibitors, AND spectators always.

This show is held under the current rules and regulations of the ERIE COUNTY FAIR Horse Show shall take precedence where there is any conflict, and the decision of the show management shall be final. The Erie County Fair Horse Show reserves the right to amend or change the rules, officials and/or show staff at any time prior to the show and give due notice to the exhibitors of any changes.

- All exhibitor packets, numbers, groom and parking passes that may be obtained from the Horse Show Manager upon arrival to the fairgrounds. If you don't bring your horses to the property, you will NOT receive any passes.
- **ENTRY INFORMATION:** ENTRIES CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021. All entries must be paid through the online entry system (ShoWorks). There will be NO exception to this rule. Your horse MUST be entered online for entry to the fairgrounds. Exhibitors may add or scratch classes in the office. However, we ask you use the online system when adding classes prior to show day. Any horse substitutions will be subject to a \$25.00 change / late fee. Any payments returned as NSF will incur a \$40.00 penalty. Incomplete entries are subject to a penalty not to exceed \$25.00 per horse. Horses already entered in the show may add or scratch classes in the office if that day's online entries have already been closed. All add on's require a signed open check, if you do not check out in the office prior to departure you will be subject to staff settling your bill.
- All Horses must be entered online to be allowed arrival on grounds.
- Online entry add-ons will close at 7:00pm each night. If you need to make additional changes on show day, they must be done in the office and paid for by cash or check.
- Block Stabling is handled through the "stall with" section of online entries. You may E-mail [horseshow@ecfair.org](mailto:horseshow@ecfair.org) with your Barn/Trainer name and ENTIRE list of exhibitors to ensure proper stalling.
- All campers must be registered and paid for through the online ShoWorks entry system. Additional days can be paid for in the office by cash or check.
- Management will make all final decisions regarding show schedule, changes or additions.
- Classes with 4 or fewer entries may be combined.
- Judges decision is final.
- We reserve the right to remove any trainer, exhibitor, spectator or horse from the grounds for improper or unsportsmanlike conduct including verbal conduct with staff or exhibitors, misuse, abuse, inhumane treatment, soundness, control, safety or for any other decided reason. Any removed participants will forfeit all premiums, ribbons and payments made to the ECF horse show.

- Premium Payout Schedule is as follows:
  - \$500 Class- 1<sup>st</sup> –\$140 2<sup>nd</sup> –\$100 3<sup>rd</sup> –\$80 4<sup>th</sup> –\$70 5<sup>th</sup> –\$60 6<sup>th</sup> –\$50
  - \$100 Class- 1<sup>st</sup> –\$30 2<sup>nd</sup> –\$20 3<sup>rd</sup> –\$15 4<sup>th</sup> –\$15 5<sup>th</sup> –\$10 6<sup>th</sup> –\$10
  - Division Champion –\$50 | Division Reserve–\$25
  - Overall High Point–\$75 | Overall Reserve–\$50
- Points will be kept as Follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 7 points | 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 6 points | 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 5 points | 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 4 points | 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 3 points | 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 2 points | 7<sup>th</sup> place and lower – 1 point
- NY State requires a PHOTOCOPY of negative Coggins test and rabies vaccination certificate on each horse be submitted at check-in at the horse show office. Management reserves the right to decline any entry and to return any entry fees before or during the show without being liable.
- Every owner must pay the \$15.00 exhibitor fee or \$75.00 (1 pass for each of the 12 days of the Fair) Erie County Agricultural Society Membership fee.
- REFUND POLICY – No refunds will be given under any circumstances.
- Prize Money: All prize money in excess of balances due will be mailed to the exhibitor's name that the entry was made under, within 15 days of the completion of the show. Any premium checks cashed after 60 days of the date on the check SHALL BE FORFEITED.
- Any exhibitor entering the show ring with no number, or an incorrect number will be judged. They will pay a \$25.00 fine or forfeit from the class entirely. Any horse shown in a class for which it has not been properly entered will be charged DOUBLE entry fee.
- The Society and the Horse Show committee will not be responsible for any accident which may occur to any person or exhibitor, or to any animal or vehicle exhibited at the ERIE COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW.
- To be eligible to show in performance championship or stakes classes, a horse must have been entered, shown and judged in one qualifying class in the same division or section. For example- You must show in 1 Western Pleasure class on the same day to qualify for the Western Pleasure Sweepstakes class.
- All youth staying on the grounds, either as exhibitors or guests of horsemen, must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- FOOTING – The footing used in all show rings and warm up areas is washed sand. The dimensions of the competition arenas are as follows: Ring 1 – 115' x 215' Ring 2 – 112' x 290'
- NO PETS ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS. NO DOGS ALLOWED!
- NO ALCOHOL outside of camping area and barns. No alcohol allowed while out visiting the fairgrounds.
- Competition Management will fine any individuals including trainers, exhibitors, or their agents up to \$100 for improper disposal of needles or other sharp disposable instruments.
- There will be no manual poling or use of bamboo offsets permitted at any time.